Browsing Settings

It is extremely important to understand that many of these settings ONLY apply to features displayed through the use of the {body_html} tag. Depending upon how your templates are set up, you may be using MODULES to display certain content. Those MODULES will NOT be affected by the settings on this page of the admin. To edit a module's settings, you will need to access that module directly in the modules section of the admin.

Category Browsing Settings

Display Categories/Subcategories

This setting turns "on" and "off" the display of the category navigation on the pages of your site that are using the {body_html} tag within the template assigned to that page. The category navigation can be displayed above the normal browsing results if this setting is set to "yes". This affects the display the current categories and subcategories displayed above listing results tables on your browsing pages.

<tip c n>So if changing category navigation settings in this section do not seem to have an effect on category navigation browsing on your client side (after refreshing your browser) you will need to find the category navigation module actually displaying that category navigation and make the change within that admin tool. Those modules are managed here within the admin tool:

PAGE MODULES > BROWSING > CATEGORY NAVIGATION </tip>

<tip c w>**IMPORTANT:** The default Geodesic FRONT PAGE TEMPLATE does not use the {body_html} tag. Instead, we used a combination of modules to display the content on the front page of the software. Therefore, changing this setting to "no" will not have any affect on the front page of your site if you are still using our default FRONT PAGE TEMPLATE.</tip>

<tip c w>**NOTE:** If set to yes you can also designate a caching time in the time to cache category listings while browsing setting below.</tip>

Display Category/Subcategory Counts

If you choose to display the normal category navigation (displayed through the {body_html} tag) you can turn "off" and "on" the display of the category count through this control. Remember that this setting will not have any affect on any Category Navigation Modules that you may be using.

<tip c n>There are more than the above places the display of the category count next to a category name in the category navigation because there is more ways to display the category navigation than by the above setting. Each category navigation module has its own controls for displaying the category count within the category navigation they display. If for example you want to remove/display the category count for the home page of the default design you will need to go to a specific category navigation module we use within the default design. Go to the following in the admin tool to control that:

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PAGE MODULES > BROWSING > CATEGORY NAVIGATION > Main Category Navigation 1
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The above can change if you have made changes to the default design and use a different category navigation module. The point is how you affect the category navigation is how you display it. In the default design the setting mentioned in this page in the admin tool will affect the category navigation of the category browsing…again unless you have changed the design to use a category navigation module to display that category navigation.</tip>

Listing Type Order for Category Counts

Choose the sequence to display the category count. You have various self-explanatory options that allow you to display the classifieds count first, the auctions count first, etc.

Include all Subcategory Listings

This setting allows you to display/ not display a category's sub-categories listings within the current category. If you have a motors category with subcategories of trucks and cars. If this setting is set to yes the trucks and cars listings will appear in the motors category when you are viewing it. If set to no the trucks listings will only appear in the trucks category and not in the motors category also….same would go for the listings in the cars category.

Category Display on Home Page

This setting controls the number of columns used to display the main categories when they are displayed on the home page. This only affects the display of the main categories if the display category navigation is set to yes and if the {body_html} is used through the template assigned on the home page.

<tip c w>**NOTE:** The {body_html} tag is not used in the default FRONT PAGE TEMPLATE that we supplied to you. Therefore, this setting would have no affect on our template. However, if you inserted your own {body_html} tag into the FRONT PAGE TEMPLATE you would see the category navigation displayed.</tip>

Subcategory Display while Browsing Listings

This setting controls the number of columns used to display the categories on the browsing pages. This only affects the display of the sub-categories on pages other than the home page.

Display Category Description while Browsing Listings

Check to yes if you wish to display the category description below the category name when browsing pages.

Display the 'No Subcategory' Message

If set to 'yes' and there are no subcategories to the current category a message will be displayed stating that there are 'no subcategories to display'.

Display Category Tree (Breadcrumb) while Browsing Listings

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Category Tree (Breadcrumb) Location

This setting controls the display of the category tree which displays the categories above the current category. You control whether or not to display the category tree but also whether to display the category tree above, below or above and below the current category's subcategories.

There are also several category tree navigation modules that can be used to display the category tree in other parts of the template. These category tree modules can enhance the display of the standard category tree display or replace it. Each category tree module can have its own display/css variables but are only useful on the category navigation pages. They can be found here:

PAGE MODULES > BROWSING > CATEGORY TREE DISPLAY MODULES

Photo/Icon Settings

Thumbnail Type

If you choose to display the photo column while browsing the listings you can then choose to display either a photo icon (such as a camera) that you set below or display an actual thumbnail image of the first photo uploaded within the listing. If you are concerned about page load times, then the icon is the better choice. The user can still see that a photo is attached but browsing can be sped up considerably.

Thumbnail Max Size

This is the maximum height and width of the thumbnail image used while browsing. This will only affect the thumbnail size if the thumbnail is displayed while browsing. This will not affect the photo icon. The thumbnail's width or height dimensions will not exceed the maximums specified but the image will be displayed proportionally.

