

Persistent Layered Navigation

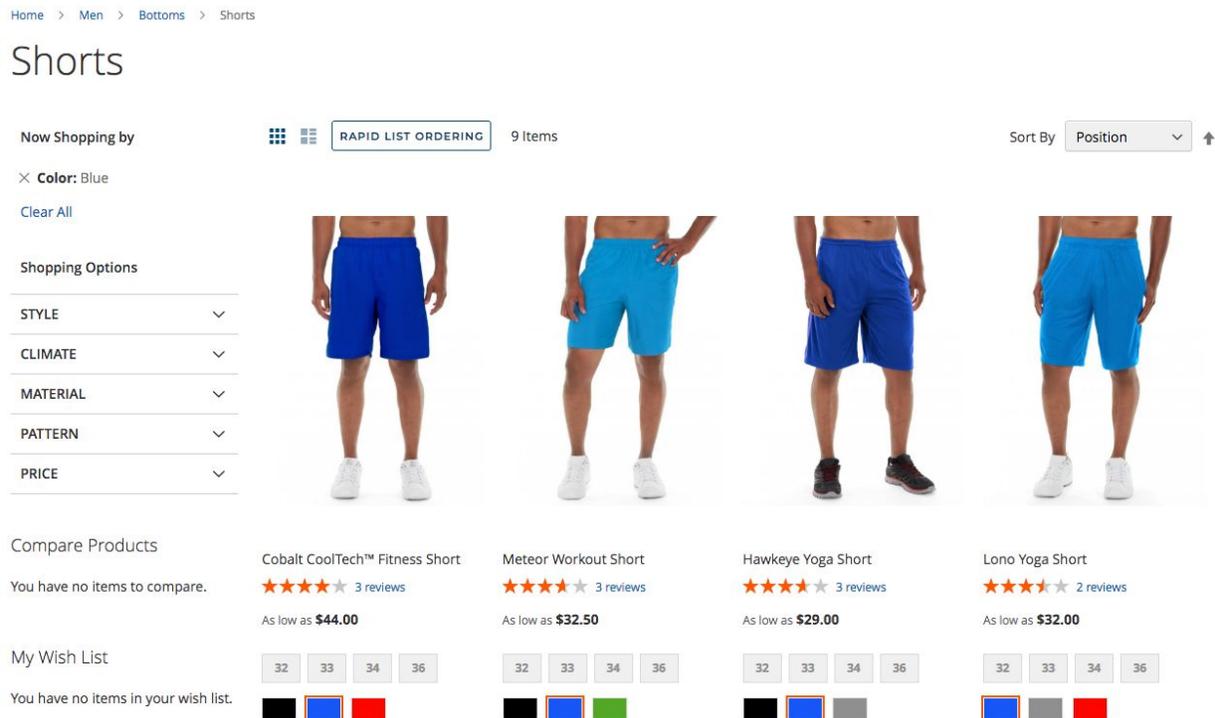
User Guide

Introduction

Persistent Layered Navigation is an extension that saves filtering preferences, such as size, style of item, color, and other attributes during each browsing session. It can help webstores increase conversions and streamline the shopping experience.

These preferences persist when the customer navigates to a different webpage, and when they expand the product details of an individual item, allowing them to quickly shop and add their preferred items to their carts – without having to reselect their preferred size, style, and other such selections.

In the screenshot below, the color **Blue** has been selected on the **Shorts** category.



When the user visits a different page, such as **Jackets** in the screenshot below, their selections will not be saved.



Hawkeye Yoga Short

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Size

Color Blue



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This function can be turned off in the configuration process, if desired.

The extension has been built to run exclusively on Magento 2. It supports both the Open Source and Commerce editions of Magento 2.

This guide discusses the major features of the Persistent Layered Navigation extension and provides you with instructions on how to install and configure the extension.

Features

Persistent Layered Navigation has a number of features which help Magento store owners improve ROI and make more sales.

- Simplified browsing, with category selections saved individually – preferences for “Shirts” for example, will not be transferred when users are browsing a different category, such as “Pants.”
- Saves user filter preferences between sessions, allowing them to quickly return to your store and shop for their preferred items, should they be interrupted.

