

Shopify Final Assignment

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Chapter 1. Introduction

Welcome to Shopify!

In this guide, you'll learn the basics of opening, customizing, and managing your new online store. Shopify provides you with a variety of tools to make your venture into your business secure and customizable..

Join the millions of active users selling their products or services using Shopify.

With the Shopify platform, we will take you from business concepts to sharing your business vision with the world.

Buisness Foundations

Establish a business name, purchase or transfer a domain, and construct your brand by using our free tools.

Sell your products or services anywhere

With the Shopify platform, you will be able to sell anywhere your customers are. You will have the flexibility to access your eCommerce store online, and in-person.

Market to customers

With the Shopify platform, marketing will be at your fingertips with built-in tools that will allow you to roll out Facebook and Google campaigns while enabling you to analyze their success.

Shopify Dashboard

With the Shopify dashboard, you will be able to see all aspects of your business efficiently, manage your orders, and process them from start to finish.

Chapter 2. Pricing Plans

The Pricing Plans

Shopify offers different pricing plans based on your individual needs as an entrepreneur. Detailed below are what each plan offers. <https://www.shopify.com/pricing>

Table 1. Shopify Pricing Model

	Basic Shopify	Shopify	Advanced Shopify
Price annually	\$29	\$79	\$299
Staff accounts	2	5	15
Gift Cards	-	Yes	Yes
Professional Reports	-	Yes	Yes

Chapter 3. Getting Started

How to get started with Shopify

To get started using Shopify, you have to settle on what it is you are going to sell and how you would like your store to look. You will be able to follow this guide to begin the process of selling your product to the public.

Making an Account

Follow this video for a quick and straightforward explanation on how to create your account:

Creating a Store

To begin selling your services or products, you have to have a store. Within this section, you will learn how to set up your store to reach your potential customers correctly.

Setting up the Basics

Your new storefront must start somewhere, so here's how you can get started.

1. From the Shopify Admin page, go to **Settings**.
2. Click **General**.
3. Locate the **Store Details** section and fill in all the necessary information.
4. Click **Save**.

Adding Store Policies

Policies are essential so that your customers know how you handle refunds, privacy, and terms of service for transactions. Store policies are added on a different webpage but will be displayed as links at the bottom of the customer checkout page for your store. This requires two separate browser tabs to be open.

The screenshot shows the 'Domains' section in the Shopify admin. The main heading is 'Connect existing domain'. Below it is a link with a plus icon to 'Buy new domain'. A central form titled 'Domain' contains a text input field with the placeholder 'e.g. example.com' and the instruction 'Enter the domain you want to connect.' A 'Next' button is located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, there is a link: 'Or you can [transfer in your domain](#) to Shopify (domain needs to meet our requirements).' At the bottom center, there is a circular button with a question mark icon and the text 'Learn more about [domains](#).'

1. From the Shopify Admin page *click* on Pages
2. On your Pages page, *click* Create a New Page
3. In a separate tab, access your store checkout settings. Copy each policy to your computers' clipboard.
4. Back to the first page, paste the clipboard contents. Then *click* **Save Page**.
5. Add a link to the policies page so your customers can easily find it.

Add a menu and links to your store

With how prevalent social media and the use of other sites are in today's day and age, you'll likely want to link external sites and accounts to your Shopify storefront.

1. From the Shopify Admin page, go to Online Store > Navigation.
2. On the Navigation pane, *click* the name of the menu you want to edit..
3. *Click* Add menu item.
4. Two input fields will appear. In the Name field, enter the name of the link you want to add. This is what will be displayed.
5. From the drop-down menu beside the link name, *select* the link type that best describes the link you're inputting.
6. *Click* the Save menu.

Adding Products

1. From the Shopify Admin page, *click* on the Products tab to go to the Products page.
2. *Click* Add Product to begin the process of adding new products.
3. Enter the details and logistics for your new product.

Organizing Products

Shopify allows you to create product collections to organize your products; however, you'd like through the use of collections. Examples of categories: Clothes for men, women, or children Items on sale Items of a certain type, size or color Seasonal products.

