TECH 646 Analysis of Research in Industry and Technology

PART III

The Sources and Collection of data:

Measurement, Measurement Scales, Questionnaires & Instruments, Sampling

Ch. 13 Questionnaires and Instrument

Lecture note based on the text book and supplemental materials:

Cooper, D.R., & Schindler, P.S., Business Research Methods (12th edition), McGraw-Hill/Irwin

Paul I-Hai Lin, Professor of ECET
http://www.etcs.pfw.edu/~lin
A Core Course for M.S. In Technology Graduate Program
Purdue University Fort Wayne

Ch. 13 Questionnaires & Instruments

Learning Objectives ... Understand

- The link forged between the management dilemma and the communication instrument by the management-research question hierarchy.
- The influence of the communication method on instrument design.
- The three general classes of information and what each contributes to the instrument.

Ch. 13 Questionnaires & Instruments

Learning Objectives ... Understand

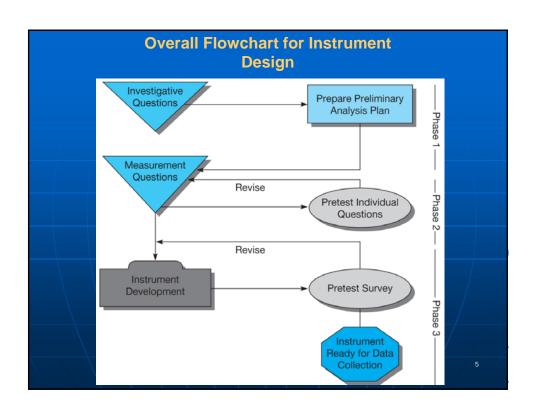
- The influence of question content, question wording, response strategy, and preliminary analysis planning on question construction.
- Each of the numerous question design issues influencing instrument quality, reliability, and validity.
- The sources for measurement questions
- The importance of pretesting questions and instruments.

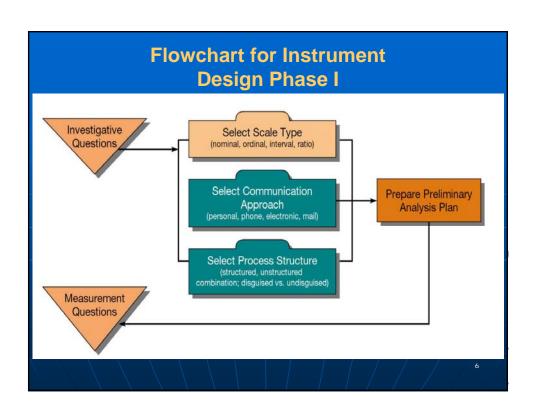
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Research Thought Leader

- "WAP (mobile browser—based) surveys offer full survey functionality (including multimedia) and can be accessed from any phone with a web browser (which is roughly 90 percent of all mobile devices). As an industry we need to get comfortable with mobile survey formats because there are fundamental differences in survey design and we also need to be focused on building our mobile capabilities as part of our sampling practice."
 - Kristin Luck, President, Decipher

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Strategic Concerns in Instrument Design

- 1. What Type of scale for desired analysis?
- 2. What Communication approach will be used?
- 3. Questions: be Structured/Unstructured/Combination
- 4. Disguising questioning?

