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Introduction

This chapter deals with some of the more advanced tweaking you can employ in the ecommerce templates to get even more functionality out of your store.

Most of the ideas outlined below require a degree of confidence in editing code but if you make a backup of your page/site first, it can also prove to be a good learning tool.

How to skin the control panel.

Version 4.8.0 saw the introduction of the CSS based skinnable control panel.

The design itself is 100% CSS based and XHTML transitional compliant, work on the code behind the admin is ongoing.

Apart from speeding up download times the admin section is now skinnable, allowing for simple changes in colors and graphics.

We have some instructions below to help you change things around.

The Stylesheet

The stylesheet that governs the layout and colors can be found in your vsadmin folder and is called adminstyle.css. You will see that we have added comments to the file so you can see how the various sections are set up.

Before making any changes we strongly suggest making a back up of adminstyle.css so you can always go back to the original. We would also suggest not making any changes at all if you are not confident editing CSS.

Changing the backgrounds

The main background color is set to light blue #E6E9F5 and can be changed here:

```
background: #E6E9F5;
```

The main body is white, although it's probably best to keep it that way it can be changed under #main:

```
background: #FFF;
```

The header section is set at #BFC9E0:

```
background:#BFC9E0;
```

There is also a background image associated with the header which gives the rounded effect at the top of the header:

```
background-image: url('adminimages/newtoptopbg.jpg');
```

Changing the table borders

By default there is a dotted line around the table borders:

```
border: 1px dotted #194C7F;
```

Other options are dashed, solid, double...

Other CSS changes

Most of the other changes that can be made relate to the color of the input boxes, alternate cell colors, text and links. These should be self explanatory.

NB

We strongly suggest not making any differences to the absolute positioning of elements and remember to preview the admin section in different browsers at different resolutions

Changing the graphics

The images associated with the control panel can be found in the folder /adminimages/ and we would suggest keeping the same dimensions

Logo:

adminimages/ecommerce_templates.gif" width="278" height="53"

Left hand menu titles:

adminimages/administration.jpg" width="150" height="31"

adminimages/product_admin.jpg" width="150" height="31"

adminimages/shipping_admin.jpg" width="150" height="31"

adminimages/extras.jpg" width="150" height="31"

Horizontal line graphic between menu items:

adminimages/hr.gif

Observations

That should give you the basics for skinning the control panel but do check in different browsers and at different resolutions. Do make a back up of the original files before starting but if things become irreparable then get the latest updater and replace the stylesheet and images from the original.

How to add a buy button to your home page.

This is pretty simple, and of course your buy button can be added to other pages, it doesn't have to be the home page.

The first thing you need to do is to get the products on your store as you will need to copy and paste some code.

Where you need the button to appear place this code:

```
<form method="post" action="cart.asp">  
<input type="hidden" name="id" value="XXXXXX">  
<input type="hidden" name="mode" value="add">  
<input type="image" src="images/buy.gif" border="0">  
</form>
```

Where xxxxxx is the id of your product.

For the PHP version, change cart.asp to cart.php

Adding HTML to product descriptions

This is a great way of formatting your product pages and product detail pages, sometimes simply spacing out text rather than using blocks can make reading the information much easier. You can use any valid HTML in the product description field. Here are some examples:

`<p>`To make a double space between lines, put them between opening and closing `<p>` tags`</p>`

To add colour to your text put them between font tags like this ``**This is red text**``

This is ``**Bold text**``

Here's an example of adding an image to the description, for example you might want to add a heading for "special offers" or add extra product photos.

``

Or you might want to link to another page, manufacturer's site or wherever:

``Another Page``

``Another Site``

Adding thumbnail photos to your product detail page with JavaScript pop-ups.

Taking this last point a little further, a lot of products might require more than one photo in the product detail page, a great way to do this would be to provide thumbnail photos that link to larger pop-up windows. The first thing to do is to set up a page with your large photo page, we'll call it largephoto.htm, save it and you're ready to set up your script. There are two parts to the script, first of all copy this line into Notepad and copy/paste into your proddetail.asp/php page before the closing </HEAD> tag:

```
<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="JavaScript">
<!--
function launch(url, windname,x,y) {
self.name = "opener";
remote = open(url, windname, "width="+x+",height="+y);
}
// -->
</SCRIPT>
```

NB In Dreamweaver this will have to go into your editable title tag

In the product detail field you'll need this code:

```
<a href="javascript:launch('largephoto.htm','mywinname',400,540)"></a>
```

This will give you a pop-up link to the largephoto.htm page you created with a width of 400 pixels and a height of 540. These can be edited to fit the size of your photo.

If you want to add a "close this window" link on your largephoto.htm page the code would be:

```
<a href="" onClick="window.close()">Close this Window</a>
```


Adding extra pictures to your product page

By default you can have one product picture and one product detail picture. It is possible to add HTML to your product description or merge the pictures in your graphics program to make one graphic from several. Alternatively you can add a little code to the product picture field.

Normally the path to your image would be /prodimages/graphic.jpg but if you wanted to add 2 graphics then you would place:

```
/prodimages/graphic1.jpg"><br>
<!--#include file="vsadmin/includes.asp"-->
<!--#include file="vsadmin/inc/languagefile.asp"-->
<!--#include file="vsadmin/inc/incfunctions.asp"-->
<!--#include file="vsadmin/inc/inccart.asp"-->
```

..or for the PHP templates:

```
<SCRIPT LANGUAGE="php">
include "vsadmin/db_conn_open.php";
include "vsadmin/includes.php";
include "vsadmin/inc/languagefile.php";
include "vsadmin/inc/incfunctions.php";
include "vsadmin/inc/inccart.php";
</SCRIPT>
```

Add a couple of
 tags after the above code to separate the cart information from your special offers and then copy and paste this code:

```
<table border="0" cellpadding="2" cellspacing="2" width="100%">
<tr>
<td width="100%" colspan="4"><b>This month's special offers</b></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td width="25%" valign="bottom" align="center"><a
href="/proddetail.asp?prod=testproduct"></a></td>
<td width="25%" valign="bottom" align="center"><a
href="/proddetail.asp?prod=inkjet001"></a></td>
<td width="25%" valign="bottom" align="center"><a
href="/proddetail.asp?prod=keyboard001"></a></td>
<td width="25%" valign="bottom" align="center"><a
href="/proddetail.asp?prod=mouse001"></a></td>
</tr>
</table>
```

This will give you a table in this format (without the cell borders):

This month's special offers			
Product photo + link	Product photo + link	Product photo + link	Product photo + link

Maybe the best thing to do is to set up the table in your HTML editor and then paste in the code as you may require more or fewer rows and columns.

