Blaise 5

Survey Design Software

Colectica and Statistics Netherlands announce partnership to build Standards-Based Survey Design Software

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Colectica and Blaise Statistics Netherlands have agreed to enter into a long-term partnership to start building two software products. These two products will allow survey researchers to build surveys faster, raise metadata standards and generate rich documentation and reports. The tools will improve the transparency of the data capture process.

Blaise Colectica Visual Survey Designer will offer an intuitive survey design surface and questionnaire palette, allowing survey designers to build questionnaires without learning a domain-specific language. Surveys designed with this tool can be brought to the field using Blaise 5 on desktops, via the Web and on mobile devices. The software will store questionnaire specifications using open standards and can connect to metadata repositories and question banks powered by Colectica software.

Blaise Colectica DDI Connector will convert Blaise 5 data models to and from the Data Documentation Initiative's (DDI) standard for documenting surveys and statistical data.

'This partnership will make it possible for more types of users to use Blaise 5 with less training and fewer programming knowledge requirements. This will result in faster survey development, which will be enhanced by the possible use of a question bank and standardised DDI metadata. I'm very pleased with this partnership.'

Harry Wijnhoven MSc, Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy CIO of Statistics Netherlands/CBS and CEO Blaise

About Colectica

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About Statistics Netherlands

Statistics Netherlands (CBS) is the independent provider of high quality, coherent, public statistical information about all sectors of society in the Netherlands. It provides official statistics, statistical services and products for a large national and international community. One of CBS' products is the software suite Blaise. Blaise is a powerful and flexible software package suitable for creating Computer Assisted Surveys. www.cbs.nl/en-gb

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