

Alternative Administration System

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Alternative Administration System is an essential plugin for osCommerce cms that is ideal in task delegation and product manipulation. At it's core, AAS allows end users to utilize basic and advanced osCommerce administrative functions with added features of dynamic product manipulation.

Changelog:

Version 0.3:

Code has been dramatically improved. Fixed all the bugs found and those reported by users.

New features added such as downloadable products manager, admin access control, admin edit control, new columns, modules, e.t.c.

Some of the new features added:

- Admin Access Control & Admin Edit Control
- Sort products by different columns
- View product list displaying column values such as images, price, attributes, model number, etc.
- Add custom columns such as products cost
- Quick change categories/products sort order via drag n drop
- Customizable category/product display per user
- Mass edit selectable column values (prices, quantities, weight, manufacturers e.t.c.)
- Easily printable HTML AJAX pages
- Custom Administrative settings per user
- Restrictive Administrative settings per user
- Downloadable products manager
- *Modules loader (ability to extend AAS functionality)*
 - *Add Category*
 - *Add Product*
 - *Customers Manager*
 - *Reviews Manager*
 - *Manufacturers Manager*

- *Orders Manager*
- *Products Monitor*
- *Payment Report*
- *Products Expected*

Version 0.2:

Introduced some great features:

- *Copy, Move, Link products*
- Copy, delete attributes
- Attributes Manager
- Import file
- New multilingual description edit method.
- New temp products list
- Add extra custom fields easily (for developers: associative arrays)
 - All fields custom or not, can be editable or not, visible by default or not , sortable or not e.t.c.
- You can also add fields from other mysql tables other than products (you must add the necessary query text (select , from , where) on the array \$_EXTRA_FIELDS)
- Deletion of multiple products
- Multiple prices edit (redifined)
- Right side panel (sortable fields, choose what fields to display and sort - reorder them)
- Bottom panel (contains: categories list, languages, display in stock or not)
- Top panel (hidden by default, opens when you click on search icon)
- Server side pagination (includes max products per page)
- Advanced search (search on specific field, developers can add their own custom fields)
- Order products by different fields - custom fields
- Print categories and/or products (only the categories - products table, everything else is not displayed)
- Tooltips
- Product rows are now sortable
- Multiple product status change
- when login session timeout now it pops up a dialog prompting user to relogin
- fully translated

- Export to csv,json,text,excel file
- Sort order
- Information about products orders
- Ability to choose what column to display.
- View edit product description,
- display product preview window while editing description,
- language select,
- count products,
- count subcategories,
- choose what products to display from: in stock - out of stock - both,
- dialogs,
- basic editing,
- improved Code,
- session storage

Improved code:

- html5
- removed dataTables in favor of simple html tables
- added new version of jquery 1.9.1 min

New functionalities:

- Manufacturer selection by select menu,
- Tax class selection by select menu,
- New dialogs:
 - Success
 - Error
 - Settings
 - Sort fields
 - *Attributes*

Version 0.1:

It all started on June 2011. I just had set up an oscommerce website for a friend for his local store. I did not like the way to handle the categories and products. So I started developing an alternative way to handle categories – products. It was very simple and you could only change the name, model, quantity and price of the product.

- Table with products and categories, categories dropdown menu and search available
- Edit name,model,quantity and price (net)

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