

1 **Overview**

2 All feature layer attributes in either an **ArcMap Map Document** or an **ArcGIS Pro Project** that are published to
3 **ArcGIS Online (AGOL)** as a hosted feature layer for “required entry” (*Allow NULLS = No*) should require a user
4 selection (i.e. from a drop-down) or entry in *Collector*. However, current versions of **ArcMap** and **ArcGIS Pro** do
5 not properly publish this “required” property. The **ArcCatalog** and **AGOL** workflow (i.e. steps) to correct this
6 publishing error are discussed in this document¹.

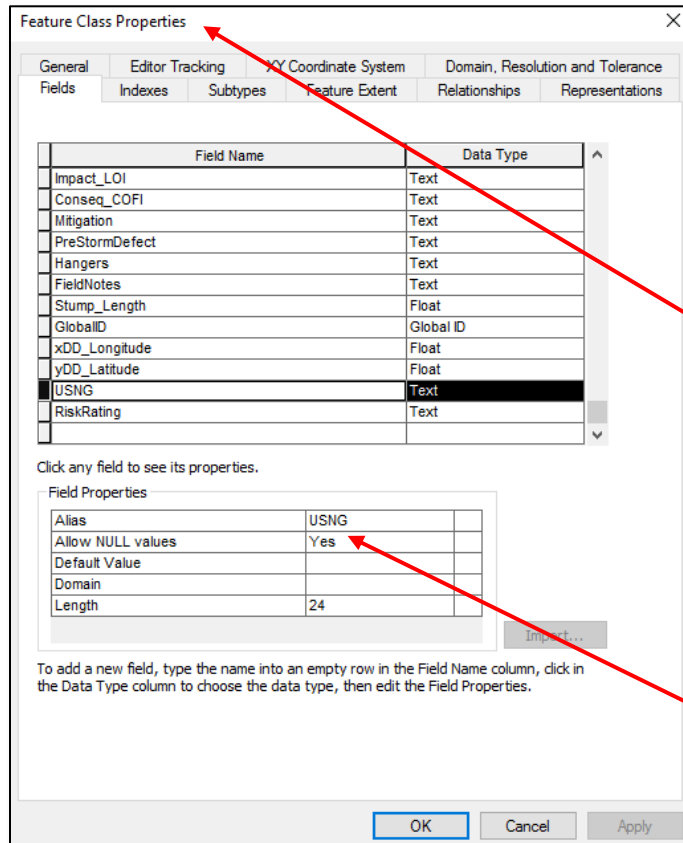
7 **UFST Attribute Properties for Required Entry**

8 In **ArcCatalog**, an attributes *Allow NULL Values*
9 property can be set for each attribute as needed for
10 “required entry” in *Collector*. The standard UFST
11 attributes (*PublicTree, Species, DBH, TreePart,*
12 *FEMAGuide, Failure_LOF, Impact_LOI, Conseq_COFI, Mitigation, PreStormDefect, Hangers, and StumpLength*) are
13 all set as required and editable *Allow NULL Values = No* and *Read-Only = No* respectfully).

In this document, the following are synonymous:

- *attribute* and *field*
- *editable* equates to and *Read-Only = No*
- *required* equates to *Allow NULL Values = No*

In **ArcGIS Pro**, the menu symbol is



Feature Class properties from **ArcCatalog**

Yes, **NULLS** are acceptable (i.e. **Not** required entry).

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Figure 1: ArcCatalog – Feature Class Properties Dialog

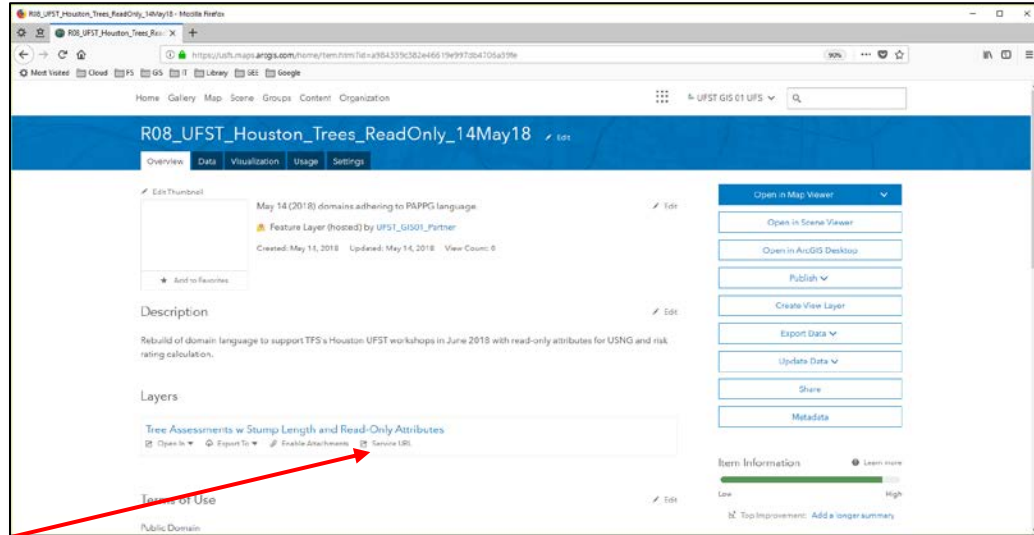
In this example the *USNG* attribute (needed for post-processing) has been set as *Allow NULL Values = Yes*; that is, **NOT** required.

