Power Apps - Common Control Issues and Fixes Cheat Sheet

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ComboBox Not Saving to SharePoint

Problem: ComboBox selections are not publishing to SharePoint list.

Fix:

1	Unlock the DataCard (if needed)
2	Set the Update property of the DataCard:
Field Type	**Update Property Formula**
Single Choice	cmb_ControlName.SelectedValue
Multi Choice	cmb_ControlName.SelectedItems
Text Field (Comma-separated)	Concat(cmb_ControlName.SelectedItems, Value, ", ")

Notes: Ensure ComboBox items match SharePoint choice options exactly to avoid submission errors.

Common Form Submission Problems

Problem	Cause	Fix
Blank values saving	Update property not set	Set Update to selected control value
Incorrect data type	Field expects different format	Adjust ComboBox output (Concat, etc)
Error on submit	Control name mismatch	Check DataCard Update formula

Developer Tips

* Always unlock a DataCard before changing properties.

* Use Preview mode (play button) to test controls before publishing.

* Name your controls clearly: e.g. cmb_AssociatedHazardousEnergies instead of ComboBox1

* Publish and Save often!

* Add version notes: e.g., "Fixed Associated Hazardous Energies ComboBox update 2025-04-10"

Field Values Not Displaying Correctly in Controls

Problem: Fields not showing current value in dropdowns, combo boxes, etc.

Fix: Set DefaultSelectedItems property:

```
If( !IsBlank(ThisItem.FieldName),
{ Value: ThisItem.FieldName },
Blank()
)
```

SharePoint List Field Mappings

SharePoint Field Type	Control Type	Notes
Single line of text	Text Input	Simple binding
Choice (single)	Dropdown / ComboBox	Use Selected.Value
Choice (multi)	ComboBox	Use SelectedItems or Concat for text fields
Lookup	Dropdown	Set Items to LookUp source list
Yes/No	Toggle / Checkbox	Bind to DataCardValue.Value
Person/Group	ComboBox	Use Office365Users connector if needed



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