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Subject: model description formatting

Posted by [MichielCornelissen](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 20:02:18 GMT

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Hiya,

I noticed that the tools (like I'm seeing now, above where I'm typing) for formatting the model description (making bold, italic, linking etc.) on the model page seem to have gone missing.

Anyone have a solution or workaround?

Cheers - Michiel

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Subject: Re: model description formatting

Posted by [mctrivia](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 20:06:24 GMT

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you can use html formating now

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Subject: Re: model description formatting

Posted by [Magic](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 22:42:11 GMT

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HTML is more powerful but not as easy to use as rich text. I'd like to have both options...

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Subject: Re: model description formatting

Posted by [mctrivia](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 22:50:01 GMT

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it is a good skill to learn. The simple things like bolding changing size and adding pictures are very easy to use.

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Subject: Re: model description formatting

Posted by [stop4stuff](#) on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 22:52:32 GMT

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Also some HTML tags seem to render the 'edit' description function useless... i.e. you need to type it out all over again, so keep a local copy handy & spell check before saving your descriptions.

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [fx](#) on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 08:44:59 GMT  
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I'm using HTML tags now. I think the tools disappeared because Twitter doesn't have any formatting options...

Formatting options (GUI) are needed, because typing html tags to formate big descriptions is time consuming.

Shapeways == e-commerce platform  
Shapeways != Twitter  
Model description != Facebook comments

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [MichielCornelissen](#) on Sun, 16 Oct 2011 09:40:28 GMT  
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I'm afraid that learning HTML is not very high on my bucket list. Car maintenance is also a great skill, but it's not like Hertz asks you to bolt on the wheels before you can drive away.

So Shapeways people, any word on if and when those nice formatting buttons will be back on the model page?

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [mctrivia](#) on Mon, 17 Oct 2011 02:54:33 GMT  
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yes adding html formatting buttons would be nice. but here is a quick tutorial

`<br>` adds a new line  
`&nbsp;` adds a space. This is useful because html automatically removes multiple spaces  
`<b>your text</b>` make your text bold  
`<i>your text</i>` make your text italic  
`<h1>your text</h1>` make your text a heading. try replacing 1 with 1 to 5 for different style headings  
`<a href="url">your text</a>` make a link to a specific url  
`<img>url of img</img>`

these are the basic things your will likely ever need to use.

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [MichielCornelissen](#) on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 11:09:55 GMT  
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Hey Mctrivia,

Supercool of you to put the html lightning course in your post. I will feel very hip when writing my first code.

By the way is there a code for a hard return, to start at the beginning of the next line?

Michiel

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [mctrivia](#) on Tue, 18 Oct 2011 11:24:00 GMT  
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not sure what you mean. there is

`<p>this is a paragraph</p>`  
`<center>old way to center text</center>`

Bullets and numbered lists are a little harder but not much:

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [robs\\_mw](#) on Thu, 20 Oct 2011 14:44:32 GMT  
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Hello Shapeways,

Indeed, as stop4stuff noted, adding various html tags, saving it, and trying to edit again, makes that only the first line of your text is still accessible, the rest shows below the blue edit box, but disappears if you review your page (edit mode off)...not so handy....

Also most of the text (except the first line) is not in black anymore, but grey.....not sure if this was the intention?

Can you guys not just implement ckeditor in your page? please...

Hi Michiel,

Try this: <http://ckeditor.com/demo>  
remove the existing text from the box,  
type in your own text, and format as you wish,  
then click 'source' (left upper corner),  
copy the source html code into the shapeways edit box  
AND save a copy of the html text in a notepad/text file in your PC for future reference/backup....as it might get lost next time you want to edit it in the shapeways edit box

Hope this helps.

Cheers,  
Robert

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Subject: Re: model description formatting  
Posted by [MichielCornelissen](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2011 20:43:40 GMT  
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Thanks for all the tips guys. Still hoping this just gets a smoother implementation on the

Shapeways site.

'd Be nice if someone from the Shapeways staff responded to these topics, by the way...

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