

# Initialize Protected Field

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## Installation and Usage

Allow an initial entry into a blank field, but don't allow it to be changed.

Some applications require that once a field has been set to any initial value, it should not be allowed to change. ACT! will let you "protect" a field from change, but then you can't set it's initial value.

**Initialize Protected Field** offers the ability to specify an initial value for a protected field, but once the value has been set, then the ACT! "protected" edit rule takes over, and you can't change it from that initial value.

### Installation

1. Shut down all running programs
2. Run **Install\_InitializeProtectedField.exe**
3. Follow the instructions on the screen. Restart your computer if prompted to do so.

This will install **c:\program files\tnhg\InitializeProtectedField.exe** on your hard-drive (or wherever you have set for the Windows default location for program files).

### Usage

#### Protect the field

Start ACT! and open any database. Select the **Edit** menu. Select the **Define Fields** option. For each field to be protected by InitializeProtectedField, either add the new field or select the existing field from the list on the left.

Select "Protected" from the list of choices for "Edit rules:"

Select the "Triggers" tab. Set the "On entry trigger:" to:

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C:\program files\tnhg\InitializeProtectedField.exe
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Repeat this process for each of the fields you want to initialize but then disallow changes.