REDCAP ADVANCED REDCap SURVEYS CLASS (304)

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Learning objectives

- Advanced survey setup
- Distribution
- Automated Survey Invitations (ASI)
- Alerts and Notifications
- Management
- Twilio (SMS)
- Action tags
- Best practices



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What is a survey in REDCap terms?

A different way of doing data entry in your project



General survey models

Simple single survey

(Covered in the "Intro to REDCap survey" class)

- Quick and easy to set up
- Single record per response
- Great for getting started with surveys

Chained surveys

(Covered in the "Intro to REDCap survey" class)

- Link multiple surveys together
- "Skip" over certain surveys
- Multiple survey responses linked to a single record

Longitudinal surveys

- Longitudinal mode turned on
- Repeat the same survey in multiple events
- Multiple survey responses per event per record
- Takes a bit more time and testing to set up
- Great for longer term studies



Uses

Setup

Distribution



Sciences

Pre and post surveys
Registration and review surveys

Clinical studies

- Projects with:
 - Limited FTE
 - Large participant numbers

Multiple timepoints data collection

Example Uses for longitudinal surveys

Low frequency

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Uses

"To:" Email

Crafting your message

Triggering invites

Timing

Distribution



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Setup steps for longitudinal surveys

- Builds on the simple survey and chained survey examples
- Define per event how you want your surveys to run
- First event works similarly to a chained survey
 - The first survey in any follow up events can and will have to get distributed in different ways:
 - Manually (e.g. in-clinic)
 - Automated Survey Invitations aka ASI (via email and SMS)
 - Alerts and Notifications (via email and SMS)
 - After the initial survey in each event, you can have your participant run through the surveys via auto-continue or survey queue.

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Setup – Auto Invitations

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Setup ASI – Crafting your message

- Select a "From" email
 - You can add up to 3 emails to your account
- Define a subject line
 - Short and to the point is the best
- Define the invitation body
 - REDCap will add the links automatically via the smart variable [survey-link]
 - HTML is allowed
 - Logo's or hyperlinks
 - Piping is allowed and encouraged
 - Try at least to add someone's name
 - Helps with the spam filters

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Setup ASI – Triggering invites

REDCap schedules an invite the moment the defined trigger becomes true

Three main ways of triggering similar to survey queue

- Survey completion
 - e.g. After consent survey is completed
- Branching logic
 - e.g. After consent equals yes ([consent]=1)
- Combination of the two
 - e.g. After the consent survey is completed and consent equals yes

Bonus: Ensure logic is still true upon send

Advanced feature that has some interesting applications.

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Setup ASI – Timing

- Two points of timing:
 - Initial survey invitation
 - Specific date and time
 - After a specific interval of time (from the moment of trigger or dynamic)
 - "On the next ..."
 - Reminders
 - Up to 5 reminders
 - Set schedule (every 3 days, mondays)
 - Remaining reminders get deleted when their survey is completed

Pro tip: send things on Tuesday morning 7 a.m.

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Setup – Alerts & Notifications

Triggering the Alert

Set the Alert Schedule

Message Settings

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Setup Alerts & Notifications – Triggering the Alert

- A. How will this alert be triggered?
 - Form/Survey saved
 - Conditional logic
 - Both
- B. Triggering the alert...
 - Defining when instrument is saved or when logic is true
 - C. Trigger Limit
 - Flexibility in regards to repeatable instruments/events

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Setup Alerts & Notifications – Set the Alert Schedule

- When to send the alert
 - Static vs dynamic
- Send it how many times
 - Just once
 - Every save
 - Multiple times (sending forever...)
- Alert expiration
 - Use with send every x days forever to stop this alert after a set date (e.g. study end date)

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Setup Alerts & Notifications – Message Settings

- Alert Type SMS vs. Email
- Email From, To, BCC, Errors
 - Manual entry only approved domains
- Message
 - Use smart variables
 - Piping data with identifiers needs additional action
 - Attachments
 - File upload fields vs. static

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Fire and Forget

Fuzzy triggers

Kill switches

Interplay with repeatable forms



Distribution – Fire & Forget

Setup your entire project to "run" itself with minimal oversight

Great for projects with limited manpower or that run for a long time

Build all your ASI's with survey complete and logic triggers

- Single trigger point model
 - i.e. everything gets scheduled based on 1 trigger but with different delays
- Cascading model
 - Each survey completed triggers another

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Distribution – Fuzzy triggers

You want to automate things, but you don't know upfront when certain events take place

- e.g. Trigger a set of surveys after a ED visit
- e.g. Trigger surveys after a child has had a concussion in a football match

Instead of survey complete trigger, you trigger things of a variable.

- Build a special form that contain those triggers
 - Checkboxes for immediate triggers
 - Date variables for fuzzy time triggers
 - e.g. Send survey 2 weeks before visit
- Filled out by study personnel
- Allows for more control

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Distribution – Kill Switches

- Flip side of a fuzzy trigger
- Disables scheduled surveys and reminders
- Build a special form (can be combined)
- Add branching logic to the ASI
 - e.g. [kill(1)]<>1
 - Turn on "Ensure logic is still true"
- Has to be managed by study personnel
- Secondary use:
 - "Reset" your survey invitations
 - Update invite text
 - REDCap auto filters completed surveys

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Distribution – Repeatable forms

- Repeatable form functionality is complicated
- You can't setup ASI's for repeatable events (yet) but you can use this in Alerts & Notifications
- You can have respondents repeat the same survey over and over
- Setting is located in the survey settings of a survey, but only after you made the survey repeating
- Use at your own risk
 - Recommendation: Test, test and test again

Gift cards Models

Gift cards are tricky

- Potential for scamming is high
- Build in at least one manual step
- Talk to us if you want more advice

Setup

- Create a "gift card" instrument
- Includes read only gift card field plus instructions
- Setup ASI to send out when gift card field is not empty

Running a gift card model

- Tell your respondents that you will distribute the gift cards at a set time, but not instantaneously
- Build a report that displays all records eligible for a gift card, but that haven't had one yet
- Download the report in csv raw format, plug in codes and reupload with the data import tool



Texting & Robo-calling

Twilio

- Send invites as text via a third party service (www.twilio.com)
- Will have to create an account with Twilio
- Costs money (<u>https://www.twilio.com/sms/pricing</u>)

Texting / Robo calling options

- Send survey link via text
- Start survey as robo-call
- Send text to invite to robo call (respondent calls to start survey)
- Send text to invite to robo call (service calls when respondent replies by text)
- Send survey as text conversation (inherently not secure)

Setup

• Found in the project setup page



Action Tags

Useful Action tags for surveys

- @HIDDEN-SURVEY
 - Handy for markup by study team
- @READ-ONLY
 - For displaying preloaded data
- @LATITUDE & @LONGITUDE
 - For capturing someone's location
- @NOW & @TODAY
 - For creating a "start" time stamp
 - Often combined with @HIDDEN
- @NONEOFTHEABOVE
 - To create an option in a checkbox that unchecks all other options
- @RANDOMORDER
 - To circumvent "multiple choice" bias
- @HIDECHOICE
 - To update options in an active survey



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