How to change text to graphics.

All the default text that is generated by the store can be edited in file /vsadmin/inc/languagefile.asp or .php so here for example you could change the word "Details" on your product page to "More details" by editing this line for the ASP version `xxPrDets="Details"` and changing it to `xxPrDets="More Details"`. For the PHP version it's similar but the line looks like this `$xxPrDets="Details";`

It's possible to take this a step further by changing the text "Details" to a graphic and adding a bit of "spice" to your page – all you need to do is add a line of code and make the graphic. So once you have a graphic and saved it in your images folder you can open up the languagefile page and modify a line of code:

ASP version

`xxPrDets="Details"` should be changed to: `xxPrDets=""`

PHP version

`$xxPrDets=""`;

This of course applies to any of the store generated language but it's advisable not to go overboard on adding graphics everywhere just for the sake of it. Make sure you pay particular attention to the syntax required. Again make a backup of the languagefile page before trying out any tweaks of code.

How to add a search box to each of your pages

As well as the all signing, all dancing search page, you may want to have just a little search box in the left or right navigation column, or at the top of every page for instance. You can do this by copying and pasting the following code.

```
<form method="post" action="search.asp">  
<input type="hidden" name="posted" value="1">  
<input type="text" name="stext" size="16"><br>  
<input type="submit" name="Search">  
</form>
```

If you want to include your own graphic (search.gif) for the search button then change

```
<input type="submit" name="Search">
```

to

```
<input type="image" name="Submit" src="images/search.gif" border="0">
```

This is the most basic search, searching for "All Words" in all categories.

Minimum and Maximum Price Search

Version 4.8.4 saw the introduction of the minimum price parameter, which now means it is possible to search by price ranges, either by simple links or from a drop down menu. The code below uses the Dreamweaver Jump Menu - Dreamweaver > Forms > Jump menu but the code can be copied into other HTML editors.

Place this code before the closing </HEAD> tag

```
<script language="JavaScript" type="text/JavaScript">
<!--
function MM_jumpMenu(targ,selObj,restore){ //v3.0
    eval(targ+".location='"+selObj.options[selObj.selectedIndex].value+"'");
    if (restore) selObj.selectedIndex=0;
}
//-->
</script>
```

Place this where you want the drop down menu to appear:

```
<form name="form1">
    <select name="menu1" onChange="MM_jumpMenu('parent',this,0)">
    <option value="#" selected>Please select</option>
    <option
value="search.php?pg=1&sminprice=0&sprice=10&nobox=true">under
    10
    <option
value="search.php?pg=1&sminprice=10&sprice=100&nobox=true">10
- 100
    <option
value="search.php?pg=1&sminprice=101&sprice=200&nobox=true">1
01 - 200
    </select></form>
```

That will give a drop down menu with the options of searching ranges of

Under 10
10 - 100
100 - 200

Change search.php to search.asp for the ASP version.

If you want to set up a simple link then to search products priced between 100 and 200 you would need something like this:

```
<a href="search.php?pg=1&sminprice=101&sprice=200&nobox=true">100 -
200</a>
```

Advanced parameters (ASP version)

In the folder vsadmin there's a file called includes.asp - this is where you can specify some important options regarding mail, shipping, tax, and the display options for your product pages. Below is a guide to preparing the set up that best suits your needs. If you are updating your store from a previous version, you will need to add the variables below to the page includes.asp. For example if you don't have the line `expireaffiliate=30` you will need to add it to the list. The order of the list is not important.

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Mail options (Minimum version 1.3.7 to 4.6.0*)

More often than not, you'll want to use CDONTS as your mail system but if you need to specify a mailhost, you can do so in vsadmin/includes.asp. Typically these would be smtp.yourhost.com or mail.yourhost.com - your host should be able to help you with this if you need it. eg.
mailhost = "mail.yourhost.com"

* From version 4.6.0 the smtp server is set on the admin main page rather than in the vsadmin/includes.asp file.

Product listings (Minimum version 1.3.7)

You can now choose how to sort your product listings - you can do this alphabetically, by id or by price. There are four options:

1 = sorting the products alphabetically
2 = sorting the products by id
3 = sorting the products by price (cheapest first)
4 = sorting the products by price (most expensive first)
So for example if you wanted to list your products alphabetically you would choose this option:
sortBy = 1 or by product id like this sortBy = 2

Setting the path to your SSL (Minimum version 1.3.7)

If you are using a payment provider that requires SSL then what the system is going to look by default is your website URL on an HTTPS connection, ie
<https://www.yoursite.com/cart.asp>

If you have shared ssl space which requires a different url, or if you want to override the switch to SSL for testing purposes then you can override it like this:

```
pathtossl = "https://www.yourhostssl.com/yourdir/"  
... or ...  
pathtossl = "http://www.yoursite.com/"  
... to keep it on http and not go to https
```

Product page display numbers (Minimum version 1.3.7)

To display the product page number links at the top of the page as well as the bottom set pagebarattop=1

Disabling SSL (Minimum version 3.5.4)

Setting `nochecksslserver=TRUE` will disable the checking with capture card and other payment systems that require an SSL server that check you are on an SSL connection.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This should not be set unless you are most certainly sure that you are on HTTPS when viewing the credit card details. Our check for SSL can be fooled the way some servers set up their shared SSL certs so all this switch does is remove the warning in this case. It should **NOT** be used to enable yourself to view CC details on a non-SSL connection.

Adding tax to shipping (Minimum version 3.5.9)

If you need to add tax to shipping you'll need to choose `taxShipping=1` - if not leave it as it is ie. `taxShipping=0`

Setting `taxShipping=2` will add the shipping tax to the state and country tax totals.

Shipping address (Minimum version 3.6.3)

Use:

`noshipaddress=true`

to cause a shipping address entry section not to be shown on the checkout page if set.

"Will pick up option" (Minimum version 4.1.0 - only for UPS / USPS / weight and price based shipping.)

Use:

`willpickuptext="Will Pickup"`

If you want to allow your customers the option of picking up their purchase from your physical location. The text here can be changed as necessary.

Use

`willpickupcost=1.32`

To set the cost of picking up from your location. Set to zero if there is no charge

Layout options (Minimum version 1.3.7)

In version 1.3.7 we have added the possibility for different layout formats for your products:

`productcolumns=2`

`useproductbodyformat=1`

`usesearchbodyformat=1`

`usedetailbodyformat=1`

`usecategoryformat=1`

`allproductsimage=""`

By setting `useproductbodyformat` to 2 like this `useproductbodyformat=2` the products are displayed with the product options, price and buy button below the product image. When `useproductbodyformat` is set to 1 the product options, price and buy button are displayed to the right of the product image.

