

# Blog

## Installation manual

To install the extension follow the instructions below:

- 1) Backup your web directory and store database
- 2) Download Blog installation package
- 3) Upload contents of the Blog installation package to your store root directory
- 4) In SSH console of your server navigate to your store root folder:

```
cd path_to_the_store_root_folder
```

run:

```
php -f bin/magento module:enable Aheadworks_Blog
```

then:

```
php -f bin/magento setup:upgrade
```

after:

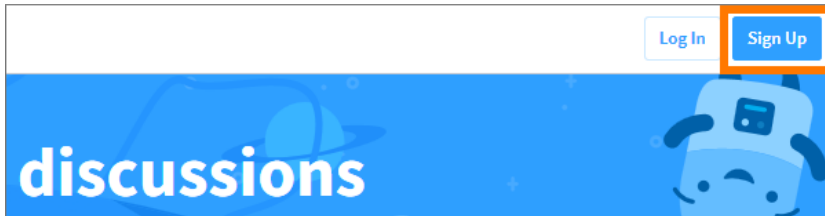
```
php -f bin/magento setup:static-content:deploy
```

- 5) Flush store cache; log out from the backend and log in again

## Registering Disqus

Blog extension by aheadWorks uses [Disqus](#) service to process and manage blog comments. Along with the comment management enhancements Disqus allows defining if guest customers can comment on the blog posts, open a discussion at Disqus forums, and serves as another social platform for your store advertising.

### Create an account at Disqus



- Proceed to [Disqus](#) website;
- Click [Sign Up](#) button in the upper right corner of the screen to proceed to the registration form.

You can create an account with one of your social networks account or register via the email. If registering via the email address, - don't forget to check for the 'Confirm email' message from **Disqus** team after registration.

### Register new application



- Proceed to the [API Resources](#) page and click [Register new application](#) button;

Decide on the Application Label, Description, your Organization name and Website. These are used for the Application identification purposes.

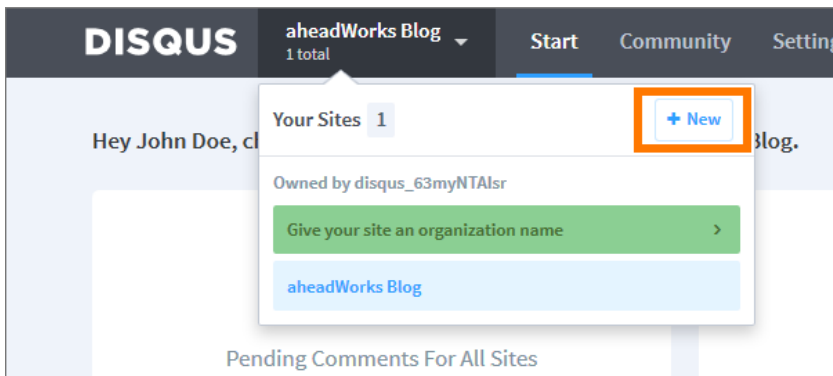
Once done, - click [Register my application](#) button. The application has been created.

- Once again navigate to [API Resources](#) page and copy the newly created application **Secret Key**;

Under Application section you can now see the newly created Application. Copy the application **Secret Key** and paste in into the **Disqus Secret Key** field of the Blog extension General Settings.

- The Secret Key is now set and it's time to **click 'Admin' link** to proceed to adding a site to Disqus.

## Add new site



- Proceed to Your Sites block at the **top of the page** and click **+ New** button;
- Decide on the **Website name**, copy **Unique Disqus URL** from below the **Website Name** field (where you will manage the blog comments) and choose Category (optional);

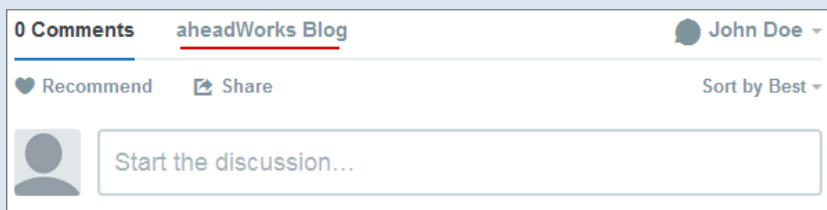
Website Name

Your unique disqus URL will be: [aheadworks-blog-1.disqus.com](https://aheadworks-blog-1.disqus.com)  
[Customize Your URL](#)

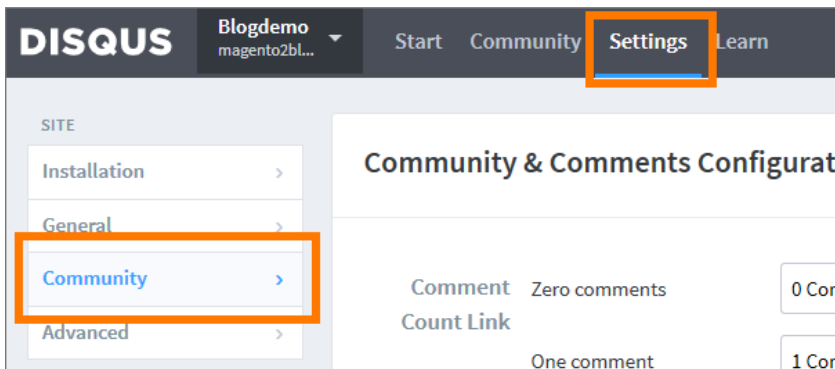
Copy the **Unique Disqus URL** name you enter to the **Disqus Forum Code** field of the Blog extension General Settings.

