

X-FancyCategories Module

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General Information



X-FancyCategories is an optional add-on for X-Cart shopping cart software. Designed for your customers' convenience, this module is a powerful means to promote the efficiency of your online sales.

X-FancyCategories enhances XCart navigation system by introducing several new styles of categories menu, making category browsing an exciting experience for your customers. You can choose a style for the categories menu of your online store that meets your needs best. The module enables you to use three major menu styles: tree-style menu (*Explorer*), menu with buttons (*Candy Menu*) and menu with icons (*Icons Menu*). Each of the major menu styles includes several variants of menu design. You are welcome to use one of the pre-designed image sets provided with the module or create a set of your own. Skin based architecture allows you to create a unique design for your menus without modifying any PHP code. If for some reason you do not wish to use dynamical expansion of menus by means of JavaScript, simple HTML menus, whose functionality compares well with that of JavaScript-expandable menus, are also included in this module. Popping up tooltips will give the customer information about the number of subcategories and products available in each category.

X-FancyCategories enhances the look and feel of the navigation within product categories and introduces the following new features:

- Tree-style Explorer-like categories menu
- Categories menu with buttons
- Categories menu with icons
- Dynamical menu expansion (menu expansion without page refresh in Explorer style, expansion of cascading menus on mouse-over in Candy and Icons styles - JavaScript must be enabled in menu style options)
- Tooltips with information about the number of products in each category
- Several pre-designed image sets for each menu type
- Web based tool for managing menu images and CSS files

Note. Full functionality of the module is supported only when JavaScript is enabled in the browser.

The module is a reliable and up-to-date solution that makes your business competitive. You can purchase it at www.x-cart.com.

Installation

System Requirements

For successful installation and work of the module you need an already installed X-cart GOLD or PRO 3.5.4 and higher.

Module Installation

To install the module you have to perform the following actions:

1. Download the module distributive (x-fancycat-x.y.z.tgz, where x,y,z are the numbers of the module version) from File area/Software distributives
2. Uncompress the x-fancycat-x.y.z.tgz file and copy the files to X-cart directory.
3. Run in the browser the installation script http://www.yourhost.com/xcart_dir/install-xfancycat.php
4. Enter your authentication code, accept conditions of the License Agreement and press "Next" button.

Note. The authentication code is issued on completion of X-Cart installation. It is used to prevent unauthorized re-installation of X-Cart and to install X-Cart modules (if you decide to purchase them). If you forget the code, you may look it up at any time in include/install.php file.

5. Installation script will copy the files and make all the necessary changes in the database.
6. After Module Installation is completed you need to log in as admin and setup the module:
 - enable *Fancy Categories* from the *Modules* section;
 - setup options in *General settings/Fancy Categories options*

X-cart Gold and Pro module installations do not differ.

Using X-FancyCategories

Getting Started

The categories menu style can be changed through the *Fancy Categories options* page. To access this page select *General Settings* in the *Administration menu*, then click the item *Fancy Categories options* from the drop-down menu.

To select a categories menu style, choose *Candy Menu*, *Explorer* or *Icons Menu* from the drop-down list.

Each of the menu styles has its own predefined subset of options, displayed in the menu style options window.

Candy Menu

Fancy Categories options

Select categories menu style:

Candy Menu options

Use JavaScript to dynamically expand menu on mouse over:

Select an image set for the current style:

You can change skin images and CSS at the following url: modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/candy1

If you select the Candy Menu style, the categories menu items acquire the form of buttons. You should be able to take advantage of the following options:

1. *Use JavaScript to dynamically expand menu on mouse over.*
If JavaScript is disabled (the box opposite this option is not checked), the categories menu may look something like this:



When you click a category it expands in the menu, so you can see the subcategories below the selected category name. If you wish, multiple categories may stay expanded at the same time.

If JavaScript is enabled (the box opposite this option is checked), the subcategories appear in cascading menus as you move the mouse over the categories menu. This feature allows you to quickly browse through the categories without much clicking or waiting for the page to be refreshed.



2. *Select an image set for the current style.*

This option enables you to change the look of category buttons according to your taste. You can either choose one of the four image sets provided with the module (brown, blue, green or violet buttons), or use custom buttons by creating an image set of your own at the given url. Clicking on the link will take you to the standard *Browse templates* section of X-Cart, where skin images and CSS can be changed.

After editing the menu style options, be sure to click the *Update* button to enable the changes.

Explorer

Fancy Categories options

Select categories menu style:

Explorer options

Use JavaScript to dynamically expand/collapse tree on clicking [+] / [-] icons:

Select an image set for the current style:

You can change skin images at the following url: **modules/Fancy_Categories/Explorer/std**

Use a different icon for categories containing products not organized into subcategories:

If Explorer style is selected, categories have the look of folders organized into a tree. To expand and collapse folders, click the [+] / [-] icons next to them.



