

# Dropdown Inline Edit Storyboard

Use Case: Allow user to edit information that has constrained choices

Note: this scenario continues on the [Date Inline Edit Storyboard](#) page, but can also stand on its own.

**Scenario: Change assignment so it is only applicable to students in Section 1.**

Scenario begins with the user in the Assignments2 tool.

The screenshot shows the 'Assignment2' tool interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Assignments', 'Submissions', 'Options', and 'Submit'. Below this, there are two main sections: 'Drafts' and 'Posted'. Each section contains a table of assignments with columns for Title, Groups, Open, and Due. In the 'Drafts' section, the 'Groups' column for 'Really Important Assignment' and 'The Next Assignment' shows 'Click to edit'. In the 'Posted' section, the 'Groups' column for 'A Posted Assignment' and 'Yet Another Assignment' also shows 'Click to edit'. A mouse cursor is visible over the 'Groups' column header in the 'Drafts' table.

Drafts					<a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/02	07/19	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/26	Click to edit	

  

Posted					<a href="#">To Draft</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/17	06/25	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/25	07/01	

User mouses over (or tabs to) the (empty) Groups drop-down and discovers it is editable because there is a "Click to edit" message in the field (even before it is moused-over), the cursor changes to a hand (if using a mouse), and a box with a yellow highlight (though whether or not the highlight appears is configurable) and drop-down arrow appears in the field. (The hand and yellow highlight match the interaction in simple text inline edit.)

Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/26	Click to edit

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/25	07/01

If user hovers over the field for more than 2 seconds, hover message appears, "Click item to edit" (which matches the interaction in simple text inline edit). If user tabbed to field, show hover message, "Press 'Enter' to edit item" after 2 seconds.

Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/26	Click to edit

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/25	07/01

Mouse user thinks they must click on the arrow on the drop-down to open it, so they move the cursor over the arrow and click. Keyboard user opens field by pressing "Enter."

Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	07/26	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>		06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>		06/25	07/01

The drop-down opens and the choices are revealed. If using the mouse, the cursor changes to an arrow/pointer. The currently selected choice is highlighted (based on browser/OS defaults); since there was no value in the field previously, "Choose One" is selected.

Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Choose one</a>	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	07/26	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/25	07/01

User selects (either with mouse or using arrow keys with the keyboard) "Section 3."

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Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Choose one ▾	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Choose One Section 1 Section 2 Section 3	07/26	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/25	07/01

User clicks on "Section 3" (or presses "Enter" with the keyboard after it's selected), the drop-down closes, and they can see that "Section 3" has been entered as the value for the field. For the mouse user, the cursor remains in the same spot as "Section 3" was formerly. There is now an "undo" icon next to the field which allows the user to undo that edit with unclick. (Note: the Undo icon is a placeholder, and more thinking should probably be done on exactly how this should look. Perhaps it should be blue like the other links.)

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Drafts <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">New</a>   <a href="#">Delete</a>   <a href="#">Post</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Section 3 	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	07/26	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>

Posted <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">To Draft</a></span>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>	06/25	07/01

The user realizes they actually meant to enter "Section 1" so they mouse over (or tab to) the field and it is highlighted in yellow to show that it is editable. The "undo" icon remains there at this point since they haven't actually edited the field yet.

Assignment2

Assignments | Submissions | Options | Submit

**Drafts** [New](#) | [Delete](#) | [Post](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Section 3	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/26	Click to edit

**Posted** [To Draft](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/25	07/01

This time the mouse user quickly clicks on the text itself on the drop-down (they don't even wait for the arrow to appear after 2 seconds). Keyboard user simply opens field by pressing "Enter." The currently selected choice is highlighted (based on browser/OS defaults).

Assignment2

Assignments | Submissions | Options | Submit

**Drafts** [New](#) | [Delete](#) | [Post](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Really Important Assignment</a>	Section 3	07/02	07/19
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Next Assignment</a>	Click to edit	07/26	Click to edit

**Posted** [To Draft](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Groups	Open	Due
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">A Posted Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/17	06/25
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Yet Another Assignment</a>	Click to edit	06/25	07/01

User selects (either with mouse or using arrow keys with the keyboard) "Section 1."

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The user clicks on "Section 1" (or presses "Enter" if a keyboard user), the drop-down closes, and they can see that "Section 1" has been entered as the value for the field. Because the mouse user doesn't move their mouse, they can briefly see that the "Groups" field for the assignment below it (though empty) is editable as well.

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