Flexslider v2.x Installation and User Manual

Latest version:	2.2.8
Compatibility:	Magento 2.1.x, 2.2.x, 2.3.x,2.4.x

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Installation, Upgrade and Deinstallation

Installation for extensions purchased throught the Magento Marketplace

If you purchased the extension through the Magento Marketplace, please follow the steps to install the extension as described in the Magento Docs here:
https://docs.magento.com/marketplace/user_guide/buyers/install-extension.html

Installation for extensions purchased on https://solidewebservices.com

The zip package you have downloaded from the webshop of Solide Webservices contains a link to this manual and a folder called upload. This upload folder contains the files of the extension and will be used to install the extension through (s)FTP.

System Requirements

- Magento version 2.x or higher
- PHP version 5.6.0 for 2.x or 2.1 or PHP 7.1 for Magento 2.2

Installation through command line

Installing modules is a little different in Magento 2 and requires some technical knowledge. If you are unfamiliar with this please read the Magento2 documentation.

Follow the steps below to install the extension for the first time.

1. Backup your web directory and webshop database;

2. Disable caching;
3. Extract the zipfile you have downloaded after your purchase and copy the content of the 'upload' folder to the root of your webshop (for instance using an FTP client);
4. Navigate to your webshop root in the console of your SSH client and execute the following command:

```
php -f bin/magento module:enable SolideWebservices_Flexslider --clear-
static-content
```

5. Then run the following command:

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

6. Flush the cache en reenable it. Log out from the backend and log in again to refresh autorisations for the new transactions.

In case you are running a configuration different then the Magento recommended server configuration it may be required to run the following command to deploy the new static files:

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

Upgrading through command line

1. Backup your web directory and webshop database;
2. Disable caching;
3. Extract the zipfile you have downloaded after your purchase and copy the content of the 'upload' folder to the root of your webshop (for instance using an FTP client);
4. Navigate to your webshop root in the console of your SSH client and execute the following command:

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

5. Flush the cache en reenable it. Log out from the backend and log in again to refresh autorisations for the new transactions.

In case you are running a configuration different then the Magento recommended server configuration it may be required to run the following command to deploy the new static files:

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

Uninstallation through command line

Installation of modules is done through the command line as well, for more information please have a look at the Magento2 documentation.

1. Backup your web directory and webshop database;
2. Disable caching;

3. Navigate to your webshop root in the console of your SSH client and execute the following command:

```
php -f bin/magento module:disable SolideWebservices_Flexslider --clear-
static-content
```

4. Flush the cache en reenable the cache again.
5. Remove the folder called 'Flexslider' located at /app/code/SolideWebservices/. If you have no other extension of Solide Webservices installed you can also remove the folder called 'SolideWebservices' in /app/code/.

Frontend

In this section you can see most of the functionality how it can be shown on the frontend of your Magento webshop. These are just examples but will give you a good idea of the endless posibilities.

Basic Slider

Below is an example of a basic slider as shown on the frontend. All elements can be modified to your needs and theme.


1. **Image and video slides**: all slider groups can have unlimited image and/or video (Youtube and Vimeo) slides.
2. **Progress Bar**: a slider group can have a progress bar indicating the time until the next slide. This can be positioned and styled to your needs.
3. **Captions**: every slide can have it's own caption with HTML styled text. Each captions can be positioned and styled to your needs.
4. **Navigation arrows**: a slider group can have navigation arrows which can be hidden, always shown or only shown upon hover. There is a wide selection of arrow types to choose from and the arrows can be styled to your needs.
5. **Pagination**: a slider group can have pagination dots which can be hidden, always shown or only shown upon hover. The dots can be positioned and styled to your needs.

Carousel Slider

1. **Multiple slider types**: there are several types of sliders to choose from, there is a basic slider, a carousel, a basic slider with carousel navigation and basic slider with overlay navigation as seen below.
2. **Carousels are configurable**: the carousels can be configured to your needs, you can set the number of images, the size of the thumbnails, the way it scrolls, etc.

