



# **LiteCommerce Bestsellers Module**

**Version 2.5**

**Reference Manual**

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## Introduction

LiteCommerce **Bestsellers add-on module** automatically generates the list of your online store's best selling products and displays it in the Customer Zone. When your store visitors browse the online catalog, they can see which products are the most popular among your customers. Inside each particular category of the catalog only products pertinent to that category appear in the '**Bestsellers**' list. The appearance of the list can be configured in a number of ways.

This manual will guide you through **Bestsellers add-on module** installation and setup procedures.

## Administrator Zone

This section contains information on:

- [installing the LiteCommerce Bestsellers add-on module;](#)
- [configuring the module.](#)

## Installing the Module

To successfully install and run **Bestsellers add-on module** Version 2.5 at your online store, **LiteCommerce shopping cart software version 2.1 Service Pack 1** or later is required.

Select the 'Modules' section in the 'Settings' menu of the Administrator Zone. The list of currently installed modules will appear. To install a module (**Bestsellers** in this case) click on the '**Browse...**' button, select the module's **.tar** file and click on the '**Install**' button to add the module to your store setup (Figure 1).

Admin menu :: Modules

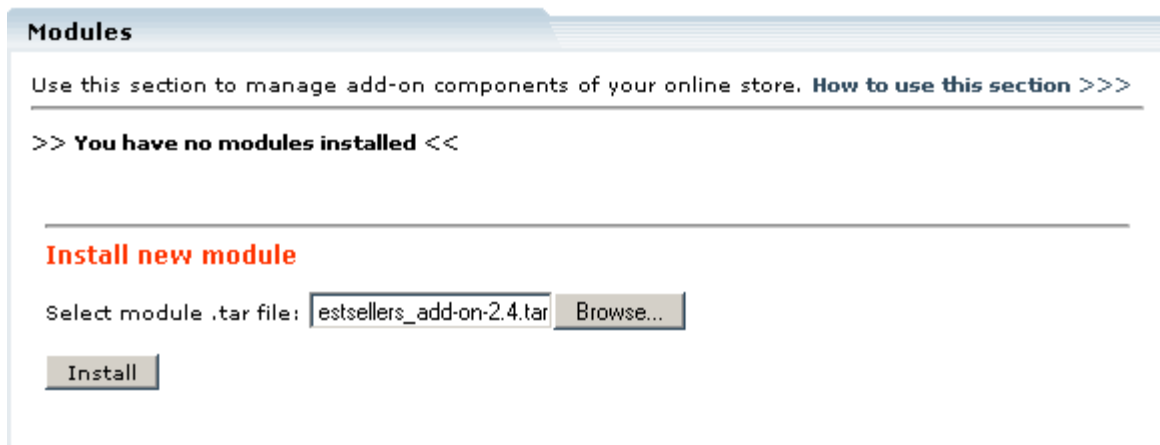


Figure 1: New module installation

After the successful installation the '**Bestsellers**' module will appear in the list (Figure 2); it will be activated automatically.

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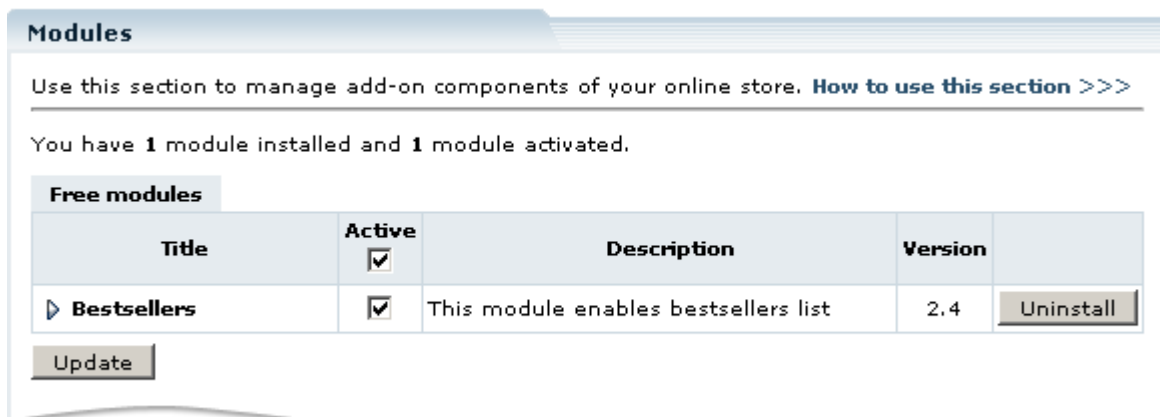


