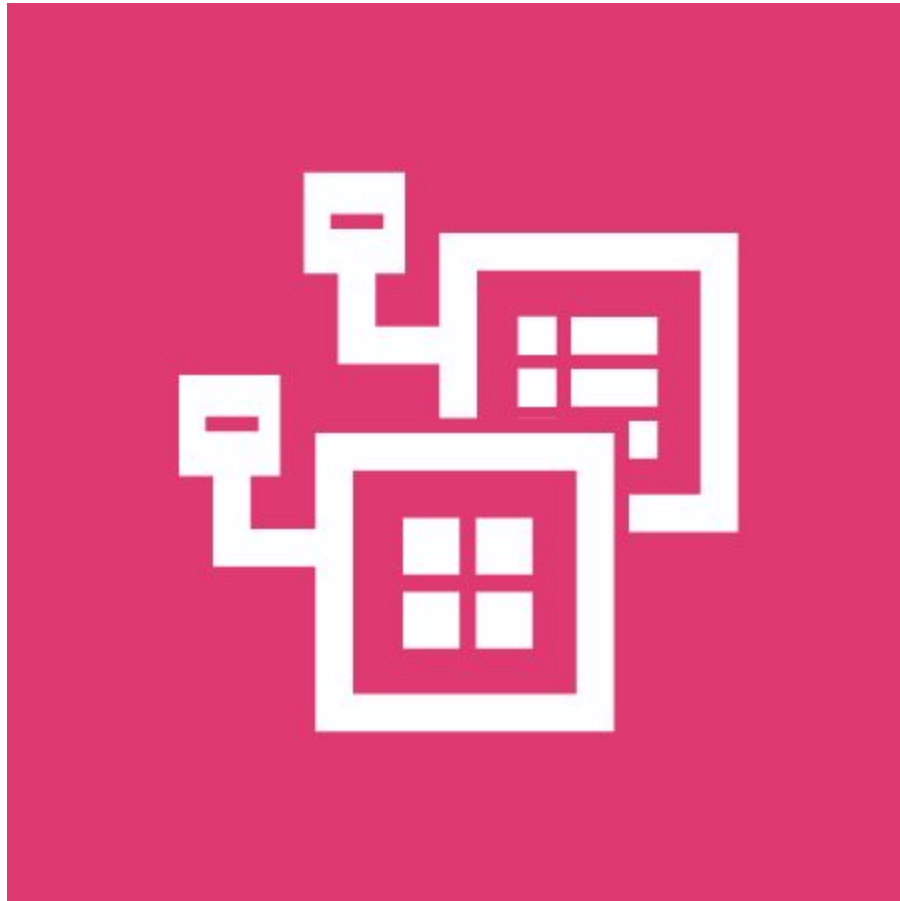




USER GUIDE

SUBCATEGORIES



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1. Introduction to Subcategories

Good navigation is one of the key factors for a successful and user-friendly web-store. With the help of the **Subcategories** module you can give a new and fresh look for the subcategories layout on your Magento web-shop. The extension allows controlling the child category listings by defining their position on a page, changing the layout, background colors, background images and other features.

Key features

- Display subcategories listings on any page of your store.
- Define the position of the subcategory listings on a page.
- Set-up and configure subcategories either as CMS-blocks or as widgets.
- Several types of layouts are available for child category listings: grid, list, simple slider, carousel slider and action slider.
- Change the sorting order for the subcategories.
- Define number of columns for grid layout.
- Specify custom titles for the blocks with subcategory listings.
- Change background images for carousel and slider layouts or pick up some custom colors.
- Define the position of the subcategories names within the simple slider and carousel slider layouts.
- Upload custom images and provide descriptive texts for parent categories.

2. How to Install Subcategories Extension

Magento 2 provides a convenient way to manually install a module via composer. In case you got an extension from a provider like a zip-file, follow [this instruction](#).

