



OpenGlobal VirtueMart Bulk Discount Custom Field

Instruction Manual



Introduction

This VirtueMart 2.x/3.x custom field plugin allows you create discounts based on the quantity of a product that has been ordered.

Simply add this custom field to the relevant products and specify how many products need to be ordered and what the discount is and the discount will be automatically calculated when enough items are ordered. This is a great way to implement “Buy 3, Get 1 Free” -type deals.

Please note that this plugin is only compatible with VirtueMart version 2.0.12 and upwards.

Installation

The OpenGlobal VirtueMart Bulk Discount Custom Field plugin installs in exactly the same way as any other Joomla! plugin. Simply log into the Joomla! administrative control panel as an Administrator (not “Manager”) and go to Extensions > Install/Uninstall.

Upload and install the package by locating the package on your computer and clicking “Upload File & Install”.

As long as there are no errors, the plugin is now installed. You will need to go into the Plugin Manager and publish the plugin to make it available to VirtueMart.



Configuration

Once the plugin is installed and enabled in the Plugin Manager, go to Components > VirtueMart > Products > Custom Fields and click on the *New* button.

Select a *Custom Field Type* of *Plug-ins* and give it a suitable title. Set the *Cart Attribute* to *Yes* (and *Cart Input* to *Yes* if you are using VirtueMart 3).

Select the *VM – Custom, Bulk Discount* plugin in the last dropdown list and click *Save* to save the config.

Now go to the products that you want to add the bulk discount to and go to the *Custom Fields* tab.

Select your new custom field from the Custom Field type drop down. Once the Bulk Discount configuration options appear, you can specify the details for this specific product.

In the first box, enter the number of products which must be ordered to satisfy this deal and in the dropdown and last box specify the deal. For example, for £5 off when you order 3, enter “3” in the first box, “+” in the dropdown, and -5.00 in the last box. You can also create a multiplication discount by selecting “*” in the dropdown.

If you want to enter multiple discounts, such as another discount if they order 5, then click on the “New Value” and enter the new details in the new line. The plugin will automatically calculate which is the best deal for the customer based on the number of items in their cart and use that deal.

Click *Save & Close*.

Important Notes

Please note that all VirtueMart prices are calculated “per item”. This means that the discount is rounded to the nearest penny/cent per item. In the example above, the £5 discount would actually create a £1.67 discount per item, leading to a total discount of £5.01. This is a drawback of the internal workings of VirtueMart and there is nothing that can be done about this.

When the visitor is changing the number of products to add to their basket, the price per item on the page will be calculated based on this discount. So as they change the quantity of items, the price on the page will change accordingly.

Please note that deals cannot be mixed and matched for a single product. For example, if you have 2 deals for a single product, one for 3 items and one for 4 items, and a customer adds 7 items to their basket, the plugin will calculate whether the 3 item deal or the 4 item deal gives them the best price and use that one throughout the calculation. It will not give them 3 items at one discount and 4 items at the other discount.

Any upgrades from version 1.0.0 will require all products using this plugin to be re-saved. Simply open up the products in the backend (one by one) and click *Save*.