



# LiteCommerce HTML Catalog Module

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Reference Manual

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## Introduction

LiteCommerce **HTML Catalog** add-on module helps you make your site more search engine-friendly by generating HTML versions of the Customer Zone pages. Modern search engines give lower priority to script built pages than to plain HTML pages, HTML catalog will help you to avoid this disadvantage. Customer will browse your HTML catalog, but when he decides to add a product to cart, do search etc. he will be automatically redirected to script version of the cart.

HTML catalog will be located in 'catalog' directory under LiteCommerce directory, you can access HTML catalog via the following URL: [http://www.example.com/your\\_store/catalog/index.html](http://www.example.com/your_store/catalog/index.html).

# 1. Administrator Zone

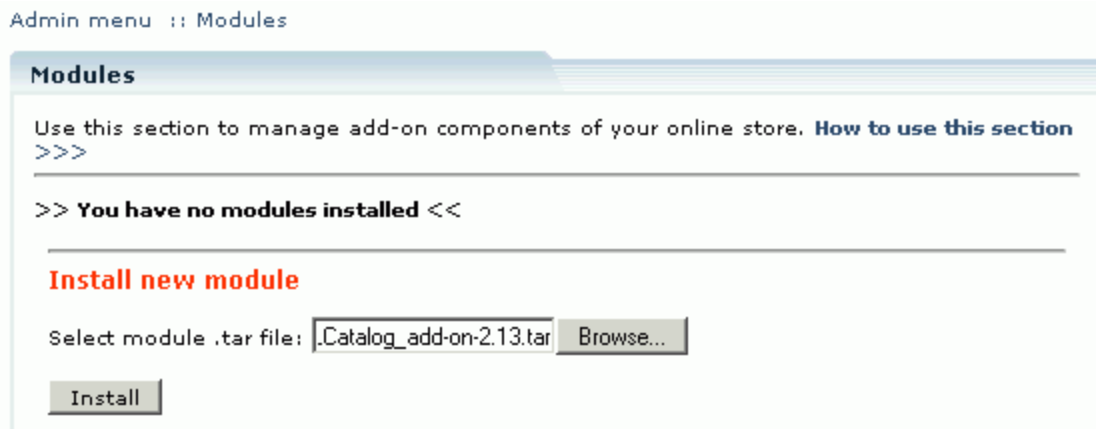
This section contains information about:

- [installing the HTML Catalog add-on module](#);
- [configuring the module](#);
- [operating the module](#).

## 1.1 Installing the Module

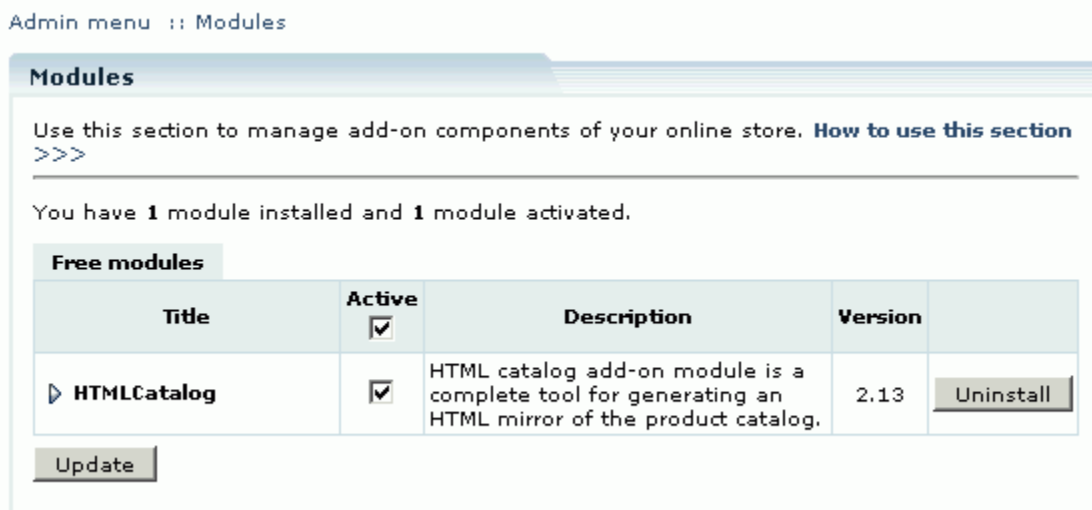
To successfully install **HTML Catalog** add-on module your shopping system requires LiteCommerce shopping cart software version 2.x to be installed at your online store.

Select the 'Modules' section in the 'Settings' menu of the Administrator Zone. The list of currently installed modules will appear. To install a module (**HTML Catalog** in our 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.



'**HTML Catalog**' module will appear in the list of the installed modules; it will be activated automatically.

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




## 1.2 Configuring the Module

After you have successfully installed the **HTML Catalog** add-on module, click on the '**HTML Catalog**' module link to enter the module's settings page.

