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[Advanced Flat Rate]

Advanced Flat Rate extension for Magento® by CedCommerce, is an advanced version of Magento default flat rate shipping method. It will allow the admin to add flat rate shipping for his products according to the destination.

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User Manual

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Overview

Advanced Flat Rate extension is an advanced version of Magento default flat rate shipping method. It will provide the admin with the flexibility to define the product flat rate for different destinations. So, the admin can decide a particular flat rate for one country and different flat rates for different countries. This module has the following functionalities: -

- Admin can define the flat rate by fixed amount or percent amount.
- Admin can set the rate calculation method on per order basis or per item basis.
- Admin can enable or disable this shipping method.
- Admin can define the flat rate according to the destination like country, state, city, zip code.
- Admin can import and export the flat rates in CSV files.
- For example, flat rate for US will be \$5 per product. But for UK the flat rate will be \$8.

Admin can define different shipping costs for different destination addresses. If this shipping method is enabled, then shipping rates will be calculated destination wise as specified by the admin in the CSV file.

Configuration Settings

i. **Enable the Advanced Flat Rate Shipping Method**

Admin can enable **Advanced Flat Rate** method by going to the **System > Configuration > Shipping Method** section. Here you will see the **Advance Flat Rate** group and set the “Enabled” field to “Yes”. Now the customer will see the different shipping rates with respect to the different destination addresses specified in csv file.

i. Enabled

From here the admin can enable/disable the advanced flat rate shipping method for his products.

ii. Method Name

Here the admin can set the name for this shipping method which will be displayed at frontend with the shipping rate.

iii. Price

Here the admin can specify the default shipping price of a product. Whenever the price is not defined for that particular destination address in a csv file, then the default price specified here will be the shipping cost of that product.

iv. Sort Order

Here the admin can specify the sort order for advanced flat rate shipping method. Advanced flat rate shipping cost will be displayed at the position specified in sort order field by admin at the frontend.

v. Title

Here the admin can set the title for which the shipping method which will be displayed at frontend with the shipping cost.

vi. Type

Here the type can be '**per order**' or '**per item**'. If this field is per order, then flat rate specified in the CSV file will be applied order wise. If it is per item, then flat rate will be applied on single item in cart.

vii. Show methods if not applicable

If this field is set to 'yes' then, the advanced flat shipping rates will be displayed even if it is not applicable.

viii. Displayed Error Message

The error message specified by the admin in this field will be displayed at frontend if there will be any error.

ix. Export

From here the admin can export CSV file of shipping rates. CSV file will have fields **Country, Region/State, City, Zip/Postal Code, Price**. After Exporting CSV file, admin can make changes and can upload that CSV file for the import process. CSV file will be saved with the name “**advancerate.csv**”.

x. Import

Here admin can upload the CSV file for the import process. Admin can upload files with “.csv” extension and can upload only one file at a time. Admin can have only one file for the importing. So, if admin upload an-other CSV file then it will **override** the previous file. So, shipping rates will be calculated from last uploaded file by admin for his products.

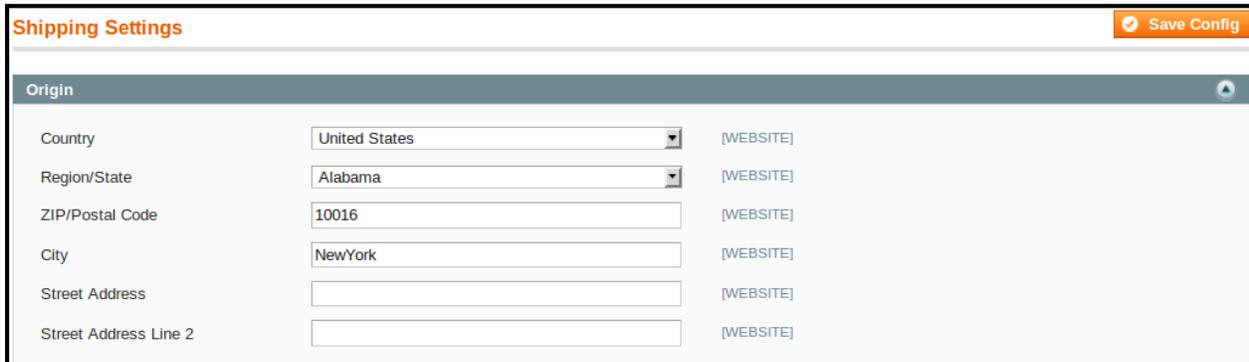
Shipping Methods Save Config

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Enabled	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Method Name	<input type="text" value="Advance"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Price	<input type="text" value="5.00"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Sort Order	<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Title	<input type="text" value="admin"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Type	<input type="text" value="Per Item"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Show Method if Not Applicable	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Displayed Error Message	<input type="text" value="This shipping method is currently unavailable. If you would like to ship using this shipping method, please contact us."/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Default [STORE VIEW]
Export	<input type="button" value="Export CSV"/>	[WEBSITE]
Import	<input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected.	[WEBSITE]

ii. Set Origin address in Shipping Setting

Admin can set the origin address for **Advanced Flat Rate** method by going to the **System > Configuration > Shipping Settings** section. Here you have to set origin details such as Country, region, zip/postal code, city & street addresses.



