# Redmap UX Standards

datagrids

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## Guidelines

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#### Toolbar

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## Pagination

Datagrids are multi-column lists, which can be used in portlets, wizards, dialogs, and tabs and can contain numerical data, text, icon, controls, or any other information that is multivarative

Benefit of diplaying large lists of objects with properties in datagrids is that users can sort and filter

The toolbar provides a set of actions that users can take in the current context. Organise the actions into maximum three segments. Each segment can be separated by

1) First segment will be the Global Actions

2) Actions related to the selected objects in the grid

3) An action menu with an arrow for all other actions

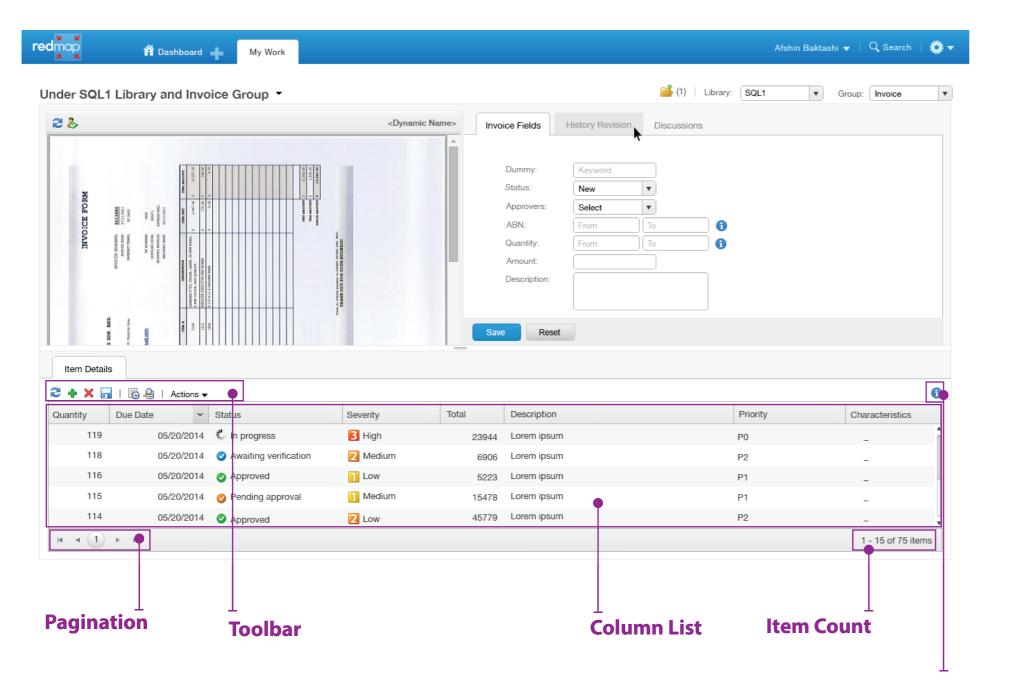
Maximum number of actions to show before action menu will be 7. Any more creates usability issues and clutter. Put the extra items in either contextual menu on each object or the action menu. Use 16px icons for the toolbar actions rather than labels, but display the title of the icons in a tooltip. Disable actions or icons that don't apply to the selected object in the datagrid. Only enable if action permitted but indicate in the tooltip that the action is disabled due to permissions etc.

Provide tooltips for all actions in the datagrid, paginations. Use only as much information in the tooltips as needed to ensure users understand the consequences of the actions. In some cases words are enough, for example Close All or Collapse Search Panel. But in other cases, you must add words to help users understand the consequences. The amount of words are a judgment call but if you're unsure of a title for a tooltip, consult a User Experience expert.

Contextual information icon will be displayed to the right of the grid, unless a filter control is implemented above a datagird.

