

## CREATING CUSTOM CONTENT TYPES

When you create content on your website, each item of content is categorized by a specific content type. The websites we provide are Drupal based and come with several standard content types (page, bookpage, event, etc), with each content type containing the information and settings that make it suited for a specific purpose. At times, you may want to create entirely new content types for purposes specific to your store needs.

For the example below we are creating a custom content type for 'Articles' which will include headline, date, body and image fields.

### CREATE THE CUSTOM CONTENT TYPE

The screenshot shows the 'Add content type' configuration page in Drupal. It features a top navigation bar with tabs for 'Structure', 'Appearance', 'Configuration', and 'ABA Mes'. Below this is a sidebar with 'Blocks', 'Contact form', and 'Content types' (highlighted in yellow). The main content area is divided into several sections, each with a numbered callout:

- 1**: 'Name \*' field containing 'Articles'. Below it is a descriptive text: 'The human-readable name of this content type. This name must be unique, and spaces are not allowed.'
- 2**: 'Description' field containing 'All news articles for the store'.
- 3**: 'Submission form settings' section, specifically the 'Title field label \*' field containing 'Headline'. A red arrow points from the callout to this field.
- 4**: 'Default options' section with a checked checkbox for 'Published'.
- 5**: 'Display settings' section with a checked checkbox for 'Display author and date information'.
- 6**: 'Menu settings' section, specifically the 'Available menus' section with a checked checkbox for 'Main menu'.
- 7**: A 'Save and add fields' button at the bottom.

### ADD FIELDS

We've taken care of the 'Headline' in the previous step 3 and by default, we'll have a 'Body' but we still want a field for Date and Image.

**Note:** Before adding a new field always check the dropdown menu for 'Select an existing field', if a field had been used on another content type you can re-use it here.

**Add new field**  
 Label

**Add existing field**  
 Label

Field to share

- Image: field\_image (Image)
- Image: field\_pictures (Pictures)
- Image: field\_slideshow\_banner\_image (Slideshow Banner Image)
- Image: uc\_product\_image (Image)
- List (integer): field\_star\_rating (Star Rating)
- List (text): field\_category (Category)
- Long text: field\_fb\_widget (FB Widget)
- Postal address: field\_address (Event address)
- Select an existing field -

Save **1**

Save settings **2**

**3**  field\_article\_date [Edit]

Label Type of data to store. Form element to edit the data

Save field settings **4**

Save settings **5**

- Headline**
- Article Date**
- URL path settin**
- Body**
- Meta tag**
- Image**

Save **6**

## MANAGE THE DISPLAY

You will want to adjust the display settings so that your fields are displayed in the order you prefer and you hide any unnecessary labels.

**1**

FIELD	LABEL	FORMAT
<input type="checkbox"/> Article Date*	<Hidden>	Date and time
<input type="checkbox"/> Body	<Hidden>	Default
<input type="checkbox"/> Image	<Hidden>	Image

**Hidden**  
No field is hidden.

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Save **4**

Repeat steps 2-4 for the 'Teaser'



You have completed creating your new 'Content Type' and can begin using it to create new nodes.

## CREATE YOUR ARTICLES NODE

A screenshot of the 'Articles' content type form in a CMS. The form has several sections: 'Content' (with sub-tabs 'Structure', 'Appearance', 'Configuration'), 'Add content', 'Articles', 'Headline \*', 'ARTICLE DATE', 'Body (Edit summary)', 'Add a new file', and 'Save'. Red circles with numbers 1 through 5 are placed over specific elements: 1 is over the 'Headline' input field containing 'New Partnership with Local Coffeehouse!'; 2 is over the 'ARTICLE DATE' section, which includes 'Date' (07/22/2015) and 'Time' (12:00PM) fields; 3 is over the 'Body' section, which contains a rich text editor with the text 'We are pleased to announce our new partnership with the local coffeehouse! Bring a receipt from one of us into the other and save 10% on your purchase!'; 4 is over the 'Upload' button in the 'Add a new file' section; 5 is over the 'Save' button at the bottom.

You have now created a node using your new content type 'Articles'. It can be added to a menu, placed as a link, published to the front page, etc..