

Title of session: What do researchers and data documenters require?

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Day 3

Decompose things from a survey workflow

Researchers

- struggle with terminology to translate concepts between researchers, groups, etc.
- think in a workflow, different workflows, ability to track individual workflows
- questions turn into variables
- we don't give them the structure of the process that generated them, the provenance of the variable creation for example, "where the variable came from", paths, etc. aren't defined
- what would we need to capture provenance, question order, universe statements, to support
- understanding "replication path" documentation
- secondary users (use codebooks) and primary data collectors require different things
- secondary users (variables, question, replication)
- data documenters (need much more technical information about the items, processes, workflows, replication path, etc.)
- researchers now need to provide the code that they used to generate the results and analysis, methodology, reasoning for example for recoding, based on some assumptions, etc. cite data,
- workflow could capture the code, and you can have a description of this, for each segment or step involved in the processing of data
- if this were documented you could export a processing workflow > to improve ability to replicate results, paths, logic, etc.
- "audit trail" of each variable would help with compliance for replication, computational reproducibility to improve reuse and quality, transparency,
- data citations?

Example: Workflow step

- add the fields we don't already have in, for example the controlled vocabularies,

Notes from Jon's presentation:

- add make it possible to support lower granularity of exported information - for flexibility downstream
- class for controlled vocabularies
- adding crossreferences from ExternalControlledVocabulary
- patterns (talk to Dan)
- tagging
 - Achim: tagging on these categories would be difficult
 - put identifiers in there when implementing tagging

-Use cases

- can we produce a standardised format

- What would this look like

- code examples?

-What improvements could be made to usability

- indexes

- what links here?

- cross-section references?

-identify other areas for improvement, for example something in-between the class level and the functional view, can this be improved? Documenting use cases

-diagram generation is difficult to do in Drupal

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