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How to set maximum character limit for custom field

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In this tutorial we are going to set maximum number of character for description field. We will use "CUSTOM" validation.

1. Go to **Admin Panel > Custom Fields > Manage Link Fields > description [edit]**
2. Scroll down until you see form for **VALIDATION: Custom**. This validation type allow you to enter custom php code to validate the entry. Here we will use php function called `strlen` to check the number of characters.
3. Set :
 - Enable = Yes
 - Error message = Maximum character for description is 200
 - PHP codes =

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Notice this code part : `<FORM.description>`

The description in that part is referring to the field name. In this is the field name is `description`.

Submit new listing

There are errors. Please try again.

- Maximum character for description is 200
- Invalid captcha code

URL

http://www.nicecoder.com

Title

Nicecoder website

Description

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