<tip c n>The image displayed as the thumbnail while browsing categories here is the thumbnail created when uploading to your site. The dimensions of that image are determined in the LISTING SETUP > PHOTO UPLOAD SETTINGS part of the admin tool. The category browsing thumbnail image will simply be a "browser resizing" of the uploaded thumbnail though proportions are kept intact. So if the dimension differences are drastic between the two (browsing image is much bigger than the

uploaded image) distortions in the browsing category thumbnail image could happen. </tip>

Featured Thumbnail Max Size

This is the maximum height and width of the thumbnail image used while browsing the featured listings. This will only affect the thumbnail size if the thumbnail is displayed while browsing featured listings through the normal pages. This will not affect the photo icon. The thumbnail's width or height dimensions will not exceed the maximums specified but the image will be displayed proportionally.

"New Listing" Time Limit

Set the time limit on whether to display the new listing icon or not. If a category has a recent listing entered within the time you specify, the new listing icon will appear next to that category's name within the category navigation. If you do not want to display the new icon set this to no display of new listing icon.

"New Listing" Icon URL

If using this feature as indicated by the previous setting, specify the url of the new listing icon you want to use. The icon will appear immediately next to the category name within the category navigation around the site. This is the icon that will be used within all category navigation whether it is within a module or within normal category navigation display.

Note that if you do not wish to use this feature anywhere within the category navigation on your site you only need to empty this field and the feature will be "off".

Also note that each category navigation module has its own specific control to display the new icon within that specific module. So you can use this feature in the specific category navigation you wish it to display while turning it off in other category navigation. If you wish to display in some and not others this field will need to have the "new" icon you wish to use.

"No Photo" Icon URL

Specify the url to an image that you want to display instead of leaving an empty space when the user does not upload a photo with their listing.

"Photo" Icon URL

This is the url of the photo icon you wish to use if you have set the previous display thumbnail photo or photo icon setting to icon. This must be either the absolute url (http://www.....) or the relative link with respect to the top file of the listings system. This is usually an image of a small camera, or some image to indicate that the user uploaded a photo with their listing.

"Help" Icon URL

Several pages have help links within them. This is the icon used to click on when these help icons need to be displayed. This is the url of the help icon you wish to use. This must be the absolute url (http://www.....) or the relative link with respect to the top file of the listings system.

"Sold" Icon URL

If an item has sold, but the seller does not want to remove the item from the site yet, they can access their listing within their "My Active Listings" page and designate the status of their listing to "sold". When they do, the image you specify in this field will show up on the Listing Display Page next to the title of the listing.

Turning "on" the sold image for a listing should also stop listing expiration notices for that listing.

"Buy Now" Icon URL

Use this field to indicate the image that you want displayed when a seller uses the buy now function when placing their listing.

"Reserve Met" Icon URL

Use this field to indicate the image that you want displayed when the reserve price for a particular listing has received a bid that exceeds the seller's reserve price.

"No Reserve" Icon URL

Use this field to indicate the image that you want displayed when the reserve price for a particular listing has not been established by the seller.
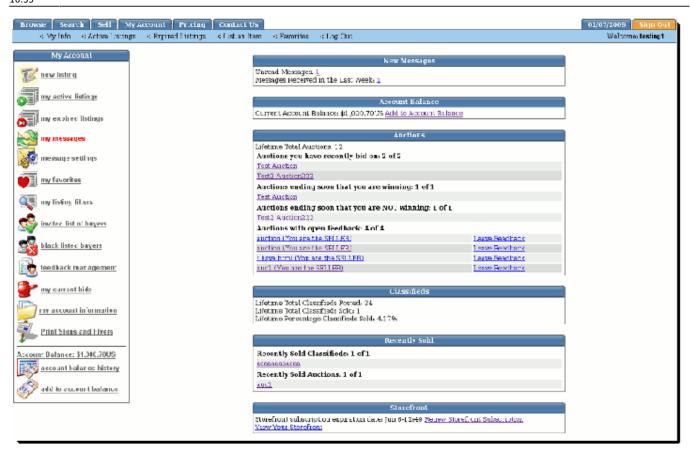
Miscellaneous Settings

Post-Login Landing Page

You can choose which page the user is directed to after they login here…to the user management home page or the site wide home page. Upon successful completion of login the user will be directed to the page you choose.

My Account Home Type

You can select to use either the newer "My Account Page" layout or the older "User Management Home Page" layout. Examples of each are shown below (click on them to see bigger pictures). If choosing the "My Account Home" setting after upgrading from a version of the software prior to 4.0.0RC11, you'll want to make sure you include the **(!MY_ACCOUNT_LINKS!)** module (shown on the left in the first screenshot below) in the template used on the My Account Home page, so that your users can navigate their account settings. If you installed the software at version 4.0.0RC11 or higher, this is now the default setup, and already done for you.