The reason we added this second layout is that it lends itself well to having more than one column of products. So, when using `useproductbodyformat=2` the products will be displayed in the number of columns specified by `productcolumns`, such as

`productcolumns=2`

You can have as many as you like in theory, but just make sure they fit on your page.

Please note that with the `useproductbodyformat` set to 1 the `productcolumns` setting will be ignored.

To allow you to specify the search results independently of the general product display, you can set `usesearchbodyformat` to 1 or 2 in the same way.

There is also a second product detail format available now. Setting `usedetailbodyformat=2` will display the product detail page with the image to the left of the product description, price, quantity and buy button.

If you need the category text and description to the right of the image choose `usecategoryformat=2`

`allproductsimage=""` allows you to specify an image for "All Products" and the path can be inserted here.

`usecategoryformat=1`

Email a friend (Minimum version 1.3.7)

You can now add the option of emailing a friend from your product detail page - this adds a link to a pop-up window with a form that you can fill out to forward the information regarding a product to a friend. If you wish to use this feature set the parameter like this `useemailfriend=true` - if you would like to disable the feature then you need `useemailfriend=false`

Removing store functions (Minimum version 2.0.0)

You can simply eliminate the buy and checkout buttons as well as the price for all products, this is done by choosing `nobuyorcheckout=true` and `noprice=true`.

Affiliates cookie (Minimum version 2.0.0)

By default the affiliate cookie stays active for 30 days, this means that if somebody clicks on an affiliate link and then comes back later to purchase as long as it's within 30 days, the sales will be accredited to the affiliate partner. If you need to change this then the value here `expireaffiliate=30` will have to be modified.

Affiliates commission (Minimum version 4.5.0)

You can now set an affiliate percentage in the affiliates admin, and set a `defaultcommission=12` to set a default commission for new affiliates

SQL server (Minimum version 2.0.0)

If you need to use SQL server rather than the Microsoft Access database then you will need to put `sqlserver=true`. Also make sure you change your connection string as suggested in the instructions. The majority of users however will be working from Access and won't need to use this option.

Discounts / coupons (Minimum version 3.0.0)

To remove the discount and coupon function choose `nogiftcertificate=true`.

Hide discount or coupon text (Minimum version 4.1.0)

To remove the discount and coupon text that appears on category and product pages
`noshowdiscounts=true`

Show tax inclusive prices (Minimum version 3.1.2)

To show tax inclusive prices on the products page use `showtaxinclusive=true`
- the wording for the tax can be changed in `vsadmin/inc/languagefile.asp`.

UPS Options (Minimum version 3.5.0)

The way that you deliver your packages to UPS for delivery can affect the total cost of delivering the package. We have set the default as "Customer Counter", though you can change this by setting the following in your `vsadmin/includes.asp` file . . .

`upspickuptype="03"`

The code in quotes there would be taken from the following table...

01 - Daily Pickup
03 - Customer Counter
06 - One Time Pickup
07 - On Call Air
19 - Letter Center
20 - Air Service Center

Remember to enclose the code above in double quotes. Also, please note that these options are not exactly the same as you might find on the UPS web site but we hear that is something that UPS are working on...more information

To add UPS shipping insurance based on the product value, but not ask the customer...

`addshippinginsurance=1`

To ask the customer if they would like shipping insurance on the checkout form...

`addshippinginsurance=2`

Commercial location (Minimum version 3.5.0)

Set `commercialloc=true` if you want to place a question and checkbox on checkout for shipping to a commercial location. This is automatically set for UPS but can be used for other shipping methods.

Currency formats (Minimum version 3.1.2)

Normally the currency is automatically set by your country settings, but sometimes servers don't seem to have locales installed, and some have special needs. These are the parameters available:

`overridecurrency=TRUE`

- Switches the currency overriding on

`orcsymbol="US$"`

- The currency symbol used on product pages.

`orcemailsymbol="US$"`

- The currency symbol used in emails. Normally the same, but can be handy if you wish to set your product page currency symbol to an HTML code like € or ¥ and then in the email set it to EURO or YEN

`orcdecplaces=2`

- How many decimal places your currency has.

`orcpreamount=FALSE`

- If you want to display the currency symbol before or after the amount.

`orccurrencyisosymbol="USD"`

- If you need to force the settlement in US Dollars even if you are selling from another country.

Encryption (Minimum version 3.5.0)

At the moment for using the "capture card method", credit card encryption can be used if ASPEncrypt is available on the server so the parameter will be `encryptmethod="aspencrypt"`. If you do not want encryption, you have to explicitly set `encryptmethod="none"`. Remember that by doing so, you have to take extra care to make sure the database is secure and to delete the card numbers from the database as soon as they are processed. If you are unsure about your site security, it might be an idea to contact one of the developers here for consultation.

Top navigation (Minimum version 3.5.0)

If you need to remove the top navigation ie. home >> category >> product then set `showcategories=false`

Terms and Conditions (Minimum version 3.6.0)

If you need to make your customers agree to your terms and conditions on checkout, set `termsandconditions=true`
You will also need to create a page with your terms and conditions called `termsandconditions.asp` ...which will be shown in a 420 x 380 popup.

Quantity boxes (Minimum version 3.6.1)

Setting the following to TRUE will put up a quantity box on the products and the product details page (not available if using `usedetailbodyformat=2`):

```
showquantonproduct=FALSE  
showquantondetail=FALSE
```

Zero price (Minimum version 3.6.3)

If you set this, for instance...

```
pricezeromessage="<b>Price: Please call</b>"
```

...then in the case where a price is set to zero, this message will be printed instead. If the `pricezeromessage` is not set then products with a zero price will be displayed as Price: \$0.00 as usual.

Show product id (Minimum version 3.6.3)

```
showproductid=true
```

...will cause the product id to display on the product pages. The text "Product ID" is from the `vsadmin/inc/languagefile.asp` as `xxPrId`

Hide product options (Minimum version 3.6.4)

```
noproductoptions=true
```

...this will hide all the product options on the products page.

Invoices / packing slips (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
invoiceheader="<img src='images/logo.gif' border='0'><br><br>"
```

...this will print your logo at the top of the invoice. Obviously you will need to upload the logo to your images folder and set the path / name correctly.

```
invoiceaddress="<br><b>EcommerceTemplates.com</b><br>My  
Address<br>MyTown, 90210<br>California<br><br>"
```

... this will print your address on the invoice. As you can see it is possible to use HTML for formatting.