¹ Based on the original work by Carl Beyerhelm, Circle-5 GeoServices, LLC, circle5geo@gmail.com, 928.607.3517 (Retired USDA FS), May 2018



18 **ArcGIS Online Service Definition - URL (/ADMIN Instructions)**

19 After publishing to **ArcGIS Online** (AGOL), open the layer definition from the hosted feature layer details
20 page and the layer *Service URL* link.



Service URL link

Figure 5: Service URL Link on Details Page

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When the URL opens, change the URL in your browser by adding **/ADMIN** between **/REST** and **/SERVICES** to enable updating for required fields and to review *Read-Only* status.

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https://services1.arcgis.com/gGHDlz6USftLSPau/arcgis/rest/ADMIN/services/R08_UFST_Houston_Trees_ReadOnly_14May18/FeatureServer/0



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The service definition for the feature layer at **AGOL** indicates which attributes have been set to “required” **nullable:false** (i.e. *Allow NULL Values = No*). Templates, listed below the *Fields* list, are created for all attributes that have domains.

Type ID Field:

Fields:

- OBJECTID (type: esriFieldTypeOID, alias: OBJECTID, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 0, nullable: false, editable: false)
- PublicTree (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Public Tree, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Species (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Species, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 8, nullable: false, editable: true)
- DBH (type: esriFieldTypeSmallInteger, alias: DBH, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, nullable: false, editable: true)
- TreePart (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Tree Part , SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- FEMA_Guide (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: FEMA Guide, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 42, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Failure_LOF (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Failure (LOF), SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Impact_LOI (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Impact (LOI), SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 32, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Conseq_COFI (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Consequence (COFI), SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Mitigation (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Mitigation, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 30, nullable: false, editable: true)
- PreStormDefect (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: PreStorm Defect, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- Hangers (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Hangers, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: false, editable: true)
- FieldNotes (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Field Notes, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 36, nullable: true, editable: true)
- Stump_Length (type: esriFieldTypeSingle, alias: Stump Length (Ft), SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, nullable: true, editable: true)
- GlobalID (type: esriFieldTypeGlobalID, alias: GlobalID, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 38, nullable: false, editable: false)
- xDD_Longitude (type: esriFieldTypeSingle, alias: xDD_Longitude, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, nullable: true, editable: true)
- yDD_Latitude (type: esriFieldTypeSingle, alias: yDD_Latitude, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, nullable: true, editable: true)
- USNG (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: USNG, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 24, nullable: true, editable: true)
- RiskRating (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Risk Rating, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 18, nullable: true, editable: true)
- MapID (type: esriFieldTypeSmallInteger, alias: MapID, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, nullable: true, editable: true)
- CreationDate (type: esriFieldTypeDate, alias: CreationDate, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 8, nullable: true, editable: false)
- Creator (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Creator, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 128, nullable: true, editable: false)
- EditDate (type: esriFieldTypeDate, alias: EditDate, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 8, nullable: true, editable: false)
- Editor (type: esriFieldTypeString, alias: Editor, SQL Type: sqlTypeOther, length: 128, nullable: true, editable: false)

Indexes:

- PK_TREES_ED__F4B70D85D935D63F (Fields: OBJECTID, IsAscending: True, IsUnique: True, Description:)
- user_4481.TREES_EDITATTRIBUTES_TREES__ADDED_FIELDS__Shape_sidx (Fields: SHAPE, IsAscending: True, IsUnique: False, Description:)
- FDO_GlobalID (Fields: GlobalID, IsAscending: True, IsUnique: True, Description:)
- CreationDateIndex (Fields: CreationDate, IsAscending: True, IsUnique: False, Description: CreationDate Field index)
- CreatorIndex (Fields: Creator, IsAscending: False, IsUnique: False, Description: Creator Field index)
- EditDateIndex (Fields: EditDate, IsAscending: True, IsUnique: False, Description: EditDate Field index)
- EditorIndex (Fields: Editor, IsAscending: False, IsUnique: False, Description: Editor Field index)

