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# Cart-Power: JSON-LD Markup 1.6-1.7

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# 1. Overview

Google recommends using the JSON-LD format to markup structured data on the pages of your site. The **JSON-LD Markup add-on** allows you to do this.

CS-Cart has a built-in structured data markup tool, but its functionality is quite limited.

	Built-in markup tool	JSON-LD Markup
Format:	Microdata	JSON-LD
Google will display additional information in the search results for your product pages: product price, availability, and review ratings.	Yes	Yes
Your blog posts may appear in the Top stories carousel with the headline text and larger-than-thumbnail images.	No	Yes
Your corporate contact information will appear in the Google Knowledge panel, including phone numbers, language spoken, area served, and types of contact numbers.	No	Yes
Ability to markup the Global Trade Item Number (gtin)	No	Yes
Ability to display in the search results additional features, such as brand, condition, availability, material, color, pattern	No	Yes
Ability to display additional data about your company via LocalBusiness markup	No	Yes



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## 1.1 Support

The add-on was developed by Cart-Power, a CS-Cart official partner and developer. If you need any assistance in installing and configuring the add-on or need its modification, please contact us through the <u>helpdesk</u> customer support system.

## 1.2 Compatibility

The add-on is compatible with CS-Cart and Multi-Vendor version 4.4.1 - 4.15.X

## 1.3 Buy Now

The official add-on page:

https://store.cart-power.com/json-ld-markup.html

## 1.4 Release history

CS-Cart/Multi-Vendor 4.4.1 - 4.17.1

#### **Version 1.7 from 08 Aug 2023**

[+] - The markup of the last modified date and author URL for CP: Power Blog articles was added.

#### **Version 1.6 from 12 Oct 2022**

- [+] The advantages and disadvantages markup in the reviews was added.
- [+] The ability to map variants of the "Availability" and "Condition" features was added.
- [+] The ability to mark characteristics: "Color", "Material", "Pattern" was added.

#### Version 1.5 from 15 Dec 2021

- [+] The ability to include AggregateRating in the markup of the organization information was added.
- [+] The ability to mark company data as "LocalBusiness" was added.
- [+] The company phone number markup was added to contactPoint.
- [\*] The protocol in links on schema.org was changed from http to https.
- [!] The product markup was duplicated. Fixed.

#### **Version 1.4 from 25 Mar 2021** (<u>Docs</u>)

- [+] Added availability and condition features to markup.
- [+] Added CP: Video Gallery add-on support.
- [!] Duplicate markup bug appeared in CS-Cart 4.11+. Fixed.

#### **Version 1.3 from 23 Mar 2020**

- [+] AggregateOffer markup for wholesale prices and product options.
- [+] Markup for the search box on the home page.
- [+] Added the ability to connect third-party add-ons for marking their objects.

#### **Version 1.2 from 04 Dec 2019**

- [+] markup for breadcrumbs was added
- [+] ability to create multilingual company information was added



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[\*] - hook cp\_json\_ld\_get\_data\_post for ability to extend the addon functionality was added

[!] - fixed privilege database queries for compatibility with earlier versions

[+] - added compatibility with Add-ons manager v1.3

For the add-on to work correctly, it is necessary to update the Add-ons manager to version v1.3 or higher.

**Version 1.1 from 07 Sep 2019** 

! Add-on name changed

Version 1.0 from 06 Sep 2019



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## 2. Installation

To simplify the installation, configuration and upgrade of our add-ons, we have developed a special service add-on - Cart-Power Add-ons Manager. <u>Download the Cart-Power: Add-ons Manager</u> and follow the <u>installation instructions</u>.

Once you install it, you will be able to:

- 1. Check the List of the Add-ons Purchased for Your Domain
- 2. Install Add-ons
- 3. Turn on/off Add-ons
- 4. Find the Add-on Docs
- 5. Set up Add-ons
- 6. Upgrade Add-ons
  - a. Via Add-on Manager
  - b. Via the Upgrade Center
  - c. Manual Upgrade (Add-on Reinstallation).
- 7. Find out Add-on Version Information
- 8. Check the Status of the Upgrade Subscription

If you have any issues installing or activating the add-on, please contact us: <a href="mailto:sales@cart-power.com">sales@cart-power.com</a>



