

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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SHOWING HIDDEN RECORDS IN A VIEWER - Aug 2nd, 2010

If you need to show a list of the records that have been hidden using the special 'hidden' field, you'll need to put a set of 'where' statements in the `getrecords()` block at the top of your viewer page.

```
list($artistsRecords, $artistsMetaData) = getRecords(array(
'Table name' => 'artists',
// Insert This Code
'where' => " hidden = '0' ",
'orWhere' => " hidden = '1' ",
));
// End of Insert
```

Then you can use the 'if' statements:

```
<?PHP if ($record['hidden'] == '1'): ?> and <?PHP if ($record['hidden'] == '0'): ?>
```

after your 'foreach' statements to show the records that match either criteria, like this:

```
<?PHP foreach ($artistsRecords as $record ): ?>
<?PHP if ($record['hidden'] == '1'): ?>
<?PHP echo $record['last_name'] ?>, <?PHP echo $record['first_name'] ?>
<?PHP endif ?>
<?PHP endforeach; ?>
```

I was curious, why is it necessary to use the 'where' statements in the getRecord() block for the "hidden" field and not necessary for any regular fields?

According to Dave Edis from Interactive Tools:

The "hidden" field is a special field. Anytime it exists CMS Builder automatically adds "WHERE hidden = 0" to the query. You can see the MySQL query CMS Builder creates by temporarily adding this option below the others:

```
'debugSql' => true,
```

You can see a list of other "special" fieldnames here:

http://www.interactivetools.com/docs/cmsbuilder/special_fieldnames.html

Since the purpose and design of the "hidden" field is to hide those records, when you want to show them instead we need to do some extra work to make it work. :)

Thanks Dave, it makes sense now

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