

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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CHANGING AN UPLOAD FIELD'S INFO1 TYPE FROM TEXT FIELD TO TEXT BOX - Oct 25th, 2021

When entering captions on photographs for project, I was continuously running out of room in the info text fields. As an interim solution I used multiple info fields to hold any overflow text and displayed them all on the web page.

A better approach was to automatically convert info1 fields to a text box format, and Carl from Interactive Tools helped me create these 2 plugins to accomplish that goal. He also wrote the code necessary to automatically combine the text from any existing multiple info fields into the new text box so that I didn't have to re-enter all the existing information (use this one with caution).

The resulting set of plugins (you need to activate both) seems to convert both existing upload info1 fields and new ones, but that shouldn't change the way the fields are displayed on your web pages. The plugins also adds a character and word count to all text box fields (which could be used independently).

After the text boxes are created and data is entered in them, deactivating the plugins didn't seem to erase any of the info1 field information from the database, it just changed the info1 field type and how the data is displayed in the back end. Re-activating them restored the new info1 text box format and the information.

There's an executable form accessible in the plugin listing that is used to combine existing info1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 text entries into the new info1 text box.

Please do extensive testing to make sure that there are no adverse effects to your live site when using these plugins.

You can download the plugins from:

<http://www.thecmsbcookbook.com/downloads/convertInfo1.zip>

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