Simplify the pagination, only use graphic background on the highlighted page. Simply toolkit design to achieve a simple UX. Ensure the arrows have tooltips and hover actions

#### **Column List**



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of the datagrid

Item Count

- 1) The first columns in a datagrid should always be Name, State and Status.
- 2) By default only show a subset of columns that are meaningful to the user.
- 3) Set the column widths to a default size that are large enough to accommodate critical data so truncation does not appear.
- 4) Column rearrangement can be allowed but not to the first column. Name should always remain as the first column.
- 5) Use text only for column headers and a Title style capitalisation for headers, and a sentence style capitalisation for the cell content.
- eg. Title Style Capitalisation
- eg. Sentence style capitalisation
- 6) Don't use any units or abbreviations in column headers
- 7) When a column shows a count of objects, set the object column just wide enough for the count
- and use the object name for the column header.
- eg. Number of approvals
- rewrite to: Approvals
- 8) All numerics, dates will be justified right, and all text in columns will be justified left, except the column headers which will always be justified left.
- 9) Try to only show the column filters and sorting arrows on hover, so the UI or column headers do not become cluttered with arrows.
- 10) For Status column always use icons to indicate the actions at hand. This is to improve scanability

1) The item count shows the number of items in a grid, for example (15 items). But if the grid is filtered then the number of filtered items out of the entire list (for example, 15 of 75 items).

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- Consider using a popup window or master/detail view to show the full content

1) Select the first row by default so all the related actions in the toolbar will be displayed. That way the user can instantly understand the actions available for that particular object.

2) In a search result always highlight the selected object, below the search result.

3) Ensure that clicking in an empty row deselects the selected row.

4) If the selected row has a detailed page, after clicking the row, turn the name or the first column of the object into a hyerlink that opens the page details.

#### **Column Content**

1) If your use case requires it, then allow inline editing of a cell

2) If there are no data available in a column or row, use a dash mark instead of an empty space3) Use wording specific to a state rather than using Yes or No in a column. For example use

Enabled and Disabled to display the State of a user, this aids user's comprehension.

4) If the cell in a column only has an icon available, then provide a tooltip. for example if only icons will be available for Status column, then ensure that the user can filter by using words

to describe the status example Approved, in Prgoress etc

5) If a cell has a long string of text like description, truncate the text with elipses (...), and optionally provide a tooltip that shows the full text.

6) When a cell contains multiple strings, allow the contents to wrap, up to three lines, any more data either truncate or use a shorter form of data.

7) Because it's not feasible for the user to select individual cells, then include an export action as an alternative.

8) Avoid placing multiple data objects inside a single cell, if you require this then use the following guidelines:

- Link the cell contents to detailed information

#### Scrolling

1) Vertical scrolling will behave exactly the same way as any other vertical scrolling 2) Horizontally scrolling is allowed but not encouraged.

#### **Multiple View of Data**

#### **Inline Editing**

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7) Sorting in a hierarchical must always be local

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1) Showing different views of the same data can help users better understand the relationship of objects. You can facilitate different views by using a dropdown menu. Place dropdown menu in the toolbar area, if the table grid has no related actions. Otherwise display the dropdown to the right of the table able the datagrid.

- 1) When uer hovers over an editable cell, the cell is outlined to indicate that the cell can be edited. 2) The user clicks inside the cell to start editing
- 3) Pressing the Enter key or clicking ouside of the cell, commits the changes and exists editing mode And pressing the ESC kay exists the editing mode and discards the changes
- 4) Always make the editing control as large as the cell itself when editing
- 5) If the input can be multiline but shows up as a single line in a datagrid, allow the editing area
- to extend outside the cell for duration of editing. Snap back to normal cell size when focus leaves

#### **Hierarclical Datagrid**

- 1) In a datagrid the first column is structured as a hierarchy
- 2) A standard disclosure element (a triangle) indicates when an entity has children.
- 3) Use it when the parents and children share the same properties
- 4) Avoid going more than one level deep
- 5) Only the first column in a datagrid may be heirarchical
- 6) If the first column has an icon associated to it, then put the arrow to the left of the icon, so that the
- Order is Triangle, Icon, and then Text

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