
Gutters, grids, and inputs

Posted by jsonin - 2008/06/25 03:11

LimeSurvey v2 will be using more formal typographic and layout practice in the survey design.

Question numbering, bullets, quotes, check boxes, radio buttons, glyphs and other selection mechanisms will reside in the gutter, i.e. bullet lists will not be indented.

For a visual example, please see:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/juhansonin/2608102097/>

A good type overview (and basis for this comp):

http://www.markboulton.co.uk/journal/comments/five_simple_steps_to_better_typography_part_2/

If you have any questions, fire away.

-Juhan and the LS2 team

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Re:Gutters, grids, and inputs

Posted by Mazi - 2008/06/25 10:40

To be honest: I don't like this new way of layout. I can't say why. It's probably because you are so used to the old style that it looks somehow irritating.

Let's see how the users will think about it. Great work so far!

If you have any questions, fire away. Doesn't belong to this thread but can I have some short answers to Questions about csv export and postgres

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Re:Gutters, grids, and inputs

Posted by jsonin - 2008/06/25 11:57

Software has been way behind the type curve.

For 30 years, operating systems and apps haven't handled type well. We're all used to software indenting bullets in text editors (a la Word, PowerPoint, Open Office, etc). Latex is the only service that actually has a few default gutters for glyphs.

Finally, we're seeing some progress. This year's version of InDesign and Quark now have gutters for bullets and drop quotes... among many updates to handling fonts and type rules.

The new US ballot design employs a similar technique (with an aligned text layout and inputs in the gutter). Testing shows dramatically improved error rates. We'll run micro tests as well.

-Juhan

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