

Survey Specifications Management at Statistics Canada

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The Framework Systems Section of the Operations Research and Development Division (ORDD-FSS) is responsible for designing and developing the collection technology framework and architecture for survey collection operations within Statistics Canada. Collection technology architecture provides a framework within which the survey life cycle is managed. This includes supporting the specification, development, testing and production deployment of survey instruments, the management of collection operations during collection, the delivery of survey data from collection to down-stream subject matter processing systems and the post-collection analysis of operational data.

One of a number of initiatives identified as priorities for ORDD-FSS is the development of a specifications repository that will encourage the reuse of survey specifications and associated instrument components when common concepts are used within multiple surveys.

This paper focuses on the proposed approach for specifications development and management and on the development and usage of a specifications repository within this process.

Abstract