

BlogCFC Tweaks: Easier Category Selection

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I've talked about it before, but I find classic multi-selects in HTML to be really hard to use. You invariably have to end up putting some explanation text to let a user know how to select more than one, and its easy to clear your selections everything while trying to select an additional item. I put these ideas into practice in BlogCFC to help with category selection. I replaced the following code in admin/entry.cfm starting at line 391:

```
<cfif allCats.recordCount>
    <select name="categories" multiple size=4 class="txtDropdown">
    <cfloop query="allCats">
        <option value="#categoryID#" <cfif isDefined("form.categories") and
listFind(form.categories,categoryID)>selected</cfif>>#categoryName#</option>
    </cfloop>
    </select><br>
</cfif>
```

With this code:

```
<cfif allCats.recordCount>
    <ul class="multiselect">
        <cfloop query="allCats">
            <li><input id="cat_#categoryID#" type="checkbox" name="categories" value="#categoryID#"<cfif isDefined("form.categories") and
listFind(form.categories,categoryID)> checked="checked"</cfif>/><label for="cat_#categoryID#">#categoryName#</label></li>
        </cfloop>
    </ul>
</cfif>
```

I also added the following code the admin style sheet (/includes/admin.css):

```
ul.multiselect {
    height: 100px;
    width: 225px;
    border: 1px solid silver;
    list-style-type: none;
    padding-left: 3px;
    overflow: auto;
}
ul.multiselect li label {
    display: inline;
    padding-left: 2px;
}
```

That makes it a lot easier to keep track of categories without messing something up.