acf/settings/enable_datastore

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Enables the ACF datastore, which integrates ACF fields with Gutenberg's native `wp.data` store. When enabled, ACF field values are saved through WordPress's REST API instead of the legacy metabox AJAX request.

The datastore unlocks several capabilities:

- Full revision support for ACF fields
- Autosave integration
- JavaScript API via `wp.data.select('acf/fields')` and `wp.data.dispatch('acf/fields')`
- Live preview and editing for block bindings

This filter requires WordPress 6.7 or later.

Changelog

- Added in version 6.8.1

Parameters

This filter has no additional parameters. Return `true` to enable, `false` to disable.

Example

Enable the datastore for all posts:

```
add_filter( 'acf/settings/enable_datastore', '__return_true' );
```

Enable conditionally for specific post types:

```
add_filter( 'acf/settings/enable_datastore', function( $enabled ) {
    // Only enable for products and pages
    $post_type = get_post_type();

    if ( in_array( $post_type, array( 'product', 'page' ) ) ) {
        return true;
    }

    return $enabled;
});
```

Disable after previously enabling (useful for troubleshooting):

```
add_filter( 'acf/settings/enable_datastore', '__return_false', 100 );
```

Notes

- The datastore is disabled by default
- Currently available in ACF PRO only
- Custom JavaScript hooked into ACF's legacy metabox save events may need to be updated to work with Gutenberg's REST save flow
- We recommend testing thoroughly in a staging environment before enabling on production sites

Related

- Using the ACF Datastore – Full guide to the datastore feature
- Block Bindings – Using ACF fields with WordPress block bindings

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