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Live Sales Notifications — User Manual

gurusalespopup, version 1.0.0

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1. What the module does

The module shows a small, friendly notification in the corner of your storefront whenever someone buys something — a product photo, the buyer's first name, their city, and how long ago it happened. It is the same idea as a busy restaurant with a line outside: seeing other people choose your shop is what makes a new visitor trust it enough to do the same. Module technical name: `gurusalespopup`.

A new shop has no recent sales to show, so the module can simulate one. A believable name from a pool covering many European countries, a matching city, and a real product picked at random from your own active catalogue. A visitor cannot tell a simulated popup from a real one by looking at it — that is deliberate, so the feature demonstrates itself correctly from the very first day, before you have sold anything at all.

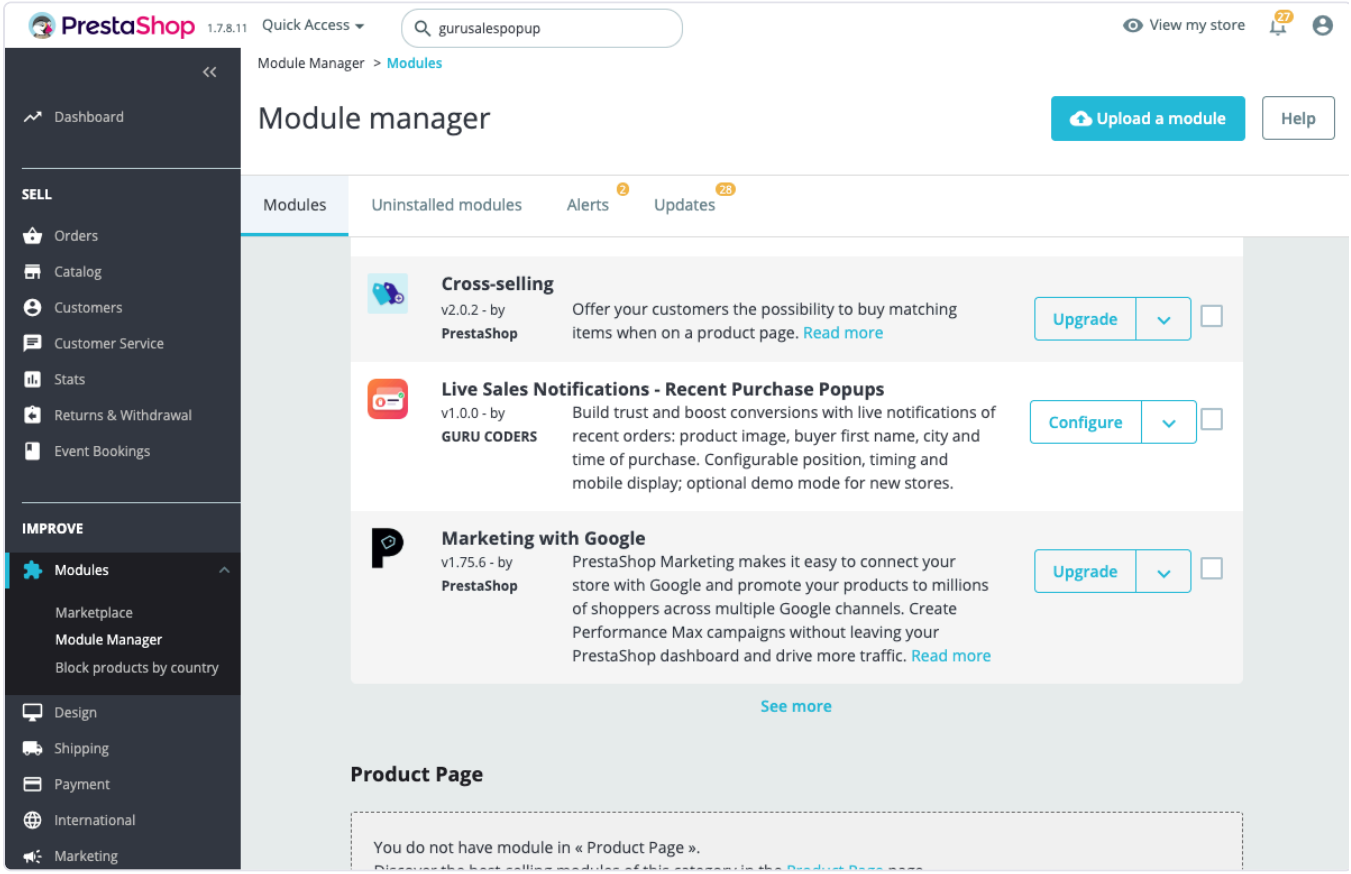
> **Once you have real orders, they take over automatically.** The module always looks for a genuine recent sale first and only falls back to a simulated one when there is none. Nothing to switch, nothing to notice — the popups simply start being real.

