

# Custom Fields

## Overview

The Custom Fields features lets you create extra fields for these database tables: Articles, Banners, Categories, Products, Promotions and Users.



### What is a custom field?

'field' is a database term. All the bits of information that your website uses are contained and managed in a database dedicated to your business. In this database, information is organised in a collection of tables. A table contains data grouped for a function or feature your website uses. Some examples are Users, Products, and Orders. A table has columns or fields that each contain a data type. Each row contains a record of values a single entity has for each data type.

When you add, edit or view a page in the CMS or on your website, you are accessing database fields and values entered for them. Some like Email Address and Default Customer Account for the User table are standard on your website.

Email Address (or Login Id)

jane.smith@a.com



Default Customer Account

A & A Cabinets (AACAB)



Notify Email Address

jane.smith@a.com



☐ Disable User Account

**Custom fields** are fields that are not on pages in the out-of-the-box version of the CV ECommerce platform.

Your business may want to maintain or display data in non-standard fields for certain functions in the CMS or even on a website page (product or category-related only). You can create custom fields to these tables:

- Articles
- Banners
- Categories
- Products
- Promotions
- Users

The process for adding custom fields is simple:

1. Identify the table you want to create a custom field for.
2. Create the new custom field for the table.
3. Edit a table's record to include the new data.
4. *(For product or category custom fields only)* Display the field on your website. Add the product field widget to the Product Detail and/or Product List templates. For a category field, add the category field widget to the Category template. See: [Add Custom Field to Product or Category](#)

## Step-by-step Guide

### 1. Create a New Custom Field

1. In the CMS, go to **E-Commerce Advanced Content Custom Fields**.

**2. Select the table you wish to add your custom field to (e.g. Categories, Products, Users).**

The diagram illustrates the relationship between a central table and several other tables. At the top, a box labeled "Tables Available For Custom Fields" is connected by lines to five boxes below it: "Categories (ProductCategory Table)", "Products (Product Table)", "Users (User Table)", "Articles (Article Table)", and "Banners (Banner Table)". Below these, a sixth box labeled "Promotions (PromotionalCode Table)" is also connected to the central "Tables Available For Custom Fields" box.

**3.** The page will load, displaying any existing custom fields for the table you selected.

4. Click the **Add New Custom Field** button.

**5. In *Add Custom Field Details*, enter the field requirements (for display and entry of values by administrators):**

- **Field Name** - a code to identify this field in the database. Alphanumeric only, with no spaces or special characters. Underscore ( '\_' ) permitted.
- **Prompt** - the field label displayed next to the field.
- **Help** - additional information about the field displayed.
- **Data Type**:
  - **Text** - alphanumeric characters, including spaces, special characters, and html.
  - **Integer** - whole numbers
  - **Decimal** - numeric data including fractional components
  - **DateTime** - calendar dates and times
  - **Boolean** - toggle for a 2 value option, e.g. True/False, Yes/No
- **Display Type** - the interface displayed to Administrators on the page the field appears in. **NOTE** - Display Type options depend on the Data Type selected.



### What is...

- **integer** - a whole number
- **boolean** - functionality that only has two possibilities: ON or OFF, YES or NO etc

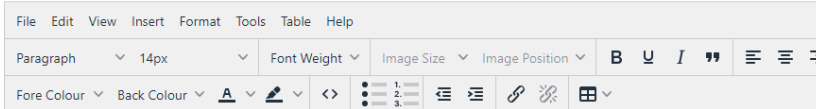
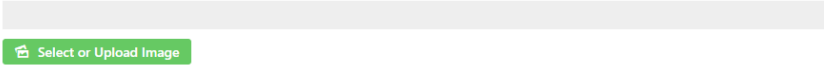



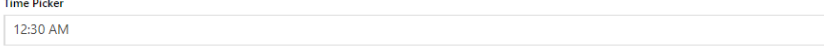
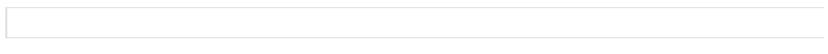

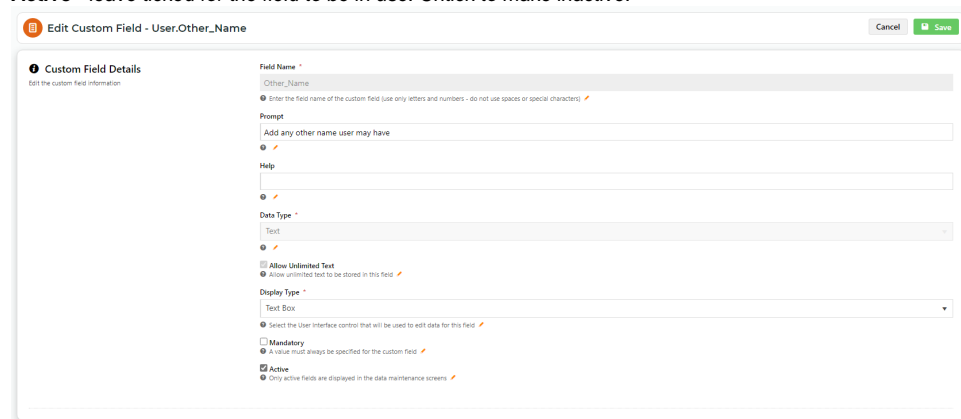
<b>Display Type</b>	<b>Available for Data Type</b>	<b>Example</b>
Text Box	Text, Integer, Decimal	One line text box  <div>Text Box</div> <input type="text"/>
Multi-line Text Box	Text	Multi-line Text Box  <div>Multi-line Text Box</div> <input style="height: 80px;" type="text"/>
HTML Text Box	Text	WYSIWYG content editor that allows the text to be formatted  <div>HTML Text Box</div>  <div>A</div> <input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>
XML Text Box	Text	<div>1</div> <input type="text"/>
Dropdown List	Text, Integer, Decimal	Drop Down List <div>Option A</div> <input type="text"/>