Slider with overlay navigation
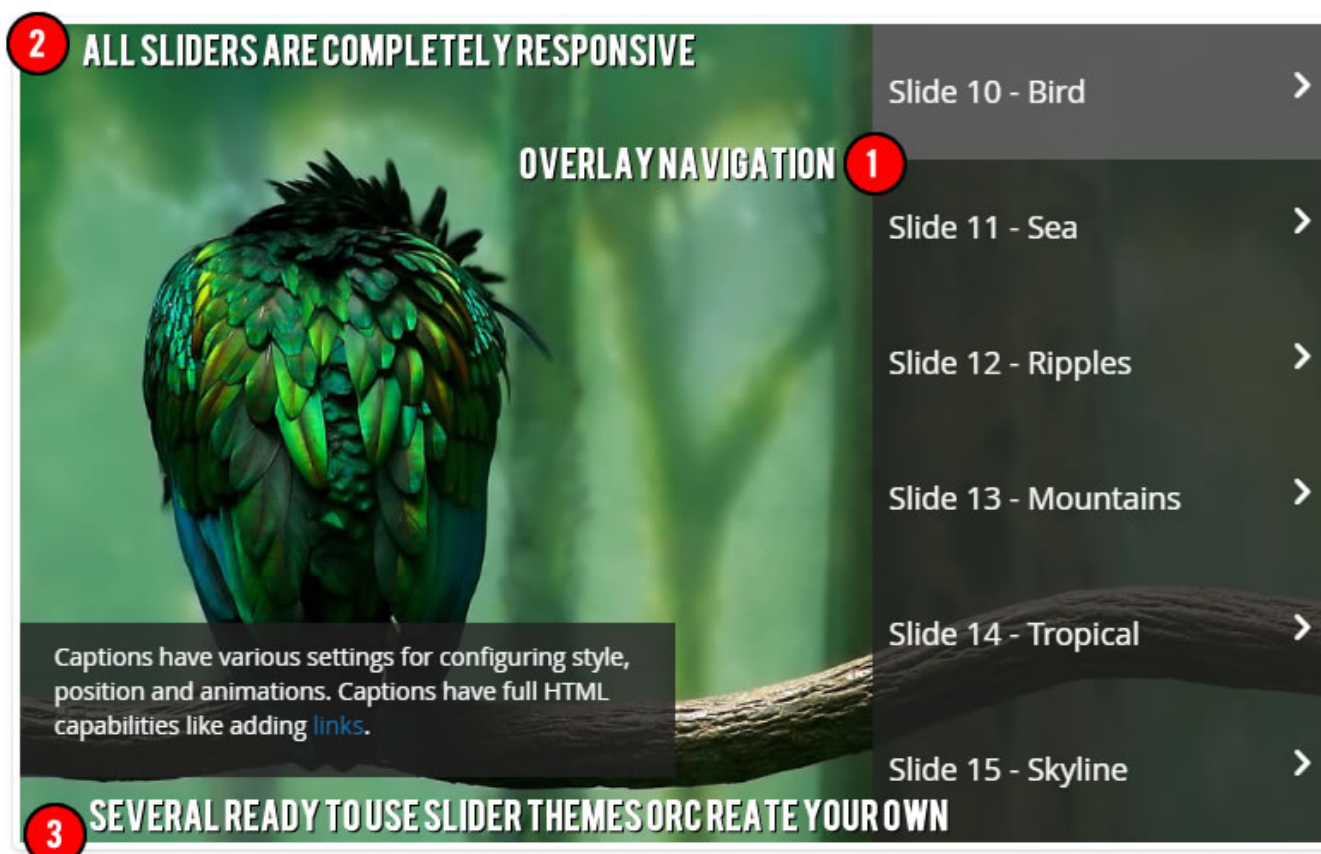
1. **Overlay navigation**: add an overlay navigation based on your slides to easliy navigate between them.
2. **Responsive**: all sliders are completely responsive meaning they will scale down based on the users viewport. Not only will it scale, it will also load optimized images based on this viewport to make sure the sliders also load fast on devices that have low bandwidth.
3. **Themes**: there are several themes you can choose from but you can easily add your own theme if you know your way around CSS. You will not even have to touch the files but can do this straight from the options.

Backend

Flexslider Settings

The extension settings for the Flexslider v2.x extension can be found through the Magento backend menu under either "Content > Flexslider > Flexslider Settings" and "Stores > Settings > Configuration > Solide Webservices > Flexslider". These settings control some general settings.

General

Enable Extension	Yes ▼	[STORE VIEW]
Enable Easing Library	Yes ▼	[STORE VIEW]
	Disable this if your theme already loads the easing library and you experience issues.	
Default Thumbnail Upload Width	200	[STORE VIEW]
	Set the width of the thumbnails created during upload. Thumbnails are used in carousels (default is 200).	

Advanced Settings

Enable Positions As Selected	Yes ▼	[STORE VIEW]
	This enables the default positions which are used together with the selection of pages, categories and/or products in the slider group settings. Only disable this if you will be adding all your sliders through template tags, XML layout updates or the predefined slider positions which can be enabled below. This will reduce database queries to only the pages where you havent added any sliders.	
Enable Global Positions	No ▼	[STORE VIEW]
	Enable this if you want to add sliders that will be shown on all pages of the selected position. This will add extra database queries on all pages.	
Enable Customer Positions	No ▼	[STORE VIEW]
	Only enable this if you want to be able to add sliders to the login and customer account pages. This will add extra database queries on these pages.	
Enable Checkout Positions	No ▼	[STORE VIEW]
	Only enable this if you want to be able to add sliders to the checkout pages. This will add extra database queries on these pages.	

