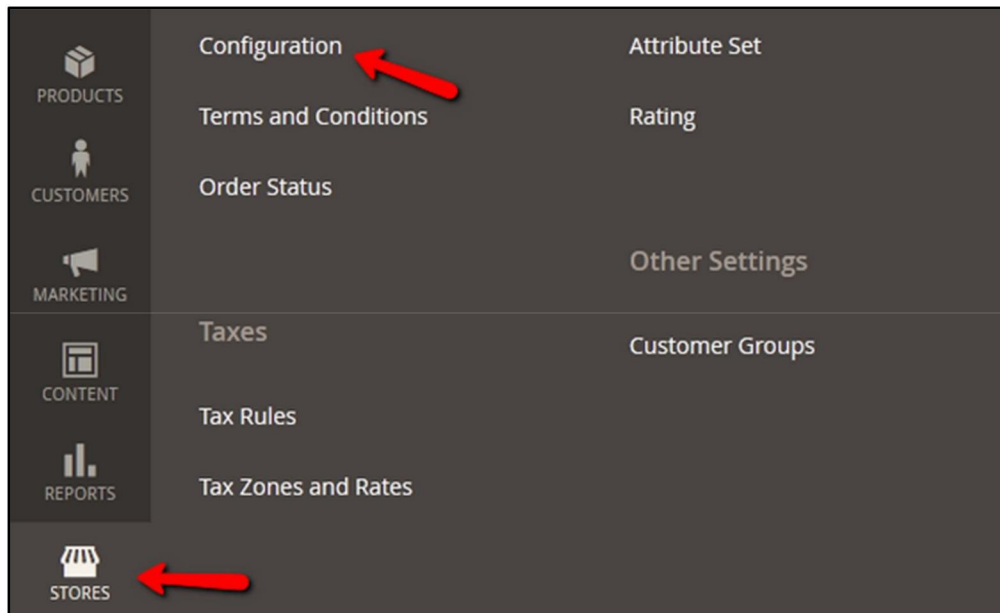


Unit-1 Setting up Magento stores

1. Store Setup (Configure your Store)

1.1 General Settings

After you have successfully installed Magento 2, you will need to configure the general settings for your store. The first thing you will need to do, is accessing the admin dashboard of your Store and navigating to the **Stores>Configuration** section.



Here, select the **General** option from the navigation menu on the left and you will be presented with these settings to configure.

Locale Options

Timezone	Pacific Standard Time (America/Los_Angeles)	▼
Locale	English (United States)	▼
Weight Unit	lbs	▼
First Day of Week	Monday	▼
Weekend Days	<div>Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday</div>	

Locale Options:

Timezone – The Time zone of the

Store **Locale** – The default language

Weight Unit – The weight unit that will be used for the products of your store (and in weight shipping)

First Day of Week – Setup the Calendar of your store

Weekend Days – Select the Weekend Days for your store

Store Information	
Store Name	FC
Store Phone Number	1.855.818.9717
Store Hours of Operation	24/7
Country	United States ▼
Region/State	California ▼
ZIP/Postal Code	94133
City	San Francisco
Street Address	524 Union St #436

Store Information:

Store Name – The name of your Store

Store Phone Number – The phone number for contact

Store Hours of Operation – The hours during which your store is open
Country – The Country in which the store is situated

Region/State – The region in which the store is located

ZIP/Postal Code – The ZIP/Postal Code of the area in which the store is located

City – The City in which the store is located

Street Address – The Street Address of the Store

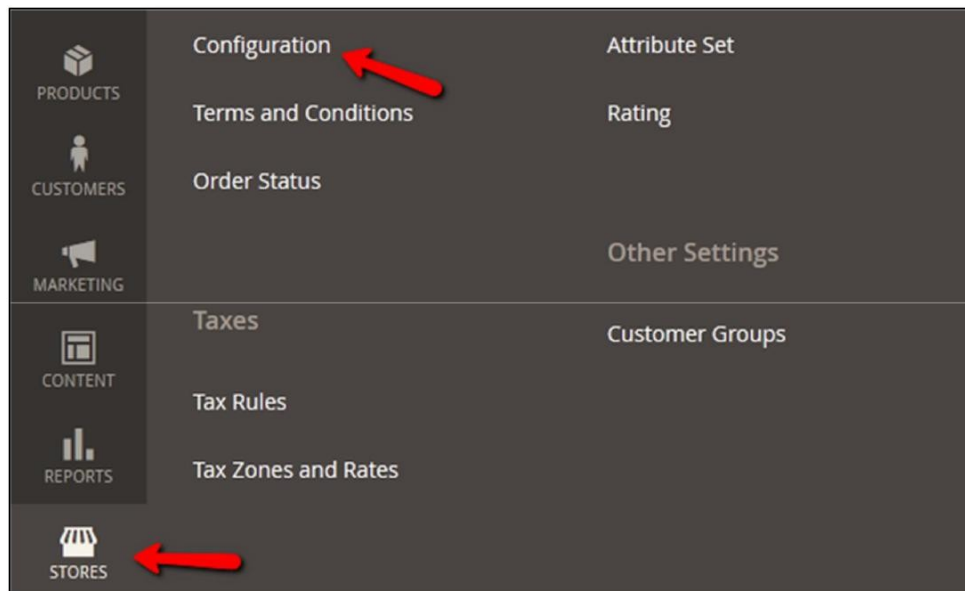
VAT Number – The VAT Number for your store (this will make sure VATs are calculated correctly)

1.2 Contact Us page

Magento 2 comes pre-defined with a **Contact Us** page which can be used by your customers to leave feedback or ask questions. The link for the page is located in the footer but can be moved to another place if needed.



To modify the content of the contact form, login to your admin dashboard and navigate to the **Stores>Configuration>Contacts** section.



You will see the following options:

A screenshot of the 'Contact Us' configuration form. The form has a white background and a thin black border. It contains the following fields:

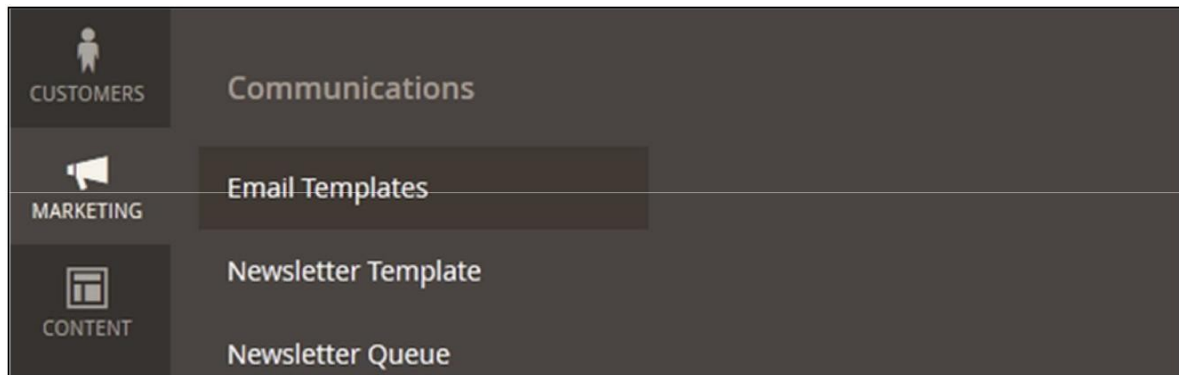
- Contact Us**: A section header.
- Enable Contact Us**: A dropdown menu with 'Yes' selected.
- Email Options**: A section header.
- Send Emails To**: A text input field with 'hello@example.com'.
- Email Sender**: A dropdown menu with 'Custom Email 2' selected.
- Email Template**: A dropdown menu with 'Contact Form (Default)' selected.
- Email template chosen based on theme fallback when "Default" option is selected.

Enable Contact Us – This should be set to **Yes** if you wish to have the Contact Us page on your Store

Send Emails To – Here type the email address on which you want to receive all of the messages submitted via the form

Email Sender – This option is used for the email "From" field.

