

BigCommerce 5.5 Design Upgrade Guide

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Introduction

New versions of BigCommerce include bug fixes and new features. Sometimes these fixes or features will affect the template files used by your store. If you've modified your store design, then these changes may not be automatically applied and will require your attention.

To ensure that new features are working correctly and that existing features continue to work as expected, you'll need to revert or merge your modifications with the changes made in the new version of BigCommerce.

Merging your modifications with the new changes can be tricky and is a task that should only be performed by someone with sufficient HTML and CSS knowledge. If you have a web-designer who made your modifications, then you should contact them and get them to reapply those modifications to the updated template.

Structure Of This Document

The BigCommerce Design Upgrade Guide is divided into several smaller parts, for easier reference and navigation.

How Do I Upgrade My Store? deals with the steps that you need to undertake to schedule an automatic upgrade of your BigCommerce store to BigCommerce 5.5.

How Do I Upgrade My Store Design? Contains an overview of our recommended method for you to update your customized store design to support BigCommerce 5.5 and also includes a list of the template files with updates in BigCommerce 5.5.

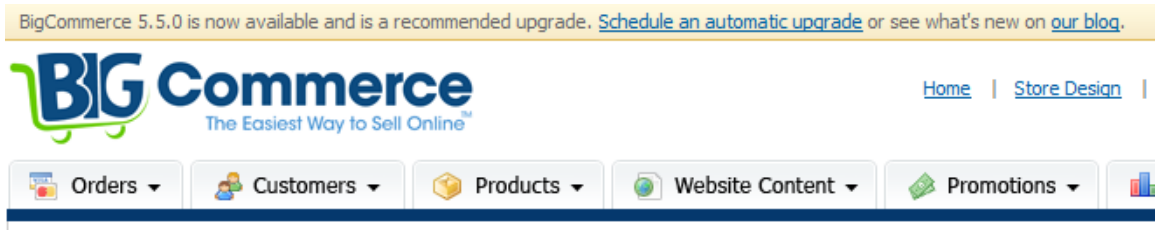
Help Upgrading Your Store

If you require assistance with upgrading your store to BigCommerce 5.5, we're here to help. You can find additional resources and help with upgrading at the following web pages.

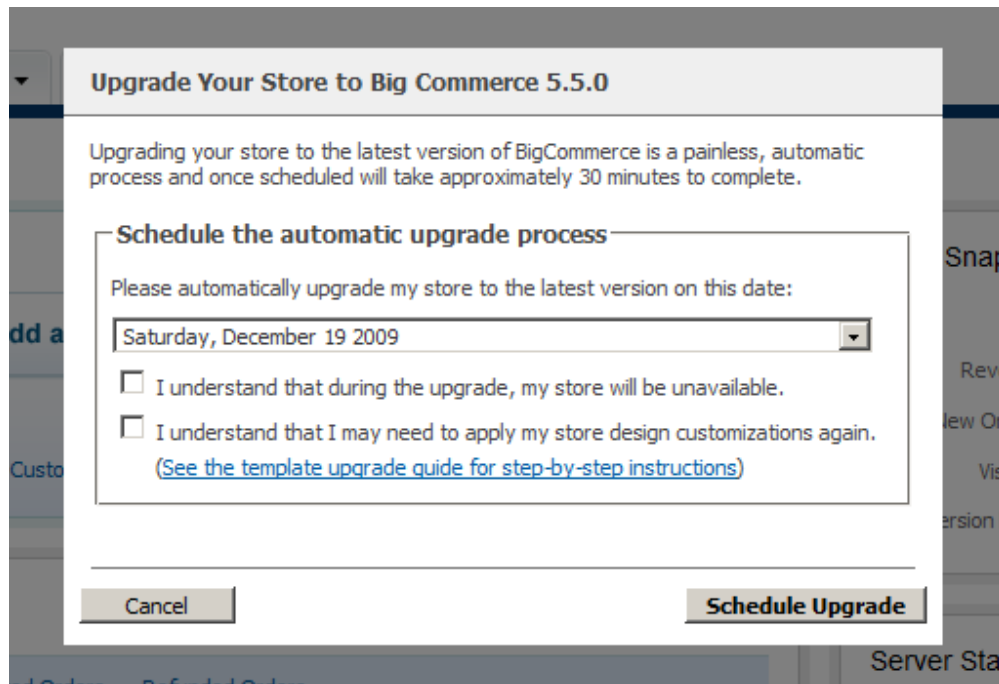
- **BigCommerce Community Support Forum**
<http://www.getsatisfaction.com/bigcommerce/>
- **BigCommerce Support Portal (Knowledge Base and Support Ticket System)**
<http://support.bigcommerce.com/>

How Do I Upgrade My Store?