FIELDSET GENERAL

Setting	Value	Description
Enable Extension	Yes / No	This allows you to enable or disable the extension on a global level. If "No" is selected here all defined sliders will be disabled on the frontend as the extension isnt loaded anymore.
Enable Easing Library	Yes / No	This allows you to disable the loading of the easing library. The easing library is used in the transition between slides but can cause issues if a custom theme already comes with it's own version of the easing library. It can then be disabled here.
Default Thumbnail Upload Width	Size in pixels	When you are uploading a slide to be used within a slider a thumbnail is created. This thumbnail is used when selecting the carousel or basic-carousel slider type.

FIELDSET ADVANCED SETTINGS

In the advanced settings you are able to tweak the extension to optimize it based on your needs. The position settings can disable/enable positions for the slider groups. Enabled postions will add extra

database queries to the frontend. Positions that arent in use should be disabled for optimal performance.

Setting	Value	Description
Enable Positions As Selected	Yes / No	This enables the default positions which are used together with the selection of pages, categories and/or products in the slider group settings. Only disable this if you will be adding all your sliders through template tags, XML layout updates or the predefined slider positions which can be enabled below. This will reduce database queries to only the pages where you havent added any sliders.
Enable Global Positions	Yes / No	Enable this if you want to add sliders that will be shown on all pages of the selected position. This will add extra database queries on all pages, so only enable this if you really want to add a slider to all pages.
Enable Customer Positions	Yes / No	This allows you to add sliders on customer pages. Only enable this if you want to be able to add sliders to the login and customer account pages. This will add extra database queries on these pages.
Enable Checkout Positions	Yes / No	This allows you to add slider to the checkout pages like the cart and the one-page checkout page. Only enable this if you want to be able to add sliders to the checkout pages. This will add extra database queries on these pages.

Groups

This Magento Flexslider v2.x extension allows you to add groups that consist of a collection of slides where each slide can be an image or a video. Each group has it's own configuration like effect settings and a selection of pages and/or categories where the group should be displayed. This chapter explains how to add, edit and delete groups and how this is displayed on the frontend.

To add, edit or delete a group select the menu option "Content > Flexslider > Manage Groups". A grid is loaded with the existing groups. To add a new group click the "Add New Group" button. To edit an existing group select the group you want to edit from the grid by clicking on it. If you want to delete a group select the delete action from dropdown in the action column in the row of the group you want to delete.

You can also enable, disable or delete a selection of slider groups with a mass-change action by selecting these groups and choosing the right action from the actionbox in the grid header.

For some changes to take effect it might be necessary to refresh your Full Page Cache under "System > Cache Management" or even re-deploy the static files with the following command.

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

Flexslider - Group Management

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Add New Group

| Search by keyword 🔍 | | 🔽 Filters   👁 Default View ▾   ⚙ Columns ▾ |

| Select Items ▾ | 6 records found | 20 ▾ per page | < | 1 | of 1 | > |

☐ ▼	ID ↓	Title	Group Type	Status	Action
☐	1	Basic Slider [added to homepage]	Basic slider	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	2	Carousel [added to category]	Carousel	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	3	Slider With Carousel Navigation [added to a CMS page]	Basic slider with carousel navigation	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	4	Slider With Overlay Navigation [added to a product]	Basic slider with overlay navigation	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	5	Basic slider [added to category sidebar through XML update]	Basic slider	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	6	Carousel [added below the login form]	Carousel	Enabled	Select ▾

When adding or editing a slider group these options are available.

Tab: Group Config

FIELDSET GENERAL

General settings for the group.

Setting	Value	Description
Title	Free Text	Enter a recognizable name for your group.
Identifier	Letters, numbers and underscore	Enter a unique identifier for the group. This identifier is used when adding a group to a page, category or static block with the use of the XML Layout Update or template tag code instead of the page and category selection options.
Status	Yes / No	Enable or disable the group. When disabled a group will not be shown in the frontend.
Store View	Store Views	This option is only visible in multistore webshops and is used to select the store view(s) where the slider group should be displayed.
Position	Pre-defined Values	Select the position where the group should be displayed on the pages and categories of your choice. In the advanced settings of the extension you can enable extra positions that are unrelated to the selected pages, categories or products in the slider group. You can also use the XML Layout Update or template tag for more control over the position of the group. Select the custom position in this case.
Sort Order	Number	In case you have more then one group on one page or category you can set the sort order between these groups with this option.
Random Order	Yes / No	If set to yes the slides are shown in a random order instead of the set order in the slide settings.

