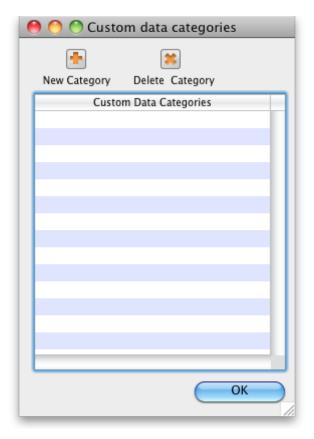
Custom Data

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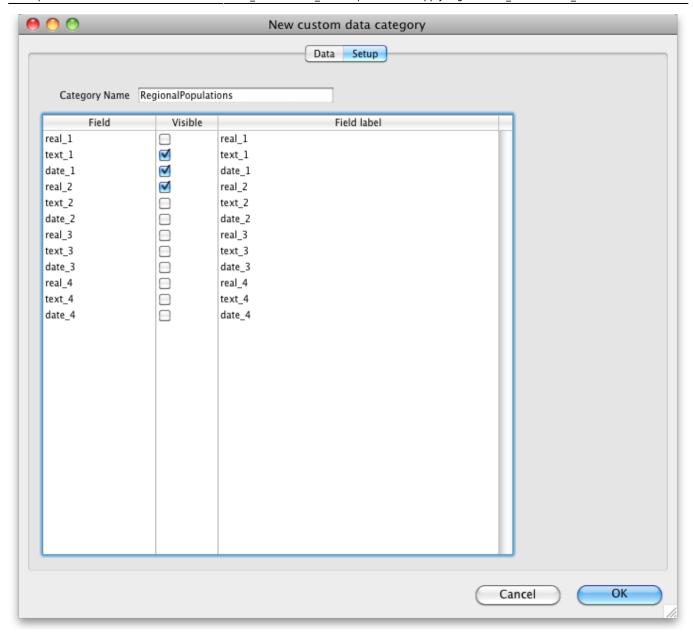
Custom data allows you to add data to mSupply that doesn't naturally fit into one of the existing fields.

• Choose **Special** > **Show custom data...** to show the list of custom data sets.



Setup Fields

- Click **New**
- This window is shown:



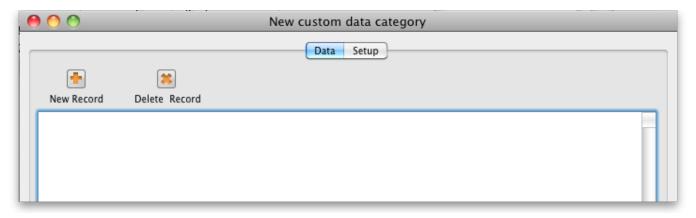
- For our example, we're going to record population in several regions each year, so we need
 - A real number field to store the population number
 - A text field to store the region name
 - A date field to store the year
- We've labelled the data set RegionalPopulations
- To change the field names, click once on the name, and then wait a second or two and click again- now it is editable:



Adding data

• Click the data tab then click New

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Using data in reports

- You can extract data by using the following method in a pagepro report
- custom_value_get("data_set";"field_to_query";"search_value";"field_to_return";→"variable_to_return")
 - "data set" is the name of the data set. e.g. "RegionalPopulations"
 - field to query is the internal name of the field "text 1", "Text 2", "real 2", "date 7"
 - "search value" is the value you're looking for in "field to guery"
 - "field to return" is the field name of the value to return
 - "variable to return" is a pointer to the variable that will contain the data returned.
- Sound too complicated? We usually build these reports for clients, but this documentation is for the technically minded who want to build their own.

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