

Ultimate Custom Category Fields

Product Description

The Ultimate Custom Category Fields module allows you to create custom fields for your categories. The module gives you the option to determine the field type as well as the display order for the admin. The advantage of having control over the field type is that you can now have a normalized database table vs having to run several tables for one field. Having multiple tables for the custom fields would ultimately slow your store down.

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URL: <http://www.sebenza.com/>

Installation Instructions

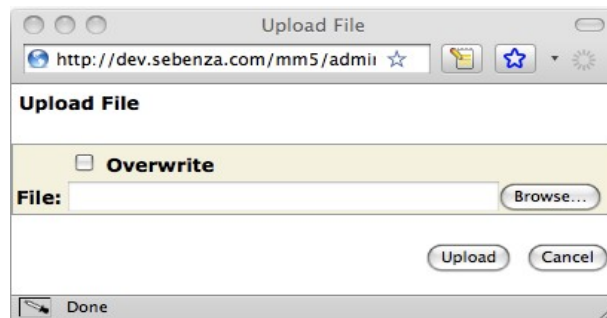
Step 1. After purchasing the MIVA Merchant 5 module, download it to your computer. If it was supplied as a Zip file, unzip it to a convenient directory. Winzip is a popular tool for un-zipping files and is available [here](#).

Step 2. Next, upload your new module to your MIVA Merchant administration panel via the "Add" link to the right of the "Modules" link in the left navigation.



Step 3. Click the "Upload" button and select the module to be uploaded and installed. After you select the module click the "Add" button.

Add Module

A screenshot of the "Add Module" form in the MIVA Merchant administration panel. It features a "Files" header, a "Module:" label, a text input field, and an "UPLOAD" button with a folder icon.

Now your module is installed to your MIVA Merchant Domain. Next, we will need to assign the module to the store you want to use it with.

Step 4. Click "Utilities" within the left navigation under your selected store.

Step 5. Find the "Ultimate Custom Category Fields" module, select the checkbox, and hit "Update".

Step 6. After you hit the "Update" button, a new tab was created called "Ultimate Custom Category Fields". Click on the "Ultimate Custom Category Fields" tab. Now that the module is assigned to the store, you will need to enter your license number. Enter your purchased license number and click "Update". If you do not have a valid license number please contact Sebenza.

Step 7. An "Item Extension" for the "category" Item should have been created during installation. To confirm, click on "Pages", then click "Items" and pagination the list until you find "category". Click "EDIT" for the "category" Item and then click "Item Extensions" to confirm the Ultimate Custom Category Fields module is listed as an extension.

General Usage

Creating new custom category fields

To create a new custom category field, go to the modules administration panel located within "Utilities" and follow these easy steps:

1. Click the "ADD" button
2. Specify a field name

Field names can be up to 10 characters in length. The first character in a field name must be letter. The remaining characters can be letters, numbers or underscores.

3. Specify a field type

For a text field choose CHAR.
For a text area field choose MEMO
For a checkbox field choose BOOL
For a field that will only accept a numerical value, choose NUMBER

4. Specify the field length

You only need to specify this field for CHAR and NUMBER field types.

CHAR fields can have a maximum length of 254 characters.

NUMBER fields can have digits and decimal places specified in its length parameter.
Example: a length of 10.2 means that the number field would allow up to 10 digits and 2 decimal places.

5. Specify the prompt

This is what prefixes the field in the administration panel for each category.

6. Click "Update" to save the new field.

Editing and deleting a custom category field

From the modules administration panel, click "EDIT" for the desired field. Here you will be able to change the field prompt or delete the field.

To delete the field, click the checkbox for "Delete this field". A popup box should popup for you to OK. By clicking OK, you will be removing that field from the database and all associated category data.

Adding data to your new fields

Once you start creating custom fields, these new fields will show up within a new tab called Ultimate Custom Category Fields. Each category in your store will have this tab.

Adding a field to your CTGY template

The following steps will allow you to display the data for your custom category fields.

Example:

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&mvt:customcategoryfield:fieldname;
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With a condition:

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<mvt:if expr = "NOT ISNULL I.settings:customcategoryfield:fieldname">  
    &mvt:customcategoryfield:fieldname;  
</mvt:if>
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Where "fieldname" is the name of your custom category field.

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