

Multipicklists and when to use them

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if I don't get pinged I tend to go off do something else

short version is multipicklists suck

they suck hard enough to use them to clean my flat when my hoover's on the fritz.

longer version is that a multipicklist in SF is literally just concatenation values together as text

so if you try to use this later you'll get values concatenated together with ;, not a list

which means it sucks for reporting

it sucks for apex code

it sucks when you want to do a list view filter

etc.

a junction object in the end is pretty much the same thing: you get multiple stuff on one single record

except it can store more info

you can report on it

you can list and sort it

and, if the user REALLY wants that on an object

you can even roll it up to concatenate as string in a field

thereby giving the user what they wanted.

the only reasons to ever use multipicklist for me are if

- you don't intent to report on that field
- it's literally just there to highlight stuff that's useful to the user but nothing else
- using a junction object would put undue stress on the user.

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