

E-Junkie Cart Stack

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What does this stack do?

E-Junkie is a simple shopping cart system for selling digital downloads and tangible goods from your website. Normally you use provided code snippets to list items for sale on your website. This stack makes it easy to turn any standard Stacks page into a basic e-commerce page.

Because E-Junkie is a separate company, you need to register for an account before using this Stack. You also have to add your products via the E-Junkie website. The great thing about E-Junkie is that they provide a very reliable and friendly service and have been dealing with RapidWeaver users for many years. This stack should make setting up your E-Junkie sales pages a bit easier and quicker.

This stack comes in two parts - an E-Junkie Cart stack and an E-Junkie Purchase stack. The purchase stack simply adds a “Buy Now” button to your stacks page and each item you sell has a “Buy Now” button. This stack (the cart stack) generates the actual E-Junkie cart window. You only need to add one of these stacks for every page where you have purchase buttons.

How do I use this stack?

Start by installing the stack. As you are probably already aware, new stacks should be copied and pasted into `~/Library/Application Support/RapidWeaver/Stacks/` where `~` is the name of your home directory. Restart RapidWeaver for the new stack to become available.

In edit mode, drag and drop a new E-Junkie Cart stack into your stacks page like you normally do. The E-Junkie Cart stack looks like this in a page while in edit mode:



The next stage is to customise your cart window. Log into you E-Junkie account and take a note of your Client ID number (normally a number 5 or 6 digits long) which can be found listed under your Account Summary. When you have this information to hand, open the Stack inspector, pictured below.

✕ Junkie Cart

Background:

Border:

0
10

●

Off ↗

Margin:

0
20

●

2 px ↗

Padding:

0
20

●

5 px ↗

Width:

10%
100%

●

100 % ↗

Frame Position:

Left

Center

Right

Client ID:

View Cart Link:

Cart Border:

Cart Shade:

Shade Opacity:

Cart Width:

Cart Height:

Advanced

Client ID is your account number. Enter your number carefully in here and ensure there are no spaces or other characters after the number.

View Cart Link is where you can specify either a “View Cart” text link or an image button in your stacks page. When a customer clicks this link, the cart window opens. See below for further details on customising this link.

Cart Border customises the colour of the 1px border around the cart window. If you do not want a border around your cart, you could set it to white so that it becomes invisible against the cart background.

Cart Shade customises the colour of the modal fade effect behind the cart window. By default it is black, but you can change it to any colour you like to match colour schemes used in your theme.

Shade Opacity controls how transparent the modal fade effect is. Setting this option to 100 would give a completely solid background. Setting it to 10 or less would give a very pale colour fill. 0 would turn off the colour shade altogether.

Cart width governs how wide the cart window is. The cart window is always centred in the screen and the width is specified in pixels. If the items you are selling have long titles, you might want to make the cart window wider. For shorter item titles, you can make the cart window narrower and more manageable for customers.

Cart height changes the height of the cart window. Like the width setting, this height setting is specified in pixels and can be changed if required to better-suit the types of items you are selling.

Customising your cart window further:

You can customise your Junkie Cart further by using custom Javascript code provided by E-Junkie. This page here lists the custom attributes available: <http://www.e-junkie.com/ej/help.custom-cart.htm>

You would need to open the template.html file in a code editor. This file can be found in the contents of this stack in the folder marked 'resources'. Some of the attributes listed on the page referenced above already exist in this stack, so you can work out where to insert the ones that don't exist. It is quite difficult to customise the cart window, and it is recommended you keep saving your changes and restarting RapidWeaver to check the cart still functions. The code is quite fragile and may stop the cart window working if you make an error in your editing.

Customising the "View Cart" links:

By default, this stack will use the standard E-Junkie "View Cart" buttons. These are loaded using the standard image HTML tag:

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If you want to use your own buttons, you can use code similar to the above HTML tag, but you would need to point the image source to the location of your stored buttons. e.g.

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It is recommended custom buttons are saved in either JPG, GIF or PNG format and are clear for customers to read. A wide variety of different software can be used to create buttons including Photoshop, Pixelmator and RealMac ButtonBuilder. Alternatively you can obtain suitable buttons from various sources on the internet.

If you don't want to use image buttons in your links, delete the image tag in the view cart link box and just enter standard text like this:

View Cart

This text will highlight and act as a link. Clicking the text will open your shopping cart window. It would be possible to include basic HTML entities (special characters) like arrows or stars if you wanted to beautify the link a little more.

Important notes:

Some elements of styling within the cart window are borrowed from your theme. So any font or table settings set in your theme will be applied to the cart window. If your theme uses a CSS reset, generally the cart contents will be rendered closer to the edge as padding gets removed.

You may find there is a brief pause while your stacks page loads. This is due to some scripts being fetched and loaded from the E-Junkie website which are required to display the cart window.

This cart stack can either be positioned at the top or bottom of your stacks page. It does not really matter if it comes before or after your pay buttons. However, it is recommended you only use one cart stack per page to avoid duplicated code and a risk of the cart breaking.

This cart stack is not supported by all RapidWeaver themes. Some themes use complicated scripts which can break the cart and prevent it displaying properly. Sometimes the cart stack can effect page layout such as removing the padding above a header.

The Stack inspector on this stack is very tall due to the number of customisable options available. If you find your Stack inspector is obscured, clicking and dragging it will bring it more into view.

Basic troubleshooting

When you click a purchase button, if you get an error that reads "This product combination does not exist" or similar, go back and carefully check the Client ID number is correct and doesn't contain any characters or spaces at the end.

Questions, comments or suggestions for improvements?

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RapidWeaver forums: <http://www.realmacsoftware.com/forums/index.php/forums/>

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