Example of Multiple Response Question Handling in Epidata (non-dichotomous)

In this example you can enter each coded item from a multiple response question
as you read them off a paper survey instead of entering a code for Ticked / Not
Ticked for each possible response item.

Assume relevant question in the paper survey reads as follows:
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    Which fruits do you like to eat?

    Apples   1[ ]   Oranges   2[ ]

    Bananas   3[ ]   Pears   4[ ]

    Peaches   5[ ]   None   6[ ]

    Other   7[ ] (please specify) ....
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If only oranges and pears were ticked, then enter 2 in fruit1 and 4 in fruit2.
In fruit3 we will indicate that there is no third or subsequent fruit specified
by entering 99 ("No further responses"). We will jump to the the next question,
filling the remaining fruit options also with code 99.

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id   Unique Record ID Number |____|

fruit1   1 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruit2   2 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruit3   3 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruit4   4 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruit5   5 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruit6   6 - What fruits do you like? |____|
fruito   Text Response - Other Fruit |_____|

endvar   Next Variable in Survey |____|

Note 1: A text field has been added to store the details of an open-ended
"other" response. This field will only allow entry if one of the previous
options was coded with 7 = Other.

Note 2: The entries in the fruit variables must be unique. Checking for
duplicates is done after entry of each of these variables, and a duplicate
entry will not be allowed.

Note 3: As code 6 = None is a single reponse option, i.e. one should not tick
"None" and then also tick a fruit, entering 6 in the fruit1 will fill
subsequent variables with 99 ("No further responses") and take you to the next

question. Entering 6 into a fruit variable other than the first one will not
be allowed.

Note 4: All of the logic programmed currently works only if the variables are
filled in sequentially and one does not go back with the mouse or keyboard to
change a previous value.

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