2. Requirements

Item	Value
PrestaShop	1.7 or newer
PHP	7.1 or newer
Cost	None beyond the module itself — no external service, no API key, no monthly fee. Everything runs on your own server, from your own order data.
Themes	Any theme. The widget draws its own corner notification; it does not depend on your theme's price block or layout.
Speed	A small script and a lightweight request every few seconds. It does not add to your page's main loading time.

3. Installation

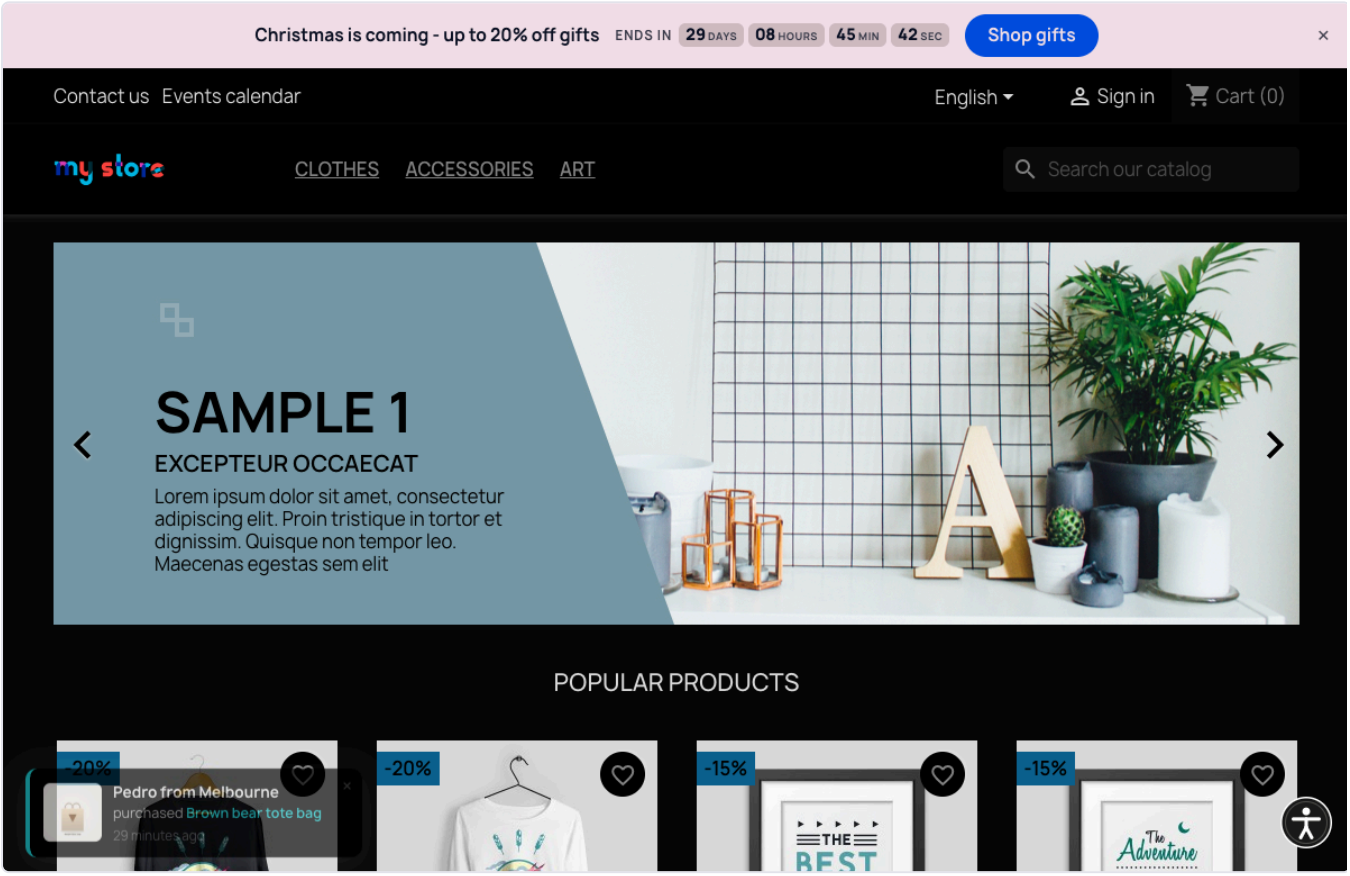
1. In the back office, go to **Modules > Module Manager**, click **Upload a module** and select the `gurusalespopup` archive.
2. The module appears in the list as **Live Sales Notifications - Recent Purchase Popups**.



