

Man4x_MondialRelay

Mondial Relay Shipping Methods Module for Magento

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NOTICE

This module is provided "as is" under the terms of the Open Source MIT License. It has been developed, tested and is been currently running on a Magento CE 1.7.0 platform for several months.

Specifically, it has not been tested with any other previous or higher versions but this document includes some technical notes (displayed in blues) that should help any developer in modifying or customizing it in order to meet his own specific requirements.

In any case, this module must be installed on a staging server first before full production rollout in order to check for potential interferences and incompatibilities with third-party or customed modules/templates and perform integration and function tests.

MODULE DESCRIPTION

This module was inspired by the official MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module <u>available on Magento Connect</u>¹ but intends to fix some of its limitations as it adds a couple of practical features:

- · Mondial Relay pick-up and home deliveries management
- · Pick-up selections "on-map" or "by-list".

In case of a selection "on-map", when a customer selects the Mondial Relay pick-up shipment, a pop-up is displayed showing the most suitable pick-up locations on a Google-map, depending on the shipping address data². In case of a selection "by-list", each pick-up is displayed as a check box, with a link to display further information (picture, opening hours, localisation...)

- Mass shipping management: several orders can be shipped at once directly through web service registration or through a text file generated by the module to be submitted to the Mondial Relay extranet.
- **Shipping errors handling**: an explicit error message is displayed on the back-end for any shipping error while web service registration³.
- Compatibility with "One Step Checkout" processes.⁴
- Ability to specify a list of items that will disable Mondial Relay shipping methods.
- Ability to specify the number of pick-ups to display (from 1 to 10)
- Shipping fee configuration through a single text field⁵

INSTALLATION

Simply copy the complete package in your server root. The module does not imply any model/template overload so that interference risks are minimized.

Log in to the site back-end.

Configurate Mondial Relay settings with your own customer data (Configuration > Sales > Shipping Methods > Mondial Relay : generic settings).

Save and clear out the cache.

Special notice for MondialRelay_Pointsrelais users

The Man4x_MondialRelay module is not compatible with the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module.

In this way, if you are currently using the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module and want to replace it with the Man4x_MondialRelay module, Mondial Relay orders placed before the module swap will not be recognized as Mondial Relay orders anymore and then will not be able to be registered through Mondial Relay web service.

Thus, before module swapping, we recommend you to ship all processing Mondial Relay orders.

 $Once the \textit{Man4x_MondialRelay module is installed, you still have two options to handle "previous" \textit{Mondial Relay orders}: \\$

- Proceed to a manual registration: every Mondial Relay order placed before the module swap can be registered manually, first through the Mondial Relay extranet and then through the [SHIP] button from the Magento back-end.
- Edit the sales_flat_order table via phpMyAdmin: for every concerned Mondial Relay order, just replace the "pointsrelais_XXXXXX" value
 with "mondialrelaypickup_24R_XXXXXX" for the [shipping_method] field. These orders will then be able to be processed normally with
 the new module.

Technical notes

Some technical notes have been added to this documentation in order to help developers custom this module to their own special requirements (settings, third-party modules, customized templates...)

These notes will be formated as this.

¹ A project initiated by <u>Boutik Circus</u> and then supported by Cyrille Guillaud

² With the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module, any shipping cost estimation led to the creation of ten new records in the sales_flat_quote_shipping_rate table, making it grow quite fast in the database. This can now be avoided thanks to the "on-map" pick-up selection.

³ With the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais package, any shipping error (whatever its cause) made yet the order to be turned to "Shipped" status, preventing any further shipment submission from the Magento back-end. You then had to proceed to a manual shipping request through the Mondial Relay extranet and import back the shipment id in the Magento back-end.

⁴ After minor changes (see technical notes below)

With the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module, shipping fees are defined through several tables in the database.

A simple text field was prefered here since Mondial Relay usually proposes shipping rates with a low geographical granularity (i.e. country-based).

However, it is still possible to configure shipping rates depending on postal code or country region.

FRONT-END

CART PAGE (CHECKOUT/CART)

In the "Shipping Cost Estimation" block on the cart page, the module displays the active Mondial Relay shipping methods and their cost, depending on the available shipping data.