```
invoicefooter="<br><br><font size='1'>Thank you for shopping with  
EcommerceTemplates.com</font>"
```

..will print the footer information you need to include. Again HTML can be used for formatting

Dump credit card numbers (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
dumpccnumber=true
```

...this will dump the credit card numbers to the .csv file. Note that if you are using ASPEncrypt this option will not be available as the numbers cannot be decrypted in a CSV file.

Continue shopping (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
actionaftercart=1
```

...or not setting anything will mean that the continue shopping button will take the URL from the xxHomeURL from the vsadmin/inc/languagefile.asp which is the current default.

```
actionaftercart=2
```

...will make the cart "continue shopping" button return to the page you just came from when you are on the cart contents page.

```
actionaftercart=3
```

...when you add something to your cart, you will refresh immediately back to the products page you came from without going to the cart contents page.

Adjust date (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
dateadjust=3
```

...would adjust the date the order status was updated by 3 hours.

`dateadjust=-4`

...would adjust it by minus 4 hours. This is so that if your server time is not the same as your local time then you can adjust for this.

NB

Version 4.6.3 allows for the date adjust in the admin section too rather than only in public view as before.

Shipping insurance (Minimum version 3.6.6)

Shipping insurance can now be added to more shipping types than just UPS shipping. If using UPS shipping, then adding

`addshippinginsurance=1`

to your `includes.asp` file will calculate shipping costs with insurance. If using UPS shipping then add

`addshippinginsurance=2`

will ask the user if they would like shipping insurance, and if so add it to the shipping cost.

With shipping types other than UPS, you have to also set an amount, `shipinsuranceamt`

for instance...

`shipinsuranceamt=5`

If `addshippinginsurance=1` then in this example 5% of the product price total will be added to the shipping cost for insurance.

If `addshippinginsurance=2` then in this example 5% of the product price total will be added to the shipping cost for insurance IF the user checks the "yes I want shipping insurance" box on checkout.

If `addshippinginsurance=-1` then in this example 5.00 (of your monetary units, say Dollars) will be added to the shipping cost for insurance.

If `addshippinginsurance=-2` then in this example 5.00 (of your monetary units, say Dollars) will be added to the shipping cost for insurance IF the user checks the "yes I want shipping insurance" box on checkout. This method will not work with USPS shipping for which shipping insurance is not available.

HTML email (Minimum version 4.0.0)

Emails can be sent in HTML if you wish by adding the following switch:

`htmlemails=true`

Email orders (Minimum version 4.0.0)

If you need to set email orders as Unauthorized in your admin orders page, set
`emailorderstatus=2`

Category layout (Minimum version 4.1.0)

`categorycolumns=1` - will give you a vertical list of categories in a single list
`categorycolumns=2` - will show the categories in two columns
`categorycolumns=3` - will show the categories in three columns
'`catseparator=""`' - is required to use the new category set up - no changes are necessary here

Extra checkout fields (Minimum version 4.1.0)

It is possible to add two new fields to your cart checkout page. The company name field will go at the top of the checkout form and the additional field at the bottom. These can be moved by editing the `vsadmin/inc/inccart.asp` file - they can also be made obligatory.

`extraorderfield1="Company Name"` - adds a company name field to the top of your cart checkout page, the text can be edited here for other uses.
`extraorderfield1required=true` - will make this field obligatory, setting to false will make it optional
`extraorderfield2="Another Field"` - will add an additional field to the bottom of the cart checkout page, obviously the text will need editing here.
`extraorderfield2required=true` - will make this field obligatory, setting to false will make it optional

Force form submission (Minimum version 4.1.3)

For payment processors where the credit card details are taken on an SSL connection on your site you can set the parameter:
`forcesubmit=true`
...which will submit the form by default in 5 seconds. If you want to change that 5 second interval you can set
`forcesubmittimeout=5000`
where the time is set in milliseconds, so the above example would result in a 5 second delay.

Enable customer login (Minimum version 4.2.0)

To enable the customer login box you will need to add the line (if it's not already present)
`enableclientlogin=true`

Wholesale pricing (Minimum version 4.6.0)

Wholesale prices can be set for product options. To do this add the parameter `wholesaleoptionpricediff=true`

You can disable discounts for logged in customers with the wholesale attribute by adding the parameter `nowholesalediscounts=true`

You can set a separate minimum wholesale purchase amount and message by setting the following

`minwholesaleamount=23.00`

`minwholesalemessage="Your message"`

Email headers and footers (Minimum version 4.2.2)

This feature allows you to add email headers and footers to emails either for all payment systems, or depending on the payment system chosen.

If you want to add a header or footer to all emails then just add the following to your `vsadmin/includes.asp` file

`emailheader="This is your email header"`

`emailfooter="This is your email footer"`

If you want to add a header or footer only for a particular payment system then first go to your admin payment providers page. You will see that now the first column is the payment provider id. Take a note of the id of the payment provider you are interested in. Now if for instance you wanted to add a header or footer for the "Email" payment provider, you will see that the id is 4. All you have to do is add the id "4" after emailheader or emailfooter like this...

`emailheader4="This is your email header for the email payment provider"`

`emailfooter4="This is your email footer for the email payment provider"`

Dropshipper headers and footers (Minimum version 4.8.0)

If you want to add a header or footer for the email sent out to dropshippers then the general header / footer for all payment types would be like this:

`dropshipheader="
general drop ship header
"`

`dropshipfooter="general drop ship footer
"`

There is an additional Header / footer only for payment method 4 (Email Only)

`dropshipheader4="drop ship header for drop shipper 4
"`

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"`

Order status email (Minimum version 4.5.0)

You can now set the system to send an email to customers when you change the order status on the admin orders page. To turn this feature on you need to add the following parameter for example...

```
orderstatusemail="Your order id %orderid% from %orderdate% has been  
updated from %oldstatus% to %newstatus% on %date% and the order  
tracking is %statusinfo%"
```

The message can be anything you like, and can contain HTML if you have the `htmlemails=true` setting. The following parameters will be replaced with the actual order and order status details...

```
%orderid%  
%orderdate%  
%oldstatus%  
%newstatus%  
%date%  
%statusinfo%
```

From version 4.8.6 `%ordername%` can be added to the order status emails and will be replaced by the customer's name. Also, you can use `%nl%` for new lines.

You can also set a parameter `orderstatussubject` for the order status emails in the `vsadmin/includes.asp` file, for example...

```
orderstatussubject = "Place text here"
```

If you don't set this then the default email subject "Order status updated" will be used for the order status emails.

Using the setting

```
alwaysemailstatus=true
```

will mean that the checkbox for "email order status change" is always set by default.

DHTML menu (Minimum version 4.6.0)

You can now limit the number of "popout levels" that the DHTML pops out to by setting the parameter

```
menupoplimit=2
```

... where 2 in this example would limit to 2 popout levels.

