

## Getting the current or previous value of a drop-down list

This example demonstrates how to obtain the current value of a drop-down list as well as the different ways to access the previous value of a drop-down list on a form. In addition to the actual scripts that set the current and previous values, it's important to note that the scripts are located on the **change** event for the Drop-down List.



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### Instructions

1. Select a value from the Drop-down List. Note that the Current Value text field displays the value currently selected in the Drop-down List. Each of the previous value text fields displays the value Peach.
2. Select a new value from the Drop-down List and observe the change to the Current Value, Previous Value 1, and Previous Value 2 text fields.

**Note:** Each of the methods for obtaining the previous value of a drop-down list uses a different script. The Previous Value 1 text field is populated by a direct reference to the `previous` property of the `Drop-down List`, whereas the Previous Value 2 text field is populated using the `prevText` event. For consistent results, it is recommended that you access the previous value by using the `prevText` event.

Drop-down List:

Peach

Current Value:

`currentValue.rawValue = xfa.event.rawValue;`

Previous Value 1:

`form.rawValue.previous = dropdownList.rawValue;`

Previous Value 2:

`form.rawValue.prevText = xfa.event.prevText;`

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