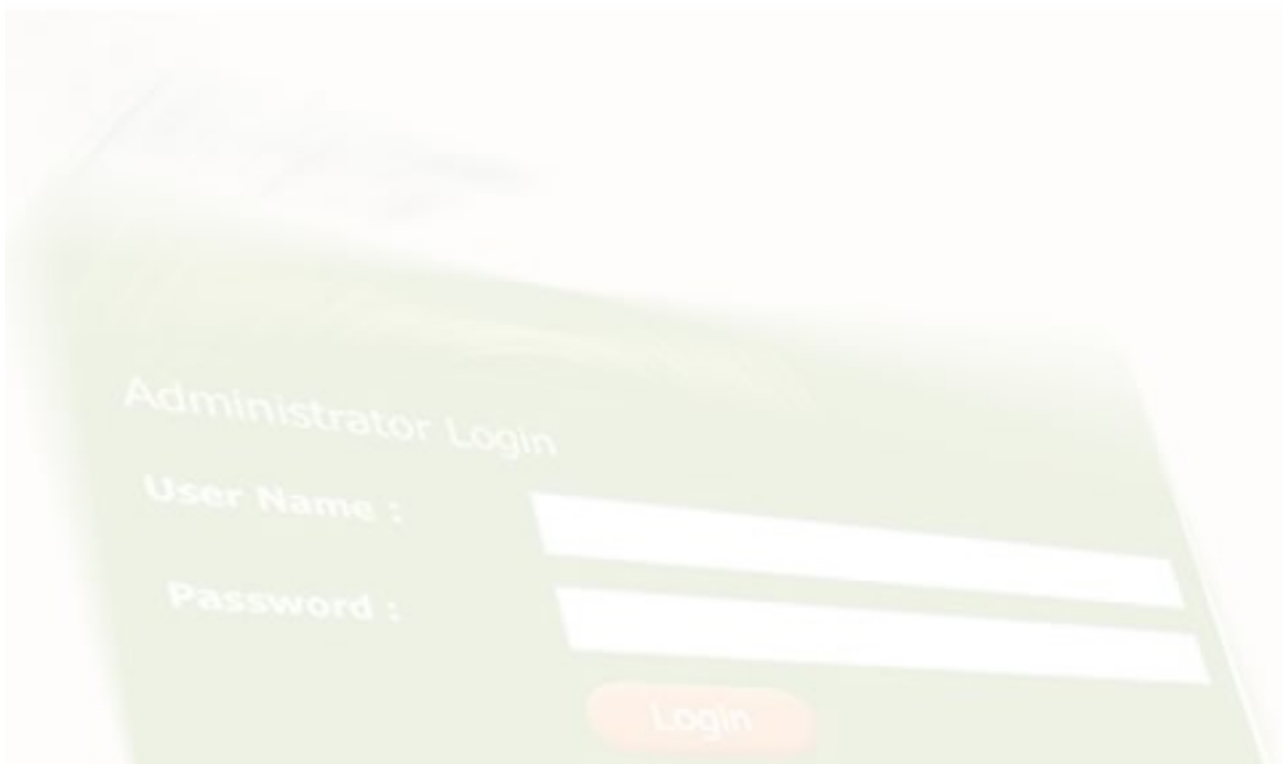


Advanced Search Module

Hosted Ecommerce Service Module Help Document

This module is installed on all stores by default under all hosting plans of hosted ecommerce service as available at ecommercehosted.com



Introduction

Advanced Search add-on module introduces advanced product search capabilities to the customer front end of your online store. With Advanced Search module activated, the store customers can:

- search through product titles, descriptions, meta tags, extra fields and product options;
- apply additional filters to their search queries in order to refine their searches;
- save search filters and settings for future use;
- reset search filters.

The store administrator can customize advanced search options by defining price and weight range groups specific to the store from the admin interface of the store.

