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For more details see the [Improved Layered Navigation](#) extension page.

Improved Layered Navigation - How To's

Premium 7-year-old Magento extension, to which you can entrust your navigation.

- Ajax Layered Navigation
- Shop by Brands
- Price filters & sliders
- SEO friendly urls & navigation
- Multiple and single attribute selection

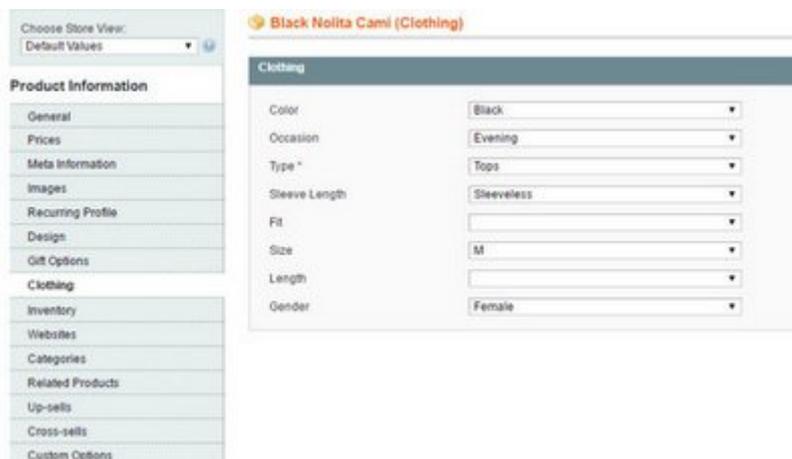
What is the first thing you are looking at in an unfamiliar area? It is a map or a navigator in your phone. Your store is this unfamiliar area to users and without a good map they will get lost and leave.

Good news - Improved Layered Navigation won't let it happen! It has been successfully staying on guard of Magento market for already 7 years and became a bestseller. Adjusting to market needs the module is constantly being updated and we are always open to hear customer feedback or answer any questions.

1. First steps

What are the product attributes? How to set up the filters?

It may be rather tricky for the newcomer to understand the core logic of how filters are working. Magento uses product attributes for this. Product attribute is some quality that the product possess: for instance, Color: Red or T-Shirt Size: L.



The Attributes are stored in **Catalog→Attributes→Manage Attributes**. Create a new attribute or

open an existing one.

To be accessible in the default navigation the attribute should be either *Multiple Select* or *Dropdown*. Improved Layered Navigation extension has the same limitations but for the sliders functionality the product can have the *Price* input type as well.

The setting Use In Layered Navigation should be enabled as well (Filterable with/no results).

Assign the attributes options to it on the Manage Label/Options tab. These options are the names of the filters like Red, Blue, Green for the color attribute

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Product Attribute' interface for the attribute 'Color'. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Attribute Information' and 'Manage Label / Options' tabs. The main area is titled 'Edit Product Attribute "Color"'. A yellow warning box states: 'If you do not specify an option value for a specific store view then the default (Admin) value will be used.' Below this, there is a section 'Manage Titles (Size, Color, etc.)' with input fields for 'Admin', 'English', 'French', and 'German', all containing the word 'Color'. The main section is 'Manage Options (values of your attribute)', which is a table with columns for 'Admin', 'English', 'French', 'German', 'Position', and 'Is Default'. Each row represents a color option, with 'Admin' and 'English' columns containing the color name, 'Position' set to 0, and 'Is Default' as a radio button. To the right of the table is an 'Add Option' button and a 'Delete' button for each row.

Admin	English	French	German	Position	Is Default	
Black	Black			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Blue	Blue			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Brown	Brown			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Charcoal	Charcoal			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Green	Green			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Grey	Grey			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Indigo	Indigo			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Ivory	Ivory			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Khaki	Khaki			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Oatmeal	Oatmeal			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Orange	Cognac			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Pink	Pink			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Purple	Purple			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Red	Red			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
Royal Blue	Royal Blue			0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

After that you need assign the Attribute to the Attribute set. These sets are made so that similar products can be created with the same attributes. As you may see, once you create the product, you are asked to choose the attribute set. Once we populate several products with the appropriate attributes options, we can state that the initial set-up is done correctly.

Please open Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters and click on the Load button.

	ID	Position		Show in the Block	Display Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6		Sidebar	Drop-down List
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	1	Color	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	2	Occasion	Top	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	7	Style	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	5	Sleeve Length	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	5	Fit	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	5	Size	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	7	Length	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	8	Frame Style	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	8	Gender	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	5	Shoe size	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	5	Shoe type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	2	Material	Sidebar	Drop-down List
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	7	Bag & Luggage Type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	8	Jewelry Type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	9	Accessories Size	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	9	Electronic Type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	5	Decor Type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	12	Home & Decor Type	Sidebar	Labels Only
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	format	Sidebar	Labels Only

Those attributes that meet the needs (dropdown/multiselect/price and used in navigation) will be shown here. This list is the list of the filters that will be used for our navigation.

How to show/hide the filters on specific categories?

You wish to show the filters but you do not need them on several categories? Yes, it may be rather useful if you do not need a great amount of the filters to be visible on the frontend. First of all, please bear in mind that such restrictions can be managed by default Magento itself. If the filter has the setting Filterable (with results) it will hide the options that do not match the selection. For instance, if the Color Attribute has the Filterable (with results) setting and product grid after filtration doesn't have the products that are red or green, then these filters options will be invisible. If this products selection doesn't have some filter at all, then the whole filter will be hidden. But what to do if the filter should be visible according to the rules, but you still wish to hide it? You need to open the filter that you wish to hide in Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters-{filter_name}, scroll down to the Special Cases box and edit the field Include Only In Categories or Exclude From Categories with the category IDs.

