

# SRCBlaise Standards



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# Disclaimer

This book is divided into three major sections; Screen Standards, Specification Standards, and Programming Standards. There are also a number of appendices and an index at the back. The Screen Standards are aimed primarily at Blaise Programmers, but can also be used by Project Managers and Spec Writers as they develop their survey specifications and need to have an idea of screen design and how it is applied for various types of questions. The Specification Standards are aimed at Spec Writers and Project Managers as a guide to assist them in producing clear and complete Blaise specifications. The final section, Blaise Programming Standards, is designed primarily for the the CAI Programmers. The information contained within this section is very specific to many of the base standards that all SRC Blaise applications should adhere to.

In Appendix A, there is a very useful “Quick Reference Guide” that shows a variety of question types. The guide is split into four panels per question; the first is an example of the question specified according to the specifications standards, the second is an example of how the question is programmed according to the programming standards, the third is how the question looks in the DEP according to the screen standards, and the fourth panel displays the question in MQDS (the Michigan Questionnaire Documentation System) for documentation purposes.

Thus, it is not necessary for all users of this book to assimilate all pieces of it; if anything, the Blaise Programmers are the part of the intended audience in which all parts of the book are equally important. Everyone else should mainly pay attention to the sections of the book that are most cogent to their particular role on a given project.

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- Changed placement of Field Description in all examples of a question specification
- Added a numbering scheme to Signals and Checks
- Modified an example to show a Field Name and Field Tag that are different
- Added a disclaimer about each section's intended audience
- Added programming guidelines related to the use and re-use of fills
- Added edition numbers and edition release dates
- Added updated screen shots where necessary

# Foreword

These SRC Blaise Standards consolidate and make consistent various guidelines developed over several years for specification and programming of Blaise computer assisted interview (CAI) survey instruments, and design of the Blaise CAI interface. To facilitate understanding of the relationship among specification, programming, screen design, and instrument documentation, they also include a reference section showing specifications and program code side-by-side with resulting CAI screens and documentation produced by the Michigan Questionnaire Documentation System (MQDS).

The use of the term “standards” is deliberate, and is meant to convey that SRC expects CAI instruments to be specified and programmed consistently, and that programming instruments according to these standards is not optional. At the same time, it is recognized that these standards are not comprehensive enough to meet the needs of all survey designs.

Thus, in a sense they are guidelines, as are all such standards. Some survey designs may require deviating from them, and they will necessarily evolve over time. It is the obligation of each project team involved in CAI specification and programming to adhere to them, and to help them evolve as needed. To that end the SRO CAI programming team, working closely with SRC program staff and the SRO Project Design and Management Group (PDMG), will initiate periodic review and updating of these standards.

User comments are welcome, and may be sent via email to:  
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# Blaise Screen Design Standards

## Blaise Screen Design Guidelines • The Basics

This section provides basic screen design guidelines for Blaise survey instruments, with a primary focus on interviewer-administered surveys. First, the key principles behind the guidelines are listed. These are based on more general guidelines on user-centered design, from research on human-computer interaction. They are followed by standards established for display of text and interviewer instructions on the Blaise screen, and examples of screens that demonstrate application of these standards.




### Key principles

- Consistent screen design;
- Visual discrimination among the different elements (so that CAI users learn what is where, and know where to look);
- Adherence to normal reading behavior (i.e., start in upper left corner);
- Display of instructions at points appropriate to associated tasks (e.g., the show card or respondent booklet instruction precedes the question and the entry instruction follows the question text);
- Elimination of clutter and unnecessary information or other display features that distract users from immediate tasks (e.g., lines and toolbars).

### Text characteristics

- Display question text on a light background color (cream), in mixed case, and in **12-point Arial, black**;
- Display instructions in **11 point Arial bold blue**;
- Display response categories
  - ✦ that could be read to the respondent in **12-point Arial black**
  - ✦ that would not be read to the respondent in **11-point Arial bold blue**;
- Use underline for emphasis, sparingly;
- Place optional text in (parentheses);
- Display in-text references to function keys and numbers to type in mixed case within square brackets, for example, [Enter], [1], [F12], and [Ctrl-R].

## On-Screen Instructions and Other Information

- Place references to interviewer aids (e.g., an event history calendar or show card instruction) and the question text in the upper left corner of the screen, above the question text;
- Place instructions that precede the question flush left with the question;
- Use icons to distinguish special instructions:
  - ✦  **Page 1**, for respondent booklet instruction;
  - ✦  **Calendar**, for event history calendar instruction, and;
  - ✦  **Interviewer Checkpoint**.
- “Bullet” all other interviewer instructions with an 11-point bold blue diamond ( **◆** );
- Single space within an instruction and double space between instructions;
- Place an online help indicator ( **[F1]-Help** ) above the question on the right margin, for questions with “question-by-question objectives” (QxQ’s);
- Indent instructions that follow the question;
- Place any context-related information below the question-level help indicator on the right margin (for example, changing person-level information as the interviewer navigates a household roster or grid);
- Display instructions in the order associated with required interviewer tasks;
- Include an actual question in explicit interviewer checkpoints, displayed in **11-point Arial bold blue**;
- Capitalize only key task-related action verbs (ASK, READ, ENTER, and PROBE), and only at the beginning of instructions;
- Keep instructions simple and concise;
  - ✦ Put long instructions or those not directly related to asking questions or entering responses into online help (QxQ’s).
- Conditional instructions start with the conditional phrase, not the action verb, and the action verb is not capitalized (e.g. conditional probes and data entry instructions);
- In probe instructions, place text to be read in **Arial black**;
- Place references to respondent answers in quotation marks.

# Anatomy of the Blaise Screen

There are some fundamental elements that are common to most Blaise CAI instrument screens. The following screen highlights these elements.

The screenshot shows a Blaise CAI instrument screen titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template". The interface is divided into several sections:

- 1. Title Bar:** The top blue bar containing the project name "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template".
- 2. Menu Bar:** A bar below the title bar with menus: "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help".
- 3. Question Window:** A large yellow area containing the question: "Do you currently use a computer, either at work, at home, or at school?".
- 4. Response Option Window:** A yellow area below the question containing radio button options: "1. Yes" and "5. No".
- 5. Entry Window:** A grey area at the bottom for data entry. It includes a label "Currently Use a Computer" with a "No" button, and several other fields with checkboxes: "Used the Internet", "Ever Used a Computer", "Vacation in Last Year", "Regions Visited", "Regions Specified", "Value IRAs", and "Own or Rent Home".
- 6. Status Bar:** The bottom-most bar containing metadata: "B1", "1001", "09/12/2007", "12:16:57 PM", "Version Date: 09/06/2007", "Version Time: 2:10PM", and "READBACK MODE".

1. The Windows "Title Bar" identifies the current project.
2. The Windows "Menu Bar" contains drop-down menus for various user tasks.
3. The "Question Window" is the portion of the screen that includes the question text and any instructions to the user.
4. The "Response Option Window" contains the response categories for the current question.
5. The "Entry Window" is the section of the screen in which a response is entered. It also displays the Field Description (25-character maximum) and answer name.
6. "Status Bar" from left to right contains the following:
  - ✦ Field Name; generally alpha-numeric
  - ✦ Sample ID
  - ✦ Current Date
  - ✦ Current Time
  - ✦ Instrument Version Date
  - ✦ Instrument Version Time
  - ✦ Readback Mode Indicator (when Readback mode is on)

# Examples

## Introduction

- Non-question text to be read to the respondent;
- **ENTER [1] to continue** instruction;
- Bulleted instructions ( ♦ ), **11 point Arial bold blue**, in task order, indented after question text;
- Capitalized key task-related action verb, ENTER;

The screenshot displays a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template". The window has a menu bar with "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main content area is divided into sections. The top section, with a yellow background, contains the text "Hello, my name is [Iwer Name] and I am calling for The University of Michigan..." followed by two bulleted instructions: "♦ Provide description of The University of Michigan if R asks" and "♦ ENTER [1] to continue". Below this is a section labeled "1. Continue" with a large yellow rectangular area for input. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a grey bar with a tab labeled "Introduction" and a "Continue" button. The status bar at the very bottom shows "Intro", "1001", "07/24/2007", "12:51:27 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

SRO Standard Blaise Project Template

Forms Answer Options Help

Hello, my name is [Iwer Name] and I am calling for The University of Michigan...

- ♦ Provide description of The University of Michigan if R asks
- ♦ ENTER [1] to continue

1. Continue

Introduction Continue

Intro 1001 07/24/2007 12:51:27 PM Version Date: 07/24/2007 Version Time: 12:44PM

Ex\_Introduction.ai

## Enumerated Response Options (Short List)

- Less than six response options;
- Single column;
- Numbered sequentially, unless otherwise specified; note that the SRC convention for Yes and No is to number them as 1 and 5;

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar containing "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main content area is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section contains a text question: "There is a lot of talk these days about the Internet. Some people have heard or read about the Internet, while others have not. How about you -- do you know a fair amount about the Internet, have you heard about the Internet, but don't know much about it, or have you never heard of the Internet?". The middle section contains three radio button options: "1. Know a fair amount", "2. Heard about it, but don't know much", and "3. Never heard of it". The bottom section is a large grey area with a label "Internet Awareness" and a small input field. The status bar at the bottom displays the following information: "B9", "1001", "07/24/2007", "12:48:34 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_EnumRespShortList.ai

## Enumerated Response Options (Long List)

- More than six response options;
- Multiple columns, to avoid scrolling; “balanced” across response option window;
- Numbered sequentially,

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help

What grade is your child currently attending?

|                                       |                                    |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 0. Kindergarten | <input type="radio"/> 6. Grade 6   | <input type="radio"/> 12. Grade 12            |
| <input type="radio"/> 1. Grade 1      | <input type="radio"/> 7. Grade 7   | <input type="radio"/> 13. 1st year of college |
| <input type="radio"/> 2. Grade 2      | <input type="radio"/> 8. Grade 8   | <input type="radio"/> 14. 2nd year of college |
| <input type="radio"/> 3. Grade 3      | <input type="radio"/> 9. Grade 9   | <input type="radio"/> 15. 3rd year of college |
| <input type="radio"/> 4. Grade 4      | <input type="radio"/> 10. Grade 10 | <input type="radio"/> 16. 4th year of college |
| <input type="radio"/> 5. Grade 5      | <input type="radio"/> 11. Grade 11 |   |

Current Grade

B19 1001 09/06/2007 2:30:13 PM Version Date: 09/06/2007 Version Time: 2:10PM

Ex\_EnumRespLongList.ai

## Fixed Length String

- Short open response;
- Single-line, ticker-tape entry field;

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template". The menu bar includes "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main area is a yellow box containing the question "In what city and state was your mother living when you were born?". Below the question are two input fields: "City: \_\_\_\_\_" and "State: \_\_\_\_\_". At the bottom of the window is a grey table with the following data:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Birth City               | Ann Arbor |
| Contact Telephone        | ( ) -     |
| Lower Checkpoint FTF_Tel |           |
| Good Citizen             |           |
| Keep Up w/ Inflation     |           |

The status bar at the bottom of the window displays: B11, 1001, 07/24/2007, 12:52:27 PM, Version Date: 07/24/2007, Version Time: 12:44PM.

Ex\_FixedLengthString.ai

*Note that Blaise stores strings in the data file and that codebooks generated from MQDS outputs a 1 (asked) or a 0 (not asked).*



## Open End

- Long open verbatim response;
- “Free Form” Window for input;
- Press [Insert] to edit existing text;

The screenshot displays the 'SRO Standard Blaise Project Template' window. The main area contains a question: 'People have different ideas about what being a good citizen means. We're interested in what you think. How would you describe a good citizen in this country -- that is, what things about a person are most important in showing that one is a good citizen? (Any other ideas?)'. Below the question is a large yellow text area for input. A 'Memo' window is open over this area, containing the text 'A good citizen is someone who'. The 'Memo' window has 'Save', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons. On the left side of the main window, there is a list of variables: 'Birth City', 'Contact Telephone', 'Lower Checkpoint FTF\_', 'Good Citizen', and 'Keep Up w/ Inflation'. The bottom status bar shows '613', '1001', '07/24/2007', '12:53:24 PM', 'Version Date: 07/24/2007', and 'Version Time: 12:44PM'.

Ex\_OpenEnd.ai


*Note that Blaise exports open end data to a separate file (\*.opn)*

## Whole Number

- Integer or whole number response;
- Width of input field equals width of maximum valid response

The screenshot displays a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar containing "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main content area is yellow and labeled "Page 3" with a booklet icon. It contains the question: "On a scale of 0 to 100, what do you think are the chances that your income will keep up with inflation for the next five years?". Below the question is a grey input field with the label "Keep Up w/ Inflation" and a small white input box. The bottom status bar shows "B14", "1001", "07/24/2007", "12:54:37 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_WholeNum.ai

*Left-justified interviewer aid instruction precedes the question, in 11 point Arial blue, with  icon to identify it as a respondent booklet instruction.*

## Whole Number with Decimal

- Numeric response with one or more decimal places;

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template". It has a menu bar with "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". Below the menu bar, it says "1 of 2". The main area contains the question: "How much do you earn now from this job?" followed by "\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (Hour/Week/Two weeks/Month/Year)". At the bottom, there is an "Earnings Amount" field with the value "\$12.50", an "Earnings Period" field, and an "Earnings Other Specify" field. The status bar at the bottom displays "B15a", "1001", "07/24/2007", "12:55:28 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_WholeNumDecimal.ai

*"\$" in Question and Entry Windows indicates to the interviewer that this is a currency response. The dollar sign in this entry window does not appear until the IWER starts to type*

*This example is the first of two questions in a multi-part question series (amount-per-period), and has a multi-part question indicator in the upper left corner.*

## Edit Mask

- Formatted field that provides guidance for data being entered, e.g.,  
( ) - for a telephone number.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar (Forms, Answer, Options, Help) and a close button. The main area is a yellow dialog box titled "Edit Mask" with a question: "Is there an additional telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?". Below the question is a blue instruction: "♦ If the respondent mentions a cell phone number, please enter that number and then enter an [F2] note and indicate that it's a cell number". At the bottom of the dialog are four input fields: "Birth City" (containing "Ann Arbor"), "Contact Telephone" (containing a masked number "( ) - "), "Lower Checkpoint FTF\_Tel" (empty), and "Good Citizen" (empty). The status bar at the bottom of the window displays: B12, 1001, 09/06/2007, 2:28:13 PM, Version Date: 09/06/2007, Version Time: 2:10PM. A vertical label "Ex\_EditMask.ai" is on the right side of the window.

## Multiple Response

- Enter all responses that apply;

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help

**Page 1**

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic origin: White, Black or African-American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander?

