

Lifecycle Processes to Insure Quality of Blaise Interview Data

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Efficient, accurate and timely post-collection processing of interview data is critical in both cross sectional and longitudinal survey environments. Through the use of the Blaise API a comprehensive approach has been implemented for the post-collection processing of Blaise interview data. This paper discusses the processing approaches used to manage the dynamics of changing data models; post-collection comment review and edit processes; codebook preparation; tracking the status of edit completion; and handling data complexities within the system. The experiences implementing a lifecycle approach for COTS Blaise studies across multiple survey environments within an organization are discussed including implications for backend systems architecture and functionality.

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