- Near-native design to ensure a streamlined, fast installation that's intuitive and user-friendly.
- Supports all product attributes.
- Can be customized to allow filter preferences to persist upon opening product details page (i.e., a customer browsing for a brown, size 12 shoe will have these options pre-selected when they open the expanded product details view).
- Simple, low-code structure has minimal impact on loading times or site performance.
- Regular updates and patching to ensure compatibility with all updated Magento extensions.

Installation Instructions

First, you'll need to install the Persistent Layered Navigation extension. Here is a step-by-step guide.

1. Back up your web directory and store database, to ensure your store can be restored in case of an error or installation failure.
2. Download the "Persistent Layered Navigation" installation package from the Magento Marketplace.
3. Upload the contents of the "Persistent Layered Navigation" installation package to the root directory of your store.
4. Open up the SSH console of your server, and navigate to your store root folder and enter the following commands:

```
cd [path_to_the_store_root_folder] (the path will vary based on your installation)
```

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run: php -f bin/magento module:enable Ecommerce121_Core
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php -f bin/magento module:enable Ecommerce121_PersistentLayeredNavigation
```

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php -f bin/magento setup:upgrade
```

```
php -f bin/magento setup:di:compile
```

```
php -f bin/magento setup:static-content:deploy
```

5. The installation of the Persistent Layered Navigation extension is complete.

Configuration

After the Persistent Layered Navigation extension has been installed, you can modify its performance, and choose to disable and enable it.

Here are instructions on how to configure the extension.

To modify the behavior of Persistent Layered Navigation, you must navigate to **Stores > Configuration** on your Magento dashboard, as shown in the below screenshot.

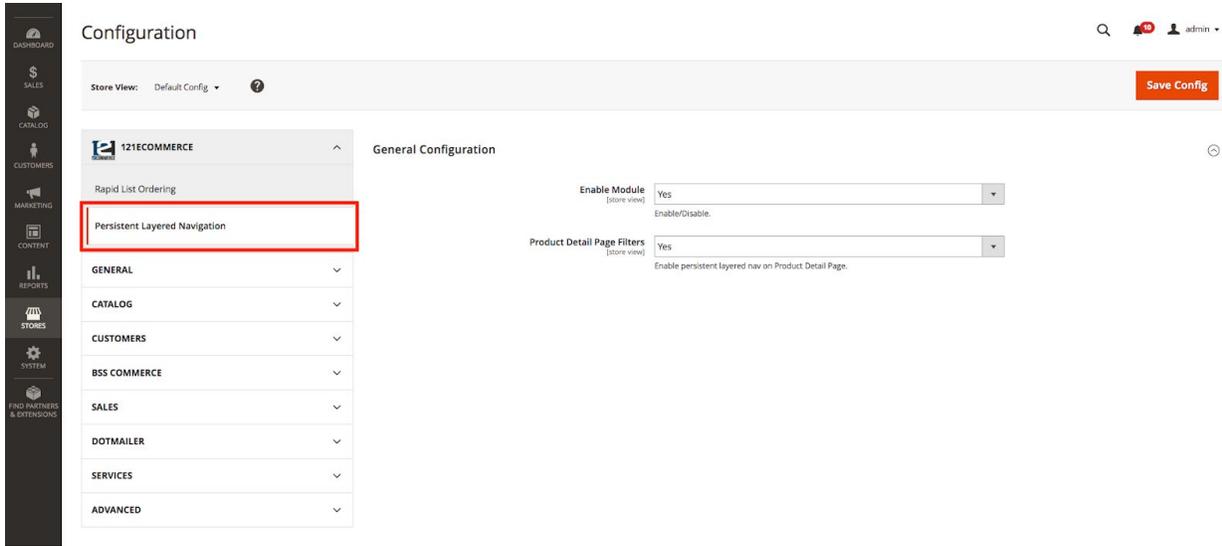
The screenshot shows the Magento dashboard with the 'Stores' menu open. The 'Configuration' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a summary of sales data for the current period, including Revenue (\$0.00), Tax (\$0.00), and Shipping (\$0.00). Below this, there are tabs for 'Bestsellers', 'Most Viewed Products', 'New Customers', and 'Customers'. The 'Bestsellers' tab is active, showing a table of products with their respective counts.

Product	Count
Jackets	7
Jacket	2
Lando	3
Kenobi	5

Click **Configuration** to access the configuration panel.