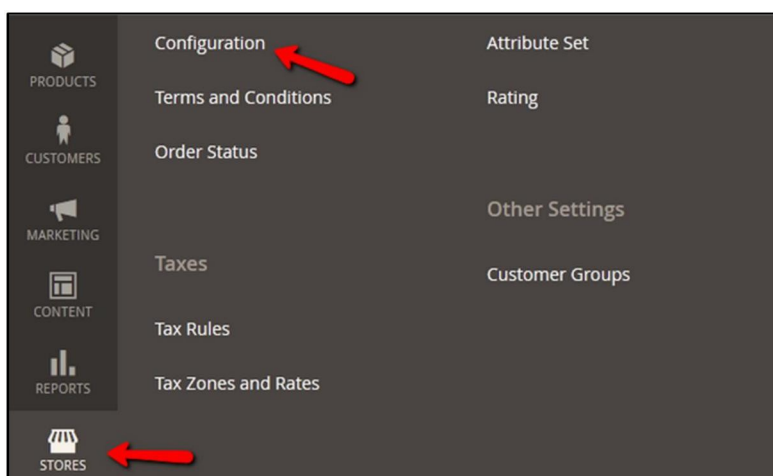
Email Template – From here you can select the template of the email. You can create new Email Templates by going to **Marketing>Email Templates**.



Click on the **Save Config** button to apply the changes.

1.3 Enabling SEF URL's (Search Engine Friendly)

Search Engines will crawl your website in order to index all of your Store's content and products. To make this process more efficient you can optimize your Magento 2 website by enabling Search Engine Friendly URLs (SEF URLs). This will also make your URLs easier to read by your customers and on websites when they are being shared. Usually this feature is enabled by default, but if you are not seeing the URLs as they should be you will have to re-enable it. To activate the SEF URLs for your Store, you will need to first login to your admin dashboard and then navigate to the **Stores>Configuration>Web** section.



Now simply select **Yes** from the drop-down menu on the **Use Web Server Rewrites** option.

Search Engine Optimization	
Use Web Server Rewrites	<div>Yes</div> <div>Yes</div> <div>No</div>

Magento uses the Apache mod_rewrite to create the SEF URLs. If your Magento store is installed in the root of your domain (**http://domain.com**) you will not have to perform any changes in this file. However, if your Magento store is located under a subdirectory (**http://domainc.om/magento/**) you will need to edit the .htaccess file by changing the following line:

```
#RewriteBase /magento/
```

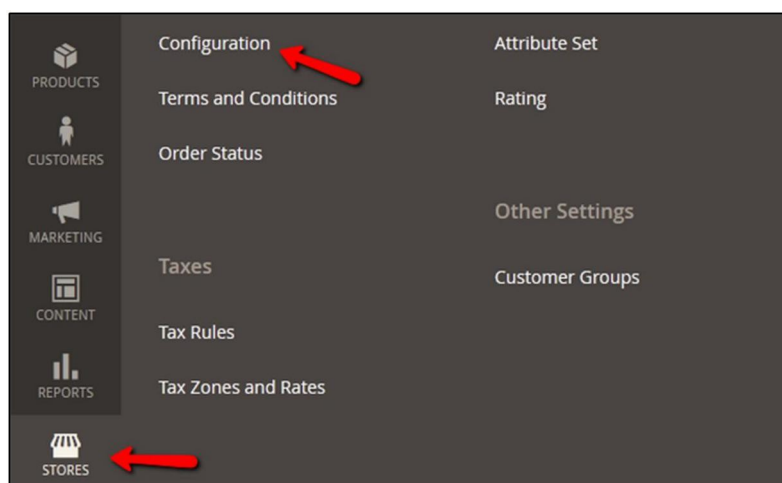
to

```
RewriteBase /your-magento2-folder-here/
```

1. 4 Enabling SSL


The SSL protection of online stores has become standard procedure in the e-commerce field. Not only that it will add security for your visitors during they sign up, but also protect their credit card and personal information by encrypting it. Having an SSL activated for your Store will also attract more clients as your business gains credibility.

FastComet **Magento 2 Hosting** E-Commerce package is specially optimized to provide fast and secure hosting environment for all Magento features and comes with **Free GlobalSign SSL Certificate**.



After you have the SSL installed on your domain, you will need to enable it via the Magento 2 admin dashboard by navigating to the **Stores>Configuration>Web** section.

Now select the Base URL (Secure) and edit the first field **Secure Base URL** by changing **http://** to **https://**



Base URLs

Base URLs (Secure)

Any of the fields allow fully qualified URLs that end with '/' (slash) e.g. https://example.com/magento

Secure Base URL

Specify URL or {{base_url}}, or {{unsecure_base_url}} placeholder.

If you wish to make the entire Store's front-end to open only via HTTPS, set **Use Secure URLs on Storefront** to **Yes**. Note that this might have negative impact on your website's performance as it will load every element via https instead only the sensitive information.

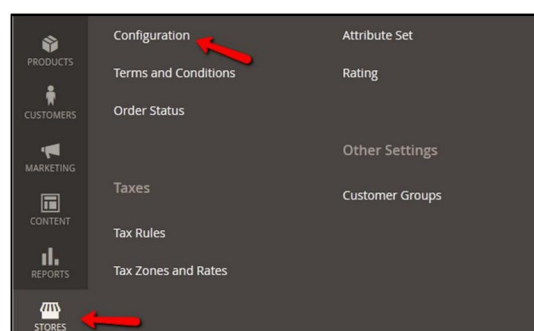
Use Secure URLs on Storefront ▼
Enter https protocol to use Secure URLs on Storefront.

Use Secure URLs in Admin ▼
Enter https protocol to use Secure URLs in Admin.

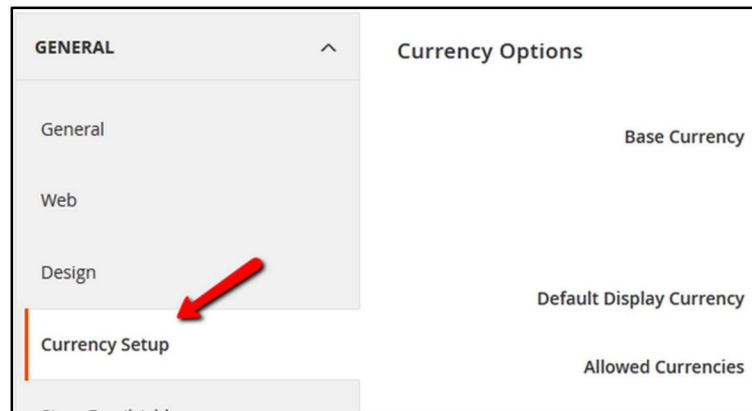
To secure the Admin area of your Store with SSL, set the **Use Secure URLs in Admin** option to **Yes**.

1. 5. Currency Setup

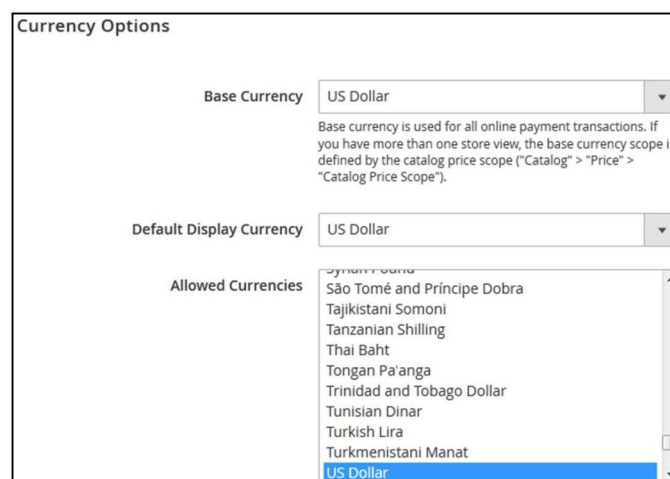
Changing the currencies for your Magento 2.0 Store is easy as you will not need to add a new currency and configure its value, symbol and shortcode. You will simply need to login to your admin dashboard and navigate to the **Stores>Configure** section from the main admin panel.



Now access the **General>Currency Setup** section.



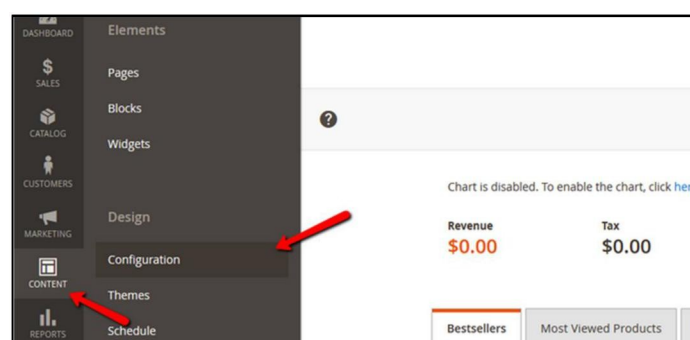
Here, you will be able to change the **Base** and **Default** currencies for your Store from a list of pre-defined currencies.



