

Setting up the Marketplace



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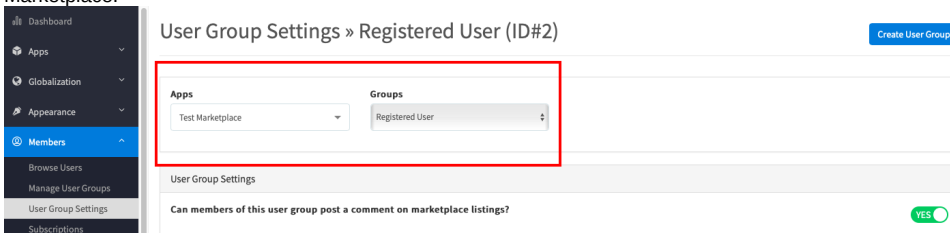
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The Marketplace is a way you can monetize on the site and let your users also monetize by selling their products or services or whatever you allow to be sold on your site. This tutorial will help you set up your Marketplace. We have a video tutorial and written one below it.

User Group Permissions

Setting up your Marketplace with [User Group Permissions](#) can help you earn as you can charge [subscription](#) fees for people to be able to list items, buy items, etc.

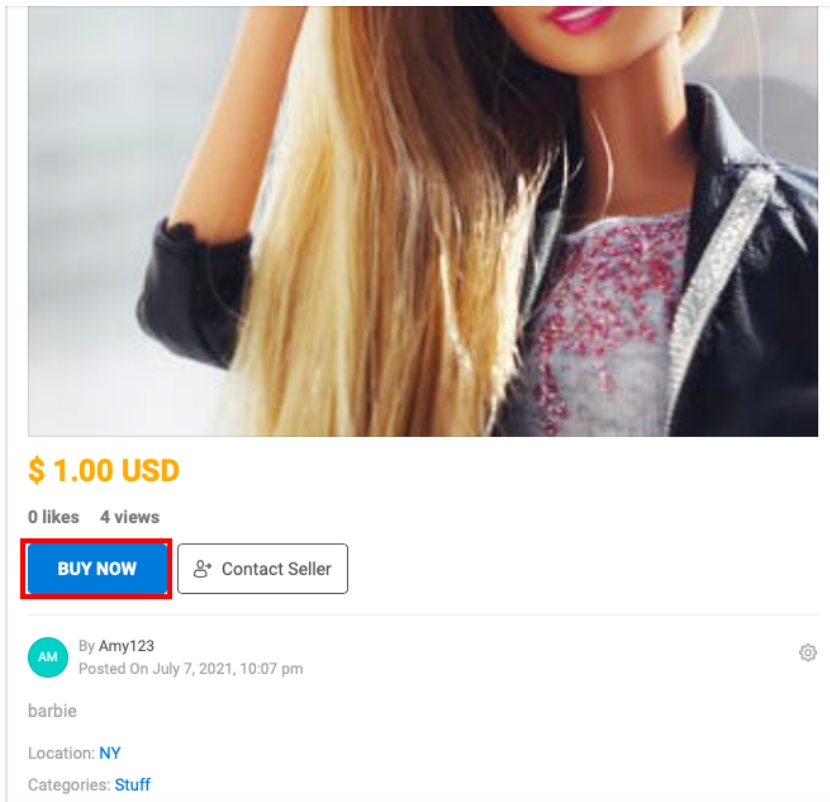
- Once you are in the User Group Setting section under the Member tab in Admin CP, select the User Group you want to edit and choose Marketplace.



- Set "Can Create a Listing" to Yes. This setting will allow the user to make a listing in your marketplace if they are in the user group you are setting it for. There is another setting that will enable the Buy Now button and we will go over that next.

User Group Settings	
Can members of this user group post a comment on marketplace listings?	☒
Can members of this user group browse and view listings?	☒
Can members of this user group create a listing?	☒
Can members of this user group edit own marketplace listings?	☒
Can members of this user group edit all marketplace listings?	☒

Enabling the Buy Now Button



If you want your users to be able to use instant payments (provided [Paypal is enabled](#) or you've added other payment gateways), you can follow these steps to enable the setting per User Group.

