

Countdown

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Extension page: <http://ecommerce.aheadworks.com/magento-extensions/countdown.html>

The Countdown Magento extension displays the countdown block on the home page, product page or any CMS page of your Magento store.

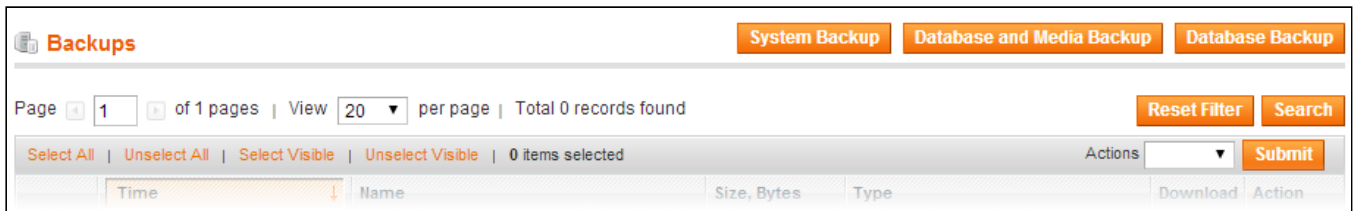
Installation

1. Backup your web directory and store database.

[Click to view details](#)

You can make backup copies with any tool you find appropriate

If you are going to use the native Magento backup function, navigate to **System -> Tools -> Backups** and perform **System** and **Database** backups



2. Log in to the Magento backend

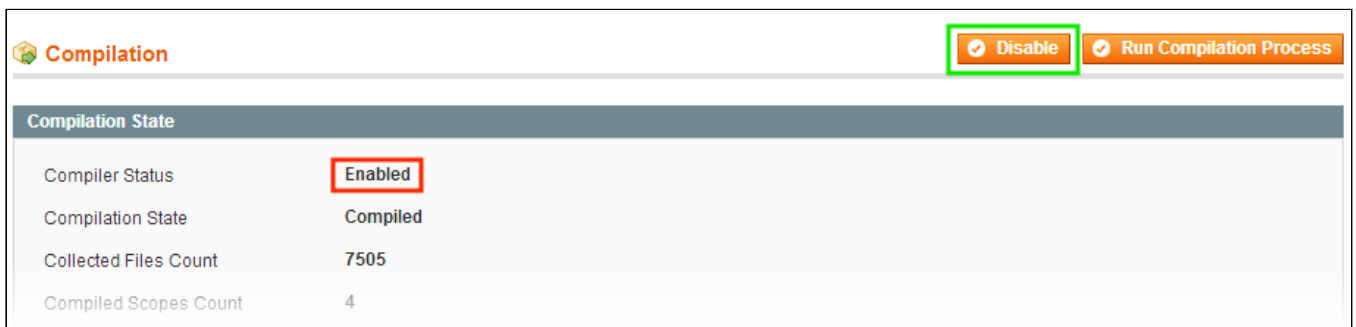
3. Disable compilation

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Navigate to **System -> Tools -> Compilation**.

If Compiler status is Disabled, you can skip to the next step

If Compiler is enabled, disable it.



IMPORTANT: after the extension is installed, you can enable the compilation again; **IT IS CRUCIAL** that you use "Run Compilation Process" function, not just "Enable button"

Compilation Enable Run Compilation Process

Compilation State	
Compiler Status	Disabled
Compilation State	Compiled
Collected Files Count	7505
Compiled Scopes Count	4

Installing an extension with the Compilation enabled will result in store downtime.

4. Flush store cache

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You can flush the store cache in 2 ways:

- **via the backend:**

Navigate to **System -> Cache Management** menu, and click **Flush Magento Cache** button

Cache Storage Management Flush Magento Cache Flush Cache Storage

Select All | Unselect All | Select Visible | Unselect Visible | 0 items selected Actions Refresh Submit

Cache Type	Description	Associated Tags	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Configuration	System(config.xml, local.xml) and modules configuration files(config.xml).	CONFIG	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Layouts	Layout building instructions.	LAYOUT_GENERAL_CACHE_TAG	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Blocks HTML output	Page blocks HTML.	BLOCK_HTML	ENABLED

- **via filesystem:**

On your server, navigate to Magento root folder, then proceed to **/var/cache/**; delete all the content there.