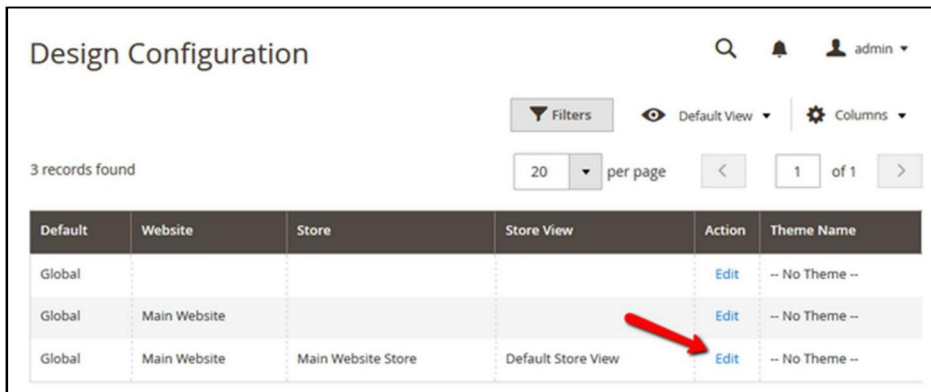
1.6. Design Settings

With Magento's version 2.1 changes some of the design options have switched menus inside the Admin Dashboard, so due to a request from our users, how to find the design settings and use them to change your website's favicon, logo and footer copyright message among other things.

The first thing you will need to do is to log in your admin area inside your Magento website. Afterwards, navigate to **CONTENT -> Configuration**.



Now select the store and level on which you wish to edit the design by clicking on the **Edit** action.



Design Configuration

3 records found

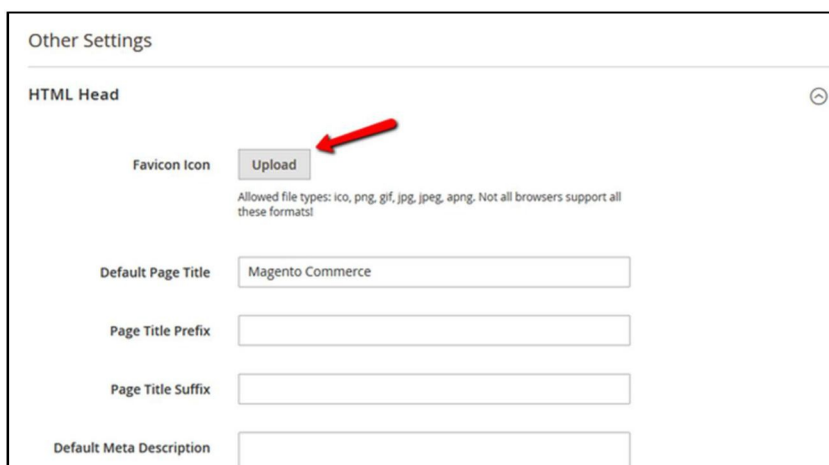
20 per page 1 of 1

Default	Website	Store	Store View	Action	Theme Name
Global				Edit	-- No Theme --
Global	Main Website			Edit	-- No Theme --
Global	Main Website	Main Website Store	Default Store View	Edit	-- No Theme --

Theme Warning

Note that some of these settings may not apply unless you choose the applied theme (if a custom one is applied at the moment).

Select the **Other Settings** submenu and expand the **HTML Head** option.



Other Settings

HTML Head

Favicon Icon

Allowed file types: ico, png, gif, jpg, jpeg, apng. Not all browsers support all these formats!

Default Page Title

Page Title Prefix

Page Title Suffix

Default Meta Description

Here you will be able to add your favicon. Due note that Magento supports the following file types for favicon: .ico, .png, .apng, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .svg. and while not all browsers support all these formats the most used and well known format for a favicon is the .ico.

The other important option here is the Default Title. This title will be used for any page that does not have a specific Title predefined for it. The prefix and suffix options can be to add a certain word phrase before or after all page titles in bulk.

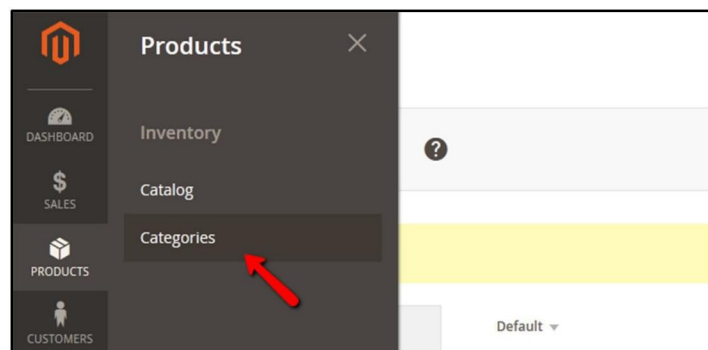
To add a new Logo for your Store, expand the **Header** option which is right below the **HTML Head** one. The allowed formats are .png, .gif, .jpg and .jpeg.

Unit -2: Product and Category Management

2.1 Products and Categories

Product categories to better sort the content of your Store and improve the user experience, as searching for specific products by the customers will become much easier.

Magento 2 comes with a default root category but you can create your own and name it as you like. To do that, you will first need to login to the admin dashboard of your Magento 2 and navigate to **Products>Categories**.



We have already created a root category for Men's Clothes so let us create one for Women as well:

Name – The Name of the category

Is Active – Activate/Deactivate the category

URL Key – The URL leading to this directory

Description – A short description of the category and what it contains

 A screenshot of the 'New Root Category' form in the Magento 2 admin dashboard. The form has a title bar 'New Root Category' and four tabs: 'General Information', 'Display Settings', 'Custom Design', and 'Category Products'. The 'General Information' tab is selected. On the left side of the form, there is a tree view showing the category hierarchy: 'Default Category (0)', 'Men's Clothes (1)', 'T-Shirts (0)', and 'Trousers (0)'. The main form area contains the following fields:

- Name**: A text input field containing 'Women's Clothes'.
- Is Active**: A dropdown menu set to 'Yes'.
- URL Key**: A text input field containing 'women'.
- Description**: A rich text editor containing the text 'Women's Clothes and Shoes'.

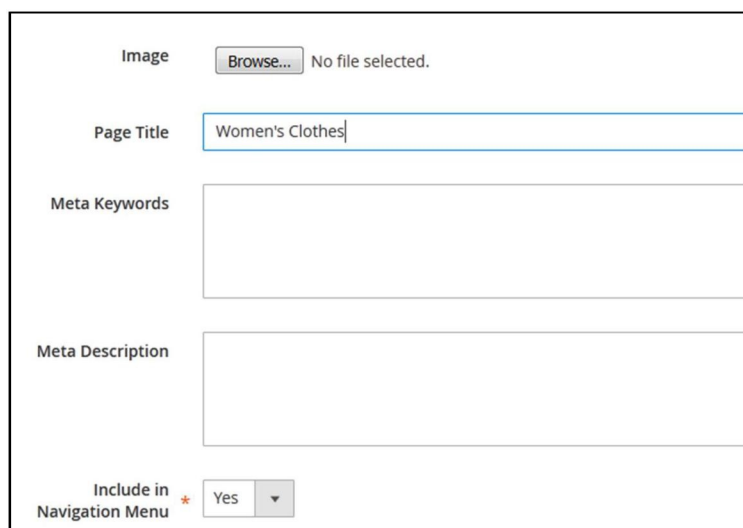
Image – Here you can choose and image for the category

Page Title – The title of the page that will show on your browser's tab

Meta Keywords – Used by search engines to index the category’s page

Meta Description – This description will help search engines to better understand the content of the category

Include in Navigation Menu – If you have more than 1 root categories you will need to set this to **Yes**.



The screenshot shows a form for editing a category. It includes the following fields and controls:

- Image:** A button labeled "Browse..." and the text "No file selected."
- Page Title:** A text input field containing "Women's Clothes".
- Meta Keywords:** A large empty text area.
- Meta Description:** A large empty text area.
- Include in Navigation Menu:** A dropdown menu with "Yes" selected and a small red asterisk icon.

