

Table to explain how to set up designer form fields for user accounts and user profiles, assuming that a single user account controls the associated user profile (perhaps the most common scenario).
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| | User's Primary Account | | User's Profile | |
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| Form designer title | user/signup | user/account | profile/create | profile/settings |
| Purpose | F1 For initial registration | F2 For later details that may be useful for Admin | F3 For details specific to the profile (and quota) | F4 For updating profile details |
| Visibility | V1 Field display options determine who sees the empty sign-up fields; if not displayed to all logged-out users, they will not be seen by new people trying to sign up. | V2 Field display options determine who sees the empty fields for later details. These should be made visible to (i.e. displayed to) logged-in users and Admins. | V3 Fields can be published in sidebar by adding code to the Skin style template | V4 Fields can be published in sidebar by adding code to the Skin style template |
| Comments, section 1 | 1.1 A short list of data fields to reduce the barrier to joining | 1.2 This can be a longer list, allowing user to give details privately to Admin/ | 1.3 Recommend making this a full set of fields, so user can complete profile in one session | 1.4 Recommend using same full set of fields as in profile/create |
| Comments, section 2 | 2.1 Recommend that all fields be "required" | 2.2 Recommend that all extra fields be optional, so that new data in any field can be saved without concern for unexpected required fields | 2.3 Some fields can be optional, and some required, when user first creates the profile | 2.4 Recommend that any new fields be optional, so that new data in any field can be saved without concern for unexpected required fields |
| Comments, section 3 | | 3.1 The user may be frustrated by the 'required' question alert when trying to save changes made in optional fields | | 3.2 The user may be frustrated by the 'required' question alert when trying to save changes made in optional fields |
| Comments section 4 | 4.1 Only account owner and Admin or Profile Admin can see added sign-up details, so fields can be marked 'for Admin only' | 4.2 Only account owner and Admin or Profile Admin can see later added details, so fields can be marked as 'for Admin only' | 4.4 Recommend marking fields in the form as 'Public' if they are published in the sidebar of a profile using a modified Skin style template | 4.5 Recommend marking fields in the form as 'Public' if they are published in the sidebar of a profile using a modified Skin style template |