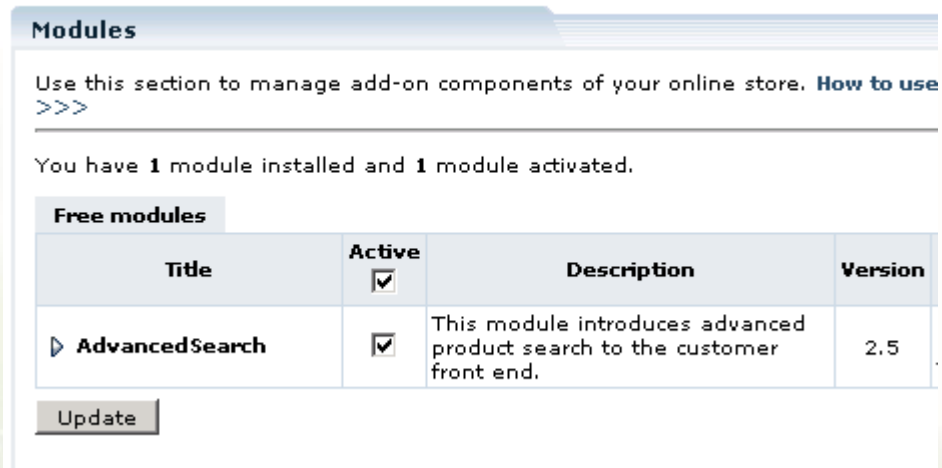
This manual will guide you through the process of **Advanced Search add-on module** use as this comes preinstalled and active on all plans of hosted ecommerce service.

Advanced Search Module

Advanced Search add-on module comes pre-installed on all hosted ecommerce plans as available at <http://ecommercehosted.com>

Select the '**Modules**' section in the '**Settings**' menu of the Administrator Zone of your store. The list of currently installed modules will appear. '**Advanced Search**' module will appear in the list (Figure 1); it will be activated automatically. It can only be activated or deactivated from admin interface but cannot be installed or uninstalled as same comes pre-installed.

Admin menu :: Modules



Modules

Use this section to manage add-on components of your online store. [How to use >>>](#)

You have 1 module installed and 1 module activated.

Free modules

| Title | Active | Description | Version |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| ▶ AdvancedSearch | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | This module introduces advanced product search to the customer front end. | 2.5 |

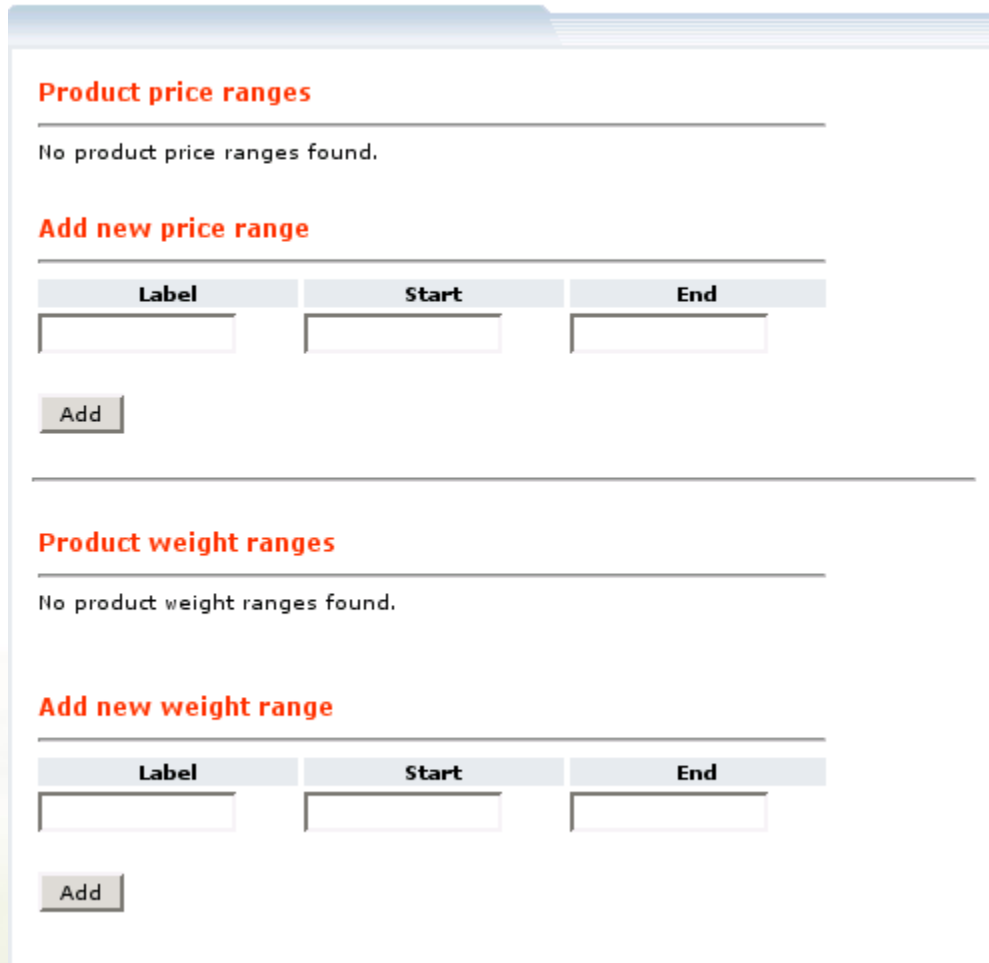
Figure 1 : The Advanced Search Module in Modules section of Store Admin interface.

