

## Tricks & Forms

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Tricks & Forms is a custom posts, profiles and options fields and custom forms setting up tool. It doesn't have a user interface, but a programming interface instead, id est, a PHP variables and functions set. I hope you find it useful.

### 1.1 Custom Fields

Fields are logic and graphic structures responsible for saving and showing attributes' values. Without T&F you would have to code each single field and link it with Wordpress' entities. But with T&F you can set each field up like this:

```
$multi_select=array(  
    'id' => 'multi_selectX',  
    'text' => 'Multi Select X',  
    'type' => 'multi_select',  
    'purpose' => 'taxonomy',  
    'options' => 'category',  
    'description' => 'This is a multi select field.',  
    'span' => 1/4,  
);
```

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

You can still code your own fields and use them within T&F functions, since you register them like this:

```
function tf_show_checkbox_field //your code  
function tf_get_boolean //your code  
tf_add_custom_field('checkbox', 'tf_show_checkbox_field', 'tf_get_boolean');
```

See also

[tf\\_show\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#), [tf\\_save\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#), [tf\\_add\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#).

### 1.2 Custom Forms

You could use these fields anywhere and anyhow, but T&F's real power is the form setting functions, which control showing, linking and saving fields' values. You can use them to set custom forms ([tf\\_show\\_custom\\_form\(\)](#)), custom posts and users metaboxes ([tf\\_add\\_custom\\_box](#) and [tf\\_add\\_profile\\_box](#)) and custom options screens ([tf\\_add\\_options\\_screen](#)).

**See also**

[tf\\_show\\_custom\\_form\(\)](#), [tf\\_add\\_custom\\_box\(\)](#), [tf\\_add\\_profile\\_box\(\)](#), [tf\\_add\\_options\\_screen\(\)](#).

Should this explanation be not enough, check some examples on [examples.php](#) file and the following documentation. Feel free to contact me at [alfredo.dot.barbosa@gmail.com](mailto:alfredo.dot.barbosa@gmail.com).

## Chapter 2

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### 2.1 File List

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## Chapter 3

# File Documentation

### 3.1 custom-fields.php File Reference

#### Functions

- [tf\\_show\\_hidden\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=null)  
*Show (not exactly) a hidden field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_checkbox\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=false)  
*Show a checkbox field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_multi\\_check\\_field](#) (\$field, \$options=array())  
*Show a checkbox group.*
- [tf\\_show\\_alternative\\_field](#) (\$field, \$option=null)  
*Show an alternative field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_text\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value="")  
*Show a text field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_range\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=0)  
*Show an analogic range field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_number\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=0)  
*Show a number field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_color\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value='#000')  
*Show a color picker.*
- [tf\\_show\\_time\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=null)  
*Show a time, week, month, date or any specific time field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_file\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=null)  
*Show a file field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_select\\_field](#) (\$field, \$option=null)  
*Show a generic option list field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_multi\\_select\\_field](#) (\$field, \$options=array())  
*Show a multiple options list field.*
- [tf\\_show\\_reset\\_field](#) (\$field=null)  
*Show a reset field for a custom form.*
- [tf\\_show\\_action\\_button](#) (\$field)  
*Show an action button.*
- [tf\\_show\\_submit\\_field](#) (\$field=null)  
*Show a submit field for a custom form.*
- [tf\\_show\\_image\\_field](#) (\$field, \$value=null)  
*Show a image-URL input field.*

### 3.1.1 Function Documentation

#### 3.1.1.1 `tf_show_action_button ( $field )`

Show an action button.

Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.1.1.2 `tf_show_alternative_field ( $field, $option = null )`

Show an alternative field.

Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ string	<i>\$options</i>	Checked option.

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.1.1.3 `tf_show_checkbox_field ( $field, $value = false )`

Show a checkbox field.

Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ boolean	<i>\$value</i>	A boolean value.

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.1.1.4 `tf_show_color_field ( $field, $value = ' #000' )`

Show a color picker.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
string	<i>\$value</i>	Like #XXX or #XXXXXXX.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.5 `tf_show_file_field ( $field, $value = null )`

Show a file field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
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## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.6 `tf_show_hidden_field ( $field, $value = null )`

Show (not exactly) a hidden field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional ↵ mixed	<i>\$value</i> ,.	