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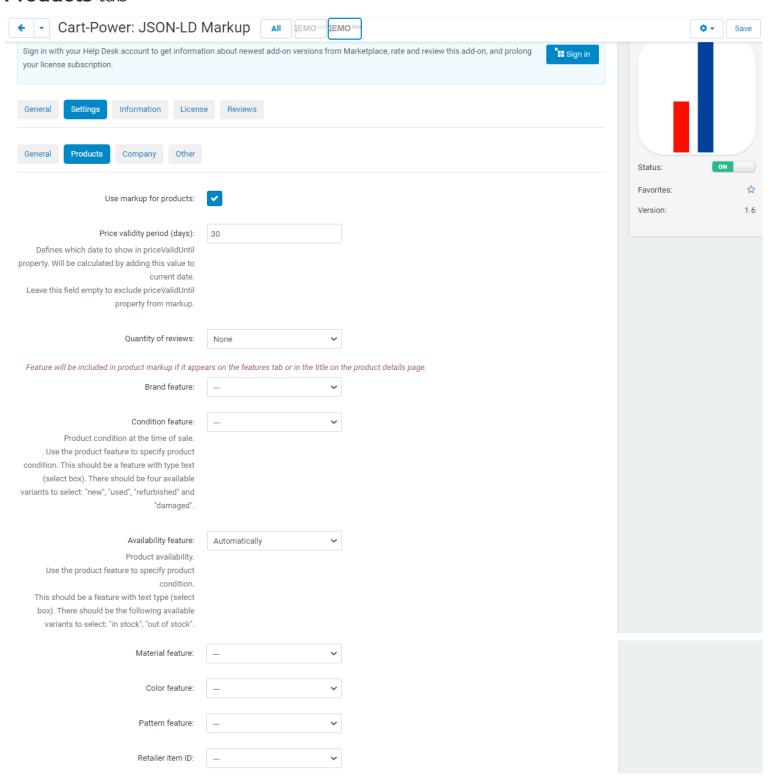
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# 3. Add-on Settings

### Go to Add-ons > Manage Add-ons > JSON-LD Markup > Settings:

#### **Products** tab

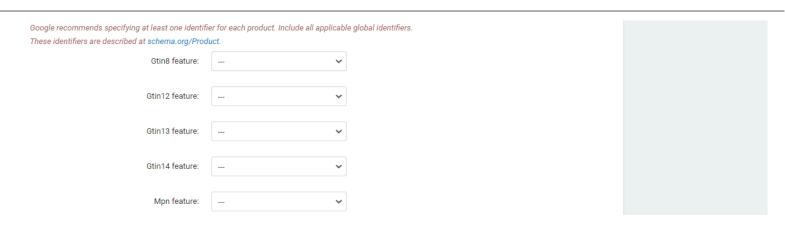




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- **Use markup for products** enables markup on the product details pages. Google will display additional information in the search results for your product pages: product price, availability, and review ratings.
- **Price validity period (days)** set the price validity period in days. It is required for calculation of the priceValidUntil property by adding the specified number of days to today's date. Leave the field blank if you do not want this property to be used in the markup.
- Quantity of reviews specify how many recent reviews you need to markup.

#### Adjust the settings to the features:

- Brand feature:
- **Condition** feature (don't forget to map variants);
- Availability feature (don't forget to map variants);
- Material feature;
- **Color** feature:
- Pattern feature;
- Retailer item ID:
- Gtin8 feature:
- Gtin12 feature;
- Gtin13 feature:
- Gtin14 feature;
- Mpn feature.



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# Company tab

General Products Company Other	
General Products Company	
Do not use data for markup that is not visible to you the same company information.	or customers. For example, if the JSON-LD markup contains company information, the HTML body must contain
Use company markup on:	All pages 🗸
Specify the pages where company markup will be included.	
Chosen page:	<b>*</b>
Company name:	
If this field is empty, the company name will be	
taken from Settings -> Company -> Company	
Name.	
Company description:	Editing the company data for JSON-LD markup
Social Profiles:	Editing the company data for JSON-LD markup
Include rating:	
Rating data will be taken from "Testimonial"	
naming data min be taken nem recumental	
Include address:	
Address data will be taken from Settings >	
Company (Address, City, Country, State, Zip code)	
Include phone:	
Phone data will be taken from Settings >	
Company (Company phone, Company phone 2).	
Phone number must be in international format,	
starting with the "+" symbol and country code (e.g.	
+1 in the US and Canada).	
Settigns for LocalBusiness markup 🔻	
For more flexible markup use LocalBusiness settings empty	, select the type of the store. Important! The address field is mandatory and it will be added in any case, if it is not
Store type:	None 🗸
Will use Organization markup if "Store type" not	
selected	