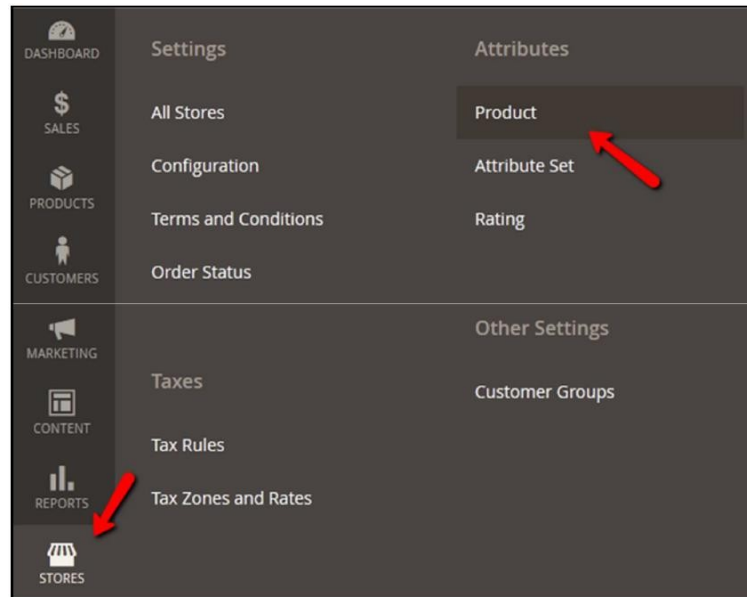
When you are ready, click on the **Save Category** button to apply the changes and create the category. To create a subcategory for the new root category, simply select the root category and click on the **Add Subcategory** button.

2.2 Attributes

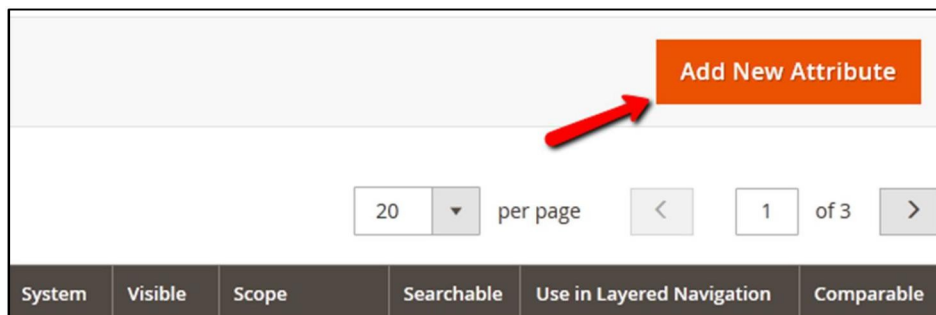
Setup your products’ attributes. Attributes are an important part of your product catalog as each of them can help potential customers with choosing a certain product that corresponds to their needs. Users will also be able to search and compare products based on their attributes.

Your Magento 2 store includes predefined attributes such as Name, Price, and Description, that can be used for any product. In addition to these, you can create new custom attributes to help your clients with their choice.

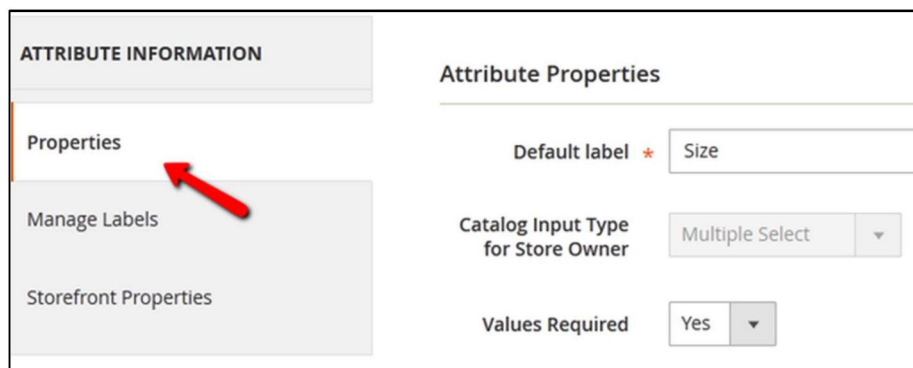
To create a new attribute login to your website’s admin dashboard and navigate to the **Stores>Attributes>Product** section of Store



This will open the list of all attributes currently available on store. To create a new one click on the big orange **Add New Attribute** button.



Now you will be able to configure the attribute.



We will configure a **“Size”** attribute which will require multiple selections from the different sizes.

Manage Options (values of your attribute)

	Is Default	Default Store View	Admin	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="S"/>	<input type="text" value="S"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="L"/>	<input type="text" value="L"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="XL"/>	<input type="text" value="XL"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

In the Advanced Attribute Properties you can setup:

Attribute Code – The name of the attribute that will be used by the system

Scope – allows you to declare the attribute value saving scope like

Website - the value of this attribute for a product can be different in different Websites but have to stay the same between Store Views contained under the same Website.

Store View - the value of this attribute for a product can be different in all Websites and all Store Views

Website - the value of this attribute for a product can be different in different Websites but have to stay the same between Store Views contained under the same Website

Global - the value of this attribute for a product must be the same for all websites and stores

Advanced Attribute Properties

Attribute Code
This is used internally. Make sure you don't use spaces or more than 30 symbols.

Scope
Declare attribute value saving scope

Unique Value
Not shared with other products

Input Validation for Store Owner

Add to Column Options
Select "Yes" to add this attribute to the list of column options in the product grid.

Use in Filter Options
Select "Yes" to add this attribute to the list of filter options in the product grid.

Unique Value – Set this to **Yes**, if you want the data saved in this attribute to be unique for each product. If you have different products made of the same material or having the same feature, leave this to **No**

Input Validation for Store Owner – If you want to validate the data before applying changes to the attribute, select **Yes**

Add to Column Options – To add this attribute to the list of column options please select **Yes**

Use in Filter Options – If you set this to **Yes** the attribute will be added to the list of filter options

From the menu on the left, click on the **Storefront Properties** tab to configure the frontend behavior of the attribute.

Storefront Properties

Use in Search: Yes

Search Weight: 1

Visible in Advanced Search: Yes

Comparable on Storefront: No

Use in Layered Navigation: No
Can be used only with catalog input type Dropdown, Multiple Select and Price

Use in Search Results Layered Navigation: No
Can be used only with catalog input type Dropdown, Multiple Select and Price

To save your new attribute click on the **Save Attribute** button on the top right corner of your screen. This will bring you back to the attributes list page on which you should see your new attribute.

Header

Logo Image: Upload
Allowed file types: png, gif, jpg, jpeg.

Logo Attribute Width: [Text Field]

Logo Attribute Height: [Text Field]

Welcome Text: Welcome Aboard! Use Default Value

Logo Image Alt: [Text Field]

Now you can add/change the logo, configure its width and height as well as add a Welcome Message for your store and alternative text for the logo so search engines can crawl it correctly.

The screenshot shows the 'Footer' configuration window in Magento. It has a title bar 'Footer' and a close button. Inside, there are two sections: 'Miscellaneous HTML' and 'Copyright'. The 'Miscellaneous HTML' section has a text area with a placeholder and a note: 'This will be displayed just before the body closing tag.' The 'Copyright' section has a text area containing the default text: 'Copyright © 2013-2017 Magento, Inc. All rights reserved.'

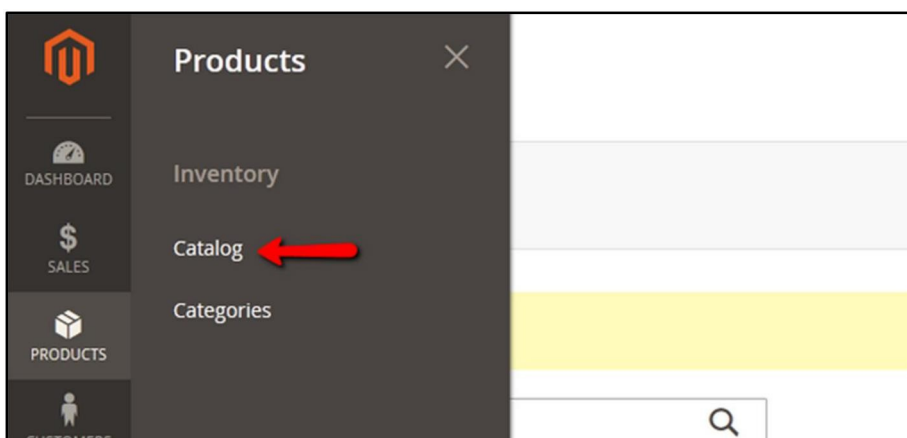
With this you can substitute the default Magento copyright message or any custom one that may appear with a theme you have enabled with your company's.

