

## How to Use Google Sitemap

Creating a sitemap of your store can allow Google and other search engines to crawl more intelligently through the pages of your website.







### Here is how to do it:

Admin > Extensions > Feeds

Locate Google Sitemap and click the plus icon to install it

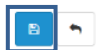
Click the edit icon

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Feed List		
Product Feed Name	Status	Action
Google Base	Disabled	 
Google Sitemap	Disabled	 
OpenBay Pro	Disabled	 

The Data Feed URL for your website will be inserted automatically

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Edit Google Sitemap

Status

Enabled

Data Feed Url

[http://yourdomain.com/index.php?route=feed/google\\_sitemap](http://yourdomain.com/index.php?route=feed/google_sitemap)

Set the status to Enabled

NOTE: You can copy the Data Feed URL and use this to check that the sitemap is working.

Save

You may choose to upload the sitemap to Google Webmaster Tools, this step is optional.

**NOTE:** We do not provide support for using Google Webmaster Tools. This application is external to your website.

Go to Google Webmaster Tools at <https://www.google.com/webmasters/tools> .

In order to use the Google Webmaster Tools, your website should be registered with your account. To do this, sign in to the Google Search Console, click the **'Add a site'** button and follow the instructions to claim your ownership of the website.

You should select the file upload method to verify your account.  
Files can be uploaded through your cPanel using File Manager.  
Your hosting provider, provides support for using cPanel and File Manager.

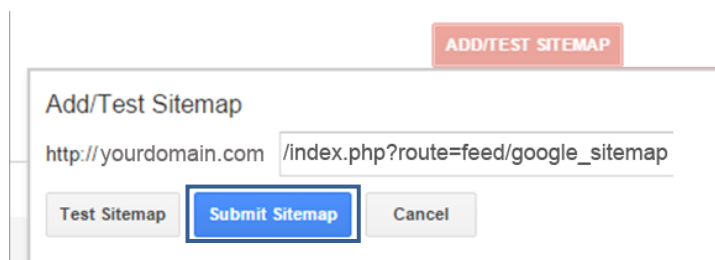
Once your Webmaster Tools account is setup;-

Proceed to *Crawl->Sitemap* menu.

To add a new sitemap select 'Add/Test Sitemap' button and paste the Data Feed URL from your website. Remember to modify the pasted URL, leaving only the path to the sitemap page and removing the domain, as it is already predefined by Google.

eg: `/index.php?route=feed/google_sitemap`

Click **'Submit Sitemap'** and the process is finished. You can see if the sitemap is correctly created or check if there are any error messages after you refresh the *Crawl->Sitemap* page



Visit the URL (copied earlier) to check that the sitemap is displaying

eg: `http://yourdomain.com/index.php?route=feed/google_sitemap`

When setup correctly, it will look similar to the sitemap below

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- <urlset>
- <url>
  <loc>http://flavourkids.com/baby-boys-set</loc>
  <changefreq>weekly</changefreq>
  <lastmod>2017-05-11T09:46:41+00:00</lastmod>
  <priority>1.0</priority>
- <image:image>
  - <image:loc>
    http://flavourkids.com/image/cache/catalog/demo/kids clothing baby boys set-540x480.jpg
  </image:loc>
  <image:caption>Baby Boys Set</image:caption>
  <image:title>Baby Boys Set</image:title>
</image:image>
</url>
- <url>
  <loc>http://flavourkids.com/baby-velour-set</loc>
  <changefreq>weekly</changefreq>
  <lastmod>~0001-11-30T00:00:00+00:00</lastmod>
  <priority>1.0</priority>
- <image:image>
  - <image:loc>
    http://flavourkids.com/image/cache/catalog/demo/kids clothing baby velour set-540x480.jpg
  </image:loc>
  <image:caption>Baby Velour Set</image:caption>
  <image:title>Baby Velour Set</image:title>
</image:image>
</url>
- <url>
  <loc>http://flavourkids.com/layered-skirt</loc>
  <changefreq>weekly</changefreq>
  <lastmod>~0001-11-30T00:00:00+00:00</lastmod>
  <priority>1.0</priority>
- <image:image>
  - <image:loc>

```

Congratulations, you have now setup a sitemap for your! A well linked website with a good sitemap may be easier to discover and crawl for Google and other search engines.