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.7 `tf_show_image_field ( $field, $value = null )`

Show a image-URL input field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options. If <b>value</b> is set, it shows a button for viewing the image.
optional_↔ string	<i>\$value</i>	Image URL.

## Since

1.3

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.8 `tf_show_multi_check_field ( $field, $options = array() )`

Show a checkbox group.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ array	<i>\$options</i>	Array of options.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.9 `tf_show_multi_select_field ( $field, $options = array() )`

Show a multiple options list field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ array	<i>\$options</i>	Array of options.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.10 `tf_show_number_field ( $field, $value = 0 )`

Show a number field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ numeric	<i>\$value</i>	A numeric value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.11 `tf_show_range_field ( $field, $value = 0 )`

Show an analogic range field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ numeric	<i>\$value</i>	A numeric value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.12 `tf_show_reset_field ( $field = null )`

Show a reset field for a custom form.

## Parameters

optional_↔ array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
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## Since

1.2

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).3.1.1.13 `tf_show_select_field ( $field, $option = null )`

Show a generic option list field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ mixed	<i>\$option</i>	A reference for the field value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.14 `tf_show_submit_field ( $field = null )`

Show a submit field for a custom form.

## Parameters

optional_↔ array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
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## Since

1.2

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.15 `tf_show_text_field ( $field, $value = " )`

Show a text field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
optional_↔ string	<i>\$value</i>	A text value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field.](#)3.1.1.16 `tf_show_time_field ( $field, $value = null )`

Show a time, week, month, date or any specific time field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Array of field options.
mixed	<i>\$value</i>	A specific time value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

## 3.2 functions.php File Reference

## Functions

- [tf\\_init\\_styles \(\)](#)  
*Enqueue default styles anywhere you want.*
- [tf\\_show\\_custom\\_field \(\\$field, \\$value=null\)](#)  
*Show a custom field without label or description.*
- [tf\\_save\\_custom\\_field \(\\$type, \\$value\)](#)  
*Sanitizes a field value.*
- [tf\\_add\\_custom\\_field \(\\$type, \\$show, \\$save=null\)](#)  
*Add a custom field, overriding previous ones.*
- [tf\\_show\\_field\\_label \(\\$field\)](#)  
*If text is set, show the field label.*
- [tf\\_show\\_field\\_description \(\\$field\)](#)  
*If it's set, show the field description.*
- [tf\\_column\\_span \(\\$field\)](#)  
*If used inside [tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap\(\)](#), which is usually used inside block elements, it'll force a table like structure.*
- [tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap \(\\$field, \\$value=null\)](#)  
*Show a label, an input-output element and a description, within a div.*
- [tf\\_readonly\\_or\\_required \(\\$field\)](#)  
*If used inside a field show function, set it to readonly or required accordingly to \$field.*
- [tf\\_min\\_max\\_and\\_step \(\\$field\)](#)  
*If used inside a field show function, set min, max and step attributes accordingly \$field.*
- [tf\\_get\\_boolean \(\\$value\)](#)  
*Get true or false.*
- [tf\\_get\\_number \(\\$value\)](#)  
*If \$value is numeric, return it; otherwise, return zero.*
- [tf\\_get\\_array \(\\$value\)](#)  
*Ensure \$value is an array.*
- [tf\\_get\\_form\\_value \(\\$id, \\$method='post'\)](#)  
*Get a form value.*
- [tf\\_get\\_relationship\\_items \(\\$options, \\$type='taxonomy'\)](#)  
*Get all items of \$type.*
- [tf\\_get\\_meta\\_data \(\\$id, \\$type='post'\)](#)  
*Get all default and custom meta data.*

## Variables

- [\\$custom\\_field](#)
- [\\$tf\\_custom\\_fields](#) =array()  
*An array of custom fields.*

### 3.2.1 Function Documentation

#### 3.2.1.1 `tf_add_custom_field ( $type, $show, $save = null )`

Add a custom field, overriding previous ones.

