

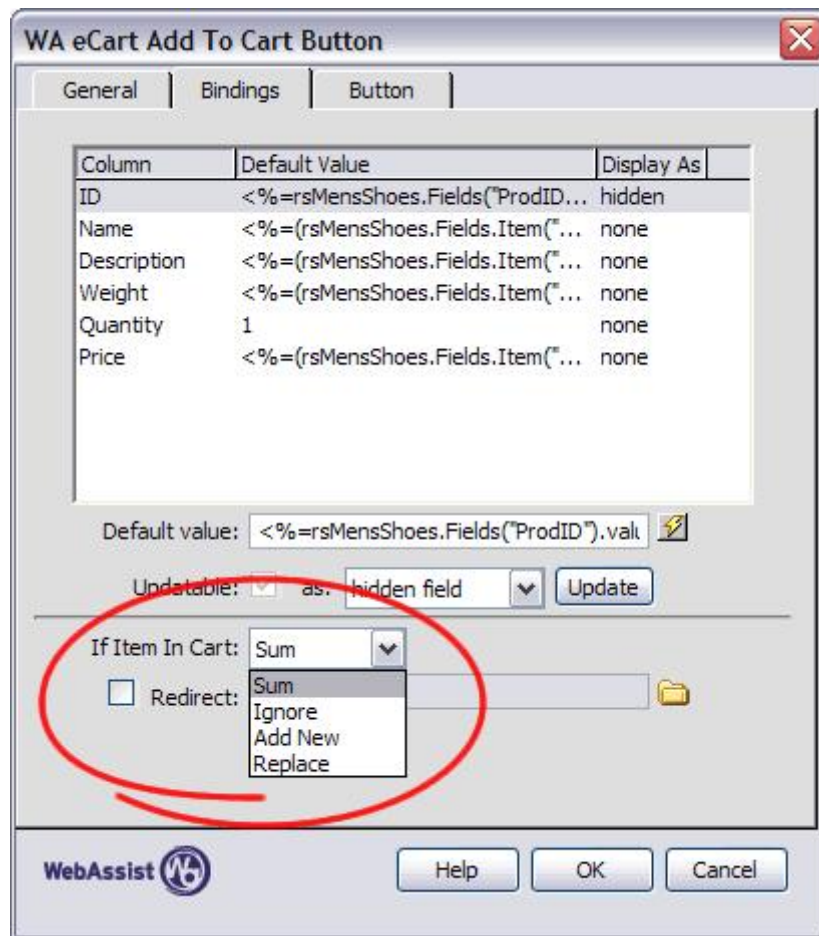
ADD TO CART BUTTON USING THE "IF ITEM IN CART"

Introduction

This tech note pertains specifically to the "If Item In Cart" option on the Bindings panel of the WA eCart Add To Cart Button dialog. This option is used in conjunction with the unique key column settings in your cart to determine what should happen when an item already in the cart is added to the cart again.

General Overview

WA eCart provides four options that enable users to determine how their application will behave when a user clicks on an Add to Cart Button in their website if the selected item is already in the cart. Additionally, you can override the current redirect location, if desired.



The screenshot shows the "WA eCart Add To Cart Button" dialog box with the "Bindings" tab selected. A table lists columns and their default values. Below the table, there are fields for "Default value" and "Updatable". The "If Item In Cart" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle, showing options: Sum, Ignore, Add New, and Replace. The "Redirect" checkbox is unchecked.

Column	Default Value	Display As
ID	<%=rsMensShoes.Fields("ProdID...)	hidden
Name	<%=rsMensShoes.Fields.Item("...	none
Description	<%=rsMensShoes.Fields.Item("...	none
Weight	<%=rsMensShoes.Fields.Item("...	none
Quantity	1	none
Price	<%=rsMensShoes.Fields.Item("...	none

Default value: <%=rsMensShoes.Fields("ProdID").val

Updatable: as: hidden field

If Item In Cart: Sum

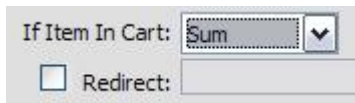
Redirect:

Options for If Item In Cart: Sum, Ignore, Add New, Replace

It is important to note that the test for whether the item is in the cart or not is based on the columns that you defined as unique "key" columns in your cart object definition. By default, the ID column is the only key column. Stores that have size and color options would want to make sure that size and color were both marked as key columns when they were added, so that if a second item of a different color were added it would show both instead of incrementing the quantity.

Scenario 1: Add Existing Items to Cart

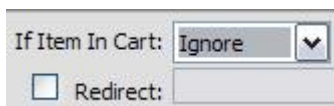
When selling most items, the merchant will want the shopper to be able to click an Add To Cart Button as often as they want, and each time it is clicked, another item is added to the cart. This enables your shoppers to purchase the same item over and over while keeping a running tally on how many of each item is stored in the shopping cart.



If Item In Cart: ▼
 Redirect:

Scenario 2: Ignoring additional Add To Cart Button clicks

On some occasions you will not want the shopper to click on the same Add To Cart Button in the same session. This is helpful if you want to lock items in the order they were added and with the options originally specified. This is probably the least often used option since Replace can also be used for unique items and allows more customizing after the original addition.



If Item In Cart: ▼
 Redirect:

Scenario 3: Adding New Items

In situations where you want the new item added to the cart instead of changing quantity even if all the key columns are identical. For example, if you might want to sell items by the pound and allow customers to differentiate individual package sizes. You could also use this option if you wanted to allow for alternate shipping addresses for identical items.

If Item In Cart:
 Redirect:

Each time the Add To Cart Button is clicked using this setting, the newly-selected item will appear as a new line item in the cart display:

Your Shopping Cart						
Name	Description	Price	Quantity	Delete	Total	
Leather loafer	Incredibly soft tumbled leather loafer	\$98.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	
Leather loafer	Incredibly soft tumbled leather loafer	\$98.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	
Leather loafer	Incredibly soft tumbled leather loafer	\$98.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	
Leather loafer	Incredibly soft tumbled leather loafer	\$98.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	
Total				39200	\$392.00	
<input type="button" value="UPDATE CART"/>		<input type="button" value="CONTINUE SHOPPING"/>		<input type="button" value="CLEAR CART"/>		<input type="button" value="CHECKOUT >>"/>

Scenario 4: Replace Items in the Cart

Sometimes you may want to restrict your shoppers to only one of a particular item, but you want to give them the option to make changes to their custom selections. If you are selling one-of-a-kind items that come with custom features, like hand-made wedding gowns or custom-ordered goods, select the Replace option.

If Item In Cart:
 Redirect:

This option provides the advantage of limiting the shopper to selecting only one of the specific item, but allows them to make changes without having to delete items that are already in the cart.