Special Cases

Single Choice Only
▲ Disables multiple selection

Include Only In Categories ?
▲ Comma separated list of the categories IDs like 17,4,25

Exclude From Categories ?
▲ Comma separated list of the categories IDs like 17,4,25

Show only when one of the following options are selected
▲ Comma separated list of the option IDs

Show only when any options of attributes below is selected
▲ Comma separated list of the attribute codes like color, brand etc

The IDs can be taken if you go to Catalog-Manage Categories and then select the category in question

Categories

- ➕ Add Root Category
- ➕ Add Subcategory
- Choose Store View: All Store Views
- Collapse All | Expand All
- Default Category (221)
 - Women (52)
 - Men (70)
 - New Arrivals (9)
 - Shirts (12)
 - Tees, Knits and Polos (2)
 - Pants & Denim (19)
 - Blazers (18)
 - Accessories (58)
 - Home & Decor (40)
 - Sale (9)
 - VIP (6)
 - Shop by Brands (0)

Shirts (ID: 15)

General Information | Display Settings | Custom Design | Category Products

General Information

Name * Shirts

Is Active * Yes

URL Key shirts

Create Permanent Redirect for old URL

Thumbnail Image Файл не выбран

Description

Image Файл не выбран

Page Title

Meta Keywords

How to create the dependable filters?

You wish to show some filter only if the client selects some option in another filter? It may be useful if some filters are somehow connected: the make of the car and the model (Toyota Corolla or Chevrolet Silverado) or color and the shade (red - fuchsia or blue - turquoise) etc. Actually, Amasty has the

[special extension](#) for this but it can be achieved via the Improved Layered Navigation as well because you may wish to incorporate this filters to the navigation. You need to open the filter that you wish to show in Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters-{filter_name}, scroll down to the Special Cases box and edit the field Show only when one of the following options are selected or Show only when any options of attributes below is selected.

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Single Choice Only ▼
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The option IDs can be taken by opening the "parent" filter (make for the model or color for shade), then go to the Options tab and find the option IDs

Filter Properties

- General
- Options

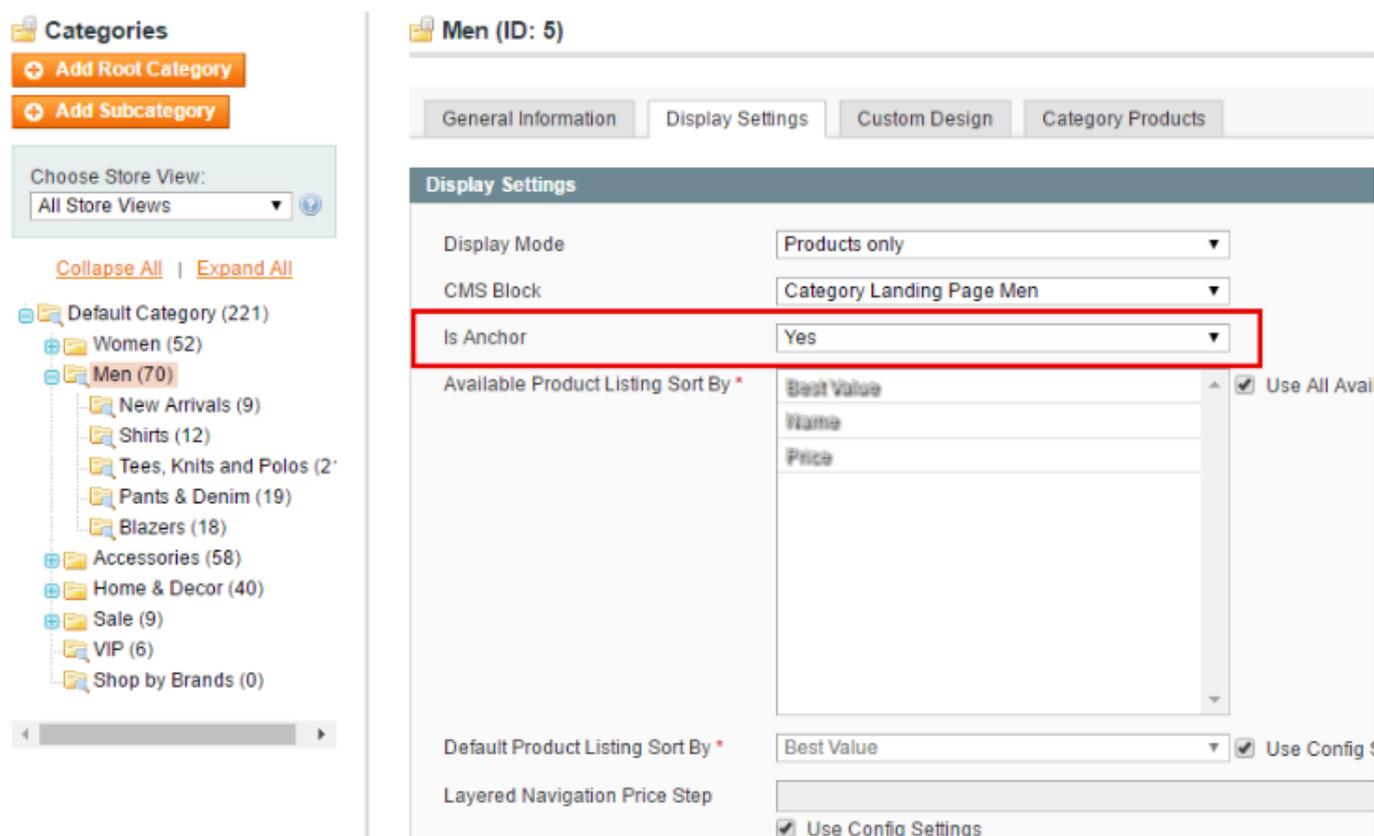
Edit Filter "Color" Properties

Page 1 of 1 pages | View 20 per page | Total

ID	Title
20	All Black Products
27	Blue
221	Brown
17	Charcoal
24	Green
12	Grey
26	Indigo
13	Ivory
25	Khaki
226	Oatmeal
19	Orange
21	Pink
18	Purple
28	Red
16	Royal Blue
15	Silver
14	Taupe
23	Yellow

Why anchors are necessary?

Sometimes, you set up the extension correctly but you do not see any filters at all or not all of them. In this case please go to the **Catalog→Manage Categories** and then select the category where you can observe this issue. You need to click the *Display Settings* tab and make sure that the *Anchor* is enabled



Anchors allow to show the products situated in the subcategories to the parent category filtration. Sometimes, the category itself doesn't have any products as all of them are situated in its children subcategories. Then the filtration won't work.

