



COLECTICA AND BLAISE INTEGRATION

Survey metadata, from questionnaire to archive

Design the questionnaire once in DDI Lifecycle, generate the Blaise 5 instrument from it, and publish the documentation from the same source.

Now integrated with **Blaise 5**

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Two products, one metadata model.

Both are built on DDI Lifecycle, so what you design is what you field, and what you field is what you document.

DESIGN AND FIELD

Blaise Colectica Questionnaires

Author questions, routing, code lists, fills, and edit checks on a visual canvas, test them in a live preview, and generate a Blaise 5 project from the same DDI items.

- Identified, versioned DDI Lifecycle items, not Word documents
- Reuse questions and whole sections from a shared question bank
- Every string translated once, used by the instrument, the paper form, and the specification

The screenshot displays three questions from a questionnaire instrument, each with a unique ID and a label. Question Q10, labeled 'awaytmp', asks if the respondent had a job or business from which they were temporarily away during the reference week, with 'Yes' and 'No' options. Question Q11, labeled 'lookwrk', asks if the respondent looked for paid work in the four weeks ending with the reference week, also with 'Yes' and 'No' options. Question Q12, labeled 'avail2wk', asks if a suitable job had been available, could the respondent have started work within two weeks, with 'Yes' and 'No' options. Routing logic is indicated by green boxes: 'Display if wrkstwk is No' for Q10 and Q11, and 'Display if wrkstwk is No and awaytmp is No' for Q12.

Variable Description

Name	lookwrk
Label	Whether the respondent has looked for paid work in the past four weeks
Question	In the four weeks ending with the reference week, did you look for paid work?
Dataset	Meridian Labour Force Survey 2021

lookwrk

Summary Statistics for 'lookwrk' (unweighted)

Value	Valid	Label	Frequency	% of Valid	% of All
.	✗ Missing		1,463		58.52%
1	✓ Valid	Yes	142	13.69%	5.68%
2	✓ Valid	No	895	86.31%	35.80%

STORE, VERSION, PUBLISH

Colectica Repository

The system of record for every study, instrument, question, variable, and code list, with lineage from the question asked to the variable delivered.

- Web portal with variable-level search across studies, question in context, and concordance across waves
- Full version history and comparison for every item, with comments and a publication workflow
- REST API and OAI-PMH in DDI Lifecycle 3.3 and Dublin Core, so holdings are harvestable

One questionnaire. Designed, fielded, documented.

Colectica generates the Blaise 5 instrument from the DDI design and publishes the documentation from the same items, so the questionnaire in the field and the questionnaire you document are the same one.

1

Design in Colectica

Questions, routing, code lists, fills, and edit checks, authored as identified and versioned DDI items.

2

Field in Blaise

Generate a Blaise 5 project, compile it, and launch it in the Data Entry Program from one dialog. To change the instrument, change the design and generate again.

3

Publish from Repository

The dataset description is generated from the instrument, so every variable carries its question text, response options, universe, and routing.

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MLFS2021 - Meridian ...vey 2021.blax MLFS2021 - Meridian ...1-fields.ncx X
: tYesorno

{ Name: lookwrk }
{ urn:ddi:org.meridian.nso:669cf9d9-8f10-5cf4-83c6-bf115ef1dbf8:1 }
lookwrk enUS "In the four weeks ending with the reference week, did
frFR "Au cours des quatre semaines se terminant avec la semaine de
: tYesorno

{ Name: avail2wk }
{ urn:ddi:org.meridian.nso:1dcf238b-7127-55fd-bdf9-59e4592c1b83:1 }
avail2wk enUS "If a suitable job had been available, could you have
frFR "Si un emploi convenable avait été disponible, auriez-vous pu
: tYesorno

{ Name: empstat }
{ urn:ddi:org.meridian.nso:0d330244-f7c4-5d66-bde5-3b1b5754097e:1 }
empstat enUS "In your main job, were you an employee or self-employee
frFR "Dans votre emploi principal, étiez-vous salarié(e) ou travail
: tEmploymentstatus
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WHY IT MATTERS

Nothing is re-keyed between specification, instrument, and codebook. Because the Blaise data model and the documentation come from the same items, the wording, code lists, and routing you publish are the ones that were fielded, in every language, at the version that ran.

Reuse from a question bank

Insert a question or a whole section from a shared repository as a reference. When a newer version is published, every survey that uses it can adopt the change.

Version every change

Each publish records who changed what and why. Compare any two versions of a survey and see the differences question by question.

Multilingual instruments

Translate each string once. The Blaise languages, the paper form, and the published documentation all come from the same translations.

Native Blaise code where you need it

Write a rule or computation in Blaise when the neutral form cannot express it. Field names are substituted per survey, so the code stays reusable.

NEXT STEPS

Bring a Blaise project. Leave with it documented.

Book a 45-minute working session during the conference or online. We will import your Blaise 5 data model into DDI Lifecycle, publish it to a repository, and show you the documentation and search it produces.

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