

Maintenance Mode

User Guide

Let your visitors know that the site is down for maintenance with countdown timer. Allows admin access while site is publically unavailable.

What's the need?

It is always a good user experience to have your incoming visitors informed about any downtime due to maintenance or upgrade along with expected availability.

With this extension you will be able to add a maintenance page to your Magento store that lets visitors know your site is down for maintenance as well as add a coming soon page for a new website with countdown timer.

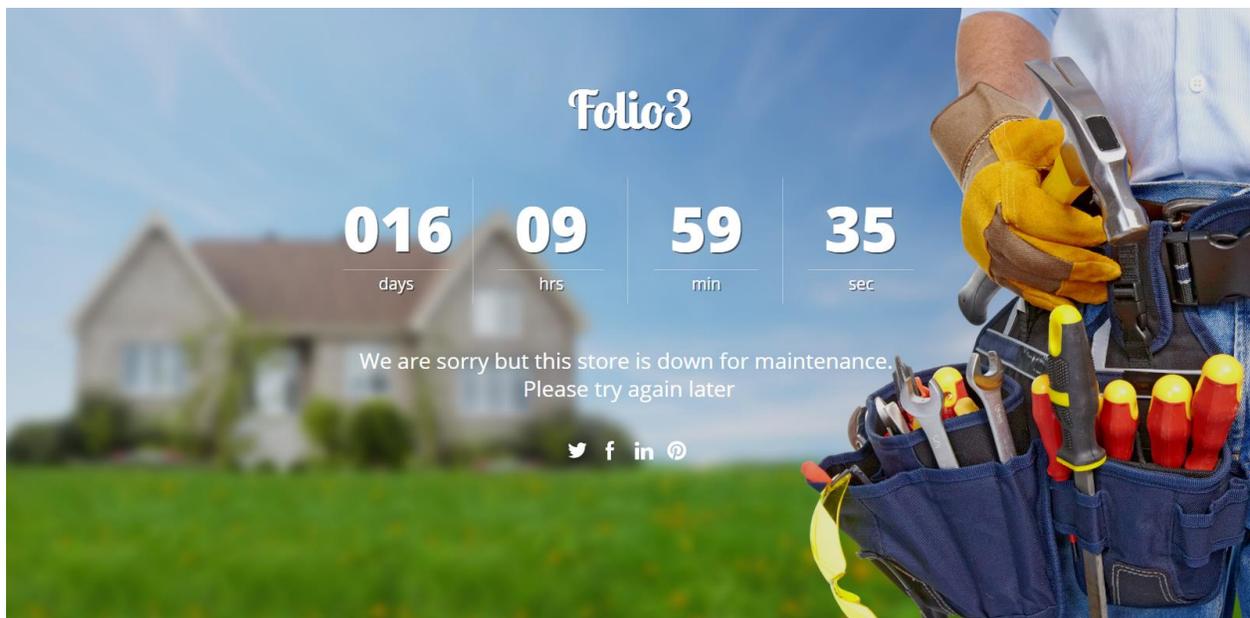
In multi-store setup, if configured at store level this extension can also put the store on maintenance mode alone while keep all the other stores available for users to surf.

This extension will allow the administration to freely switch on or off the maintenance for the store. During maintenance the store will be only accessible only to the specific people decide in the admin setting. This allows maintenance versatility without compromising the user experience.

Features:

1. Customer Experience:

- a. Visitors will see a maintenance page with a friendly message letting them know that the site is temporarily unavailable for up-gradation.
- b. Optionally the visiting uses will also see a countdown timer letting them know when the site will be back available.
- c. The impact on user is good as oppose to a facing a downtime by the website being inaccessible.



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2. Admin Capabilities:

- Admin can choose which static block to show on this page.
- Selected IPs can also be provided that can still access the storefront.
- Admin user can get full access front end if configured.
- There's an option to show a countdown timer and expected up date/time.
- Admin user can get full access front end if configured.
- A very powerful tool for site admins.

Configuration		
Maintenance Mode?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> ▼ ▲ Enable Maintenance Mode?	[STORE VIEW]
Admin Access	<input type="text" value="No"/> ▼ ▲ Administrators bypass Maintenance Mode?	[STORE VIEW]
Allowed IPs	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div> ▲ List of Allowed IPs (One per line)	[STORE VIEW]
Maintenance Page (Static Block)	<input type="text" value="Site Under Maintenance"/> ▼ ▲ Select a static block for your maintenance page.	[STORE VIEW]
Enable Countdown	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> ▼ ▲ Enable/Disable counter on the maintenance page	[STORE VIEW]
Expected Up Date/Time	<input type="text" value="12/31/2016 23:59:00"/>  ▲ The expected date/time for the site to be live again. This date depends on the store's timezone selected in System -> Configuration -> General -> General -> Locale Options -> Timezone	[STORE VIEW]

Potential Scenarios & Usage:

- Use this extension when your site is down under maintenance.
- Very helpful tool whenever there's an upgrade.
- The best part is that the site can be tested from a given IP pool before it is made publically available.