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KatanaPIM

Category to Store Coupling

KatanaPIM for Magento 2

How to control which Magento store views each category is visible on using KatanaPIM Connect.

Overview

By default, all imported categories are visible on every store view. With store coupling, KatanaPIM controls where each category appears — a category limited to "German" is only active on the matching store view and hidden on the rest.

This works through two things:

1. **Tree placement** — picks which root category tree a top-level category is created under.
2. **Per-store visibility** — sets `is_active` per store view (active on matching, inactive on the rest).

For single-website setups (one shared root category), only the visibility part matters. For multi-website setups with separate root categories, tree placement ensures the category lands in the correct tree.

Setting Up in KatanaPIM

Step 1: Set Store Limitations on Categories

1. Log in to katanapim.com
2. Go to **Products → Categories**
3. Open the category you want to limit
4. In the **Stores** section, select which stores this category belongs to (e.g. `German`, `French`)
5. Save

Categories without any store selection are "unlimited" — they follow the default behavior (see below).

Tip: Child categories inherit their parent's tree position, but each child still needs its own store selection for visibility.

Step 2: Set Up Direct Store Mapping (Recommended)

The module needs to know which KatanaPIM store maps to which Magento store view. The most reliable way:

1. Go to **Katana PIM → Stores** in the Magento admin
2. For each KatanaPIM store, set the **Magento Store View** column to the correct store view using inline edit
3. Save

Once set, name changes on either side won't break the coupling.

If no direct mapping is set, the module falls back to case-insensitive matching on store view name, then code:

KatanaPIM store name	Magento store view name	Magento store view code	Match?
German	German	german	Yes (name)
german	German	german	Yes (name)
german_de	—	german_de	Yes (code)
Deutsch	—	—	No match — skipped

If nothing matches, the store is skipped and logged.

Step 3: Configure Default Store View (Multi-Root Setups)

Only needed if your Magento uses different root categories per website.

Stores → Configuration → Katana PIM → Category Data → General → Default Store View for Category Tree

This determines which root category tree to use when:

- A category has no Stores filter
- A category's filter spans store views from multiple root categories

If left empty, the system default store view's root is used. This setting only applies at creation time — existing categories aren't moved.

Step 4: Sync Categories

Run a category sync via CLI, admin button, or cron. After sync:

- Top-level categories are placed under the correct root category tree
- `is_active = 1` on matching store views
- `is_active = 0` on non-matching store views

Categories Without Store Limitations

When a category has no Stores selection, the module checks the fallback:

Stores → Configuration → Katana PIM → General → Import Settings → Websites

Websites setting	Behavior

One or more websites selected	Active on those websites' store views, inactive on the rest
Empty	Category stays active everywhere (Magento default)

Tree Placement

When a top-level category is first created in Magento, the module picks the root:

1. **Stores resolve to a single root** → use that root.
2. **Stores resolve to multiple roots** → fall back to Default Store View setting.
3. **No Stores filter** → fall back to Default Store View setting.
4. **No default configured** → system default store view's root.

Children always inherit their parent's tree.

Example — Multiple Roots

- Website DE → root `Root DE` (id 10), store view `German`
- Website FR → root `Root FR` (id 20), store view `French`
- Default Store View: `German`

Category	Stores filter	Root	Why
Schuhe	German	Root DE	Single root
Chaussures	French	Root FR	Single root
Promo	German, French	Root DE	Ambiguous → default
Outlet	*(none)*	Root DE	No filter → default

Force-Link and Tree Awareness

When **If name exists link category** is enabled, the module tries to bind a KatanaPIM category to an existing Magento category by name. This is tree-aware:

- **Top-level** — only links to a category whose parent matches the resolved root. `Shoes` limited to `German` won't bind to `Shoes` under `Root FR`.
- **Children** — only links under the correct parent, which is already in the right tree.

Re-Sync Triggers

Stores data is included in the category hash. Changing which stores a category belongs to in KatanaPIM triggers a re-sync on the next incremental sync.

Admin Grid

The **Katana PIM → Categories** grid shows a **Katana Stores** column with the KatanaPIM store IDs the category is limited to. Empty means unlimited.

Limitations

- **One KatanaPIM category = one Magento category.** If a category spans stores from different root trees, it's placed under the default root — not duplicated per tree.
- **Default Store View only applies at creation time.** Changing it won't relocate existing categories.
- **Name matching is one-directional.** Use direct mapping for reliability.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Category visible on all store views despite Stores set in KatanaPIM	None of the stores resolved to a Magento store view. Set `magento_store_id` on the store entries, or check name/code matching.
Category invisible on every store view	Resolved store view list is empty and Websites fallback matches no store views.
Category under the wrong root	Check Default Store View for Category Tree setting. Verify store mapping resolves to the expected store view.
Force-link picks the wrong category	Candidate sits under a different root. Set `magento_store_id` or configure Default Store View.
Stores column empty in grid	Category has no store limitations — expected for unlimited categories.

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