Custom Catalogues (legacy)

Overview

Customer Self Service features a Custom Catalogue functionality, whereby a specific 'basket of goods' can be created and made visible for a specific customer.

Custom Catalogues can be assigned at a user level, customer level or role level. A single user can have access to as many custom catalogues as required. Also, a user can be denied access to the global (main) catalogue so that the custom catalogue is the only set of products the user can access.

Custom Catalogues are defined in the web database only as the ERP does not support this functionality.

The instructions below refer to 'Advanced Catalogue Maintenance', available in versions 3.67 and above.

1. Create a Catalogue

To Create a New Custom Catalogue:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Custom Catalogues' (CatalogueMaintenance.aspx).
- 3. Click 'New'.
- 4. Enter a value in the 'Catalogue Code' field. This will be the catalogue's unique identifier in the database.
- 5. Enter a description in the 'Description' field. This will be the name displayed to users with access to the catalogue.
- 6. Click 'OK' to create and save the new catalogue.

Once the Catalogue has been created, it can be configured with a category structure and populated with products.

The advanced Catalogue Maintenance screen will display the catalogue in Tree View. Top Level categories are referred to as *Parents*, and sub-categories are *Children*.

The 'Help' link in the top menu bar contains useful hints and file format requirements.

2. Add Categories

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To Configure a Custom Catalogue:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Custom Catalogues' (CatalogueMaintenance.aspx).
- 3. Search for the Catalogue either by Code or Description.
- 4. Select the Catalogue record via radio button.
- 5. Click 'Configure Catalogue'. The advanced catalogue maintenance screen will load.

6. Click the 'here' link to begin creating categories.

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3. Add Products to Categories

After creating categories, the next step is to populate those categories with products. Adding products can be done manually, or via Import.

To manually populate a category with products:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Custom Catalogues' (CatalogueMaintenance.aspx).
- 3. Search for the Catalogue either by Code or Description.
- 4. Select the Catalogue record via radio button.
- 5. Click 'Configure Catalogue'. The advanced catalogue maintenance screen will load.
- 6. Click on the Category to which products will be added.
- 7. Click the 'Products' tab.
- 8. Search for a product by entering the code or description into the 'Search' box.
- 9. Select the required records from the search results list. Selections will be highlighted.

Multiple records can be selected using 'Ctrl' + click. The 'All' link will select EVERY record in the result list; the 'None' link will de-select all records.

- 10. Click the 'Add' button to add selected products to the Category.
- 11. Click 'Save' to save changes.
- 12. Repeat Steps 6-11 to add products to other categories within the Catalogue.

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Import Categories & Products

If there are a large number of products to be added to a catalogue, it may be more efficient to perform an import.

Product imports can be done either category by category, or the entire catalogue contents imported in bulk. Both methods are detailed below.

Import Products

To Add Products to a Custom Catalogue Category:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Custom Catalogues' (CatalogueMaintenance.aspx).
- 3. Search for the Catalogue by Code or Description.
- 4. Select the Catalogue record via radio button.
- 5. Click 'Configure Catalogue'. The advanced catalogue maintenance screen will load.
- 6. Click on the Category to which products will be added.
- 7. Click the 'Products' tab.
- 8. Click the 'Import products...' button.
- 9. Click the 'Download Product Import Template' link to open a .csv file with the appropriate Headers and sample data.
- 10. Overwrite the sample data on the .csv file with actual products to be imported.
- 11. Save the .csv file.
- 12. Select an Import Method from the drop-down list:
 - a. Append to list items in the csv file will be added to any existing products in the category.
 b. Overwrite list items in the csv file will overwrite any existing products in the category.
- 13. Click 'Choose File' to browse to the saved .csv file containing products.
- 14. Once the file is selected, the import will be performed. A success/failure message will be displayed.
- 15. Click the 'Save' button to save data.

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Import both Categories + Products

To Add Products & Categories to a Custom Catalogue in bulk:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Custom Catalogues' (CatalogueMaintenance.aspx).
- 3. Search for the Catalogue by Code or Description.
- 4. Select the Catalogue record via radio button.
- 5. Click 'Configure Catalogue'. The advanced catalogue maintenance screen will load.
- 6. Click the 'Import...' button (near the 'Save' button and 'Help' link).
- 7. Click the 'Download Import Template' link to open a .csv file with the appropriate Headers and sample data.
- 8. Overwrite the sample data on the .cs
- v file with actual products and category structure to be imported.
- 9. Save the .csv file.
- 10. Select an Import Method from the drop-down list:
 - a. Append to list items in the csv file will be added to any existing products in the catalogue. b. Overwrite list - items in the csv file will overwrite any existing products in the catalogue.
- 11. Click 'Choose File' to browse to the saved .csv file containing products and category structure.
- 12. Once the file is selected, the import will be performed. A success/failure message will be displayed.
- 13. Click the 'Save' button to save data.

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When the 'Overwrite list' method is selected, a confirmation request will appear: "Are you sure you want to remove all categories and products from this catalogue?". This is to ensure the Administrator understands that all existing data will be deleted, and replaced with the contents of the csv import file

4. Grant Users Catalogue Access

In Customer Self Service, access to Custom Catalogues can be configured in one of two ways:

- 1. Customer Level ALL users attached to a Customer Code can be granted access to a catalogue by making the catalogue their default.
- 2. User Level Custom catalogue access can be configured on a user-by-user basis. This is useful where multiple users are attached to a Customer Code, but only some require access to the custom catalogue.

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Assign a Catalogue at the User Level:

- 1. Login as an Administrator.
- 2. Navigate to 'Accounts' --> 'Advanced User Maintenance' (/UsersMaintenance.aspx?mode=admin).
- 3. Search for the required user.
- 4. Select the record via radio button.
- 5. Click the 'Accounts' tab.
- 6. Select the required Customer Code via radio button.
 7. Click the 'Catalogues' tab.
- 8. Click 'New'.
- 9. Select the required catalogue from the drop-down list.
- 10. Tick the 'View Only?' flag if the user requires viewing but not ordering access.
- 11. Set the dollar value limits if Basic Order Approvals are in use for the catalogue (see Enabling order approvals for further information):
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User catalogue access is configured per Customer Code, allowing a user attached to multiple Customer Codes to access a specific catalogue depending upon the account they are logged in against. Therefore, if a user with multiple Customer Codes requires access to a particular catalogue across all accounts, access will need to be configured against each Customer Code the user is attached to.

Additional Information

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Minimum Version Requirements	3.67.00
Prerequisites	
Self Configurable	Yes
Business Function	Products & Categories
BPD Only?	No
B2B/B2C/Both	B2B
Third Party Costs	n/a

Related help

- Custom Catalogue AccessCustom Catalogue Maintenance