Placing the anchor is also very important in some templates for the compatibility reasons

Why wrong products are being displayed?

Sometimes it looks like the Improved Layered Navigation filters the wrong products. The issue may take place due to the compatibility or incorrect settings of the third-party extensions. Please try to temporary disable the extension and check the result. To check it, please follow the next steps: 1. Edit the following configuration file: `app/etc/modules/custom_extension.xml` 2. Change "true" to "false" 3. Clear Magento cache

2. View and design

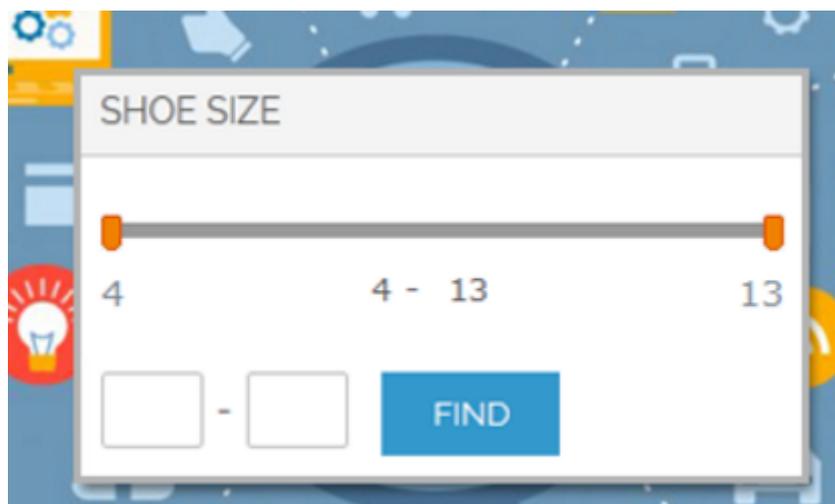
How to show sliders? How to hide the currency symbols?

Sliders are one of the main features of our extension. First of all the sliders can be shown for the price attribute. This will allow to make more precise filtration of the products then the default one with ranges. It can be easily set up by changing price filter display mode to Slider in the extensions configuration

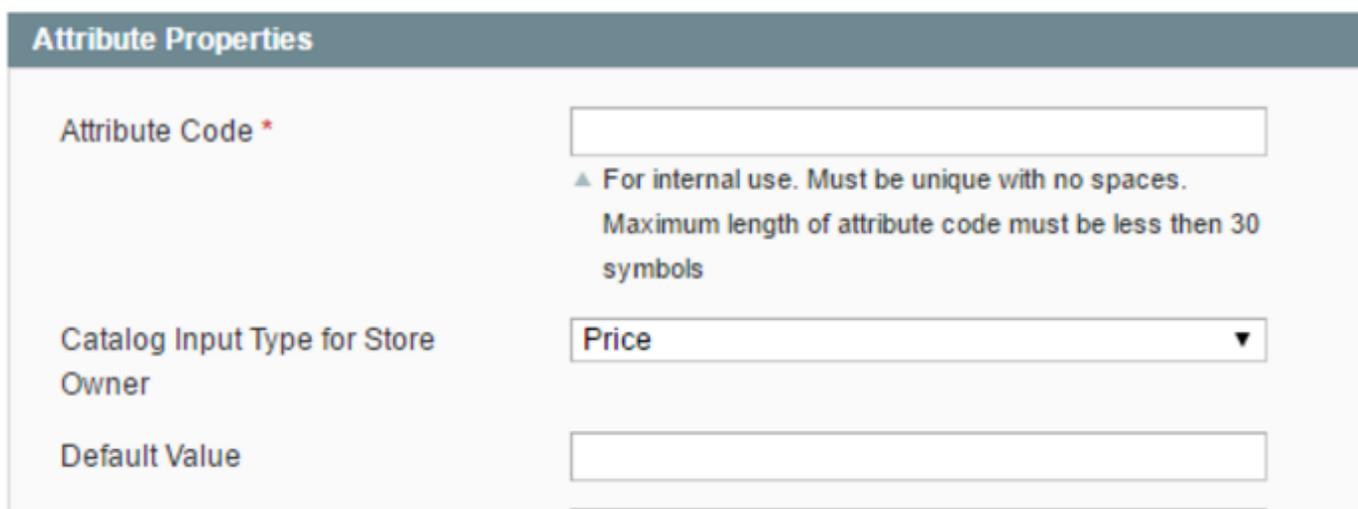
Improved Navigation

General		
Category Filter		[STORE VIEW]
Display Mode	Advanced Categories	[STORE VIEW]
Display Only Categories	<input type="text"/>	[STORE VIEW]
	▲ List comma-separated IDs like: 12,328,5	
Exclude Categories	<input type="text"/>	[STORE VIEW]
	▲ List comma-separated IDs like: 12,328,5	
Price Filter		[STORE VIEW]
Display Mode	Slider	[STORE VIEW]
Use Custom Ranges	Default Dropdown From-To Only Slider	[WEBSITE]
Indicate maximum ranges on slider	Yes	[STORE VIEW]
Slider step	1	[STORE VIEW]
Add From-To Widget	Yes	[STORE VIEW]

Moreover, you can set up the filters and show any desired numerical attribute (such as height, weight, size etc) as slider.



This attribute should have the price type in the catalog input type setting



After that please open it as the filter in Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters and change the Display Type to Slider

Edit Filter "Size Shoe" Properties



If you use price type for your length, weight, etc. attributes, you would like to hide \$, € or some other currency sign when showing detailed information on product page for those attributes. Unfortunately, it is not possible to resolve out of the box. Please follow these steps in order to achieve it:

1. Open template file

app/design/frontend/[YOUR PACKAGE]/[YOUR THEME]/template/catalog/product/view/attributes.phtml

2. Then replace line

```
<td class="data"><?php echo $_helper->productAttribute($_product, $_data['value'], $_data['code']) ?></td>
```

with

```
<td class="data"><?php echo preg_replace('@[$€]@u', '', $_helper->productAttribute($_product, $_data['value'], $_data['code'])) ?></td>
```

3. Currency symbol will be hidden after you flush cache.

How to show images instead of the text? How to make the filters results being image-dependent?