Setting	Value	Description
Visible to logged in customers only?	Yes / No	Set this to "Yes" to only show this group to logged in customers.
Group Start Date	Date	You can set a date here from which the group will be shown on the location where it has been added. Leave empty to always show the group.
Group End Date	Date	You can set a date here from which the group will not be shown anymore on the location where it has been added. Leave empty to always show the group.

FIELDSET APPEARANCE

Appearance and styling settings for the group.

Setting	Value	Description
Group Type	Pre-defined Select	The Magento Flexslider v2.x extension allows you to create different kind of groups that can be set on a per group basis. Select the type of group you want with this option.
Thumbnail Width	Number in Pixels	Only visible when "Carousel" or "Carousel with basic navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. This sets the thumbnail width of the carousel. Make sure this number isnt higher then the thumbnail upload width as set in the extension settings.
Carousel Minimum Items	Number	Only visible when "Carousel" or "Carousel with basic navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Minimum number of carousel items that should be visible. Items will resize fluidly when above this limit.
Carousel Maximum Items	Number	Only visible when "Carousel" or "Carousel with basic navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Maximum number of carousel items that should be visible. Items will resize fluidly when above this limit.
Carousel Move Items	Number	Only visible when "Carousel" or "Carousel with basic navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Number of carousel items that should move on animation. If 0, slider will move all visible items.
Overlay Position	Pre-defined Select	Only visible when "Basic slider with overlay navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Select on which side of the group you want the overlay navigation to appear.
Overlay Text Color	Colorpicker	Only visible when "Basic slider with overlay navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Select the color of the text in the overlay navigation.
Overlay Background Color	Colorpicker	Only visible when "Basic slider with overlay navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Select the background color of the overlay navigation.
Overlay Hover Color	Colorpicker	Only visible when "Basic slider with overlay navigation" is selected in the Group Type option. Select the color for hovering over an navigation item in the navigation overlay.
Theme	Pre-defined Select	This extension comes with a select number of themes. Select the theme you want to use for your group here. Advanced users can create their own group specific custom style by selecting the custom theme option and adding their css classes and the textarea below.

Setting	Value	Description
Custom CSS	Textarea	Only visible when "Custom" is selected under the Theme option. Here you can add your custom css for creating a custom theme per group. These customizations will not be lost during an upgrade.
Group Width	Number in pixels	If left empty or set to 0 (zero) the group will take up the available width of the element containing it. In case you want to limit the width enter the maximum width in pixels here.
Smooth Height	Yes / No	In case the group slides differ in height this determines if the group scales smoothly between slide to slide.

FIELDSET NAVIGATION

Settings to control the look and feel of the navigation arrows.

Setting	Value	Description
Show Navigation Arrows	Pre-defined Select	Select when to show the arrows used for navigating back and forward between slides. If set to "Never" the other settings in the fieldset will not be show as they become irrelevant.
Navigation Arrows Style	Pre-defined Select	Choose the type of navigation arrows. See the link behind the selectbox for examples of the arrow type.
Navigation Arrow Size	Pre-defined Select	Choose the size of the navigation arrows.
Navigation Arrows Position	Pre-defined Select	Choose where the navigation arrows should be added to the group.
Navigation Arrows Color	Colorpicker	Select the color for the navigation arrows.

FIELDSET PAGINATION

Settings to control the look and feel of pagination.

Setting	Value	Description
Show Pagination	Pre-defined Select	Select when to show the pagination used for navigating between slides. If set to "Never" the other settings in the fieldset will not be show as they become irrelevant and will be hidden.
Pagination Style	Pre-defined Select	Choose the type of pagination, circular or square and with or without a bar.
Pagination Position	Pre-defined Select	Choose where the pagination should be added to the group.
Pagination Color	Colorpicker	Select the color for the pagination dots.
Pagination Hover Color	Colorpicker	Select the hover color for the pagination dots.
Pagination Active Color	Colorpicker	Select the active color for the pagination dots.

FIELDSET LOADER (PROGRESSBAR)

Settings to control the look and feel loader (progress bar) of the group.

Setting	Value	Description
Show Loader	Yes / No	Select to show a loader (progress bar). If set to "No" the other settings in the fieldset will not be show as they become irrelevant.
Loader Position	Pre-defined Values	Choose where the loader should be added to the group.
Loader Color	Colorpicker	Select the color for the loader.
Loader Gutter Color	Colorpicker	Select the color for the gutter (background) of the loader.