Don't forget to click the **Save Configuration** option in the upper right corner to save the changes you just made and Flush your Magento Cache if caching is enabled.

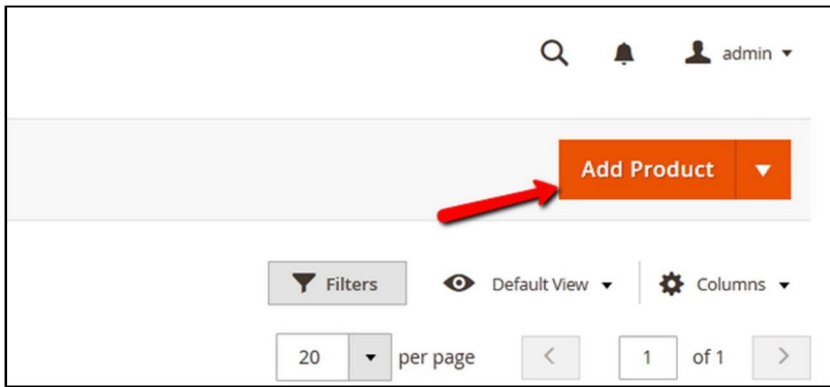
2.3 Add Products

As with all stores, you will need to populate yours with products and configure each one of them. The process is seamless and easy to be completed by anyone.

To add a new product, please access your admin area and navigate to the **Products>Catalog** from the main admin panel. If you still haven't created a Category.



Click on the big orange **Add Product** button to start configuring a new Product.



Now you will be able to configure:

Name – The name of the product

SKU – The Stock keeping Unit of the product (for tracking the inventory of your store)

Price – The price value of the product

Tax Class – The Tax Class for the product

Images and Videos – Select an image/video representing the product

 A screenshot of a 'Product Details' form. It contains the following fields:

- Name**: A text input field containing 'Black Trousers'.
- SKU**: A text input field containing 'BT1932'.
- Price**: A text input field containing '\$ 75'.
- Tax Class**: A dropdown menu with 'Taxable Goods' selected.
- Images and Videos**: A section with a dashed border containing a thumbnail image of black trousers and a button with a camera icon and the text 'Click here or drag and drop to add images.'.

Quantity – The amount of quantity currently in stock

Weight – The weight of the product (for shipping purposes)

Categories – The exact category you wish to place this product in

Description – A short description regarding the features of the product

The screenshot shows a Magento product form with the following fields and values:

- Quantity:** 40
- In Stock:** (dropdown menu)
- Weight:** Does this have a weight?
☒ Yes
☐ No
 0.3 lbs
- Categories:** Men's Clothes x, Trousers x
 start typing to search category
 New Category button
- Description:**
 Rich text editor with content: Black Men's Elegant Trousers

You should think about the Search Engine Optimization (SEO) of your new product. If you click on the corresponding tab from the menu bar on the left you will be presented with:

URL Key – This will be the end of the URL when your product is being accessed (<http://example.com/magento/URLkey>). If not filled, it will be automatically created from the product name

Meta Title – Specifies the title of the web page appearing on the browser

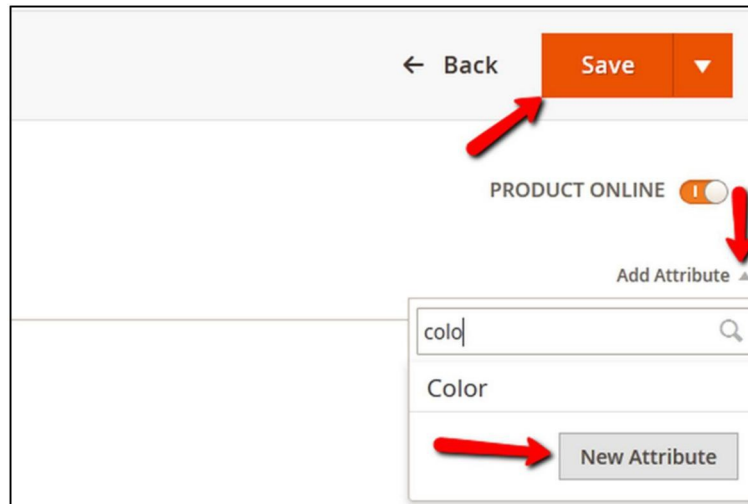
Meta Keywords – These keywords will help the search engines with indexing your product page

Meta Description – Describes the content of the product page to the search engines

The screenshot shows the 'Search Engine Optimization' section with the following fields and values:

- URL Key:** (empty text box)
- Meta Title:** Black Trousers
- Meta Keywords:** Black Trousers
- Meta Description:** Black Trousers <p>Black Men's Elegant Trousers</p>
 Maximum 255 chars

Before you add the product, you can add a new attribute by clicking on the Add Attribute button.



When you are done, click on the **Save** button to finalize the product creation process.

2.4 Reviews and Ratings:

To manage your product's reviews and ratings:

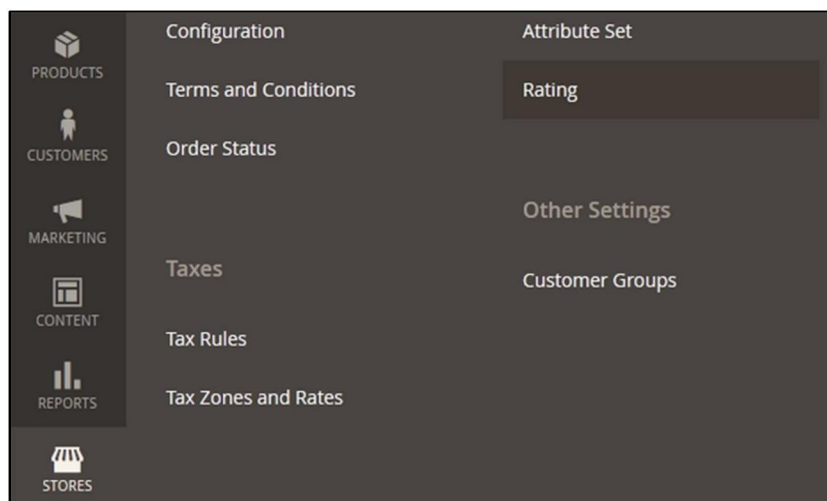
Step 1: Add a new Rating Criteria

Step 2: Add a new Review

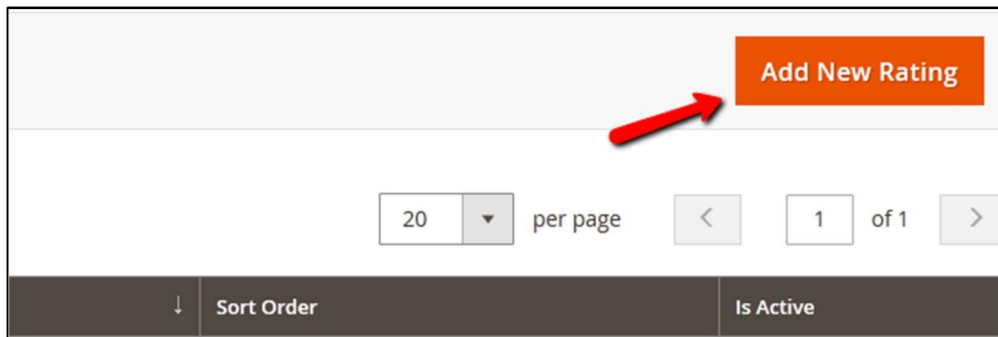
Step 1 Add a new Rating Criteria

Let us add a new Rating Criteria for our store called **Delivery**. With it the customers will be able to rate the delivery service that we offer when submitting a review.

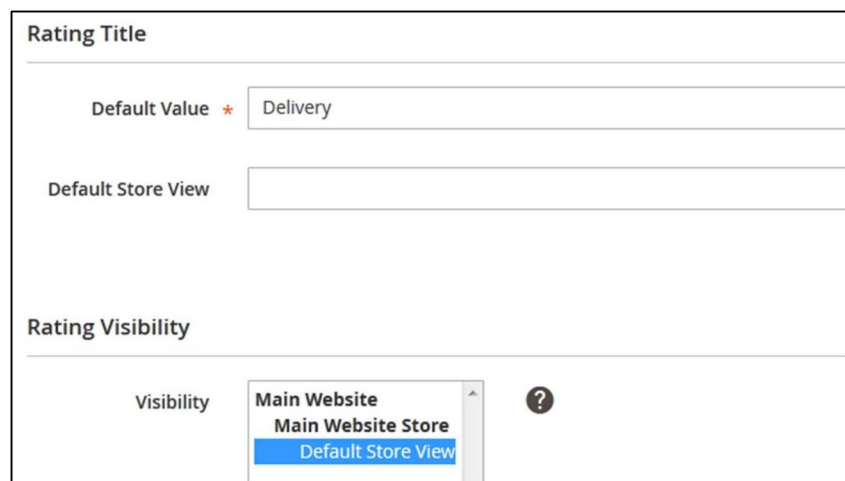
Login to your store's admin dashboard and navigate to **Stores>Rating** from the main admin panel.