- ♦ **PROBE** before accepting refusal
- ♦ **ENTER** all that apply
- ♦ For multiple responses, use [Space] or [-] to separate responses

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. White                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Alaskan Native         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Black or African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Asian                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Hispanic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Pacific Islander       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Native Hawaiian           | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <b>Other - specify</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. American Indian           |  |

Race/Ethnicity

B10 1001 03/11/2008 2:36:02 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

*Note that instructions are double spaced, PROBE & ENTER are key action verbs and are capitalized, and that reference to key strokes are placed in brackets*

*In this example, the "Other - specify" category appears in blue, indicating it would not be read to the respondent.*

## Multi-part Questions (1 of 2)

- The first screen of a multi-part question -- ① of ②;
- Screen task, e.g., enter dollar amount, is **11-point Arial bold blue**, and the remainder of the instruction is 11-point Arial blue.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar containing "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main area has a yellow background and displays "① of ②" at the top left. Below this is the question "How much do you earn now from this job?" followed by a text entry field "\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (Hour/Week/Two weeks/Month/Year)". At the bottom of the window is a grey panel with three labels: "Earnings Amount", "Earnings Period", and "Earnings Other Specify". The "Earnings Amount" field contains the text "\$12.50". The bottom status bar shows the following information: "B15a", "1001", "07/24/2007", "1:00:15 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_MultiPartQ\_1.ai

## Multi-part Questions (2 of 2)

- The second screen of a multi-part question -- ② of ②;
- Screen task, (e.g., enter period), is **11- point Arial bold blue**, and the remainder of the instruction is 11-point Arial blue;
- Response from the first part is filled in.

The screenshot shows a window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar (Forms, Answer, Options, Help). The main area has a yellow background and displays "② of ②" at the top. Below it is the question "(How much do you earn now from this job?)" and the text "\$12.50 per (Hour/Week/Two weeks/Month/Year)". A list of radio button options follows: "1. Hour" (selected), "2. Week", "3. Two weeks", "4. Month", "5. Year", and "6. Other -- specify". Below the options is a grey section with three labels: "Earnings Amount" (with a text box containing "\$12.50"), "Earnings Period" (with a text box containing "1"), and "Earnings Other Specify" (with an empty text box). The bottom status bar shows "B15b", "1001", "07/24/2007", "1:00:47 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_MultiPartQ\_2.ai

## Interviewer Checkpoint

- An explicit interviewer checkpoint, with a question to the interviewer;
- All text of the interviewer checkpoint appears in **11-point Arial bold blue**;
- The special icon ☒ is used to distinguish an interviewer checkpoint.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar (Forms, Answer, Options, Help). The main area has a yellow background and contains an "Interviewer Checkpoint" section. This section is marked with a checked checkbox icon and contains the question "Is this a Face to Face or Phone interview?". Below the question are two radio button options: "1. Face to Face" and "2. Telephone". At the bottom of the window, there is a grey data entry area with labels and input fields: "Birth City" (Ann Arbor), "Contact Telephone" ((734)647-8901), "Interviewer Checkpoint FTF\_Tel" (a small checkbox), and "Good Citizen" (a small checkbox). The status bar at the very bottom displays: B12a | 1001 | 03/10/2008 | 2:04:56 PM | Version Date: 03/10/2008 | Version Time: 1:58PM.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Birth City                     | Ann Arbor                |
| Contact Telephone              | (734)647-8901            |
| Interviewer Checkpoint FTF_Tel | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Good Citizen                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |



## Special Interviewer Instructions

- In probe instructions, the text to be read is in 12-point Arial black;
- Reference to respondent answers appear in quotation marks;
- Conditional instructions start with a conditional phrase and action verbs (e.g., probe and enter) are not capitalized;
- Reference to numbers or keys to type are in square brackets.

The screenshot shows a window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar containing "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main content area has a yellow background and contains the following text:

How many times in the past year have you been drunk on alcohol to the point of passing or blacking out?

- If Respondent says "never", enter [96]
- If Respondent says "DK", probe: Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?
- If Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]

Below the instructions, there are two input fields:

Freq of Passing Out Drunk

Freq of Ill Due to Drunk

The bottom status bar displays the following information: 825, 1001, 03/10/2008, 2:13:03 PM, Version Date: 03/10/2008, Version Time: 1:58PM.

## Context-Related Instructions

- Context-related instructions are located on the right margin, below the question-level help indicator;
- Text should be in **11-point Arial bold blue**;
- Context-related items can be loop level indicators or any other information useful to the interviewer to give context for the question.

The screenshot displays a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template". The window has a menu bar with "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main content area has a yellow background and contains the question "What is your date of birth?". Below the question is an indented instruction: "♦ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes". In the upper right corner, there is a help indicator "[F1] - HELP" and the text "HH Member #1". Below the question area is a grey input field labeled "Respondent DOB". The bottom of the window features a status bar with the following information: "B20", "1001", "07/24/2007", "1:04:21 PM", "Version Date: 07/24/2007", and "Version Time: 12:44PM".

Ex\_ContextRelInstruct.ai

*This example shows a help indicator and context information in the upper right corner, and an indented data entry instruction following the question text.*

## Hard Consistency Check (Check)

- Data consistency check that requires resolution;
- Triggers pop-up window with error message formatted as instruction, but in red, and prior question names and values evaluated as inconsistent with the current response;
- The interviewer either “goes to” highlighted question to re-ask it, or “closes” window to re-ask the current question;

SRO Standard Blaise Project Template

Forms Answer Options Help

How many times in the past year have you become ill from drinking?

- If Respondent says "never", enter [96]
- If Respondent says "DK", probe: Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?
- IF Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]

Freq of Passing Out Drunk  
Freq of Ill Due to Drunk

**Hard Error**

- Check B26-2

Cannot report being ill (8) more times than reported drunk (5)

| Questions involved        | Value |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Freq of Ill Due to Drunk  | 8     |
| Freq of Passing Out Drunk | 5     |

Suppress Close Goto

B26 1001 03/11/2008 2:14:06 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

## Soft Consistency Check (Signal)

- Data consistency check that does not require resolution;
- Triggers pop-up window with error message formatted as interviewer instruction, and prior question names and values inconsistent with the current response;
- The interviewer either “goes to” highlighted question to re-ask it, “closes” window to re-ask the current question, or “suppresses” the consistency check to continue with the interview without changing any response;

The screenshot displays the 'SRO Standard Blaise Project Template' interface. The main window has a menu bar with 'Forms', 'Answer', 'Options', and 'Help'. The main area contains the question 'How old is Tom?'. A sidebar on the left lists various data points: 'DepressionQ1', 'Number of Children', 'Child First Name', 'Child Age' (highlighted in blue), 'Child Gender', 'Child First Name', 'Child Age', and 'Child Gender'. A pop-up window titled 'Active Signal' is centered on the screen. It contains the following text: 'Signal B24.Age', 'Age is within 15 years of R's age (20)', 'Does this mean you were -10 years old when this child was born?', and 'IF Yes, SUPPRESS Signal'. Below this text is a table with two columns: 'Questions involved' and 'Value'. The table has one row: 'Child Age' with the value '30'. At the bottom of the pop-up are three buttons: 'Suppress', 'Close', and 'Goto'. The status bar at the bottom of the main window shows 'B24Age', '1001', '03/11/2008', '2:31:47 PM', 'Version Date: 03/10/2008', and 'Version Time: 1:58PM'.

*This example shows a help indicator and context information in the upper right corner, and an indented data entry instruction following the question text.*

# Specification Standards



## Introduction

CAI programming will reflect the study design requirements if those requirements are clearly specified. This chapter describes how to provide for the CAI programmer an overview of the entire instrument (through flowcharts and/or logical specifications), global instrument properties, and question-level specifications. The intent is to ensure that the instrument meets requirements of the study design, including data output and documentation requirements, and minimizes interviewer error.

Examples are provided of how to specify *common* types of questions found in survey instruments. It is not possible to illustrate all question types. When you have a situation that is not explicitly covered here you should “take-your-best-shot” and follow up with a programmer to make sure that the specifications are complete and meet the study design requirements.

Specifications cover all aspects of design, including formatting for question text, interviewer instructions, and consistency checks. Thus, they reflect many of the SRC style preferences that are employed when developing a CAI questionnaire in Blaise, and as described in the Blaise Screen Design Standards chapter.

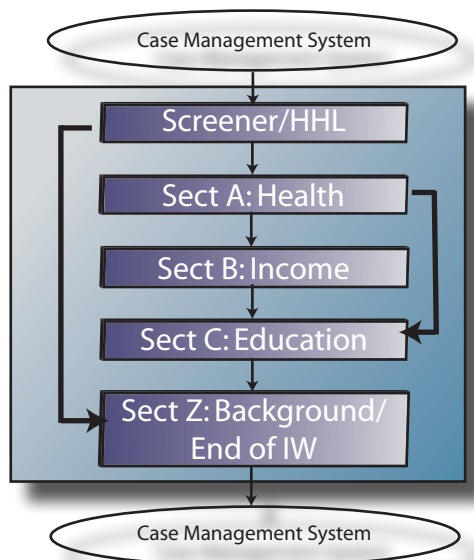
Specifications are used throughout the development and documentation processes. Having complete CAI instrument specifications not only helps programmers code more efficiently, but also allows testers to test more effectively. Specifications also serve as questionnaire documentation, and can be checked against the final Blaise instrument documentation and codebook generated by MQDS.

# Creating Blaise Specifications

## Instrument Overview

Specifications should start with an instrument overview. An overview provides programmers and project staff an overall sense of each CAI module used in the instrument. This may be in the form of a section level map (as shown blow) and/or a true flowchart. This is a useful because it helps to minimize misunderstanding about the overall flow of the instrument, and leads to a quick understanding about what instrument programming will entail. The display of questionnaire logic is not needed at this level; it is only intended to show overall instrument flow.

In addition to a section level flowchart or section map, the overview should include a list of additional features of the instrument that would impact the programming cost and timeline, such as number of languages, multimedia requirements, A-CASI components, event history calendar components, respondent selection algorithms, randomization, (e.g of sections, questions or response options) and recoding to be done within the Blaise instrument during the survey interview.





## **Specifying Global Project Attributes**

Blaise allows setting global attributes that control missing data values (DK and RF) and whether questions may be skipped (EMPTY). For most instruments, these are specified as follows:

- Allow global Don't Knows (DK) and Refusals (RF) on all questions unless otherwise specified;
- Do not allow interviewers to skip questions (do not allow EMPTY) on any question unless otherwise specified.

Note that setting global DK and RF allows users to use the [CTRL-D] and [CTRL-R] hot keys on any question that does not have explicit missing data codes.

Instrument specifications should clearly state how these global attributes are to be handled (allowed or not allowed). In addition, specifications should include programmer instructions at questions where global settings should not apply, e.g.,:

- Unless otherwise specified, DK/RF follow the same routing as the “No” response
- Attributes: Do not allow DK/RF
- Attributes: Allow EMPTY

## **Default Characteristic**

There are certain characteristics of a Blaise instrument that remain constant from project to project. These are *defaults* unless otherwise specified:

- DK/RF response will be treated the same as the negative/no response in the skip logic
- Dates will appear as: MM/DD/YYYY
- Telephone numbers will appear as: (###) ###-####

## **Preload**

Preload are data that are loaded into the instrument prior to the execution of the interview. All Blaise instruments have standard preload, such as Sample ID and Interviewer ID. Each project may have additional study-specific preload requirements, such as:

- Address
- Telephone number
- Randomization or selection criteria data

It is important to identify the study-specific preload for the instrument before programming begins. When specifying preload fields, please provide the following information:

- Variable or field name (a maximum of 16 characters)
- Data type (e.g., Integer, String, Enumerated, Open End, or Date)
- Valid numeric range, if applicable

Project staff is responsible for creating preload. For pretesting, training, and data collection, project staff works with the Data Operations and Quality Control team member to setup and test preload.

## Specifying A Blaise Question (1)

For each question in a Blaise instrument, generally the following are specified;

1. Field Name (variable name), generally alpha-numeric (e.g. A1, B2, etc.).  
Note:
  - Avoid the use of underscores if possible, since field names are used in the Blaise program code and underscores increase programming time;
  - However, “ENTER all that apply” field names require underscores at the end (e.g., B1\_);
  - Avoid the use of letters and numbers in positions where they may be confusing (such as the lowercase letter “l” and the number “1,” letter “O” and number zero “0,” the number “2” and the letter “Z.”; and
  - Due to variable naming constraints with some data processing software, *Field Names should not exceed 16 characters*
2. Field Description, a brief meaningful descriptive text (e.g., Current Grade), *not to exceed 25 characters in length*; this is what is displayed next to the entry window on the Blaise screen.
3. Question text
4. Response option categories (if an enumerated question)
5. Skip (go to) instructions
6. Data type (if not an enumerated question)

*Maximum Field Name character length and Maximum Field Description character length are frequently overlooked. These lengths are important to note.*

Note that a Blaise Field Tag will always be programmed; if not specified, it will be the same as the Field Name. As with Field Names, Field Tags have no spaces. Some surveys may need an additional variable descriptor or ID, and could use the Field Tag for this purpose. MQDS can display the Field Name, Field Description, or Field Tag as the variable name or ID, thus providing flexibility in generating documentation for a variety of purposes.

Particular questions may have additional specifications:

1. Online help indicator
2. Interviewer instructions, including probes
3. Optional text and variable text
4. Field-specific attributes (e.g., DK, RF, or EMPTY)
5. Edit mask
6. Logic for fills (variable text)
7. Explicit programmed checkpoint
8. Routing instruction logic
9. Logic for constructed or recoded variables
10. Soft consistency check (Blaise SIGNAL)
11. Hard consistency check (Blaise CHECK)

The next page indicates the order in which different question elements appear, and examples of specifications follows.

## Specifying a Blaise Question (2)

Field Name {Alphanumeric, e.g., B1; no spaces}  
 Field Tag {= Field Name if not specified; no spaces}

n of n {e.g., 1 of 2; for multi-part questions, such as time-unit and period}

[F1] - Help\

RB Page #  
 Calendar  
 Interviewer Checkpoint

*NOTE: Standard screen design icons and instruction bullets and colors are not required in the specifications*

*Interviewer instructions that precede question*

Question text ^fill (optional text).?

Interviewer instruction(s)

*Interviewer instructions that follow question*

ENTER all that apply [if applicable]

/”Field Description” {Meaningful description with spaces}

|       |                        |   |             |
|-------|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Name1 | Response option1 label | 1 | GO TO NextQ |
| Name2 | Response option2 lsbel | 2 | GO TO NextQ |
| Name3 | Response option3 label | 3 | GO TO NextQ |
| Name4 | Response option4 label | 4 | GO TO NextQ |
| Name5 | Response option5 label | 5 | GO TO NextQ |
| Other | Other - Specify        | 7 |             |
| DK    |                        |   | GO TO NextQ |
| RF    |                        |   | GO TO NextQ |

[Enumerated, (implicit); requires response options and relevant skips, as above]

*Data type (mutually exclusive)*

Integer; range n-n; edit mask

Numeric; n decimal places, range n.nn-nn.nn; edit mask

Currency; n decimal places, range n.nn-nn.nn; edit mask

String; width= n; Edit Mask

Open End

Attributes: [DK, RF, EMPTY, NODK, NORF]

Routing instruction logic

Constructed variable or recode logic

Fill logic

Condition, “Fill text”

Condition, “Fill text”

Soft consistency check:

Condition

“Probe text”

Signal number; e.g. “Signal Fieldname”

Hard consistency check:

Condition,

“Probe text”

Check Number; e.g. “Check Fieldname”

Programmer Note

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## Enumerated List, Multiple Response, Skip Logic, Online help (QxQ)

DA1\_1

[F1]- -Help

Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent -- that is, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin?