5. Download the extension package from your account and extract the downloaded archive

6. Copy the content of **/Step_1/** folder to your store's root directory

If you are using a custom theme,
read the instructions [here](#).

In case you are using a custom theme, it is recommended to copy the design files to your current theme's folders. In case there are several themes in use at the same store, the design files must be copied to each of them.

- Find this folder in the package: `/step_1/app/design/frontend/base/default/`; copy its content to `/app/design/frontend/[your_package]/[your_theme]/`
- Find this folder in the package: `/step_1/skin/frontend/base/default/`; copy its content to `/skin/frontend/[your_package]/[your_theme]/`

7. Copy the content of **/Step_2/** folder to your store's root directory

8. Flush store cache again; log out from the backend and log in again.

Set up Cron

Countdowns need to be launched by cron for starting / ending. If you have already configured cron jobs for your Magento installation, you can skip this step.

Read the following instructions on setting cron job for your Magento store: [Magento user guide](#)

Generally, it would be enough to run in SSH console of your server:

```
crontab -e
```

And insert the following line:

```
*/3 * * * * wget 'http://your-store/cron.php'
```

Don't forget to confirm saving request when exit.

Configuration

The extension is configured on per-instance basis, i.e., the settings are defined for each of the timer blocks separately.

You can create new and manage the existent timers in **Promotions -> Countdown Timers** backend page.

Create/ Edit Timer screen

[General](#) | [Design](#) | [Automation](#) | [Triggers](#) | [Recurring](#)

General tab

In this tab, you are to define the basic timer parameters.

- **Name** - defines the timer identifier for backend
- **Status** - activates / deactivates the rule
- **From/To** - these fields define the lifetime of the countdown timer block;
- **Store view** - allows selecting the storeview(s) the timer will appear on
- **Customer Groups** - defines what customer groups the timer will be displayed for
- **After click on timer, customer will be redirected to** - you can specify the redirect URL here
- **Priority** - defines the priority of the timer block. The lower value is, the more priority a timer has. *I.e., if there are several blocks that are to be rendered in the same position, the block with **lower** Priority value will be displayed*

The screenshot shows the 'General' configuration tab for a timer. The fields are as follows:

- Name ***: sample-timer
- Status**: Enabled
- From: ***: 03/5/14 10:31 AM
- To: ***: 03/31/14 10:31 AM
- Store view ***: All Store Views, Main Website, Main Website Store, English
- Customer Groups ***: NOT LOGGED IN, General, Wholesale, Retailer
- After click on timer, customer will be redirected to:** (empty field)
- Priority**: 0

A note at the bottom indicates: ▲ for timers with non-product page positions

Design tab

In this tab, you can configure the design of the timer instance.

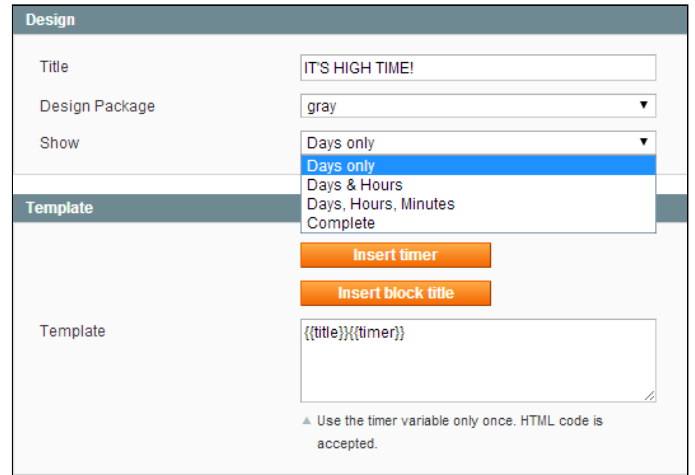
Design section

- **Title** - the frontend title of the timer
- **Design package** - you can select the preferred package here

- **Show** - this selector allows choosing between 4 variants of time representation. The available values are:
 - *Days only*
 - *Days and Hours*
 - *Days, Hours, Minutes*
 - *Complete (D / H / M / Seconds)*