- When editing the User Group settings for the group you want to allow the Buy Now button for, still in the Marketplace settings shown above, find the setting "Can members of this user group sell items on the marketplace?" and set it to Yes.

Auto publish sponsored item?
After the user has purchased a sponsored space, should the item be published right away? If set to No, the admin will have to approve each new purchased sponsored item space before it is shown in the site. ☐ YES ☒ NO

Can members of this user group sell items on the marketplace? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Can members of this user group enable/disable Activity Point payment on the marketplace? default is Disabled. ☒ YES ☐ NO

How many minutes should a user wait before they can create another marketplace listing? Note: Setting it to "0" (without quotes) is default and users will not have to wait.

- You will also need to configure Paypal account in the User's account setting in order to receive payment. From the User's front end, click on the dropdown button right next to the avatar, choose Account setting. On the next page, roll down you will see the Payment Method section where you need to input Paypal email and Merchant ID.

PAYMENT METHODS

PayPal
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PayPal Email
The email that represents your PayPal account.

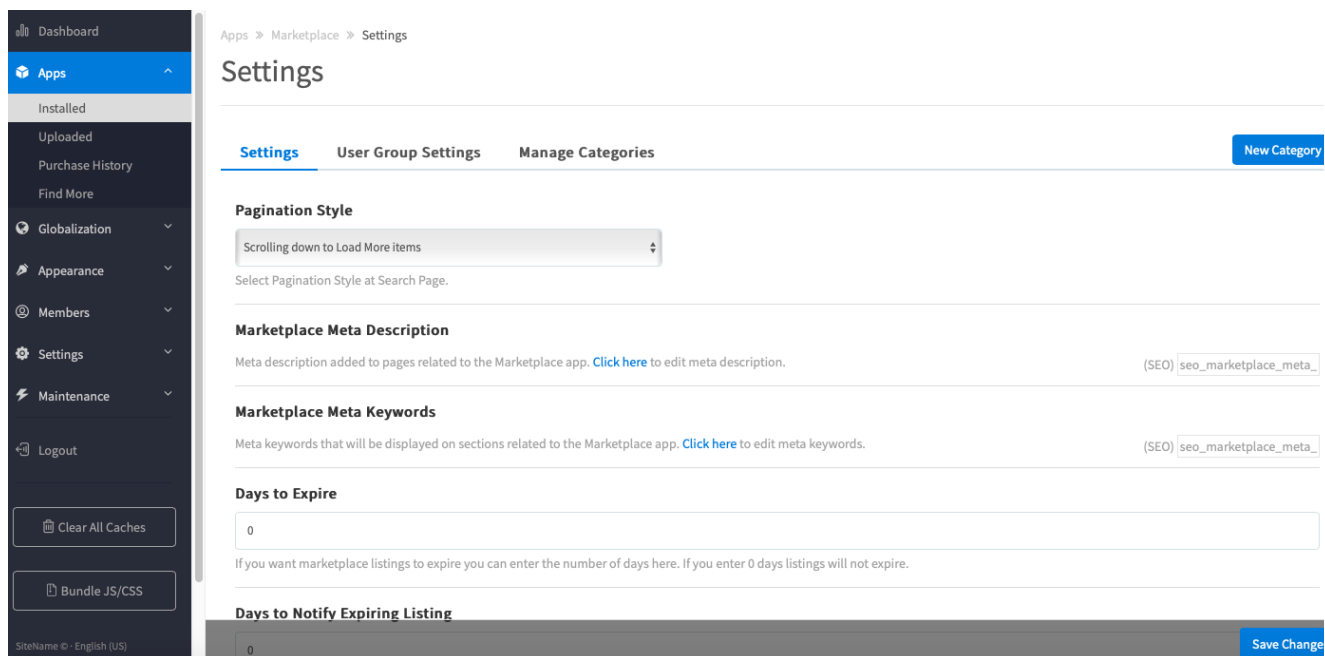
Merchant ID
The encrypted ID of your PayPal account.