Filters showing as text is rather straightforward but you always can make it more clear by using the images. Images are good for colors or some other things that we can better imagine visually. To make the visual appearance please open some filter and go to the options tab. Here open any filter option

Filter Properties

- General
- Options**

Edit Filter "Color" Properties

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16	Royal Blue

On the next page you'll have the possibility to upload the images Our navigation allows to gain even more customizations: you can set up the extension so that if you filter by e.g. green color you will see only green simples of the configurable product. This feature can be used not only for color - for any attribute, which is used for creation of configurable products. To activate this feature go to Catalog → Improved Navigation → Settings → General. Then specify the codes of the attributes, for which you would like to use this feature, in Image-Related Attributes field.

▲ List comma-separated attribute codes like: category, price, color.

Hide filters with one available option [STORE VIEW]

Image-Related Attributes [STORE VIEW]

▲ Comma-separated list of attribute codes to show specific image for configurable products. This function could make category loading slower.

SHOP BY

Currently Shopping by

Color: Blue

Clear All

CATEGORY

- Women (2)
 - New Arrivals (1)
 - Pants & Denim (1)
 - Dresses & Skirts (1)
- Men (5)

RATING FILTER

- ★★★★★ & up (1)
- ★★★★☆ & up (2)
- Not Yet Rated (10)

COLOR

STOCK FILTER

- In Stock (12)

PRODUCT LENGTH @

171Cm 171 - 176 176Cm

DEFAULT CATEGORY - BLUE

SHOP BY

Clear All

RATING FILTER

- ★★★★★ & up (1)
- ★★★★☆ & up (2)
- Not Yet Rated (10)

SIZE @

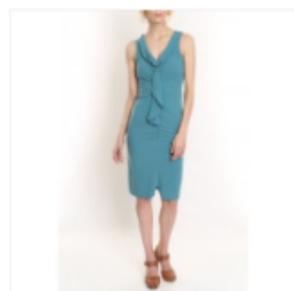
- XS (5) 10 (1)
- 2 (1) 26 (1)
- S (4) 27 (1)
- M (4) 28 (1)
- 4 (1) 29 (1)
- L (5) 30 (1)
- XL (5) 31 (1)

SLEEVE LENGTH

GENDER

LENGTH

SORT BY: Position ↑ VIEW AS: [Grid] [List]

 <p>CHELSEA TEE</p> <p>● \$75.00</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p> <p>Add to Wishlist</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	 <p>LAFAYETTE CONVERTIBLE DRESS</p> <p>● \$340.00</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p>VIEW DETAILS</p> <p>Add to Wishlist</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	 <p>PARK ROW THROW</p> <p>● \$240.00 \$120.00</p> <p>ADD TO CART</p> <p>Add to Wishlist</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>
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Why I see two shopby panels on the category page?

If you see 2 shop by panels when using Improved Layered Navigation extension , it means one is default and the other is added by the module. In most themes the module removes the default panel

automatically, but now it fails to do that because the panel has custom name.

Please open the catalog.xml in your custom theme and remove all occurrences of the blocks with the template "catalog/layer/view.phtml".

Why no filters are displayed on the advanced search page?

The Improved Layered Navigation extension doesn't support the advanced search. Currently it is not possible to show our filters on such pages due to the limitations of the Magento architecture.

3. SEO section. Meta information.

How to change the title and meta information for the particular filter?

Our extension allows to manage the most important information for the filters page. Please go to Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters and then select any filter that we will test. You need to enable the Show on List setting here

Edit Filter "Color" Properties

Display Properties	
Show in the Block	Sidebar ▼
Display Type	Images Only ▼
Show Search Box	No ▼
Number of unfolded options	0 ▲ Applicable for 'Labels Only', 'Images only' and 'Labels and Images' display types. Zero means all options are unfolded
Sort Options By	Position ▼
When folded, display featured options first	No ▼
Hide quantities	No ▼
Collapsed	No ▼ ▲ Will be collapsed until customer select any filter option
Tooltip	

Additional Blocks	
Show on List	Yes ▼ ▲ Show option description and image above product listing.

Open the options tab and click on any filter option

Edit Filter "Color" Properties

Page 1 of 1 pages | View 20 per page | Total 18 records found

ID	Title
20	All Black Products
27	Blue
221	Brown
17	Charcoal
24	Green
12	Grey
26	Indigo
13	Ivory
25	Khaki
226	Oatmeal
19	Orange
21	Pink
18	Purple
28	Red
16	Royal Blue
15	Silver

