**What are action tags?**

Action tags are special terms that begin with the '@' sign which can be placed inside a field's **Field Annotation**. Each action tag has a corresponding action that is performed for the field when displayed on data entry forms and survey pages. Because action tags are used as part of the Field Annotation, they are not displayed anywhere on the page. Action tags improve the functionality of forms. You can use as many as you want for a single field, but if you do use more than one tag for a field, make sure to put a space or line break between them.

**Example:**
The @DEFAULT action tag sets a field's initial value. This allows a field to have a pre-specified value for a response item that has not yet had any data saved.

To learn about action tags, Navigate to **Project Setup > Online Designer > Click on a data collection instrument > Click Add or Edit a field**. Within the pop-up box, there is a link to the **@Action Tags** resource page.