PROBE: Anything else?

ENTER all that apply

For multiple responses, use [Space] or [-] to separate responses

/“Hispanic or Latino Descent”

|             |                          |   |          |
|-------------|--------------------------|---|----------|
| NotHisp     | Not Spanish / Hispanic   | 1 | GO TO D2 |
| Mexican     | Mexican                  | 2 | GO TO D2 |
| MexAmer     | Mexican American         | 3 | GO TO D2 |
| Chicano     | Chicano                  | 4 | GO TO D2 |
| PuertoRican | Puerto Rican             | 5 | GO TO D2 |
| Cuban       | Cuban                    | 6 | GO TO D2 |
| So_Central  | South / Central American | 7 | GO TO D2 |
| HispSpec    | Other Spanish - Specify  | 8 | GO TO D2 |
| DK          |                          |   | GO TO D2 |
| RF          |                          |   |          |

GO TO next question if “Other Spanish - Specify”

Adding a visible break between questions helps programmers to clearly see what specifications are associated with particular questions

DA1\_2

(Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent -- that is, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin?)

ASK if necessary: Can you tell me what your Spanish ancestry is?

/“Hispanic or Latino Descent - Specify”

String (width = 40)

## Enumerated List, Fills In Question Text

B22

Did you ever have a period of being [sad, discouraged or uninterested in things/sad or discouraged/sad or uninterested/sad/discouraged or uninterested/discouraged] that lasted most of the day, nearly every day, for two weeks or longer?

|     |   |                 |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| Yes | 1 | GO TO Sad30Days |
| No  | 5 |                 |
| DK  |   |                 |
| RF  |   |                 |

/"Sad Two Weeks or Longer"

IF B21a =1, THEN 'sad, discouraged, or uninterested in things'

IF B21b =5, DK or RF, THEN 'sad or discouraged'

IF B21c=1, THEN 'sad or uninterested'

IF B21d=5, DK or RF THEN 'sad'

IF B21e=1, THEN 'discouraged or uninterested'

IF B21f=5 DK or RF THEN 'discouraged'

=====

## **Respondent Booklet Instruction, Optional Text In Parentheses, Edit Mask**

FN12

RB Page 55

The next questions are about the different sources of income you may have. For each question, please tell me the letter you see on page 55 in your booklet that represents the correct answer. First, what is your own personal earnings income in the past 12 months, before taxes? Count only wages and other stipends from your own employment, not pensions, investments, or other financial assistance or income. (Your best estimate is fine.)

ENTER \$1,000,000 for answers greater than \$1,000,000

/“Personal Earnings Past 12 Months”

*Currency; 2 decimal places; Range 0.00-1,000,000.00; \$n,nnn,nnn.nn*

=====

## **Open End**

EM10

Please tell me about the type of work you do.

PROBE: What kind of business or industry is that?

PROBE: What does this business make or do?

/“Industry”

*Open End*

=====

## Date Type (Single Question Specified)

Multi-part dates are preferred since they allow DK/RF in separate fields

B20

What is your birth date?

ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes

/"Birth Date"

'1' on end of DateType indicates this question is one Blaise question, variable, and screen

*DateType1; range for month 1-12; range for day 1-31; range for year 1900-2007, MM/DD/YYYY*

=====

## Date Type (Multi-Part Question Specified)

Datatype3 data type requires Field Name of 14 characters or less

B20

(N of N)

Now I have some questions about your childhood. What is your date of birth?

ENTER date (MM/DD/YYYY)

ENTER [Ctrl-D] if DK day, month, or year

/"R's Date of Birth"

'3' on end of DateType indicates this date will appear as three questions

*DateType3; Date Mask; Range for Month 1-12 Range for day 1-31 Range for year 1900-1984*

## Date Type (Multi-Part Question Programmed)

NOTE: While the previous shows **one question specified** for a multi-part question, DateType3 indicates to the programmer to create three questions and fill in prior responses , as shown below. Multi-part question indicators also will appear on the interviewer's screen. Specifications need only include components listed in the prior example (field name should be 14 characters or less to accommodate the suffixes of \_M, \_D, \_Y)

B20Month  
1 of 3

What is your date of birth?  
**MM/DD/YYYY**  
ENTER month

/"R DOB Month"  
Integer; range 1-12

=====

B20Day  
2 of 3

(What is your date of birth?)  
**08/DD/YYYY**  
ENTER day

/"R DOB Day"  
Integer; range 1- 28/29/30/31, based on month and leap year status

=====

B20Year  
3 of 3

(What is your date of birth?)  
**08/22/YYYY**  
ENTER year

/"R DOB Year"  
Integer; range 1900-1984

=====



## Arrayed Question Series (Index Question)

B23

How many natural born children do you have that are still living?

/"Number of Living Children"

Integer; range 1-20

Signal: (Signal B23)

IF CN1 > 10,

"Just be sure I am entering this correctly -- you have ^LivingChildren natural born children that are still alive; is this correct?"

*Insert response to  
LivingChildren as fill in  
consistency check probe  
(^LivingChildren)*

## Arrayed Question Series (Looped Questions)

Display B24 series for number of children reported in CN1

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B24Name

What is the ^xFirstNext child's first name?

/"Child First Name"

String; width = 40

IF child = 1, THEN xFirstNext = "first", ELSE xFirstNext="next"

=====

B24Age

How old is [CHILDNAME]?

ENTER [1] if less than 1 year old.

/"Child Age"

Integer; range 1-20

CHILDNAME = Response at B24Name

=====

B24Sex

ASK if necessary: (Is [CHILDNAME] male or female?)

/"Child Sex"

Male    Male    1

Female   Female   2

DK

RF

=====

# Checkpoints & Routing Instructions

## Interviewer Checkpoint

SC9

Interviewer Checkpoint

Is the respondent male or female?

/"Respondent's Sex"

|        |        |   |            |
|--------|--------|---|------------|
| Male   | Male   | 1 | GO TO SC31 |
| Female | Female | 2 |            |

*Attributes: NO DK, NO RF*

Question flow based on response to question to interviewer (Interviewer Checkpoint); screen displayed but no question read to respondent

## Explicit Programmed Checkpoint

FD17

/"30-Day Functioning Criteria"

Explicit Programmed Checkpoint

(See FD2, FD2a, FD4, FD5, FD11a-d, FD13a-c, FD15a-d, FD17a-e)

|                       |       |   |
|-----------------------|-------|---|
| Meets 30-day Criteria | 30Day | 1 |
|-----------------------|-------|---|

(FD2 Equals '1' – '2' AND FD2a Equals '3') OR  
 (FD4 Equals '3' – '30') OR (FD5 Equals '3' – '30') OR  
 (Two Or More Responses Coded '3' – '5' in  
 FD11a-d, FD13a-c, FD15a-d, FD17a-e)

|            |          |   |            |
|------------|----------|---|------------|
| All Others | Not30Day | 5 | GO TO FD23 |
|------------|----------|---|------------|

Checkpoint based on programmed logic; explicit variable in data set (30Day\_PCkpt); no screen displayed; no question asked of interviewer or respondent

## Universe Statement for Routing

{ASKED IF AGE AT SCREENER <= 24 AND HAD SEX ED ABOUT "METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL"}

BA\_9

SEDBCG

What grade were you in when you first received instruction on methods of birth control?

ENTER [96] if R was not in school when he received the instruction

## /”Grade Rec’d Inst on Birth Control Meth”

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 1st grade . . . . .                             | 1  |
| 2nd grade . . . . .                             | 2  |
| 3rd grade . . . . .                             | 3  |
| 4th grade . . . . .                             | 4  |
| 5th grade . . . . .                             | 5  |
| 6th grade . . . . .                             | 6  |
| 7th grade . . . . .                             | 7  |
| 8th grade . . . . .                             | 8  |
| 9th grade . . . . .                             | 9  |
| 10th grade . . . . .                            | 10 |
| 11th grade . . . . .                            | 11 |
| 12th grade . . . . .                            | 12 |
| 1st year of college . . . . .                   | 13 |
| 2nd year of college . . . . .                   | 14 |
| 3rd year of college . . . . .                   | 15 |
| 4th year of college . . . . .                   | 16 |
| Not in school when received instruction . . . . | 96 |

**Routing Instructions***Routing instructions**(See AG1a-k)**Zero - One Responses Coded ‘1’**Two - Three Responses Coded ‘1’**Four Or More Responses Coded ‘1’**All Others**GO TO AG39)**GO TO AG3 INTRO 1**GO TO AG3 INTRO 2**GO TO AG39*

*Implicit programmed checkpoint; question flow based on complex logic, not just one enumerated response option; specification usually associated with a particular question, at the point it appears in the question flow; no data is stored, but MQDS will create an “IC variable,” e.g., AG1\_IC\_12 as documentation of the routing instructions*

# Blaise Programming Standards

## **Program Start**

At the very top of the program should be a comment block that has the following:

```
{ ***** }
{                               }
{           Study Name         }
{           Study Sub-Name     }
{           Main Application Control File (Bla) }
{PROGRAMMER:      Programmer Name }
{CREATED:         Creation Date   }
{MODIFIED:        Modified Date   }
{COPYRIGHT 2007 The Regents of The University of Michigan }
{ ***** }
```

## **Programming Considerations - General**

Use auxfields and locals as close in scope to where they are being used to avoid creating generated parameters. Certain elements, such as arrays, are unavoidable for generating parameters.

## **Programming Considerations - Blocks**

In general, each instrument section or module should be programmed as a block by itself within an INC file. Subblocks are okay for arrays and such, but try to avoid too many nested blocks, if possible. Project staff may have a need to read the Blaise programs we create, and the clearer the programming code can be made, the better this will help us.

Preload should be put into its own separate block. The only preload variable that needs to be at the top level or the BLA file is SampleID.

If a section of code is used multiple times, or is in a loop, make it into a block. Put rules for determining the flow between sections at the uppermost level of the program (i.e., the rules in the BLA file). Put rules for determining flow in a section at the block level for that section.

## **Keywords**

All keywords should appear in caps, i.e. DATAMODEL, IF, THEN, DO, TABLE, BLOCK, FIELDS, RULES. Do not use mixed/lower case for keywords, even if they are bolded in the program editor. Remember, when the program code is printed these words do not appear in bold.

## **Field Names**

Field names should be as descriptive and meaningful as possible--for example, SpouseBirthDate instead of Bdat. Each word of the description is capitalized. These conventions generally apply to the naming of Blaise fields or variables:

1. Underscores have to be used on Fields that are SET (Multiple Choice) fields; e.g. MedsTaken\_. Avoid them in the middle of names (e.g., Meds\_Taken), since they make programming Blaise Rules more difficult.
2. Keep them to 16 characters or less, to minimize amount of typing of Blaise code, and to accommodate variable name constraints in data processing software.
3. Avoid the use of letters and numbers in positions where they may be confusing (such as the lowercase letter "l" and the number "1," letter "O" and number zero "0," the number "2" and the letter "Z," etc.

## **Field Descriptions**

Place field descriptions on their own line and in Title Case. For example, the "R's Date of Birth" is the field description. Field Descriptions should be meaningful yet restricted to 25 characters or less because they are used in the Field Pane instead of the Field Name.

```
RbirthDate      (A3)
                  "What is your date of birth?" /
                  "R's Date of Birth" :

TDate
```

Be careful of using field descriptions on blocks – each occurrence will appear on the screen in the upper left hand corner of the Info pane when used on the block itself. It is not recommended to do the following:

```
MySection      / "Section MySection" :
BMySection
```

However, they are desirable for documentation. For this purpose, we recommend that a separate datamodel with block descriptions be maintained.

## Hungarian Notation

The following are the naming conventions to be used (the word in Bold is how the typename should be used):

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| General Type:      | <b>T</b> YesNo = (Yes, No)<br><b>T</b> Date = DATETYPE |
| Tables:            | <b>TABLE</b> THousehold                                |
| Blocks:            | <b>BLOCK</b> BPerson                                   |
| Sets:              | <b>MySet_</b> : SET OF MyType                          |
| Auxfield:          | <b>xTempName</b> : STRING[20]                          |
| Field:             | <b>AnyField</b> : TNameType                            |
| Input Parameter:   | <b>piName</b> : STRING                                 |
| Export Parameter:  | <b>peName</b> : STRING                                 |
| Transit Parameter: | <b>ptName</b> : STRING                                 |

## Type Use

Types in a separate project-specific type INC file should always be used to ensure consistency throughout the program.

Remember, for this situation

```
MyYesNo          : TYesNo
YourYesNo        : (Yes (1),
                  No  (5))
```

you will get a type mismatch error (on enumerateds) if you check MyYesNo = YourYesNo. This error does not occur for ranges.

Types also allow input masks to be placed on them, making them even more useful.

## Code Names

The names of the enumerated list categories should be mixed case, and followed by descriptive text when more than 1 word is necessary for the Code Label. For example,

```
TNumBooks = (None,
             OneTwo "One or two",
             ThreetoNine "3 to 9",
             Tentto19 "10 to 19",
             TwentyPlus "20 or more")
```



## Multiple Languages

When programming multiple languages, put each new language on its own line, lining up with the text on the prior line. For example,

```
A34      (A34)
        "@>@I[F1] - HELP@I@<
        @/How is that?

        @/@/(Could you tell me a little more about your situation?)"

        "@>@I[F1] - HELP@I@<
        @/¿Cómo es eso?

        @/@/(¿Podría Ud. decirme un poco más acerca de su
        situación?)" /

        "No Own No Rent-Specify" :

        STRING[400]
```

When more than 2 languages are used, then each language should be labeled appropriately in the code. For example:

```
A34      (A34)
ENG      "@>@I[F1] - HELP@I
        @/How is that?

        @/@/(Could you tell me a little more about your
        situation?)"

SPAN     "@>@I[F1] - HELP@I
        @/¿Cómo es eso?

        @/@/(¿Podría Ud. decirme un poco más acerca de
        su situación?)"

GER      "@>@I[F1] - HELP@I
        @/Wie ist das?

        @/@/(Konnten Sie wenig mehr erklären mir über
        ihre Situation?)" /

        "No Own No Rent Specify"

        STRING[400]
```

## Global DK/RF

Global DK/RF is set for every question. This is accomplished by putting the following line of code in the BLA file after the "DATAMODEL" statement:

```
DATAMODEL FirstNew "First questionnaire"

ATTRIBUTES = DK, RF
```

## Discontinuous Ranges

If a question requires multiple ranges (i.e., ages 1..120, 998..999), then the range should be put in full (1..999) and a hard check be used to exclude invalid values.