When a new version of BigCommerce is available, you'll have the choice of upgrading your store to the new version. When you log into your control panel, you'll receive a message asking if you want to schedule a time for an upgrade.



To upgrade your store, click "**Schedule an automatic upgrade**". A popup will appear that looks like the following:



Select when you'd like the upgrade to be performed. Then check the boxes to confirm you understand that your store will be temporary unavailable during the upgrade and that you'll need to reapply your template customizations to your store.

How Do I Upgrade My Store Design?

Note: You only need to upgrade your store design to work with BigCommerce 5.5 if you've previously made customizations by editing the BigCommerce template or stylesheet files via the web based interface or via FTP.

If you haven't made any changes to your BigCommerce design, or simply re-arranged panels on your store using Design Mode, then you do not need to upgrade your store design.

View and Compare Updated Template Files

BigCommerce has a built in interface to allow you to navigate, view, edit and easily compare any of the template files that apply to your store.

To access the list of template files:

- Login to your BigCommerce Control Panel and click the **Store Design** link at the top of the page.
- Click the **Template Files** tab. The template file list will be shown.

Your Store Design
Your store's design is based on the template shown below. You can switch to a different store design, download new store design or modify your existing store design below.

Store Design | Download Store Designs | Logo Settings | Design Mode | Email Templates | **Template Files**

All of the files applied to your store design are shown below. Files shown with an orange background are customized versions of master templates, while those with a green background are custom files in your store design.

Delete/Revert Selected...

<input type="checkbox"/>	File Name	File Size	Last Updated	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	403.html	1 KB	22nd Feb 2009 @ 10:05 PM	Edit Compare Revert
<input type="checkbox"/>	404.html	1 KB	22nd Feb 2009 @ 10:05 PM	Edit Compare Revert
<input type="checkbox"/>	501.html	1 KB	1st Jan 1970 @ 12:00 AM	Edit Compare Revert
<input type="checkbox"/>	account.html	2 KB	6th Jun 2009 @ 3:07 AM	Edit Compare Revert
<input type="checkbox"/>	account_addressbook.html	1 KB	22nd Feb 2009 @ 10:05 PM	Edit Compare Revert

The template file list will show all of the files and folders that apply to your current store design. Rows are highlighted according to the type of file & customizations applied to the file:

- Custom files or folders you've uploaded to your store that do not exist in our master template will be shown with a green background.
- Master template files that you've made changes to, are shown with an orange background.

Depending on the type of file, various actions can be performed:

- Click **Edit** next to a file to open the file in the Quick Edit editor and make changes to it.
- Click **Compare** next to a file that has had one or more changes made to it to open it in the template comparison window.

- Click **Revert** next to a customized template file or a file you've uploaded to your store to revert it to the original state where your customizations have been deleted.

Comparing Customized Template Files

From the list of template files on the **Template Files** tab of the **Store Design** page, for any template file that you've customized on your store, you'll see a **Compare** link. Click the link to open a side-by-side or inline comparison of your changes and our master template.

Side-by-Side Comparison

Side-by-side comparisons are enabled by default when you open the comparison window and show our template on one side and your customized version of the template on the other.

Standard File Contents		Current File Contents (Panels/HomeFeaturedProducts.html)	
1	<div class="Block FeaturedProducts Moveable Panel" id="HomeFeaturedProducts" style="display:%%GLOBAL_HideHomeFeaturedProductsPanel%%">	1	<div class="Block FeaturedProducts Moveable Panel" id="Home Our Products" style="display:%%GLOBAL_HideHomeFeaturedProductsPanel%%">
2	<h2>%%LANG_FeaturedProducts%%</h2>	2	<h2>%%LANG_FeaturedProducts%%</h2>
3	<div class="BlockContent">	3	<div class="BlockContent">
		4	<p>
		5	Below you'll find a list of some of our favorite products that we sell.
		6	Click through to a particular product by clicking either the product name or the product image.
		7	</p>
		8	
4	<ul class="ProductList">	9	<ul class="ProductList">
5	%%SNIPPET_HomeFeaturedProducts%%	10	%%SNIPPET_HomeFeaturedProducts%%
6		11	
7	</div>	12	</div>
8	<br class="Clear" />	13	</div>
9	</div>	14	</div>
10			

The left side of the template comparison shows the BigCommerce master version of the file (without any of your customizations applied), and the right side shows your customized version. Lines and sections changed are highlighted according to the type of change you've made:

- **Changes** - If you've made a change to an existing block of code, your change will be highlighted in **yellow**. So that it's obvious what change you've made, the actual changes in that block of code are highlighted in a different color.
- **Additions** - Any new blocks of code that you've added your customized template file are shown with a **green** background color.
- **Deletions** - Any blocks of code that once existed in our master template that no longer exist in your modified template file will be shown with a **red** background.

