

RSS Reader

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

Place RSS feeds on your store pages just in minutes with this extension. Fully customizable, with its own caching system it will make your store highly integrated with your Wordpress blog or any other system/service that has RSS feeds.

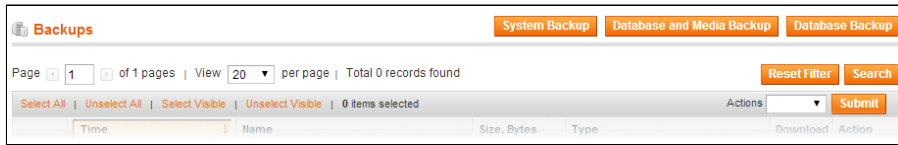
Installation

1. Backup your web directory and store database.

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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

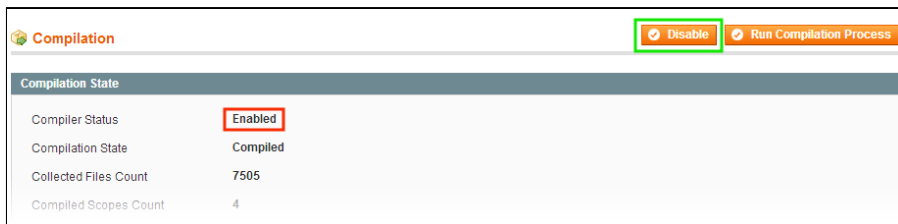
3. Disable compilation

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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"

Having hard time finding an answer to your question?

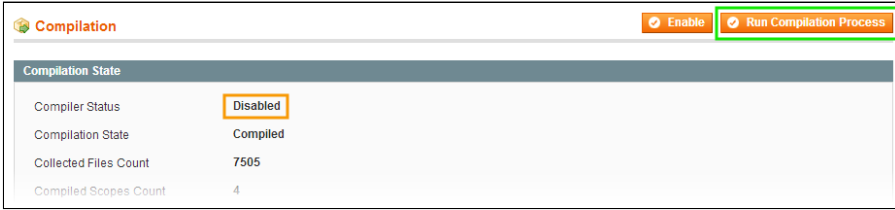
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Installing an extension with the Compilation enabled will result in store downtime.

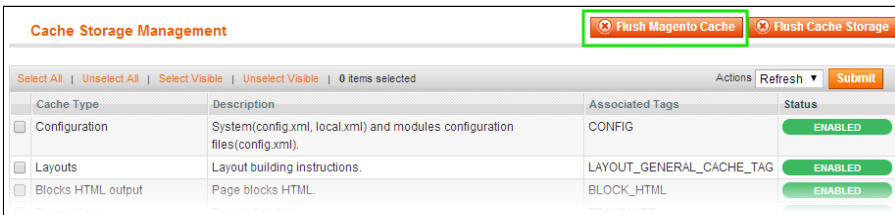
4. Flush store cache

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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



- **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.

Configuration

General configuration options are available in administration panel **System > Configuration > RSS Reader**.

There are 2 ways to create RSS Reader instance:

Use CMS

Place the following code in the place(s) where you want RSS Reader instance to be:

```
{{block type="rssreader/list" template="rssreader/list.phtml"}}
```

Use CMS of your store for this task. Do NOT insert the line in .phtml files directly.

Update Layout XML File

We recommend you to work with RSS Reader layout file located here **app/design/frontend/default/default/layout/rssreader.xml**

This will keep safe your changes during Magento upgrades.

This sample code adds RSS feed from our blog to right column:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<layout version="0.1.0">
  <default>
    <reference name="head">
      <action method="addCss"><stylesheet>css/rssreader.css</stylesheet></action>
    </reference>

    <!-- PLEASE ADD YOUR CODE BELOW -->

    <reference name="right">
      <block name="aw.feed" type="rssreader/list" template="rssreader/list.phtml">
        <action method="setOption">
          <name>feed_url</name>
          <value>http://ecommerce.aheadworks.com/blog/feed/</value>
        </action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>feed_title</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>articles_number</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>show_summary</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>summary_max_chars</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>summary_max_words</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>show_date</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>enable_links</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>enable_caching</name><value></value></action>
        <action method="setOption"><name>cache_lifetime</name><value></value></action>
      </block>
    </reference>

  </default>
</layout>
```

We set the number of articles equal 7, disabled summary and date display, enabled links and caching.

Configurable options

RSS Reader options can be setup from administration panel, but you can override each option on per instance basis.

- **Feed URL**
Specifies the URL of the feed to read.
- **Feed title**
Allows to setup feed title. It will appear above the RSS Reader content.
- **Articles number**
Sets the number of feed entries to display.
- **Show summary**
Controls the feed entry content display. If your feed from Wordpress blog it will enable/disable articles content display.
- **Summary max chars**
Carefully cuts summary text off not to be longer than specified number of chars (does not break the words).
- **Summary max words**
Same way limits the words count in the summary text.
- **Show date**
Enables/disables feed entry date display.
- **Date format**
Date format string. By default it is *d-m-Y H:i:s* (e.g. 04-03-2009 13:51:32).
- **Enable links**
Makes links from feed entries titles. Links are opened in a new window.
- **Enable cache**
Enables/disables caching.
- **Cache lifetime (seconds)**
Allows to setup cache update period. By default it is 86400 seconds or 1440 minutes or 24 hours or 1 day.

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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