Authorize.net (Minimum version 4.5.0)

Add the parameter `secretword` to encrypt your authorize.net merchant id and transaction key in the database for extra security. For example...

```
secretword="this is my secret word"
```

Please note that if you set this, you will have to reset your merchant id and transaction key in your admin payment providers page for authorize.net

If you are using the authorize.net AIM system you can now set the parameter `acceptcheck=true`

to allow for eChecks. You will need to have your authorize.net account set up for accepting eChecks.

Authorize.net AIM method can now be used with the WellsFargo SecureSource system using the setting
`wellsfargo=true`

Capture Card order status (Minimum version 4.6.0)

You can set the order status of "Capture Card" orders by setting the following
`capturecardorderstatus=5`
... which in this case would set the order status of a capture card order to 5.
To see the order status id numbers just look on your order status admin page.

Canadian tax (Minimum version 4.3.0)

Support for the Canadian PST / GST / HST tax system, including the Price Edward Island and Quebec systems of adding the provincial tax to the product total + government tax. To use this feature you would need to download the current Canadian plug-in and also set the parameter...
`canadataxsystem=true`

Per payment provider handling charge (Minimum version 4.3.0)

You can set a "per payment provider" handling charge. On the payment providers admin page, each payment provider shows a unique id. You would use the text `handlingcharge` + the unique id to assign the charge. Say for instance if you wanted to add a \$2.35 charge to the "2Checkout" payment provider, then if you look on the payment providers admin page you will see the ID for 2Checkout is 2, so you would set the following...
`handlingcharge2=2.35`

If you need to add tax to handling you'll need to choose `taxHandling=1` - if not leave it as it is ie. `taxHandling=0`

Setting `taxHandling=2` will add the handling tax to the state and country tax totals.

Split heavy packages (Minimum version 4.5.0)

Adding the parameter `splitpackat` when using UPS or USPS shipping will split heavy packages into multiple packages. For instance...
`splitpackat=70`

Canada Post (Minimum version 4.6.0)

To place Canada Post in test mode on the testing server, please use the following parameter

canadaposttest=TRUE

Forcing minimum purchase amount (Minimum version 4.3.0)

Setting the parameter minpurchaseamount will force a minimum purchase amount. You can also set the parameter minpurchasemessage to display a message / html if the minimum purchase amount is not met. For instance...

minpurchaseamount=4.99

minpurchasemessage="I'm sorry, we have a minimum purchase amount of £4.99. Please go back and buy some more"

Alternative currency format (Minimum version 4.7.0)

You can now have total control over the display of the currency conversions if you require. For instance use the following. . .

currFormat1="€%s"

currFormat2="£%s"

currFormat3="\$%s"

In each of these %s is replaced by the actual currency value. Be careful that the symbols match the currencies you have chosen on your admin main page. Of course you can place any formatting or text here.

Product detail link (Minimum version 4.7.0)

Instead of having the product "details" link leading to the proddetail.asp page, you can specify your own link by adding the following (for example) to your vsadmin/includes.asp file.

detailslink=""
detailsendlink=""

Any instances of %pid% will be replaced by the product id and any instances of %largeimage% will be replaced by the the value of you have set for large image in your admin products page. This will allow you to vary the links per product.

Hide product option price difference (Minimum version 4.7.0)

By setting the switch . . .

hideoptpricediffs=true

. . . you can hide the price difference in the product option drop down menus and the checkout page. Only the total price will be shown.

Character sets (Minimum version 4.7.0)

Greater support is now given for "Wide" Character sets such as Japanese and Chinese. You can set the following 2 switches . . .

```
emailencoding="shift_jis"
adminencoding="shift_jis"
```

. . . changing "shift_jis" for the actual character encoding used in your emails and admin section pages.

Multiple languages (Minimum version 4.8.0)

If you need to have more than one language then set:

```
languageid=2
```

to indicate which language is being used for that particular admin section.

Client login forwarding page (Minimum version 4.8.0)

You can set per login level forwarding pages for the client login system or send the logged in client back to the referring page. To set the forwarding page for all pages you can set for instance . . .

```
clientloginref="yourpage.asp"
```

Or to use the "referring" page set . . .

```
clientloginref="referer"
```

Or optionally you can set . . .

```
clientloginref2="otherpage.asp"
```

. . . to set say a forwarding page for only those logged in with login level 2.

Force the checkout to use 2Checkout's v2 system (Minimum version 4.8.6)

Setting...

```
use2checkoutv2=TRUE
```

. . . in your vsadmin/includes.asp file will force the checkout to use 2Checkout's v2 system.

Advanced parameters (PHP version)

In the folder vsadmin there's a file called includes.php - this is where you can specify some important options regarding mail, shipping, tax, and the display options for your product pages. Below is a guide to preparing the set up that best suits your needs. If the include line is not present in your list, it can be added and the position of the line is not important to functionality.

Contents

Email Options	Layout Options	Payment Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email a friend HTML emails Email orders Email headers and footers Order status email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product listings Product layout options Continue shopping link Category layout options DHTML menu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the path to your SSL Disabling SSL Encryption Dump credit card numbers Force form submission Authorize.net Capture card order status 2Checkout
Shipping / Tax Options	Display Options	Affiliate Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding tax to shipping Removing the shipping address Will pick up option Show tax inclusive prices UPS options Commercial location Shipping insurance Invoice / packing slips Canadian tax Per payment provider handling charge Split heavy packages Canada Post 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product page display numbers Removing buy and checkout buttons Remove top navigation Terms and Conditions Quantity boxes Zero price message Show product id Hide product options Extra checkout fields Forcing minimum purchase amount Alternative currency format Product detail link Hide product option price 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affiliates cookie Affiliates commission
Discount Options	Customer Login	Admin Tweaks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove discount / coupon feature Hide discount / coupon text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable customer login Wholesale pricing Forwarding page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cURL compilation Currency formats Adjust date Character sets Multiple languages

Product listings

You can now choose how to sort your product listings - you can do this alphabetically, by id or by price. There are four options:

1 = sorting the products alphabetically
2 = sorting the products by id
3 = sorting the products by price (cheapest first)
4 = sorting the products by price (most expensive first)
So for example if you wanted to list your products alphabetically you would choose this option:
`$sortBy = 1;`
or by product id like this
`$sortBy = 2;`

Setting the path to your SSL

If you are not using authorize.net (AIM) or the Capture card method, then you may wish to specify a path to your secure space, this would be done here:
`$pathtossl = "/path/goes/here";`

Disabling SSL

Setting `$nochecksslserver=TRUE;`
will disable the checking with capture card and other payment systems that require an SSL server that check you are on an SSL connection.

