# **AMAZZING BLOG**

# Installation and configuration guide

### Installation

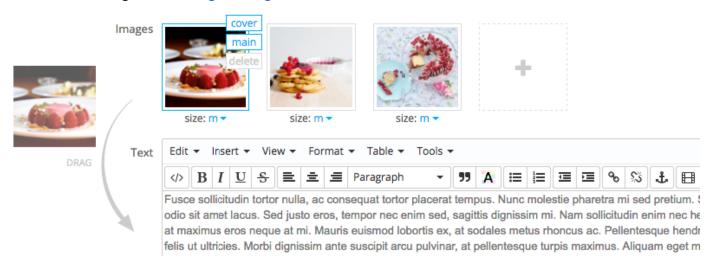
Module is installed in a regular way. Simply upload your archive and click install.

#### **Posts**

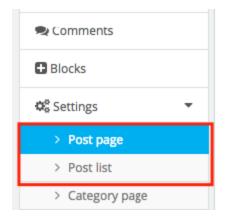
Most of post fields are self explanatory. The required fields are: **Title**, **friendly url** and **content**. In order to save the post, each of required fields needs to have a value at least in default language.

**Post images:** You can upload as many images as you need for each post. Once an image is uploaded you can select the required size and drag it directly into editable text-area.

Sizes can be configured on Image settings tab



Each post can have a **cover image** and a **main image**. Cover image is displayed in all post-listings. Main image is displayed on post page. You can use same image as "cover" and "main". In order to set a special cover/main image, just hover one of uploaded images and click "cover" or "main". If you don't want to have a main image on post page, simply click "main" on the current main image. It will be deactivated. Same with cover.



Post page settings and post list settings are available in the left menu. Here you can define cover/main image sizes, ordering, display type(grid/list), title/introtext lengths etc...

NOTE: You can choose to sort posts by **forced positions**. In order to arrange posts in required order you go to **Posts** tab, select a category and then "sort by position". You will see drag handlers at the right of each post. Now you can easily drag-n-drop them to arrange in required order.



## **Categories**

On categories tab you have all categories arranged in a structured tree-view. Here you add/edit/delete them.

**Root category** represents your main blog page. This is where you can define multilingual **title**, **slug** and **meta-tags** for your blog. For example, it can be called "News", and be available at yoursite.com/en/news/

**Category page settings** are available in the left menu among other settings types.



## **User comments**

All user comments are available on "Comments" tab. Each comment can be approved/edited/hidden/deleted.

**Comments settings** are available in the left menu. Most of thse settings are self-explanatory. Here is the description of some specific options:

<u>Instant publish</u>: If this option is enabled, comments are published instantly, without pre-moderation. You can edit/hide/delete any comment after it has been published. If this option is disabled, comments are published only after being approved by a shop employee.

<u>Max comments within 1 hour</u>: Maximum number of comments that a user can post within an hour. This limitation is based on user IP address.

<u>Email for notifications</u>: Each time a new comment is submitted a notification will be sent to e-mail specified in this field. If you don't want to receive any notifications, leave this field empty.

Comments can be enabled/disabled on General settings tab.

NOTE: Comment authors are linked to customer/guest ids. If customer logs out and then logs in after some time, he will have same avatar and username. If customer/guest uploads a new avatar it will be applied to all his other comments.

## **Blocks**

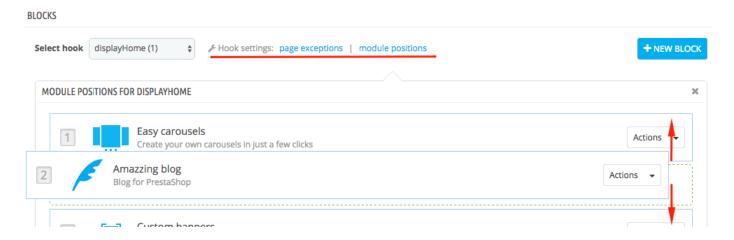
"Blocks" are used for displaying latest/most-viewed or other selected posts anywhere on your site. These posts can be displayed as a **regular list**, **grid**, or **carousel**.

In order to add a block, first select a hook where you want to include this block and then click "new block".

Besides prestashop native hooks, there are 3 custom hooks available: **displayBlog1/2/3**. These hooks can be placed anywhere on your site. In order to insert it in some specific place, find this place in your tpl file and add the following code there:

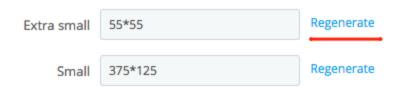
{hook h='displayBlog1'} or {hook h='displayBlog2'} or {hook h='displayBlog3'}

You can dynamically arrange **module positions** and set **page exceptions** for each hook. Both of these options work "on-the-fly", without reloading page.



## **Image settings**

All uploaded images are automatically resampled in 5 sizes: small, extra-small, medium, large, extra-large. You can define the dimensions for each size on "Image settings" tab.



NOTE: When you update a size, new dimensions will be applied to all future uploads. Images that were uploaded previously will stay unchanged. If you want to regenerate existing images, click 'regenerate'

## **General settings**

Most of settings are self explanatory. Here is the description of some specific options:

<u>Load icon fonts</u>: This option ensures proper icon display for social networks, navigation arrows, post comments, post views etc. If you are sure that your theme supports 'icon-xx' classes, you can turn this option off. Pay attention on 'icon-google-plus' and 'icon-odnoklassniki'.

# **Import/Export data**

You can export current blog data and use it later as a backup on the same store, or upload it to any other store with a compliant version of blog module.

In order to export current blog data, click "Export blog data" and save the file. This file contains data for posts, categories, settings and blocks including module positions and page exceptions.

In order to import data, click "Import blog data" and upload file, that was exported before. When you upload the file, data is processed in a smart way to synchronize with installed languages/shops.