## **Multi-Level Fields 101**

## Added in Version 7.1.0 Beta 4

Below are step-by-step instructions to get you started using multi-level fields on your site. Note that this is meant to get you started, not a full instruction set from start to finish, because how you set it up will depend on how you wish to use the multi-level fields. For further help see the applicable pages in the wiki Listing Setup > Multi-Level Fields

This feature is added in **Version 7.1.0**. You will need to be using the latest version of the software to use multi-level fields.

- In the admin, go to Listing Setup > Multi-Level Fields. On that page, at the bottom, use the tool to create a new multi-level field.
- 2. Click **Show Values** next to the newly created field.<

that will look something like the illustration below:

- 3. Add some values, we recommend using the **Bulk Add** to quickly populate your field with all the values you want. First you would add all the "top level" values, then click on each value to add "child values" that would show as options for that value. <</p>
- 4. Click on **Edit Levels** at the top of the page to edit the labels for each level. <
- 5. Give each "level" a label. For instance, if you are using this for make / model / trim selection, and the first level was filled with car makes, you would enter "Make" for the label for level 1, then "Model" for level 2, etc. Note that the software automatically adds a colon ":" after the label in applicable places, so do not include a colon at the end of the label yourself. <</p>
- 6. Edit the Fields to Use settings:
  - Is the multi-level field only going to be used in a category? Then go to Categories > Category Setup, navigate to the category you want to use the field in, click edit for that category, then click Fields. If you are not already using category-specific fields for that category, you will need to change the setting at the top of the page to start using them.<</li>
  - OR are you using this field site wide? If so, in the admin go directly to the page Listing Setup > Fields to Use <</li>

1. When you are on the **Fields to Use** page, you will see a section named **Multi-Level Fields** 

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Make: Model: Trim: Acura Crown Victoria Harley-Davidson Audi Escape King Ranch BMW Lariat F-250 Chrysler Dodge F-350 STX F-450 SVT Raptor F-650 XL Focus XLT

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Enabled	Field	Required	Editable	Field Type	Field Length
	Example: Vehicle Type - level 1 (Make) [Example: Chrysler]	Ø		Drop-down Selection	-
	Example: Vehicle Type - level 2 (Model) [Example: Grand Voyager]			Drop-down Selection	
	Example: Vehicle Type - level 3 (Trim) [Example: 3.3 LX]	Ø		Drop-down Selection	
	Farming Equipment - level 1			Drop-down Selection	
	Educational System - level 1			Drop-down Selection	
	Alternative Categories - level 1			Drop-down Selection	

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- Check the **Enabled** box for each of the levels. Also, if you wish the fields to be able to be edited once the listing is live, check the box for **Editable** as well on the first level. If you wish certain levels to be required, check the applicable **required** box. <</li>
- 2. If you wish for any of the levels to show when browsing the website, click on the various **Display In...** tabs, and check the boxes to make that level show in that spot. This allows for "level specific" showing, for instance if you are using "make > model > trim", you could check the box for level 3 trim to make it show when browsing the site, but "not" check make or model and those would not show. Or check them all, the choice is yours! <</p>
- 3. Click **Save** to save your changes in fields to use. <
- 4. In **Addons > Manage Addons** ensure that the addon **Core Display Functions** is installed and enabled, if it is not already then install and/or enable it now. <
- 5. Edit the applicable **Browsing Filter** settings depending on if you are using this for a specific category, or site-wide:
  - IF Category specific, go back to edit the category like you did earlier. This time, click on Browse Filters.
  - If Site wide: In admin, go directly to Addons > Core Display Functions > Browsing Filter Settings. <</li>

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- On the browsing filter page, you should see a section named Multi-Level Fields with a list of all the levels. If you do not see this section, you may have not enabled the multi-level field properly for the category / side wide fields to use settings, double check those settings if that is the case. <</li>
- 2. Check the box for **enabled** to enable any of the multi-level fields. <
- 3. Note that for browsing filters, it does NOT show a browsing filter until there is at least one listing that would show with the filter in place. In other words, if there are no listings with "ford" selected, then that option will not show on the browsing filters. That is the case for all of the browsing filters. <</p>
- 4. You are done setting it up in the admin! Now just place a test listing, if you set up the field to be in a specific category, place the listing in that category, and the multi-level field(s) should show as selections when placing the listing! Once you have a few test listings in place (or normal nontest listings) that use the multi-level fields, you can start using them in the advanced search and in the browsing filters! <</p>

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