How it looks once installed — already configured with sensible defaults, nothing else required before it starts working.

There is no second step. Unlike a module that needs history before it can say anything truthful, this one has a safe starting point built in: simulated popups, until real ones exist.

4. What your visitors see

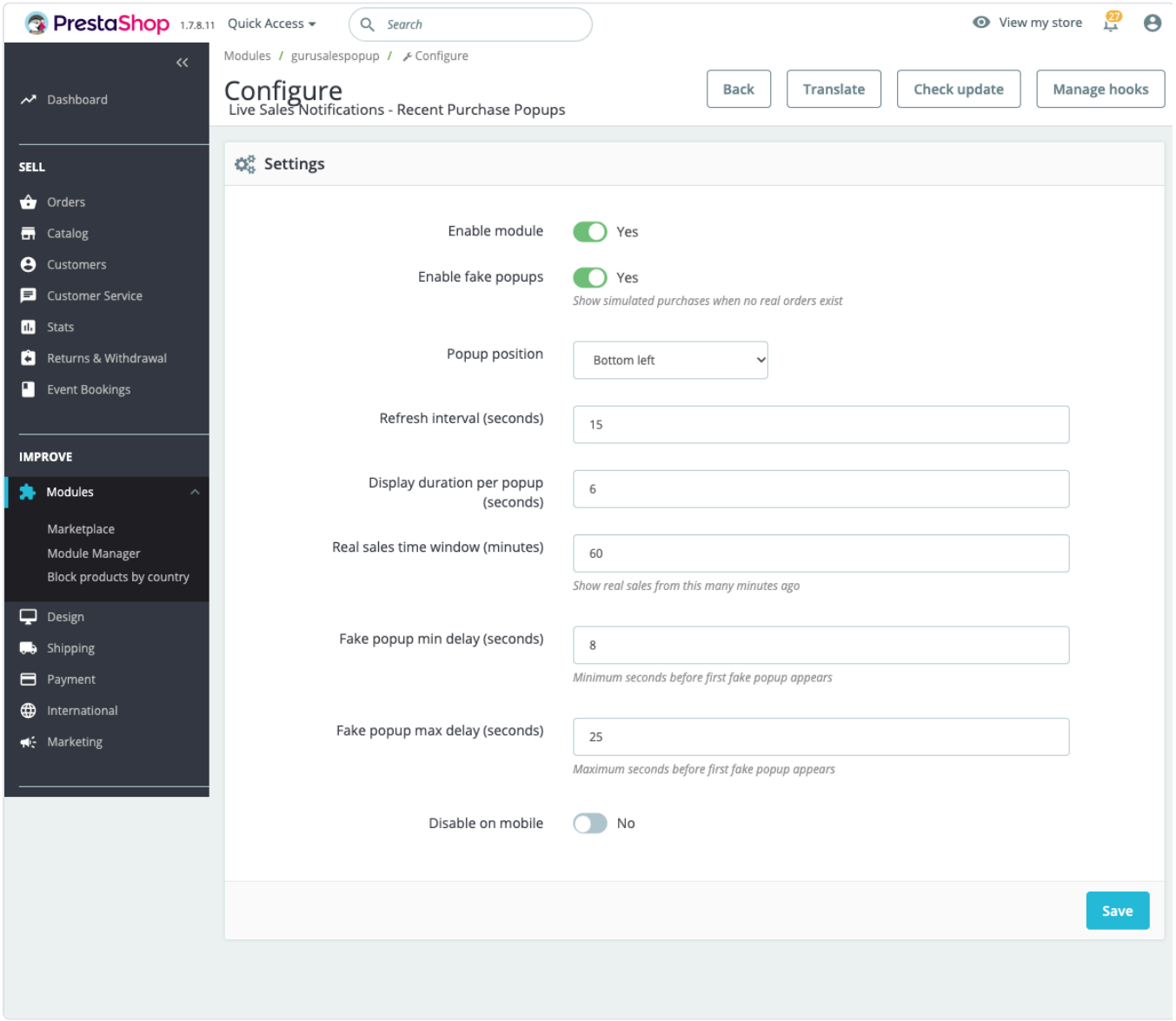


Bottom-left corner, a few seconds after the page loads: a name, a city, the product bought, and how long ago. This one is simulated — a real sale looks identical, which is the whole point.

It disappears on its own after a few seconds and reappears with a new sale shortly after, for as long as the visitor stays on the page.

5. The back office: Configure

Modules > Module Manager > Live Sales Notifications > Configure.



Setting	What it does	Shipped value
Enable module	The master switch.	On
Enable fake popups	Shows a simulated purchase when there is no real recent one. Turn it off once your shop has steady order volume and you want to show only genuine purchases.	On
Popup position	Bottom left or bottom right.	Bottom left
Refresh interval (seconds)	How often the widget checks for the next sale to show.	15

Setting	What it does	Shipped value
Display duration per popup (seconds)	How long each popup stays on screen.	6
Real sales time window (minutes)	How far back a real order still counts as recent enough to show.	60
Fake popup min delay / max delay (seconds)	The random wait before the very first popup of a visit, so every visitor does not see one appear at the exact same instant.	8 / 25
Disable on mobile	Hides the widget on screens under 768px wide.	Off

> **There is nothing here you need to change before showing the feature to a customer.** Every value above is already the one used on this fleet's own demo shops.

6. Turning it off and uninstalling

Set **Enable module** to No to hide the widget without losing any configuration — turn it back on and everything returns exactly as it was.

Uninstalling removes the module's own table of recorded real sales, its configuration, and itself. Nothing else on the shop is touched: it never edits a product, a price or an order.

7. When something looks wrong

Problem	What to check
No popup ever appears	Is **Enable module** on? Then check **Enable fake popups** — with it off and no recent real order, there is nothing to show.
The popup shows the same product every time	Expected on a very small catalogue — the product is chosen at random from your active products, and a small pool repeats sooner.
A popup names a real customer when you expected a simulated one	That is correct: a genuine order inside the time window always takes priority over a simulated one.
It never shows a real sale	Check **Real sales time window** — an order older than that many minutes no longer counts as recent.

Problem	What to check
It is on the wrong side of the screen	**Popup position**, in Configure.

8. Help

Write to **office@gurucoders.ro**. If something does not look right, a screenshot of what you see and a link to the page it happened on usually settles it in one message.