Technology Affects Questionnaire Development Write questionna

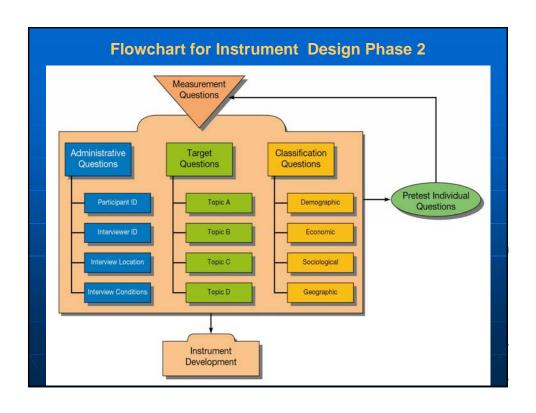


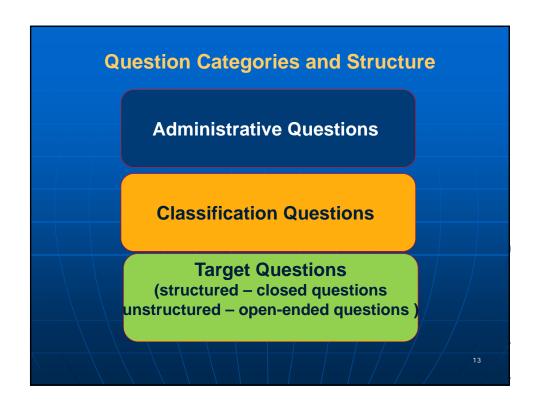
- Write questionnaires more quickly
- Create visually driven instruments
- Eliminate manual data entry
- Save time in data analysis

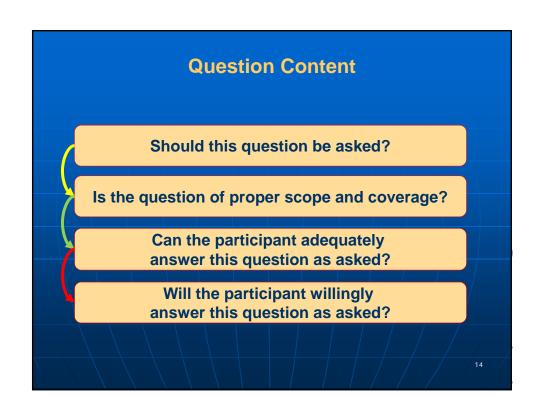


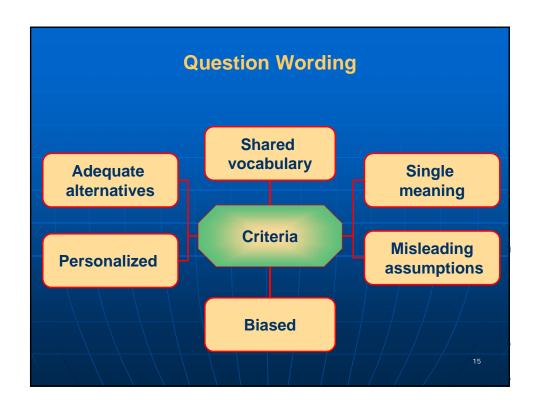
Syndrome	Description	Example
Peacock	Desire to be perceived as smarter, wealthier, happier, or better than others.	Respondent who claims to shop Harrods in London (twice as many as those that do).
Pleaser	Desire to help by providing answers they think the researchers want to hear, to please or avoid offending or being socially stigmatized.	Respondent gives a politically correct or assumed correct answer about degree to which they revere their elders, respect their spouse, etc.
Gamer	Adaption of answers to play the system.	Participants who fake membership to a specific demographic to participate in high remuneratio study; that they drive an expensive car when they don't or that they have cancer when they don't.
Disengager	Don't want to think deeply about a subject.	Falsify ad recall or purchase behavior (didn't recal or didn't buy) when they actually did.
Self-delusionist	Participants who lie to themselves.	Respondent who falsifies behavior, like the level they recycle.
Unconscious Decision Maker	Participants who are dominated by irrational decision making.	Respondent who cannot predict with any certaint his future behavior.
Ignoramus	Participant who never knew or doesn't remember an answer and makes up a lie.	Respondent who can't identify on a map where they live or remember what they ate for supper the previous evening.

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A Survey Cold as Ice, www.rti.org

- The goal of the survey
 - Give decision maker and the public information that would be useful in preparing for the state's next natural disaster
- A telephone survey of 47 households in 36 counties – those counties included in North Carolina's application for federal disaster assistance.