To deactivate the module, clear the 'Active' check box against the module title and click on the 'Update' button.

Configuring the Module

With **Advanced Search module**, you can define advanced search settings. In the 'Modules' section click on the 'Advanced Search' module link to enter the module's settings page (Figure 2 below).

Admin menu :: Modules :: Advanced search settings



The screenshot displays the 'Advanced search settings' page. It is divided into two main sections: 'Product price ranges' and 'Product weight ranges'. Each section contains a message stating 'No product price ranges found.' and 'Add new price range' or 'Add new weight range'. Below each message is a table with three columns: 'Label', 'Start', and 'End'. Each column has an empty input field. Below the table is an 'Add' button.

Product price ranges

No product price ranges found.

Add new price range

| Label | Start | End |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Add

Product weight ranges

No product weight ranges found.

Add new weight range

| Label | Start | End |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Add

Figure 2 : The Advanced Search Module Settings for Price and Weight Range.

Administrator Login

User Name :

Password :

Login

Two search options require configuring, namely 'Product price ranges' and 'Weight ranges'.

To define a new product price range, in the 'Add new price range' section (Figure 3 below) specify the price range label (optional) and the range's beginning and ending prices, then click on the 'Add' button.

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Product price ranges

| Active | Label | Start | End | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Under \$1 | 0.00 | 1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 1.00 | 9.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 10.00 | 99.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 100.00 | 999.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Update Delete checked

Add new price range

| Label | Start | End |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| \$1000 and over | 1000.00 | 100000.00 |

Add

Figure 3 : The Advanced Search Module Settings Defining Price Range for Search

The price range will now appear under the 'Product price ranges' section. It can be deactivated/reactivated by placing a checkmark in the 'Active' field of the price range record and clicking on the 'Update' button. You can change price range settings by modifying the parameter fields and clicking on the 'Update' button. To delete a price range, place a checkmark in the box on the right side of the price range record and click on the 'Delete checked' button.

To define a new product weight range, in the 'Add new weight range' section (Figure 4 below) specify the weight range label (optional) and the range's beginning and ending weights, then click on the 'Add' button.



Product weight ranges

| Active | Label | Start | End | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0 weight | 0 | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 0.10 | 0.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 1.00 | 4.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 5.00 | 99.99 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Update Delete checked

Add new weight range

| Label | Start | End |
|-------|--------|----------|
| Jumbo | 100.00 | 10000.00 |

Add

Figure 4 : The Advanced Search Module Settings - Defining Weight Range for Search

The weight range will now appear under the 'Product weight ranges' section. It can be deactivated/reactivated by placing a checkmark in the 'Active' field of the weight range record and clicking on the 'Update' button. You can change weight range settings by modifying the parameter fields and clicking on the 'Update' button. To delete a weight range, place a checkmark in the box on the right side of the weight range record and click on the 'Delete checked' button.

Customer Zone

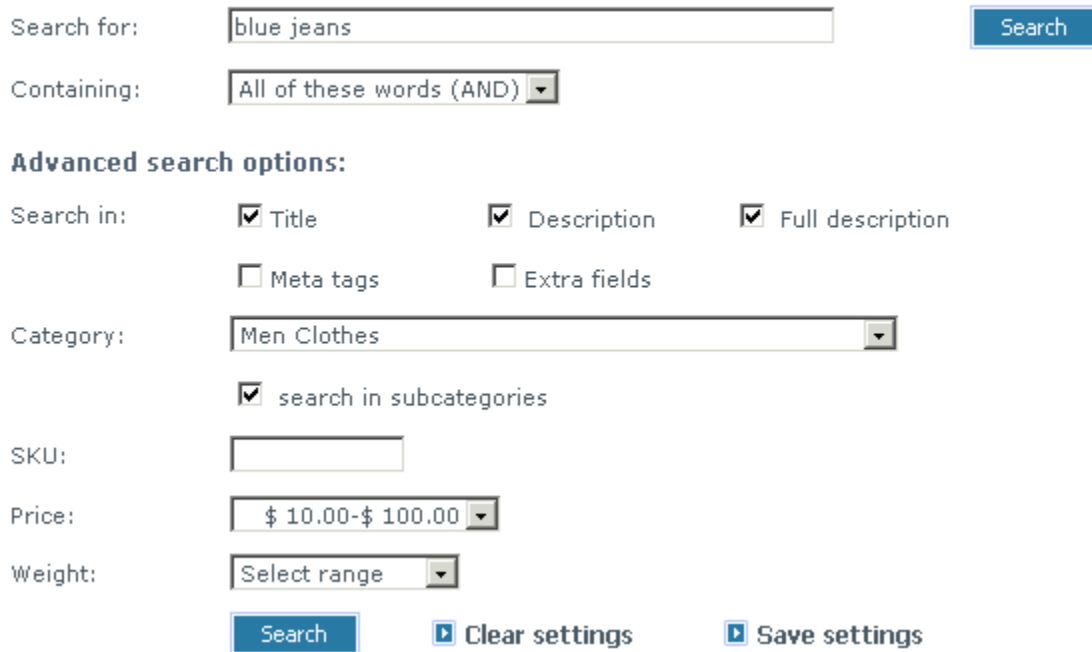
This section demonstrates the features introduced by the **Advanced Search add-on module**.