## Calculations/Constants

All global constants should be declared at the very start of the program to make changes easy to do. Modular (“include” files) constants should be at the very start of module.

For example, get rid of the constant (1980, 1, 1)

```
IF (BirthDate > (1980,1,1)) THEN
    CHECK
        Married = No “^Name is too young to be married”
ENDIF
```

and instead declare it early in the program by using a calculation:

```
cAge18YearsAgo: 0..120
...
cAge18YearsAgo := STARTDATE - (YEAR(STARTDATE)
-18,MONTH(STARTDATE),DAY(STARTDATE))
```

## Locals

Variables such as reused arrayed indexes should be stored as locals.

```
LOCALS
    I : INTEGER {Arrayed index if necessary}
```

## Things to Always Store in the Data

```
AUXFIELDS
    {Auxfields Needed for Back-Up Timing Code}
    xTime : TIMETYPE
    xDate : DATETYPE

FIELDS
    {PRELOADED VARIABLES BEGIN}
    SampleID (SampleID) / “Preload-Sample ID” : TSampID

    {Preload Block contains all preload vars for project}
    Preload (Preload) / “Preload Block” : BPreload
    {PRELOADED VARIABLES END}

    VersionDate (VersionDate) / “Application Version Date” : DATETYPE
    VersionTime (VersionTime) / “Application Version Time” : TIMETYPE

    {Fields Needed for Back-Up Timing Code}
    CurrentSecs (CurrentSecs) / “Current Seconds” : INTEGER
    TotalSecs (TotalSecs) / “Total Seconds” : INTEGER
    TotalMins (TotalMins) / “Total Minutes” : 0.00..60000.00

    IWStartDate (IWStartDate) / “Interview Start Date” : DATETYPE
    IWCurrDate (IWCurrDate) / “Interview Current Date” : DATETYPE
    TS_BeginIW (TS_BeginIW) / “Interview Start Time” : TIMETYPE

    Section_A : BSection_A
    Section_B : BSection_B
    Section_C : BSection_C
```

*IW Sections are inserted here*

```

IWComplete      (IWComplete)
                  "@/@Dw@D @IYou have reached the end of the Interview@I

                  @/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER [1] to complete@I" /
                  "Interview Complete" :

                  TComplete, NODK, NORF

Complete        (Complete) / "Complete Var for ST/SMS" : (Done, NotDone)

TS_EndIW        (TS_EndIW) / "Interview End Time" : TIMETYPE

IWEndDate       (IWEndDate) / "Interview End Date" : DATETYPE

IWTotal         (IWTotal) / "Time Total Of Interview" : INTEGER

```

**RULES**

```

SampleID.KEEP
Preload.KEEP

VersionDate.KEEP
VersionDate := TODATE (2007, 04, 20)

VersionTime.KEEP
VersionTime := TOTIME (15, 44, 00)

{Back-Up Timing Vars}
xTime.KEEP
xDate.KEEP
CurrentSecs.KEEP
TotalSecs.KEEP
TotalMins.KEEP

IF xTime = EMPTY AND xDate = EMPTY THEN
    xTime := SYSTIME
    xDate := SYSDATE
    TotalSecs := TotalSecs + CurrentSecs
    CurrentSecs := 0
ENDIF

CurrentSecs := (ABSTIME(SYSTIME) - ABSTIME(xTime) + 86400000 * (SYSDATE - xDate)) / 1000

{INTERVIEW START DATE}
IWStartDate.KEEP
IF IWStartDate = EMPTY THEN
    IWStartDate := SYSDATE
ENDIF

{INTERVIEW CURRENT DATE}
IWCurrDate := SYSDATE

{INTERVIEW START TIME}
TS_BeginIW.KEEP
IF TS_BeginIW = EMPTY THEN
    TS_BeginIW := SYSTIME
ENDIF

```

```

INTERVIEW SECTIONS HERE

IWComplete

IF IWComplete <> EMPTY THEN
    Complete := DONE
ENDIF

{Back-Up Timing Data if ADT timings fail;
  this timing sequence works regardless of suspends}
IF Complete = DONE THEN
    TotalSecs := TotalSecs + CurrentSecs
    TotalMins := TotalSecs / 60
ENDIF

{INTERVIEW END TIME}
TS_EndIW.KEEP
IF IWComplete <> EMPTY AND TS_EndIW = EMPTY THEN
    TS_EndIW := SYSTIME
ENDIF

{INTERVIEW END DATE}
IF IWComplete <> EMPTY AND IWEndDate = EMPTY THEN
    IWEndDate := SYSDATE
ENDIF

{INTERVIEW LEGNTH CALCULATION}
{Overall Interview Legnth In Seconds Calculation}
{This calculation only good if IW is completed without
any suspends}
IWTotal.KEEP
IF TS_BeginIW <> EMPTY AND TS_EndIW <> EMPTY THEN
    IWTotal := (ABSTIME(TS_EndIW) - ABSTIME(TS_
BeginIW))/1000
ENDIF

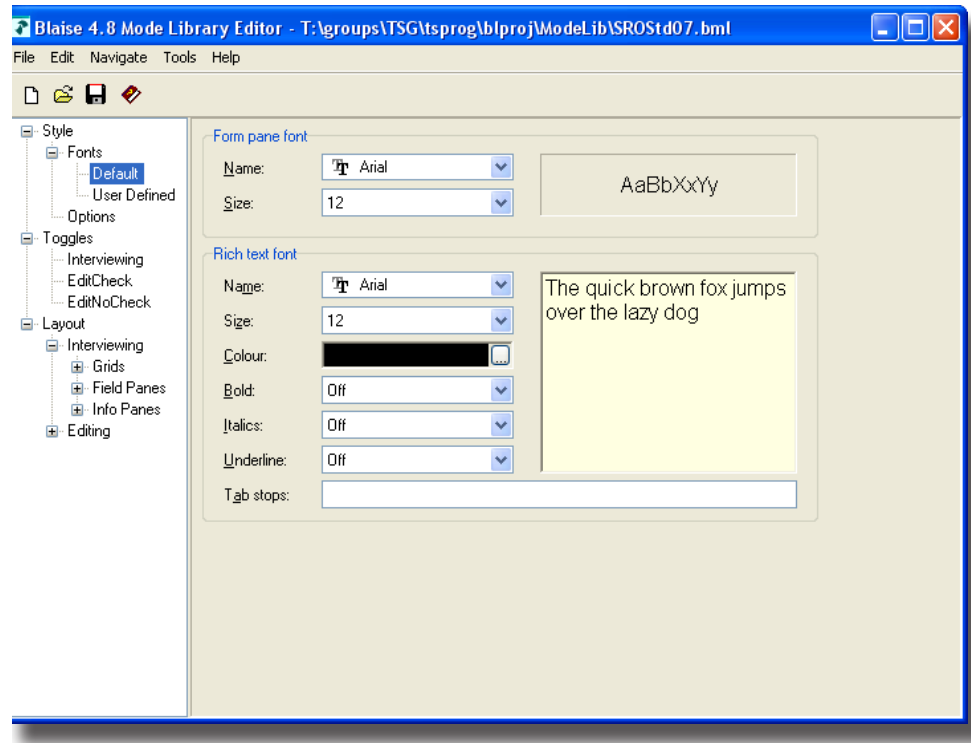
RESERVECHECK
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RESERVECHECK
RESERVECHECK

```

Ten (10) Reserve Checks should be put into the BLA and each successive INC file as placeholders for future use if necessary.

## Question Text Size

In the Mode Lib Editor, and the DEP Config file (DIW), Under Style – Fonts – Default, you can set the font type and size. The SRO standard type and size is Arial in 12 point.



## Balancing Response Categories

When using more than seven (7) response categories, it is advisable to use multiple columns and balance them out into even or close to even columns. In the configuration editor choose Layout – Interviewing – Info Panes – InfoPaneName (this is the name of the custom Info Pane you are using with response categories that require multiple columns). In the Controls section of the “Layout” tab, you will see three areas: Field Text, Answer List, and Answer Info. Under Answer List, there is a check box for “Balance Answers”. Make sure that box is checked.

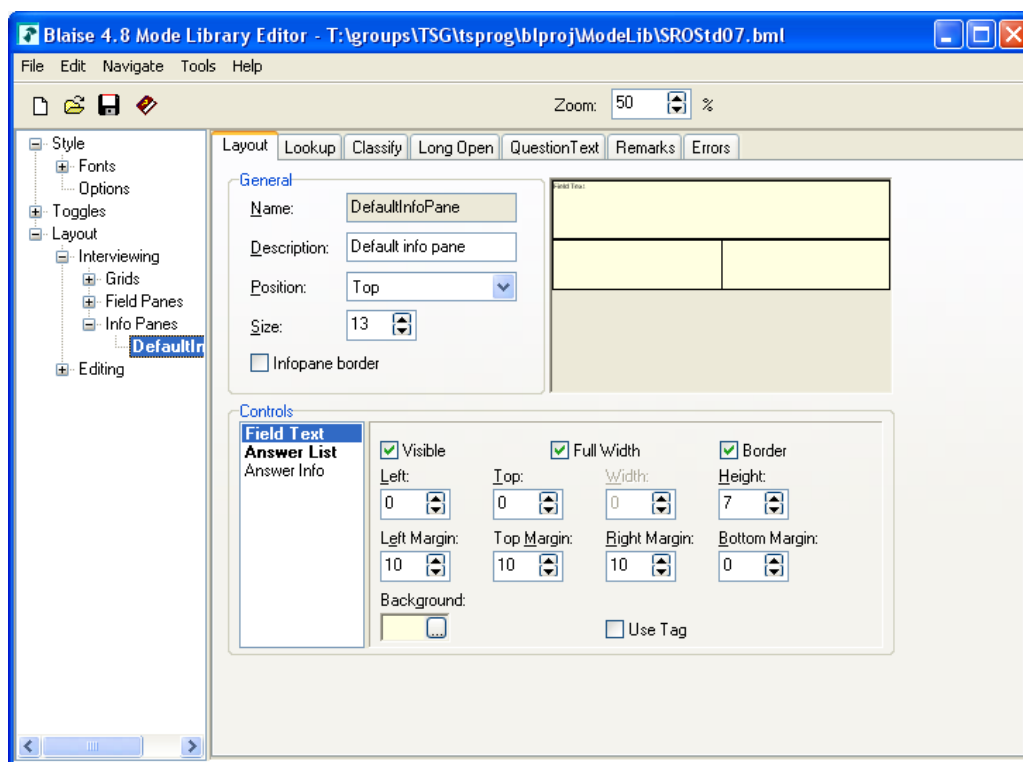
Note: There is a standard SROStdModelib.bml you can find it here:

<\\Src-rentis\vol1\blaise\ModeLib>

All projects should use this mode library as a start for their project, and copy it to their project directory & modify it to fit their needs or just make adjustments via the DEP configuration file (.DIW).

## Info Pane Margins for Question Text

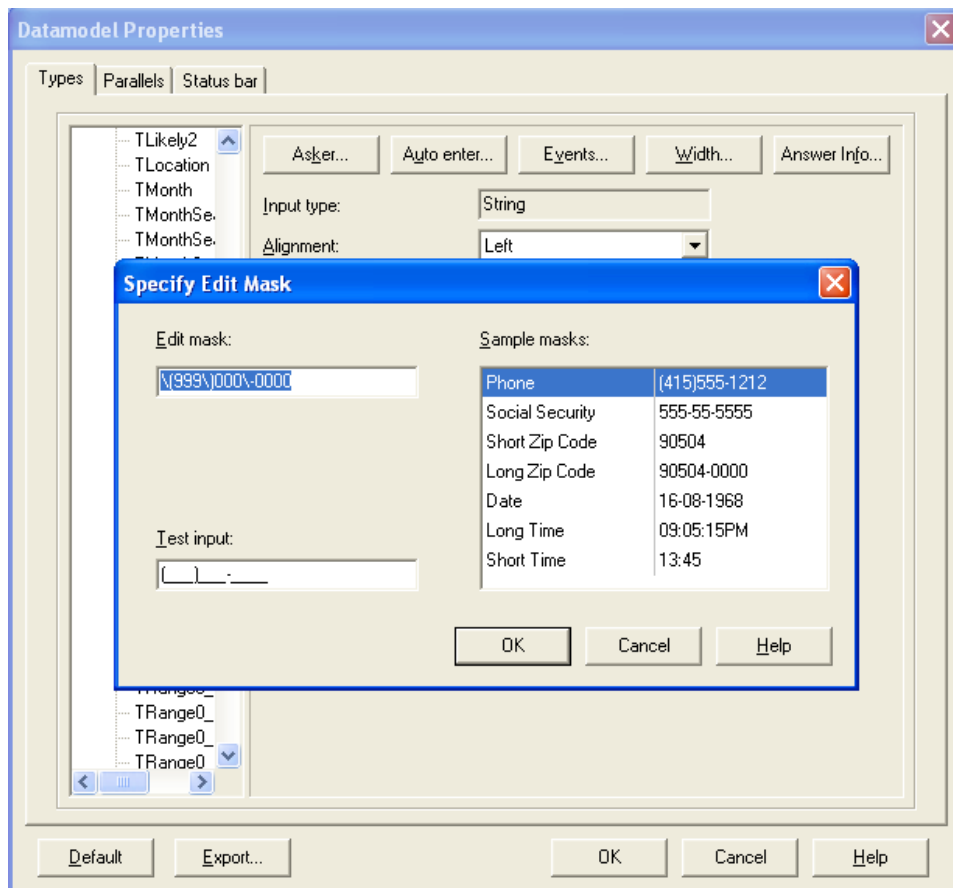
Info Pane Margins should be set in the Mode Library to produce the following: Top Margin = 10 Pixels from top, Left Margin = 10 Pixels from left edge, and Right Margin = 10 Pixels from right edge. Example of how to set is below under the Layout – Interviewing – Info Panes – InfoPaneName (this is the name of the custom Info Pane you are using with response categories that require multiple columns). In the Controls section of the “Layout” tab, you will see three areas: Field Text, Answer List, and Answer Info. Under Field Text, there are three boxes that control the Top Margin, Left Margin, and the Right Margin. Set all of these at ten (10).



## Edit Masks

Edit Masks, although very useful, can only be invoked on String Fields that has been defined as a *Type*.

There are a variety of sample edit masks available and you can create your own too. To set an Edit Mask: in the Control Center, choose Project – Data-model Properties. In the types, select the User Defined type you want to specify an Edit Mask (for this example, we are using TPhone). At the Edit Mask definition line, click on the Specify button. This will take you to a dialog box where you are able to specify the type of Edit Mask you want to use. There is an Edit Mask available for Phone. Highlight it and click on OK.



## Program Format - Comments

ENDBLOCK, ENDCASE, ENDClassification, ENDPROCEDURE, ... always should have a comment following describing what is ended.

```
BLOCK BPerson
.
.
.
ENDBLOCK {BPerson}
```

Describe IF statements and FOR loops, use the ending comments as necessary, especially at the end of long sections of conditions.

```
IF MyAge < MyBirthDate THEN
.
.
.
ENDIF {MyAge < MyBirthDate}
```

Comments should precede complex pieces of code, blocks (with or without parameters), or other like situations on the preceding line(s). They should be indented at the same level as the program code being used.

