

## Field descriptions

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The following tables list the main tables in mSupply (There are some others, but we're not telling you about those!). This information will help you if you are building your own reports.

Note that if a field is indexed, finding information (querying) using that field will be very quick.

### Main tables

Table	Description
<a href="#">Transactions</a>	A transaction record is stored for each invoice
<a href="#">Transaction lines</a>	one transaction line record is created for each line on an invoice
<a href="#">Items</a>	An item record is created for each product or service purchased or supplied
<a href="#">Item lines</a>	Each batch of stock at a particular location has one item_line record
<a href="#">Names</a>	Each patient, customer or supplier has one name record
<a href="#">Purchase Orders</a>	One record is created for each purchase order to a supplier
<a href="#">Purchase Order Lines</a>	Each record is an order for one item on a purchase order
<a href="#">Quotes and Quote Lines</a>	Quotations submitted by suppliers
<a href="#">Tenders</a>	Tenders created to invite quote submissions from suppliers
<a href="#">Requisitions</a>	Tables that store customer submitted stock and order data
<a href="#">Stock_take and Stock_take_lines</a>	Stock takes and their related records
<a href="#">Store</a>	Information about a particular virtual store
<a href="#">Drug_Register</a>	Drug Registration records (for use in the Drug Registration module)

### Foreign Keys

[Get your Foreign Keys here.](#)

### Other tables

Table	Description
<a href="#">Abbreviations</a>	Stores abbreviation codes and their expansion for dispensing directions
<a href="#">Account_code</a>	Stores account codes associated with each item
<a href="#">Backorders</a>	One record for <i>Customer</i> backorder.
<a href="#">Bill of Materials</a>	One record for each mSupply user
<a href="#">Contacts</a>	One record for each contact
<a href="#">Currency</a>	One record for each currency
<a href="#">Drug interactions</a>	Drug interactions and Drug interaction groups
<a href="#">Item Categories</a>	One record for item category
<a href="#">Labels</a>	Miscellaneous labels
<a href="#">Log</a>	Each record contains one event recorded by mSupply
<a href="#">Users</a>	One record for each mSupply user

Table	Description
<a href="#">Item Departments</a>	The departments that an item can be assigned to
<a href="#">Item Directions</a>	The default directions that are assigned to items
<a href="#">Item notes</a>	The notes that are attached to items
<a href="#">Item Warning Link</a>	A join table that stores which items have which warnings
<a href="#">Name category tables</a>	Tables that store the categories that can be assigned to names (customers, suppliers, donors, manufacturers etc.)
<a href="#">Prescribers</a>	One record for each prescriber
<a href="#">Regimen records, Regimen and Regimen Lines</a>	Everything to do with storing ARV regimen records
<a href="#">Reminders</a>	A reminder is an event with a due date- like a to-do
<a href="#">Stores</a>	Stores and join tables that control access per-store
<a href="#">Warnings</a>	The warnings which can be attached to items
<a href="#">Custom stock 5</a>	Holds the details of the values that are selectable in the 5th user field when receiving stock
<a href="#">Custom stock 6</a>	Holds the details of the values that are selectable in the 6th user field when receiving stock
<a href="#">Custom stock 7</a>	Holds the details of the values that are selectable in the 7th user field when receiving stock.
<a href="#">Custom stock 8</a>	Holds the details of the values that are selectable in the 8th user field when receiving stock

## Tables used internally that you most likely shouldn't be interested in

Table	Description			
Number and Number re-use	Stores serial numbers such as invoice numbers			
Preferences	The data for each preference is in binary format. You're not interested.			
Item store join				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
Note that records are created for each item- there should always be one record for each item in each store				
id		Long		
store_ID		Long		
item_ID		Long		
inactive	true means item is not visible in this store. False means it is visible	bool		
Name store join				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
Note that records are only created as needed- that is a missing record implies the name is invisible for that store				
id		Long		
store_ID		Long		
name_ID		Long		
inactive	true means name is not visible in this store. False means it is visible	bool		
Name group				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		

Name group				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
name		Alpha	40	

Name note				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
note_type		Alpha	3	
entry_date		Date		
note		Text		
name_key		Alpha	8	
key		Long		

Permissions				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
item_dept_key		Long		
name_group_key		Long Ind		

Permissions				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
name_group_key	Stores which name groups have permission to be supplied which item departments	Long		
item_dept_key		Long		

Prefs				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
item	Internally used: storing preferences of text type(Now deprecated in favour of pref blob)	Alpha	20	
value		Alpha	60	

Reports				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
report_name		Alpha	80	
report_blob		BLOB		
owner_key		Long		
key		Long		
last_updated		Date		

Ship method				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		
method		Alpha	80	

Transaction category				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		
category		Alpha	80	
type		Alpha	3	

Transaction Notes				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		
note		Text		

Units				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		
units		Alpha	60	
comment		Text		
Web favourites				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
name_key		Alpha	8	
Item_key		Alpha	8	
type		Alpha	3	
Web messages				
Field name	Description	Type	Length	Ind
key		Long		
active		Boolean		
show_until_date		Date		
headline		Text		
message		Text		

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