Here you will see many options that can be changed

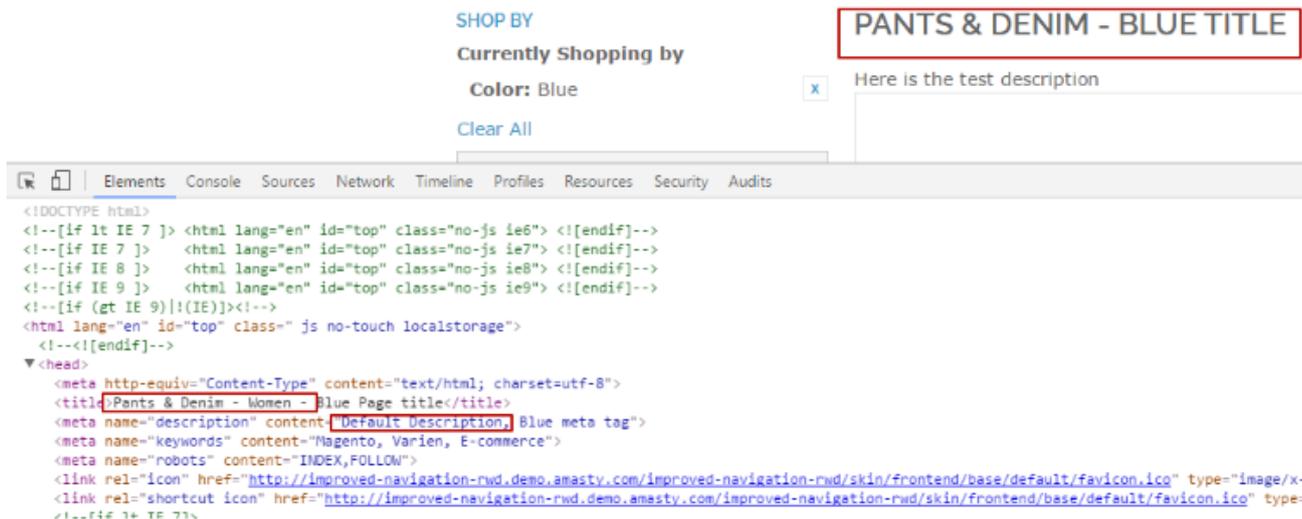
The screenshot shows the 'Option Properties' configuration for the 'Blue' filter. On the left, the 'Meta Data' section includes fields for 'Page Title Tag' (set to 'Admin Blue Page title'), 'Meta-Description Tag' (set to 'Admin Blue meta tag'), and 'Meta-Keyword Tag'. The 'Products List Page' section includes 'Title' (set to 'Admin Blue Title') and 'Description' (set to 'Here is the test description'). Other options include 'Top CMS Block' (set to 'PLP Header'), 'Bottom CMS Block' (set to 'Please select a static block...'), 'Category Image', and 'Remove Image'. On the right, a live preview shows the 'Blue' filter applied to a product page. The filter title is 'BLUE TITLE' and the description is 'Here is the test description'. The product page displays 'OUR NEW COLLECTION IS HERE' with a 'SHOP NEW ARRIVALS' button. The browser's developer tools are open at the bottom, showing the HTML meta tags: <meta http-equiv='Content-Type' content='text/html; charset=utf-8'>, <title Blue Page title >, and <meta name='description' content='Blue meta tag'>.

As you may see these settings allow to change almost anything for any filter that you wish to manage.

How to manage the display of the title and meta information for the filters?

If you try to reproduce the 3.1 manual, you may have faced with the problems. It may show the meta information/title of the default category instead or append the information that you wish to show to

the categories



It may happen if you didn't edit the meta managing settings here

Improved Navigation

General		
Blocks Display		
Category Title and Description		
Please open Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Filters -> [open filter] -> Options -> [open option] in order to define		
Add selected filter title to Category Name	Replace	[STORE VIEW]
Category Name separator	-	[STORE VIEW]
Add selected filter description to Category Description	Replace	[STORE VIEW]
Replace Category Image	Yes	[STORE VIEW]
▲ Category Image will be replaced if selected filter option have it's own image uploaded.		
Replace Category CMS Block	Yes	[STORE VIEW]
▲ Category CMS Block will be replaced in case selected filter option have it's own defined.		

Category Meta Tags		
Please open Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Filters -> [open filter] -> Options -> [open option] in order to define		
Add selected filters to Meta-Title	Replace	[STORE VIEW]
Title Tag Separator	-	[STORE VIEW]
Add selected filter descriptions to Category Meta-Description	Replace	[STORE VIEW]
Description Tag Separator	,	[STORE VIEW]
Add selected filters to Meta-Keywords	After	[STORE VIEW]

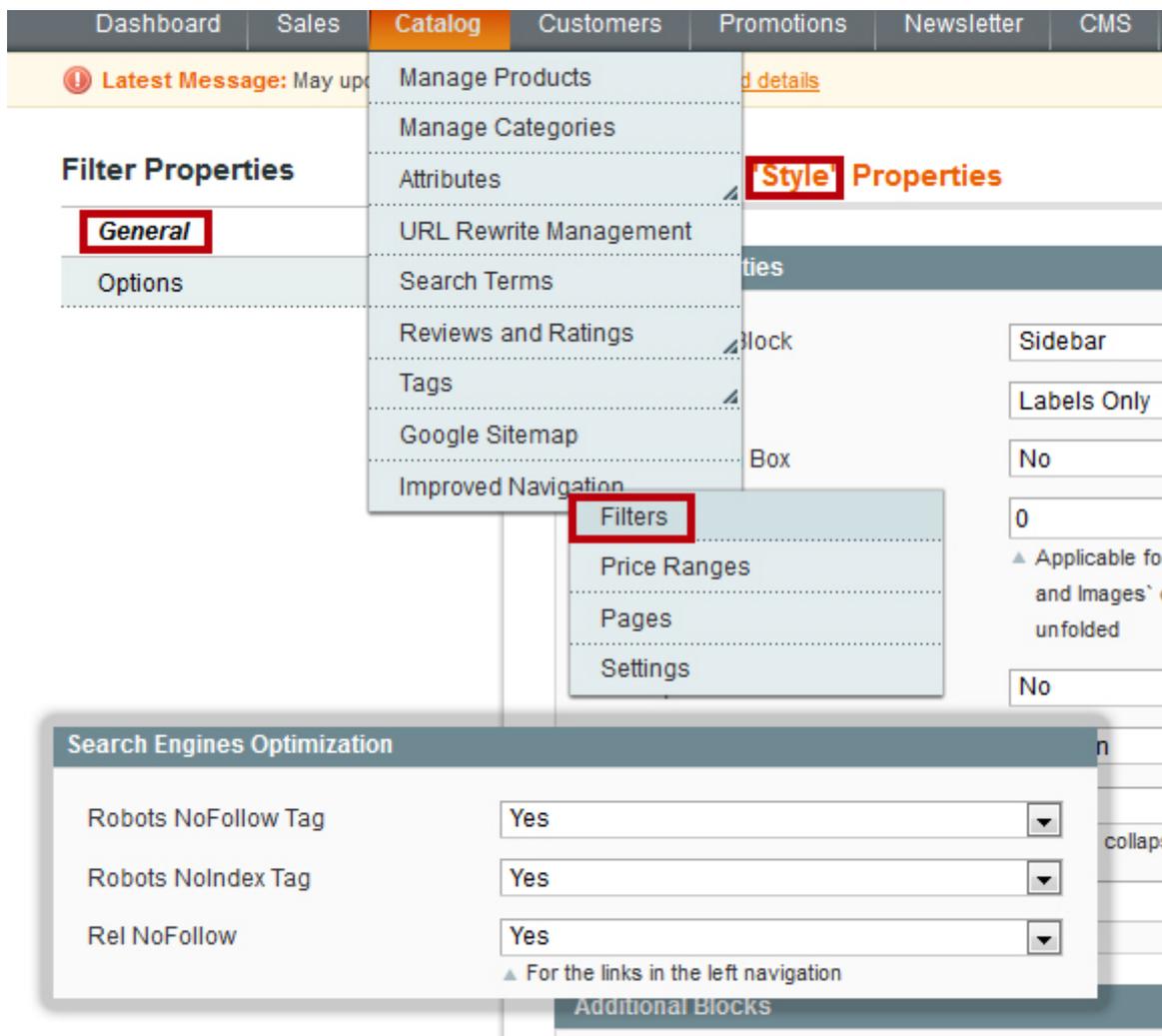
You will be able to change it regarding your needs and make the replacement of the default settings.