1. From the Shopify Admin page, *click* on Collections
2. On the Collections page, *click* on Create Collection
3. In the new window, enter a Title and Description for the collection. This is a mandatory step.
4. Under Sales Channels make sure to choose which channels you want the collection to be listed under (I.E., Shopify online store, Facebook, Amazon, etc.).
5. Collections allow you to select whether products will be added manually or automatically. This option cannot be changed later.
 - a. If you chose automatically: Add in the selection criteria under Conditions.
 - b. If you chose manually: When adding in products manually at a later time, make sure you click Save after adding them. You can add the same product to several different collections.
6. *Click* **Save Collection**

Customizing a Theme

After you choose a theme that defines the basic look and feel of your online store, you can customize the theme to suit your unique brand. You can customize your theme settings from your Shopify admin by using the theme editor. The theme editor includes a theme preview and a toolbar that you can use to add and remove content, and to make changes to your settings. To learn about which parameters are available for your theme, see your theme's documentation

If your theme doesn't include settings for the changes that you want to make and you are comfortable with HTML, CSS, and Liquid, then you can edit your theme code.

Domains

Now that you have your store setup, you will need a way to show this store to your customers. A domain will allow people to access your store through the internet.

A domain is the website address that customers can visit to browse and purchase from your store online. With Shopify you have a few options for domains depending on your preferences and starting point.

You can have a domain through Shopify. An example of the URL for this is `examplestore.myshopify.com`.

Alternatively, you can have a custom domain which you can either purchase a new URL or have one transferred to Shopify. An example of a URL for this is `examplestore.com`.

Domain Through Shopify

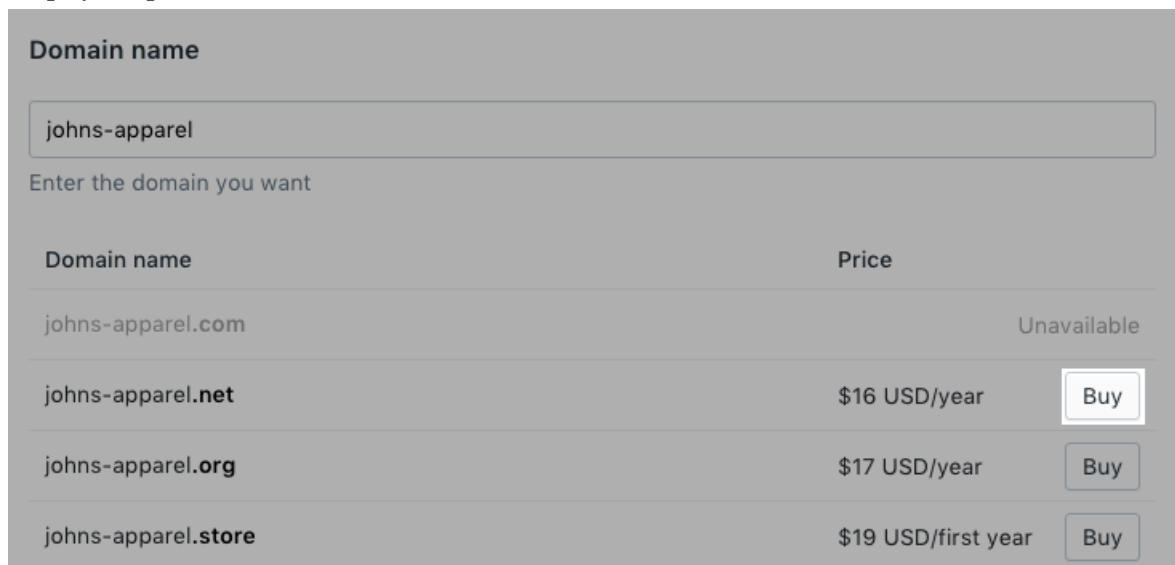
Shopify can host your online store through either a third-party domain or one that's been bought from us.

1. Navigate to the domain purchasing page on Shopify.
2. To see if the domain name you want is available, *click* Domain Search and type the domain in the text box. *Click* Generate domains to search.



A screenshot of the Shopify domain search interface. It features a grey header with the text "Domain name". Below this is a white text input field containing the text "johns-apparel". Underneath the input field is a grey bar with the placeholder text "Enter the domain you want".