CHECKOUT PROCESS (CHECKOUT)

"On-map" selection

On the checkout page, Mondial Relay shipping methods are displayed as shown:

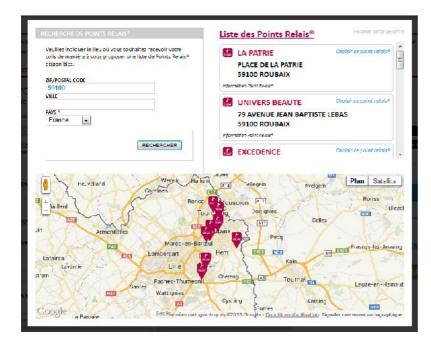


When landing on page, the pick-up delivery check box is disabled. It will only be enabled and checked after selecting a pick-up on the popup selection form that displays when clicking on the appropriate link (in blue on the screenshot).

At the application level, this particuliar visual formatting of the Mondial Relay shipping methods is provided by a specific block defined in the module layout and appended to the <checkout_onepage_shippingmethod> handle. This block basically consists of a script manipulating the DOM to add the fast description of the shipping methods as well as the link to open the pick-up selection form. Since this is a full client-side process, no template is overloaded so that the module should be compatible with any existing template or third-party module as soon as the ID of the shipping methods check boxes remains unchanged from the standard template (i.e. id="s_method_xxx").

When clicking the pick-up opening link, a popup is automatically displaying in order for the customer to select its favorite pick-up.

This popup is just a DIV build from a AJAX request.



The Mondial-Relay pick-up searching results are only depending on the post code and the country⁶.

If the popup displays when a shipping address is already defined on the checkout page, the "Post Code" and "Country" fields are pre-filled with the given values and a matching request is then currently running accordingly.

Every request returns from one to ten pick-up(s) depending on the available pick-ups registered in the Mondial Relay database and the value set in the corresponding configuration field⁷.

Pick-up are automatically displayed on a Google-map with Mondial Relay logo images. This map benefits from all the features provided by Google map API: zoom, move around, plan or satellite view and even Google Street view for available

areas.

These pick-ups are also listed in the scrolling result block. Clicking one of it here will center the corresponding pick-up on the map below.

For every pick-up, a "*Pick-up details*" link enables to display the pick-up opening hours as defined in the Mondial Relay database⁸.

Customers can click the "*Close this window*" link (in the top right corner) or anywhere on the background to close the popup and go back to the checkout page.

In order to select a pick-up, just click the "*Select this pick-up*" link located near the store name. The popup is then closed⁹ and the customer gets back to the checkout page where the pick-up shipping method is now enabled and the selected pick-up highlighted in a clearly visible block.



Once a pick-up is selected, an AJAX request is made in order to save the pickup ID in the checkout/session cache.

The customer can obviously change its choice whenever he wants just by clicking again the pick-up form link. If he chooses another shipping method, the selected pick-up block disappears but it will display again if the pick-up shipping method is selected back.

In the case of a pick-up shipping method, once the order is placed the [sales_convert_quote_address_to_order] event is implemented to replace the shipping address with the selected pick-up address. In the same time, the pick-up ID is appended to the shipping_method field in order to be retrieved during the shipment process.

⁶ The "Country" list values are automatically defined from the available countries for the given shipping method as set in the module configuration.

It seems that two consecutive requests to the Mondial Relay web service are not always returning the same ordered list of pick-ups! Therefore it is very likely that returning pick-ups could not be the most pertinent locations if the site manager decides to display less than 10 pick-ups.
Moreover, it also seems that some pick-up geographical coordonates sometimes lack of precision (!)

⁸ Unlike the MondialRelay_Pointsrelais module, the pick-up picture (when it exists) is not displayed on the results. This has been decided to avoid security notifications when the Magento website uses a secured protocol (https).

⁹ Actually, the pick-up form is not removed but only made invisible in order to be quickly displayed in case of a new pick-up request.

In the case of a "by-list" selection, each pick-up is listed as a shipping method in the corresponding block, as shown.

A [info] link enables to display more informations about the pick-up in a pop-up.





BACK-OFFICE

MASS SHIPPING

In order to proceed to mass (batch) shipping, just select:

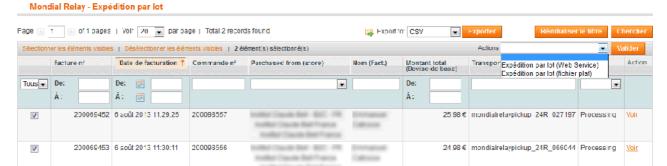
Sales > Mondial Relay > Mass shipping

...from the admin back-end.

This lead to a standard grid populated by default with all orders sharing the "*Processing*" status.