- Once done, - click **Finish registration** button.

Please note, the Website name you enter will be displayed as above the Comments section of the blog posts:



## Configure comment policies



- After adding new site navigate to the **Settings** section;
- Proceed to **Community** tab:
  - **Guest Commenting** - decide if you want to allow guest customers to leave comments;
  - **Pre-moderation** - decide if you want to manually approve all the comments;
  - **Links in Comments** - decide if you want to manually approve only the comments containing links;
  - **Media Attachments** - decide if you want to let your customers to attach images and videos to comments;
  - **Flagged Comments** - decide about the notifications on customer reported comments;
  - **Automatic Closing** - decide if you want a blog post to become unavailable for comments after set number of days;
- You may also want to look through the other settings available. Once done, - click [Save Changes](#) button at the bottom of the page.

We are not providing assistance with setting up the Disqus services.

If you have any questions or require assistance with additional settings refer to the [Disqus knowledge base](#).

Blog extension is now installed and ready for work.

## Migrating from Blog for Magento 1

### What one should know before migrating Aheadworks Blog for M1 to Blog for M2?

Read carefully and consider this information of top priority as otherwise it may result in an accident data loss.

- [Magento Data Migration Tool](#) is required to be installed prior to starting migration.  
*The migration script relies heavily on Magento Data Migration tool. Understanding how it works will prove useful during migration process.*
- Backup Magento 2 databases before migration to have an opportunity to revert any changes.  
*Blog migration may involve rewriting database tables, backup is advised.*
- Blog post images cannot be migrated automatically and should be migrated manually for best results.  
*More information on migrating images can be found in the [Magento instructions on manual migration](#).*
- All widget references including CMS blocks should be migrated manually.
- Pay close attention to <aw\_blog\_updates> tag value you enter if you already have posts on your Magento 2 store and want to keep them.  
*"0" value set by default will overwrite all existing Magento 2 Blog posts, "1" value will add new post entries to the existing ones.*

### Video guide

Migration process is highlighted in the education [Video Guide](#) at [Aheadworks Youtube channel](#). However, we still advise to read through the instructions below to make sure you haven't missed anything.

Don't forget to enable subtitles in the video to follow the data migration process.

### Migration process

Down below is a written migration guide with more detailed steps description.

#### 1. Log into your Magento server as file owner and navigate to the directory you have your Magento 2 store installed

For example:

```
cd /var/www/my_magento2_store/
```

#### 2. Install [Magento Data Migration Tool](#)

Installation instructions for Magento Data Migration Tool along with basic information can be found here: <http://devdocs.magento.com/guides/v2.0/migration/migration-tool-install.html>

Magento provides two ways of installing Magento Data Migration Tool:

- [Install the tool from GitHub](#)
- [Install the tool from repo.magento.com](#)

For the [demo video](#) purposes we have been installing Data Migration Tool from GitHub.

After you may want to navigate to **vendor/magento/** to make sure the Migration Tool has been installed successfully.

### 3. [Download Blog migration distributive](#) and unpack it to the desired location

Blog migration distributive can be downloaded by the link here:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/aheadworks\\_cdn/Blog/data-migration-tool.zip](https://s3.amazonaws.com/aheadworks_cdn/Blog/data-migration-tool.zip)

Unpack the contents of the distributive to find **/etc** and **/scr** folders inside.

### 4. Copy the contents of Blog migration distributive to Magento Data Migration Tool main folder

Copy **/etc** and **/scr** folders found in the Blog migration package to: **vendor/magento/data-migration-tool/**

Rewrite on prompt.

### 5. Edit config.xml file of the Magento Data Migration Tool

Navigate to **vendor/magento/data-migration-tool/etc/aw\_blog/** and open **config.xml** for edit.

More information on the tag values and what one should put inside can be found in the [Magento Data Migration Tool configuration instructions](#).

Pay close attention to `<aw_blog_updates>` tag value you enter if you already have posts on your Magento 2 store and want to keep them.

"0" value set by default will overwrite all existing Magento 2 Blog posts, "1" value will add new post entries to the existing ones.

### 6. Run migration script in the console

Run the following command considering path to the **config.xml** to start migration:

```
bin/magento migrate:data [-r|--reset] {<path to config.xml>}
```

In the demo video we are using the following command considering path to config.xml:

```
bin/magento migrate:data -r vendor/magento/data-migration-tool/etc/aw_blog/config.xml
```

### 7. Data migration is complete. Make sure to migrate images and widget related items manually