3. If the domain name is available, or an alternative is, choose which one you want, but be sure to look at the yearly price as well since different domains have different prices.
4. Follow the prompts from there, and if fully seen through, you'll have a new domain for your Shopify shop!



A screenshot of the Shopify domain search results page. It shows a table of domain options based on the input "johns-apparel". The table has two columns: "Domain name" and "Price". The first row shows "johns-apparel.com" as "Unavailable". The subsequent rows show ".net", ".org", and ".store" domains with their respective prices and "Buy" buttons.

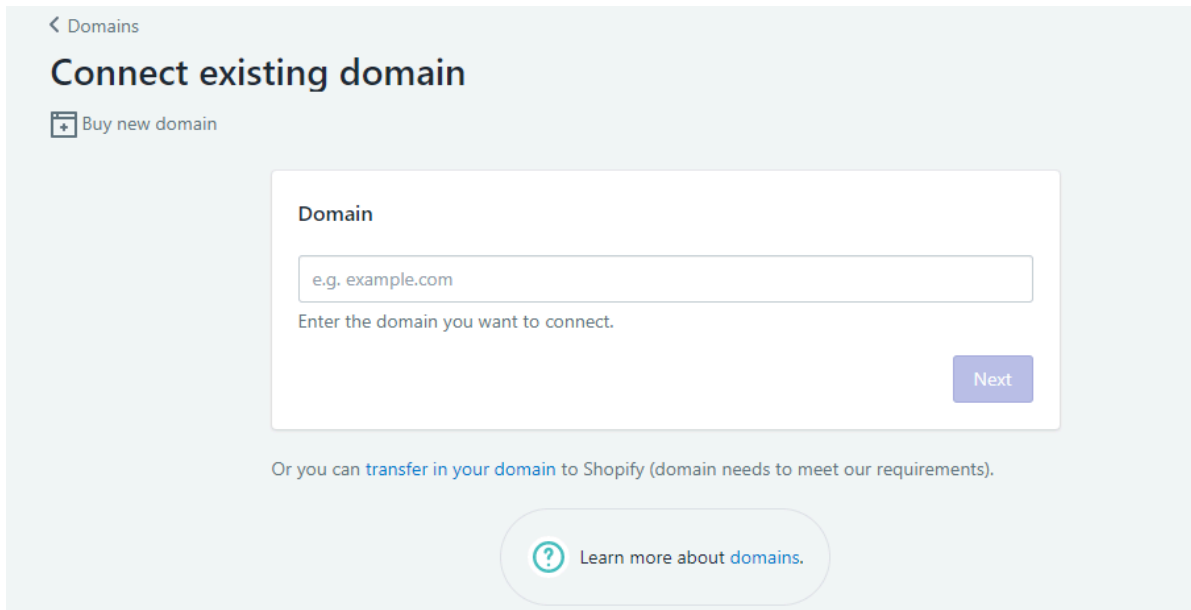
Domain name	Price
johns-apparel.com	Unavailable
johns-apparel.net	\$16 USD/year <button>Buy</button>
johns-apparel.org	\$17 USD/year <button>Buy</button>
johns-apparel.store	\$19 USD/first year <button>Buy</button>

Add Existing Domain

Shopify also allows you to add existing domains from third party providers. If you'd instead do that than purchasing one of Shopify's, here are the steps in doing so.