My Account Home (New)

User Management Home Page (Old)

WYSIWYG Editor Size for Descriptions

Specify the width and height (in pixels) of the WYSIWYG editor used to enter listing descriptions. The WYSIWYG editor must be set to "yes" in order for these settings to take affect. You can turn on/off the WYSIWYG editor (some editions refer to it is a 'rich text editor') within this menu:

LISTING SETUP > GENERAL SETTINGS

Textarea Size for Descriptions

Specify the width and height (in Columns/Rows) of the TextArea editor used to enter listing descriptions. The WYSIWYG editor must be set to "no" in order for these settings to take affect. You can turn on/off the WYSIWYG editor (some editions refer to it is a 'rich text editor') within this menu:

LISTING SETUP > GENERAL SETTINGS

Number of Listings per Page

This setting determines the number of listings that will be displayed on any given page of browsing results when browsing for listings by category.

Number of Featured Listings while Browsing Listings

This setting determines the number of featured listings that will be displayed if you choose to display featured listings within the normal category results. This setting does not affect the number of listings displayed within the featured listings modules. Each of those modules have their own individual controls for the number of listings to display and must be set within each modules controls.

Time to Cache Category Listings while Browsing Listings

This will only affect the sub category browsing links if display category navigation is set to yes. This can greatly improve page load times if you have several categories to display. The category browsing results are saved for the amount of time that you set here. The results are rebuilt once the age of the previous results has been reached. The problem is the category count is included in the cached version...the category count will not renew until the new cached copy is rebuilt.

Search Page Setup

You can choose to use the default search form located on the search page or choose to create one of your own. If you use the default search form, it is a dynamic form that pre-populates with search criteria fields (category questions, optional site wide fields) automatically depending on which category the user was browsing when they clicked the search button.

Or you can create your own html search form. If you wish to follow the instructions within the create your own search form tutorial.

An advanced feature of the Enterprise software is that it allows you to specify a different Template for each Category Search Page. This means that you can disable the default search page using this setting, and set up a different search form (would require a template for each category's fields) and assign that template on a category by category basis through the "edit category" section of the Categories Setup.

Require Login to Contact Seller

Choosing yes will require the users to register and log in to contact the seller. This specific switch only affects the **contact seller** feature within the software. The browsing client must login to be able to click the **contact seller** link and send a message to the seller of the listing. This feature does **NOT** mask any fields within the listing details page until the browsing client logs in.

Require Login to View Listings

Choosing yes will require the users to register and log in to view the Listing Display Pages. They will still be able to browse the site's categories, but not view the Listing Display Page until they log in.

Default Order of "Classifieds" while Browsing Listing

This setting is typically used for "directory" type sites. It allows you to specify the default order in which the classifieds are displayed while visitors are browsing categories. Normally, classifieds are displayed by "newest first" as a "default". However, this setting lets you specify the "title" for instance as the default sorting column for all listings.

Default Order of "Auctions" while Browsing Listings

This setting is typically used for "directory" type sites. It allows you to specify the default order in which the auctions are displayed while visitors are browsing categories. Normally, auctions are displayed by "newest first" as a "default". Therefore, this setting lets you specify the "title" for instance as the default sorting column for all listings.

Currency Format

This determines what format numbers are displayed in. The American system uses a period to denote the decimal point and a comma to denote each multiple of 1000 in a number, while the European system uses a comma to denote a decimal and a period to denote each factor of 1000. The Japanese method uses no decimal point.

<tip c n>The format of prices displayed on the site can be further customized using the SMARTY system template found at
geo_templates/[template_set]/system/classes/String/displayPrice.tpl (available in version 4.0.3+) See this tutorial for instructions on editing *system* templates like the one noted here.</tip>

Hide cents if .00 This feature **added in 5.0.0**.

This setting will not apply when using Japanese number format, as with that format there are no "cents". If this setting is checked, any prices that do not have any cents, the cents will not be displayed. In other words, with it checked, cents will only show if there are cents to show.

Only Subscribed User can View or Bid on Listings (beta setting)

Choosing yes will require the users to have a subscription in order to view and bid on listings.

<tip c w>**IMPORTANT:** Use this feature if your site is set up ONLY with Subscription-Based Price Plans. If you are using Fee-Based Price Plans you cannot use this feature. Your users that are in Fee-Based Price Plans will not be able to view or bid on listings if you check yes here.</tip>

Phone Number Grouping

This setting affects how phone numbers are formatted to support non-U.S. formats. This setting affects all 'phone number' settings on the site, including 'fax number' fields if used.

Phone Number Formatting

This settings allows you to choose how phone numbers are displayed on the site.

Expired Listings Cutoff

Expired listings older than the value you specify in this field will not appear on the user's Expired Listings page. Those listings will still be archived in the software's database, but they will not be viewable or accessible by the user.