4. SEO section. Indexation and URLs.

Noindex/nofollow and the role of these settings on the indexation strategies.

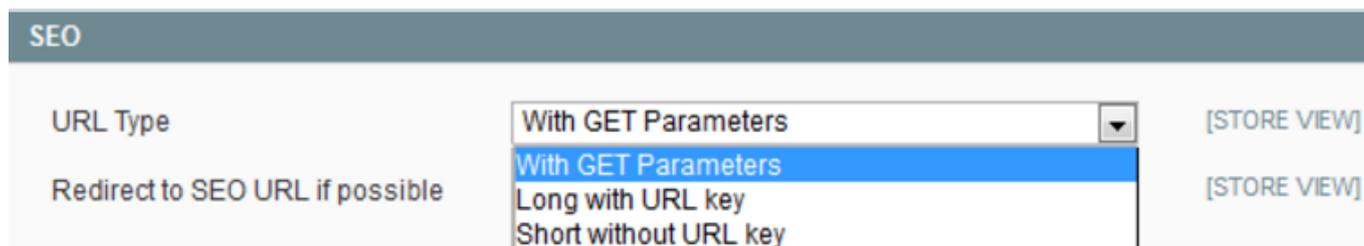
The noindex value of an HTML robots meta tag requests that automated Internet bots avoid indexing a web page. The nofollow tag excludes any other links that the crawler can find on the page in question from the indexation queue. The meaning of these settings is to exclude great majority of the

filters from indexation. Many indexed pages as a SEO solution is not that good as it makes the really important pages be buried under the tons of unnecessary information. You can manage the indexation of the filters in any filter's setting



SEO URLs, their difference and importance

URL Structure is very important for the SEO purpose as this creates the links logic for your site. The key solution is the golden mean between being short and neat on one hand yet SEO-friendly and functional on the other.



Here you will find three URL types:

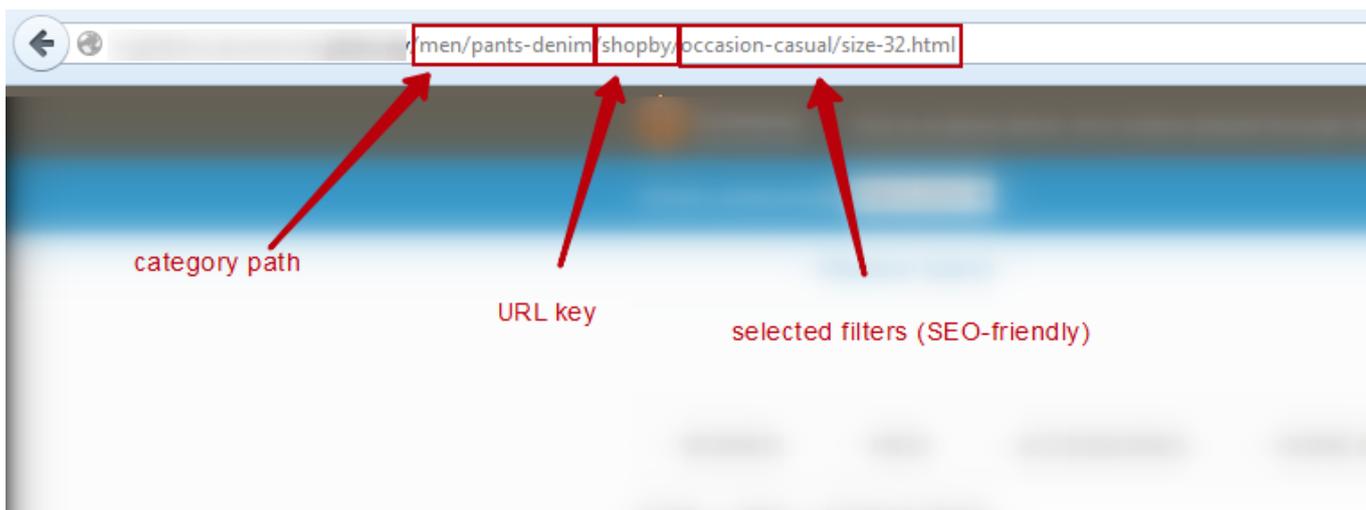
- with GET Parameters
- Long with URL key
- Short without URL key

The GET Parameter type is the way to structure URLs with the full filters list that are stored with IDs of the filters. It doesn't create SEO URLs however it is the solution that goes with Magento initially.



GET Parameter is good for the websites with big amount of filters as it creates neat and short URLs. Let's have a look how this page will look like if you select other URL types that would be more into our topic.