Adding an Existing Third-Party Domain

1. From the Shopify Admin page, go to Online Store > Domains



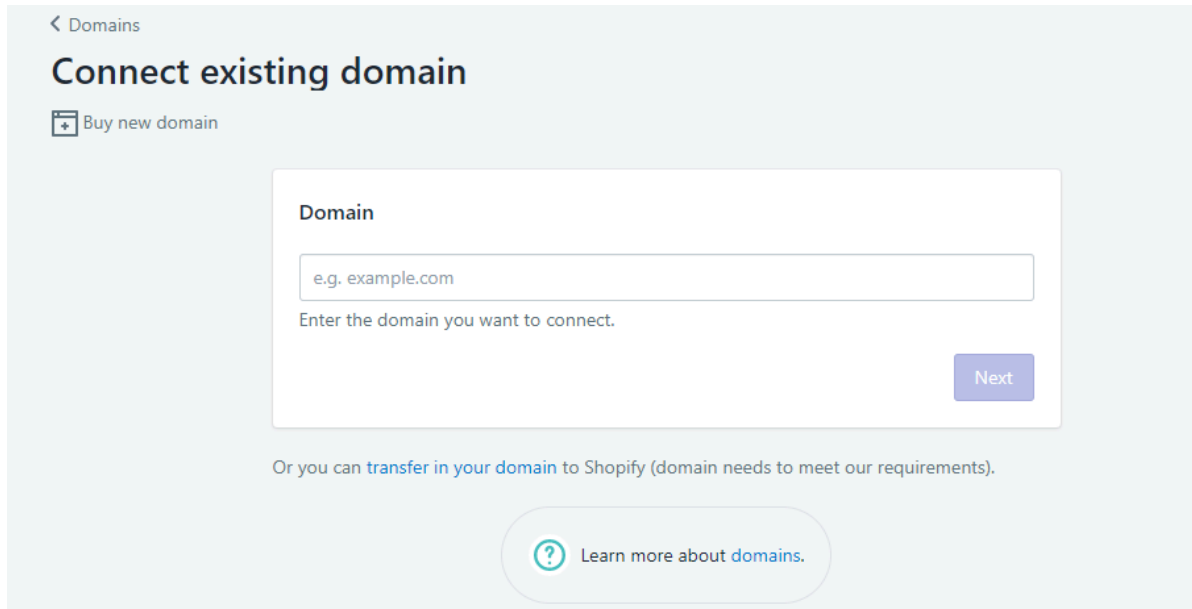
The screenshot shows the 'Connect existing domain' page in the Shopify Admin. At the top left, there is a back arrow and the text '< Domains'. The main heading is 'Connect existing domain'. Below this, there is a link with a plus icon and the text 'Buy new domain'. The central part of the page is a white box with a 'Domain' label. Inside this box is a text input field containing the placeholder 'e.g. example.com' and the instruction 'Enter the domain you want to connect.' To the right of the input field is a blue 'Next' button. Below the white box, there is a line of text: 'Or you can [transfer in your domain](#) to Shopify (domain needs to meet our requirements).' At the bottom center, there is a blue circular icon with a question mark and the text 'Learn more about domains.'

2. *Click* Connect Existing Domain
3. Enter the third party domain you own, then *click* **Next**.

Setting up your existing domain to connect to Shopify

Shopify gives you the option to add in your own domain if it already exists.

1. Navigate to your domain provider and log into your account on that site.



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2. Find your DNS Settings. These are generally located in the domain management area on the site, but this varies from provider to provider.
3. Once you find the DNS Settings, edit your A record to point to Shopify's IP address 23.227.38.65 (Copy and paste this into the field).
4. Save the A record.
5. In the DNS settings, find the CNAME record
6. Change your www CNAME record to point to shops.myshopify.com (copy this as well).
7. Save the CNAME record.

Verify Shopify Connection

From the Shopify Admin page, *click* Verify connection to verify that your domain has been connected to your store.

Set your primary domain

The primary domain of your storefront is the domain name that customers see in the browser's address bar.

1. From the Shopify Admin page,, go to the Online Store > Domains.
2. In Primary Domain, *click* Change primary domain.
3. Select the domain you would like set as the primary from the prompt.

4. *Click Save.*

Remove a third-party domain

1. From the Shopify Admin page, go to Online Store > Domains.
2. In Third-party domains, locate the domain you want to remove and *click* Remove.
3. *Click* Remove again to confirm.

Remove a Shopify managed domain

To remove a shopify domain, you must [contact support](#) to do so.

Selling Products

Now that you have your store created, your next step is to populate your store with products or services to be presented to your customers.

With the Shopify platform, you will have the ability to reach your customers via your website online and in person.

Customers will be able to reach your site from their web browser directly or through Facebook campaigns.

You will also be able to sell to customers face to face. This will allow you to quickly expand your business or establish a physical storefront or booth at a fair.

Selling in Person

Shopify offers you the ability to sell both online and in-person, expanding the possibilities for your business to grow.