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Marketplace Settings

You'll want to visit the Marketplace Settings in order to set up your marketplace how you want it. This shows how to set various settings.

- Click Apps > Marketplace > click Settings tab



- Now you will see several setting options to choose from.
 1. Choose from the drop-down arrow list the pagination style
 2. Days to Expire - sets how many days a listing will run before it automatically expires. If you leave it at 0, then listings won't expire.
 3. Days to Notify Expiring Listing - if you have expiring listings set, then this setting is to send the user a notification that their listing will expire a number of days in advance of the expiration.
 4. Click SAVE CHANGES when done

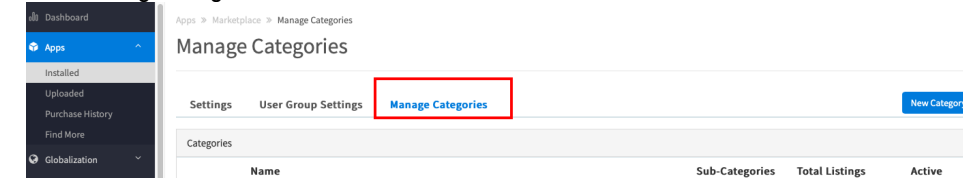
Setting up and Managing Marketplace Categories

You most likely want your Marketplace to be unique and match the niche for your site. Editing, creating and deleting Categories is a good idea to make your Marketplace unique. Here's how to do that.

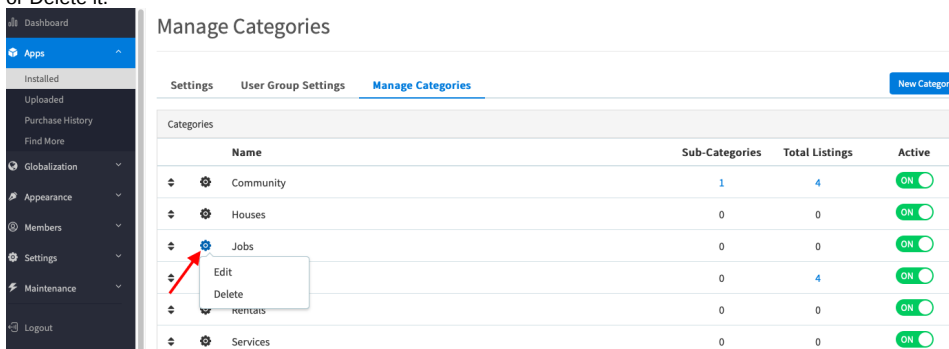
- First, you will need to be in the Marketplace settings area [as shown above](#).

Managing and Editing Categories

- **Select Manage Categories**



- Now you will see all of the current categories on the page.
- To Edit or Delete a Category, click the gear icon before the name of the category then there comes a pop-up allowing you to select to Edit or Delete it.



- If you choose Edit, you'll be able to rename the Category and change the Parent Category. Be sure to Submit the changes though.

- To change the sort order of the Categories, drag the arrow to move Marketplace Category.

Categories				
	Name	Sub-Categories	Total Listings	Active
↕	Community	1	4	ON
	Houses	0	0	ON
	Jobs	0	0	ON
	Pets	0	4	ON
	Rentals	0	0	ON
	Services	0	0	ON
	Stuff	0	1	ON
	Tickets	0	0	ON
	Vehicle	0	0	ON

Adding Categories

- Select **New Category** tab

- Fill in the Category Name and if you want it to have a Parent Category, choose one and be sure to Submit it when done.

Clear your cache after setting any settings or adding/editing Categories.

**Tip**

If you have a multi-lingual site, be sure to see our tutorial for [translating categories!](#)