Long with URL key



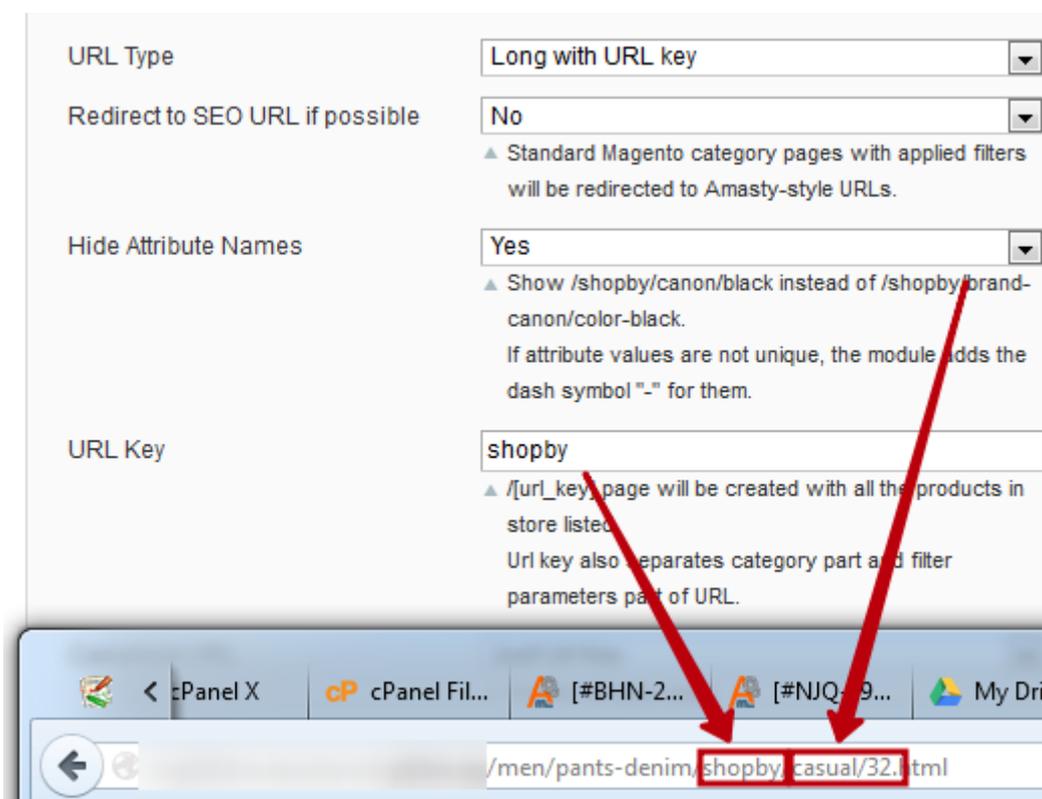
This URL type is better for SEO but may become tricky: if many filters are selected the URL can become really long. Also the URL key is the superfluous information for the search bot. You can specify any URL key you like but you won't be able to delete it.

Short without URL key



Choose 'Short without URL key' type to make your URLs nice looking and more SEO friendly by excluding the URL key from your links.

Please bear in mind that you can make the Long URL structure looking a bit like the Short one if you select Hide Attribute Names to Yes.



To make the long story short, we will advise you to use the short structure as the shortest and understandable for the Search crawlers.

5. Brands pages and their significance.

How to manage the brand page?

As you may know Improved Layered Navigation allows you to create the beautiful and functional

Brands Pages that look like the ordinary categories but you can put the unique content that is important for the successful SEO and user-friendly result (such as meta description, CMS blocks and so on).

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HOME AMALAND

SHOP BY

CATEGORY

PRICE

\$50 \$470

COLOR

- Black (4)
- Blue (1)
- Charcoal (1)
- Cognac (1)
- [View 1 More](#)

OCCASION

- Evening (2)
- Career (2)
- Casual (2)

SHOE SIZE

- 6 (3)
- 7 (3)
- 8 (6)
- 9 (6)
- 10 (6)
- 11 (3)
- 12 (3)

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Here is the description that you can create in the Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters-brands-Options-BRANDNAME

SORT BY: Position ↑ VIEW AS: [Grid Icon] [List Icon] 8 Item(s) SHOW: 12 ▾



Search entire store here...

WOMEN MEN ACCESSORIES HOME & DECOR SALE VIP

HOME / ACCESSORIES

SHOP BY

Currently Shopping by

Manufacturer: **Timberland** x

Clear All

PRICE

\$210 \$470

COLOR

- Black (2)
- Blue (1)
- Charcoal (1)
- Cognac (1)

View 1 More

OCCASION

- Evening (2)
- Career (2)
- Casual (2)

SHOE SIZE

- 6 (3)
- 7 (3)
- 8 (6)
- 9 (6)
- 10 (6)
- 11 (3)

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Here is the description that you can create in the Catalog-Improved Navigation-Filters-brands-Options-BRANDNAME

SORT BY: Position ↑ VIEW AS: [Grid] [List] 6 Item(s) SHOW: 12 ▾

The Brand Page on the Selected Category

To use this method please follow the next steps. Go to the brand filter and put Index/Follow for the manufacturer filter.

Edit Filter "Brands" Properties

Display Properties	
Show in the Block	Sidebar
Display Type	Images and Labels
Show Search Box	No
Number of unfolded options	0
	▲ Applicable for 'Labels Only', 'Images only' and 'Labels and Images' display types. Zero means all options are unfolded
Sort Options By	Position
When folded, display featured options first	No
Hide quantities	Yes
Collapsed	No
	▲ Will be collapsed until customer select any filter option
Tooltip	Choose any manufacturer

Additional Blocks	
Show on List	Yes
	▲ Show option description and image above product listing.
Show on Product	Yes
	▲ Show options images block on product view page. You need to perform modifications in theme template, see Amasty Improved Navigation User Guide on page 15.

Search Engines Optimization	
Robots NoFollow Tag	No
Robots NoIndex Tag	No
Rel NoFollow	No
	▲ For the links in the left navigation
Keep as GET parameter in URL	No
	▲ SEO URL mode will not affect this filter if set "Yes"

2. In the extension's configuration settings in the SEO tab select Just URL key in the canonical tag

dropdowns

Canonical URL	First Attribute Value
	▲ For the /shopby page
Category Canonical URL	First Attribute Value

3. Put the Brand Attribute Code in the extension's configuration settings in the Brands tab.

Improved Navigation

General		
Blocks Display		
Category Title and Description		
Category Meta Tags		
SEO		
Brands		
Brand Attribute Code	manufacturer	[STORE VIEW]
	▲ Used to generate brand pages. Deletes URL-key from Brand Page URL in Long URL Mode (example.com/shopby/canon.html becomes example.com/canon.html).	

How to make short URLs for the brands?