Click on the **Add New Rating** button.



We will name the **Default Value** – Delivery and set the visibility to **Default Store View**. We will also checkmark the new rating as **Active** and set the **Sort Order** to 3 as we have some existing Rating Values



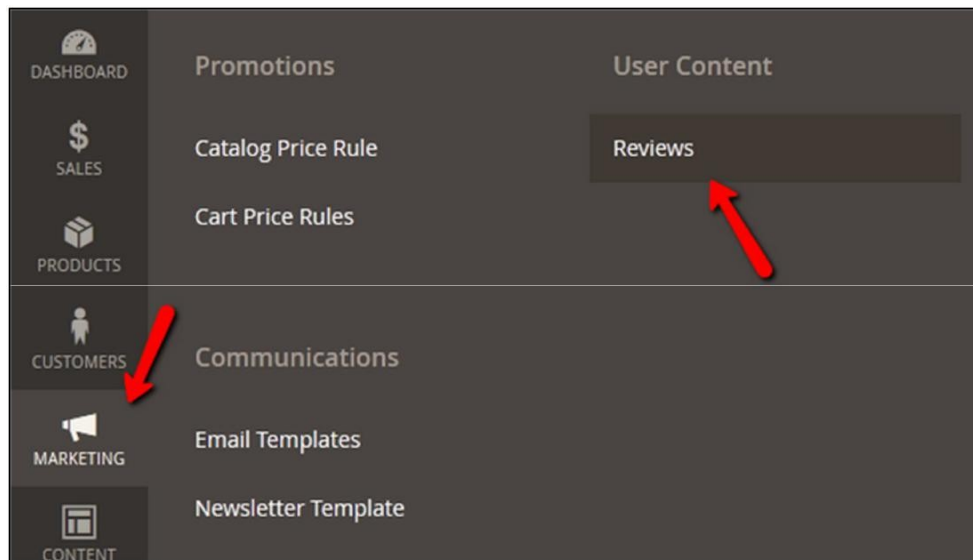
Attention

If the predefined criteria seem active but are not showing in the review submission process, you will need to set their visibility to **Default Store View** and click **Save Rating** to save and apply the setting).

When you are ready, click on the **Save Rating** button to add the new Value.

Step 2 Add a new Review

To add a new Product Review, you will need to navigate to the **Marketing>Reviews** section of your admin panel.



Here you can manually add a new Review (if you have received such via some other communication method like email or on your store's Facebook page) or select from the user submitted reviews and make them visible on your website. To do the second, select a review and click its **edit** button.

Status	Title	Nickname	Review	Visibility	Type	Product	SKU	Action
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Pending	Good Product	Test	Very nice material and fit	Main Website Main Website Store Default Store View	Customer	T-Shirt	TS287	Edit

Here you will see the review details that include the Product which is being reviewed, the author of the review with its account and email, the Ratings and Status which you can change to approved in order to add the review.

Review Details

Product

T-Shirt

Author

Test User (test@test.com)

Summary Rating

Rating isn't Available

Detailed Rating

Price

★★★★★

Value

★★★★☆

Quality

★★★★★

Delivery

★★★★☆

Status

Approved

▼

Below the status drop-down menu you will also see the Nickname of the author, the summary of review and the review itself.

Nickname *	Test
Summary of Review *	Good Product
Review *	Very nice material and fit

You can edit all of those fields and you should do so to remove any grammatical or spelling mistakes so the review looks better on your website's front-end.

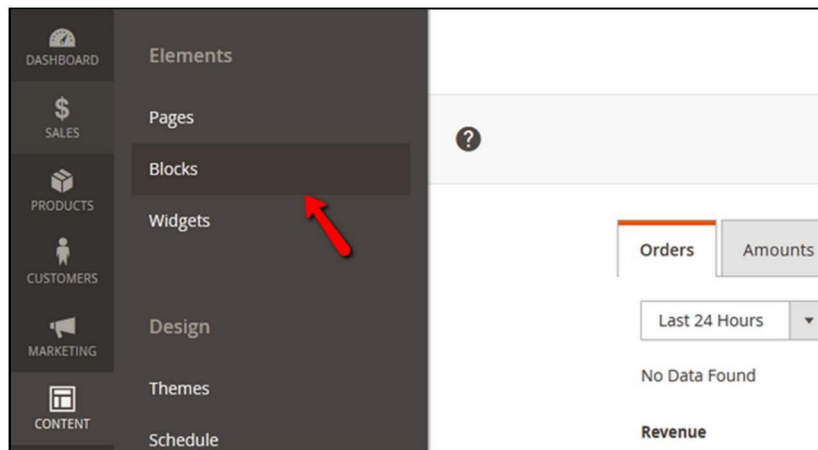
Click the **Save Review** button to add the review. This will make it visible on the front-end in the Reviews tab below the product.

Details	Reviews (1)									
<p>Customer Reviews</p> <p>Good Product</p> <table> <tr> <td>Price</td> <td>★★★★★</td> <td rowspan="4">Very nice material and fit By Test 11/26/15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Value</td> <td>★★★★☆</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quality</td> <td>★★★★★</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Delivery</td> <td>★★★★☆</td> </tr> </table>		Price	★★★★★	Very nice material and fit By Test 11/26/15	Value	★★★★☆	Quality	★★★★★	Delivery	★★★★☆
Price	★★★★★	Very nice material and fit By Test 11/26/15								
Value	★★★★☆									
Quality	★★★★★									
Delivery	★★★★☆									

2.5 Display product in front page

Most users find it difficult to display the products they have added on the home page of their store. How to add a widget for your products and feature them on your home page?

You will have to first login as an administrator to your Magento 2 based store's back end and navigate to **Content>Pages**.



Here you will see a list of your store's pages and by clicking on the **Select** option you will be able to **Edit** your home page.

ID ↓	Title	URL Key	Layout	Store View	Status	Created	Modified	Action
1	404 Not Found	no-route	2 columns with right bar	All Store Views	Enabled	Nov 23, 2015 6:14:11 PM	Nov 23, 2015 6:14:11 PM	Select ▼
2	Welcome	home	3 columns	All Store Views	Enabled	Nov 23, 2015 6:14:11 PM	Nov 25, 2015 6:02:24 AM	Select ▲
3	Enable Cookies	enable-cookies	1 column	All Store Views	Enabled	Nov 23, 2015 6:14:11 PM	Nov 23, 2015 6:14:11 PM	<div> Edit Delete Preview </div>

In the **Page Information** tab, you can select a **Title**, **URL**, store view and Status of the page.