A Survey Cold as Ice, www.rti.org

- 80% of households indicated a willingness to take preventive actions – including 47 percent that were willing to pay extra on their monthly bill to buy power lines.
- One of the more significant findings was that the municipal power companies responded more quickly and earned a higher performance rating from customers than did Duke Power and Progress Energy.
- What types of measurement scales would be necessary to complete this table?

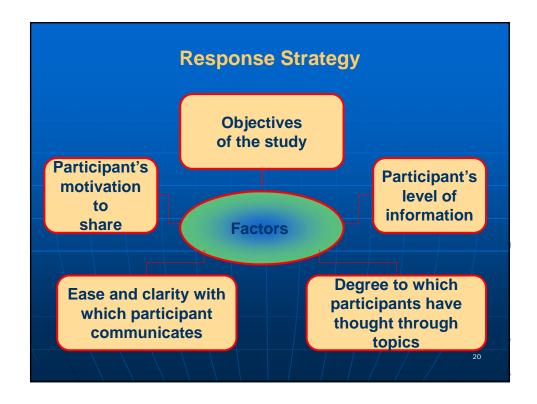
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Power Supplier Response Satisfaction Rating

Days without Power Municipal Power Duke Power Progress Energy 7.6 6.6 6.5 1 2 3 Etc.		Power Supplier Response Satisfaction Rating				
1 2 3						
3		7.6	6.6	6.5		
3	1					
	2					
Etc.	3					
	Etc.					

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- What types of measurement scales would be necessary to complete this table?
- On a 10-point satisfaction scale ("I was satisfied with my electric power company's response to the ice storm"
 - Where 5 was "neither agree nor disagree,"
 - Municipal Power 7.6 point
 - Duke Power 6.6 points
 - Progress Energy 6.5 points
 - The survey had a margin of error of ±4.7 percent



Response Strategy (continue)

- Free-Response Question
- Dichotomous Question
- Multiple-Choice Question
- Checklist
- Rating Question
- Ranking Question

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Free-Response Question

- Also called "Open-Ended Question"
- Difficult to interpret and are costly to analyze
- Try to reduce the number of these questions
- Internet Survey
 - Text Box

What factors influenced your enrollment in Metro U?

Dichotomous Response Strategy ■ Nominal data ■ Offer two mutually exclusive and exhaustive alternatives ■ Internet Survey ■ Radio buttons OR ■ Pull-down box Did you attend the "A Day at College" program at Metro U? □Yes □No

Multiple Choice Questions Nominal data: classification, no order, distance or natural origin More than 2 alternatives, or Seek gradations of preference, interest, or agreement Problems: When one or more responses have not been anticipated The list of choices is not exhaustive Which one of the following factors was most influential in your decision to attend Metro U? Good academic standing Specific program of study desired Enjoyable campus life Many friends from home High quality of faculty

Checklist Question/Response

- Nominal data
- A question poses numeral alternatives and encourages multiple unordered responses.

Which of the following factors influenced your decision to enroll in Metro U? (Check all that apply.)

- Tuition cost
- ☐ Specific program of study desired
- □ Parents' preferences
- ☐ Opinion of brother or sister
- Many friends from home attend
- ☐ High quality of faculty

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Rating Question/Response

- Ordinal data: classification and order
- Interval data: classification, order, and distance; no natural origin

	Strongly influential	Somewhat influential	Not at all influential
Good academic reputation	0	0	
Enjoyable campus life			
Many friends			
High quality faculty			
Semester calendar			

Ranking Question

Ordinal data: classification, order

Please rank-order your top three factors from the following list based on their influence in encouraging you to apply to Metro U. Use 1 to indicate the most encouraging factor, 2 the next most encouraging factor, etc.