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The currency accepted:  Use ISO 4217 currency format e.g. "USD"; Ticker symbol for cryptocurrencies e.g. "BTC"; well known names for Local Exchange Tradings Systems (LETS) and other currency types e.g. "Ithaca HOUR"	
The general opening hours for a business:  Opening hours can be specified as a weekly time range, starting with days, then times per day.  Multiple days can be listed with commas ',' separating each day. Day or time ranges are specified using a hyphen '-'. See more	
Accepted payment systems:  Cash, Credit Card, Cryptocurrency, Local Exchange	Cash, Credit Card

- Use company markup on specify the pages to markup.
  - o All pages if you have contact information on all pages (e.g. in footer or header).
  - o Chosen page if you have contact info only on the selected page.
- **Chosen page** select a page to place markup about the company. Don't forget to set the **Chosen page** option in the previous setting.
- Company name the name of the company to be shown in the search results.
- Company Description and Social Profiles click "Editing the company data for JSON-LD markup" to fill in text description and provide links to your profiles in the social networks comma-separated.
- Include rating rating data will be taken from "Testimonial".
- Include address the address will be taken from **Settings > Company** (Address, City, Country, Region, Zip code).
- Include phone phone will be taken from **Settings > Company** (Phone, Phone 2).

Phone numbers should be in the international format, starting with the "+" sign and the country code (+7 for the Russian Federation).

#### **Settings for LocalBusiness markup**

- **Store type** select the type of your store.
- **The currency accepted** specify the currency accepted in your store. Use the <u>ISO 4217 currency</u> format
- The general opening hours for a business specify the opening hours of the store. More information you can find here.
- Accepted payment systems specify accepted payment systems.



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#### Other tab

General	Products Company Other	
	Use markup for:	Blog CP: Power blog posts CP: Product questions CP: FAQ questions CP: Video gallery
	Use markup for breadcrumbs:	
Adding the	Use markup to search the site: e markup of the search box on the site.	

In this tab you can enable markup for blog pages and **Cart-Power add-ons**: <u>Power blog</u>, <u>Product questions</u>, <u>Power FAQ</u>, <u>Video gallery</u>.

Adding structured data to your news and blog article page can enhance your appearance in Google Search results. Enhanced features can include placement in the Top stories carousel, host carousel, Visual stories, and rich result features such as headline text and larger-than-thumbnail images.

Root pages that have no parents are marked up as **Blog**, other pages with a blog type are marked up as an **Article**.

"Use markup for breadcrumbs" and "use markup to search the site" enables markup for the corresponding elements.



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# 4. Adding Features for Better Content Classification

To help Google understand the content of the product page, there must be additional features:

- Brand feature;
- Product condition;
- **Availability** (optional, you can use automatic parameter substitution, depending on the quantity of the product, or use a feature.). The feature has variants "in stock", "out of stock" and "preorder";
- Material;
- Color;
- Pattern:
- Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) / Manufacturer Part Number (MPN) if no GTIN available

### 4.1 Product condition

We'll look at the standard process of creating a product feature using the example of the **Product condition**. The **Availability**, **Material**, **Color** and **Pattern** features are created in a similar way (more information on creating features can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>).

Feature settings:

**Purpose:** Product search via filters **Feature style:** Text or number

Filter type: Checkbox

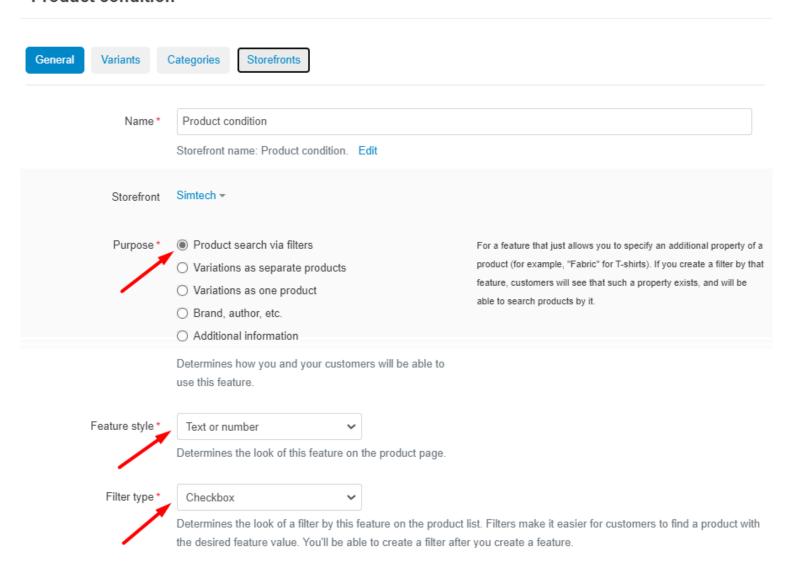


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#### Product condition



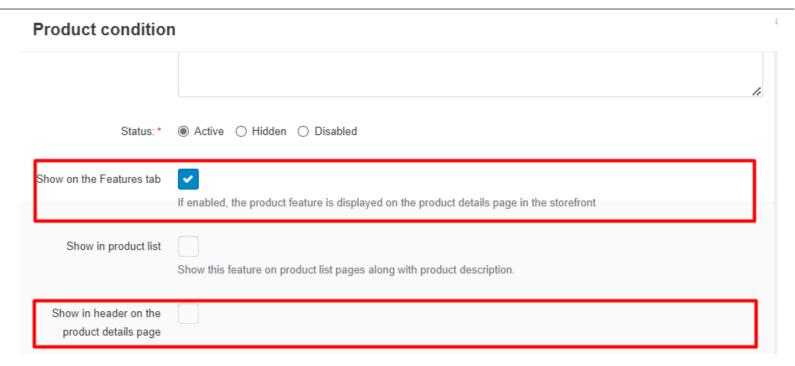
Features will be included in the markup if their value is displayed in the features tab or in the header of the product details page. Enable one of these settings for that.



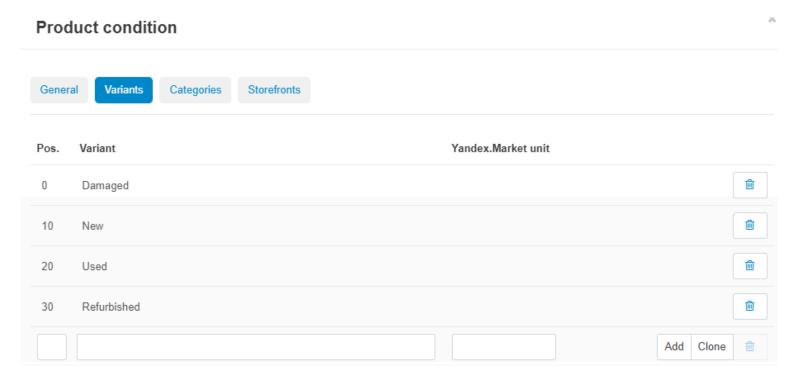
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Add the following variants in the **Variants** tab:



- Damaged
- New;
- Used;
- Refurbished;



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## 4.2 Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)

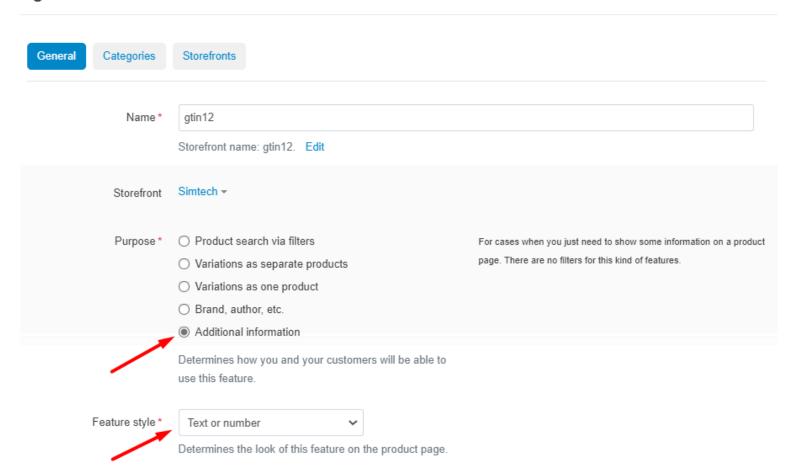
GTIN is a unique and internationally recognized identifier for a product. When a GTIN is available, it will appear next to the barcode on your product's packaging or book cover. More information <u>here</u>.

There are 4 types of GTIN (gtin8, gtin12, gtin13, gtin14). Add a separate feature for each of them, and one for MPN (used when no GTIN is available).

Feature settings should be as follows:

**Purpose:** Additional information **Feature style:** Text or number

#### gtin12



Features will be included in the markup if their value is displayed in the features tab or in the header of the product details page. Enable one of these settings for that.



