

Hidden Field

Hidden Field is a standard HTML Input element. Unlike Text Field, Hidden Field does not show up on the page, hidden away from the user. It is typically used to pass/set temporary or session-based information.

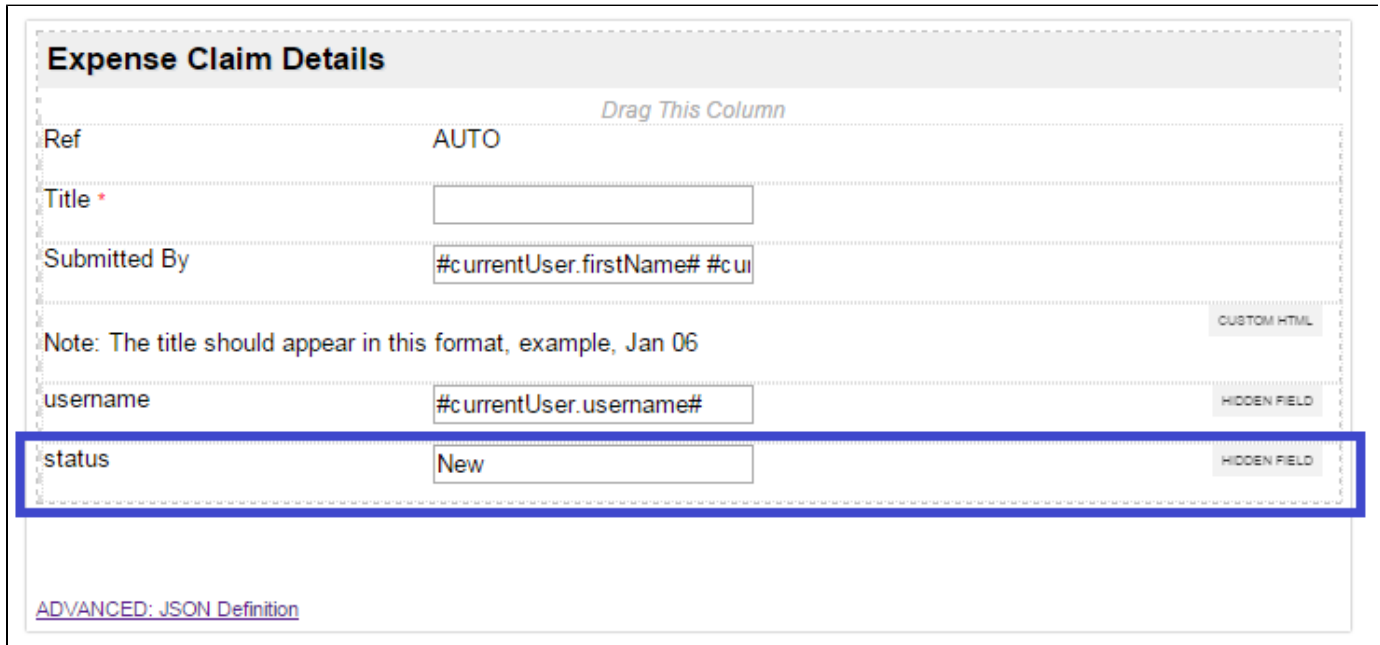


Figure 1: Screenshot highlighting a Hidden Field in sample Expenses Claim App

Screenshots in this article obtained from http://localhost:8080/jw/web/console/app/hr_expense/1/form/builder/hr_expense_new

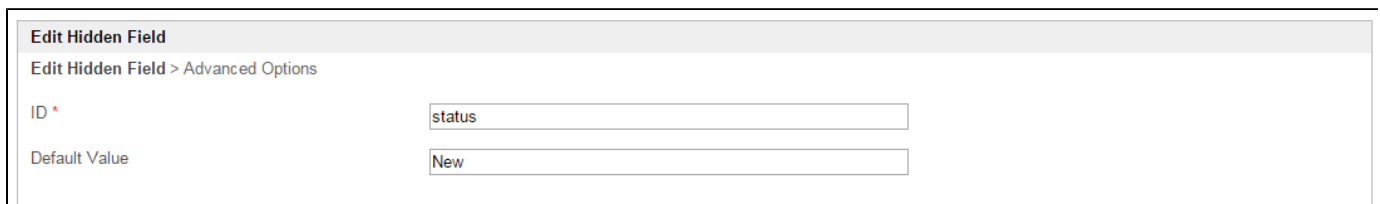


Figure 2: Hidden Field Properties

Name	Description
ID	Element ID (By declaring as "status", a corresponding database table column "c_status" will be created)
Default Value	<p>Default Value when there's no existing value found.</p> <p>Hash variable is accepted here. For example, you may key the following</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <pre>#currentUser.firstName# #currentUser.lastName#</pre> </div> <p>to pre-populate the field with current logged in user's name.</p>

Advanced Options

Edit Hidden Field > **Advanced Options**

Data

Data Priority
When value of first option is empty, value of the second option will be used

Default value first, database value second
 Database value first, default value second
 Always use Default value

Workflow

Workflow Variable

Figure 3: Hidden Field Properties

Name	Description
Data Priority	Determines on which value to be taken into consideration. There are 3 options with their own data precedence to cater to different use cases.
Workflow Variable	<p>If the form is part of a workflow process, upon saving of the form (by clicking on "Save as Draft" or "Complete" button). The value in this input field will be saved into the corresponding workflow variable named here.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Using a non-existent Workflow Variable name You will get the following warning with the name printed out (e.g. status) in the server log if you attempt to map to a non-existent Workflow Variable.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>context attribute status does not exist in process context - adding new attributes to the process context is not allowed</p> </div> </div>