[Admin menu](#) :: Modules :: HTMLCatalog settings

### Module HTMLCatalog settings



Use this page to configure the "HTMLCatalog" module settings. Complete the required fields below and press the "Update" button.

Drop old catalog pages before building a new catalog:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build HTML pages for category:	All
Build HTML pages for:	Subcategories and products
Number of pages per one pass:	20
Show memory usage diagnostics:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Category file name format (*):	category_%cid_%cname%cpage.html
Category page substring format (*):	_page_%page
Product file name format (*):	product_%pid_%pname_cat_%cid.html

The following settings are available:

- Select '**Drop old catalog pages before building a new catalog**' option to delete the old version of the HTML catalog.

If you have the **AutoUpdateCatalog** module activated, please pay special attention to setting the '**Drop old catalog pages before building a new catalog**' option. **AutoUpdateCatalog** module updates only HTML catalog pages of the products which have been modified, leaving all the other pages untouched. If the 'Drop old catalog' option is disabled in the **HTML Catalog** module settings, the new pages are added to the existing catalog.

**Note:** If you disable a category or a product in your store and update the HTML catalog, the page(s) of the disabled products will remain in the catalog unless the 'Drop old catalog' option is enabled in the **HTML Catalog** module settings. So even when a product is disabled and the HTML Catalog is updated, a user can visit the disabled product page (for example, if it has been bookmarked).

For more information about the operation of the **AutoUpdateCatalog** add-on module please refer to the corresponding reference manual.

- Select 'All' or the category name in the '**Build HTML pages for category:**' option field to create the catalog for all or selected categories.
- '**Build HTML pages for:**' subcategories and products, subcategories only or products only.
- Set the '**Number of pages per one pass:**' option to 5-20 pages per one pass to decrease the memory load. If your hosting allows, this meaning can be increased to 50 or 100 pages.
- Select '**Show memory usage diagnostics**' option to see how much the memory is used. In the following picture the number in the parentheses (3,70 Mb) denotes the amount of memory used.

Continue building static HTML catalog, please wait ..

category [CD - DVD - Video ...](#) [OK] (3.70 Mb used)

If you're not redirected automatically, [click on this link to build the next page ...](#)

- Enter the category file name, category page and product file name formats in the corresponding fields. To do this you can use following variables in the name format fields:
  - **%cid** - category ID
  - **%cname** - category name
  - **%page** - category page
  - **%cpage** - category page substring
  - **%pid** - product ID
  - **%pname** - product name
  - **%psku** - product SKU

## 1.3 Operating the Module

To create an HTML Catalog of your store, select the 'HTML Catalog' section of the 'Catalog' menu.

Admin menu :: HTML Catalog

### HTML catalog

This section is used to build HTML version of LiteCommerce customer interface. HTML catalog can make your site search engine friendly. Modern search engines give lower priority to script built pages than to plain HTML pages, HTML catalog will help you to avoid this disadvantage. Customer will browse your HTML catalog, but when he decides to add product to cart, do search etc. he will be automatically redirected to script version of the cart.

HTML catalog will be located in 'catalog' directory under LiteCommerce directory, you can access HTML catalog via URL:

<http://www.example.com/litecommerce/catalog/index.html>

For UNIX users, make sure that 'catalog' directory has world writable permissions (go to LiteCommerce directory and issue the following command: `chmod 0777 catalog`), after building catalog do not forget to set permissions back to 0755.

**Note:** HTML catalog is a set of static pages, it does not reflect changes in your database, so when you add new products, change pricing etc., do not forget to refresh your catalog (build it again) or install AutoUpdateCatalog module.

▶ **Build catalog**

▶ **Remove/Clear catalog**

### HTML Catalog settings

To generate static HTML pages of the HTML catalog click on the 'Build catalog' link .

When all the pages are generated, you are redirected to the same page and see the following message:

>> **HTML catalog has been successfully built** <<

To delete all the static HTML pages click on the 'Remove/Clear catalog' link. The following message is displayed when the pages are deleted:

>> **HTML catalog was removed** <<

## 2. Customer Zone

The **HTML Catalog** add-on module does not affect the look and feel of the customer zone. Static HTML pages, which your customers will browse, look just the same. Only when they decide to add a product to cart, do search etc. they will be automatically redirected to the script version of the cart.

## Terms and Definitions

**Administrator:** a 'super-user' of the online store system who is privileged to configure the entire store and manage products, customers and orders;

**Administrator zone:** an administrator back office where the store Admin can configure, control and monitor store operations, enable or configure various features of the store;

**Customer:** a registered store user;

**Customer zone:** an area at the online store where store customers can manage their profiles and review their orders;

**HTML Catalog** - a set of static HTML versions of the script-generated pages of your site.

**User:** anyone who visits the online store.