

Customizable .NET Event History Calendar: Looking to the Future

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Abstract:

A paper presented at the 2009 IBUC discussed an approach to creating an Event History Calendar (EHC) for the Re-Engineered Survey of Income and Program Participation (Re-SIPP). The resultant EHC asked about half of the questions in this very large survey and was a C# .NET DLL invoked from the Blaise 4.8 DEP as a COM object DLL. External metadata files were used to facilitate communication of data and metadata between the Blaise database and the EHC and made the calendar customizable and portable.

In this follow-up paper, we discuss the lessons learned from the 2010 field test of the EHC and assess the feedback we have received from respondents and interviewers. The paper will discuss improvements we are making to the implementation of the EHC in response to the feedback received and will focus on the technical, training, and usability issues involved.