

Category Code extension for Magento 2

User Guide

Description

`Okaeli_CategoryCode` is a Magento 2 extension that will add a "code" attribute to categories.

Enable Category <small>[store view]</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include in Menu <small>[store view]</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Category Name * <small>[store view]</small>	<input type="text" value="Test Category"/>
Category Code	<input type="text" value="test_code"/>

The main purpose of this is to have a unique identifier to manage categories (better than `id` that could be dependent on the environment).

In addition, this extension can add a new handle in the category page layout depending on this unique identifier. This should be used to put the design of a specific category in your Version Control System tool (e.g by modifying a xml file) instead of doing that in the `Layout Update XML` backend field.

Usage

Features

- If you have to load a specific category, you should use the `Okaeli\CategoryCode\Helper\Data::getCategoryByCode` method. As the code is unique and does not depend on the environment, you are sure to retrieve the wanted category. This would not be the case if you were using the `id` or even worse, the `name` ...
- If you need to update layout of a category and do not want to do it in the backend, you should use the handle `catalog_category_code_here_the_code_of_the_category`

For example, suppose that you need to remove the title of the category page **only** for the category having the code `modify_me`. Then, you could create a `catalog_category_code_modify_me.xml` in the `app/design/frontend/MyCompany/MyTheme/Magento_Catalog/layout` folder with the following content :

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<page xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="urn:magento:framework:View/Layout/etc/page_configuration.xsd">
  <body>
    <referenceBlock name="page.main.title" remove="true"/>
  </body>
</page>
```

Configurations

This module comes with one configuration :

- Stores > Configuration > Catalog > Catalog > Storefront > Add category code handle

This configuration allows you to enable / disable frontend layout update. If `Yes` is selected, a new handle depending on the category code (e.g `catalog_category_code_` concatenated with the category code in lowercase) will be added to other available handles.

Swatches per Product <small>[store view]</small>	<input type="text" value="16"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use system value
Show Swatches in Product List <small>[store view]</small>	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use system value
Add category code handle <small>[global]</small>	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	