Although Shopify focuses on e-commerce, it also offers business owners a full retail store experience with Shopify POS app. This app allows you to create carts for customers, accept a range of payments and methods, track orders and inventory across retail locations, online stores, and whatever other active sales channels you're running.

Setting up the Shopify POS app

 **Note:** Before you start adding products and setting up your payments, there are a few administrative tasks that you should do:

- If you want to sell in person, then check with your local laws to see if the Shopify POS system is compliant in your country.
- Complete the initial setup so that your store address, email address, and other store settings are up to date.
- Know where to manage your account and access your billing information.
- Add staff accounts so that each of your staff members has a personal login account, and all sensitive account information remains secure.

1. Configure your basic administrative settings
2. Download the Shopify App

Selling Online

Adding an online sales channel

1. *Click* the + button next to the Sales Channels heading in your Shopify admin.
2. *Click* the name of the sales channel you want to add in the Add sales channel dialog.
3. *Click* Add channel.

Remove an online sales channel

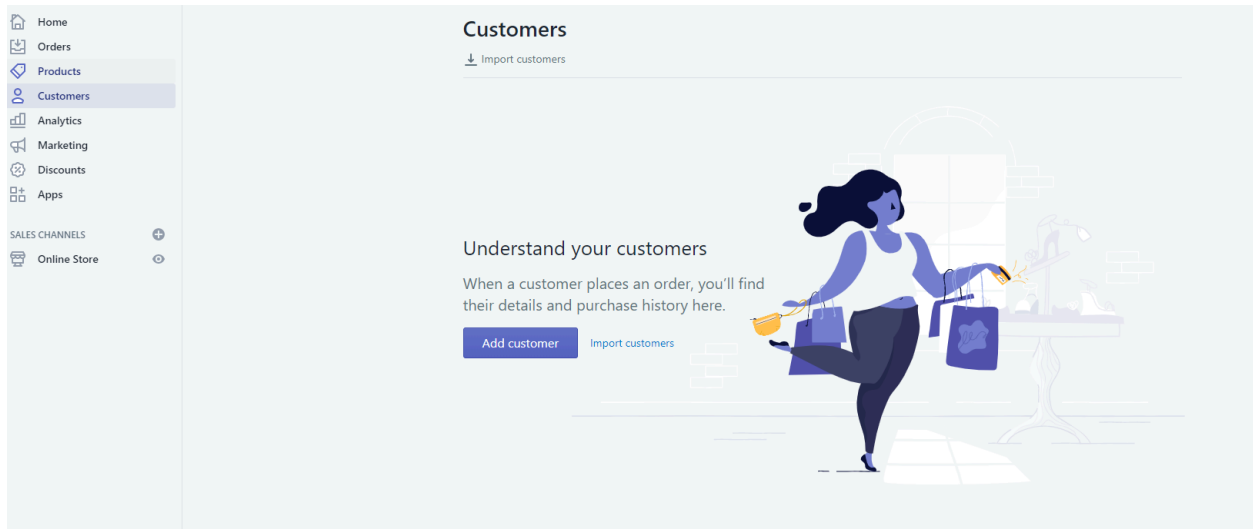
1. *Click* **Settings** on the Shopify admin, and then click Sales channels.
2. Find the name of the sales channel you want to remove.
3. *Click* remove channel

Customers

With the Shopify platform you will be able to seamlessly add, and edit your customers information.

Managing Customers

We are now getting to one of the essential parts of your business, your customers. In this section, we will cover how to manage and edit specific parts of your customers' profiles.



New customers will have their names and information added to customer lists when they place an order in your store, allowing you to email them using their profile information. You are also able to add, edit, or delete customer profiles manually in certain circumstances. Using this information, you can create a customer group for sending emails or discounts to customers.

Adding Customers

← Customers

Add customer

Customer overview

First name

Last name

Email

Phone number

☐ Customer accepts marketing

Address

The primary address of this customer

First name

Last name

Company

Address

Apartment, suite, etc.

1. Go to the **Customers** page from the Shopify Admin, and click the **Add customer** button.
2. Input the information on the form, updating the checkboxes as necessary
 - a. Customer accepts marketing means that the customer has agreed to receive newsletters or marketing emails.
 - b. Collect tax details if you are charging a sales tax for the customer. Depending on the customer's, or your location, there will be additional options or information, such as tax exemption options with Browse or search exemptions.
3. After filling out all the appropriate information, *click* Save customer to create or update the customer profile.

