OpenCart Free Product Comments

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Pre-installation steps

If you are using a custom theme and/or a renamed admin folder, you will need to perform a few steps before installing the extension:

1. Extract the archive with the extension locally. The folder will be called productcomments/

2. If you are using a renamed admin folder in your store:

   - Rename productcomments/upload/admin/ to productcomments/upload/youradminfoldername/

   - Modify the following line in productcomments/upload/vqmod/xml/productcomments.xml:

     <!ENTITY adminFolder "admin"> to <!ENTITY adminFolder "youradminfoldername">

   - Edit the $_['pc_admin'] variable in the language file for the correct admin url in notification emails

3. If you are using a custom theme in your store:

   - Copy productcomments/catalog/view/theme/default/ to productcomments/catalog/view/theme/yourthemename/

   - Modify the following line in productcomments/upload/vqmod/xml/productcomments.xml:

     <!ENTITY themeFolder "default"> to <!ENTITY themeFolder "yourthemename">

These steps ensure that the files will be copied to the correct folders during installation. When adapting the extension for your theme, you can now modify the files in your newly created folder and keep the original files intact as a fallback should you decide to switch themes.

Note: this extension might not work for some custom themes out of the box.

Installation

1. Download and install the latest version of vQmod from http://vqmod.com/. Make sure it gets installed correctly and is functional before proceeding.

2. Recursively copy all files and folders from the upload/ directory to your OpenCart installation.

3. Install the module via Admin → Extensions → Modules → [ffct.cc] Free Product Comments

4. You can now configure and start using the extension.

Multiple Languages

If you are using multiple languages in your store, perform the following step after installation:

- Copy the following folders to the corresponding language folders in your store and translate them accordingly:

  catalog/language/english/productcomments/

  admin/language/english/module/productcomments/

  E.g. depending on your language pack, your new German translations might be located in:

  catalog/language/de_DE/productcomments/

  admin/language/de_DE/module/productcomments/

Upgrading

General upgrade guide

- Make sure to backup your data. This includes the extension files you might have modified (templates, translations, any other standard files).

- Copy the files and folders from the upload/ directory to your OpenCart installation directory.

- Go to the extension settings screen, configure any new options that may have been added and save the settings.

- If you had modified the original template or translation files, you might need to merge your changes manually.

Configuration

General Settings
Notification email

New comment notification emails will be sent to this address.

Allow guest comments
If enabled, unregistered visitors will be able to post comments.

Enforce customer data
If enabled, registered customers will not be able to use custom name/email when posting comments.

Enable customer captcha
If enabled, captcha will be displayed for registered customers. This setting doesn't affect captcha for guests, which is always enabled.

Maximum comment length
Maximum comment length for the front office in symbols. Set to zero for no restriction.

Comments per page
Number of comments per page displayed in front office. Set to zero to display all comments on one page.

Usage

The extension lets customers post comments about products, which are then displayed in a separate tab on the product page. Store owner can modify, hide and delete comments.

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Changelog

2.1 (2013-02-04)

Fixed admin url in notification emails

2.0 (2012-12-21)

Extension is now free
Rewritten and split templates
Changed the way pagination works
Added various options

Moved JavaScript out of the templates

1.2 (2011-12-19)

Fixed multiple languages bug in backend
Comments are now fetched via AJAX
Moved styles to a separate file

1.1 (2011-10-19)

Name and email fields are filled in for logged in users
Captcha is disabled for logged in users

1.0 (2011-10-13)

Initial release