##### Parameters

string	<i>\$type</i>	Key to custom <b>show</b> and <b>save</b> methods.
callback	<i>\$show</i>	Function to show the field.
optional ↔ callback	<i>\$save</i>	Function to sanitize the value.

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_fields](#).

#### 3.2.1.2 `tf_column_span ( $field )`

If used inside [tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap\(\)](#), which is usually used inside block elements, it'll force a table like structure.

##### Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Checking for <b>span</b> .
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.2.1.3 `tf_get_array ( $value )`

Ensure \$value is an array.

##### Returns

If \$value is an array, return it; otherwise, return an array containing \$value.

Since

1.2

#### 3.2.1.4 `tf_get_boolean ( $value )`

Get true or false.



## Parameters

boolean	<i>\$value</i> ,.	
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## Since

1.2

3.2.1.5 `tf_get_form_value ( $id, $method = 'post' )`

Get a form value.

## Parameters

string	<i>\$id</i>	The key.
optional_↔ string	<i>\$method</i>	Like <b>get</b> or <b>post</b> .

## Returns

The value.

## Since

1.1

3.2.1.6 `tf_get_meta_data ( $id, $type = 'post' )`

Get all default and custom meta data.

## Parameters

string	<i>\$id</i>	Object ID.
string	<i>\$type</i>	Like <b>user</b> or <b>post</b> (default).

## Returns

An array which keys are meta keys and values are meta data.

## Since

1.1

3.2.1.7 `tf_get_number ( $value )`

If \$value is numeric, return it; otherwise, return zero.

## Returns

A numeric value.

## Since

1.2

3.2.1.8 `tf_get_relationship_items ( $options, $type = 'taxonomy' )`

Get all items of \$type.

## Parameters

string	<i>\$options</i>	A default or custom type.
optional_↔ string	<i>\$type</i>	Like <b>taxonomy</b> (default) or <b>post</b> .

## Returns

An array which keys are terms or posts IDs and values are terms or posts names or titles respectively.

## Since

1.2

3.2.1.9 `tf_init_styles ( )`

Enqueue default styles anywhere you want.

## Since

1.2

3.2.1.10 `tf_min_max_and_step ( $field )`

If used inside a field show function, set min, max and step attributes accordingly \$field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Checking for <b>min</b> , <b>max</b> and <b>step</b> .
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## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

3.2.1.11 `tf_readonly_or_required ( $field )`

If used inside a field show function, set it to readonly or required accordingly to \$field.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Checking for <b>readonly</b> and <b>required</b> .
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## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

3.2.1.12 `tf_save_custom_field ( $type, $value )`

Sanitizes a field value.

## Parameters

string	<i>\$type</i>	Must match a \$custom_fields element key.
mixed	<i>\$value</i>	Value to be sanitized.

## Returns

The sanitized value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_fields](#).

#### 3.2.1.13 tf\_show\_custom\_field ( *\$field*, *\$value* = null )

Show a custom field without label or description.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	An array of custom field options.
optional_↔ mixed	<i>\$value</i>	If set, the field value.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#), [\\$tf\\_custom\\_fields](#).

#### 3.2.1.14 tf\_show\_field\_description ( *\$field* )

If it's set, show the field description.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Checking for <b>description</b> .
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## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.2.1.15 tf\_show\_field\_label ( *\$field* )

If text is set, show the field label.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i>	Checking for <b>id</b> and <b>text</b> .
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

### 3.2.1.16 `tf_show_field_wrap ( $field, $value = null )`

Show a label, an input-output element and a description, within a div.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$field</i> ,.	
optional_↔ mixed	<i>\$value</i> ,.	

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#), [tf\\_show\\_field\\_label\(\)](#), [tf\\_show\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#), [tf\\_show\\_field\\_description\(\)](#), [tf\\_column\\_span\(\)](#).