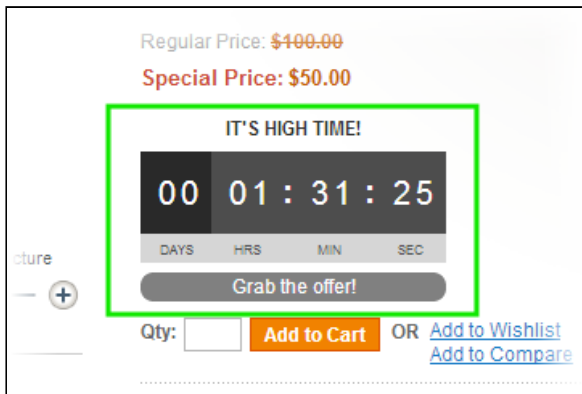
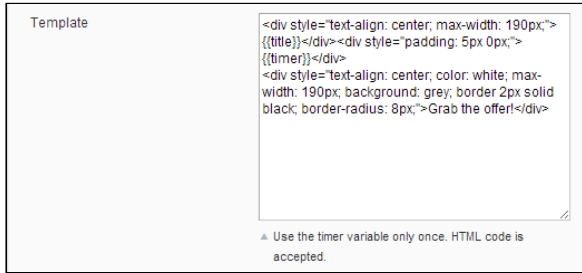
Template section

In the Template field, you can insert HTML code and formatting



What can I do with this field?

Via the Template field, you can append extra content to the timer block.



Automation tab

Through this tab, you can automate the timer displaying.

Products subselection section:

Here, you can define the conditions for the products the timer will be applied to. The conditions are based on product attributes.

Automation section:

- **Show for selected products** - defines the timer position
 - *Inside product page* - the timer will automatically appear in the product page

- *Custom* - requires inserting the timer instance manually, as a widget
- **Disable selected products when countdown is over** - works for all the products that meet the conditions set in Product Subselection section above
- **Enable selected products on countdown start** - works for all the products that meet the conditions set in Product Subselection section above

If you are going to use "enable / disable product" options
 Make sure to set the conditions in the **Product Subselection** section. Otherwise, these options will affect all the store items

"Enable / Disable product" options have "website" scope. It means that if they are enabled, *Priority* and *Customer Groups* set for the timer are ignored. As for the *Store view* selector, the functions will apply for the whole website an assigned Storeview can be associated with.

Products subselection

If **ALL** of these order conditions are **TRUE**

SKU is one of sku-1, sku-2, sku-8, sku-9

Automation

Show for selected products * Inside product page

Disable selected products when countdown is over: No

Enable selected products on countdown start: No

Be careful with enable and disable options. Note, if you haven't specified any conditions for the timer, turning these options on will enable or disable ALL the products at your store

Triggers tab

The extension can be used to trigger (i.e., switch on or off) existent Shopping Cart or Catalog Price rules. This function is configured through this tab.

Triggers + Add Trigger

On: countdown start Enable Catalog Rule select -10% if name consists DIGITAL BOOK Remove

On: countdown end Disable Catalog Rule select -10% if name consists DIGITAL BOOK Remove

Note, you can create several triggers for each countdown start/end. Triggers are executed by cron.

Recurring tab

Since 1.1.0 version, the Countdown extension allows setting up recurring timers. I.e., the timer blocks will appear according to the specified schedule.

There are 3 modes:

- **Type = "Every day"**

The timer will be displayed every day for **From-To** interval

Include Weekdays field allows restricting the timer to certain weekdays .

Recurring

Status Enabled

Type * Every day

From: 07 : 00 : 00

To: 12 : 00 : 00

Include Weekdays

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

- **Type = "Every X day(s)"**

The timer will be reset every X days (defined in **Day Range** field), at a time set in the **To** field.

Click here to view example...

Recurring

Status: Enabled

Type *: Every X day(s)

Day Range *: 5

To: 18 : 00 : 00

In this example the Countdown block timer will be reset every five days at 18:00 store time.

Recurring

Status: Enabled

Type *: Every X day(s)

Day Range *: 5

To: 19 : 00 : 00

- **Type** = "Every defined day"

The timer will be displayed on the specified **Day of Month**, since 00:00 until **To** time of the target date.

Recurring

Status: Enabled

Type *: Every defined day

Day of Month *: 1

To: 19 : 00 : 00

Creating Design Packages

The Countdown extension comes with 3 ready-made packages, but you can also create your own ones per instructions below.

