16.11. Custom fields

You can create custom fields that appear in different areas in mSupply. These allow you to record additional information and customise mSupply for your needs.

You can create custom fields in the following areas:

- Customer invoice
- Supplier invoice
- Store
- Item
- Item category
- Quote line
- Name (of customers, suppliers, prescribers etc.)
- User
- Purchase orders
- Transaction categories
- Item Category Level 1
- Transaction lines

Only edit custom fields if you are confident with the information in this page and fully understand the content. Otherwise you could cause some things to stop working in your copy of mSupply! This is true for all settings, but please be especially careful with custom fields.

Creating custom fields

1. Navigate to the **Admin** tab and click the **Preferences** button.

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2. Select **Custom Fields** from the list on the left.

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3. Select the area requiring custom fields from the **Table to set custom data fields for** dropdown list.

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Backup			
Backup 2			
Email			
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Synchronise			
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Moneyworks			
FrontlineSMS			
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LDAP			
DHIS2			
Stock			
Custom fields			
Barcode scanning			
Options			Cancel OK

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

5. Click on the new line in the Field Label column to change the name of the custom field.

6. Click the small arrow in the **Field Type** column and choose from the drop-down list. The options for your new field are:

- Text: User can type free text.
- Number: User can only type a number.
- **Boolean:** User can tick a checkbox.
- Date: User can only enter a date.
- List: User can only select an option from a list.

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FrontlineSMS			
eLMIS			
LDAP			
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Stock			
Custom fields			
Barcode scanning			
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6. If you choose a **List** field type, highlight the line and click **Add Item** to enter the options that will appear in the list. To delete an option, select it in the list and click **Delete Item(s)**.

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7. Click **OK**.

If you want to delete a custom field, highlight the line and click **Delete field(s)**.

Using custom fields

This section shows how custom fields appear after they are created.

Customer invoices

When creating a customer invoice:

Click the **Custom Data** tab.

In this example, we added two custom fields: a **Date** and a **List** field type.

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Supplier invoices

When creating a supplier invoice:

Click the **Custom Data** tab.

In this example, we added two custom fields: a **Boolean** and a **Text** field type.

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			Goods received ID	
			Purchase Order ID	
			Requisition ID	
				: user 1 (pass= user1)
				: General Warehouse
	General Summary by Item Su	mmary by Batch Price Log	stom data	
Payment made	Field Type = Boolean			
Reason if not yet paid	Field Type	a = Text		
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Hold Export batch: 0				
Finalise Margin: 0.00			OK & Next Delete	OK 🛛 🖶

Stores

When creating a store:

Click the Custom Fields tab.

In this example, we added one custom field: a **Number** field type.

	New store
Merio Health Centre General Preferences New line Delete line(s)	Logo Custom fields Master lists
Field label	Field value
Number of staff at facility	2
Field T	ype = Number
	Cancel OK

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