## Program Format - Field Text

Do not use @/ for every line because we set the margins in the modelib; use them only to separate paragraphs. Indent lines as needed by using the Tab (“@|”); if needed, you can define tab stops in the Fonts section of the modelib. Use CTRL-period-period to put in two hard spaces after the period at the end of the sentence – using two normal spaces will just lead to one space displayed on the Blaise info pane.

Break each paragraph of information out in the editor so that it’s easier to read the program code, and to have an inkling of what the display of the question may be like.

## Program Format - Display width

For ease of reading your program when printed, keep the program code within the “80 column” display width of the editor. You can see what column you’re in by looking at the lower left of the editor pane; it shows the row and column number of the cursor. Using these guidelines below for spacing your code enhances its readability significantly; especially for those readers who do not deal with Blaise code on a daily basis.

- Declare your “BLOCK,” “FIELDS,” “RULES,” “LAYOUT,” and “END-BLOCK” keywords flush with the left side of the editor
- Tab in 1 tab stop to column 5 to place your Field Name
- Tab over to column 21 to place the Field Tag, Field Text, Field Description, and Field Type
- Place the slash ( / ) to separate the Field Text and the Field Description one space after the double-quotes that end the Field Text.
- Place the colon ( : ) that comes between the Field Description and the Field Type at the end of the Field Description and double-space prior to declaring the Field Type.

Example:

```

FIELDS
    J1      (J1)
           "How long have you lived in your current
neighborhood?" /
           "Length of Residence 07" :

           TDuration

```

## Program Format - Line Spacing

Put an extra blank line between groups of related statements. For example, do not do

```

BLOCK BFirst
ENDBLOCK {BFirst}
BLOCK BSecond
ENDBLOCK {BSecond}

```



But use instead

```
{This is about the first Block}
BLOCK BFirst
<blockstuff>
ENDBLOCK {BFirst}

{This is about the second Block}
BLOCK BSecond
<blockstuff>
ENDBLOCK {BSecond}
```

and ...

```
{Comment about compound IF stuff below}
IF condition1 THEN
    IF condition2 THEN
        <dostuff>
    ENDIF {condition2}

    {Comment about this IF statement}
    IF condition3 THEN
        <dostuff>
    ENDIF {condition3}
ENDIF {condition1}
```

In general, if there's an ENDF statement that is followed by something other than another ENDF, put a blank line after the former. Using more blank lines is better than using too few.

## Program Format - Indenting

Keywords DATAMODEL, ATTRIBUTES, FIELDS, RULES, ... should start in the leftmost column.

```
DATAMODEL
USES
EXTERNALS
ATTRIBUTES
LOCALS
TYPE
AUXFIELDS
FIELDS
RULES
ENDMODEL
```

TABLE, BLOCK, ENDTABLE, ENDBLOCK, PROCEDURE, ENDPROCEDURE ... should appear one tab stop in (column 5) from the left margin. Each additional level of the program should be indented one more tab. A tab of 4 spaces is used in the example below.

```
DATAMODEL MyModel "Description of MyModel"

FIELDS

    BLOCK BPerson
```

```

FIELDS
    FieldName1      (Field 1 Field Tag) /
                    "Field 1 Field Description" :

                    TType

    FieldName2      (Field 2 Field Tag)
                    "Field 2 Field Text"

                    "Field 2 Alternate Field Text
                     (e.g. Spanish)" /
                    "Field 2 Field Description"
                    "Field 2 Alternate Field Description" :

                    TField2

RULES
    FieldName1
    IF FieldName1 = RESPONSE THEN
        FieldName2
    ENDIF      {FieldName1 = RESPONSE}

ENDBLOCK      {BPerson}

TABLE THousehold
    LOCALS
        I          : INTEGER
    FIELDS
        Person     : ARRAY[1..10] OF BPerson
    RULES
        Person[1]
        FOR I := 2 TO 10 DO
            IF Person[I - 1].FieldName2 = YES THEN
                Person[I]
            ENDIF
        ENDDO
    ENDTABLE      {BHousehold}
FIELDS
    PersonInfo      : THousehold

RULES
    PersonInfo

LAYOUT
    BEFORE PersonInfo NEWPAGE

ENDMODEL {MyModel}

```

## Program Format - Field Names

```

FIELDS
    TownName        (A12)
                    "What town do you live in?" /
                    "Town of Residence" :

                    STRING[20]

    Fears            (A13)
                    "What scares ^xName most?" /
                    "Most Scary" :

                    TScare

```

## Program Format - Field Descriptions

Field Descriptions should always be placed on a line by themselves.

## Program Format - Arrays and Indices

Do not place spaces between a field name and the index, or any part of the index. For example, always use this format:

Use

```
MyFieldName[1..10]
```

Do NOT use (any variation using extra spaces)

```
MyFieldName [ 1..10 ]
```

## Program Format - Parameters & Attributes

Place an extra space after the use of a comma

### **FIELDS**

```
MyField      (MyFieldTag)
              "This is MyField" /
              "MyField Field Description" :
              0..21, EMPTY, NODK, REFUSAL
```

### **RULES**

```
RunMyProcedure (ParamOne, Param2, Param3)
```

## Program Format - Tags

Tags follow the field name within parentheses. Most likely these tag names will be the short description labels.

```
A12          (TownName)
              "What town do you live in?" /
              "Town of Residence" :
              STRING[20]
```

## Program Format - Fills

The general standards for fills are:

Fills are unique per instance used and unique per language. Also, fills should be declared as close to where they are to be used as possible. This helps in program efficiency and reduces the number of generated parameters in the program. It also lends heavily to producing cleaner documentation.

For example, use fills xhe\_she, xel\_ella, xis\_are, xes\_son instead of just one generic fill.

```
IF A1 = Male THEN
    xhe_she := 'he'
    xel_ella := 'ella'
ELSE
```

```

        xhe_she := 'she'
        xel_ella := 'ella'
    ENDIF
A2

    IF A2 = 1 THEN
        xis_are := 'is'
        xes_son := 'es'
    ELSE
        xis_are := 'are'
        xes_son := 'son'
    ENDIF
A3

```

## Two Major Issues to Avoid When Constructing Fills

### 1. Re-assigning Fills [DO NOT USE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE]

Re-assigning fills (scope of a fill) presents a particular problem for displaying correctness in MWDS. Because assignments can be made to a fill at any time before it is used, and because the assignments can totally replace all conditions for the prior fill, it will appear correctly to the interviewer but is very hard to determine by a question which assignments should be displayed.

### 2. Fills in Arrays

Fills in arrays are absolutely necessary for sorting members within households, restricting lists of items (on enumerated lists), etc.

`xFill[i]` where `i` can vary from 1 through 20.

This, in reality means that there are 20 fill variables:  
`xFill[2], ..., xFill [20]`.

For each assignment made to an arrayed fill variable it ideally should be to each of the array elements:

```

xFill[i] := 'this' means:

xFill[1] := 'this', xFill[2] := 'this', ..., xFill[20] :=
'this'

```

However, when displayed (ie, `^xFill[i]`) the display should be the unique values relevant to the index, such as “[this/that].”

Assignments made to explicit array items should have unique names if the arrayed items are never sorted, chosen at random, or otherwise used in a manner that would make programming problematic.

Avoid this:

```

xFill[1] := 'this'
xFill[2] := 'that'
xFill[3] := 'these'
xFill[4] := 'those'

```

Preferred Method:

```

IF A1 = Current THEN
    xthis_that := 'this'
    xthese_those := 'these'

ELSE
    xthis_that := 'that'
    xthese_those := 'those'
ENDIF

```

## **Program Format - Answer Names and the ORD Function in the Rules**

It is preferable not to use the ORD function in program code in the following manner:

```

IF Married.ORD = 1 THEN

    SpouseName
    SpouseBirthDate

ENDIF

```

Use the more readable “normal” programming method:

```

IF Married = Yes THEN

    SpouseName
    SpouseBirthDate

ENDIF

```

In reality, the ORD function should only be used when making an assignment to an enumerated field from a different enumerated field, or passing an enumerated to an integer field.

Use caution, though: if you do not have a code value zero defined in your destination field, you will get an “imputation error” if there’s a DK/RF/EMPTY value in the source field.

```
MyRelation := SomeRelation.ORD
```

## **Consistency Checks**

Be redundant and use the keyword CHECK or SIGNAL before hard and soft consistency checks. Indent using the following guidelines:

```

CHECK
    B20.YEAR > 1985 OR B20 = NONRESPONSE
    "@D@Rw@R@D @R@BCheck B20.Year@B@R
    @/@/@/@D@Rw@R@D @R@BThe birth year must be later
    than 1985@B@R"

```

```

IF B20.Month = 2 AND B20.Day = 29 THEN
  SIGNAL
    B20.Day < 28 OR B20 = NONRESPONSE
    "@Dw@D @ISignal B20.Day@I
    @/@/@|@Dw@D @IUsually only 28 days in
    February; is the 29th true?@I"
  ENDIF

```

## HHL Rosters

Appendix C contains sample code for a basic HHL.

Most panel studies, will have a “confirmation” screen after the roster. The interviewer must endorse the roster verifying that the correct Respondent has been selected and as an indicator to move ahead and copy information from the roster downstream to other blocks and fields if necessary.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar (Forms, Answer, Options, Help). The main content area has a yellow background and contains the following text:

You have said the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old are:

**Informant, Age: 44**

- If "No", press the [UP] arrow to return to the roster screen and correct the roster or add to it as needed
- Otherwise, enter "1" and press [Enter] to continue. Once you do this, you will not be allowed to return to the roster to edit any information, so confirm all information before filling in this field with any answer

Below the instructions, there is a large yellow rectangular area with the text "1. Continue" at the top left.

At the bottom of the window, there is a grey bar with a label "HHL Complete & Confirmed" and a small white rectangular box next to it.

# Appendices





# **Appendix A • Quick Reference**



## **Quick Reference**

This section will give users an “at-a-glance” view of four representations of Blaise CAI instrument developed using SRO standards and tools, as reflected in specific question examples.

The following 24 examples cover typical question types, and show question specifications, programming code, and the resulting Blaise Data Entry Program (DEP) screen and Michigan Questionnaire Documentation System (MQDS) output.

The goal of this section is to limit ambiguity about what is specified, what is programmed, and how these items will appear to end-users. The objective is to develop consistently specified and programmed instruments that result in consistent screen displays and instrument documentation.

Note that on several of the pages there is boxed text that is included to help describe shortcuts that the programmer used. This text is included only as a reference to help non-programmers get a better idea of what the code means. These text boxes look like this:

TYesNo : (Yes (1), No (5))

In this example, the programmer has used reusable short programming code, “TYesNo,” as an economic way to represent more detailed code for response options that only had to be programmed once.

# Yes/No with Skip Logic

**B1**  
Do you currently use a computer, either at work, at home, or at school?  
  
/ “Currently Use a Computer”

|     |   |          |
|-----|---|----------|
| Yes | 1 |          |
| No  | 5 | GO TO B3 |
| DK  |   | GO TO B3 |
| RF  |   | GO TO B3 |

**B2**  
Have you used the Internet  
  
/ “Used the Internet”

|     |   |          |
|-----|---|----------|
| Yes | 1 | GO TO B4 |
| No  | 5 | GO TO B4 |
| DK  |   | GO TO B4 |
| RF  |   | GO TO B4 |

B1        (B1)  
“Do you currently use a computer, either at work, at home, or  
at school?” /  
“Currently Use a Computer” :  
  
TYesNo

*TYesNo :*  
*(Yes (1),*  
*No (5))*

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help

Do you currently use a computer, either at work, at home, or at school?

☐ 1. Yes  
☐ 5. No

Currently Use a Computer ☐

Used the Internet ☐

Ever Used a Computer ☐

Vacation in Last Year ☐

Regions Visited ☐

Regions Specified ☐

Value IRAs ☐

Own or Rent Home ☐

B1 1001 07/24/2007 12:45:09 PM Version Date: 07/24/2007 Version Time: 12:44PM

QR\_B1.ai

**SECTION\_B****B1**

Do you currently use a computer, either at work, at home, or at school?

- ☐ 1 Yes  
☐ 5 No GOTO B3

# Enumerated Response Short List

**B9**

(B9\_Internet)

There is a lot of talk these days about the Internet. Some people have heard or read about the Internet, while others have not. How about you -- do you know a fair amount about the Internet, have you heard about the Internet, but don't know much about it, or have you never heard of the Internet?

/ "Internet Awareness"

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Know a fair amount                  | 1 |
| Heard about it, but don't know much | 2 |
| Never heard of it                   | 3 |
| DK                                  |   |
| RF                                  |   |

B9

(B9\_Internet)

There is a lot of talk these days about the Internet. ••Some people have heard or read about the Internet, while others have not. ••How about you -- do you know a fair amount about the Internet, have you heard about the Internet, but don't know much about it, or have you never heard of the Internet?/  
"Internet Awareness" :

TKnowledge

*TKnowledge:*

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <i>(KnowFair</i> | <i>(1) "Know a fair amount",</i>                  |
| <i>HeardDK</i>   | <i>(2) "Heard about it, but don't know much",</i> |
| <i>Never</i>     | <i>(3) "Never heard of it")</i>                   |

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms   Answer   Options   Help   Hide Watch Window

There is a lot of talk these days about the Internet. Some people have heard or read about the Internet, while others have not. How about you -- do you know a fair amount about the Internet, have you heard about the Internet, but don't know much about it, or have you never heard of the Internet?

☐ 1. Know a fair amount  
☒ 2. Heard about it, but don't know much  
☐ 3. Never heard of it

Amt Borrowed      \$1.00

Internet Awareness      2      KnowFair

B9      1001      04/26/2007      1:57:52 PM      Version Date: 04/25/2007      Version Time: 4:26PM      READBACK MODE

**B9**

There is a lot of talk these days about the Internet. Some people have heard or read about the Internet, while others have not. How about you -- do you know a fair amount about the Internet, have you heard about the Internet, but don't know much about it, or have you never heard of the Internet?

- ☐ 1 Know a fair amount  
☐ 2 Heard about it, but don't know much  
☐ 3 Never heard of it

# Introduction Question

## Intro

Hello, my name is [Iwer Name] and I am calling from The University of Michigan...

- ◆ Provide a description of The University of Michigan if R asks
- ◆ ENTER [1] to continue

/"Introduction"

Specification

Intro (Intro)

"Hello, my name is @I[Iwer Name]@I and I am calling for The University of Michigan..."

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IProvide description of The University of Michigan if R asks@I

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER [1] to continue@I" /  
"Introduction" :

TContinue

*TContinue:*  
(Continue)

Programming



**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help Hide Watch Window

Hello, my name is [lwer Name] and I am calling for The University of Michigan...