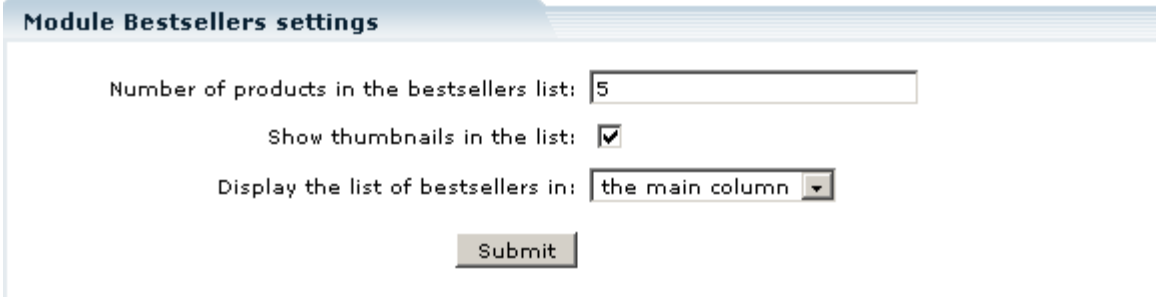
Figure 2: Bestsellers module installed

To deactivate the module, unselect the '**Active**' check box against the name of the module and click on the '**Update**' button. To completely uninstall the module, click on the '**Uninstall**' button.

## Configuring the Module

After you have successfully installed the **Bestsellers module**, click on the '**Bestsellers**' module link to enter the module's settings page (Figure 3).

Admin menu :: Modules :: Bestsellers settings



**Module Bestsellers settings**

Number of products in the bestsellers list:

Show thumbnails in the list:

Display the list of bestsellers in:

Figure 3: Configuring Bestsellers module settings

The module has the following options:

- **Number of products in the bestsellers list** - a numeric value; setting this value to zero disables the list of best selling products.
- **Show thumbnails in the list** - this setting only applies if the next options is set to '*the main column*' value. Place a checkmark here to enable thumbnails in the bestsellers list.
- **Display the list of bestsellers in** - select from '*the main column*' and '*a side box*' options.

Adjust these parameters according to your preferences and click on the '**Submit**' button to save the changes.

## Customer Zone

This section illustrates how the features introduced by the **Bestsellers add-on module** affect the Customer Zone of your online store.

Every time the store visitor accesses the storefront, the module examines the store database and displays the list of best selling products. Only products included into orders with the *'Complete'* and *'Processed'* status are considered. The presentation of the list depends on the design skin in use and the module's preferences we set in the ["Configuring the Module"](#) section. In Figure 4 the bestsellers are displayed in a side box of a store which uses the 3-column modern design skin.



Figure 4: Bestseller side box displayed in a 3-column design

The side box will appear on the right side in case of the 2-column design (Figure 5).