You can filter these orders on invoice date, store or order total fields as you wish.





Just select the orders you want to ship and choose a shipping process:

• **Flat file export**: with this option, a CSV text file gathering all the selected orders is created. This file must then be imported in the Mondial Relay extranet in order for these orders to be registered for shipment. In the Magento back-end, all concerned orders will remain in the "*Processing*" state. ¹⁰

¹⁰ A the time of writting, Mondial Relay does not provide any way of importing back a flat file of orders shipped by flat file submission. Such a file would enable to get the Mondial Relay shipping IDs in order to import them back to Magento so that the status of the concerned orders could be updated and the customers aknowlegded with a tracking link.

• **Web Service registration**: thanks to this option, you can automatically register the selected orders to shipment through the Mondial Relay's web service.

If the process runs without any error¹¹, you will then be redirected to a new web page where you can view and save the Mondial Relays shipping labels (in pdf format) for the selected orders (see below "Labels printing").

Just click the "Back" button of your browser to get back to the Magento back-end.

If the web service registration process fails for one or more orders, shipping labels are not shown¹² and an explicit error message is displayed for every failing order. Just make the relevant corrections before proceeding to another shipping attempt¹³.



After a successful registration, orders are automatically updated to the "Shipped" status. A shipment record is then created with the Mondial Relay ID and is provided with a direct link to the carrier's tracker webpage.





Détail de votre expédition

You can choose if customers must be notified by email about the shipment through the module configuration settings.



¹¹ This process can require a few minutes, especially if there are many orders to ship.

¹² In order to get the label file of the correctly registered orders, you then have to go through the "Label Printing" menu (see below)

¹³ Mostly, errors will be caused by customer's shipping data; in this case, just edit this data for the related order before shipping again

Notice

If you want to ship an order <u>without Mondial Relay registration</u>, whatever the reason, you can still use the standard [SHIP] button on the order page.



In this case, this order will be updated to the "Shipped" status but no shipment record will be created, as for a "normal" shipping process.

The module relies on the [sales_order_shipment_save_before] event to avoid overloading the standard shipment controller (Mage/Adminhtml/controllers/Sales/Order/ShipmentController). To ensure the code to be strictly executed when a new shipment is made (and not every time the shipment is edit and save), the event handler tests the existence of a specific flag formerly set at the controller level.

<u>Technical notes about module integration in a One Step Checkout process</u>

This module is basically provided to be compliant with the Magento standard checkout process. To make it usable with a "One-Step" Checkout process, a couple of changes must be done. Since there are many available third-party modules of this kind, it is impossible to precise this changes for all of them. Yet, most of these modules implement the same techniques to deal with this particuliar process so that changes detailed below should be easily tailored to any case.

For this example, we will use the OneStepCheckout module from IDev.

The principle of these kinds of module is to display all the functional blocks of the checkout process (billing address, shipping address, shipping methods, payment methods and order summary) in a single page. Depending on the customer's actions, these blocks are individually updated through AJAX requests without any page reloading, providing a better user-experience for this keypage.

OneStepCheckout module obviously defines its own layout (onestepcheckout.xml) to build the checkout page which is linked to the main handle <nestepcheckout_index_index>. This handle is partially listed below (only relevant lines to our purpose are displayed here):

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<onestepcheckout_index_index>
    <reference name="head">
          Here are included javascript (js) and style sheets (.css) files required to the module
    </reference>
    <reference name="content">
          <br/><block type="onestepcheckout/checkout" name="onestepcheckout.checkout" template="onestepcheckout/checkout.phtml">
          Here is the main block that handles all the child blocks of the page
               <blook as="billing address ... /> "Billing Address" block
               <block as="shipping_address" ... /> "Shipping Address" block
               <br/>
<br/>
dock as="summary" .../> "Order Summary" block
               <block as="payment_method" ... /> "Payment Methods" block
               <blook as="shipping_method" type="checkout/onepage_shipping_method_available" template="onestepcheckout/shipping_method.phtml" />
                "Shipping Methods" block
          </block>
    </reference>
</onestepcheckout_index_index>
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In order to let the third-party OneStepCheckout layout unchanged, we will make our changes in the Man4x_MondialRelay layout itself or, even better, in your theme local layout (app/design/frontend/your_theme/default/local.xml).

1. Style sheet integration

The first thing to do is to force the style sheet of the pick-up selection popup to be included in the checkout page. This is easily made by adding these three lines below (in red) to the page "head" block:

As you can see, our stylesheet (css/Man4x_MondialRelay.css file) will be added to the page only if the pick-up shipping method is activated in the Magento configuration in order not to charge this page needlessly.

