

# Using the Fixed Setting with Piping and Randomization


The **Fixed** setting for answer options in SurveyGizmo allows you to lock the position of an answer option or multiple answer options within a compatible question.

The Fixed setting can be used in conjunction with Piping into Options and Answer Option Randomization to control the position of your answer options.

## Using the Fixed Setting when Piping into Options

[Piping into options](#) allows you to use the answer(s) (either those that were selected or left unselected) from a previous question as the answer options in a question on a later page.

It is very common to have an already existing answer option in the question that you are piping into, such as 'Not Applicable'.

 This question's options will pipe from answers **selected** in question 2

2. Are any of these your favorite color?

Not Applicable

By default, the Not Applicable option would be the first option presented to the respondent in your follow up question - making for an awkward order of options.

2. Are any of these your favorite color?

Not Applicable



red

green

blue

Using the **Fixed** setting, we can 'fix' Not Applicable to the bottom of the answer list when piping! To do so, edit the question that you are piping into and then edit the answer option you wish to fix (Not Applicable in this case).

What question do you want to ask?

Are any of these your favorite color?

[Advanced Options](#)

Not Applicable



[+ New Answer Option](#)

[+ Add Common Answers](#)

[+ New "Other", "N/A", etc](#)

[+ Paste in Options](#)

Toggle the **Fixed** setting to **Yes** and click **Done**. Last, **Save Question**.

Fixed  
 Yes  No

Disabled  
 Yes  No

Always Exclude From Piping  
 Yes  No

Never Mind Done

An orange arrow points from the 'Always Exclude From Piping' section towards the 'Done' button.

Your Not Applicable answer option will be fixed at the bottom of the list making for a much cleaner look.

2. Are any of these your favorite color?

- red
- green
- blue
- Not Applicable

An orange arrow points to the 'Not Applicable' option.

Note: Any additional answer options that you may add to the follow-up question will default to the top of the list unless the **Fixed** setting is toggled to **Yes**.

Using the Fixed Setting with Answer Option Randomization  
Randomization is a very important tool in survey design and is often used to help combat survey bias. You can learn more about answer option randomization [here](#).

Just as in the above example, you may need to control the placement of specific answer

options when you have randomization enabled.

You likely want to avoid the following:

1. Select the colors that you enjoy

- green
- yellow
- brown
- blue
- grey
- Other
- orange
- red



In the above example, we want to make sure that the "Other" option stays put, regardless of what the remaining answer options may be doing. We can do this using the **Fixed** setting.

To 'fix' the position of a specific answer option, edit your question and edit the answer option.

- blue  
- yellow  
- orange  
- brown  
- grey  
- Other  



Toggle the **Fixed** option to **Yes**. Click **Done** and **Save Question**.

Special Settings:  
Other

Group Name:

**Fixed**  
 Yes  No

Disabled  
 Yes  No

Checked By Default:

Never Mind Done

Now, when the answer options in your question are randomized, the Other box will remain in place - giving the question a much cleaner appearance.

1. Select the colors that you enjoy

- green
- grey
- orange
- yellow
- blue
- red
- brown
- Other

At this time this feature is **not** compatible with Custom Table Question Types.

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