Page Information

Page Title *

Welcome

URL Key

home

Relative to Web Site Base URL

Store View *

All Store Views

Main Website

Main Website Store

Default Store View

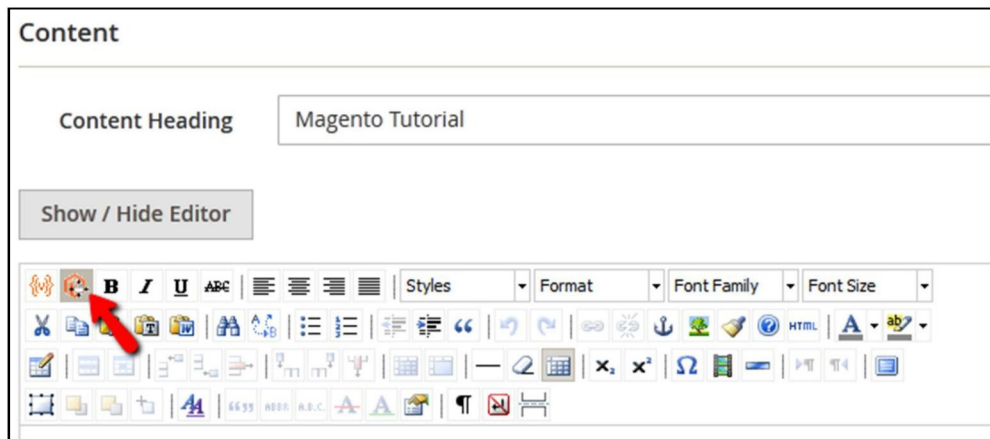
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Status *

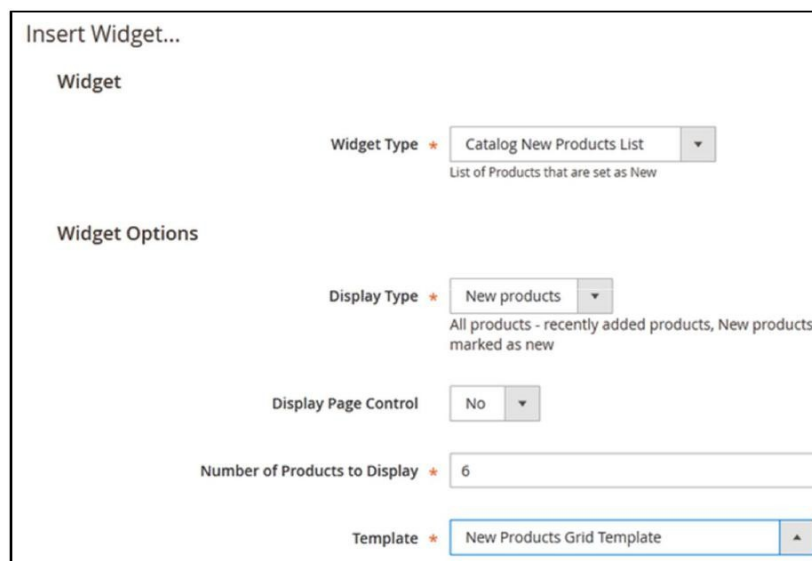
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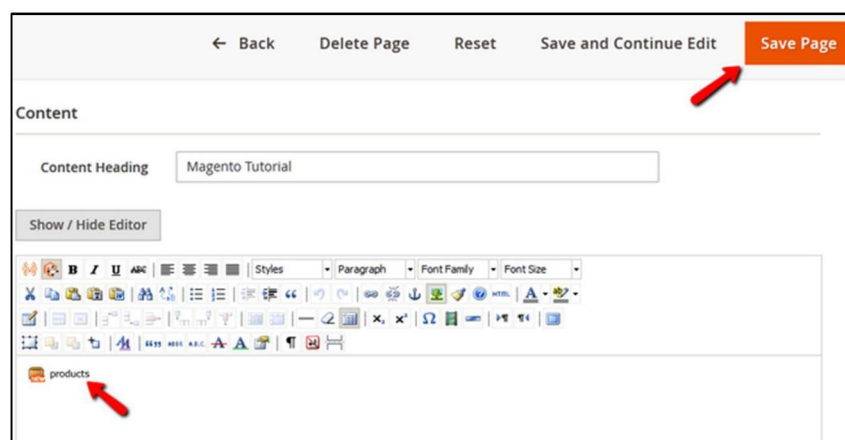
Click on the **Content** tab and click on the insert widget button to add a widget for this page.



Now you will be able to choose one of the widget types available. We chose **Catalog New product List** to feature the newest products from the catalog on the main page. You will also be able to select the number of products on the screen as well as the exact way they are being displayed.



When you are ready get back to the **Content** tab by clicking on the **Insert Widget** button and then click the **Save Page** button to apply the changes to the page.



2.6 CMS (Content Management System)

The Content Management System (CMS) of your Magento 2 Store is used for creating new pages, blocks and widgets. You can combine those 3 elements to create custom static pages that display parts of your catalog or other useful to the customer information.

To effectively use the Magento 2 CMS, you will need to:

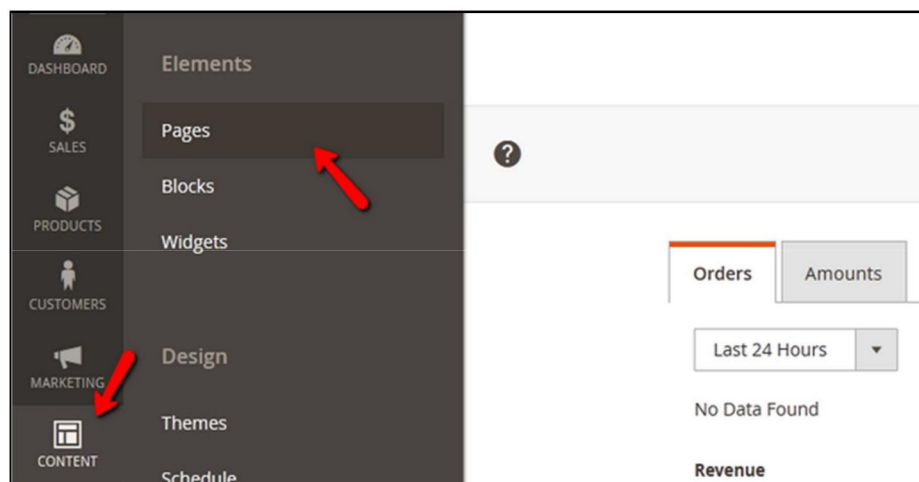
Step 1: Add a new Page

Step 2: Add a new Block

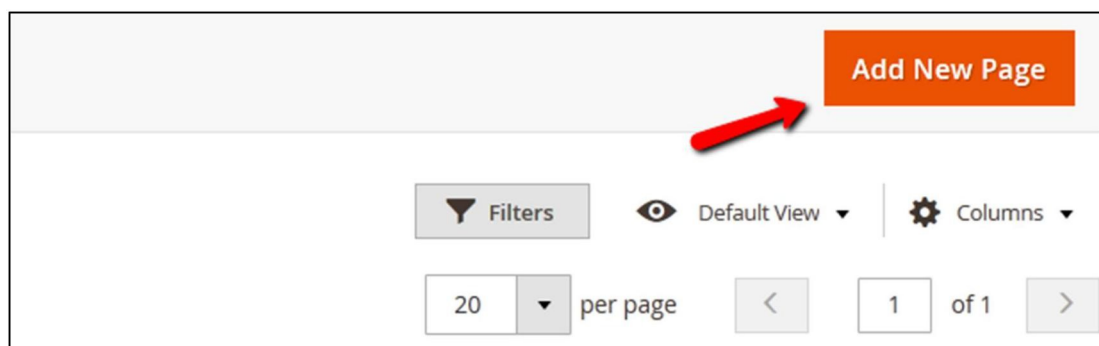
Step 3: Add a new Widget

Step 1 Add a new Page

To create a new Page for your Magento 2 Store, you will need to login to your admin area and navigate to the **Content>Pages** section.



Here you will see all of your Store's pages. Click on the **Add New Page** button.



Now you can Name the page and set a custom URL for it. You can also choose on which store it can be viewed and set its status to enabled or disabled (hidden).

In the content tab you can add the heading for the page and the content plus any widget you wish to be displayed on this page.

When you are ready with the configuration of the page, click on the **Save Page** button to create it.

Now you can add this new page on any other by using a link widget. For example if you want to add this page as a link on the home page, you will need to get into your Home Page's edit menu, select the content tab and click on the **insert widget** button.

Insert Widget...

Widget

Widget Type * CMS Page Link
Link to a CMS Page

Widget Options

Anchor Custom Text About Us
If empty, the Page Title will be used

Anchor Custom Title about-us

Template CMS Page Link Inline Template

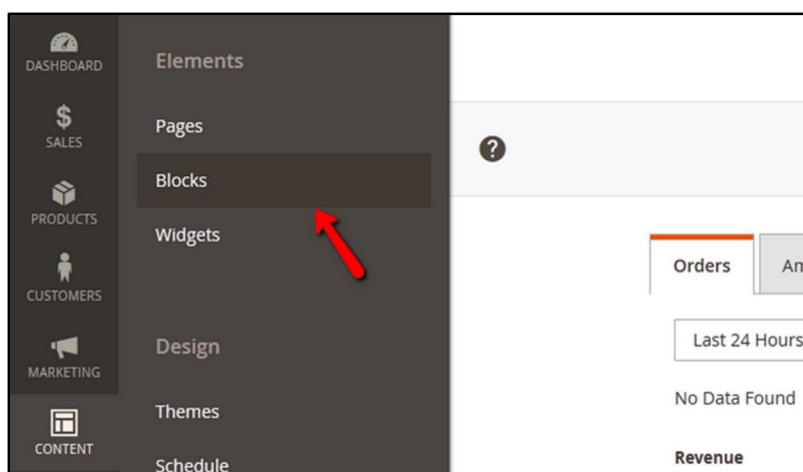
CMS Page * About Us

Select Page...