- Provide description of The University of Michigan if R asks
- ENTER [1] to continue

• 1. Continue

Introduction

Intro 1001 04/26/2007 1:59:50 PM Version Date: 04/25/2007 Version Time: 4:26PM READBACK MODE

**Intro**

Hello, my name is [lwer Name] and I am calling for The University of Michigan...

- ◆ Provide description of The University of Michigan if R asks
- ◆ ENTER [1] to continue

☐ 1 Continue

# Fixed Length String

## B11

In what city and state was your mother living when you were born?

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

/"Birth City"

String; width = 20

Specification

```

B11      (B11)
"@Ej@E @Wof@W @Ek@E
@/@/In what city and state was your mother living when you were
born?

@/@/@|@BCity: _____@B
@/@|@IState: _____@I" /
"Birth City" :

STRING[20]

```

Programming

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help Hide Watch Window

① of ②

In what city and state was your mother living when you were born?

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth City Miami  
Contact Telephone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
FTF\_Tel \_\_\_\_\_  
Good Citizen \_\_\_\_\_  
Keep Up w/ Inflation \_\_\_\_\_

B11 1001 04/26/2007 2:15:12 PM Version Date: 04/25/2007 Version Time: 4:26PM READBACK MODE

**B11**

① of ②

In what city and state was your mother living when you were born?

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Open Ended

## B13

People have different ideas about what being a good citizen means. We're interested in what you think. How would you describe a good citizen in this country -- that is, what things about a person are most important in showing that one is a good citizen? (Any other ideas?)

/"Good Citizen"

Open

Specification

B13

(B13)

"People have different ideas about what being a good citizen means...We're interested in what you think...How would you describe a good citizen in this country -- that is, what things about a person are most important in showing that one is a good citizen? (Any other ideas?)" /

"Good Citizen" :

OPEN

Programming

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help Hide Watch Window

People have different ideas about what being a good citizen means. We're interested in what you think. How would you describe a good citizen in this country -- that is, what things about a person are most important in showing that one is a good citizen? (Any other ideas?)

Birth City  
Contact Telephone  
FTF\_Tel  
Good Citizen  
Keep Up w/ Inflation

**Memo**

A good citizen is someone who |

Save Cancel Help

B13 1001 04/26/2007 2:01:02 PM Version Date: 04/25/2007 Version Time: 4:26PM READBACK MODE

**B13**

People have different ideas about what being a good citizen means...We're interested in what you think...How would you describe a good citizen in this country -- that is, what things about a person are most important in showing that one is a good citizen? (Any other ideas?)

Qit\_Opended\_MQDS.ai

# Whole Number

B14

RB Page 3

On a scale of 0 to 100, what do you think are the chance that your income will keep up with inflation for the next five years?

/"Keep Up with Inflation"

Integer; range 0-100

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Specification

B14

(B14)

```
"@F&@F @IPage 3@I
```

```
@/@/On a scale of 0 to 100, what do you think are the chances that your income will keep up with inflation for the next five years?" /
```

```
"Keep Up with Inflation" :
```

```
TRange0_100          {0..100}
```


```
TRange0_100 :
0..100
```

Programming

Blaise DEP

**SRO Standard Blaise Project Template**

Forms Answer Options Help

 **Page 3**


On a scale of 0 to 100, what do you think are the chances that your income will keep up with inflation for the next five years?

Keep Up with Inflation

B14 1001 03/12/2008 12:47:18 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

MQDS

**B14**

 **Page 3**

On a scale of 0 to 100, what do you think are the chances that your income will keep up with inflation for the next five years?

QR\_wlnolnum\_mqds.at

# Whole Number with Decimals

## B15a

How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

/"Earnings Amount"

Currency; range 1.00 - 99,999,999.00

Specification

B15a (B15a)  
 "@Ej@E @Wof@W @Ek@E  
 @/@/How much do you earn now from this job?

@/@/@|@B\$\_\_\_\_\_@B" /  
 "Earnings Amount" :

TDollar1\_99999999\_00 {1.00..99,999,999.00}

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*TDollar1\_99999999\_00:  
 1.00..99999999.00*



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How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Earnings Amount

Earnings Period

Earnings Other Specify

MQDS

**B15a**

① of ②

How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

1 - 99,999,999

# Hard Consistency Check (Check)

B25

"How many times in the past year have you been drunk on alcohol to the point of passing or blacking out?

- ◆ If Respondent says "never", enter [96]
- ◆ If Respondent says "DK", probe: Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?
- ◆ If Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]

/"Freq of Passing Out Drunk" :

Integer, 1-10, 96, 97

B26

"How many times in the past year have you become ill from drinking?

- ◆ If Respondent says "never", enter [96]
- ◆ If Respondent says "DK", probe: Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?
- ◆ If Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]

/ "Freq of Ill Due to Drunk" :

Integer, Range 1-10, 96, 97

Specification

B25

(B25)

"How many times in the @Upast year@U have you been drunk on alcohol to the point of passing or blacking out?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says ""never"", enter [96]@I

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says ""DK"", probe:@I Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]@I" /

"Freq of Passing Out Drunk" :

TRange1\_97 {1..10, 96, 97}

B26

(B26)

"How many times in the @Upast year@U have you become ill from drinking?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says ""never"", enter [96]@I

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says ""DK"", probe:@I Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIf Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]@I" /

"Freq of Ill Due to Drunk" :

TRange1\_97 {1..10, 96, 97}

RULES

B25

IF B25 = RESPONSE THEN

CHECK

B25 <= 10 OR B25 = 96 OR B25 = 97

"@D@Rw@R@D @R@BInvalid response, please re-enter@B@R"

ENDIF

B26

IF B26 = RESPONSE THEN

CHECK

B26 <= 10 OR B26 = 96 OR B26 = 97

"@D@Rw@R@D @R@BInvalid response, please re-enter@B@R"

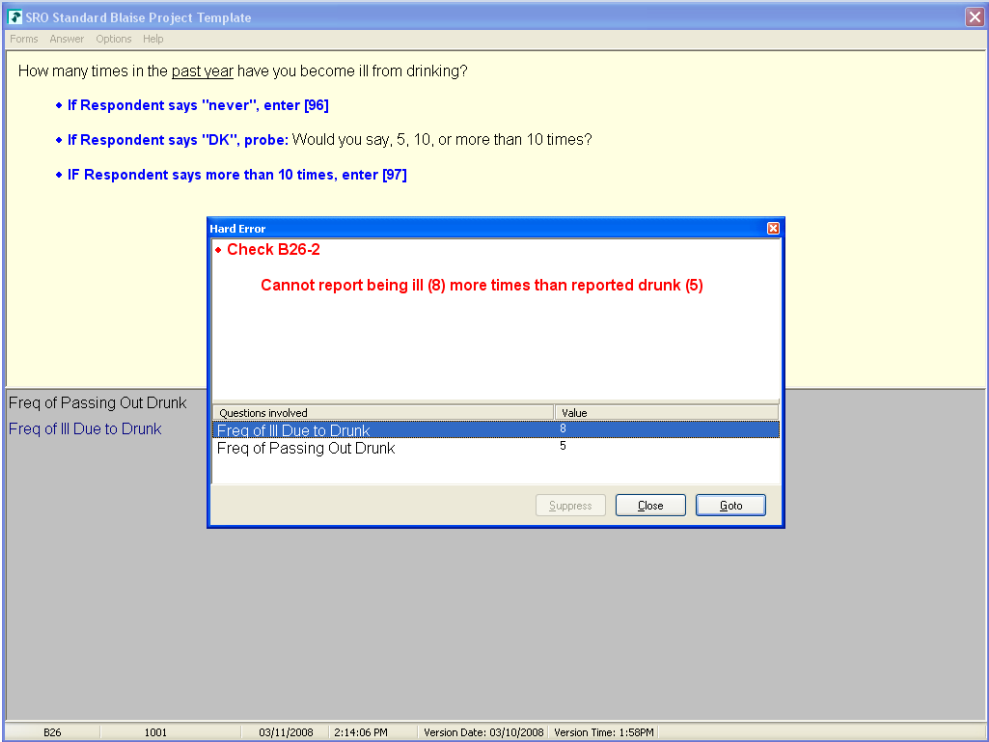
CHECK

B26 <= B25 OR B26 = 96 OR B26 = 97

"@D@Rw@R@D @R@BCannot report being ill (^B26) more times than reported drunk (^B25)@B@R"

ENDIF

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**B26**

How many times in the past year have you become ill from drinking?

- ♦ If Respondent says "never", enter [96]
- ♦ If Respondent says "DK", probe: Would you say, 5, 10, or more than 10 times?
- ♦ If Respondent says more than 10 times, enter [97]

1 - 97 [GOTO IWComplete](#)

**HARD Edit**

**Valid condition:** ((B26 <= 10) OR (B26 = 96)) OR (B26 = 97.00000000000001)

**Error returned to the user:** ♦ **Check B26-1**

**Invalid response, please re-enter**

**Involved fields:**

**HARD Edit**

**Valid condition:** ((B26 <= B25) OR (B26 = 96)) OR (B26 = 97.00000000000001)

**Error returned to the user:** ♦ **Check B26-2**

**Cannot report being ill ([B26]) more times than reported drunk ([B25])**

**Involved fields:**

# Soft Consistency Check (Signal)

## B24.Age

How old is [Child Name]?

/”Child Age”

Integer; range: 1-20

Soft Consistency Check: Child’s age must be less than R’s age - 15;

“Age is within 15 years of R’s age (Display R’s Age)

Does this mean you were ^xRAgeMinus15 years old when this child was born?

◆ IF Yes, SUPPRESS Signal”

Specification

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Age      (B24Age)
         "How old is ^Name?" /
         "Child Age" :

TAge

RULES
  IF Age = RESPONSE THEN
    IF Age >= (xRAge - 15) THEN
      xRAgeMinus15.KEEP
      xRAgeMinus15 := (xRAge - Age)
      SIGNAL
        Age <= (xRAge - 15)
        INVOLVING (Age)
        "@Dw@D@ISignalB24.Age@I
        @/@/@|@IAge is within 15 years of R's age (^xRAge)@I
        @/@/@|Does this mean you were ^xRAgeMinus15 years old
        when this child was born?
        @/@/@|@|@Dw@D @IIF Yes, SUPPRESS Signal@I"
    ENDIF
  ENDIF

```

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How old is Tom?

DepressionQ1  
Number of Children  
Child First Name  
Child Age  
Child Gender  
Child First Name  
Child Age  
Child Gender

**Active Signal**

- Signal B24.Age

Age is within 15 years of R's age (20)

Does this mean you were -10 years old when this child was born?

- IF Yes, SUPPRESS Signal

| Questions Involved | Value |
|--------------------|-------|
| Child Age          | 30    |

Suppress Close Goto

B24Age 1001 03/11/2008 2:31:47 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

**Age**

How old is [NAME]?

0 - 99 [GOTO Gender](#)**SOFT Edit****Valid condition:** ([Age](#) <= ([xRAge](#) - 15)) INVOLVING ([Age](#))**Error returned to the user:** ♦ [Signal B24.Age](#)

Age is within 15 years of R's age ([AGE B20])

Does this mean you were [xRAge - Age] years old when this child was born?

# Multiple Responses

B10\_  
RB Page 1

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic origin: White, Black or African-American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander?

- ◆ PROBE before accepting refusal
- ◆ ENTER all that apply
- ◆ For multiple responses, use [Space] or [-] to separate responses

/"Race/Ethnicity"

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| White                  | 1  |
| Black/African-American | 2  |
| Hispanic               | 3  |
| Native Hawaiian        | 4  |
| American Indian        | 5  |
| Alaskan Native         | 6  |
| Asian                  | 7  |
| Pacific Islander       | 8  |
| Other - specify        | 97 |

```
B10_      (B10_)
@F&@F @IPage 1@I
@/@/Which of the following @Ubest@U describes your race or
ethnic origin: White, Black or African-American, Hispanic,
Native Hawaiian, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, or
Pacific Islander?

@/@/@|@Dw@d @IPROBE before accepting refusal@I
@/@/@|@Dw@d @IENTER all that apply@I
@/@/@|@Dw@d @IFor multiple response, use [Space] or [-] to
separate responses@I" /
"Race/Ethnicity" :
```

SET OF TRace

TRace:

|            |     |                              |
|------------|-----|------------------------------|
| White      | (1) | "White",                     |
| Black      | (2) | "Black or African-American", |
| Hispanic   | (3) | "Hispanic",                  |
| NativHaw   | (4) | "Native Hawaiian",           |
| AmerIndian | (5) | "American Indian",           |
| AlaskNat   | (6) | "Alaskan Native",            |
| Asian      | (7) | "Asian",                     |
| PacIsland  | (8) | "Pacific Islander",          |
| Other      | (9) | "@IOther - specify@I")       |

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**Page 1**

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic origin: White, Black or African-American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander?

- ◆ **PROBE before accepting refusal**
- ◆ **ENTER all that apply**
- ◆ **For multiple responses, use [Space] or [-] to separate responses**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. White                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Alaskan Native         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Black or African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Asian                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Hispanic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Pacific Islander       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Native Hawaiian           | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <b>Other - specify</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. American Indian           |  |

Race/Ethnicity

B10 1001 03/11/2008 2:36:02 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

**B10\_** **Page 1**

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnic origin: White, Black or African-American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian, or Pacific Islander?

- ◆ **PROBE before accepting refusal**
- ◆ **ENTER all that apply**
- ◆ **For multiple responses, use [Space] or [-] to separate responses**

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 White                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Black or African-American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Hispanic                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Native Hawaiian           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 American Indian           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Alaskan Native            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Asian                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Pacific Islander          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <b>Other - specify</b>    |

Maximum number of mentions: 9

# Entry Mask

## B12

Is there an additional telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- ◆ If the Respondent mentions a cell phone number, please enter that number and then enter a [F2] note and indicate that it is a cell number
- ◆ If the Respondent offers a relatives' or friends' number, do not enter that number. Explain that we can only use numbers that they "own" for this section

/"Contact Telephone"

String; Telephone Mask, width = 10

Specification

B12

(B12)

"Is there an @Uadditional@U telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?"

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIIf the respondent mentions a cell phone number please

@/@|...enter that number then enter an F2 note and indicate that it's a cell number@I

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIIf they offer a relatives or friends number do not enter the

@/@|...number...Explain that we can only use numbers that they ""own"" for this section." /  
"Contact Telephone" :

TPhone

*TPhone:*  
*STRING[10]*

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Is there an additional telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- If the respondent mentions a cell phone number please enter that number then enter an F2 note and indicate that it's a cell number
- If they offer a relatives or friends number do not enter the number. Explain that we can only use numbers that they "own" for this section.

Birth City

Contact Telephone

FTF\_Tel

Good Citizen

Keep Up w/ Inflation

B12 1001 06/29/2007 9:16:59 AM Version Date: 06/26/2007 Version Time: 12:18PM READBACK MODE

**B12**

Is there an ADDITIONAL telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- ♦ If the respondent mentions a cell phone number, please enter that number and then ...enter an [F2] note and indicate that it's a cell number

# Multipart Questions

## B15a

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How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

/"Earnings Amount"

Question Type: Currency, Range 1.00 - 99,999,999.00

/"Earnings Amount"

## B15b

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(How much do you earn now from this job?)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per (Hour/Week/Two weeks/Month/Year)

/"Earnings Period"

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Hour            | 1 |
| Week            | 2 |
| Two weeks       | 3 |
| Month           | 4 |
| Year            | 5 |
| Other - specify | 6 |

B15a (B15a)

"@Ej@E @Wof@W @Ek@E

@/@/How much do you earn now from this job?

@/@/@|@B\$ \_\_\_\_\_@B" /

"Earnings Amount" :

TDollar1\_99999999\_00

{1.00..99,999,999.00}

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How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Earnings Amount

Earnings Period

Earnings Other Specify

B15a 1001 03/11/2008 2:45:10 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

B15b 1001 03/11/2008 2:44:30 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

**B15a**

1 of 2

How much do you earn now from this job?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

1 - 99,999,999

**B15B\_IC\_12**B15a > 0

- ☐ 1 EXPR IS FALSE [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 2 EXPR IS TRUE

**B15b**

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(How much do you earn now from this job?)

[B15A] per (Hour/Week/Two weeks/Month/Year)

- ☐ 1 Hour [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 2 Week [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 3 Two weeks [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 4 Month [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 5 Year [GOTO B18a](#)
- ☐ 6 Other -- specify

# Scale Questions - All Points

B18a  
RB Page 3

How much do you agree with the following statement:

Patriotism is an important part of being a good citizen.

Do you strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree, neither agree or disagree, somewhat disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

/"Patriotism Important"

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Strongly agree            | 1 |
| Agree                     | 2 |
| Somewhat agree            | 3 |
| Neither agree or disagree | 4 |
| Somewhat disagree         | 5 |
| Disagree                  | 6 |
| Strongly disagree         | 7 |

```
B18a      (B18a)
"@F&@F @IPage 3@I
@/@/How much do you agree with the following statement:

@/@/@|""Patriotism is an important part of being a good cit-
izen.""

