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BLAISE 4.8 TO BLAISE 5 SPECIFICATION CONVERSION
Overview

• Decisions made for conversion
• Specification changes needed
  – Adding MODE
  – Incorporating SELFADMIN
  – Blaise 5 Features (Grouping and templates)
  – Special answers, Checks and Signals, Instructions, Code Frames
Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

- Designing screens for self administered
- Changing language
- Softening codeframe text
- Re-working onscreen instructions
Global Standards Decisions Spreadsheet

- We needed to track decisions that were made over time.
  - Share with Co-PI and other support staff
  - Documentation and consistency across survey and Programmers
A Migration Tool

- Make changes fast (Languages,)
- Consistent across programmers
- Add new features (Roles, Groups, Template names, Labels)
- Alter Signals and Help text
Two Modes in One Survey

• Developing Two Layout Sets
  – (lwerResourceSet, SelfResourceSet)

• Defining templates for each
  – ("GROUPTEXT“, "FIELDQTEXTS“, "OtherSpecify“)
Two Modes in One Survey

- Changing Iweradmin
  – (text, instructions, code frames, labels)
  - Interviewer mode
  - {CR} ENG "How much time do you spend traveling or commuting to and from your work on a typical day?"
  - Minutes:
  - OR
  - Hours:
  - Enter 996 if R works all or mostly from home.
  - Enter 997 if R reports that the length of commute varies."
Two Modes in One Survey

- Adding SELFADMIN where needed
  - (text, instructions, code frames, labels)
  - Self-Administered Mode
  - SELFADMIN
  - ENG "How much time do you spend traveling or commuting to and from your work on a typical day?"
  - PRELAB EHowNG "Minutes"
  - PRELAB SPN "Minutos"
  - TEMPLATES "SPECIALANSWER"
Blaise 5 Features

- Grouping
- Special Answers
- Checks and Signals
- OnScreen Instructions
- Codeframes
- Help Text
Specification Conversion

Conclusion

• Many challenges that we overcame
• Planning ahead saved a lot of time
• Break it down into smaller parts/problems
• Use resources (CBS, SRO, other studies)

Thank you

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