Further run the following commands:

1. Enable module with `php bin/magento module:enable BelVG_SubCategories`
2. Run `php bin/magento setup:upgrade`
3. Recompile DI `php bin/magento setup:di:compile`
4. Recompile static files: `php bin/magento setup:static-content:deploy`
5. Flush cache `php bin/magento cache:flush`

3. How to Configure

Note: The extension has been developed and tested only on the Luma and blank Magento themes, so the setting descriptions and screenshots provided in this manual may differ from those you may see if using some custom theme.

To configure the module's general settings log into your Magento admin panel and navigate to **Stores → Configuration → BelVG Extensions → Sub-categories**.

There you will find the general settings which include the following sub-menus for configuration:

Settings

- **Enabled:** choose **YES** to enable the module on the frontend.
- **Hide Category Image:** if you enable this option you will be able to upload and display custom pictures as category images on every category page (*images can be uploaded under Catalog -> Categories*).
- **Hide Category Description:** this option lets you enable a custom description text for each category page (*you can specify the description text for each category separately under Catalog -> Categories*).
- **Category Thumbnail placeholder:** upload an image that will be used as a thumbnail for each sub-category item in the list.
- **Type by Default:** select the type of the layout how the child categories will be displayed on a category page.

Settings



This module was developed by www.BelVG.com.
For docs & examples refer to the BelVG [web site](#).
We have the largest selections of [extensions](#) and [themes](#) on Magento.

Enabled [store view] Yes

Hide Category Image [store view] No

Hide Category Description [store view] No

Category Thumbnail Placeholder [store view]  No file chosen
 Delete Image

Type by default [store view] Grid

Grid Settings / List Settings

- **Show Title:** choose **YES** if you want to show a separate title for the block with the list of subcategories.
- **Title:** specify the title name.

Grid Settings



Show Title [store view] Yes

Title [store view] Categories

Simple / Action Slider Settings

- **Text Position:** choose the position of the sub-category name in the slider.
- **Indicators:** enable/disable slider indicators.
- **Background Type:** specify the type of the slider's background: upload custom images, pick up custom or random colors or choose to display both images and colors.

Simple Slider Settings ⌵

Text Position
[store view] Random ▼

Indicators
[store view] Yes ▼

Background Type
[store view] Image + Color ▼

Color
[store view] 

Carousel Slider Settings

- **Show Title:** choose **YES** if you want to show a separate title for the block with list of subcategories.
- **Title:** specify the title name.
- **Indicators:** enable/disable slider indicators.
- **Dist:** specify perspective zoom scaling.
- **Padding:** specify the padding space between subcategory items in the slider.
- **Number Visible:** set the number of subcategory items to be visible in the slider.
- **Background Type:** specify the type of the slider's background: upload custom images, pick up custom or random colors or choose to display both images and colors.

Carousel Slider Settings

Show Title
[store view] Yes

Title
[store view] Categories

Indicators
[store view] Yes

Dist
[store view] 0
Perspective zoom. If 0, all items are the same size.

Padding
[store view] 20
Set the padding between non center items.

Number Visible
[store view] 5
Set the number of visible items.

Background Type
[store view] Random Color

Colors <small>[store view]</small>	Color	Action
	<input type="color" value="#ff0000"/>	

Configuring Subcategory Settings

The module allows configuring child category listings in two main ways: either as **CMS blocks or as widgets**.

To configure a specific subcategory settings as a CMS block navigate to **Catalog → Categories**. On the left side you will find the list of categories available on your store. Select the category you wish to edit and open the **Content** menu.

Women (ID: 20)
Delete Save

Add Root Category

Add Subcategory

Collapse All | Expand All
Default Category (2046)
What's New (0)
Women (0)
Tops (784)
Bottoms (228)
Men (0)
Gear (46)
Collections (13)
Training (6)
Promotions (0)
Sale (0)

Select the category you want to edit and open the Content menu

Enable Category [store view] Yes

Include in Menu [store view] Yes

Category Name * [store view]

Content ⌵

Display Settings ⌵

Search Engine Optimization ⌵

Products in Category ⌵

Design ⌵


Sub-categories Settings ⌵

Schedule Design Update ⌵

Under the **Content** menu you can upload a custom image that will be displayed as a general category image on the frontend and also enter a custom category description text.