Inline Comparison

The inline comparison feature can be enabled by changing the **View differences** option to **Inline** and clicking **Save**. The inline comparison shows both our template and your customized version in the same view.

Old	New	Differences for Panels/HomeFeaturedProducts.html
1		<code><div class="Block FeaturedProducts Moveable Panel" id="HomeFeaturedProducts" style="display:%%GLOBAL_HideHomeFeaturedProductsPanel%%"></code>
1		<code><div class="Block FeaturedProducts Moveable Panel" id="HomeOurProducts" style="display:%%GLOBAL_HideHomeFeaturedProductsPanel%%"></code>
2	2	<code><h2>%%LANG_FeaturedProducts%%</h2></code>
3	3	<code><div class="BlockContent"></code>
4		<code><p></code>
5		Below you'll find a list of some of our favorite products that we sell.
6		Click through to a particular product by clicking either the product name or the product image.
7		<code></p></code>
8		
4	9	<code><ul class="ProductList"></code>
5	10	<code>%%SNIPPET_HomeFeaturedProducts%%</code>
6	11	<code></code>
7	12	<code></div></code>
8		<code><br class="Clear" /></code>
9	13	<code></div></code>
10	14	

Lines and sections changed are highlighted according to the type of changes you've made. Sections or lines of code that you've modified from our master template are shown with our version in **red**, and your customized version is shown in **green**.

Template File Changes in BigCommerce 5.5

BigCommerce 5.5 is a major new feature release. We've made extensive changes across many template files; however have retained compatibility with the old files where possible.

Template Files With Updates in BigCommerce 5.5

Changes have been made to the following template files in BigCommerce 5.5 to provide support for the new BigCommerce 5.5 feature set. Where possible, we've noted the changes made to each template file and if you will need to revert or re-apply changes you have made to that particular file for your store to continue functioning as expected.

- **authorizenet.html**
Remove credit card address fields. Billing address is now used. **Revert required.**
- **cart.html**
Add token to prevent caching of internal Javascript when changed on BigCommerce and add in suggestive cart panel. **Revert not required.**
- **ccmanual.html**
Remove credit card address fields. Billing address is now used. **Revert required.**
- **checkout_address.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **checkout_confirm.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **checkout_express.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **checkout_shipper.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**

- **default.html**
Whitespace change. **Revert not required.**
- **eway.html**
Remove credit card address fields. Billing address is now used. **Revert required.**
- **genericcreditcard.html**
Add in %%GLOBAL_AdditionalPaymentPageContents%% variable to include additional content on the payment page. **Revert required.**
- **invoice_print.html**
Rewrite invoice to share common code with invoices generated via the control panel, bring HTML up to recent standards. **Revert required.**
- **payflowpro.html**
Remove credit card address fields. Billing address is now used. **Revert required.**
- **product.html**
Add token to prevent caching of internal Javascript when changed on BigCommerce and add in %%Panel.ProductVideos%% to show the list of videos for a product. **Revert required if you intend to use the product videos functionality.**
- **productimage.html**
Implement support for new product images functionality and image carousel. **Revert required.**
- **search.html**
Remove now unused SearchPagingTop and SearchPagingBottom panel references. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/AccountOrder.html**
Fix invalid W3C XHTML on <form> tag. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/AccountOrderJavaScript.html**
Add Javascript to display a message when trying to reorder a gift certificate. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/AuthorizeNetPaymentJavaScript.html**
Remove Javascript validation for credit card address fields. No longer used. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/CartContent.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/CartHeader.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/CategoryHeading.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/CCManualPaymentJavaScript.html**
Remove Javascript validation for credit card address fields. No longer used. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/ConfirmOrder.html**
Fix invalid W3C XHTML on terms and conditions text area. **Revert not required.**

- **Panels/CreateAccountForm.html**
Change create account header message. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/CreateAccountJavaScript.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/EditAccountJavascript.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/EWayPaymentJavaScript.html**
Remove Javascript validation for credit card address fields. No longer used. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/Footer.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support and a link to the store site map. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration or display the site map link in your store's footer.**
- **Panels/GenericCreditCardPaymentJavaScript.html**
Update credit card number validation Javascript. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/Header.html**
Implement loading indicator that shows on the top of the page for any AJAX based requests. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/HTMLHead.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support, add in support for custom header images for store designs and add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript and CSS when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert is required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration or select a header image for your store from Store Design > Header Image.**
- **Panels/PageContent.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/PayflowProPaymentJavaScript.html**
Remove Javascript validation for credit card address fields. No longer used. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/ProductByCategory.html**
Add separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/ProductDescription.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support and add a separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/ProductDetails.html**
Implement support for new product image thumbnails, zooming and Google Website Optimizer. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/ProductImagePopup.html**
Implement support for new product image browsing and image carousel. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/ProductOtherDetails.html**
Add separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert not required.**