Product page display numbers

To display the product page number links at the top of the page as well as the bottom set
`$pagebarattop=1;`

Adding tax to shipping

If you need to add tax to shipping you'll need to choose
`$taxShipping=1;`
if not leave it as it is:
`$taxShipping=0;`

Setting `$taxShipping=2;`

will add the shipping tax to the state and country tax totals.

Shipping address (Minimum version 3.6.3)

Use:

```
$noshipaddress=true;
```

to cause a shipping address entry section not to be shown on the checkout page if set.

"Will pick up" option (Minimum version 4.1.0 - only for UPS / USPS / weight and price based shipping.)

Use:

```
$willpickuptext="Will Pickup";
```

If you want to allow your customers the option of picking up their purchase from your physical location. The text here can be changed as necessary.

Use

```
$willpickupcost=1.32;
```

To set the cost of picking up from your location. Set to zero if there is no charge

Layout options

In version 1.0.3 we have added the possibility for different layout formats for your products

```
$productcolumns=2;
```

```
$useproductbodyformat=1;
```

```
$usesearchbodyformat=1;
```

```
$usedetailbodyformat=1;
```

```
$usecategoryformat=1;
```

```
$allproductsimage="";
```

Those who are upgrading from previous versions will need to add these parameters..

By setting useproductbody format to 2 like this

```
$useproductbodyformat=2;
```

the products are displayed with the product options, price and buy button below the product image. When useproductbodyformat is set to 1 the product options, price and buy button are displayed to the right of the product image.

The reason we added this second layout is that it lends itself well to having more than one column of products. So, when using
`$useproductbodyformat=2;`
the products will be displayed in the number of columns specified by productcolumns, such as

`$productcolumns=2;`

You can have as many as you like in theory, but just make sure they fit on your page.

Please note that with the useproductbodyformat set to 1 the productcolumns setting will be ignored.

To allow you to specify the search results independently of the general product display, you can set usesearchbodyformat to 1 or 2 in the same way.

There is also a second product detail format available now. Setting
`$usedetailbodyformat=2;`
will display the product detail page with the image to the left of the product description, price, quantity and buy button.

If you need the category text and description to the right of the image choose
`$usecategoryformat=2;`

`$allproductsimage="";`
allows you to specify an image for "All Products" and the path can be inserted here.

Email a friend

You can now add the option of emailing a friend from your product detail page - this adds a link to a pop-up window with a form that you can fill out to forward the information regarding a product to a friend. If you wish to use this feature set the parameter like this `$useemailfriend=true;`
if you would like to disable the feature then you need
`$useemailfriend=false;`

Removing store functions

You can simply eliminate the buy and checkout buttons as well as the price for all products, this is done by choosing

```
$nobuyorcheckout=true;  
and  
$noprice=true;
```

Affiliates cookie

By default the affiliate cookie stays active for 30 days, this means that if somebody clicks on an affiliate link and then comes back later to purchase as long as it's within 30 days, the sales will be accredited to the affiliate partner. If you need to change this then the value here
`$expireaffiliate=30;`
will have to be modified.

Affiliates commission

You can now set an affiliate percentage in the affiliates admin, and set a
`$defaultcommission=12;`
to set a default commission for new affiliates

Discounts / coupons (Minimum version 3.0.0)

To remove the discount and coupon function choose
`$nogiftcertificate=TRUE;`

Hide discount or coupon text (Minimum version 4.1.0)

To remove the discount and coupon text that appears on category and product pages
`$noshowdiscounts=TRUE;`

Show tax inclusive prices (Minimum version 3.1.2)

To show tax inclusive prices on the products page use
`$showtaxinclusive=TRUE;`
the wording for the tax can be changed in `vsadmin/inc/languagefile.php`.

UPS Options (Minimum version 3.5.0)

The way that you deliver your packages to UPS for delivery can affect the total cost of delivering the package. We have set the default as "Customer Counter", though you can change this by setting the following in your `vsadmin/includes.php` file . . .

```
$upspickuptype="03";
```

The code in quotes there would be taken from the following table...

```
01 - Daily Pickup  
03 - Customer Counter  
06 - One Time Pickup  
07 - On Call Air  
19 - Letter Center  
20 - Air Service Center
```

Remember to enclose the code above in double quotes. Also, please note that these options are not exactly the same as you might find on the UPS web site but we hear that is something that UPS are working on...more information

To add UPS shipping insurance based on the product value, but not ask the customer...

```
$addshippinginsurance=1;
```

To ask the customer if they would like shipping insurance on the checkout form...

```
$addshippinginsurance=2;
```

Commercial location (Minimum version 3.5.0)

Set `$commercialloc=TRUE`; if you want to place a question and checkbox on checkout for shipping to a commercial location. This is automatically set for UPS but can be used for other shipping methods.

Currency formats (Minimum version 3.1.2)

Normally the currency is automatically set by your country settings, but sometimes servers don't seem to have locales installed, and some have special needs. These are the parameters available:

```
$overridecurrency=TRUE;
```

- Switches the currency overriding on

```
$orcsymbol="US$";
```

- The currency symbol used on product pages.

```
$orcemailsymbol="US$";
```

- The currency symbol used in emails. Normally the same, but can be handy if you wish to set your product page currency symbol to an HTML code like € or ¥ and then in the email set it to EURO or YEN

```
$orcdecplaces=2;
```

- How many decimal places your currency has.

`$orcdimals=".";`

- The symbol used for the decimal separator. Normally a "." but can be ","

`$orcthousands=",";`

- The symbol used for the thousands separator. Normally a "," but can be a "."

`$orcpreamount=FALSE;`

- If you want to display the currency symbol before or after the amount.

`$orccurrencyisymbol="USD";`

- If you need to force the settlement in US Dollars even if you are selling from another country.

Please note, the dollar sign (\$) is a special character in PHP and so must be preceeded with a slash, as in "US\\$"

Encryption (Minimum version 3.5.0)

At the moment for using the "capture card method" with the PHP template there is no encryption of the credit card numbers so it is actually necessary to set

`$encryptmethod="";`

to

`$encryptmethod="none";`

Remember that by doing so, you have to take extra care to make sure the database is secure and to delete the card numbers from the database as soon as they are processed. If you are unsure about your site security, it might be an idea to contact one of the developers here for consultation.

Top navigation (Minimum version 3.5.0)

If you need to remove the top navigation ie. home >> category >> product then set

`$showcategories=FALSE;`

Terms and Conditions (Minimum version 3.6.0)

If you need to make your customers agree to your terms and conditions on checkout, set `$termsandconditions=TRUE;`

You will also need to create a page with your terms and conditions called `termsandconditions.php` ... which will be shown in a 420 x 380 popup.