FIELDSET CAPTION

Settings to control the look and feel of the caption (description text). The actual text for the caption is set per slide but these settings control their overall appearance.

Setting	Value	Description

Caption Default Text Color|Colorpicker|Here you can set the default text color of the captions of this group. This setting can be overridden with the rich text editor used for adding the caption on individual slides.| Caption Background Color|Colorpicker|Set the background color of the caption.|

FIELDSET EFFECTS

Setting to control the behaviour of the group in terms of it's effects

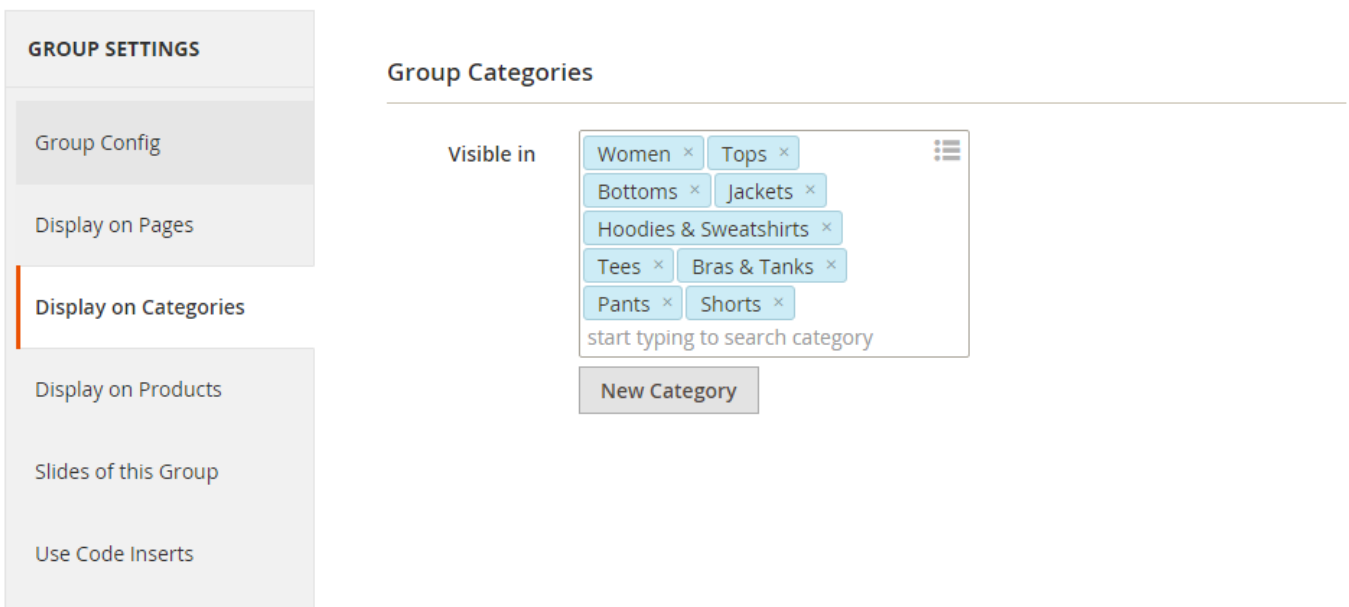| Setting	Value	Description
Animation Type	Pre-defined Select	Select the type of animation between slides within the group.
Animation Direction	Pre-defined Select	In case the Animation is set to "Slide" this setting will determine the direction it will slides to.
Animation Reverse	Yes / No	Setting this to yes will change the direction the slides of this group will slide to.
Animation Duration	Number in milliseconds	Set the duration of the animation between two slides (in milliseconds).
Animation Easing	Pre-defined Select	Only shown when Animation Type is set to "Slide". Choose the type of easing effect between the transition of two slides.
Auto Slide	Yes / No	Determines if the group should start sliding the slides automatically upon load.
Stop Auto Slide On Navigation	Yes / No	Only shown when Auto Slide is set to "Yes". This stops the auto sliding of slides when a navigation arrow is clicked or the pagination is used to navigate through the slides.
Pause Group On Hover	Yes / No	Only shown when Auto Slide is set to "Yes". This pauses the auto slide function while the mouse pointer is hovering over the group.
Loop Slides In Group	Yes / No	Determines if the group should end the animation on the latest slide or start at the beginning again.
Slide Duration	Number in milliseconds	Set the duration a single slide is shown before it animates to the next slide (in milliseconds).

Tab: Display on Pages

On this tab you can select the CMS pages on which to display the group you are currently adding or editing. When adding the slider through XML Layout update or template tags don't select any pages here.

