

PREVIOUS FUNCTIONALITY – WHAT WILL BREAK IT

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Just to clarify, Linda states that "if she inserts a new glossary under family hx group, it can break the previous link in any subsequent glossary in the template because it will change the rownums for every subsequent glossary" I interpret this statement as follows: Linda is indicating that adding a new glossary type item to a template under the family history group (for instance) will break previous because the "rownums" will change. (This is somewhat confusing because the use of the term "rownums" which would suggest that she is adding another option to a glossary as apposed to an item to a template)

Assuming that I have interpreted this statement correctly, adding a new glossary type item to a template will not break previous. The **rownum** of the item is not a factor in the identification of a previous item.

The following actions **WILL NOT** break previous

- You can add items at any level to a template without affecting previous.
- You can remove items at any level without affecting previous. (but obviously not an item previously charted against)
- You can retrieve previous values across different templates, as long as the items that you are attempting to retrieve previous for
 - are the same items
 - exists in each template within the same structure. (The entire template does not need to be the same, but the structure of the items with previous content must match the structure of the current items)(See bullet points for what will break previous)

The following actions **WILL** break previous

- Performing any action that effectively changes the indent level of an item. (This changes the parent structure for the item and therefore changes it's context.) This means that you can add items at any level and in any order. You just can't do something that changes the parent structure.
- Changing the itemdesc of the item or the itemdesc of any of the items parents. (This is what we call it in CNE. I can't remember what it is called in TB at the moment, but itemdesc is the text that displays in the treeview in CNE) The itemdesc of the item and the itemdesc of all of the parents is used to verify that we have found the correct item within the proper context. This is currently necessary because the same item can be added to a template multiple times. The only thing guaranteed to be unique is the context in which the item is used.
- Doing a "Save As" on a glossary and then associating the newly saved glossary to an existing item currently will break the link between this item (now linked to a new glossary) and the original item (exact same item, but linked to a different set of glossaries)(This rule is scheduled to be "relaxed" soon.
- Changing the text of any of the glossary options will cause the previous text to insert into the new chart as free text. (The glossary options will not be selected in the new chart, but the text of the previous item will be retrieved as free text.)
- Inserting free text into the middle of protected glossary text within a chart note will have the same affect as the previous bullet point. A subsequent chart will only be able to retrieve free text for the items with the inserted free text.

I realize that this explanation of previous has been rather detailed, but my hope is that providing this level detail will remove some of the confusion.

Hope this helps