In the left-hand menu, select **Persistent Layered Navigation**, if it is not already pre-selected.

Depending on the other extensions you have installed, the list view of extensions may vary somewhat, compared to the below screenshot.



Next, we'll discuss how you can modify the behavior of Persistent Layered Navigation, and enable/disable the extension.

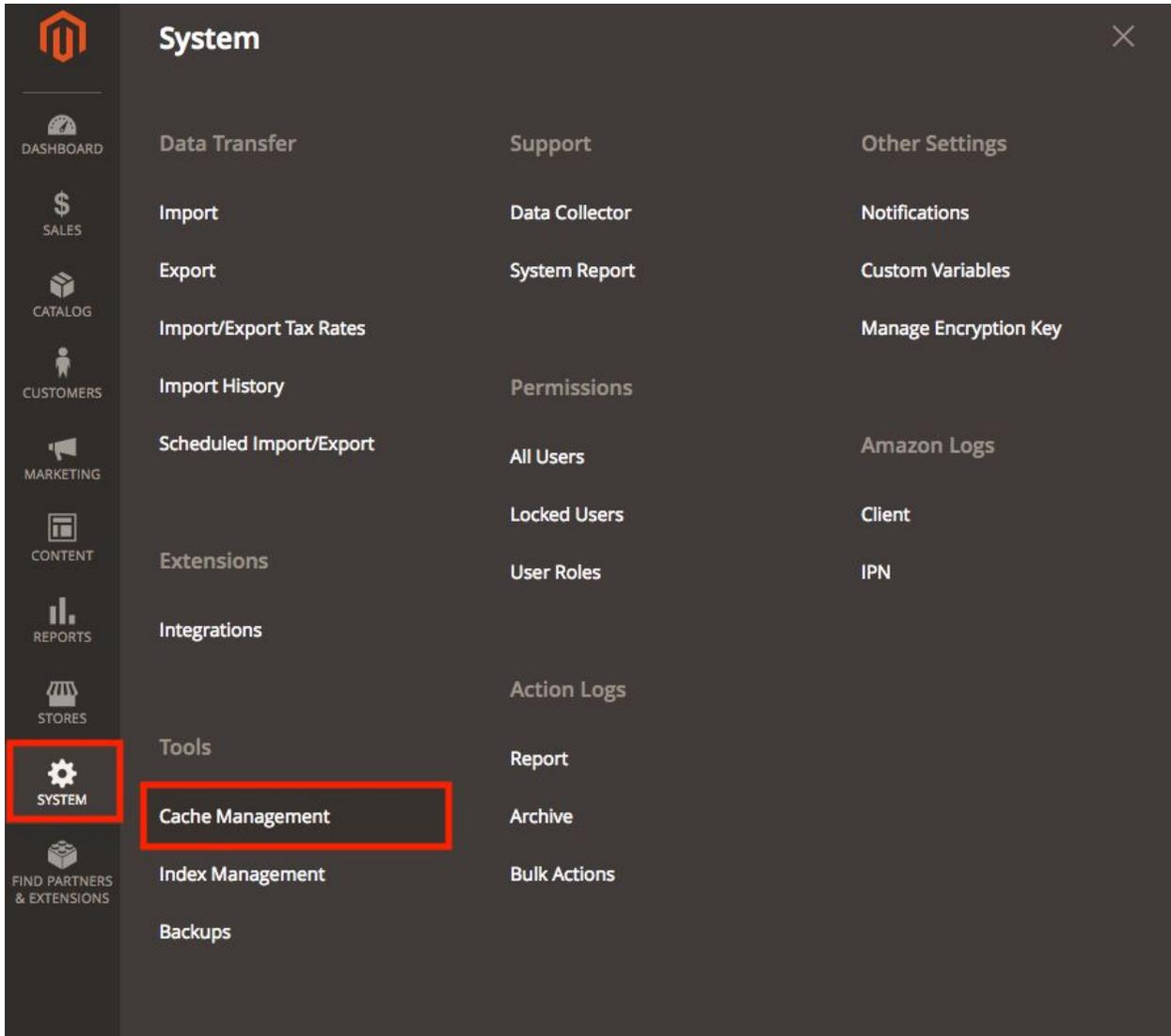
Cache Management – Flushing Your Cache

It's important to note that, after making a change to the Persistent List Ordering extension, you will need to flush your cache. After you've saved your configuration changes, you'll see the following notification:



To flush your cache and enable your new configuration, follow the blue **Cache Management** hyperlink to access the cache management screen.

