

Exercise for Functional Task 6: Groups for Reusing Metadata

Overview:

This exercise is to provide hands-on experience in understanding how metadata can be grouped for re-use in DDI, and to show the patterns of re-use across waves of a longitudinal study.

Scenario:

You are implementing a repository to support the re-use of metadata around the Australian Longitudinal Study on Aging, hoping to gain more consistency across waves. In order to understand how your metadata should be packaged to best support its re-use, you are analyzing the metadata which has been used historically.

Step 1:

Review Wave 2 (ALSA-Wave-2-Codebook.pdf) and Wave 4 (ALSA-Wave-4-Codebook.pdf) of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Aging.

Step 2:

Identify the common sections that are shared across the two waves and move up into a Group:

- Sections of the questionnaire
- Question Schemes
- Questions

Step 3:

Determine ways of structuring schemes and sequences in the control construct that would facilitate grouping.

Step 4:

Determine what questions, if any, might have comparison maps created for them.