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add_user_meta( int $user_id, string $meta_key, mixed $meta_value,
bool $unique = false ): int|false
```

Adds meta data to a user.

Parameters

`$user_id` **int** required

User ID.

`$meta_key` **string** required

Metadata name.

`$meta_value` **mixed** required

Metadata value. Must be serializable if non-scalar.

`$unique` **bool** optional

Whether the same key should not be added.

Default: `false`

Return

**int|false** Meta ID on success, false on failure.

Source

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function add_user_meta( $user_id, $meta_key, $meta_value, $unique = false ) {
    return add_metadata( 'user', $user_id, $meta_key, $meta_value, $unique );
}
```

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Changelog

Version	Description
<a href="#">3.0.0</a>	Introduced.

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Examples

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<?php
$user_id = 1;
$awesome_level = 1000;
add_user_meta( $user_id, '_level_of_awesomeeness', $awesome_level);
?>
```

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