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Auto-complete type-ahead dropdown menu

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Description: This script adds auto-complete/type-ahead/ tracing/find-as-you-type effect to dropdown menus in Internet Explorer. In IE, when user press "MA" in a dropdown menu, IE will first select the first option starting with "M", then select the first option starting with "A", giving user "AK" while user actually wanted "MA" for Massachusetts. Using this script, user will get "MA" if "M" and "A" are consecutively typed (if user type "M", then after a while "A", user will still be taken to "AK" as an intended behavior). Comments in script is provided so that one can customize to determine how fast user has to type to get "MA" not "M", "A". Currently all printable characters on keyboard and keypad are supported (except for those needing the "shift" key). Both IE and Gecko-based browsers (firefox, mozilla, netscape, K-meleon etc.) are supported. Version 1.0 supports your using user-typed value to populate other menus.

Resource Specifications

Version:	1.0
Platform(s):	linux, windows, freebsd, osx, sun
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Works great!, Jan 12th, 2005

Reviewed By: tcjohn2

I had this script up & running on a 1000-member dropdown list pulled from a database in about 20 min. Users love it.



Simple to implement, great support from author!, Apr 27th, 2005

Reviewed By: BMCRobbert

Awesome simple script to implement (version 0.05), great support from the author. Huge thanks!



Excellent script--no variables to set, Jul 5th, 2005

Reviewed By: tcjohn2

Mingyi has eliminated the need to set field names in the script--eliminating potential errors. Makes it literally copy & paste.

He even modified it to work with keypad entry.



Works perfectly in IE and not in Netscape, Feb 6th, 2006

Reviewed By: msram78

Hi, Very useful utility/code, its said to be working in Netscape. But it doesnt work properly in Netscape. Only consecutive strike of same characters alone works, if i type BABA it doesnt work, if i type BBB / CCC it fetches right. Please advice.

Thanks & Regards

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