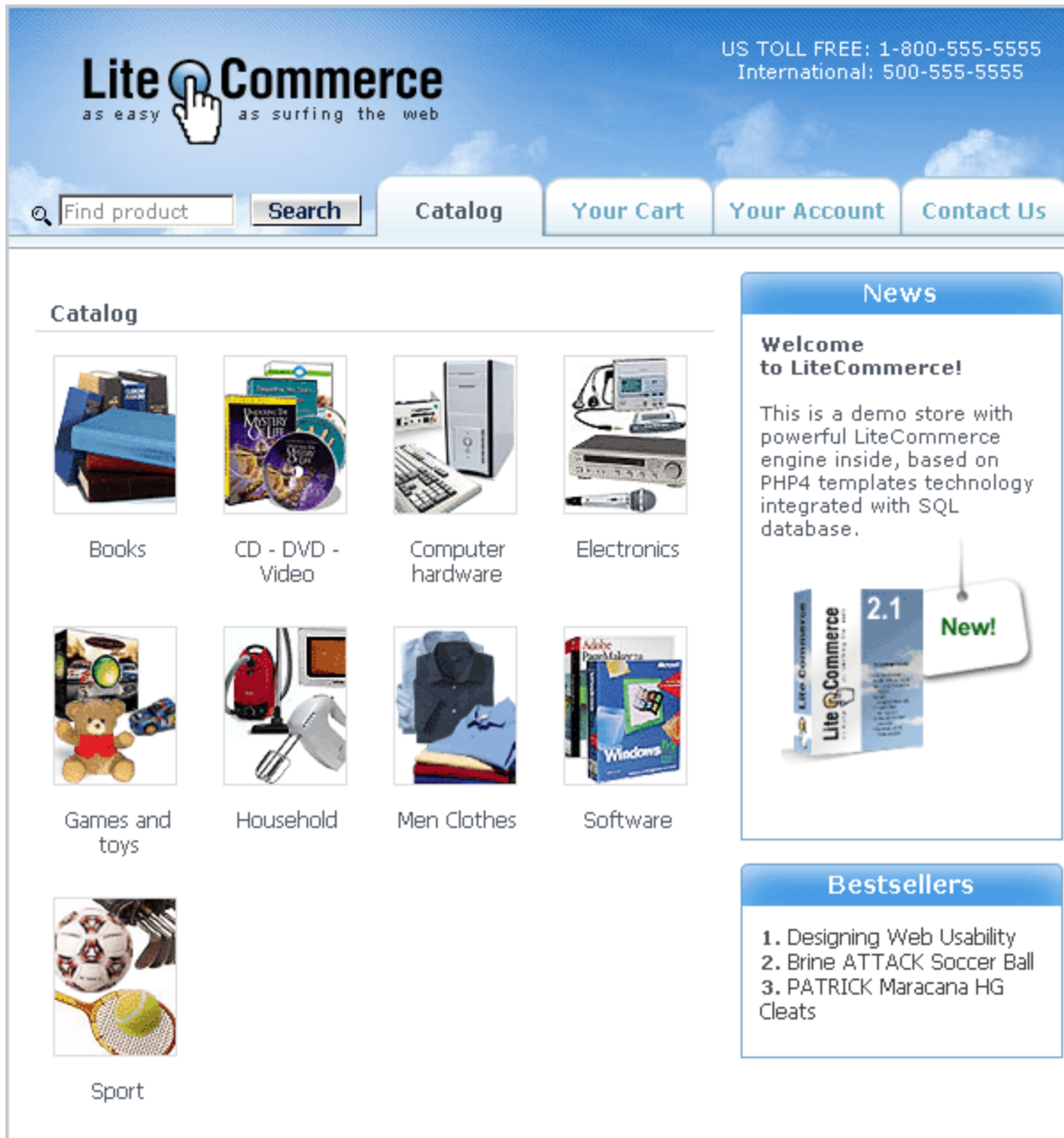


Figure 5: Bestseller side box displayed in a 2-column design

The Bestsellers list will appear under the list of categories in the main column in case of the 2-column design (Figure 6).

The screenshot displays the LiteCommerce demo store interface. At the top, the LiteCommerce logo is on the left, and contact information (US TOLL FREE: 1-800-555-5555, International: 500-555-5555) is on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with a search box labeled "Find product" and a "Search" button, followed by buttons for "Catalog", "Your Cart", "Your Account", and "Contact Us".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Catalog" and features a grid of product categories, each with a representative image and a label: Clothing & Fashion (brown shoes), Gifts & Presents (clock and gift), Hobbies & Leisure (daisy and tennis racket), Software (CD-ROM case), Electronics (PDA), and Kitchen & houseware (yellow mug). Below this grid is a "Bestsellers" section listing five items with their respective icons and prices:

- Beatles "Vintage Logo" T-shirt, Price: \$ 16.88
- 14k Bold Pear Citrine Drop Earrings in Solid Gold, Price: \$ 149.00
- Yamaha EG-112PR Electric Guitar Kit, Price: \$ 219.00
- Champion 100 Cotton Gym Short, Price: \$ 8.56
- Nike Air Trainer Lite, Price: \$ 30.00

The right column is titled "News" and contains a "Welcome to LiteCommerce!" message. The text states: "This is a demo store with powerful LiteCommerce engine inside, based on PHP4 templates technology integrated with SQL database." Below the text is an image of a LiteCommerce 2.2 software box with a "New!" tag.

Figure 6: Bestsellers list displayed in the main column in 2-column design.

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## Terms and Definitions

**Add-on module:** a software component which integrates flawlessly into LiteCommerce software and brings additional functionality to an online store.

**Administrator:** a registered online store user with administrative access rights who performs administrative tasks at the store including configuring, operating and maintaining all of its components.

**Customer:** registered store user; registered users have access to additional store who can login, place orders, update and delete his/her own profile.

**Shopping cart:** a software component that operates on an online store, keeping track of all items that a shopper wants to purchase, allowing the shopper to pay for the whole order at once.

**Storefront:** the front page of your online store.

**User:** any person who accesses the online store through the Customer Zone. A user can be registered (**Customer**) or unregistered (**Visitor**).

**Visitor:** unregistered store user.