The following options appear in the options window:

1. *Use JavaScript to dynamically expand/collapse tree on clicking [+] / [-] icons.*
If JavaScript is disabled (the box opposite this option is not checked), the page is refreshed each time you click the [+] / [-] icons.
If JavaScript is enabled (the box is checked), the page does not have to refresh when the customer expands the menu to see the nested subcategories. This can be especially convenient when working with big web pages.
2. *Select an image set for the current style.*
This option enables you to change the look of folders in your category tree according to your taste. You can either choose one of the three image sets provided with the module (Classic, Icy Blue and XP Style), or create an image set of your own at the given url. Clicking on the link will take you to

the standard *Browse templates* section of X-Cart, where skin images can be changed.

3. *Use a different icon for categories containing products not organized into subfolders.*
If the corresponding box is checked, the icon of a category folder containing only subfolders will look different from the icon of a category folder containing just products or both subfolders and products.

After editing the menu style options, be sure to click the Update button to enable the changes.

Icons menu

Fancy Categories options

Select categories menu style:

Icons Menu options

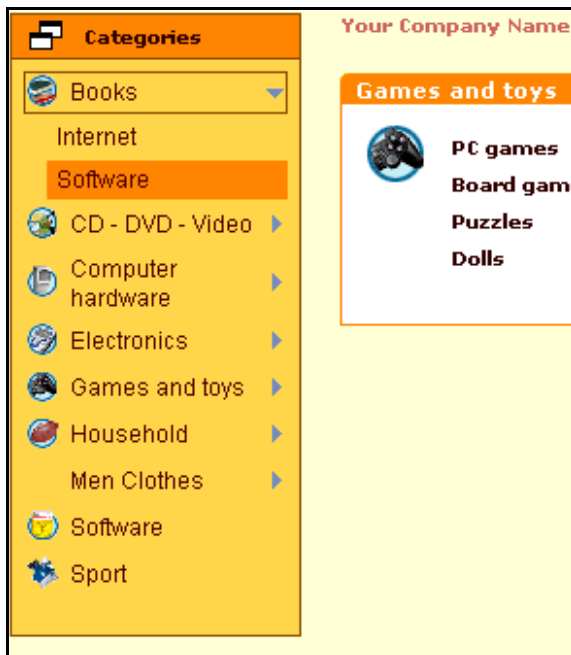
Use JavaScript to dynamically expand menu on mouse over:

Display icons for categories:

Don't display subcategories triangle:

Selecting the Icons Menu style, allows you to use icons for the categories in the menu. You should be able to take advantage of the following options:

1. *Use JavaScript to dynamically expand menu on mouse over.*
If this option is disabled (the box opposite this option is not checked), the categories menu may look something like this:



The categories are highlighted as you move your mouse over the categories menu. To expand a category you need to click on it. The names of expanded categories are displayed in boxes. The subcategories appear in the menu right below the selected category.

If this option is enabled (the box opposite this option is checked), the subcategories appear in pop-up menus as you move the mouse over the categories menu. This feature allows you to quickly browse through the categories without much clicking or waiting for the page to be refreshed.



2. *Display icons for categories (up to...)* This option enables you to define the level in the categories menu up to which you want icons to be used.
3. *Don't display subcategories triangle.* Check this box if you do not want a small triangle to be displayed next to the names of categories containing subcategories.

After editing the menu style options, be sure to click the *Update* button to enable the changes.

Appendix

Here is a list of files included into the module:

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INSTALL.X-FANCYCAT
install-xfancycat.php

modules/Fancy_Categories/...
admin_config.php
config.php
fancy_categories.php

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/...
tree_subdir_blank.gif
layerslibvar.js
menumanagement.js
layerslib.js
fancy_subcategories.tpl
fancy_categories.tpl
config.ini

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/candy1/...
button_l_off.gif
button_l_on.gif
button_m_off.gif
button_m_on.gif
button_r_off.gif
button_r_on.gif
skin.css

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/candy2/...
button_l_off.gif
button_l_on.gif
button_m_off.gif
button_m_on.gif
button_r_off.gif
button_r_on.gif
skin.css

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/candy3/...
button_l_off.gif
button_l_on.gif
button_m_off.gif
button_m_on.gif
button_r_off.gif
button_r_on.gif
skin.css

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Candy_Menu/candy4/...
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button_l_on.gif
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fancy_subcategories.tpl

skin1_original/modules/Fancy_Categories/Explorer/blue/...
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tree_item_data.gif
tree_item_data_current.gif
tree_subdir_blank.gif
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tree_subdir_line_exp.gif
tree_subdir_minus.gif
tree_subdir_plus.gif

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tree_item_data_current.gif
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tree_subdir_empty.gif
tree_subdir_line.gif
tree_subdir_line_end.gif
tree_subdir_minus.gif
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