Emailing Customers

1. From the Shopify Admin page, click the Customers button, and select the profiles of the customers you want to email.
2. Click the customer's email address in the Customer overview, and then edit the subject as necessary (`{{ shop.name }}` can be used to generate your store's name in an email automatically).

3. Type your message in the message field, and if you want to keep a copy for records, enter the email you want the copies sent to in the Send bcc to field.
4. Click the Review email when you are done, and then click Send notification if you are satisfied with the message, or Back if you want to revise the message.

Edit Customers

Now that you have some customers, you might be asked to edit some of their information. This section will walk you through the process of editing the necessary information of your customers.

Edit a Customer's Name or Email

1. From your Shopify admin, go to the Customer sections.
2. *Click* the name of the customer profile you want to edit.
3. In the Customer overview section, click Edit.
In the Edit customer dialog, you can change the customers:
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Email address
 - Phone Number
 - Acknowledgement to receive marketing
4. *Click* **Save** to confirm your changes to the customer profile's Information.

Edit Customers Address

1. From the Shopify Admin page, go to Customers.
2. *Click* the name of the customer profile that you want to edit.
3. In the Default Address section, click Manage to view or edit existing addresses.
4. In the Manage Addresses dialog, click Edit address under the address that you want to edit.
5. Change the customer's address details and *click* Save.

Edit Customer's Tag

Using tags can help you organize your customer profile list. You can use tags to label your customers with categories or descriptive terms. For example, if you have wholesale customers, then you can tag those customers as wholesale.

1. From your Shopify admin, go to **Customers**
2. *Click* the name of the customer profile you want to edit.
3. In the Tags section, add or edit your customer profile tags in the text box.
4. *Click* Save to confirm your changes.

Customer's Note

A customer note contains information that you might want to keep track of for a particular customer profile. Notes are visible to store staff only, so your customers won't see them.

1. From your Shopify admin, go to Customers.
2. *Click* the name of the customer profile you want to edit.
3. Under Customer Note, add or change existing notes in the text box, and *click* Save.

Orders Process

New orders will appear in the orders page when a customer purchases from one of your online stores or sales channels. Orders are categorized into three different states in the processing flow:

- An order is placed (Capturing payments): This occurs when customers use a credit/debit card to purchase and order. During this time, the bank is processing the purchase and determining whether the funds can be spent or not.
- An order has been paid (Fulfilling order): At this point, it's up to you to ship their order, hence why this process is referred to as order fulfillment.
- An order has been fulfilled and paid (Archive the order): The order has been both paid for and shipped. The customer has received their order, so there's no need to process the order further.

8:29 AM Fri Mar 1

Orders

Q

#1024

...

Today

Elizabeth Gonzalez

8:28 AM

#1024

\$347.31

Yesterday

Elizabeth Gonzalez

1:01 PM

#1023

\$347.31

● Refunded

Thursday, December 13, 2018

#1022

12:44 PM

\$42.46

● Partially paid

Due \$38.26

#1021

12:36 PM

\$42.46

#1020

12:32 PM

\$42.46

#1019

12:31 PM

\$42.46

Today at 8:28 AM

\$347.31

Receipt #3-1003

Sold by Maddy Wahl


Retail location 1

● Paid ● Fulfilled

Customer


Elizabeth Gonzalez

Items



Red Rain Coat
Green / Small / Cotton Duck

\$129.00



Madison Bag

\$190.00

Return or exchange

Checkout

Orders

Customers

Store

Status Page Overview

The overview shows you the overall status of all the orders placed by customers. Customers are given the option to receive links to their order status page by email. The email sent to them is a template that includes the page URL the order status page that tells them:

- Order confirmation
- Shipping confirmation
- Shipping update

Customizing your Email Templates

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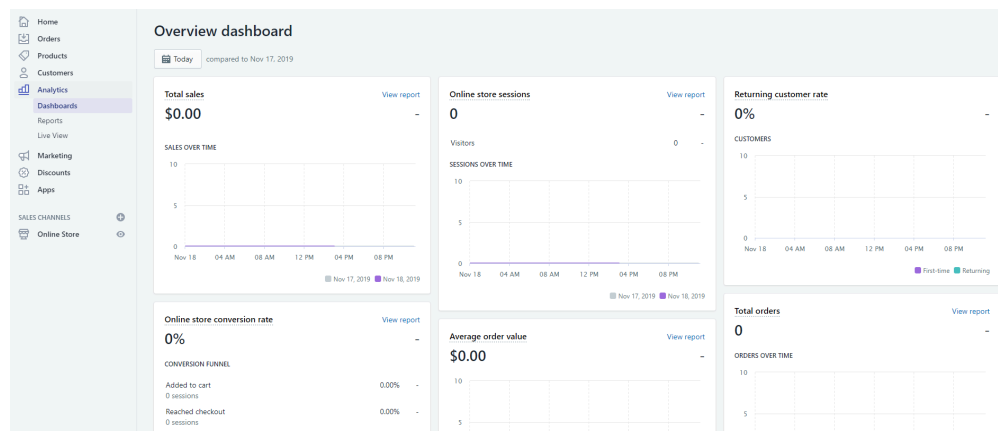
The email templates control the Order Confirmation and Shipping emails that customers are sent when their orders are fulfilled or updated. These emails are automatically sent to customers but can be customized to fit what you would like the customers to see.

Customization is formatted using HTML, so if you need help understanding how it works, check out this simple guide.

1. From the Shopify Admin Page, go to Settings > Notifications.
2. Locate the Email Templates section, then find the Order Confirmation and Shipping confirmation email templates.

Analytics

You can use Shopify's analytics and reports to learn about your sales and customers in great detail. The types of analytics and reports that you can view depend on your Shopify Plan. You can also set up third-party analytics services, such as Google Analytics, to gain further insights and improve your business.



In the Overview dashboard, you can do the following activities:

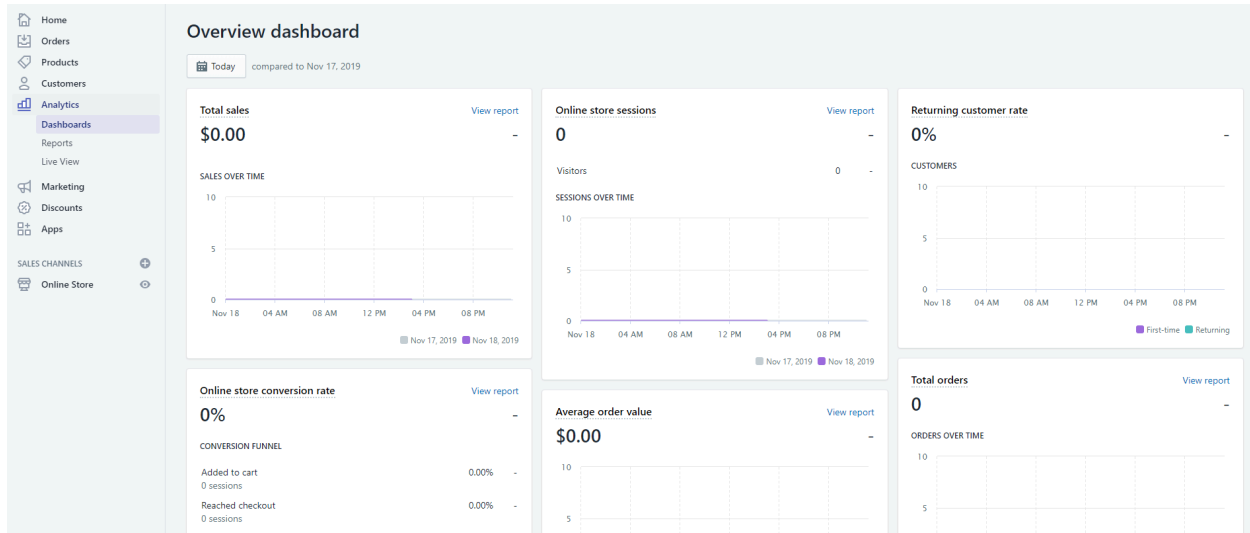
- Check the value of your recent sales and compare them to a previous time
- Examine how well your sales channels are performing
- Track your average order value
- See where your visitors are coming from—by region or by a social media source
- Monitor the trends over time

The dashboard shows the most valuable metrics that give you insight into the performance of your store and the behavior of your customers. The parameters are shown in numeric format and also as graphs where appropriate. For all the metrics, the percentage change from the previous date range can also be shown.

