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 is important to note that the scripts are located on the **change** event for the Drop-down List.

Open this form in Adobe LiveCycle Designer to view the form properties and specific settings for individual form objects.

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 `rawValue` 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:

Current Value: `CurrentValue.rawValue = xfa.event.newText;`

Previous Value 1:   `PreviousValue1.rawValue = DropDownList.rawValue;`

Previous Value 2:   `PreviousValue2.rawValue = xfa.event.prevText;`