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REDCap Newsletter

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REDCap Training and Education

Need help learning something new in REDCap right now?

[Access training videos 24/7.](#)

Walk-in Hours

Need help with a REDCap project? No appointment is necessary! Join us for walk-in hours every Friday.

All sessions are held:
Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Location: Gen. Hosp. 2nd Fl., Elev. C, Rm 263 MRF

Additional Items

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all UI sponsored events. If you are a person with a

Reminder: Archive/Delete Old Projects

The REDCap Team

If you have any existing REDCap projects that you are no longer actively using, these projects should be archived. Archiving a project does not delete any data; you can unarchive the project at any point in the future if you decide you need it again.

Deleting projects, on the other hand, is a permanent action and should be reserved for projects used for testing purposes or that otherwise don't contain any real data. Deleting projects helps reduce storage usage on the REDCap server.



Feature Highlight: Ontologies

The REDCap Team

My Form

Editing existing Record ID 101

Record ID	101
RxNORM	Acetaminophen 500 MG 315266
ICD10	park
Form Status	
Complete?	
Lock this record for this form?	If locked, no user will be able to edit this record on this form until someone with Lock/Unlock privileges unlocks it.

Type to begin searching

- [G20] Parkinson's disease
- [G22] Parkinsonism in diseases classified elsewhere
- [G21.8] Other secondary parkinsonism
- [G21] Secondary parkinsonism
- [G21.1] Other drug-induced secondary parkinsonism
- [F02.3] Dementia in Parkinson's disease
- [G21.2] Secondary parkinsonism due to other external agents
- [G21.3] Postencephalitic parkinsonism

By associating an ontology with a normal text field, users will be able to see auto-suggested choices when performing data entry. There are over 400 ontologies built-in to REDCap, such as RxNorm, ICD-9, ICD-10, Snomed CT, LOINC, etc.

The raw value stored for ontology-enabled fields will be the notational value (often an alpha-numeric code), however the full label can be viewed via reports and CSV exports.

Feature Highlight: Action Tags

The REDCap Team

Action Tags are special terms that begin with the '@' sign that can be placed inside a field's Field Annotation. These tags have a variety of uses, such as hiding/disabling fields based on how the instrument is viewed (data entry vs survey vs mobile app) and dynamically piping data into the field (today's date, current username, latitude/longitude, etc).

Action Tags / Field Annotation (optional)

@TODAY @READONLY

[Learn about Action Tags or using Field Annotation](#)

Multiple tags can sometimes be combined. A simple example of this might be using the '@TODAY' tag to automatically populate a field with the current date the first time a form is opened, along with the '@READONLY' tag to ensure the user cannot manually edit the date.

Five new action tags will be added in this month's REDCap update:

- @CHARLIMIT - Sets maximum number of characters that can be entered in a Text or Notes field

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- @WORDLIMIT - Sets maximum number of words that can be entered in a Text or Notes field
- @RANDOMORDER - Randomizes the order of multiple choice field options
- @HIDECHOICE - Hides one or more choices of a multiple choice field
- @NONEOFTHEABOVE - Allows for the designation of a checkbox choice to be a 'none of the above' option, thus ensuring that no other choices are checked if that one choice is selected

A full list of Action Tags can be found by clicking the "Learn about Action Tags" link just below the Field Annotation input on the "Edit Field" window in REDCap.

New Feature Highlight: PDF download for survey respondents

The REDCap Team

A new option is now available via an instrument's survey settings page which allows participants to download a PDF copy of their survey responses. When enabled, a button will appear after the relevant survey is completed and allow the participant to initiate the PDF download. Users with rights to the REDCap project may also download this PDF via the data entry form page.



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