Content

Category Image [store view]
Upload










image.jpg
620x330 30 KB

Description [store view]
WYSIWYG Editor

B *I* |  | Font Family | Font Size |  |  |  | HTML

Best jackets, bras and underwear at top prices


To edit subcategory settings for the selected category switch to the **Subcategories Settings** menu. In this section you can define the settings that will be applied to the selected category when it becomes a child category for some other directory.


Sub-categories Settings

Include in Subcategory
 Yes

Enabled Subcategory
 Yes

Thumbnail Category Image
Upload





subcategory.jpg
1000x1333 85 KB

Display Mode
Slider: Carousel ▼

Sort By
Position ▼

Configuring widget settings

Subcategories can also be managed and configured through widget settings. Go to **Content → Widgets → click to edit Home Subcategories.**

Widgets					Add Widget
4	Gear Left Menu	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
5	Men's Left Menu	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
6	Women's Left Menu	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
7	What's New Left Menu	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
8	Women Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
9	Training Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
10	Men Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
11	Gear Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
12	New Products Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
13	Sale Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
14	Home Page	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
15	Performance Fabrics	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
16	Eco Friendly	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
17	Login Info	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
18	Giftcard Category Content	CMS Static Block	Magento Luma	0	
19	Home Subcategories	Sub-Categories List	Magento Luma	0	

Under the **Storefront Properties** menu find the **Layout Updates** section.

Storefront Properties

Widget Options

Type: Sub-Categories List

Design Package/Theme: Magento Luma

Widget Title: Home Subcategories

Assign to Store Views:

- All Store Views
- Main Website
- Main Website Store
- Default Store View

Sort Order: 0
Sort Order of widget instances in the same container

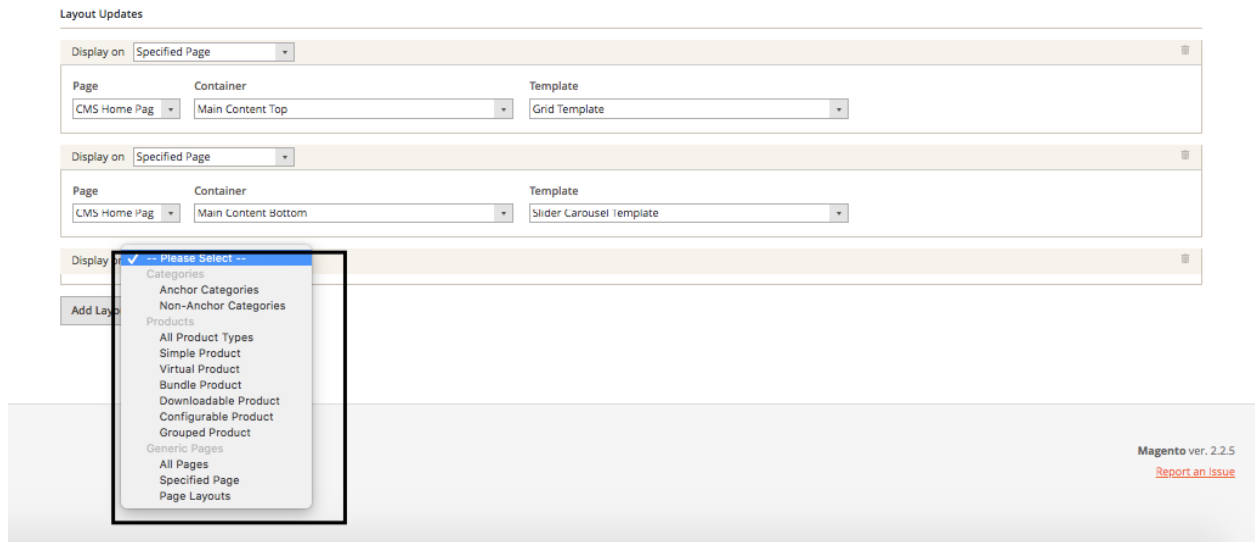
Layout Updates

Display on: Specified Page

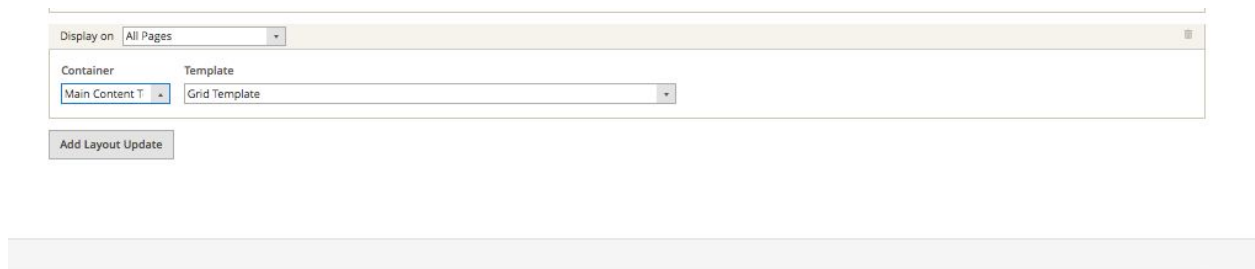
Page	Container	Template
CMS Home Pag	Main Content Top	Grid Template
CMS Home Pag	Main Content Bottom	Slider Carousel Template

Add Layout Update

To create a new widget with the list of subcategories click **Add Layout Update** and specify the page where that new widget should be displayed: either **on a specific page, on all pages of the store, specific category page or product page.**



Then specify the position of the widget on the page and the type of the layout.



Switch to the **Widget Options** where you will be able to change a few subcategory settings, such as the **subcategory title, sorting order, number of subcategory items in the list, the position of the text and background color/image.**

[← Back](#) [Delete](#) [Reset](#) [Save and Continue Edit](#) [Save](#)

WIDGET

Storefront Properties

Widget Options

Widget Options

Title

Show Title

Number of Categories to Display *

Sort By

Category * Default Category

Slider Text Position
Only for slider-simple, slider-action template

Once you are done with the settings click the **Save** button to apply the changes.

Note: If you have Full Page Cache enabled you will need to flush Magento cache each time you change any module settings: **System → Cache Management → Flush Magento Cache.**

Then check the status of the module index under **System → Index Management.**

The index may have the following statuses:

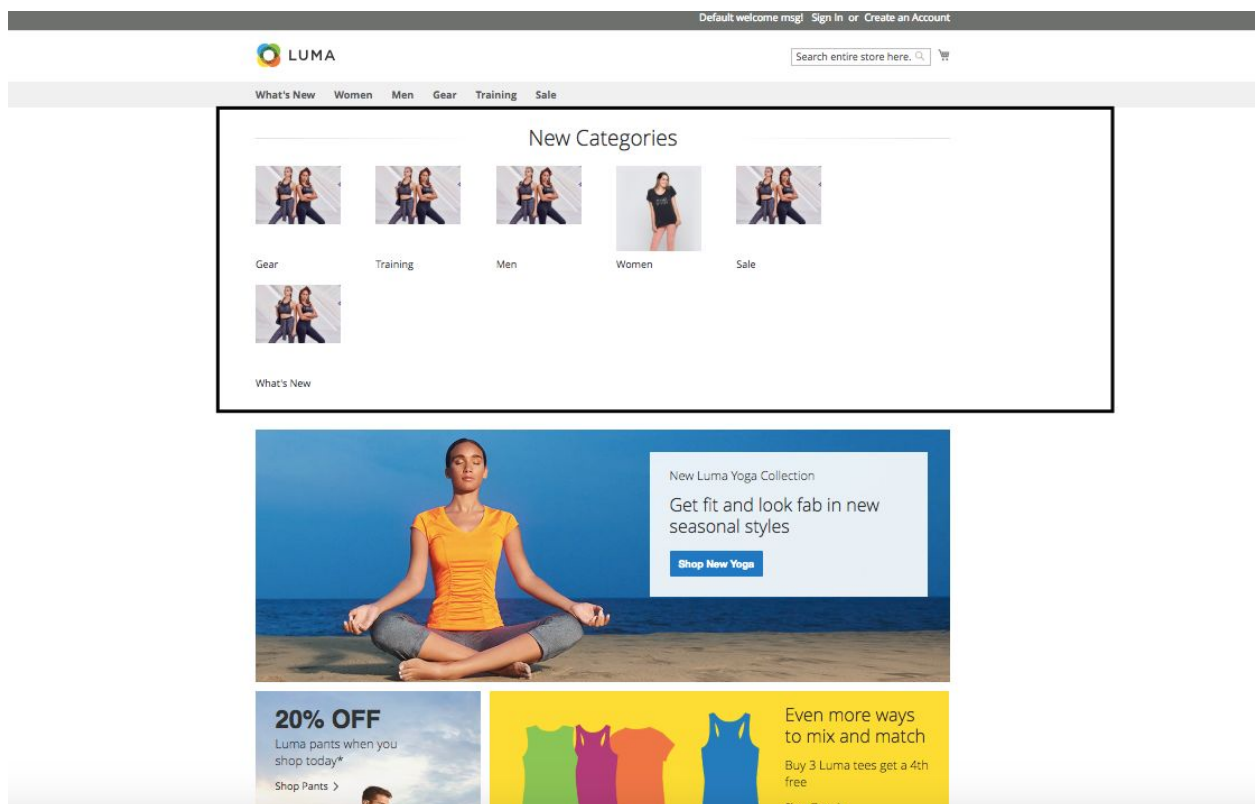
- **Ready** — the changes have been saved and applied on the frontend.
- **Processing** — the changes are being implemented on your store.
- **Reindex required** — changes have not been applied yet.

4. How to Use

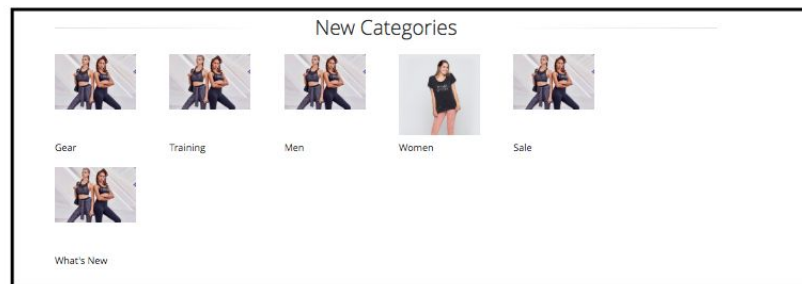
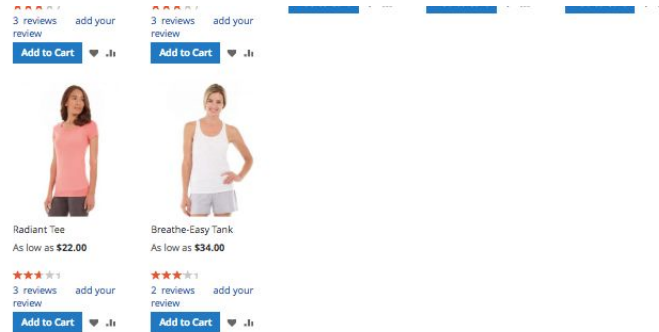
Let's check how the **Subcategories** module lets you change and control the layout of the subcategories on the frontend.

The module allows displaying the block with child categories on any page of your store: *homepage, product pages or specific categories*. It is also possible to choose the position of the block and add multiple blocks to a page:

to display child categories both at the top of a page



at the bottom of the same page:



With the help of the module you can also change the layout of the subcategories and present them either as grid:

Shopping Options

- CATEGORY ▾
- STYLE ▾
- SIZE ▾
- PRICE ▾
- COLOR ▾
- MATERIAL ▾
- PATTERN ▾
- CLIMATE ▾


Compare Products

You have no items to compare.