When the module is enabled, the appearance of the 'Search' field at the Customer Front End becomes different with the 'Advanced' link added:

Login

While you can still type in a word or phrase and click on the 'Go/Search' button to search for it using the advanced search capability, you can also click on the 'Advanced' link and enter the advanced search screen where you can specify search filters to refine your search for products in the store.

Search for products

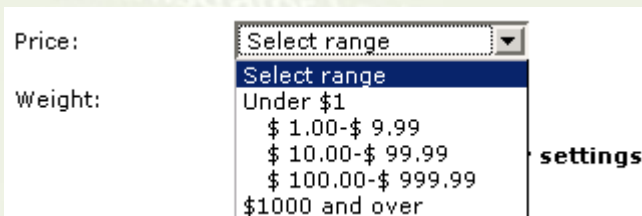


The screenshot shows the 'Search for products' interface. It includes a search input field with 'blue jeans', a 'Search' button, and a 'Containing:' dropdown set to 'All of these words (AND)'. Under 'Advanced search options:', there are checkboxes for 'Title', 'Description', 'Full description', 'Meta tags', and 'Extra fields', all of which are checked. The 'Category:' dropdown is set to 'Men Clothes' with a 'search in subcategories' checkbox checked. There are also input fields for 'SKU:', 'Price:' (set to '\$ 10.00-\$ 100.00'), and 'Weight:' (set to 'Select range'). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Search', 'Clear settings', and 'Save settings'.

Figure 5 : The Advanced Search Form after Price and Weight Range is configured in Admin.

By default, the **Advanced Search module** performs search through product titles, descriptions, meta tags, extra fields and product options. This can be changed by removing checkmarks against respective areas (Figure 6 below). You can also refine your search by applying search filters to SKUs, product price and weight ranges, and choosing specific categories to be searched.

If a price range has a label, the label will appear in the drop-down list of prices; if there is no label, then the price range itself will be displayed (Figure 6 illustrates the price ranges defined in Figure 3). If there is no price range defined, the price range search filter will not appear in the Customer Zone.



This screenshot shows a close-up of the 'Price:' dropdown menu. The dropdown is open, displaying a list of price ranges: 'Select range', 'Under \$1', '\$ 1.00-\$ 9.99', '\$ 10.00-\$ 99.99', '\$ 100.00-\$ 999.99', and '\$1000 and over'. The word 'settings' is visible to the right of the dropdown.

Figure 6 : The Advanced Search Form with Price Range configured as in Figure 3.

If a weight range has a label, the label will appear in the drop-down list of weights; if there is no label, then the weight range itself will be displayed (Figure 7 illustrates weight ranges defined in Figure 5). If there is no weight range defined, the weight range search filter will not appear in the Customer Zone.

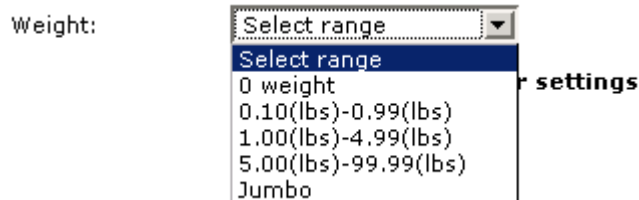


Figure 7 : The Advanced Search Form with Weight Range configured as in Figure 4.

Enter the necessary filters and click on the 'Search' button to see the search results.

You can reset the filters by clicking on the 'Clear settings' link or save the filters for future use by clicking on the 'Save settings' link. You have to be logged in to be able to Save the search settings for future use.

