# Variable Product

**Variable products** are a product type in WooCommerce that lets you offer a set of variations on a product, with control over prices, stock, image and more for each variation. They can be used for a product like a shirt, where you can offer a large, medium and small and in different colors.

# Adding a Variable Product

# Step 1. Set the Product Type

To add a variable product, create a new product or edit an existing one.

- 1. Go to: Dashboard > Products
- 2. Select the Add Product button or Edit an existing product. The Product Data displays.
- 3. Select Variable product from the Product Data dropdown.

| Add Product      |                 |   |
|------------------|-----------------|---|
|                  |                 |   |
|                  |                 |   |
| Simple Product   |                 | ~ |
| Simple Product   |                 |   |
| Variable Product |                 |   |
| Bookable product |                 |   |
| Product Title    |                 |   |
| Price (RM)       | Sale Price (RM) |   |
|                  |                 |   |
|                  |                 |   |

# Step 2. Add Attributes to Use for Variations

In the **Attributes** section, add <u>attributes</u> before creating variations — use global attributes that are site-wide or define custom ones specific to a product.

| Inventory          |   | Attributes   |       |
|--------------------|---|--|-------|
| 🕞 Shipping         |   |  |       |
| Attributes         | 0 | Add attribute  | × ADD |
| ∂ Linked           |   | Add attribute  |       |
| Bulk Discount      |   | $\frown$   | _     |
| 🚍 Deposits         |   | Global attribute will appear here!<br>(note: global atribute is set by admin only) |       |
| ⇔ Add-ons          |   |  |       |
| 🚯 Product Policies |   |  |       |
| I Advanced         |   |  |       |
|                    |   |  |       |

- 3. Choose Select all to add all attributes to the variable product (if applicable).
- 4. Enable the **Used for variations** checkbox to tell WooCommerce it's for your variations.
- 5. Click Save attributes.

Adding a global attribute

| Attributes                  |  |          |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|
| Active?                     | $\checkmark$   |          |
| Name                        | Colors   |          |
| Value(s):                   | Red   Blue   Green  Orange                               | 1        |
| Visible on the product page |  |          |
| Active?                     |  | ٢        |
| Name                        | Size   |          |
| Value(s):                   | Enter some text, some attributes by " separating values. | Required |
| Visible on the product page |  |          |
| Add attribute               | ~ ADD  |          |

Adding global attribute values

## **Custom Attributes**

To add a new attribute specific to this product:

#### 1. Select Custom product attribute and click Add.

- 2. Name the attribute (e.g., Size).
- 3. Set values separated by a vertical pipe, | (e.g., Small | Medium | Large).
- 4. Enable the Used for variations checkbox.
- 5. Click Save attributes.

Adding a custom attribute

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|  |  |    |  |

| Active?                     |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Name                        | Colors   |   |
| Value(s):                   | Red   Blue   Green  Orange                                 |   |
| Visible on the product page |  |   |
| Active?                     |  |   |
| Name                        | Size   |   |
| Value(s):                   | Enter some text, some attributes by " " separating values. | 1 |
| Visible on the product page |  |   |
| Add attribute               | × ADD  |   |

# Step 3. Add Variations

#### Manually Add a Variation

- 1. Select Add variation from the dropdown menu
- 2. Select attributes for your variation. To change additional data, click the triangle icon to expand the variation.
- 3. Edit any available data. The only required field is Regular Price.

| Inventory       | Default Form Values:    |          | Any Colo   | rs             | ~              |          |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| ⊊∌ Shipping     |                         |          |            |                |                |          |
| Attributes      | Variations Bulk Options | 5        | Choose o   | option         |                | ~        |
| ∉ Variations 🛞  | Red                     | ~        |            |                |                |          |
| 𝔗 Linked        |                         |          |            |                |                |          |
| Bulk Discount   | Enable                  |          |            | Virtual        |                |          |
| 🚍 Deposits      | Manage Stock            |          |            |                |                |          |
|                 | Image                   |          | <b>***</b> |                |                |          |
| Direct Policies | Regular Price(RM)       |          |            | Sale Price(RM) |                |          |
| Advanced        |                         |          |            |                |                | schedule |
|                 | Stock Qty               |          |            | Backorders?    | Do not Allow   | ~        |
|                 | SKU                     |          |            | Weight (kg)    |                |          |
|                 | Length (cm)             |          |            | Width (cm)     |                |          |
|                 | Height (cm)             |          |            | Shipping class | Same as parent | ~        |
|                 | Tax class               | Standard | ~          | •              |                |          |
|                 | Description             |          |            |                |                |          |
|                 |                         |          |            |                |                |          |
|                 |                         |          |            |                |                |          |
|                 |                         |          |            |                |                | $\oplus$ |
|                 |                         |          |            |                |                | Add Mor  |

If you later add additional attributes, it may require the variables to be redefined for the variation combinations to work correctly.

## **Adding Variation Data**

Each variation can have the following properties.

#### General

- Enabled Enable or disable the variation.
- **Downloadable** If this a downloadable variation.
- Virtual If this product isn't physical or shipped, shipping settings are removed.
- Regular Price (required) Set the price for this variation.
- Sale Price (optional) Set a price for this variation when on sale.
- Tax status Taxable, shipping only, none.
- **Tax class** Tax class for this variation. Useful if you are offering variations spanning different tax bands.
- Downloadable Files Shows if Downloadable is selected. Add file(s) for customers to download.
- **Download Limit** Shows if **Downloadable** is selected. Set how many times a customer can download the file(s). Leave blank for unlimited.
- **Download Expiry** Shows if **Downloadable** is selected. Set the number of days before a download expires after purchase.

## **Inventory Management**

Inventory for variable products can be managed on product and variation level.

# Choose how to manage stock by toggling **Enable stock management at product level** on the Inventory tab:

| linventory      | SKU 🔋               |  |   |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 🕞 Shipping      |                     |  |   |
| 🗄 Attributes    | Manage Stock? 👩     | $\checkmark$                               |   |
| 徑 Variations    | Stock Qty 🏮         | 0  |   |
| 🔗 Linked        | Allow Backorders?   | Do not Allow                               | v |
| Bulk Discount   | Sold Individually 👔 | Do not Allow<br>Allow, but notify customer |   |
| Deposits        |                     | Allow                                      |   |
| 🕈 Add-ons       |                     |  |   |
| Direct Policies |                     |  |   |
| Advanced        |                     |  |   |

The following settings are available if you choose to manage stock on a product level:

- SKU If you use SKUs, set the SKU or leave blank to use the product's SKU.
- Manage Stock? Tick the box to manage stock at the variation level.
- **Stock Quantity** Shows if Manage Stock is selected. Input the quantity. Stock for the specific variation, or left blank to use the product's stock settings.
- Allow Backorders Choose how to handle backorders.
- Low stock threshold Enter a number to be notified.
- **Sold Individually?** Allow only one to be sold in one order. (This setting is used for the product itself. You cannot set a specific variation to only be sold once per order.)

Choosing to manage stock for variations individually allows you to edit the same properties for each variation.

| Q        | V-Neck T-Shirt                                      |
|----------|---|
|          | \$15.00 - \$20.00                                   |
|          | This is a variable product.<br>Color<br>Blue        |
|          | Size  |
| <b>*</b> | \$15.00   |
|          | 1 Add to cart                                       |
|          | SKU: woo-vneck-tee-blue<br>Category: <u>Tshirts</u> |
|          | Edit  |

If the user tries to click the greyed out add to cart button before choosing an attribute, a message will appear asking them to select some attributes.

In the product archive page, Add to Cart does not display because a variation must first be chosen before adding to cart on the product page.