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gtin12	
Status: *	Active
Show on the Features tab	If enabled, the product feature is displayed on the product details page in the storefront
Show in product list	Show this feature on product list pages along with product description.
Show in header on the product details page	



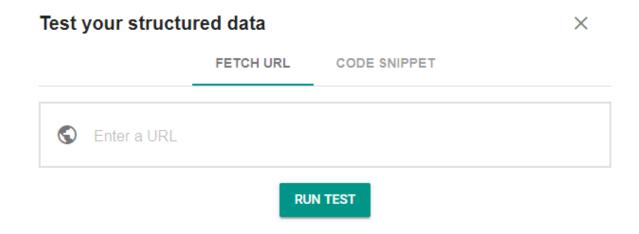
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# 5. Testing the Structured Data Markup

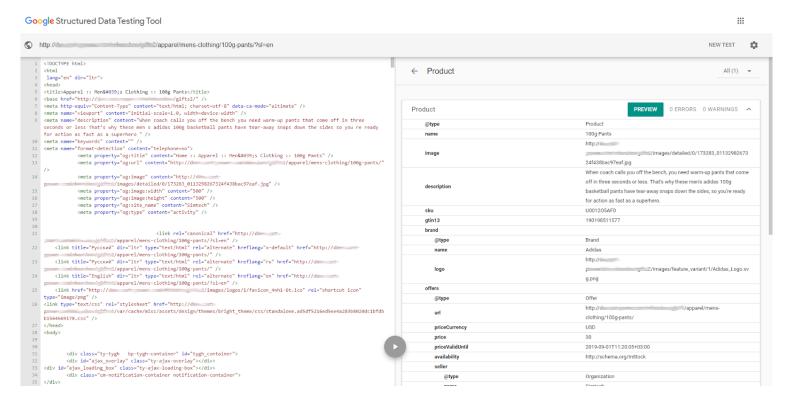
- 1. Copy the URL of the page.
- 2. Open the Structured Data Testing Tool.
- 3. Paste the URL of the page on the Fetch URL tab and click the Run Test button.



Explore the Search Gallery.

Learn more about this tool.

You will see the errors if there are any.



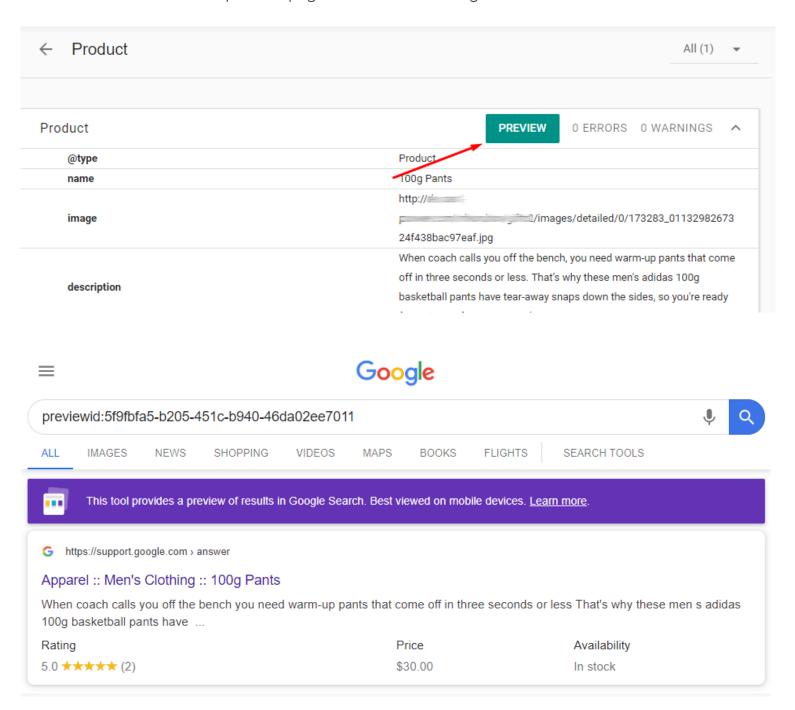


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You can also check how the product page will look in the Google Search results.





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## 6. CS-Cart Ultimate Features

You can change the general settings of this add-on separately for each storefront or for all storefronts at once - click a special button to enter a new field value to update in all stores when saving.

## 7. Multi-Vendor Features

Only the administrator has access to the general settings of the add-on.