Qualtrics Help

This page contains some information on how to administer Qualtrics surveys, but most questions can be answered through the Official Qualtrics Help Pages (see Help Resources below).

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Official Qualtrics Help & Tutorials

Qualtrics tips from MIT (PDF doc)

Qualtrics Analysis using Excel (from USC)

Getting Started / Account Setup

You first need to set up your Qualtrics account at https://qualtrics.swarthmore.edu

1. Log into the system with your Swarthmore credentials, and confirm using Duo
2. Click (I don't have a Qualtrics account) in pop-up
3. Agree to Terms of Service

To start creating a survey

1. Click Blank Survey when asked presented with Research Core pop-up with Customer Experience, Employee Experience, Product Experience, Brand Experience options.
2. Enter a survey name, click create
3. Start adding questions!

Collaborating

It is possible to work on surveys with colleagues at Swarthmore or from other institutions. Details are available from the Collaboration page at the Qualtrics support site.

Adding Swarthmore users

When you want to collaborate with someone from Swarthmore, start typing the person's name in the search box and make sure to click on their name in the autocomplete results. If you just enter the person's email address and click Add, Qualtrics will not associate the person with Swarthmore's account. If your collaborator doesn't show up in the autocomplete listing, they probably don't have a Qualtrics account. Have them go to https://swarthmore.qualtrics.com and create new account.

Limit number of words (instead of characters) in a text box

This information is from Lafayette College (help.lafayette.edu/qualtrics/customvalidation#textbox)
When using a text entry question with an Essay Text Box you may want to limit the number of words a person can write. There is validation built in to Qualtrics to limit the number of characters, but not the number of words so custom validation will have to be used.

To add custom validation when limiting entries to a certain number of words:

1. In your survey click the question where you are asking for a limited text entry.
2. In the right hand column click Custom Validation under the Validation Type area.
3. In the window that appears the first drop-down box should already be populated with the question you are on, if not select it from the list of questions.
4. In the second drop-down box select the text entry area where they will be typing their paragraph.
5. Select "Matches Regex" from the third drop-down box, then type $^\text{\s*(\S+\s+\{0,349\}\S+)\$}$ in the fourth box. This is regular expression that will make sure the text entered contains between 1 and 350 words. To change the word range you just have to update the two numbers in the string of text. For example to make the range between 200 and 400 words you would enter $^\text{\s*(\S+\s+)\{199,399\}\S+)\$}$ into the box. Notice that the numbers you enter are always your goal number minus 1.
6. You can choose a System Default message, like Require valid response, but in this case creating a custom message that indicates the word range is probably best.
7. Click Save.

Sending a reminder for a survey in progress

If you send out a reminder email, the message may not get sent to people with a survey in progress (even if they haven’t accessed it for a while). From Jill Gladstein: If you go to the "responses in progress" screen and close a person’s responses, it then records the results as partial. You can then go back in and resend the link with their partial answers included.

Survey response shows as incomplete, but user says they completed the survey

If this is a survey that uses a panel, go to Distribute Survey Email History and download the mailing history. Find the link to the survey respondent and copy and paste into a browser. Try to submit the survey on their behalf.

Automatically shift to next question + No Next button (fastest way to navigate through survey)

When you need to get someone's first response to a question, and not allow them to go back to second guess, or rethink it...

1. Make sure survey Look and Feel is set to 1 question per page
2. Enter Javascript editor on any question
3. Copy and delete all code in that window
4. Paste the following:
   ```javascript
   Qualtrics.SurveyEngine.addOnload(function() { var that = this; this.questionclick = function(event,element) { if (element.type == 'radio') { that.clickNextButton(); } } });
   ```
5. Enter into HTML editor for same question
6. Move the cursor to the bottom/end of the text
7. Add the following:
   ```html
   <style> #NextButton {display:none;}</style>
   ```
8. Your all done. Preview to test

Prevent video replay

In some cases, a video inserted into a Qualtrics question should only be viewed once and the respondent should not be able to restart the video and watch it again. It is possible to check if the video has ended and then turn off the playback controls, to prevent replay.

Insert a video using the Qualtrics rich text editor. Add the following Javascript to the question (right after the line "/*Place your JavaScript here to run when the page is fully displayed*/")
var vids = jQuery("video");
jQuery.each(vids, function()
    this.on('ended', function(e) {
        var target = e.target || e.srcElement;
        target.controls = false;
    });
});

If you add this code to one question on a page, it will affect all videos on that page, even if they are in a different question.