2. Mondial Relay shipping methods block addition

To do this, we just have to add our module block as a child of the main onestepcheckout.checkout" block (in red):

Thus, our custom block will be merged to the checkout page and the included javascript will be triggered as soon as it loads in order to change the visual display of the Mondial Relay shipping methods and add the special link to open the pick-up selection form.

3. Mondial Relay shipping methods AJAX block addition

As we said earlier, the OneStepCheckout module triggers updates of the checkout functional block "on demand" thanks to AJAX requests. These particuliar server requests are handled by a special handle of the onestepcheckout layout:

This handle largely mirrors the main handle content, but restricts itself to the child blocks to update.

The last thing to do is then to force our "mondialrelay_shippingmethods" block to be included in these AJAX updates so that our Mondial Relay shipping methods keep their particuliar visual formatting.

To reach this goal, we first add our block as a child of the "shipping_method" block in the <nestepcheckout_ajax_save_billing> handle (in red):

As before, we merge our "mondialrelay.shippingmethods" to the AJAX-updated "shipping-methods" block but with a subtle difference here as we declare it as a child of the shipping block. Consequently, we have to add a single line at the end of the "shipping-methods" block template (onestepcheckout/shipping_method.phtml) in order to make our own block to be included.

<?php echo \$this->getChildHtml('mondialrelay_shippingmethods') ?>

That's all. Once done and cache cleared out, the Man4x_MondialRelay module should be successly integrated to your own One-Step checkout process. However, ensure to proceed to extensive tests before going live!

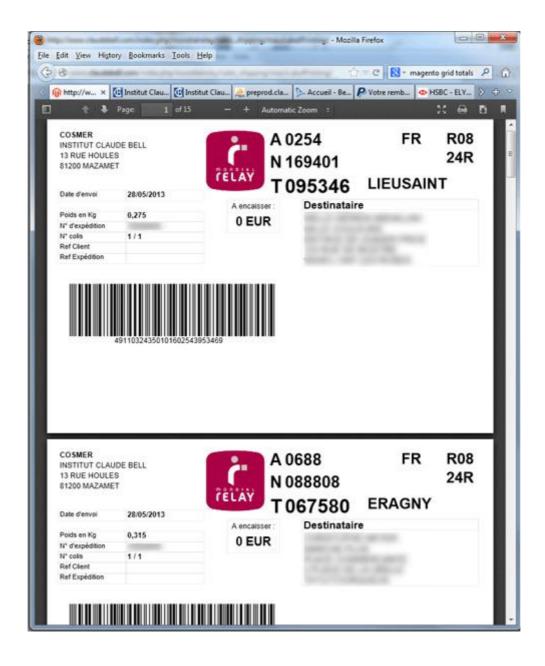
LABELS PRINTING

In order to view and/or save the shipping labels for Mondial Relay orders, click:

Sales > Mondial Relay > Labels printing

You get a standard admin grid populated with all "Shipped" status orders¹⁴. Filter fields as your needs, select the orders you want then click the "Label printing" action to open the labels pdf file.

Just click the "Back" button of your browser to get back to the Magento back-end..



¹⁴ You will notice that regardless of how many orders are displayed in the grid, the "total records found" is always set to 1. This seems to be a Magento bug regarding SQL queries with GROUP BY clause (cf http://ka.lpe.sh/2012/01/05/magento-wrong-count-in-admin-grid-when-using-group-by-clause-overriding-lib-module/)

CONFIGURATION SETTINGS

The module adds three blocks to the registered shipping methods panel in the admin back-end (Configuration > Sales > Shipping methods)