1. Create a directory in *skin/frontend/default/default/aw_countdown* (use your store's values), e.g. **"mypackage"**
2. In this new directory, create **timer.css** or copy this file from any default package and edit it.

Use your package name as postfix in CSS rules.

Example:

```
.aw_countdown_timer_container_mypackage{
  text-decoration:none;
  color: #000;
}
```

3. Go to the add/edit countdown page in the backend. The created package will appear in the *Design Package* dropdown of the *Design* tab.

Inserting the timer block

Countdown timers can be inserted either automatically (if **Show for Selected Products** option is set to *"Inside product page"*) or manually, as per instructions below.

Using CMS or Widget

Open the static block or CMS page you want countdown block to be displayed at and insert block as widget. Also you can use the following text in the content field:

```
{{block type="awcountdown/countdown" countdownid="8"}}
```

where **countdownid** is the ID of the countdown that will be inserted

Inserting via XML Layout

You can insert countdown in any position via XML Layout

```
<block type="awcountdown/countdown" name="awcountdown">
  <action method="setCountdownid"><countdownid>1</countdownid></action>
</block>
```

where **countdownid** is the ID of the countdown that will be inserted

Inserting product timers into Category View page

Since version 1.1.0, the Countdown extension allows inserting timer boxes into the products listed under a category.

To display the timers like that, make sure to set Display Automatically to "Inside Product Page".

Then, navigate to your FTP and open the following

file **app/design/frontend/<your_package>/<your_theme>/template/catalog/product/list.phtml** .

To show the timers in **List mode** for **RWD Theme**:

- find the below code string

```
<div class="desc std">
```

- insert the below code BEFORE this string

```
<?php echo $this->getLayout()->createBlock('awcountdown/countdown')->setProductId($pr
```

To show the timers in **List mode** for **default theme**:

- find the below code string

```
<ul class="add-to-links">
```

- insert the below code BEFORE this string

```
<?php echo $this->getLayout()->createBlock('awcountdown/countdown')->setProductId($pr
```

To show the timers in **Grid mode**:

- find the below code string

```
<div class="actions">
```

- insert the below code BEFORE this string

```
<?php echo $this->getLayout()->createBlock('awcountdown/countdown')->setProductId($_pr
```

In case you would like to show timers in both modes, you will need to do both adjustments as well

Logging and Statistics

All notifications about starting/ending triggers are saved in AW Core log. You can see this log here: **System > Configuration > Info (aheadWorks Extensions section) > aheadWorks extensions logging (group) > View Log (button)**

The number of executed triggers is also saved here.

Uninstallation

If you just need to temporary disable the extension, you can just do the steps 1-5, without deleting the files of the extension.

- Disable compilation, in case it is enabled.
- Login to your FTP, navigate to **app/etc/modules/**
- Open the file AW_Countdown.xml and change the following line:

```
<active>true</active>
```

to

```
<active>>false</active>
```

Now your Magento is unaware of the existence of this module.

- Clear the cache under var/cache
- Make sure that the site is working properly, otherwise roll back the changes and apply to our [technical support](#).
- If everything works fine, it is safe to delete the files of the extension.
- In case you need to clean the database, **backup your database** and then run the following queries in MySQL:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `aw_countdown_index_idx`;  
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `aw_countdown_index`;  
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS `aw_countdown`;
```

```
delete from core_resource where code ='countdown_setup';
```

Note, if you are using the table with prefixes, you must specify them in all table names.

If you are not sure how to do that or expect any troubles with it, please contact your server administrator regarding the matter.

If you remove the tables as it is described above, you will need to create all rules again after the extension is reinstalled.

Troubleshooting

After the extension installation the store gives an error, or blank page, or suggests to start Magento installation procedure.

Change the owner of the extracted extension files to the web server user and set 775 permissions on them. Clear the store cache and try again.

There is no aheadWorks extensions under my configuration section, or having the extension tab clicked I get a blank page, or Access Denied error.

Clear the store cache, browser cookies, logout and login again.

I've set up everything correctly, inserted the HTML code but there is nothing on that page.

Clear the store cache, clear your browser cache and domain cookies and refresh the page.

My configuration changes do not appear on the store.

Clear the store cache, clear your browser cache and domain cookies and refresh the page.

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