## 3.2.2 Variable Documentation

### 3.2.2.1 array `$custom_field`

Each custom field is an array with the following elements:

- string **id** CSS and PHP ID.
- string **text** Text used in the field label.
- string **type** Attribute and field type in: **hidden**, **checkbox**, **multi\_check**, **alternative**, **text**, **range**, **number**, **color**, **time**, **file**, **select**, **multi\_select**, **reset**, **action**, **submit** and **image**.
- optional boolean **readonly** & **required** Set it to **true** for the field to be **readonly** and **required** respectively.
- optional numeric **min**, **max** & **step** Used on numeric fields to set **min**, **max** & **step** values respectively.
- string **purpose** Its meaning is relative to the field **type**:
  - If **type** is **text**, **purpose** is the field type: **email**, **url**, **password**, **search** or **text** (default).
  - If **type** is **time**, **purpose** is the field type: **week**, **month**, **date** or **time** (default).
  - If **type** is **file**, **purpose** is the expected file extension.
  - If **type** is **multi\_check**, **alternative**, **select** or **multi\_select**, **purpose** is whether the options type is **taxonomy** or **post**.
  - If **type** is **submit**, **purpose** is the image URL (optional).
- array **options** An array of options, whereof the keys are their values and the elements are their texts.
- optional mixed **value** Used on some fields as default values or button texts.
- optional string **description** Text used in the field description.
- optional numeric **span** Field's relative width, like 1/2, 3/4, etc.

### 3.2.2.2 array \$tf\_custom\_fields =array()

An array of custom fields.

Each custom field is an array, which keys are the field types and elements are:

- **show** Function to show the field.
- **save** Function to sanitize the value.

Since

1.1

## 3.3 tricks-forms.php File Reference

### Functions

- [tf\\_show\\_custom\\_form](#) (\$form)  
*Show a custom form detailed by \$form.*
- [tf\\_add\\_custom\\_box](#) (\$custom\_box)  
*Add a custom post meta box.*
- [tf\\_inherit\\_type](#) (\$derivate, \$box, \$base=null)  
*Add some or all fields from \$base to \$derivate type.*
- [tf\\_show\\_custom\\_box](#) (\$post, \$fields)  
*Show an array of fields in a custom box.*
- [tf\\_custom\\_boxes\\_function](#) ()  
*Init all custom meta boxes.*
- [tf\\_save\\_custom\\_data](#) (\$post\_id)  
*Save all custom field values.*
- [tf\\_add\\_profile\\_box](#) (\$profile\_box)  
*Add a custom profile data box.*
- [tf\\_show\\_profile\\_boxes](#) (\$user)  
*Show all custom profile data.*
- [tf\\_save\\_profile\\_data](#) (\$user\_id)  
*Save all custom profile data.*
- [tf\\_add\\_options\\_screen](#) (\$options\_screen)  
*Add a custom options screen.*
- [tf\\_show\\_option\\_field](#) (\$field)  
*Show a custom field in an options screen.*
- [tf\\_show\\_options\\_screen](#) (\$options\_screen)  
*A default options screen callback function.*
- [tf\\_init\\_custom\\_options](#) ()  
*Init a whole options set or menu.*

### Variables

- [\\$custom\\_form](#)
- [\\$tf\\_custom\\_boxes](#) =array()  
*Array of custom meta boxes.*
- [\\$tf\\_profile\\_boxes](#) =array()  
*Array of custom profile data.*
- [\\$tf\\_custom\\_options](#) =array()

### 3.3.1 Function Documentation

#### 3.3.1.1 `tf_add_custom_box ( $custom_box )`

Add a custom post meta box.

Parameters

array	<i>\$custom_box</i>	Custom post meta box to be added.
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_boxes.](#)

#### 3.3.1.2 `tf_add_options_screen ( $options_screen )`

Add a custom options screen.

Parameters

array	A whole options screen.
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_options.](#)

#### 3.3.1.3 `tf_add_profile_box ( $profile_box )`

Add a custom profile data box.

Parameters

array	<i>\$profile_box</i>	Array of custom profile data.
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Since

1.1

See also

[\\$tf\\_profile\\_boxes.](#)

#### 3.3.1.4 `tf_custom_boxes_function ( )`

Init all custom meta boxes.

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_boxes](#), [tf\\_show\\_custom\\_box\(\)](#).