Quantity boxes (Minimum version 3.6.1)

Setting the following to TRUE will put up a quantity box on the products and the product details page (not available if using \$usedetailbodyformat=2;):

```
$showquantonproduct=FALSE;  
$showquantondetail=FALSE;
```

Zero price (Minimum version 3.6.3)

If you set this, for instance...

```
$pricezeromessage="<b>Price: Please call</b>";
```

...then in the case where a price is set to zero, this message will be printed instead. If the pricezeromessage is not set then products with a zero price will be displayed as Price: \$0.00 as usual.

Show product id (Minimum version 3.6.3)

```
$showproductid=TRUE;
```

...will cause the product id to display on the product pages. The text "Product ID" is from the vsadmin/inc/languagefile.php as xxPrId

Hide product options (Minimum version 3.6.4)

```
$noproductoptions=TRUE;
```

...this will hide all the product options on the products page.

Invoices / packing slips (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
$invoiceheader='<br><br>';
```

...this will print your logo at the top of the invoice. Obviously you will need to upload the logo to your images folder and set the path / name correctly.

```
$invoiceaddress='<br><b>My Company LLC</b><br>10, My Road<br>My  
Town, MyCity 90210<br>USA<br><br>';
```

... this will print your address on the invoice. As you can see it is possible to use HTML for formatting.

```
$invoicefooter='<br><br><font size="1">Thank you for shopping with  
EcommerceTemplates.com</font>';
```

..will print the footer information you need to include. Again HTML can be used for formatting

Dump credit card numbers (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
$dumpccnumber=TRUE;
```

...this will dump the credit card numbers to the .csv file.

Continue shopping (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
$actionaftercart=1;
```

...or not setting anything will mean that the continue shopping button will take the URL from the xxHomeURL from the vsadmin/inc/languagefile.php which is the current default.

```
$actionaftercart=2;
```

...will make the cart "continue shopping" button return to the page you just came from when you are on the cart contents page.

```
$actionaftercart=3;
```

...when you add something to your cart, you will refresh immediately back to the products page you came from without going to the cart contents page.

Adjust date (Minimum version 3.6.6)

```
$dateadjust=3;
```

...would adjust the date the order status was updated by 3 hours.

```
$dateadjust=-4;
```

...would adjust it by minus 4 hours. This is so that if your server time is not the same as your local time then you can adjust for this.

Shipping insurance (Minimum version 3.6.6)

Shipping insurance can now be added to more shipping types than just UPS shipping. If using UPS shipping, then adding

```
$addshippinginsurance=1;
```

to your includes.asp file will calculate shipping costs with insurance. If using UPS shipping then add

```
$addshippinginsurance=2;
```

will ask the user if they would like shipping insurance, and if so add it to the shipping cost.

With shipping types other than UPS, you have to also set an amount, shipinsuranceamt for instance...

```
$shipinsuranceamt=5;
```

If \$addshippinginsurance=1; then in this example 5% of the product price total will be added to the shipping cost for insurance.

If \$addshippinginsurance=2; then in this example 5% of the product price total will be added to the shipping cost for insurance IF the user checks the "yes I want shipping insurance" box on checkout.

If \$addshippinginsurance=-1; then in this example 5.00 (of your monetary units, say Dollars) will be added to the shipping cost for insurance.

If \$addshippinginsurance=-2; then in this example 5.00 (of your monetary units, say Dollars) will be added to the shipping cost for insurance IF the user checks the "yes I want shipping insurance" box on checkout. This method will not work with USPS shipping for which shipping insurance is not available.

HTML email (Minimum version 4.0.0)

Emails can be sent in HTML if you wish by adding the following switch:

```
$htmlemails=true;
```

Email orders (Minimum version 4.0.0)

If you need to set email orders as Unauthorized in your admin orders page, set

```
$emailorderstatus=2;
```

Category layout (Minimum version 4.1.0)

\$categorycolumns=1; - will give you a vertical list of categories in a single list

`$categorycolumns=2;` - will show the categories in two columns

`$categorycolumns=3;` - will show the categories in three columns

`$catseparator=""`; - is required to use the new category set up - no changes are necessary here

Extra checkout fields (Minimum version 4.1.0)

It is possible to add two new fields to your cart checkout page. The company name field will go at the top of the checkout form and the additional field at the bottom. These can be moved by editing the `vsadmin/inc/inccart.php` file - they can also be made obligatory.

`$extraorderfield1="Company Name"`; - adds a company name field to the top of your cart checkout page, text can be edited here for other uses.

`$extraorderfield1required=TRUE`; - will make this field obligatory, setting to false will make it optional

`$extraorderfield2="Another Field"`; - will add an additional field to the bottom of the cart checkout page, obviously the text will need editing here.

`$extraorderfield2required=TRUE`; - will make this field obligatory, setting to false will make it optional

Force form submission (Minimum version 4.1.3)

For payment processors where the credit card details are taken on an SSL connection on your site you can set the parameter:

`$forcesubmit=TRUE`;

...which will submit the form by default in 5 seconds. If you want to change that 5 second interval you can set

`$forcesubmittimeout=5000`;

where the time is set in milliseconds, so the above example would result in a 5 second delay.

Enable customer login (Minimum version 4.2.0)

To enable the customer login box you will need to add the line (if it's not already present)

`$enableclientlogin=true`;

Wholesale pricing (Minimum version 4.6.0)

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`$wholesaleoptionpricediff=TRUE`;

You can disable discounts for logged in customers with the wholesale attribute by adding the parameter
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You can set a separate minimum wholesale purchase amount and message by setting the following
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This feature allows you to add email headers and footers to emails either for all payment systems, or depending on the payment system chosen. If you want to add a header or footer to all emails then just add the following to your `vsadmin/includes.php` file

```
$emailheader="This is your email header";  
$emailfooter="This is your email footer";
```

If you want to add a header or footer only for a particular payment system then first go to your admin payment providers page. You will see that now the first column is the payment provider id. Take a note of the id of the payment provider you are interested in. Now if for instance you wanted to add a header or footer for the "Email" payment provider, you will see that the id is 4. All you have to do is add the id "4" after emailheader or emailfooter like this...

