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add_settings_field( string $id, string $title, callable $callback,  
string $page, string $section = 'default', array $args = array() )
```

Adds a new field to a section of a settings page.

Description

Part of the Settings API. Use this to define a settings field that will show as part of a settings section inside a settings page. The fields are shown using [do_settings_fields\(\)](#) in [do_settings_sections\(\)](#).

The `$callback` argument should be the name of a function that echoes out the HTML input tags for this setting field. Use [get_option\(\)](#) to retrieve existing values to show.

Parameters

`$id``string`required

Slug-name to identify the field. Used in the `'id'` attribute of tags.

`$title``string`required

Formatted title of the field. Shown as the label for the field during output.

`$callback``callable`required

Function that fills the field with the desired form inputs. The function should echo its output.

`$page``string`required

The slug-name of the settings page on which to show the section (general, reading, writing, ...).

`$section``string`optional

The slug-name of the section of the settings page in which to show the box. Default `'default'`.

Default: `'default'`

`$args``array`optional

Extra arguments that get passed to the callback function.

`label_for` `string`

When supplied, the setting title will be wrapped in a `<label>` element, its `for` attribute populated with this value.

`class` `string`

CSS Class to be added to the `<tr>` element when the field is output.

Default: `array()`

More Information

You MUST register any options used by this function with [register_setting\(\)](#) or they won't be saved and updated automatically.

The callback function needs to output the appropriate html input and fill it with the old value, the saving will be done behind the scenes.

The html input field's name attribute must match \$option_name in [register_setting\(\)](#), and value can be filled using [get_option\(\)](#).

This function can also be used to add extra settings fields to the default WP settings pages like media or general. You can add them to an existing section, or use [add_settings_section\(\)](#) to create a new section to add the fields to.

See [Settings API](#) for details.

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```
function add_settings_field( $id, $title, $callback, $page, $section = 'default', $args = array()
    global $wp_settings_fields;

    if ( 'misc' === $page ) {
        _deprecated_argument(
            __FUNCTION__,
            '3.0.0',
            sprintf(
                /* translators: %s: misc */
                __( 'The "%s" options group has been removed. Use another settings group.' ),
                'misc'
            )
        );
    }
};
```

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Changelog

Version	Description
4.2.0	The \$class argument was added.
2.7.0	Introduced.

User Contributed Notes

With Label

Adds a setting with id `myprefix_setting-id` to the General Settings page. `myprefix` should be a unique string for your plugin or theme. Sets a label so that the setting title can be clicked on to focus on the field.

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```
add_settings_field( 'myprefix_setting-id',
    'This is the setting title',
    'myprefix_setting_callback_function',
    'general',
    'myprefix_settings-section-name',
    array( 'label_for' => 'myprefix_setting-id' ) );
```

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A checkbox settings field can be checked on the front end by simply looking for `isset`. No need to add additional checks like 1, 0, true, false.... if a checkbox is not set then it returns false.

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```
/* ***** CHECKBOXES ***** */
// settings checkbox
add_settings_field(
    'wpdevref_removestyles_field',
    esc_attr__( 'Remove Plugin Styles', 'wpdevref' ),
    'wpdevref_removestyles_field_cb',
    'wpdevref_options',
    'wpdevref_options_section',
    array(
        'type'          => 'checkbox',
        'option_group' => 'wpdevref_options',
        'name'          => 'wpdevref_removestyles_field',
        'label_for'     => 'wpdevref_removestyles_field',
```

Then the callback would be added as such:

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```
/**
 * switch for 'remove styles' field
 * @since 2.0.1
 * @input type checkbox
 */
function wpdevref_removestyles_field_cb($args)
{
    $checked = '';
    $options = get_option($args['option_group']);
    $value   = ( isset( $options[$args['name']] ) )
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$value = ( !isset( $options[ $args[ 'name' ] ] ) )
        ? null : $options[ $args[ 'name' ] ];
if( $value ) { $checked = ' checked="checked" '; }
// Could use ob_start.

```

And checking to render action on the front side would use:

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// Options getter could be a function with arguments.
$options = get_option( 'wpdevref_options' );
$value = ( !isset( $options[ 'wpdevref_remove_styles_field' ] ) )
        ? '' : $options[ 'wpdevref_remove_styles_field' ];
if ( ! $value ) {
    // Do some magic
}

```

Optionally you can add a 'false' into any conditional (empty, null, "", 0).

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princepink9 years ago

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I suspect Used in the 'id' attribute of tags might be rewritten to Used in the 'name' attribute of tags.

I think the \$id param is used for identifying the field to be recognised by WP and to show the field or get that's value. Whether to be used as actual tag's attribute id's value or not depends on the circumstances (in \$callback). Normally the name attribute might be taken for this aim.

I just had been confused this param means to generate the attribute for some form element, but it seems not. When put 'label_for' in the \$args that will be passed to the \$callback, this generates label tag with attribute for automatically. So this value should be same as an actual id's value in the \$callback which you write.

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add_action( 'admin_init', 'your_function' );
function your_function() {
    add_settings_field(
        'myprefix_setting-id',
        'This is the setting title',
        'myprefix_setting_callback_function',
        'general',
        'default',
        array( 'label_for' => 'myprefix_setting-id' )
    );
}

function myprefix_setting_callback_function( $args ) {

```

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```
class ClassName {
    public function __construct() {
        add_action( 'admin_init', array( $this, 'your_function' ) );
    }

    function your_function() {
        add_settings_field(
            'myprefix_setting-id',
            'This is the setting title',
            array( $this, 'myprefix_setting_callback_function' ),
            'general',
            'default',
            array( 'label_for' => 'myprefix_setting-id' ),
        );
    }
}
```

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The `$id` argument description says “Used in the ‘id’ attribute of tags”, however this means you have to ensure this `$id` is used as the HTML `id` tag of your `input` element related to the field. WP only use this `$id` to have an unique key for your field in it’s internal `settings_field` list (`$wp_settings_fields`).

As WP does not control the way the input element is added to your Admin HTML, you have to ensure you output the input element with an `id` that matches the `$id` tag. This can be done by configuring the `$callback` to a function, that will produce the correct `input` element with the correct `id` tag.

The ‘label_for’ element in the `$args` array should also match the very same `id` in order for the browser to understand which `label` belongs to which `input` field.

It worth noting also, that the `id` tag of the `input` element should also match the `$option_name` (2nd) parameter you are using in your `register_setting()` call, otherwise the Settings API will fail to match the value sent by the browser in `$_POST` to your setting, and your setting will never be saved.

So long story short, we have a bunch of different names and arguments, but basically `$id` and `$args['label_for']` of `add_settings_field()` call and the `$option_name` of `register_setting()` call PLUS the `id` you use in your input field callback, should all be the same, unique `id`. Also the same `id` should be used as the `$option` parameter in the `get_option($option)` calls to get the value of the setting.

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register_setting( 'mygroup', 'mynewcheckboxID' );
add_settings_field(
    'mynewcheckboxID',
    'My New Checkbox',
    array( $this, 'mynewcheckbox_callback' ),
    'general',
    'default',
    array( 'label_for' => 'mynewcheckboxID' ),
);
```

```
'callback_input_myid',  
'myAdminPage',  
'myAdminSection',  
[  
    'label_for' => 'mynewcheckboxID'  
] );
```

```
function callback_input_myid() {  
    echo "<input type='checkbox' id='mynewcheckboxID' value='1'"
```

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