My Wish List

You have no items in your wish list.


Categories



Jackets



Hoodies & Sweatshirts



Tees

or simple list:

Shopping Options

- CATEGORY ▾
- STYLE ▾
- SIZE ▾
- PRICE ▾
- COLOR ▾
- MATERIAL ▾
- PATTERN ▾
- CLIMATE ▾


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Hoodies & Sweatshirts



Tees



Bras & Tanks

or slider:

tops

Shopping Options

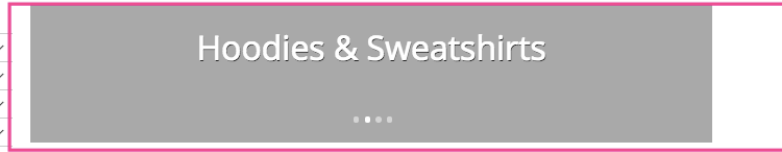
- CATEGORY ▾
- STYLE ▾
- SIZE ▾
- PRICE ▾
- COLOR ▾
- MATERIAL ▾
- PATTERN ▾
- CLIMATE ▾

Compare Products

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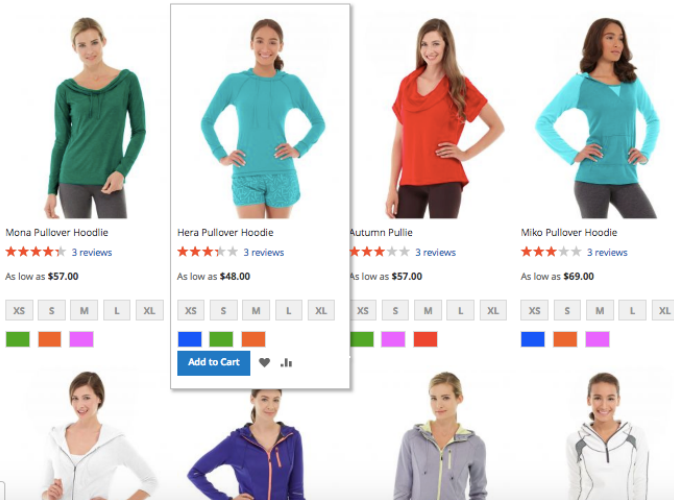
My Wish List

You have no items in your wish list.



Items 1-9 of 50

Sort By Position



Product grid showing various hoodies and sweatshirts. The grid includes:

- Mona Pullover Hoodie: As low as \$57.00
- Hera Pullover Hoodie: As low as \$48.00
- Autumn Pulle: As low as \$57.00
- Miko Pullover Hoodie: As low as \$69.00

Each product listing includes a size selection (XS, S, M, L, XL), a color selection, and an 'Add to Cart' button.

net/hera-pullover-hoodie.html

or carousel:
tops

Shopping Options

CATEGORY ▾

STYLE ▾

SIZE ▾

PRICE ▾

COLOR ▾

MATERIAL ▾

PATTERN ▾

CLIMATE ▾

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★★★★★ 3 reviews
As low as **\$57.00**

XS S M L XL


■ ■ ■



Hera Pullover Hoodie
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XS S M L XL


■ ■ ■



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XS S M L XL





■ ■ ■



Miko Pullover Hoodie
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XS S M L XL

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The module allows changing not only the layout, but also define the background color for slider and carousel and use different custom images for each subcategory for the grid or simple list layouts.

It is also possible to assign a separate custom image for each category page supplied by a custom description text.

Home > Women

Women




Category image with custom text ←

Best jackets, bras and underwear at top prices

TOPS
 Hoodies & Sweatshirts
 Jackets
 Tees
 Bras & Tanks

BOTTOMS
 Pants
 Shorts

Compare Products
 You have no items to compare.



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