```
$emailheader4="This is your email header for the email payment provider";
```

```
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```

Dropshipper headers and footers (Minimum version 4.8.0)

If you want to add a header or footer for the email sent out to dropshippers then the general header / footer for all payment types would be like this:

```
$dropshipheader="<br>general drop ship header<br>";  
$dropshipfooter="general drop ship footer<br>";
```

There is an additional Header / footer only for payment method 4 (Email Only)

```
$dropshipheader4="drop ship header for drop shipper 4<br>";  
$dropshipfooter4="drop ship footer for drop shipper 4<br>";
```

Order status email (Minimum version 4.5.0)

You can now set the system to send an email to customers when you change the order status on the admin orders page. To turn this feature on you need to add the following parameter for example...

```
$orderstatusemail="Your order id %orderid% from %orderdate% has been  
updated from %oldstatus% to %newstatus% on %date% and the order  
tracking is %statusinfo%";
```

The message can be anything you like, and can contain HTML if you have the \$htmlemails=true; setting. The following parameters will be replaced with the actual order and order status details...

```
%orderid%  
%orderdate%  
%oldstatus%  
%newstatus%  
%date%  
%statusinfo%
```

From version 4.8.6 %ordername% can be added to the order status emails and will be replaced by the customers name. Also, you can use %nl% for newlines.

You can also set a parameter \$orderstatussubject for the order status emails in the vsadmin/includes.php file, for example...

```
$orderstatussubject = "Place your text here";
```

If you don't set this then the default email subject "Order status updated" will be used for the order status emails.

Using the setting

```
$alwaysemailstatus=true;
```

will mean that the checkbox for "email order status change" is always set by default.

DHTML menu (Minimum version 4.6.0)

You can now limit the number of "popout levels" that the DHTML pops out to by setting the parameter

```
$menupoplimit=2;
```

... where 2 in this example would limit to 2 popout levels.

Authorize.net (Minimum version 4.5.0)

Add the parameter \$secretword to encrypt your authorize.net merchant id and transaction key in the database for extra security. For example...

```
$secretword="this is my secret word";
```

Please note that if you set this, you will have to reset your merchant id and transaction key in your admin payment providers page for authorize.net

If you are using the authorize.net AIM system you can now set the parameter

```
$acceptcheck=true;
```

to allow for eChecks. You will need to have your authorize.net account set up for accepting eChecks.

Authorize.net AIM method can now be used with the WellsFargo SecureSource system using the setting
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You can set the order status of "Capture Card" orders by setting the following
`$capturecardorderstatus=5;`
... which in this case would set the order status of a capture card order to 5.
To see the order status id numbers just look on your order status admin page.

Canadian Tax (Minimum version 4.3.0)

Support for the Canadian PST / GST / HST tax system, including the Price Edward Island and Quebec systems of adding the provincial tax to the product total + government tax. To use this feature you would need to download the current Canadian plug-in and also set the parameter...
`$canadataxsystem=true;`

Per payment provider handling charge (Minimum version 4.3.0)

You can set a "per payment provider" handling charge. On the payment providers admin page, each payment provider shows a unique id. You would use the text `$handlingcharge` + the unique id to assign the charge. Say for instance if you wanted to add a \$2.35 charge to the "2Checkout" payment provider, then if you look on the payment providers admin page you will see the ID for 2Checkout is 2, so you would set the following...
`$handlingcharge2=2.35;`

If you need to add tax to handling you'll need to choose
`$taxHandling=1;`
if not leave it as it is:
`$taxHandling=0;`

Setting `$taxHandling=2;`
will add the handling tax to the state and country tax totals.

Split heavy packages (Minimum version 4.5.0)

Adding the parameter `$splitpackat` when using UPS or USPS shipping will split heavy packages into multiple packages. For instance...
`$splitpackat=70;`

Canada Post (Minimum version 4.6.0)

To place Canada Post in test mode on the testing server, please use the following parameter

```
$canadaposttest=TRUE;
```

Forcing minimum purchase amount (Minimum version 4.3.0)

Setting the parameter \$minpurchaseamount will force a minimum purchase amount. You can also set the parameter \$minpurchasemessage to display a message / html if the minimum purchase amount is not met. For instance...

```
$minpurchaseamount=4.99;
```

```
$minpurchasemessage="I'm sorry, we have a minimum purchase amount of  
£4.99. Please go back and <b>buy some more</b>";
```

Alternative currency format (Minimum version 4.7.0)

You can now have total control over the display of the currency conversions if you require. For instance use the following. . .

```
$currFormat1="<b>€</b>%s";
```

```
$currFormat2="<b>£</b>%s";
```

```
$currFormat3="<b>$</b>%s";
```

In each of these %s is replaced by the actual currency value. Be careful that the symbols match the currencies you have chosen on your admin main page. Of course you can place any formatting or text here.

Product detail link (Minimum version 4.7.0)

Instead of having the product “details” link leading to the proddetail.asp page, you can specify your own link by adding the following (for example) to your vsadmin/includes.asp file.

```
$detailslink="<a href=\"%largeimage%\" target=\"_blank\">";
```

```
$detailsendlink="</a>";
```

Any instances of %pid% will be replaced by the product id and any instances of %largeimage% will be replaced by the the value of you have set for large image in your admin products page. This will allow you to vary the links per product.

Hide product option price difference (Minimum version 4.7.0)

By setting the switch . . .

```
$hideoptpricediffs=true;
```

. . . you can hide the price difference in the product option drop down menus and the checkout page. Only the total price will be shown.

cURL compilation (Minimum version 4.3.0)

An alternative is provided for those that don't have cURL compiled into PHP, but where the host provides cURL on the command line. This would only affect those users who wish to use UPS shipping calculations or Authorize.net AIM and receive an error about curl_init() being undefined. To use this feature you need to set the path to the cURL binary on your server in the parameter \$pathtocurl. For instance...

```
$pathtocurl="/usr/local/curl";
```

Character sets (Minimum version 4.7.0)

Greater support is now given for "Wide" Character sets such as Japanese and Chinese. You can set the following 2 switches . . .

```
$mailencoding="shift_jis";  
$adminencoding="shift_jis";
```

. . . changing "shift_jis" for the actual character encoding used in your emails and admin section pages.

Multiple languages (Minimum version 4.8.0)

If you need to have more than one language then set:

```
$languageid=2;
```

to indicate which language is being used for that particular admin section.

Client login forwarding page (Minimum version 4.8.0)

You can set per login level forwarding pages for the client login system or send the logged in client back to the referring page. To set the forwarding page for all pages you can set for instance . . .

```
$clientloginref="yourpage.php";
```

Or to use the "referring" page set . . .

```
$clientloginref="referer";
```

Or optionally you can set . . .

```
$clientloginref2="otherpage.php";
```

. . . to set say a forwarding page for only those logged in with login level 2.

Force the checkout to use 2Checkout's v2 system (Minimum version 4.8.6)

Setting...

```
$use2checkoutv2=TRUE;
```

. . . in your vsadmin/includes.php file will force the checkout to use 2Checkout's v2 system.

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