___ Opportunity to play collegiate sports

Closeness to home

Enjoyable campus life

Good academic reputation

High quality of faculty

ssue Category	Fundamental Issue
Question Content	
Purposeful versus interesting	Does the question ask for data that will be merely interesting or truly useful in making a decision?
2. Incomplete or unfocused	Will the question reveal what the decision maker needs to know?
3. Double-barreled questions	Does the question ask the participant for too much information? Would the desired single response be accurate for all parts of the question?
4. Precision	Does the question ask precisely what the decision maker needs to know?
5. Time for thought	Is it reasonable to assume that the participant can frame an answer to the question?
6. Participation at the expense of accuracy	Does the question pressure the participant for a response regardless of knowledge or experience?
7. Presumed knowledge	Does the question assume the participant has knowledge he or she may not have?
Recall and memory decay	Does the question ask the participant for information that relates to thoughts or activity too far in the participant's past to be remembered?
9. Balance (general vs. specific)	Does the question ask the participant to generalize or summarize behavior that may have no discernable pattern?
10. Objectivity	Does the question omit or include information that will bias the participant's response?

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Is the question worded from the participant's, rather than the researcher's, perspective?		
Does the question contain wording that implies the researcher's desire for the participant to respond in one way versus another?		
Is it necessary for the participant to reveal personal attitudes and behavior, or may the participant project these attitudes and behaviors to someone like him or her?		

Issue Category	Fundamental Issue			
Response Strategy Choice				
18. Objective of the study	Is the question designed to classify or label attitudes, conditions, and behaviors of to reveal them?			
19. Level of information	Does the participant possess the level of information appropriate for participation in the study?			
20. Thoroughness of prior thought	Has the participant developed an attitude on the issue being asked?			
21. Communication skill	Does the participant have sufficient command of the language to answer the question?			

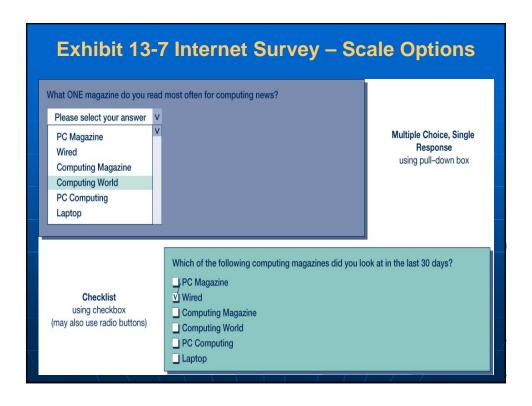
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Туре	Restrictions	Scale Items	Data Type				
	Rating Scales						
Simple Category Scale	Needs mutually exclusive choices	One or more	Nominal				
Multiple Choice Single-Response Scale	Needs mutually exclusive choices May use exhaustive list or 'other'	Many	Nominal				
Multiple Choice Multiple- Response Scale (checklist)	Needs mutually exclusive choices Needs exhaustive list or 'other'	Many	Nominal				
Likert Scale	Needs definitive positive or negative statements with which to agree/disagree	One or more	Ordinal				
Likert-type Scale	•Needs definitive positive or negative statements with which to agree/disagree	One or more	Ordinal				

Type	Restrictions	Scale Items	Data Type
	Rating Scales		
Numerical Scale	Needs concepts with standardized meanings; Needs number anchors of the scale or end-points Score is a measurement of graphical space	One or many	Ordinal or Interval
Multiple Rating List Scale	•Needs words that are opposites to anchor the end-points on the verbal scale	Up to 10	Ordinal
Fixed Sum Scale	•Participant needs ability to calculate total to some fixed number, often 100.	Two or more	Interval or Ratio

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Туре	Restrictions	Scale Items	Data Type
	Rating Scales		
Stapel Scale	•Needs verbal labels that are operationally defined or standard.	One or more	Ordinal or Interval
Graphic Rating Scale	 Needs visual images that can be interpreted as positive or negative anchors Score is a measurement of graphical space from one anchor. 	One or more	Ordinal (Interval, or Ratio)

