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Subject: Display lookup values in list1

Posted by [bonzo\\_bcn](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 20:01:22 GMT

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My table has several lookup values:

1,basketball

2,footbal

etc.

In the list1 transaction only the number is displayed. Is it possible to display the name instead of the number?

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Subject: Re: Display lookup values in list1

Posted by [AJM](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 11:02:16 GMT

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Yes. Simply define that column as being a dropdown list, as described in

<http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/infrastructure-faq.html#faq09>. It will then display the representation (eg: 'basketball') instead of the value (eg: '1').

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Posted by [bonzo\\_bcn](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:31:29 GMT

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I found out that if the description field of each dropdown had the same name, then the description wasn't displayed, that was the problem I had.

For example:

Category table:

category\_id

name

Sport table:

sport\_id

name

Then if in the 'team' table you define two fields as dropdowns to this tables, as both have the same description name, the name was not displayed. I changed the field names to:

Category table:

category\_id

category\_desc

Sport table:

sport\_id

sport\_desc

and it worked.

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Posted by [AJM](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:42:40 GMT  
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Using generic names such as ID, DESCRIPTION or NAME on different tables is never a good idea IMHO, for reasons discussed in <http://www.tonymarston.net/php-mysql/database-design.html#field.names.and.content>.

I'm glad you've got your problem sorted out.

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