

X-FancyCategories add-on module

for X-Cart 4.2.2

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This User Manual is intended for X-FancyCategories add-on module for X-Cart v. 4.2.2. It covers most of the areas of the add-on module's installation and use and is applicable for both X-Cart GOLD and X-Cart PRO versions.

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Thank you for choosing X-Cart software solutions!

1 Introduction

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 X-Cart navigation system by introducing a new style of categories menu, making category browsing an exciting experience for your customers. Skin based architecture allows you to create a unique design for your menus without modifying any PHP code. 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:

- Categories menu with icons
- Dynamical menu expansion
- Tooltips with information about the number of products in each category

The module is a reliable and up-to-date solution that makes your business competitive.

You can purchase it at www.x-cart.com.

2 Installing and uninstalling X-FancyCategories

Find out the system requirements for X-FancyCategories:

- [System Requirements](#)

Learn to install and uninstall X-FancyCategories:

- [Installing X-FancyCategories](#)
- [Uninstalling X-FancyCategories](#)

2.1 System Requirements

For successful installation and work of the module you need an already installed X-cart GOLD or PRO 4.2.2 and higher. The version of the X-FancyCategories module being installed must correspond to the version of your X-Cart (the main software unit onto which the module is being added).

In order for the module to operate correctly, if the minimum system requirements are met (meaning that the memory_limit is set to 16 Mb), be sure to follow these guidelines:

- number of categories should not exceed 1700;
- number of nested category levels should not exceed 7;
- number of subcategories on one level should not exceed 30.

2.2 Installing X-FancyCategories

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.

Note: Please make sure you keep the directory structure during unpacking and uploading, otherwise some necessary files can be

overwritten!

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 do not remember your Auth code, you can look it up in X-Cart's file include/install.php or in the 'Summary' section of your store's Admin zone.

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.

2.3 Uninstalling X-FancyCategories

To uninstall X-FancyCategories, do the following:

1. Launch the Installation Wizard (Point your browser at the location of your store with the addition of /install-xfancycat.php)
2. At the first step of the Installation Wizard (**Step 1: License agreement**), select the 'Uninstall the module' radio button.
3. Click the **Next** button.
4. The Installation Wizard will remove the module files and deactivate the module (**Step 2: Uninstalling the module**). Click **Next** to proceed.
5. **Step 3: Uninstallation complete** is the final step of the uninstallation process. It notifies you that the module has been successfully uninstalled.

Important: After uninstalling X-FancyCategories, be sure to remove the module distribution package from your web directory.

3 Enabling and configuring the module

Log in to the Admin area. Go to the 'Modules' section.

Enable the module **Fancy Categories** selecting the checkbox next to it.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Fields	If enabled, extra fields can be added to the product table.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fancy Categories	This module enables you to change the look of your categories menu (several alternative styles are provided). Note: Enabling this module will cause regeneration of data cache. The process may take several minutes.	Configure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fast Lane Checkout	This module provides an advanced checkout procedure for your store	

Click on **Update** at the bottom of the page.

Go to the General settings/Fancy Categories options section and adjust the module settings:

General settings

Fancy Categories

Cache categories block

Current skin options

Display icons for categories

Don't display subcategories triangle

De-emphasize the category link for categories that do not contain subcategories or products

Disable word wrapping for long category name links

Display the number of products in a category

Number of nested category levels that must be displayed in flyout menus (1-9)

Cache categories block: select this check box to have the categories block saved in a cache file or a

quick table so that X-Cart can receive it from there rather than by having MySQL select the necessary data by running the same queries on the same data set each time. Sparing MySQL the necessity of running through the data over and over, cache files and quick tables considerably reduce the load on your MySQL server.

Current skin options

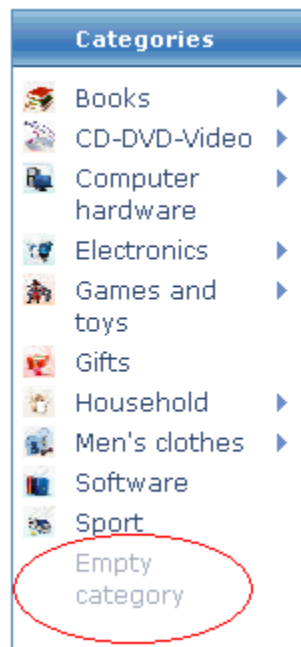
Display icons for categories: select the level in the categories menu up to which you want icons to be used. If you select *only root (level1)*, no icons will be displayed near subcategory titles:



Don't display subcategories triangle: select this option if you do not want a small triangle to be displayed next to the names of categories containing subcategories.



De-emphasize the category link for categories that do not contain subcategories or products: select this option for the title of categories which do not contain subcategories or products to be written in a lighter shade.



Disable word wrapping for long category name links: select this option for the category names to be written in one line, no matter how long they are.



Display the number of products in a category: select this option for the number of products in a category to be shown in a tooltip when you move the mouse over the category.



Number of nested category levels that must be displayed in flyout menus (1-9): enter a number of subcategories you want to be displayed in flyout menus.

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

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