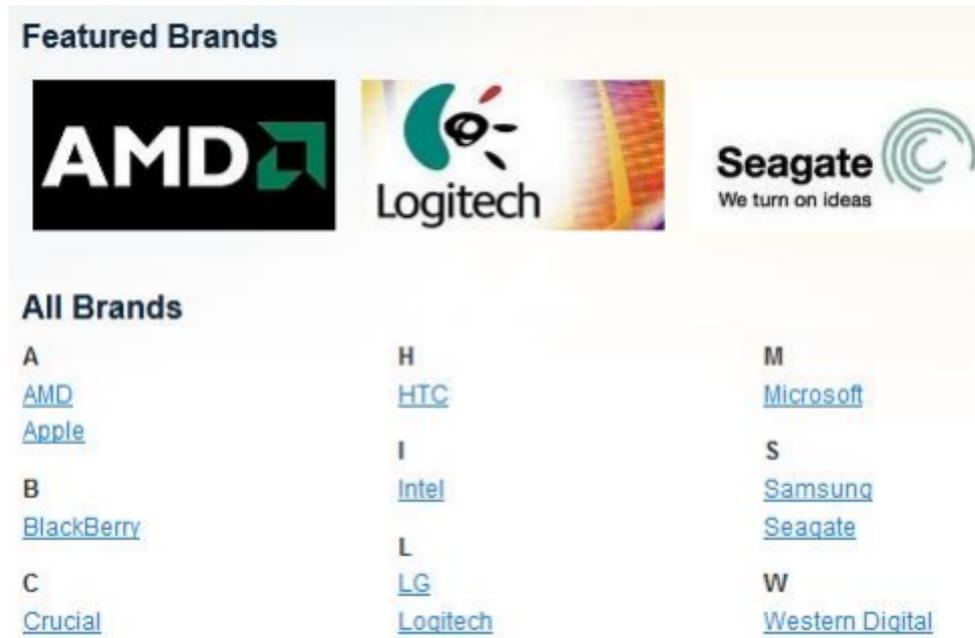
You can create the special CMS page that has the links to all your brands.

When copying the above code to Magento admin panel, please make sure that there's a space between 'block' and 'type' commands so they are spelled in two words as 'block type' not in one word 'blocktype' (sometimes space may get deleted during copying). Indicate code of the needed attribute instead of 'manufacturer', use 'header' parameter to indicate the name of the block and 'column' parameter to specify the number of columns in the block.

```
{{block type=amshopby/list attribute_code=manufacturer header="All Brands" columns=2 template=amasty/amshopby/list.phtml}}
```

where the manufacturer is the attribute code for the brands.

After selecting a brand, customers can narrow down selection by any available attribute (price, color, etc)



An example of 'All brands' block

If you have our [XML Sitemap extension](#) all the brands pages will be added to the Sitemap.

6. Problems and possible workarounds

SOLR on EE. CE SOLR Bridges

Huge stores with an extensive amount of products suffer from the default search engine dramatically. To solve this problem Magento offers full-text search. Starting from version 1.8.0.0 Magento Enterprise supports not only the full-text search based on MySQL (used by default), but also Apache Solr search engine. As you may see, the SOLR is the functionality of the Enterprise edition of the Magento. And our extension fully supports it out of the box. But only in the EE edition of the extension. Currently it is not possible to gain this support in the Community edition neither out of the box nor via the special SOLR bridges.

Searchenise

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Third-party extensions SEO Suites.

There are popular third-party extensions that have the multifaceted functionality, one of its features is the SEO Layered navigation URLs. Currently, if this feature is enabled, it may lead to the compatibility issues with the filters pages and/or toolbar. We recommend you to turn this functionality off

SEO Suite

Mageworx SEO Suite

SEO Base: Canonical URLs, Meta Robots and Next/Prev Link Rel Settings

SEO Base: Alternate Hreflang URLs

SEO Extended

SEO Extended Templates

SEO Cross Links

SEO Friendly LN URLs

Category Layered Navigation [STORE VIEW]

SEO-Friendly URLs ▾

SEO Reports

SEO Markup: Open Graph Protocol & Rich Snippets

Tools for SEO Suite extension

Common Settings For Extended Sitemaps

Extended HTML Sitemap

Extended XML Sitemap (Google, Yahoo, Bing)

SEO

Mirasvit Advanced SEO Suite

General Settings

Extended Settings

Rich Snippets and Opengraph (You can validate rich snippets at [Structured Data Testing Tool](#))

SEO-friendly URLs Settings

"Enable SEO-friendly URLs for Layered Navigation" ? [STORE VIEW]

Trailing Slash ? [STORE VIEW]

Product URL ? [STORE VIEW]
You may select between short product URL (like <http://store.com/product.html>) and long product URL (like <http://store.com/category1/category2/product.html>).

Product URL Key Template ? [STORE VIEW]
You can use all products attributes as variables in format **[product_(attribute)]**
Example: [product_name] [product_sku] [by {product_manufacturer}] [color {product_color}]

?

Enable SEO-friendly URLs for reviews ? [STORE VIEW]

Enable SEO-friendly URLs for tags ? [STORE VIEW]

Product Images Settings

Info (visible in frontend, will not work if FPC or Varnish enabled)

This should fix any possible conflict with these extensions.

The same workaround can help you for any other third-party SEO extension that has the SEO Layered navigation URLs setting.

Any custom navigation

There are dozens of the third-party extensions that provide the filtration of the attributes. Our extension has the same functions and this means that it is not possible to make the compatibility with such extensions. To make our navigation visible, please follow the next steps: 1. Edit the following configuration file: `app/etc/modules/custom_navigation.xml` 2. Change "true" to "false" 3. Clear Magento cache This will disable the third-party navigation extension and make ours visible. Please bear in mind that you do not need to do it if you are using the default navigation provided out of the box.

How can we achieve better SEO result using Improved Layered Navigation? Several SEO strategies to choose from

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Pages. How can I do the better SEO practice for the proper filter combinations? How to prevent pages from partial matching?

{Stay tuned! Under development}

How to put the window position on top while switching the pages?

{Stay tuned! Under development}

Why is my third-party AJAX code not running while ILN's AJAX is working?

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