@/@/Do you strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree, neither
agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, disagree, strongly
disagree?" /
"Patriotism Importance" :

TScale1_7Agree_a
```

TScale1\_7Agree\_a:

|             |     |                              |
|-------------|-----|------------------------------|
| (Strng_Agr  | (1) | "Strongly Agree",            |
| Agr         | (2) | "Agree",                     |
| SWhat_Agr   | (3) | "Somewhat Agree",            |
| Neither_A_D | (4) | "Neither Agree or Disagree", |
| SWhat_Dis   | (5) | "Somewhat Disagree",         |
| Dis         | (6) | "Disagree",                  |
| Strng_Dis   | (7) | "Strongly Disagree")         |

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**Page 3**

How much do you agree with the following statement:

Patriotism is an important part of being a good citizen.

Do you strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, disagree, strongly disagree?

☐ 1. Strongly agree  
☐ 2. Agree  
☐ 3. Somewhat agree  
☐ 4. Neither agree nor disagree  
☒ 5. Somewhat disagree  
☐ 6. Disagree  
☐ 7. Strongly disagree

Patriotism Importance **StrongAgr**

B18a 1001 07/03/2007 2:19:13 PM Version Date: 06/26/2007 Version Time: 12:18PM READBACK MODE

**B18a** **Page 3**

How much do you agree with the following statement:

Patriotism is an important part of being a good citizen.

Do you strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, disagree, strongly disagree?

- ☐ 1 Strongly agree
- ☐ 2 Agree
- ☐ 3 Somewhat agree
- ☐ 4 Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ 5 Somewhat disagree
- ☐ 6 Disagree
- ☐ 7 Strongly disagree

# Interviewer Checkpoint On Screen

B12a

☒ Interviewer Checkpoint

◆ Is this a Face to Face interview or Phone?

/”Iwer Checkpoint FTF\_Tel”

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Face to face | 1 |
| Telephone    | 2 |

NO DK, NO RF

```
B12a      (B12a)
           "@ER@E @IInterviewer Checkpoint@I
           @/@/@|@Dw@D @IIs this a Face to Face interview or
           Phone?@I"/
           "FTF_Tel" :

           TFTF_Tel
```

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☒ **Interviewer Checkpoint**

Is this a Face to Face or Phone interview?

☐ 1. **Face to Face**

☐ 2. **Telephone**

Birth City Ann Arbor

Contact Telephone (734)647-8901

Interviewer Checkpoint FTF\_Tel

Good Citizen

B12a 1001 03/10/2008 2:04:56 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

MQDS

**B12a**☒ **Interviewer Checkpoint**

Is this a Face to Face or Phone interview?

- ☐ 1 **Face to Face**
- ☐ 2 **Telephone**

# Interviewer Instructions

B12

Is there an additional telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- ◆ If the respondent mentions a cell phone number please enter that number then enter an F2 note and indicate that it's a cell number
- ◆ If they offer a relatives or friends number do not enter the number. Explain that we can only use numbers that they "own" for this section

/"Contact Telephone"

String; Telephone Mask, width = 10

Specification

B12

(B12)

"Is there an @Uadditional@U telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?"

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIIf the respondent mentions a cell phone number please enter that number then@/@|...enter an F2 note and indicate that it's a cell number@I

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IIIf they offer a relatives or friends number do not enter the number...Explain that@/@|...we can only use numbers that they ""own"" for this section." /  
"Contact Telephone" :

TPhone

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Is there an additional telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- ♦ If the respondent mentions a cell phone number, please enter that number and then enter an [F2] note and indicate that it's a cell number

Birth City

Contact Telephone

Lower Checkpoint FTF\_Tel

Good Citizen

B12 1001 03/11/2008 2:56:24 PM Version Date: 03/10/2008 Version Time: 1:58PM

**B12**

Is there an ADDITIONAL telephone number where we may reach you if this number fails in the future?

- ♦ If the respondent mentions a cell phone number, please enter that number and then ...enter an [F2] note and indicate that it's a cell number

# Context Related Instructions

B20

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

◆ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes

/"Respondent DOB"

DateType1; Date Mask; Range for Year 1986-2007

Hard Consistency Check: Check B20 Year of Birth must be later than 1985;  
"The birth year must be later than 1985"

Specification

B20

(B20)

"@>@I[F1] - HELP@/HH Member #1@I@<

What is your date of birth?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes@I" /  
"Respondent DOB" :

TDate

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[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

♦ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes

Respondent DOB

B20 1001 09/05/2007 11:52:01 AM Version Date: 08/13/2007 Version Time: 1:17PM

MQDS

**B20**

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

♦ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes

GOTO B20Month

# Date Type

B20

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

◆ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes

/"Respondent DOB"

DateType1; Date Mask; Range for Year 1986-2007

Hard Consistency Check: Check B20 Year of Birth must be later than 1985;  
"The birth year must be later than 1985"

Specification

B20

(B20)

"@>@I[F1] - HELP@/HH Member #1@I@<

What is your date of birth?

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes@I" /  
"Respondent DOB" :

TDate

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Blaise DEP

The screenshot shows a window titled "SRO Standard Blaise Project Template" with a menu bar containing "Forms", "Answer", "Options", and "Help". The main area has a yellow background and contains the text "What is your date of birth?" followed by a blue instruction: "♦ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes". In the top right corner, there are links for "[F1] - HELP" and "HH Member #1". Below the question is a text input field labeled "Respondent DOB". At the bottom, a status bar displays the following information: B20, 1001, 09/05/2007, 11:52:01 AM, Version Date: 08/13/2007, and Version Time: 1:17PM.

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This is a close-up of the form element for B20. It has a yellow background and includes the label "B20" in the top left. Below it are links for "[F1] - HELP" and "HH Member #1". The question "What is your date of birth?" is followed by the instruction "♦ ENTER MM/DD/YYYY, with or without slashes". There is a text input field, and to its right is the text "GOTO B20Month". On the right edge of the form, the text "QB\_DateType\_MQDS.ai" is visible vertically.

# Date Type (Alternate Version)

**B20Month**

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

MM/DD/YYYY

◆ ENTER month

/"Respondent DOB - Month"

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Jan   | 1  |
| Feb   | 2  |
| March | 3  |
| April | 4  |
| May   | 5  |
| June  | 6  |
| July  | 7  |
| Aug   | 8  |
| Sept  | 9  |
| Oct   | 10 |
| Nov   | 11 |
| Dec   | 12 |

**B20Day**

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

(What is your date of birth?)

MM/DD/YYYY

◆ ENTER day

/"Respondent DOB - Day"

Integer; range 1-31

Hard Consistency Check: Check B20 Day If  
month = Feb and day > 28, then check for Leap  
Year

**B20Year**

[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

(What is your date of birth?)

MM/DD/YYYY

◆ ENTER year

/"Respondent DOB - Year"

Integer; range 1986-2007

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B20Month      (B20Month)
"@Ej@E @Wof@W @El@E @>@I[F1] - HELP@/HH Member #1@I@<
What is your date of birth?

@/@/@|@BMonth@B DD, YYYY

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER month@I" /
"Respondent DOB - Month" :

TMonth

B20Day        (B20Day)
"@Ek@E @Wof@W @El@E @>@I[F1] - HELP@/HH Member #1@I@<
(What is your date of birth?)

@/@/@|^B20Month @BDD@B, YYYY

@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER day@I" /
"Respondent DOB - Day" :

TDay1_31      {1..31}

B20Year       (B20Year)
"@El@E @Wof@W @El@E @>@I[F1] - HELP@/HH Member #1@I@<
(What is your date of birth?)

@/@/@|^B20Month ^B20Day, @YYYY@B
@/@/@|@Dw@D @IENTER year@I" /
"Respondent DOB - Year" :

TYear00_2007  {1900..2007}
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[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

(What is your date of birth?)

May 28, YYYY

• ENTER year

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[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

MM DD, YYYY

• ENTER month

1. Jan 5. May 9. Sept  
2. Feb 6. June 10. Oct  
3. March 7. July 11. Nov  
4. April 8. Aug 12. Dec

Respondent DOB - Month 5 May

Respondent DOB - Day 28

Respondent DOB - Year 1988

B20Year

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**B20Month**

① of ①[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

What is your date of birth?

MM DD, YYYY

• ENTER month

1 Jan  
2 Feb  
3 March  
4 April  
5 May  
6 June  
7 July  
8 Aug  
9 Sept  
10 Oct  
11 Nov  
12 Dec

**B20Day**

① of ①[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

(What is your date of birth?)

[B20MONTH] DD, YYYY

• ENTER day

1 - 31

**B20Year**

① of ①[F1] - HELP  
HH Member #1

(What is your date of birth?)

[B20MONTH] [B20DAY], YYYY

• ENTER year

1,900 - 2,007 [GOTO B21](#)

Specification

# Array Series

**B23**

How many children do you have?

/"Number of Children"

Integer; Range 0 - 10

Programmer Note: If number of children is greater than zero, then ask the following questions for each child

**B24Name**

What is [the/the oldest/the next] child's first name?

/"Child First Name"

String; width = 10

Fill Logic:  
If only 1 child, then Fill = the  
If more than 1 child and the first time through, then Fill = the oldest  
If more than 1 child and not the first time through, then Fill = the next

**B24Age**

How old is [Child's Name]?

/"Child Age"

Integer; range: 1-20

Fill Logic:  
Use name from B24Name

Soft Consistency Check: Child's age must be less than R's age - 15;  
"Age is within 15 years of R's age (Display R's Age)  
Does this mean you were ^xRAgeMinus15 years old when this child was born?  
◆ IF Yes, SUPPRESS Signal"

**B24Gender**

◆ IF necessary:

Is [Child Name] a male or female?

/"Child Gender"

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Male   | 1 |
| Female | 2 |

Fill Logic:  
Use name from B24Name

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <pre>B23      (B23)          "How many children do you have?" /          "Number of Children":           0..10  BLOCK    BChildInfo PARAMETERS     LineNum : INTEGER AUXFIELDS     xoldest_next : STRING[15] FIELDS     Name      (B24Name)               "What is ^xoldest_next child's first               name?" /               "Child First Name" :               STRING[10]      Age      (B24Age)               "How old is ^Name?" /               "Child Age" :               TAge      Gender   (B24Gender)               "@Dw@d @IIF necessary:@I               @/@@ Is ^Name a male or female?" /               "Child Gender" :               TGender</pre> | <pre>RULES IF B23 = 1 THEN     xoldest_next := 'the' ELSEIF B23 &gt; 1 THEN     IF LineNum = 1 THEN         xoldest_next := 'the oldest'     ELSE         xoldest_next := 'the next'     ENDIF ENDIF Name Age Gender ENDBLOCK {BChildInfo} FIELDS     B24:Array [1..10] of BChildInfo</pre> |
|--|---|



The figure displays four screenshots of the Blaise DEP software interface, arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each screenshot shows a 'Standard Blaise Project Template' window with various data entry fields and a status bar at the bottom.

- Top Left:** The 'How many children do you have?' question is displayed. The 'Number of Children' field is set to 4. The 'Child First Name' field is empty. The 'Child Age' field is set to 15. The 'Child Gender' field is set to 1 (Male). The status bar shows 'B23', '100', '07/03/2007', '12:25:10 PM', 'Version Date: 16/03/2007', 'Version Type: 12:10PM', 'READONLY MODE'.
- Top Right:** The 'How many children do you have?' question is displayed. The 'Number of Children' field is set to 4. The 'Child First Name' field is set to Joe. The 'Child Age' field is set to 15. The 'Child Gender' field is set to 1 (Male). The status bar shows 'B23', '100', '07/03/2007', '12:25:10 PM', 'Version Date: 16/03/2007', 'Version Type: 12:10PM', 'READONLY MODE'.
- Bottom Left:** The 'What is the oldest child's first name?' question is displayed. The 'Number of Children' field is set to 4. The 'Child First Name' field is set to Joe. The 'Child Age' field is set to 15. The 'Child Gender' field is set to 1 (Male). The status bar shows 'B23', '100', '07/03/2007', '12:25:10 PM', 'Version Date: 16/03/2007', 'Version Type: 12:10PM', 'READONLY MODE'.
- Bottom Right:** The 'How old is Joe?' question is displayed. The 'Number of Children' field is set to 4. The 'Child First Name' field is set to Joe. The 'Child Age' field is set to 15. The 'Child Gender' field is set to 1 (Male). The status bar shows 'B23', '100', '07/03/2007', '12:25:10 PM', 'Version Date: 16/03/2007', 'Version Type: 12:10PM', 'READONLY MODE'.

B23

How many children do you have?

GOTO B25

Name

What is [the / the oldest / the next] child's first name?

Age

How old is [NAME]?

GOTO Gender

SOFT Edit

Valid condition: (Age &lt;= (xRAge - 15)) INVOLVING (Age)

Error returned to the user: ♦ Age is within 15 years of R's age ([AGE B20])

Does this mean you were [xRAge - Age] years old when this child was born?

♦ If Yes, SUPPRESS Signal

Involved fields: Section\_B.B24.Age

Gender

♦ If necessary:

Is [NAME] a male or female?

☐ 1 Male☐ 5 Female

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# Checkpoints Programmer Explicit Checkpoint

B20ChkPt (See B20Mont, B20Day, and B20Year)

Data checkpoint for completeness of Respondent DOB

/"Data Checkpoint: Respondent DOB"

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| DOB Complete   | 1 |
| DOB Incomplete | 5 |

Explicit

B20Month = Response AND B20Day = Response AND B20Year = Response = DOB Complete

Specification

