
Subject: NULL string

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Hi Mr. Marston,

these are two "stupid" questions for a professional programmer but, for an end-user like me (that like your works and applied it to a 'database' [ex Microsoft Access] to archiving my music library) are a little bit confusing:

1. I have a situation where, in some cases, last_name can be NULL so, when I'm trying to execute an \$sql_select that have:

CONCAT(first_name, " ",last_name)

the result (obviously) is NULL.

Can I (and how) implement the control for this situation. I think the better place is in

<table>.class.inc with _cm_formatData :

```
function _cm_formatData ($fieldarray)
// perform custom formatting before values are shown to the user.
{
    if (!isset($fieldarray['person_name'])) {
        // merge first_name and last_name into person_name
        if (isset($fieldarray['first_name']) AND isset($fieldarray['last_name'])) {
            $fieldarray['person_name'] = $fieldarray['first_name']
                . ' '
                . $fieldarray['last_name'];
        } // if
    } // if

    return $fieldarray;
} // _cm_formatData
```

2. Is it possible with filepicker to access <subdirectories> of the <main> (picture) in you example?

Thank you in advance

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