Templates:

Name: Trees (Added Fields)
Description:
Drawing Tool: esriFeatureEditToolPoint
Prototype:
Attributes:

- PublicTree: Yes
- Species: AGOLSS
- DBH: 0
- TreePart:
- FEMA_Guide:
- Failure_LOF:
- Impact_LOI:
- Conseq_COFI:
- Mitigation:
- PreStormDefect: None Selected
- Hangers: None Selected

Is Data Versioned: false
Supports Rollback On Failure Parameter: true
Last Edit Date: 5/16/2018 8:21:54 PM
Supported Operations: [Refresh](#) [Add To Definition](#) [Update Definition](#) [Delete From Definition](#)

Update Definition

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Figure 6: Hosted Layer Definition

Click on the *Update Definition* link at the bottom of the page to allowing editing of required fields.



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While in *Definition Update*, set required fields to **NULL** and update the layer definition.

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"PublicTree" : "Yes",
"Species" : "AGOLSS",
"DBH" : 0,
"TreePart" : " ",
"FEMAGuide" : " ",
"Failure_LOF" : " ",
"Impact_LOI" : " ",
"Conseq_COFI" : " ",
"Mitigation" : " ",

"templates" : [
{
"name" : "Trees (Added Fields)",
"description" : "",
"drawingTool" : "esriFeatureEditToolPoint",
"prototype" : {
"attributes" : {
"RiskRating" : null,
"MapID" : null,
"PublicTree" : "Yes",
"Species" : null,
"DBH" : null,
"TreePart" : null,
"FEMAGuide" : null,
"Failure_LOF" : null,
"Impact_LOI" : null,
"Conseq_COFI" : null,
"Mitigation" : null,
"PreStormDefect" : "None/NA",
"Hangers" : "None/NA",
"FieldNotes" : null,
"Stump_Length" : null,
"USNG" : null,
"xDD_Longitude" : null,
"yDD_Latitude" : null
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Update Layer Definition:

ASync: True False

Format: HTML

Update Layer Definition

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Figure 7: Hosted Layer Definition – Required Fields after Changes

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Critical updates are to replace “DBH” : 0 with “DBH” : null, and “Species” : “AGOLSS” and all attributes with “ ” to null so that the required fields will function correctly. *PublicTree*, *PreStormDefect*, and *Hangers* will usually have a default.

What exactly is this doing?

The AGOL publication process does not properly configure required fields.

For fields that have not been assigned a default value, the publication process adds a “ ” (i.e. blank string) for text fields and a 0 (i.e. zero) for numeric fields.

Default values in the feature definition, whether they are desired (like “PublicTree” : “Yes”) or the blank string or zero satisfy the “required” criteria and users are able to open the data form (in **Collector**) and save the form without entering **ANY** data! Not the desired result.

Placing the **NULL** after every required field in the definition will create a data form in **Collector** that **WILL** require an actual drop-down selection or entry before the tree (i.e. point feature) can be saved.

The symbol ⚠ on Android devices and the word **Required** on iOS devices **and** a blank field (except for attributes with an assigned default value) indicates that the field has been properly configured in **Collector**.



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Before saving your definition changes, set the keyword *lastEditDate* to " " (you'll find it near the top of the definition code). Replace any number (e.g. 1527086417129) that appears after the colon (:) with " ".

Update Layer Definition:	<pre> "editFieldsInfo" : { "creationDateField" : "CreationDate", "creatorField" : "Creator", "editDateField" : "EditDate", "editorField" : "Editor" }, "editingInfo" : { "lastEditDate" : " " </pre>
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Figure 8: Hosted Layer Definition – lastEditDate Changed

	<pre> "USNG" : null, "xDD_Longitude" : null, "yDD_Latitude" : null </pre>
ASync:	<input type="radio"/> True <input checked="" type="radio"/> False
Format:	HTML ▾
<input type="button" value="Update Layer Definition"/>	

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Figure 9: Hosted Layer Definition – Update Layer Definition Button (i.e. Save Changes)

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CTRL-F can be used to search for *Templates* and *lastEditDate* while in *Update Definition*.

After changing the last edit date, click on the *Update Layer Definition* link at the bottom of the page. Watch for error messages (in red) just below the *Update Layer Definition* link; typically you have probably inadvertently deleted a comma (,) after the **NULL** entry.

When you open the web map in *Collector*, the “required” characteristics should function as desired.

See Carl Beyerhelm’s *EnforceRequiredFields_CollectorForArcGIS (Highlight).pdf* for the complete definition update process if you are not familiar with it.