MAKING IT POP!

REDCap supports HTML coding within question and label fields. You can, for instance, add background coloring for sections of a form that you would like to emphasize.

An easy to follow example guide has been developed by another REDCap consortium institution for everyone’s benefit. The guide can be accessed at the following link:

[https://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/victr/dec/redcap/demos/surveys/?s=qjuUrZ](https://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/victr/dec/redcap/demos/surveys/?s=qjuUrZ)

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A note about Passwords.

User passwords on the REDCap Production and Test (formerly Development) servers are not necessarily the same. The two servers are fully independent systems. When users first create their own unique password on our Test server it is then copied to the Production server along with the user account, so both systems start off with the same password.

If a user then changes the password on one server but not on the other server the passwords will be out of “sync”. It is up to the user to keep the passwords synchronized if that is desired.

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GETTING HELP

There is a Request-Tracker system (redcap@rt.biostat.wustl.edu) to which questions about REDCap can be sent. The more relevant information you send, the easier it is for us to answer the question. The information will differ depending on the nature of the question but consider sending these items:

REDCap username
Browser and version number (IE, Firefox, Safari...)
Which server (Test or Production)
Name of the project in REDCap
Form/variables involved (if applicable)
DATA QUALITY?

REDCap field validation rules help prevent a user from entering the wrong type of data, such as typing text into a number field. This will not prevent data inconsistencies such as entering a visit date that is earlier than the birthdate.

The Data Quality module now lets you construct branching-logic style queries that can be executed automatically as the data are being entered. A popup message will alert you to potential problematic data.

A number of built-in queries are also available for testing your data for missing data, data type validations, etc. Please be sure to check out the Data Quality module instructions for more information.

PITFALLS TO AVOID?

A little while back I created a PowerPoint presentation to draw attention to problem situations that can occur when developing your REDCap projects. One of the foremost being a warning about renaming or removing the first field in your project.

The first field is also the tracking index for the project data. Changes to the first field will cause REDCap to start using a different field as the project index. As a result it will look like all of your records have suddenly vanished! In fact they are still stored in the database, but now your project cannot locate them. Restoring the first field to its original variable name will restore the index and allow the project to once again access the stored data.

This presentation is always available for viewing on your REDCap website at [http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/redcap/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/redcap_avoid_pitfalls.ppt].

RESOURCES

Helpful information, presentations, and registration forms can be found on our local REDCap Website

[http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/redcap].

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