GROUP SETTINGS

Group Config

Display on Pages

Display on Categories

Display on Products

Slides of this Group

Use Code Inserts

Group Pages

Visible in
- 404 Not Found
- Flexslider Homepage
- Enable Cookies
- Privacy Policy
- About us
- Customer Service
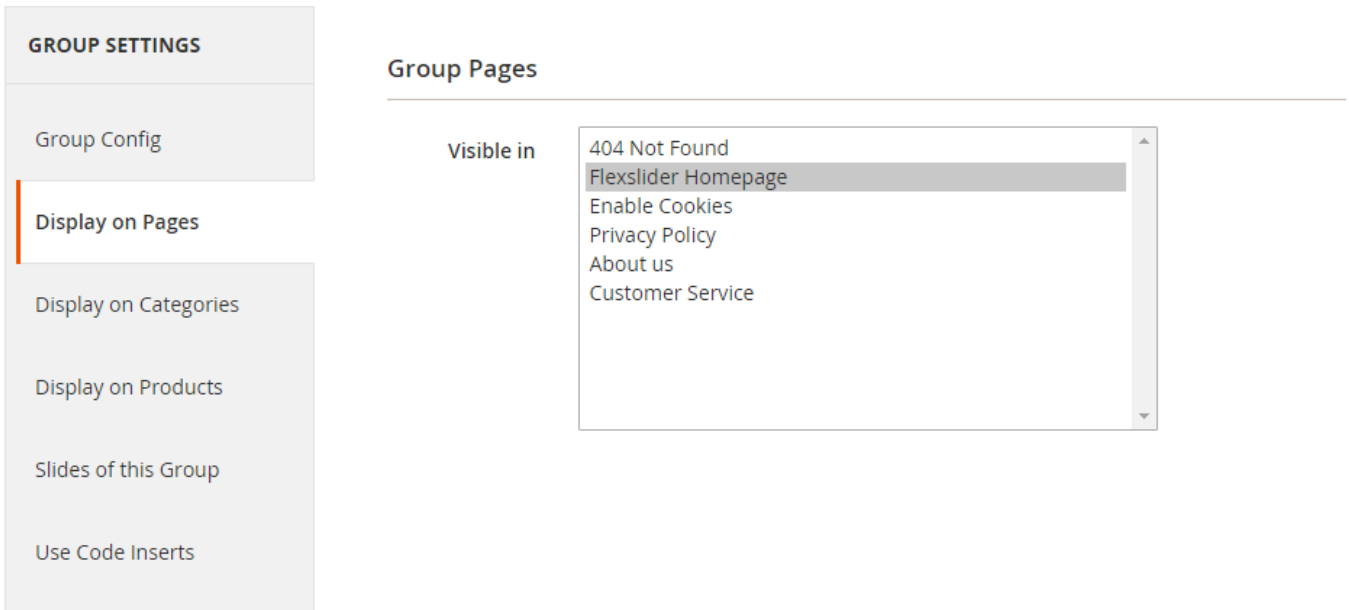
Tab: Display on Categories

On this tab you can select the catalog categories on which to display the group you are currently adding or editing. When adding the group through XML Layout update or template tag don't select any categories here.

GROUP SETTINGS

Group Config

Display on Pages

Display on Categories

Display on Products

Slides of this Group

Use Code Inserts

Group Categories

Visible in
Women × Tops ×
Bottoms × Jackets ×
Hoodies & Sweatshirts ×
Tees × Bras & Tanks ×
Pants × Shorts ×
start typing to search category

New Category

Tab: Display on Product Pages

On this tab you can select the products on which to display the group you are currently adding or

editing. Due the limitations of Magento it is only possible to add a slider before or after a product on the product page.

Tab: Slides of this Group

This tab shows all slides that are added to this group as reference information. Editing the slides is done through the slide management but you can use the edit link to get there quickly.

Tab: Use Code Inserts

This tab gives information on how to add a slider to a page, category or static block using XML Layout Update code or template tags. This will give you even more flexibility on where to display sliders in your webshop.

Information

For more flexibility on where to place this slider group you can use a CMS template tag, template code or Layout XML code to add this slider group to any page or static block. The following template tags or XML code can be used to display the **Basic Slider [added to homepage]** slider group in your webshop.

Instead of selecting a page or category to display the **Basic Slider [added to homepage]** slider group you can copy one of the codes below and paste it into either the content editor of a CMS page or static block (for template tag), a template file (for template code) or a Layout XML file or a Custom Layout Update XML field of a CMS page or category (Layout XML code). You can change the reference name parameter to position the group where you want it to show in the CMS page or category. You can use the start_slide_id parameter to set the starting slide of the group. This only works when a slider group is not set to random.

