

Stage versus Live Environment

excentos provides you two environments so that you can effectively test and optimize one version of the Product Guide, even while you already productively use another one.

Stage Environment

The *Stage* environment should be used for **testing** the Product Guide in your stage or test system. Publishing to the Stage allows you to test and preview your changes in a similar setup as your shop or website. If everything works as expected you can publish the "ready-to-use" Product Guide to the Live (Service) environment.

Live Environment

The *Live* or (internal use: *Service*) environment is used for the finished version of the Product Guide that you want to **use productively** in your shop or website.

Further Information

You can read our [full documentation on Stage and Live environment](#) - here is the key table from the full documentation:

OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTS OFFERED BY EXCENTOS

ENVIRONMENT	DESCRIPTION	STABILITY LEVEL				COMMENT
		quality assurance	prior notice on changes	load balancing	monitoring	
service.excentos.com	used for live productive systems	yes	yes	yes	yes	as soon as you want to go live, you definitely need an integration page that contains the integration parameters that point to the <i>service</i> environment
stage.excentos.com	used to test changes of the Product Guide in your Shop/Website before being deployed live	yes, but limited	no	no	no	it is highly recommended and reduces testing effort to have a staging system since certain changes (e.g. shopping cart integration, CSS changes) shall definitely be testet in a staging environment before being deployed live. See example below.

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