

How To Convert A Text Input To A Drop-Down.

When creating an App from a list in SharePoint or OneDrive. Each column in the list will be used to generate a field within both a gallery and form within Power Apps.

If the list columns are confirgured as *Choice* columns, when Power Apps creates the Edit Form, each of those choice columns are drop-down lists inputs. Occassionally, a column which is a *Signle Line Of Text* entry column type (in the list data source) would be better as a drop-down list within the Power App to avoid users entering the required data incorrectly. How do we go about making this happen without having to redesign the list itself?

After creating the **App** from the list by using the *Integrate/ Power Apps/ Create an App* control.



Open and expand the **Edit Screen** screen in the Treeview and select the *EditFrom1* object.





In the Properties Panel, click the Edit Fields link.



In the *Fields Panel*, locate and expand the options of the field in question.



In the *Control type* drop-down, change to the **Allow Values** option.

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The input is now displayed as a drop-drown field. Close the Fields Panel.



Select the appropriate field card in the *Edit Form1* list of fields and then select the input field itself.

In the *Properties Panel* select the *Advanced* tab and click the **Unlock to change properties** button.



Using either the *Formulas Bar* or *Advanced Properties*, locate the **Item** attribute. Enter the list of choices like this into the field associated to the **Items**' attribute.

["item1","item2","item3"]

Each list item musted be wrapped within quotation marks, separated with commas, and the entire list must be held within brackets.

Now the *Single Line of Text* column can be populated with any value from the list you just created.