CMS Template Tag (content editor)

```
{{block class="SolideWebservices\Flexslider\Block\Flexslider" name="flexslider_homepage" template="SolideWebservices_Flexslider::flexslider.phtml" code="homepage" start_slide_id="1"}}
```

Template Code (template file)

```
<?php echo $this->getLayout()->createBlock('SolideWebservices\Flexslider\Block\Flexslider')->setTemplate('SolideWebservices_Flexslider::flexslider.phtml')->setCode('homepage')->setStartSlideId('1')->toHtml(); ?>
```

XML Code (layout xml code)

```
<referenceContainer name="content">
<block class="SolideWebservices\Flexslider\Block\Flexslider" name="flexslider_homepage" template="SolideWebservices_Flexslider::flexslider.phtml">
<action method="setCode"><argument name="code" xsi:type="string">homepage</argument></action>
```

GROUP SETTINGS

Group Config

Display on Pages

Display on Categories

Display on Products

Slides of this Group

Use Code Inserts

Slides

This chapter explains how to manage slides. After adding a group you can now add slides to this group. Each group can have unlimited image and video slides which are managed from the menu option "Content > Flexslider > Manage Slides". Here a grid is loaded containing the existing slides.

To add a new slide click the "Add New Slide" button. To edit an existing slide select the slide you want to edit from the grid by clicking on it. If you want to delete a slide select the delete action from dropdown in the action column in the row of the slide you want to delete.

You can also enable, disable or delete a selection of slides with a mass-change action by selecting these slides and choosing the right action from the actionbox in the grid header.

For some changes it might be necessary to refresh your Full Page Cache under "System > Cache Management" or even re-deploy the static files with the following command.

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

Flexslider - Slide Management

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Add New Slide

▼ Filters   👁 Default View ▾   ⚙ Columns ▾

Select Items ▾   16 records found   20 ▾ per page   ‹   1   of 1   ›

☐▾	ID ↓	Title	Added To Group(s)	Image	Status	Action
☐	1	Slide 1 - Sunset Beach	Basic Slider [added to homepage] (id:1) Carousel [added to category] (id:2)	🖼	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	2	Slide 2 - Lake View	Basic Slider [added to homepage] (id:1) Carousel [added to category] (id:2) Basic slider [added to category sidebar through XML update] (id:5) Carousel [added below the login form] (id:6)	🖼	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	3	Slide 3 - Balloon	Carousel [added to category] (id:2) Carousel [added below the login form] (id:6)	🖼	Enabled	Select ▾
☐	4	Slide 4 - Another Sunset	Carousel [added to category] (id:2) Basic slider [added to category sidebar through XML update] (id:5) Carousel [added below the login form] (id:6)	🖼	Enabled	Select ▾

When adding or editing a slide the following options are available.

FIELDSET GENERAL

General settings for the slide.

Setting	Value	Description
Group(s)	Multiselect	Select the group(s) to which the slide should be added to (a group can have unlimited slides).
Title	Free Text	Give the slide a recognizable name for your own reference.
Identifier	Letters, numbers and underscore	Enter a unique identifier for the slide.
Status	Yes / No	Enable or disable this slide. When disabled this slide will not be shown in the slider group where it has been added.
Sort Order	Number	Set the sort order of this slide in relation to other slides added to the same group. The Random Order setting from the group will override this sort order.
Visible to logged in customers only?	Yes / No	Set this to "Yes" to only show this slide to logged in customers.
Slide Start Date	Date	You can set a date here from which the slide will be shown in the selected group(s). Leave empty to always show the slide.
Slide End Date	Date	You can set a date here from which the slide will not be shown in the selected group(s) anymore. Leave empty to always show the slide.

FIELDSET SLIDE CONFIGURATION

Settings to configure what is shown in this slide.

