

About Subscription Order Types

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When a subscription is initially purchased an order is created. However, there are additional reasons that an order may be created and associated to a subscription. **Required:** WooCommerce Subscriptions is a premium WooCommerce extension included with WordPress Ecommerce Hosting or as a standalone purchase. **Parent orders** **Parent orders** are created when a customer purchases a subscription product. The purpose of the parent order is to document the creation of the subscription and the associated transaction. Because it's possible to purchase multiple subscriptions in a single transaction, a single parent order may be assigned to multiple subscriptions. However, each of those individual subscriptions can only have a maximum of one parent order. It is also possible for a subscription to have no parent order at all, as will be the case for subscriptions that are created manually by an administrator through the [Add Subscription administration screen](#). **Renewal orders** **Renewal orders** are created automatically each time [a subscription renews](#) in order to keep a record of that transaction. They can also be created to record a manual payment, or to record a renewal where the total is \$0. A single subscription may have several renewal orders associated with it, and a single renewal order may also have several subscriptions associated with it. **Resubscribe orders** **Resubscribe orders** are created when a customer [resubscribes to an expired or cancelled subscription](#). The order will be linked to both the old and new subscription. Because a subscriptions are also being created in this process, resubscribe orders will also be categorized as **Parent orders**. **Switch orders** **Switch orders** are created when customers [upgrade or downgrade subscriptions](#). These orders *can potentially* be categorized as **Parent orders** - for instance, if the renewal schedule for the new subscription does not align with the existing products on the previous subscription. A single subscription can have multiple switch orders associated with it to reflect each time an upgrade or downgrade occurred.

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