

Ability: acf/create-custom-taxonomy



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Creates a new custom taxonomy in ACF.

Description

Creates a new taxonomy using ACF's taxonomy registration system. The taxonomy is registered with WordPress and optionally enabled for AI access.

Input

```
{
  "taxonomy": "product_category",
  "label": "Product Category",
  "plural_label": "Product Categories",
  "post_types": ["product"]
}
```

```
}
```

Required Properties

`taxonomy` (*string*) The taxonomy key/slug. Must be lowercase alphanumeric with underscores or hyphens. Maximum 32 characters.

`label` (*string*) The singular label for the taxonomy.

`plural_label` (*string*) The plural label for the taxonomy.

`post_types` (*array*) Array of post type slugs to associate with this taxonomy.

Optional Properties

`description` (*string*) Description of the taxonomy.

`public` (*boolean*) Whether the taxonomy is publicly accessible. Default: `true`

`hierarchical` (*boolean*) Whether the taxonomy supports parent/child relationships (like categories). Default: `false` (flat like tags)

`show_in_rest` (*boolean*) Whether to expose in the REST API. Required for block editor and AI abilities. Default: `true`

`rest_base` (*string*) Custom REST API base path. Defaults to taxonomy key.

`show_admin_column` (*boolean*) Whether to show a column in the post list table. Default: `false`

`allow_ai_access` (*boolean*) Whether to allow AI access to this taxonomy. Default: `true`

`ai_description` (*string*) Description to help AI understand the purpose of this taxonomy.

Output

```
{
  "success": true,
  "taxonomy": {
    "taxonomy": "product_category",
    "label": "Product Category",
```

```
"plural_label": "Product Categories",
"hierarchical": false,
"public": true,
"post_types": ["product"],
"show_in_rest": true,
"allow_ai_access": true
},
"message": "Custom taxonomy 'product_category' created successfully."
}
```

Annotations

Annotation	Value
<code>readonly</code>	false
<code>destructive</code>	false
<code>idempotent</code>	false

Permissions

Requires the ACF capability (default: `manage_options`).

Example

Create a hierarchical Event Category taxonomy:

```
{
  "taxonomy": "event_category",
  "label": "Event Category",
  "plural_label": "Event Categories",
  "description": "Categories for organizing events",
  "post_types": ["event"],
  "hierarchical": true,
  "show_admin_column": true,
  "allow_ai_access": true,
}
```

```
"ai_description": "Hierarchical categories for event types (conferences, workshops, meetups)"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "success": true,
  "taxonomy": {
    "taxonomy": "event_category",
    "label": "Event Category",
    "plural_label": "Event Categories",
    "description": "Categories for organizing events",
    "hierarchical": true,
    "public": true,
    "post_types": ["event"],
    "show_in_rest": true,
    "show_admin_column": true,
    "allow_ai_access": true,
    "ai_description": "Hierarchical categories for event types (conferences, workshops, meetups)"
  },
  "message": "Custom taxonomy 'event_category' created successfully."
}
```

Errors

Error	Cause
Invalid taxonomy key	Key contains invalid characters or exceeds 32 characters
Taxonomy already exists	A taxonomy with this key is already registered
Missing required field	<code>taxonomy</code> , <code>label</code> , <code>plural_label</code> , or <code>post_types</code> not provided
Invalid post type	One or more specified post types do not exist

Notes

- Taxonomy keys must be unique across WordPress

- Reserved taxonomy keys (`category`, `post_tag`, etc.) cannot be used
 - The taxonomy is immediately registered and available in the admin
 - Dynamic abilities (query, create, view, update, delete) are registered for taxonomies with `show_in_rest` and `allow_ai_access` enabled
 - Set `hierarchical: true` for category-like taxonomies with parent/child support
 - Set `hierarchical: false` for tag-like flat taxonomies
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