- **Panels/ProductTabs.html**
Implement support for Google Website Optimizer and product videos. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/ProductVendorsOtherProducts.html**
Add separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/ProductWarranty.html**
Add separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/SearchJavaScript.html**
Implement support for tabs for searching products and website content on the search page. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/SearchPage.html**
Implement support for tabs for searching products and website content on the search page. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/SearchPageHeader.html**
Implement support for tabs for searching products and website content on the search page. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/SearchPageProducts.html**
Implement support for tabs for searching products and website content on the search page. **Revert required.**
- **Panels/SideCartMiniCart.html**
Reformat HTML. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/SideNewsletterBox.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Panels/SimilarProductsByTag.html**
Add separator class on <hr /> tag. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/SuggestiveCartContent.html**
Add in “You May Also Like” header and remove “Keep Shopping” link. **Revert not required.**
- **Panels/TopMenu.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Snippets/CartEditProductFieldsForm.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Snippets/DesignModeFooter.html**
Include link to new design mode libraries, add in new design mode language variables. **Revert required.**
- **Snippets/ExpressCheckoutChooseAddress.html**
Add in separate %%GLOBAL_CompiledFormFieldJavascript%% variable to output Javascript for form fields. Remove commented out code. **Revert required.**
- **Snippets/ExpressCheckoutConfirmation.html**
Fix invalid W3C XHTML on terms and conditions text area. **Revert not required.**

- **Snippets/ListCheckForm.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Snippets/ProductAddToCart.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Snippets/ProductBulkDiscountThickBox.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Snippets/ProductImagesLightBox.html**
Implement support for new image “light box”. **Revert required if displaying images in a lightbox (default, changeable on Settings > Store Settings > Display Settings)**
- **Snippets/ProductVariationListMultiple.html**
Add class=“VariationSelect” to the <select> tag for variations. **Revert required.**
- **Snippets/QuickSearchJS.html**
Add in token to prevent caching of internal Javascript, when changed in BigCommerce. **Revert not required.**
- **Snippets/ShopByPriceItem.html**
Add rel=“nofollow” to shop by price link. **Revert not required.**
- **Snippets/SideCartContentsCheckoutLink.html**
Implement Google Website Optimizer support. **Revert required if you intend to use Google Website Optimizer integration.**
- **Styles/[color scheme].css**
Implement color scheme styles for new features. **Revert not required, but strongly recommended.**
- **Styles/popup.css**
Implement support for new product image browsing and image carousel. **Revert required.**
- **Styles/styles.css**
CSS styles for new features, improve browser compatibility. New additions for new functionality can be found at the bottom of the file. **Revert required.**

Template Files Removed in BigCommerce 5.5

The following template files are no longer used in BigCommerce 5.5 and have been removed. If you have customized any of these template files on your store, you can safely remove them from your template directory.

- Panels/PriceBreadcrumb.html
- Panels/PriceContent.html
- Panels/PriceHeading.html
- Panels/PricePagingBottom.html
- Panels/PricePagingTop.html
- Panels/SearchPagingBottom.html
- Panels/SearchPagingTop.html
- price.html

- Snippets/PricePaging.html
- Snippets/PricePagingItem.html
- Snippets/PricePagingItemCurrent.html
- Snippets/PricePagingNext.html
- Snippets/PricePagingPrevious.html
- suggestive_cart.html

Template Files Added in BigCommerce 5.5

BigCommerce 5.5 includes major new features. These major new features have added several template files to BigCommerce that can now be customized in the usual manner.

- Panels/ProductVariationJavascript.html
- Panels/ProductVideos.html
- Panels/SearchTabContents.html
- Panels/SearchTabProducts.html
- Panels/SitemapBreadcrumb.html
- Panels/SitemapContent.html
- product_video.html
- sitemap.html
- Snippets/AddThisLink.html
- Snippets/CartProductFields.html
- Snippets/DesignModeFooter.html
- Snippets/ProductImageZoomer.html
- Snippets/ProductTinyImage.html
- Snippets/SearchResultAJAXNews.html
- Snippets/SearchResultAJAXPage.html
- Snippets/SearchResultAJAXProduct.html
- Snippets/SearchResultGrid.html
- Snippets/SearchResultNews.html
- Snippets/SearchResultPage.html
- Snippets/SearchResultProductGrid.html
- Snippets/SearchResultProductList.html
- Snippets/SearchResultSectionContent.html
- Snippets/SearchResultSectionProduct.html
- Snippets/SitemapLink.html
- Snippets/VideoList.html
- Snippets/VideoListSide.html