Add Custom Fields To Products and Categories

Overview

Information-rich product pages can help drive sales. But sometimes, not all the desired data are provided by your ERP. No problem. You can add custom fields to product and category pages as part of product maintenance.

Uses for custom fields might include:

- product or category-related freight information for oversized items
- special features or benefits, such as certification logos.

Data from such custom fields can be displayed on Product Detail or List View pages.

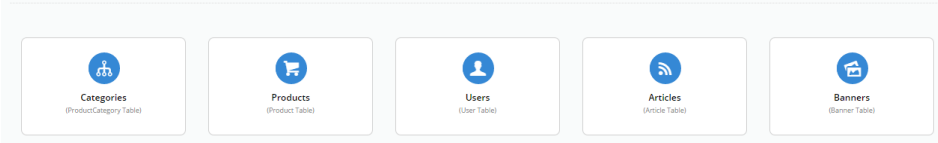The process for adding custom fields is simple:

1. Identify the table you want to create a custom field for. (A *table* groups a set of related data. For example, 'Products' data make up a table, 'Categories', another, etc.)
2. Create the new custom field for the table.
3. Edit a table's record to include the new data.
4. Add the new product field widget to the Product Detail and/or Product List templates.

Step-by-step guide

1. Create a New Custom Field

1. *In the CMS, navigate to **Advanced Content Custom Fields**.*

2. *Select the table you wish to add your custom field to (e.g. Categories, Products, Users).*
   In this example, we'll add our field to the Products table.

   Tables Available For Custom Fields

   | Categories (ProductCategory Table) | Products (Product Table) | Users (User Table) | Articles (Article Table) | Banners (Banner Table) |

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

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

5. *Populate the Custom Field Details as specified:*
   - ***Field Name** - a code to associate with this field in the database. Alphanumeric only, with no spaces or special characters.*
   - ***Prompt** - the field prompt/title which displays to Administrators on the Product Maintenance screen.*
   - ***Help** - additional information which displays to Administrators on the Product Maintenance screen.*
   - ***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** - 2 values, e.g. True/False*
   - ***Allow Unlimited Text** (for data type 'Text' only) - ticking this box removes the character limit from the field.*
   - ***Length** (for data type 'Text' only) - where unlimited data has NOT been allowed, this sets the maximum field length.*
   - ***Display Type** - the interface which displays to Administrators on the Product Maintenance screen. Options here will change depending on the Data Type selected earlier. Possibilities include TextBox, DropDownList, and DateTimePicker.*
   - ***Mandatory** - ticking this box makes the custom field required in Product Maintenance.*

- ***Active*** - *ticked by default. Leave as is.*

ℹ Custom Field Details
Specify the custom field information

Field Name *

DEMO

❓ Enter the field name of the custom field (use only letters and numbers - do not use spaces or special characters)

Prompt

Custom Field Demo

Help

Handy hints or help text for Administrators.

Data Type *

Text ▼

☐ **Allow Unlimited Text**
❓ Allow unlimited text to be stored in this field

Length *

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❓ Specify the maximum length of data for this field

Display Type *
❓ Select the User Interface control that will be used to edit data for this field

MultiLineTextBox ▼

☐ **Mandatory**
❓ A value must always be specified for the custom field

☑ **Active**
❓ Only active fields are displayed in the data maintenance screens

6. Click **Save** to create the custom field.

2. Edit a product (or category) to include this new data

1. Navigate to **Products & Categories Product Maintenance** (or **Category Maintenance** if you added the new field to the Category table).

2. Search for the required product (or category) by Code or Description.

3. Click **Edit**.

4. Scroll to the **Custom Fields** section.

5. Edit the data as required.

∞ Custom Fields
Modify custom field value

Custom Field Demo

This item is classed as oversized or heavy.

❓ Handy hints or help text for Administrators.

6. Click **Save**.

3. Add the custom field widget to the required page template

1. Navigate to **Content Standard Pages**.

2. *Select the page template you'd like to display the custom field on. In this example we'll use the Product Detail template.*
    a. *Custom **Product fields** are commonly displayed on the **Product Detail** Template.*
    b. *Custom **Category fields** are commonly displayed on the **Product List** Template.*

3. *Locate the appropriate zone for the custom field widget. The optimal location will depend on your layout.*

4. *Click the **Add Widget** button.*

5. *Search for the required widget (for example '**Product Field**' or '**Category Field**' widget).*

6. *Click the **Add** button.*

7. *The widget editing popup will appear for you to configure the options:*
    - ***Description** - a descriptive reference for the Administrator on the layout page. This does not display on the front-end website.*
    - ***Layer** - this widget can be rendered conditionally based on role or customer, or displayed under all conditions (All Pages).*
    - ***Product Field** - select the new custom field from the drop-down list. The format will be the Field Name prefaced with 'CUS_'.*
    - ***Show Heading** - tick this box to include a heading for this widget.*
    - ***Heading Text** - the heading text displayed to the end user.*
    - ***Fallback Information** - default text can be entered, to be displayed against products with no data in this field.*
    - ***Show Toggle** - allows the content to be hidden by default, and displayed when the user clicks on the Heading.*
    - ***Show Inline Heading** - allows the heading to be displayed in line with the field content (ignored when toggle is in use).*

Product Field - Please Note (custom field)	×

General Options	General Options	
Common Options	❓ Description	Please Note (custom field)
	❓ Layer *	All Pages ▼
	Product Field *	CUS_DEMO ▼
	Show Heading?	☑
	Heading Text	Please Note
	Fallback Information	
		❓ Fallback if product data is empty
	❓ Show Toggle?	☐
	❓ Show Inline Heading?	☐

❌ Cancel   ✓ Save

8. *Click **Save**.*

The custom field widget will now render on the relevant product template.
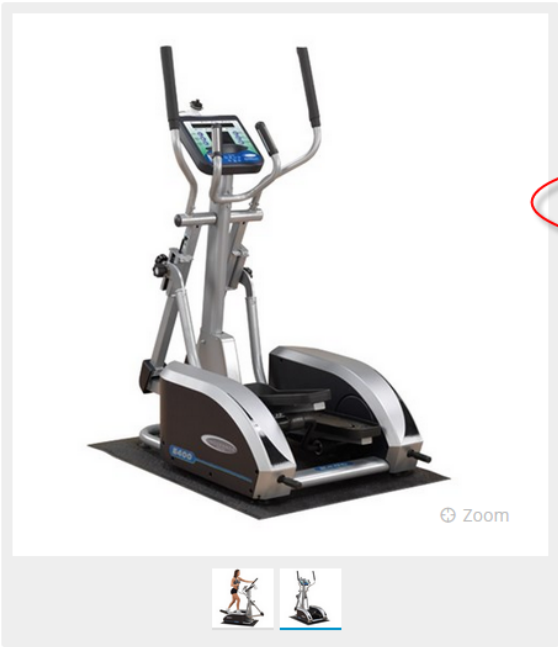
Endurance E400 Elliptical Trainer

Product Code: CV101

$1999.00 inc GST

1	+	🛒 Add to cart

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

Technical Specifications

Brands	Endurance

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