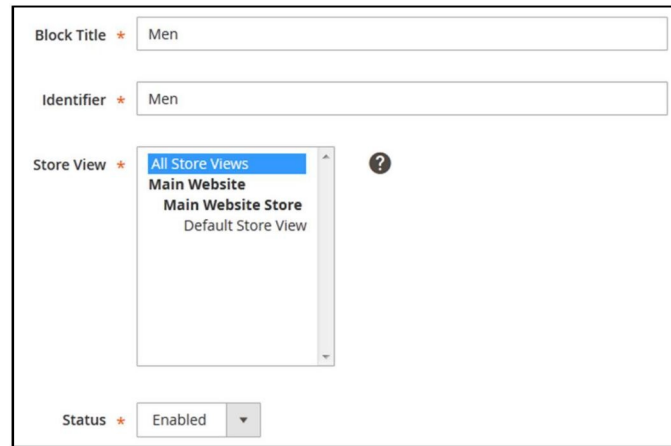
After you have configured and inserted the widget, don't forget to also save the page and refresh the page cache if necessary.

Step 2 Add a new Block

Blocs can be used to separate different categories of your products when featuring them on your home page. To create a new block you will need to navigate to **Content>Blocks**.



Let us add a new block by clicking on the **Add New Block** button and again you will have to configure the new element.



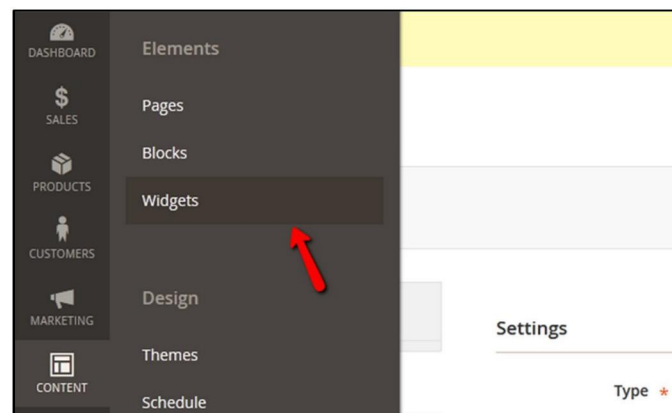
The screenshot shows the 'Block' configuration form in Magento 2. It includes the following fields:

- Block Title ***: A text input field containing 'Men'.
- Identifier ***: A text input field containing 'Men'.
- Store View ***: A dropdown menu with the following options: 'All Store Views' (highlighted in blue), 'Main Website', 'Main Website Store', and 'Default Store View'. A question mark icon is visible to the right of the dropdown.
- Status ***: A dropdown menu with 'Enabled' selected.

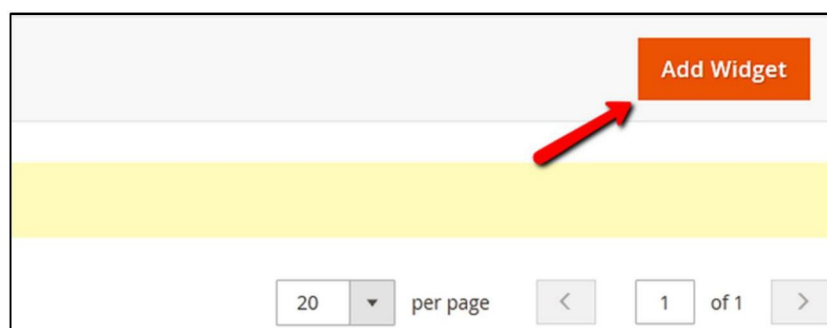
From the options you have, the most important is the identifier as it can be used later for implementing this block into a page via the code of the page. When you are done, click on the **Save Block** button to create the block.

Step 3 Add a new Widget

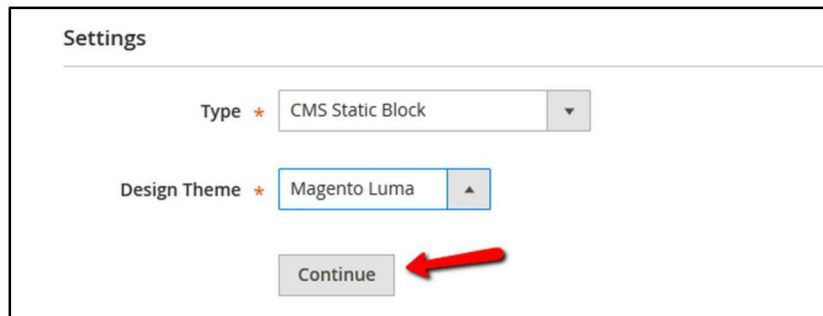
To access the widget management page you will need to navigate to **Content>Widgets** from your admin dashboard.



Now you will need to click on the **Add Widget** button.



Now you will need to select the type of widget and theme for it. Click on the **Continue** button to proceed to the storefront settings.



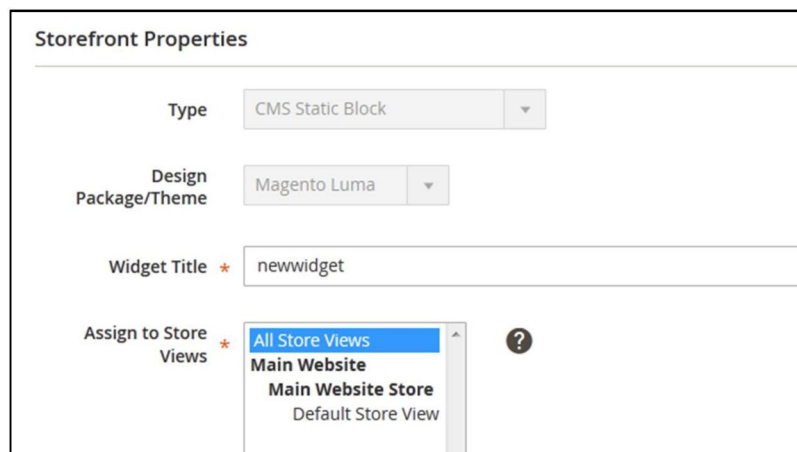
Settings

Type * CMS Static Block ▼

Design Theme * Magento Luma ▲

Continue

Now you can set a **Title** and **Store View** for the widget while the **Type** and **Theme** are now locked and grayed out from editing.



Storefront Properties

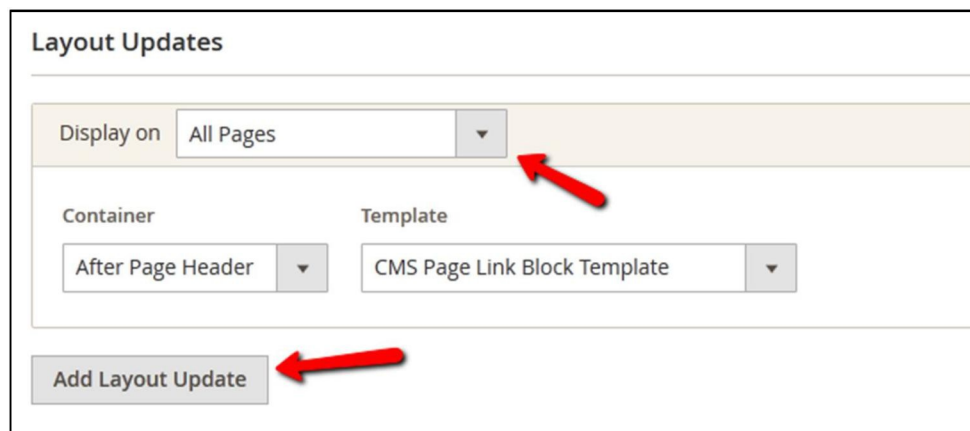
Type CMS Static Block ▼

Design Package/Theme Magento Luma ▼

Widget Title * newwidget

Assign to Store Views *
All Store Views
Main Website
Main Website Store
Default Store View

You can also select a layout for the widget as shown on the storefront.



Layout Updates

Display on All Pages ▼

Container After Page Header ▼

Template CMS Page Link Block Template ▼

Add Layout Update