Analytics Dashboard Overview

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In the Overview dashboard you can do the following activities:



- Check the value of your recent sales and compare them to a previous time period
- Examine how well your sales channels are performing
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- Monitor the trends over time

Analytics - View your Data

1. From your Shopify admin, go to **Analytics > Dashboards**. By default, the dashboard shows data for today compared to yesterday.
2. If you want to see data for another date range, then *click* the date menu and select a different date range. You can choose a preset interval, such as the **Last 30 days**, or you can set any custom range by clicking dates on the calendar.
3. If you want to show comparisons with the previous period or to the same date range of the prior year, then check **Compare to previous dates** and select a comparison value.
4. Click **Apply**.

5. ¹ If the **View report** link is shown, then click it to see more details about the metric. Not all metrics have a report, and you need to be on a plan that provides the detailed Shopify.

Transactions

You can use Shopify POS for all your transactions when you're selling in person. Before processing your first transaction, make sure you complete the Shopify POS in-app setup.

Payment Methods

Shopify allows several different types of payment methods through storefronts. Payment methods are further customizable by storefront owners, as they can choose which type of payments to accept and decline, as well as plans based on if transactions take place in real life or over the online storefront. These options include:

- Credit/Debit cards
- Cash (For in-person purchases)
- Manual card payments (customer enters in card details manually)
- Gift Cards

Searching for an Order

1. On the **Orders** screen, tap the search icon.
2. In the search field, enter either the **order ID**, **receipt number**, or **customer name**. Results will appear beneath the search bar.
3. Choose an order to open it up, or tap **Cancel** to return to the previous screen.

Refund an Order

1. From the Shopify POS, tap **Orders**.
 2. Choose the order of the item that needs to be refunded.
 3. Tap **Refund or Exchange** and then tap which item(s) which will be refunded, then use the + or - buttons to enter the quantity of the item that will be refunded.
 4. There are several optional choices that can be added based on the nature of the refund and the seller.
1. Optional:

5. Once all constraints are satisfied, tap **Refund** then **Done**.

Chapter 4. Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

What is Shopify's IP address?

When using a third-party or external domain for your shop, usually you must state shopify's IP address for the third-party provider. If so, it is 23.227.38.65. This IP will need to be set as your A record on the other site.

How do I change my myshopify.com domain?

You cannot because your myshopify.com domain is a URL that is a unique identifier for your store, therefore it can't be changed or removed. However, it can be replaced with a custom domain name.

Why isn't my Shopify POS synced with my Shopify Admin?

The Shopify POS app usually updates automatically with any changes made on the admin page, but if you find the desktop and mobile apps aren't synced with the same information, you can force the app to resync with the Shopify admin.

From the Shopify POS app, press your Ipad's home button to send the app into the background.

From the Ipad's home screen, find and tap the Shopify POS app.

Check to see if the app has been updated with the new changes.

If the app still hasn't updated, force close the app, then reopen it.

Double tap the home button to bring up all of the running apps on the Ipad.

Located the shopify app and swipe the window up until the window has left the screen.

Tap the home button again, then located the Shopify POS app and tap it open.

Chapter 5. Glossary

Glossary

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Website Domain

The name of the website or URL, sometimes called the host name. A web domain is an actual presence on the Internet, such as a web page. A web domain name is a substitute that replaces the Internet Protocol (IP) address. For example, we can replace the IP address 207.97.195.109 with a domain name such as www.shopify.com.

Traffic Sources

A report that provides an overview of the different kinds of sources that send people to your website.

- Direct Traffic: People who show up to the site by directly using the URL associated with it or from using a bookmark.
- Social: Other websites that send traffic over to you. These are commonly through social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook where the URL for the storefront is shared.
- Email: Traffic from emails that included links to the URL.
- Unknown: Traffic from places that cannot be determined. This is a common category.