Shipping Settings		Save Config
Origin		
Country	<input type="text" value="United States"/>	[WEBSITE]
Region/State	<input type="text" value="Alabama"/>	[WEBSITE]
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text" value="10016"/>	[WEBSITE]
City	<input type="text" value="NewYork"/>	[WEBSITE]
Street Address	<input type="text"/>	[WEBSITE]
Street Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>	[WEBSITE]

CSV Format

On exporting the CSV file of shipping rates, vendor will get all the details of destination addresses with price. Fields in the Per Product Shipping Rates CSV files are **Country, Region/State, City, Zip/Postal code & Price**. All the fields and rules related with the fields that should be kept in mind while importing the CSV file are described below: -

i. Country

In this field, country name should be in **ISO (alpha 2) or ISO (alpha 3)** country code. The ISO country code are internationally recognized codes that designate a two letter combination or a three letter combination for each country and most of the dependent areas, it's like an acronym, that stands for a country.

For example, ISO2 (two letter) country codes are US (for United States), FR (for France) and ISO3 (three letter) country codes are CAN (for Canada), DNK (for Denmark), AUS (for Australia). In this fields ISO country codes will be saved. Otherwise, it will give error while importing.

ii. Region/State

In this field, a valid region/state should be entered. Magento stores the Region id on the basis of Region/state name in the database. For the state/region mentioned in the CSV file, respective region id will be stored in the database. So, a valid region/state with proper naming convention should be given. Otherwise, it will give an error while importing. For example, **newyork** State will give error while saving the uploaded file, it should be **NewYork**.

iii. City

In this field, any city name can be provided. If no city is provided, then it means **ALL CITY (*)** of that state and country.

iv. Zip/Postal Code

In this field, postal code of the state is provided. Destination address of the customer will be matched with the fields of the CSV file, shipping rates will be calculated according to the different destination addresses.

v. Price

This is the field where the shipping price of different destination addresses is specified. Price provided here will be shown on the cart and checkout pages as the shipping cost of a particular destination address.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Country	Region/State	City	Zip/Postal Code	Price	
2	US	AS	abc	10016	8	
3	US	AL	*	10011	2	
4	US	AK	abc	10012	4	
5	US	AL	abc	10013	9	
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

Advanced Flat Rate on Cart Page

Customer will see the shipping cost on the cart page destination wise like country, city, state & postal code. Admin can set the rate calculation method on per order basis or per item basis. In the attached snapshot you can see that there are two products in the cart. Here you will see that the admin has enabled **Advance Flat Rate** shipping methods by making the required settings from the admin panel. So, the customer will see the shipping costs according to the destination.

According to the **destination address** specified by the customers, shipping rates will be calculated item-wise or order-wise, which will vary with different destination addresses. Shipping cost for different destination addresses will be specified in the **latest CSV file** uploaded by the admin. As we can see in the previous snapshot of csv files, that for (US, AL, *, 10016) combination of destination address, shipping rates will be \$2 as given in the CSV file. So, as in cart there are two products. If **type** is '**per item**' then, advanced flat shipping rate will be 2 (qty of product) *2=\$4. If **type** is '**per order**' then, advanced flat shipping rate will be \$2 (specified in CSV file by the admin).

Shopping Cart		Proceed to Checkout				
	Product Name		Unit Price	Qty	Subtotal	
	test	Edit	\$11.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	\$11.00	
	test1	Edit	\$45.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	\$45.00	

[Continue Shopping](#) [Clear Shopping Cart](#) [Update Shopping Cart](#)

Advanced Rate Calculated Per Item

 **ESTIMATE SHIPPING AND TAX**

Enter your destination to get a shipping estimate.

Country *
United States

State/Province
Alabama

Zip/Postal Code
10011

Get a Quote

Admin

Advance \$4.00

Update Total

Advanced Rate Calculated Per Order

 **ESTIMATE SHIPPING AND TAX**

Enter your destination to get a shipping estimate.

Country *
United States

State/Province
Alabama

Zip/Postal Code
10011

Get a Quote

Admin

Advance \$2.00

Update Total

Advanced Flat Rate on Checkout Onepage

When the customer will proceed to the checkout and Advanced Flat Shipping Rate is enabled from admin, then the customer will see the shipping rates on the checkout page according to the flat rates defined in CSV file.

Title =Admin

Method name=Advance

Total “**advanced flat rate**” shipping cost \$4 (=\$2*2), if type is ‘per item’.

Total “**advanced flat rate**” shipping cost \$2, if type is ‘per order’.



Checkout

- 1 Billing Information
- 2 Shipping Information
- 3 Shipping Method**
- 4 Payment Information
- 5 Order Review

admin
Advance \$4.00

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If you need support or have questions directly related to Advance Flat Rate Shipping extension, please use our Online Message Form to contact our support team or send us an email at support@cedcommerce.com

Best Regards,

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