

%TextIn

`%TextIn` is a Meta-SQL construct which is used for inserting data into PeopleSoft Long Character type fields. You will need to use this when long text strings into a Long Character field in certain database platforms. PeopleBooks suggests it is necessary for Sybase and Informix. I have found it is also necessary for Oracle.

For example, to insert into `PSMSGCATDEFN` table, the field `DESCRLONG` is Long Character field. You could use Meta-SQL like this:

```
INSERT INTO PSMSGCATDEFN
VALUES (:1
, :2
, :3
, :4
, %CurrentDateTimeIn
, %TextIn(:5))
```

This ensures the long character data will be inserted into the `DESCRLONG` field. Without the `%TextIn` around the bind variable, you will get errors like this in your TraceSQL log:

```
8015 - Bind value is too long
```

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