"Mondial Relay : Generic Settings" panel This panel gathers all common settings shared by every Mondial Relay shipping method.				
Nom	Label	Notes		
MODEL	Man4x_MondialRelay_Model_Carrier_Abstract	This model class acts as a "virtual" shipping method collecting all the common settings for Mondial Relay shipments as well as an abstract parent class for the actual shipping methods (pick-up and home deliveries)		
ACTIVE	False	Since this "method" is a virtual one, it is set as inactive		
COMPANY	Company name Provided by Mondial Relay			
COMPANY_REF_WS	Company référence (web service)	Provided by Mondial Relay		
KEY_WS	Key (web service)	Provided by Mondial Relay		
URL_WS	Web service URL	Provided by Mondial Relay		
COMPANY_REF_TRACKING	Company reference (tracking)	Provided by Mondial Relay		
KEY_TRACKING	Key (tracking)	Provided by Mondial Relay		
URL_TRACKING	Shipment tracking URL	Provided by Mondial Relay		
SENDER_ADDRESS	Sender address	Max. 4 x 32-characters max. lines		
SENDER_POSTCODE	Sender post code			
SENDER_CITY	Sender city			
SENDER_COUNTRY	Sender country code	2-letters country code <u>ISO 3166-1</u> . e.g. FR, BE, DE		
SENDER_PHONE	Sender phone			
SENDER_MOBILE	Sender mobile			
SENDER_EMAIL	Sender e-mail			
RATE_CONDITION	Rate condition	weight vs destinationpackage value vs destinationpackage total items vs destination		
CATALOG_WEIGHT_UNIT	Catalog weight unit	By default: g, kg, oz and lb. NB: Even if shipping cost on your website is not depending on package weight, Mondial Relay must be informed of it for logistics and invoicing.		
		To define your own units, just update the unit configuration file (Man4x_MondialRelay_Model_System_Config_Source_Weightunit.php) as well as the conversion method _convertWeight() of the Man4x_MondialRelay_Helper_Data helper.		
MAX_WEIGHT_PER_BOX	Maximal weight per box for light shipments (< 30kg)	In the catalog weight unit This parameter is used to calculate the nomber of parcels for a given shipment. Leave to 0 to consider each shipment in one single package		
SENDEMAIL	Send email when mass shipping	Determines wether customer must be notified when a mass shipping is processed		
DEBUG_MODE	Debug mode	When debug mode is set, debuging output is stored in /var/log/man4x_mondialrelay_debug.log		

"Mondial Relay : Pick-up delivery" panel This panel deals with pick-up Mondial Relay deliveries (L and XL/XXL/Drive)					
Nom	Label	Notes			
Pick-up shipment sett	Pick-up shipment settings				
ACTIVE	Active				
TITLE	Generic carrier title	As displayed on the front-end			
TABLE_RATE	Rates schedule	As a semi-colon (;) separated values. Each line is formated as (aconsidering your needs): rate¹5 condition; rate country code; rate country code; condition; rate country code; cpost code; condition; rate country code; region code; post code; condition; rate The joker character * can be used as value for the 4 first fields. The selected rate is the first matching result¹6. Exemple of a rates schedule for a weight vs destination condition (catalog unit = grams): FR;*;75;500;2.99 FR;*;*;1000;4.99 FR;*;*;6.99; BE;*;*;*,8.99; Shipment for less than 500 g to Paris : 2,99 €, Shipment till 1 kg in France : 4,99 € and 6,99 € beyond. Any shipment to Belgium : 8,99 €.			
ACTIVE_COLISDRIVE	Drive-Pickup Delivery Enabled	Determines wether exceeding 30 kg parcels can be shipped			
METHODTITLE	Generic carrier title	As displayed on the front-end			
DESC	Method description	As displayed on the front-end			
FRANCO	Minimal order total to grant free shipping	Leave to 0 not to grant free shipping			
XITEMS	Banned items for this shipping method	Comma-separated item ID values			
MAP_SELECTION	"On-map" pick-up selection mode	Warning: in case of a "by-list" selection, the sales_flat_quote_shipping_rates table is likely to grow much quicker			
RELAY_COUNT	Number of pick-up spots displayed on request	From 1 to 10			
SPECIFICCOUNTRY	Allowed shipping countries				
SHOWMETHOD	Show method if not applicable				
SPECIFICERRMSG	Displayed error message				
SORT_ORDER	Sort order				

 $^{15 \}qquad \textit{In the case of a single shipping fee, whatever the shipping country. There is then one single value in the field.}$

 $^{16 \}qquad \textit{When used, the joker character must stands for a complete value. Partial values like 75* or 200* are not allowed.}$

