Advanced Editing: Integrating Blaise with a Management System
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During the stage of cleaning of interview data, it is good practice to use the same Blaise data model as used in the field, for reasons of consistency and efficiency. This paper will touch on challenges presented by special demands during this phase. Some of the challenges are in the Blaise data model and data itself, for instance, the need for additional checks and being able to reach 'behind walls' set during the field interview. We also look at how best to present data issues to staff in an easy-to-use user interface, how to automatically categorize interviewer comments (Blaise remarks) and how to integrate this editing system within a comprehensive Home Office system.