Update Hidden Values if Answers Are Changed

By default, hidden values do not update when respondents go backwards in a survey and change their answers. One way to solve this problem is to remove the Back button on a survey, but that still doesn't ensure that they can't click Back on their browser. If you need to ensure that hidden values get updated, use this script.

The Script

Add a Custom Script action and copy and paste the following code.

- Make sure the action is *on a page that follows the question from which the hidden value pulls*.
- The hidden value must follow the script but it can be on the same page.

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--[[Reset a hidden value when a respondent changes their answers.
Place this script above the hidden value you are changing (on the same p
age)
--]]

-- The merge code or codes that are going to be evaluated. This is usuall
y the same merge code as that in the hidden value. Update the ID of the
merge as needed.

mergeCode = '[question("value"), id="2"]'

-- The ID number of the hidden value you are changing. Update this ID
number as needed.

 hiddenValue = 4

---------- Be careful when editing below this line ----------

setvalue(hiddenValue, evaluatemergecodes(mergeCode))
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Required Customizations

Change the IDs for the merge codes that are going to be evaluated and the ID of the

hidden value.