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## [done] LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by emizzi - 2008/07/10 11:57

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Hello,

I would like to check if it is possible to run LimeSurvey on PDAs. Can you please specify the specifications that a PDA will need to run LimeSurvey software?

Thanks!

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by Mazi - 2008/07/10 13:56

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Good question. At the current 1.71 version you can edit the templates but I'm not sure if you can edit it the way that it runs on PDAs. Just give it a try. I recommend to edit the bubblegum template because it's mostly CSS based.

Brain, will there be something like a certain CSS design for PDAs at Limesurvey 2.0

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by ITEd - 2008/07/11 21:47

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The layout design will influence the usability of a survey, but I think the critical requirements relate to the browser on the device and its javascript capabilities. I did a demo of LS with a very simple survey and an audience member completed it on a cellphone. He said radio buttons didn't line up too well - probably in arrays - but it was manageable. That's where layout would help. OTOH, a colleague tested a fairly complex survey for me, and groups of conditional questions (also with INSERTANS usage) failed to display. Admittedly that's on an older LS version, but that was broken as opposed to awkward.

Regards.

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by Mazi - 2008/07/14 11:04

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Thaks for sharing your experience, ITEd.

In general: Do you think there are many people who wish to fill out surveys using cell phone or PDA?

Due to the CSS based layout of LS2.0 it shouldn't be that hard to create a PDA/cell phone style but the designers probably can better judge this.

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by emizzi - 2008/07/14 11:27

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I understand that there could be some problems with the layout design. Its good to hear they should not be much of a problem in the next version of Limesurvey.

ITEd: did the cellphone/PDA on which you used Limesurvey had particluar specifications? Do you think it will run on a PDA that has Windows Mobile 6?

Thanks

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by andreibogdan - 2008/07/14 11:32

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Hello,

I've just finished a survey on a PDA. I found the following problems:

- my study had 60 min and I received Session Expired Error. I resolved that by increasing session.gc\_maxlifetime to 65000 seconds on my local server. In index.php I commented line 24 @ini\_set(session.gc\_maxlifetime, \$sessionlifetime);
- I used tokens. When a survey was completed it remained incomplete. Can anyone tell me how to resolve this problem?

The template worked very well.

King regards,

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by emizzi - 2008/07/14 11:37

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Good question. We too intend to use it on a survey that lasts around 60 minutes.

andreibogdan: what specifications did the PDA had, so that you were able to use Limesurvey please?

We're currently deciding which PDA to choose.

Thanks  
Regards

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by andreibogdan - 2008/07/14 11:43

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I used HP IPAQ 114.I deactivate both on HP IPAQ and in Lime Use Cookies option.

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by emizzi - 2008/07/14 11:57

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Hi,

Thank you very much. I do have an HP IPAQ 114 in hand on which i can try Limesurvey. I would really appreciate if you can tell me the procedure you used to install and use Limesurvey on the PDA.

We did manage to install and use Limsurvey on a PC and it worked perfectly, however we do not know what we should do to use Limesurvey on a PDA.

Thank you for your help!

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by Mazi - 2008/07/14 12:00

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andreibogdan wrote:

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I used tokens. When a survey was completed it remained incomplete. Can anyone tell me how to resolve this problem?

This error was posted in the bugtracker recently. Reportedly this error was fixed meanwhile so please upgrade to the latest release.

More information:

- Download latest release
- Upgrade instructions

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by ITEd - 2008/07/14 13:06

The occasion when we had problems was done using an HTC (?) smartphone, the other occasion I don't know about the device. Neither were mine, so I don't have details. But, as I've said, I don't think it's the device as such that matters as much as the browser and its javascript capabilities.

Regards.

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by andreibogdan - 2008/07/14 13:14

I used HP IPAQ ONLY for complete the survey. Lime is installed on a server. I had an Acces Point for PDA

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by ITEd - 2008/07/14 13:57

Sorry, I seem to have misunderstood: I was talking only about completing a survey from a phone where the survey is on a server. I have no experience trying to run LimeSurvey on the PDA where the PDA is the server. That would require installing PHP, a suitable database, a web server, etc. on the PDA to meet the installation requirements.

Regards.

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## Re:LimeSurvey on PDA

Posted by macasek - 2008/07/14 14:03

LS2 is looking to support mobile platforms. We will likely target mobile platforms with full web browser capabilities (e.g. iPhone). Most of the issues will be css related, although there will need to be some consideration for javascript limitations on such devices.

We currently do not have a time table for LS2 supporting mobile devices. Limesurvey2 is scheduled for an alpha3 release Wednesday.