**3.3.1.5** `tf_inherit_type ( $derivate, $box, $base = null )`

Add some or all fields from \$base to \$derivate type.

**Parameters**

string	<i>\$derivate</i>	Derivate type, which you want to inherit from \$base.
	<i>string</i>	or array \$box Box or boxes you want \$derivate to inherit.
optional_ string	<i>\$base</i>	Base type, which you want \$derivate to inherit from.

**Since**

1.2

**3.3.1.6** `tf_init_custom_options ( )`

Init a whole options set or menu.

**Since**

1.1

**3.3.1.7** `tf_save_custom_data ( $post_id )`

Save all custom field values.

**Parameters**

string	<i>\$post_id</i>	ID of the post to be saved.
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**Since**

1.1

**See also**

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_boxes](#), [tf\\_save\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#).

**3.3.1.8** `tf_save_profile_data ( $user_id )`

Save all custom profile data.

**Parameters**

string	<i>\$user_id</i>	The user to be saved.
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**Since**

1.1

**See also**

[\\$tf\\_profile\\_boxes](#), [tf\\_save\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#).

**3.3.1.9** `tf_show_custom_box ( $post, $fields )`

Show an array of fields in a custom box.

## Parameters

object	<i>\$post</i>	Used to get field values.
array	<i>\$fields</i>	Array of custom fields.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap\(\)](#).3.3.1.10 `tf_show_custom_form ( $form )`

Show a custom form detailed by \$form.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$form</i>	Array of forms fields and other options.
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## Since

1.2

## See also

[\\$custom\\_form](#), [tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap\(\)](#).3.3.1.11 `tf_show_option_field ( $field )`

Show a custom field in an options screen.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[tf\\_show\\_custom\\_field\(\)](#), [tf\\_show\\_field\\_description\(\)](#).3.3.1.12 `tf_show_options_screen ( $options_screen )`

A default options screen callback function.

## Parameters

array	<i>\$options_screen</i>	The options screen to be shown.
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## Returns

A default options screen callback function.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$tf\\_custom\\_options](#).



**3.3.1.13** `tf_show_profile_boxes ( $user )`

Show all custom profile data.

## Parameters

object	<i>\$user</i>	Used to get field values.
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## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$tf\\_profile\\_boxes](#), [tf\\_show\\_field\\_wrap\(\)](#).

### 3.3.2 Variable Documentation

#### 3.3.2.1 array \$custom\_form

Plugin Name: Tricks & Forms Description: Custom posts, profiles and options fields and custom forms. Tags↵: custom fields, custom forms, custom profile, custom options. Version: 1.3 Author: Alfredo Barbosa Author URI: [br.linkedin.com/pub/alfredo-barbosa/90/866/a9a/](http://br.linkedin.com/pub/alfredo-barbosa/90/866/a9a/)

Each custom form is an array with the following elements:

- string **id** CSS ID.
- string **title** If set, show a heading.
- string **type** Form method, like **get** or **post** (default).
- string **purpose** Submitting URL.
- array **fields** Array of fields.

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#).

#### 3.3.2.2 array \$tf\_custom\_boxes =array()

Array of custom meta boxes.

Each custom box is an array with the following elements:

- string **id** and **title** Same as \$custom\_form.
- string or array **type** Post type or array of post types.
- string **context** and **priority** Box **context** and attributes. [http://codex.wordpress.org/Function\\_Reference/add\\_meta\\_box](http://codex.wordpress.org/Function_Reference/add_meta_box)
- array **fields** Same as \$custom\_form.

## Since

1.1

## See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#), [\\$custom\\_form](#).

3.3.2.3 `$tf_custom_options = array()`

3.3.2.4 `array $tf_profile_boxes = array()`

Array of custom profile data.

Each profile box is an array with the following elements:

- string **id** and **title** Same as `$custom_form`.
- optional string **type** Permission users need to have this profile data. [http://codex.wordpress.org/Roles\\_and\\_Capabilities](http://codex.wordpress.org/Roles_and_Capabilities)
- array **fields** Same as `$custom_form`.

Since

1.1

See also

[\\$custom\\_field](#), [\\$custom\\_form](#).