

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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ADDING LAST_NAME AND FIRST_NAME FIELDS TO THE USER ACCOUNTS TABLE - May 8th, 2011

If you've been frustrated by user accounts that are sorted by the user's first name in the fullname field, or if you wanted to add information fields to the user account table but didn't know if you would break anything, take heart.

According to Chris Waddell at interactive Tools, "You can certainly replace the fullname field with first_name and last_name fields in the accounts table. You can then output both fields in your viewer:

```
<?php echo $record['createdBy.first_name'] . " " . $record['createdBy.last_name'] ?>
```

You can also add these and any other fields to your ListPage Fields, sort by these added fields, and use them in viewers the same way you'd use any other fields.

The Author of a record is currently pulled from the username field so this function should not be affected.

Don't forget to copy any name information from the fullname to the new first_name and last_name fields before you delete the fullname field.

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