Setting	Value	Description
Image or Video	Pre-defined Select	Choose the type of slide you wish to add. This option will be greyed out after adding the slide so choose wisely.
Use External Image Hosting	Yes / No	Only visible when slide type "Image" is selected. If you want to use off site images with an external image hoster you can set this to "Yes". Instead of uploading an image you can now add the url to the off site image and thumbnail.
Hosted Image URL	URL	Is only visible when External Image Hosting is set to "Yes". You can add the offsite URL to the main image here.
Hosted Image Thumb URL	URL	Is only visible when External Image Hosting is set to "Yes". You can add the URL to the thumbnail of the image here. Although you can just add the same URL as the main image it is recommended to add a seperate smaller image which is used in carousels.
Image	Image Uploader	Is only shown when External Image Hosting is set to "No" and slide type is set to "Image". Select the image you wish to add. For the best quality the image dimensions should not be to small (larger then 1200px width) as the responsive slider will upscale a small image causing an decrease in image quality. While uploading an image various smaller sized version of the image are created automatically which are used on devices with a smaller viewport and there decreasing loading times on these devices.
Image ALT Text	Text	Only visible when slide type "Image" is selected. The image alt text is a short description of the image mainly intented for search engine optimalisation and the blind.
OnClick URL	Text	Only visible when slide type "Image" is selected. Enter a URL to go to when a user clicks on the slide.
OnClick URL Target	Pre-defined Select	Only visible when slide type "Image" is selected. Select how to show the OnClick URL.
Video ID	Text	Is only visible when slide type video ("Youtube" or "Vimeo") is selected. Enter the unique Youtube or Vimeo video ID of the video you wish to add. This ID can be found in the URL when viewing the video on Youtube or Vimeo.
Autoplay Video?	Yes / No	Here you can select if the video should autoplay when this slide is shown. If set to yes the group will pause and autoplay the video. Once the video has ended the group will continue to the next slide.

FIELDSET APPEARANCE

Settings to configure the styling of the slide.

Setting	Value	Description
Caption	Textarea WYSIWYG	You can optionally add a caption (description) to the slide which is hovering above the image or video. Use the rich text editor to add any HTML. Settings from the selected group determine the look of the caption but you can overwrite these settings with styling in the WYSIWYG editor.
Caption Position	Pre-defined Select	Select where you want to show the caption for this slide or set it to random to have a position randomly selected.
Caption Animation	Yes / No	Determine if the caption should be animated into the slide or should be statically displayed without animation.

XML Layout Update and Template Tags

For more flexibility on where to position a group you can use a Layout XML update or template tag to add a group to any page or static block. If you are unfamiliar with the Magento XML Layout Update functionality you can catch up on some reading here .

You can use the code inserts tab available when editing a group to get the right code.

The "Information" block on this tab explains the functionality in further detail.

The use of the CMS template tag is pretty straight forward. Just copy the code and paste in inside the content editor of a CMS page or static block where you want to add the slider. The template code can be copied into a phtml template file of your current template. Both contain the parameter start_slide_id which allow you to set the first slide in the group.

The XML code contains a couple of parameters that allow you to position the slider group exactly where you want as well. These parameters are explained below.


```
<referenceContainer name="content">
<block class="SolideWebservices\Flexslider\Block\Flexslider" name="flexslider_homepage" template="SolideWebservices_Flexslider::flexslider.phtml">
<action method="setCode"><argument name="code" xsi:type="string">homepage</argument></action>
<action method="setStartSlideId"><argument name="start_slide_id" xsi:type="string">1</argument></action>
</block>
</referenceContainer>
```

Setting	Description
referenceContainer	Determines in what section on the page the slider is added. "content" is the default but this can be any section that is supported by your theme.
before / after	You can add a before or after parameter to the block tag where you could add the block that should be positioned before or after this block. So this determines the sort order of the blocks within the chosen section.

Setting	Description
start_slide_id	Use this parameter to set the slide that the slider group should show first. This only works when the slider group is not set to random.

Follow these steps to add a group with the use of the XML Layout Update functionality.

1. Copy the XML code to the clipboard from the tab for code inserts;
2. Open the CMS page or category where you want to add the group;
3. For CMS pages go to the tab "Design" and paste the code in the "Layout Update XML" textarea;
4. For categories go to the tab "Custom Design" from the category management page and paste the code in the "Custom Layout Update" textarea;
5. Edit the parameters (as explained before) to your needs to position the slider group exactly where you like and save the CMS page or category, save it and you are done.

Troubleshooting

In this section you will find answer to common issues.

I recieve a 404 error after installing the extension and going to one of the extension menu options.

This is a common issue when installing Magento extensions. It is caused because the permission for using the new extension havent been set for the currently logged in admin user. The solution is to logout and login again in the admin backend.

I installed the extension but it's not visible under the "Content" menu.

Make sure you have followed the installations steps and every one of them. Check if the extension has been installed under "System > Tools > Web Setup Wizard > Component Manager". The extension should be listed as registered and enabled under this list. If this is not the case and you did upload the extension files as described in the installation steps you could try to run the following commands through a SSH client.

```
php -f bin/magento module:enable SolideWebservices_Productimageenhancements
--clear-static-content
php -f bin/magento setup:upgrade
```

Changes I make in the settings of a slider group are not shown on the frontend.

For some changes it might be necessary to refresh your Full Page Cache under "System > Cache Management" or even re-deploy the static files with the following command.

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

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