

Release note

textarea improvements

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What is a **textarea** and why did they need to be improved? A **textarea** is the name of a type of Metadata Attribute in Movida, used for things like Long Synopsis or Long Description. Unfortunately, they weren't very long, so we improved them!

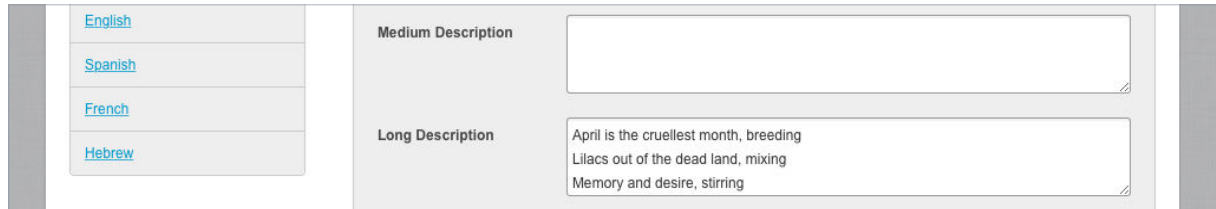
This note describes what has changed in full, and as usual you can contact **support** or your technical account manager for further clarification.

BeBanjo reference(s)

Application	Issue	Title
movida	2920	textarea improvements

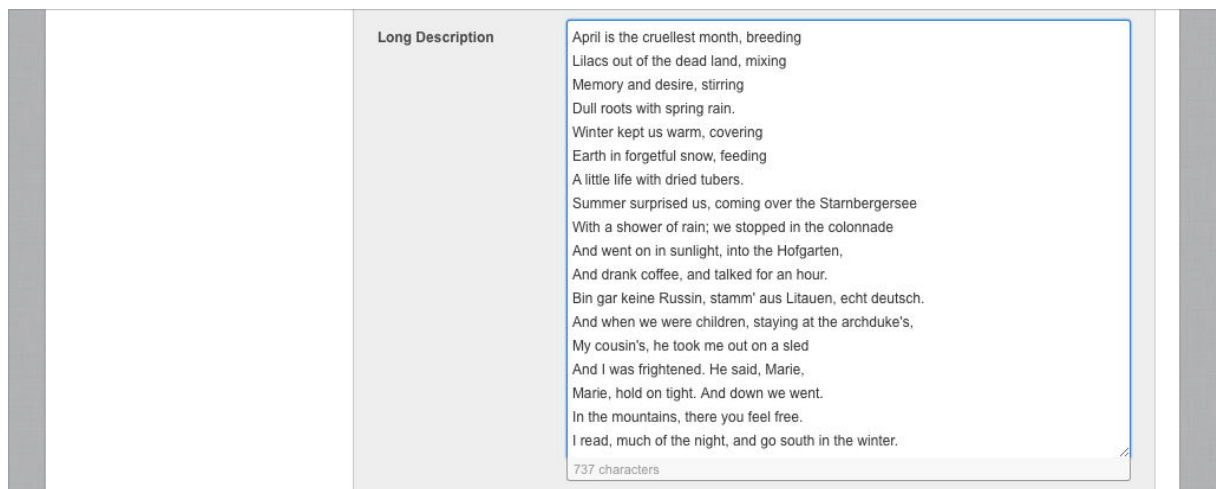
textarea

In the bad old times a textarea was only ever three lines tall; never more, and never less. If your Platforms supported nice long textual descriptions of content then it could be a bit fiddly to enter that in Movida. Much scrolling was required. We don't like scrolling. Here's an example:



The screenshot shows a form with a language selection menu on the left containing 'English', 'Spanish', 'French', and 'Hebrew'. To the right, there are two text input fields. The top field is labeled 'Medium Description' and is empty. The bottom field is labeled 'Long Description' and contains the text: 'April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring'. The text is truncated at the bottom of the field.

How long is that that Long Description? Well, now when you enter the textarea field (by tabbing or clicking) it will automatically expand like this:

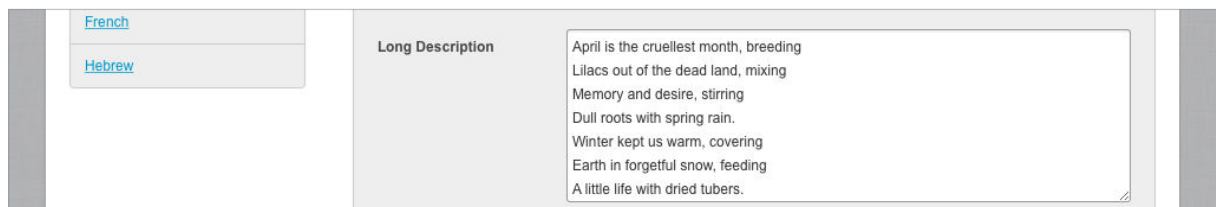


The screenshot shows the same form as above, but the 'Long Description' field is now expanded to fit the text. The text is: 'April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain. Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in forgetful snow, feeding A little life with dried tubers. Summer surprised us, coming over the Starnbergersee With a shower of rain; we stopped in the colonnade And went on in sunlight, into the Hofgarten, And drank coffee, and talked for an hour. Bin gar keine Russin, stamm' aus Litauen, echt deutsch. And when we were children, staying at the archduke's, My cousin's, he took me out on a sled And I was frightened. He said, Marie, Marie, hold on tight. And down we went. In the mountains, there you feel free. I read, much of the night, and go south in the winter.' At the bottom right of the field, it says '737 characters'.

And, when you move out of the textarea field (by tabbing or clicking) it will collapse back down to its original size.

Nifty!

You can also grab the **handle** in the bottom right of the textarea to resize it as you desire:



The screenshot shows the same form as above, but the 'Long Description' field is now collapsed. A small square handle is visible in the bottom right corner of the field, indicating it can be resized.

We, as a team, welcome our new textarea fields and we hope you like them too!