

# Docstatus

The docstatus will always have one of the following three values:

1. Draft (value: 0)
2. Submitted (value: 1)
3. Cancelled (value: 2)

**Documents that are *not submittable* will always remain in the "draft" state.**

Documents in the submitted and cancelled state cannot be edited, with **one exception**: for individual fields we can explicitly allow edits, even when the document is in the submitted state.

In the backend code we have a helper class `DocStatus` that can be used as follows:

```
import frappe
from frappe.model.docstatus import DocStatus

draft_invoice_names = frappe.get_list(
    "Sales Invoice",
    filters={"docstatus": DocStatus.draft()},
    pluck="name"
)

invoice_doc = frappe.get_doc("Sales Invoice", draft_invoice_names[0])
invoice_doc.docstatus == DocStatus.draft() # -> True
invoice_doc.docstatus.is_draft() # -> True
invoice_doc.docstatus.is_submitted() # -> False
invoice_doc.docstatus.is_cancelled() # -> False

invoice_doc.submit()
invoice_doc.docstatus == DocStatus.submitted() # -> True
```