23.10. Custom data

Custom data allows you to add data to mSupply that doesn't naturally fit into one of the existing fields.

• Choose **Special > Show custom data...** to show the list of custom data sets.

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	New Category	Delete Category				
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Setup fields

- Click **New**
- This window is shown:

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			Data Setup				
Category Name	RegionalPopulat	ons					
Field	Visible		Field label				
real_1		real_1					
text_1		text_1					
date_1		date_1					
real_2		real_2					
text_2		text_2					
date_2		date_2					
real_3		real_3					
text_3		text_3					
date_3		date_3					
real_4		real_4					
text_4		text_4					
date_4		date_4					
Cancel OK							

- For our example, we're going to record population in several regions each year, so we need
 - $\circ\,$ A real number field to store the population number
 - $\circ\,$ A text field to store the region name
 - $\,\circ\,$ A date field to store the year
- We've labelled the data set RegionalPopulations
- To change the field names, click once on the name, and then wait a second or two and click again- now it is editable:



Adding data

• Click the **data** tab then click **New**

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Using data in reports

- You can extract data by using the following method in a pagepro report
- custom_value_get("data_set";"field_to_query";"search_value";"field_to_return";→"variable_to_re turn")
 - "data_set" is the name of the data set. e.g. "RegionalPopulations"
 - $\,\circ\,$ field_to_query is the internal name of the field "text_1" , "Text_2", "real_2", "date_7"
 - "search_value" is the value you're looking for in "field_to_query"
 - "field_to_return" is the field name of the value to return
 - "variable_to_return" is a pointer to the variable that will contain the data returned.
- Sound too complicated? We usually build these reports for clients, but this documentation is for the technically minded who want to build their own.

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