

Pre Populating a drop down list

Almost every form needs to pre populate a drop down list dynamically.

The easy and probably the best way to do this is to do it in the when you render the PDF

Most of the times the data that needs to go into the drop down list is in the database, which is extracted using the query multiple rows component. This returns you an xml document having repeating nodes as its data. For Example

```
<data>
<process>
<processName>Expense Report</processName>
</process>
<process>
<processName>HelpDesk</processName>
</process>
</data>
```

From the above data you would typically want to have a drop down list with Expense Report, HelpDesk as its values. I have written a simple utility component which takes the xmlData and generates a comma delimited string of the repeating elements. The commadelimited string is then placed in the hidden text field of the pdf form. You would then process the comma delimited string to produce values to populate the drop down list I have attached the XDP file, process xml, custom component, xsd file which is the schema file

The xdp file has 2 fields – HiddenTextField – This field holds the comma delimited string

Active Process – This is a drop down list field whose values will be populated in the form:ready event for the field