You can also access this screen by navigating to **System > Cache Management** in the main Magento menu, as seen below:



Once you have opened Cache Management, you'll see the following screen:

One or more of the Cache Types are invalidated: Configuration, Page Cache. Please go to Cache Management and refresh cache types. System Messages: 3

Cache Management

Flush Cache Storage Flush Magento Cache

Refresh 14 records found

Cache Type	Description	Tags	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Configuration	Various XML configurations that were collected across modules and merged	CONFIG	INVALIDATED
<input type="checkbox"/> Layouts	Layout building instructions	LAYOUT_GENERAL_CACHE_TAG	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Blocks HTML output	Page blocks HTML	BLOCK_HTML	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Collections Data	Collection data files	COLLECTION_DATA	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflection Data	API interfaces reflection data	REFLECTION	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Database DDL operations	Results of DDL queries, such as describing tables or indexes	DB_DDL	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> EAV types and attributes	Entity types declaration cache	EAV	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Customer Notification	Customer Notification	CUSTOMER_NOTIFICATION	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrations Configuration	Integration configuration file	INTEGRATION	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrations API Configuration	Integrations API configuration file	INTEGRATION_API_CONFIG	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Target Rule	Target Rule Index	TARGET_RULE	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Page Cache	Full page caching	FPC	INVALIDATED
<input type="checkbox"/> Translations	Translation files	TRANSLATE	ENABLED
<input type="checkbox"/> Web Services Configuration	REST and SOAP configurations, generated WSDL file	WEBSERVICE	ENABLED

Additional Cache Management

Simply click the orange **Flush Magento Cache** button on the upper-right to flush the cache. After doing so, your new settings will be saved.

General Configuration

As it is a very simple extension, there are very few options to modify the behavior of Persistent Layered Navigation. You'll see the following screen:

Configuration

Store View: Default Config Save Config

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Rapid List Ordering

Persistent Layered Navigation

GENERAL

CATALOG

General Configuration

Enable Module [store view] Yes

Product Detail Page Filters [store view] Yes

Enable/Disable.

Enable persistent layered nav on Product Detail Page.

Enable Module

This option is self-explanatory. When it is set to **Yes**, the Persistent Layered Navigation extension will be enabled, and a user's selections will be saved across category pages.

Enable Module [store view] Yes

Enable/Disable.

When it is set to **No**, the Persistent Layered Navigation extension will be disabled completely. A user's selections will not be saved across category pages.

Enable Module
[store view] 

Enable/Disable.

Product Detail Page Filters

This configuration option is only available if the Persistent Layered Navigation **Enable Module** setting is set to **Yes**.

This allows you to control the behavior of Persistent Layered Navigation when individual product details pages are viewed.

If the **Product Detail Page Filters** option is set to **Yes**, user preferences for style, color, price, and size will be saved and applied to individual items on the product details page.

Product Detail Page Filters
[store view] 

Enable persistent layered nav on Product Detail Page.

For example, let's say a user is browsing for a **Jacket**, and filters by **Black** and **\$40.00-\$49.99**, as in the screenshot below:

Jackets

Now Shopping by



RAPID LIST ORDERING

3 Items

Sort By Position

Color: Black

Price: \$40.00 - \$49.99

Clear All

Shopping Options

STYLE

CLIMATE

MATERIAL

Compare Products

You have no items to compare.

My Wish List

You have no items in your wish list.



Kenobi Trail Jacket

★★★★★ 3 reviews

As low as \$47.00

XS S M L XL



Montana Wind Jacket

★★★★★ 3 reviews

As low as \$49.00

XS S M L XL



Proteus Fitness Jackshirt

As low as \$45.00

XS S M L XL



The **Product Detail Page Filters** option will save this selection, and apply it automatically when the product is selected:

Montana Wind Jacket

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Size

XS S M L XL

Color Black



Qty

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Montana Wind Jacket

If the **Product Detail Page Filters** option is set to **No**, this behavior will not occur. The filters set on the categories page will be “forgotten” once a user enters the Product Details view, as seen below:

Home > Men > Tops > Jackets > Montana Wind Jacket



Montana Wind Jacket

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