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## adding a new question type

Posted by tehnic - 2008/06/20 12:56

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I want to create a new type of question derived from multiple text.

I need a question with 2 rows of multiple text like:

Enter name and age:

1. name1 \_\_\_\_\_ age1 \_\_\_\_\_

2. name2 \_\_\_\_\_ age2 \_\_\_\_\_

3. name3 \_\_\_\_\_ age3 \_\_\_\_\_

Can someone help me?

At least could someone tell me in what files i must add code.

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## Re:adding a new question type

Posted by startx25 - 2008/06/20 15:08

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Hi,

This question type already exist !

for name is short text and age is numrical input

for example, you can join both in the same group of question and use survey 'group by group'

Best regards

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## Re:adding a new question type

Posted by tehnic - 2008/06/20 15:25

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I know i can be made in 2 questions...but in need it in one tu use it in different surveys

Must be a question like:

1. answer1: \_\_\_\_\_ answer2: \_\_\_\_\_

2. answer1: \_\_\_\_\_ answer2: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Re:adding a new question type

Posted by tehnic - 2008/06/21 09:06

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What i need is to add a new multiple short text question that has 2 rows of text inputs. So my problem is how to copy multiple text question and name it different the editing the new type.

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Posted by jcleeland - 2008/06/22 07:05

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You'll need to make modifications in at least the following files:

common.php

qanda.php

activate.php

browse.php

dataentry.php

export.php

spss.php

questionhandling.php

The process of adding new questions is very complicated. For me, even having created the software and knowing the

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general systems behind it, it takes, on average, 10 hours - and then often requires significant debugging once follow-on issues start to arise.

Jason

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## Re:adding a new question type

Posted by tehnic - 2008/06/22 22:05

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I managed to clone a multiple text question name it different and modify the function do\_question.....the problem...don't know what letter to assign to type....seems to me all were used so i made something like Q2 but i had to modify manually the query table to accept 2 chars....but after i made the survey active otherwise gave query error. Why? have any idea?

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Posted by startx25 - 2008/06/23 09:49

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## Re:adding a new question type

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/23 10:45

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startx25 wrote:

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That's what I would recommend, too. Changing the database might have several side effects so please look for a single char for your new question type.

As Jason said: Implementing a new question type is really hard. For you the easiest way would probably be to donate and ask an experienced programmer to do this for you. There are so many files and dependencies you have to take care of.

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