Image Selector	Text	Image Selector 
Numeric Text Box	Integer, Decimal	Integer  Decimal 
Date Picker	DateTime	Date Picker 
Time Picker	DateTime	Time Picker 
Date /Time Picker	DateTime	Date Time Picker 
Check box (toggle)	Boolean	 Boolean  <b>NOTE - displays as a toggle</b>

- **Allow Unlimited Text** - (for Text Display Type only) tick to allow unlimited amount of text
- **Mandatory** - tick to make the custom field required on the page it displays in.
- **Active** - leave ticked for the field to be in use. Untick to make inactive.



2. To save the custom field, click **Save**.

## 2. Edit a record to include data from a custom field

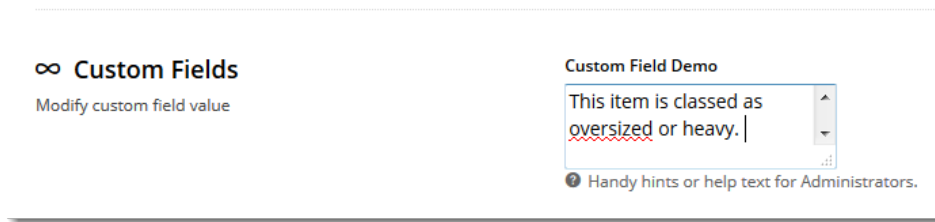
Where a custom field displays depends on the table it was added to.

Table	Page
• Articles	Article Maintenance <a href="#">Edit Article</a>
• Banners	Banner Maintenance <a href="#">Edit Banner</a>
• Categories	Category Maintenance <a href="#">Maintain Category</a>
	Product Maintenance <a href="#">Maintain Product</a>

• Products	
• Promotions	Promotion Codes <a href="#">Edit Promotion Code</a>
• Users	Website Users <a href="#">Edit User</a>

To add/edit custom field data,

1. Navigate to the page the custom field is on.
2. Click **Edit**.
3. Scroll to the **Custom Fields** section.



4. Edit the data as required.
5. Click **Save**.

### 3. Enable website users to view the custom field on your website. (For Products and Categories only)

1. Navigate to **Content Pages & Templates**.
2. Select the page template to display the custom field.
  - a. Custom **Product fields** are commonly displayed on the **Product Detail Template**.
  - b. Custom **Category fields** are commonly displayed on the **Product List** or **Category List Template**.
3. Locate the appropriate zone you want the field to display in. The optimal location will depend on your layout.
4. Click the **Add Widget** button.
5. Search for the required widget (for example '**Product List Field**' or '**Category List Field**' widget).
6. Click the **Add** button.
7. Configure options for field display:
  - [Product List Field Widget](#)
  - [Category List Field Widget](#)

Category List Field

Search...

General Options

Common Options

Documentation

General Options

Description

Layer \*

Category Field \*

Show Heading?

Heading Text

Fallback Information

All Pages

Please Select ..

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Fallback if category data is empty

☐ Enable widget on Save

Cancel

Save

8. Click **Save**.

The custom field widget will now render on the relevant template.

Product Categories ▾

Home

Customer Service ▾

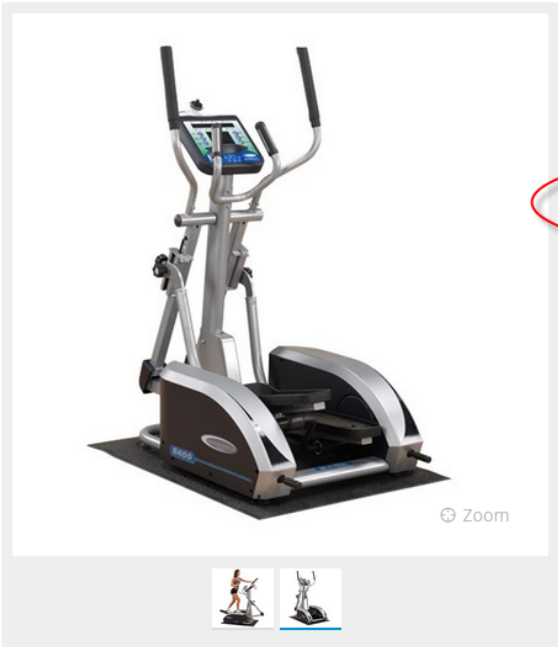
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Endurance E400 Elliptical Trainer

Product Code: CV101



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Qty in cart: 0

Please Note



This item is classed as oversized or heavy. Additional freight charges may app

Rating

Read Reviews (0)

Write A Review

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Related help

- [Customisation Resources](#)
- [Add Custom Fields To Products and Categories](#)

Related Widgets

- [Product List Product Field Widget](#)
- [Product Field Widget](#)
- [Product List Field Widget](#)
- [Category Field List Widget](#)