"Mondial Relay : Home Delivery" panel This panel deals with Mondial Relay home deliveries (Standard, Comfort and Premium offers)				
Nom	Label	Notes		
Home deliveries shipment settings				
ACTIVE	Standard offer active			
TITLE	Generic Carrier Title (for home deliveries)	As displayed on the front-end		
TABLE_RATE	Rates schedule	cf above		
METHODTITLE	Title for shipping method (Standard offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
DESC	Shipping method description (Standard offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
FRANCO	Order Total for Free Shipping (Standard offer)	Leave to 0 no to grant free shipping		
XITEMS	Banned items for this shipping method (Standard offer)	Comma-separated item ID values		
ACTIVE_COMFORT	Comfort offer active			
METHODTITLE_COMFORT	Title for shipping method (Comfort offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
DESC_COMFORT	Shipping method description (Comfort offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
EXTRAFEE_COMFORT	Extra fee (Comfort offer)	Additional cost to the standard offer rates schedule		
FRANCO_COMFORT	Order Total for Free Shipping (Comfort offer)	Leave to 0 no to grant free shipping		
XITEMS_COMFORT	Banned items for this shipping method (Comfort offer)	Comma-separated item ID values		
ACTIVE_PREMIUM	Premium offer active			
METHODTITLE_PREMIUM	Title for shipping method (Premium offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
DESC_PREMIUM	Shipping method description (Premium offer)	As displayed on the front-end		
EXTRAFEE_PREMIUM	Extra fee (Premium offer)	Additional cost to the standard offer rates schedule		
FRANCO_PREMIUM	Order Total for Free Shipping (Premium offer)	Leave to 0 no to grant free shipping		
XITEMS_PREMIUM	Banned items for this shipping method (Premium offer)	Comma-separated item ID values		
SPECIFICCOUNTRY	Allowed shipping countries			
SHOWMETHOD	Show method if not applicable			
SPECIFICERRMSG	Displayed error message			
SORT_ORDER	Sort order			

PACKAGE CONTENT

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CODE

COMMUNITY

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BLOCK
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CHECKOUT
Pickupinfo.php
Block model for the pick-up information popup (checkout page)
Pickuppopup.php
Block model for the pick-up selection form (checkout page)
Shippingmethods.php
Block model for the Mondial Relay shipping methods (checkout/cart page)
                                                                                                                           LABELPRINTING
Grid.php Grid for label printing
                                                                                                                           Massshipping
Grid,php Grid for mass shipping
Grid.php Grid container for label printing
Massshipping.php Grid container for mass shipping
                                                                                    HELPER Data.php Class helper
                                                                                                        CARRIER
                                                                                                                             Abstract.php Mondial Relay shipping methods abstract class
Home.php Mondial Reay home deliveries class model
Pickup.php MondialRelay pick-up deliveries class model
                                                                                                                           CONFIG SOURCE
                                                                                                        System
                                                                                                                                                               Conditions.php Available options for [rate_condition] parameter
Weightunit.php Available options for [catalog_weight_unit] parameter
Available options for [catalog_weight_unit] parameter
                                                                                                                                                VALIDAT
                                                                                                                                                                   NTON
Senderaddress.php Validation model for [sender_address] parameter
Tablerate.php Validation model for [table_rate] parameter
                                                                                                         Observer.php Event observer for <sales_convert_quote_address_to_order> and <sales_order_shipment_save_before>
                                                                                                        ShippingController.php Mass actions controller 
IndexController.php Pick-up selection form
                                                                                                         adminhtml.xml Configuration file for back-end config.xml Module configuration file system.xml Configuration parameters file
  MODULES
Man4x_MondialRelay.xml Module registration file
    LOCALE EN_US Man4x_MondialRelay.csv English locale file
FR_FR Man4x_MondialRelay.csv French locale file
  FRONTEND
BASE
DEFAULT
CSS
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CHANGELOG

Version	Date	Caractéristiques
1.0.0.	10/08/13	Submission to Magento Connect
1.1.0	18/09/13	Administrator is now allowed to choose from "on-map" or "by-list" pick-up selection
		Visual reformating of the pick-up selection popup

SUPPORT

"The company is very proud that you get involved in open-source... at lunch time."

My Boss (2013)

Well, in other words, even the best goodwill in the world is nothing compare to a sudden workload of a celestial hierarchical origin. Consequently, I will be glad to help anyone in integrating this module with his own environment but, unfortunately, with no warranty about results and – even more – response time. Don't take me wrong: wage is still a better way than karma to manage such material contingencies like feeding children or buy detergent ^^

Now informed of this, don't hesitate to contact me at man4x@hotmail.fr. I have even heard that a Paypal account was linked to this email...;^)

USEFULL LINKS

 $Mondial\ Relay\ web\ service\ description: \underline{http://www.mondialrelay.fr/webservice/Web_Services.asmx}$

MondialRelay_Pointsrelais Package: http://www.magentocommerce.com/magento-connect/mondialrelay-pointsrelais.html