```
B20ChkPt      (B20ChkPt)
  "Data Checkpoint for Respondent DOB completeness" /
  "Data Checkpoint: Respondent DOB" :

TDOBChkPt
```

RULES

```
B20ChkPt.KEEP
IF B20Month = RESPONSE AND B20Day = RESPONSE AND B20Year = RE-
SPONSE THEN
  B20ChkPt := DOBComplete
ELSE
  B20ChkPt := DOBIncomplete
ENDIF
```

Programming

Blaise DEP

No Image

MQDS

No Image



# Appendix B • Glossary of Terms

**CAI**

Computer-Assisted Interviewing.

**Check**

Consistency check that will not allow Interviewer to continue until the inconsistency has been resolved in the data; also known as a “Hard Check”.

**Consistency Check**

Available in two types; “Signal” or “Soft Check” allows the Interviewer to suppress the check and continue and the “Check” or “Hard Check” which forces the Interviewer to resolve the inconsistency.

**DateTypes**

A date value that holds the basic information for a date, allowing the storage and retrieval of dates.

**Edit Mask**

A manner in which data entry of currency amounts, telephone numbers, etc are displayed to the Interviewer during entry.

**Enumerated**

A type defined as a discrete range in which each category is specified as an identifier; also known as a “coded” question.

**Explicit Checkpoint**

Checkpoint is an explicit field in the data file but it is programmed (not interviewer entered).

**Field Description**

A second or alternative text that describes the field and is used in the Field Pane; it also can be used in SAS output.

**Field Name**

Primary identifier of a field; e.g. HeatHome, RGender, etc.

**Field Tag**

A secondary identifier of a field; e.g. A1, A2, A3, etc.

### **Implicit Checkpoint**

Checkpoint is implicit and a guide for logic only. The field will not appear in the data file.

### **Looped Series (Arrays)**

A series of questions repeated multiple times. The data is arrayed.

### **On Screen Iwer Checkpoint**

Checkpoint that is on screen and requires an interviewer response.

### **Open-Ended**

A free-form text variable that can contain text of varying length.

### **Preload**

This is previously known data that is loaded into a case when the case is started.

### **QxQ's**

Aides that assist the Interviewer by providing contextual information or definitions of certain terms in the question text.

### **Range**

Sets the upper and lower boundaries for integer and real number fields.

### **Set Type**

This is a multiple response type; also known as "Multiple Choice".

### **Signal**

Consistency check that will allow Interviewer to continue and override the inconsistency in the data; also known as a "Soft Check".





# Appendix C • HHL Code

## Introduction

Following is an example of programming code for an HHL roster and selection of a Respondent 18 or older.

**FIELDS**

```
A4      (A4)
        "@BA4.@B
        @/@/Now, in order to select the right person to speak with, I need you to think of every-
        one who was living in your household on August 15, 2005 before Hurricane Katrina...I am
        going to ask you to list for me everyone who was living in your household before Hurricane
        Katrina...I am interested in those people who were living in your household @Bthen@Bwho
        are at least 18 years old @Bnow@B...Let's start with you.

        @/@/(What is your sex?)" /
        "Sex Informant" :

        TGender

A5 (A5)
        "@BA5.@B
        @/@/What is your current age?" /
        "Age Informant" :

        TAge18_120

A6      (A6)
        "@BA6.@B
        @/@/Was there anyone else living in your household on August 15, 2005 before Hurricane Ka-
        trina who is now at least 18 years old?" /
        "Other HH Members" :

        TYesNo
```

**BLOCK BA7****PARAMETERS**

LineNum : **INTEGER**

**AUXFIELDS**

xthat\_thenext : **STRING[10]**

**FIELDS**

PersonNum / "Person Number" : 1..15

```
A7a (A7a)
        "@BA7a.@B
        @/@/What is ^xthat_thenext person's sex?" /
        "Sex HH Member" :

        TGender

A7b (A7b)
        "@BA7b.@B
        @/@/What is ^xthat_thenext person's age?" /
        "Age HH Member" :

        TAge

A7c (A7c)
        "@BA7c.@B
        @/@/What is this person's relationship to you?" /
        "Rel HH Member" :

        TRelation

A7cLabel (A7cLabel) / "Rel Label" :

        STRING[25]

A7d (A7d)
        "@BA7d.@B
        @/@/@Dw@d @IPlease specify@I" /
        "Other Rel HH Member" :

        STRING[100]

A7e (A7e)
```

```
"@BA7e.@B
@/@/Is this person still currently living in your household?" /
"Still in HH" :
```

```
TYesNo
```

```
A7f      (A7f)
"@BA7f.@B
@/@/Was there anyone else living in your household before Hurricane
Katrina who is now at least 18 years old?" /
"Other HH Members" :
```

```
TYesNo
```

#### **RULES**

```
PersonNum.KEEP
A7a.KEEP
A7b.KEEP
A7c.KEEP
A7cLabel.KEEP
A7d.KEEP
A7e.KEEP
A7f.KEEP
IF LineNum > 1 THEN
  IF A7a <> EMPTY THEN
    PersonNum := LineNum
  ENDIF
ENDIF
IF LineNum = 2 THEN
  xthat_thenext := 'that'
ELSEIF LineNum > 2 THEN
  xthat_thenext := 'the next'
ENDIF
IF LineNum = 1 THEN
  PersonNum.SHOW
  A7a.SHOW
  A7b.SHOW
  A7c.SHOW
  A7cLabel.KEEP
  A7cLabel := 'Informant'
  A7cLabel.SHOW
  A7d.KEEP
  A7e.KEEP
  A7f.KEEP
ELSE
  PersonNum.SHOW
  A7a
  A7b
  A7c
  IF A7c = RESPONSE THEN
    A7cLabel.KEEP
    A7cLabel := ''
    IF A7c.ORD = 0 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Informant'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 1 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Wife/Female Partner'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 2 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Husband/Male Partner'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 3 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Mother'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 4 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Father'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 5 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Sister'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 6 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Brother'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 7 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Daughter'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 8 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Son'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 9 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Grandmother'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 10 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Grandfather'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 11 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Roommate'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 12 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Aunt'
    ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 13 THEN
      A7cLabel := 'Uncle'
    
```

```

ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 14 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Niece'
ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 15 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Nephew'
ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 16 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Cousin'
ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 17 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Granddaughter'
ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 18 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Grandson'
ELSEIF A7c.ORD = 97 THEN
  A7cLabel := 'Other'
ENDIF
A7cLabel.SHOW
IF A7a = MALE THEN
  CHECK
  A7c.ORD = 2 OR A7c.ORD = 4 OR A7c.ORD = 6 OR A7c.ORD = 8 OR
  A7c.ORD = 10 OR A7c.ORD = 11 OR A7c.ORD = 13 OR A7c.ORD = 15 OR
  A7c.ORD = 16 OR A7c.ORD = 18 OR A7c.ORD = 97 OR
  A7a = NONRESPONSE OR A7c = NONRESPONSE
  "@D@Rw@R@d @R@BThe Relationship code should match the
  gender@B@R"
ELSEIF A7a = FEMALE THEN
  CHECK
  A7c.ORD = 1 OR A7c.ORD = 3 OR A7c.ORD = 5 OR A7c.ORD = 7 OR
  A7c.ORD = 9 OR A7c.ORD = 11 OR A7c.ORD = 12 OR A7c.ORD = 14 OR
  A7c.ORD = 16 OR A7c.ORD = 17 OR A7c.ORD = 97 OR
  A7a = NONRESPONSE OR A7c = NONRESPONSE
  "@D@Rw@R@d @R@BThe Relationship code should match the
  gender@B@R"
ENDIF
ENDIF {A7c = RESPONSE}
IF A7c = Other THEN
  A7d
ENDIF
A7e
A7f
ENDIF
ENDBLOCK{BA7}

TABLE THHL
LOCALS
  I : INTEGER
FIELDS
  HHL / "HH Listing" : ARRAY [1..15] OF BA7
RULES
  HHL[1].KEEP (1)
  HHL[1].SHOW (1)
  FOR I := 2 TO 15 DO
    IF HHL[I - 1].A7f = YES THEN
      HHL[I] (I)
    ENDIF
  ENDDO
LAYOUT
  BEFORE HHL[1] GRID Table2
ENDTABLE{THHL}
FIELDS
  HHList : THHL

  HHLLockFlag / "Flag to Lock HHL" : TYesNo

A8(A8)
  "@BA8.@B
  @/@/You have said the people living in your household before Hurricane Katrina who are now at least
  18 years old are:

  @/@|@|@B@L^xHHListing@L@B

  @/@/Does that include everyone who is now at least 18 years old and who was living in your house-
  hold on August 15, 2005 before Hurricane Katrina?

  @/@/@|@Dw@d @IIf "No"", PRESS the [UP] arrow to return to the roster
  screen and correct the roster or add to@/@|...it as needed@I

  @/@/@|@Dw@d @IOtherwise, enter "1" and press [Enter] to continue...Once you do this, you @Uwill
  not@U be allowed to@/@|...return to the roster to edit any information, so confirm all information
  before filling in this field with@/@|...any answer" /
  "HHL Complete & Confirmed" :

  TYesRoster

```

```

HH18Count      (HH18Count)
    "Count of HH Members 18yrs+ Currently in HH" /
    "Count of HH Members 18yrs+ Currently in HH" :

0..15

HH18PersNum     (HH18PersNum)
    "Person Number of HH Members 18yrs+ Currently in HH" /
    "Person Number of HH Members 18yrs+ Currently in HH" :

    ARRAY[1..15] OF 1..15

RanSelFlag      (RanSelFlag)
    "Random Selection Flag to Prevent Re-Randomization" /
    "Random Selection Flag" :

    TYesNo

RanNumSel       (RanNumSel)
    "Random Number Selected from HH18Count" /
    "Random Number Selected from HH18Count" :

1..15

BLOCK BRespInfo "Selected Respondent Info"
  FIELDS
    RespPNum      (RespPNum)
        "Respondent Person Number" /
        "Respondent Person Number" :

    1..15

    RespGender     (RespGender)
        "Respondent Gender" /
        "Respondent Gender" :

    TGender

    RespAge         (RespAge)
        "Respondent Age" /
        "Respondent Age" :

    TAge

    RespRel         (RespRel)
        "Respondent Relation" /
        "Respondent Relation" :

    TRelation

    RespRelLabel (RespRelLabel)
        "Respondent Relation Label" /
        "Respondent Relation Label" :

    STRING[25]
  ENDBLOCK{BRespInfo}
FIELDS
  RespInfo: BRespInfo

  RInform (RInform)
    "Is Informant Selected Respondent?" /
    "Is Informant Selected Respondent" :

    TYesNo

RULES
  A4
  A5
  A6
  HHLlist.KEEP
  HHLlist.HHL[1].PersonNum := 1
  HHLlist.HHL[1].A7a := A4
  HHLlist.HHL[1].A7b := A5
  HHLlist.HHL[1].A7c := Informant
  HHLlist.HHL[1].A7f := A6
  xHHLlisting.KEEP
  xHHLlisting := EMPTY
  FOR I := 1 TO 15 DO
    IF HHLlist.HHL[I].A7c <> Other THEN

```

```

        xRelationship := HHLList.HHL[I].A7cLabel
    ELSE
        xRelationship := HHLList.HHL[I].A7d
    ENDIF
    IF HHLList.HHL[I].PersonNum <> EMPTY AND
        HHLList.HHL[I].A7b > 17 AND xHHLListing = EMPTY THEN
        xHHLListing := xRelationship+', Age: '+STR(HHLList.HHL[I].A7b)

        J := I + 1
    ENDIF
ENDDO
FOR I := J TO 15 DO
    IF HHLList.HHL[I].A7c <> Other THEN
        xRelationship := HHLList.HHL[I].A7cLabel
    ELSE
        xRelationship := HHLList.HHL[I].A7d
    ENDIF
    IF HHLList.HHL[I].PersonNum <> EMPTY AND HHLList.HHL[I].A7b > 17 THEN
        xHHLListing := xHHLListing+'@|@|'+xRelationship+', Age: '+STR(HHLList.HHL[I].A7b)
    ENDIF
ENDDO
HHLLockFlag.KEEP
IF A6 = YES AND HHLLockFlag = EMPTY THEN
    HHLList
ELSEIF HHLLockFlag = YES THEN
    HHLList.KEEP
ENDIF {A6 = YES}
A8
RanSelFlag.KEEP
RanNumSel.KEEP
RespInfo.KEEP
RInform.KEEP
IF A8 = YES THEN
    HHLLockFlag := YES
    HH18Count := 0
    FOR I := 1 TO 15 DO
        IF SampleType = NonRDD THEN
            IF HHLList.HHL[I].PersonNum <> EMPTY AND
                HHLList.HHL[I].A7b > 17 THEN
                HH18Count := HH18Count + 1
                HH18PersNum[HH18Count] := I
            ENDIF
        ELSEIF SampleType = RDD THEN
            IF HHLList.HHL[I].PersonNum = 1 OR
                (HHLList.HHL[I].PersonNum <> EMPTY AND
                    HHLList.HHL[I].A7b > 17 AND
                    HHLList.HHL[I].A7e = YES) THEN
                HH18Count := HH18Count + 1
                HH18PersNum[HH18Count] := I
            ENDIF
        ENDIF
    ENDDO
    IF HH18Count = 1 THEN
        RespInfo.RespPNum := HHLList.HHL[1].PersonNum
        RespInfo.RespGender := HHLList.HHL[1].A7a
        RespInfo.RespAge := HHLList.HHL[1].A7b
        RespInfo.RespRel := HHLList.HHL[1].A7c
        RespInfo.RespRelLabel := HHLList.HHL[1].A7cLabel
    ELSE
        IF RanSelFlag = EMPTY THEN
            RanNumSel := RANDOM (HH18Count) + 1
            RanSelFlag := YES
        ENDIF
        RespInfo.RespPNum := HHLList.HHL[HH18PersNum[RanNumSel]].PersonNum
        RespInfo.RespGender := HHLList.HHL[HH18PersNum[RanNumSel]].A7a
        RespInfo.RespAge := HHLList.HHL[HH18PersNum[RanNumSel]].A7b
        RespInfo.RespRel := HHLList.HHL[HH18PersNum[RanNumSel]].A7c
        RespInfo.RespRelLabel := HHLList.HHL[HH18PersNum[RanNumSel]].A7cLabel
    ENDIF
    IF RespInfo.RespRel = Informant THEN
        RInform := YES
    ELSE
        RInform := NO
    ENDIF

```







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