Exhibit 13-8 Summary of Scale Type (cont.) Ranking Scale Restrictions Scale Data Type Type Items **Ranking Scales** Paired • Number is controlled by participant's Up to 10 Ordinal stamina and interest. **Comparison Scale Forced Ranking** Up to 10 Ordinal or • Needs mutually exclusive choices. Interval Scale Comparative Up to 10 Ordinal • Can use verbal or graphical scale. Scale

Exhibit 13-7 Internet Survey – Scale Options					
Where have you seen advertising	for MindWriter laptop computers?	Free Response/Open Question using textbox			
Dichotomous Question using radio buttons (may also use pull-down box)	ths.				
My next laptop computer will have More memory. More processing speed.	∂	Paired Comparison using radio buttons (may also use pull-down box)			
Multiple Choice, Single Response using radio buttons (may also use pull-down box or checkbox)	ing news?				

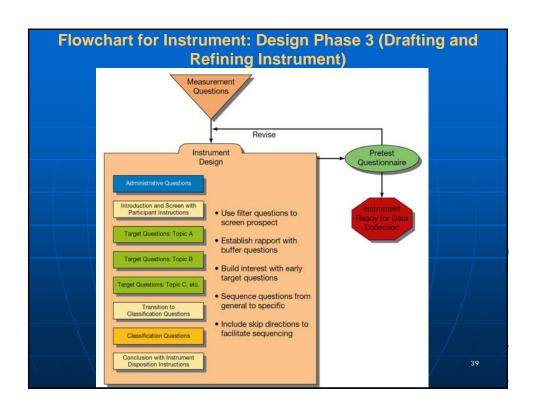


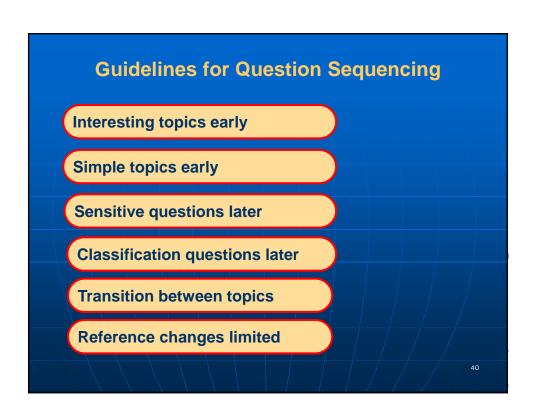
Internet Survey – Scale Options							
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Ranking Question using pull-down box (may also use textboxes, in which ranks are entered) [This question asks for a limited ranking of only three of the listed elements.]	choosing ye Fast reliabl Service at a	e repai my loca ce by the able te	r service ation he manufacture echnicians	ortant service options when			

Sources of Questions

- Handbook of Marketing Scales
- The Gallup Poll Cumulative Index
- Measures of
 Personality and
 SocialPsychological
 Attitudes
- Measures of Political Attitudes

- Index to International Public Opinion
- Sourcebook of Harris National Surveys
- Marketing Scales Handbook
- American Social
 Attitudes Data
 Sourcebook





Illustrating the Funnel Approach

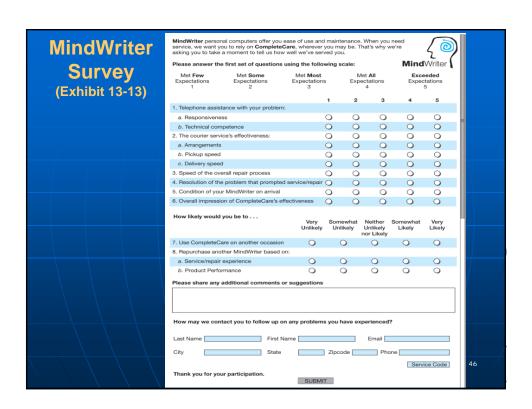
- How do you think this country is getting along in its relations with other countries?
- How do you think we are doing in our relations with Iran?
- Do you think we ought to be dealing with Iran differently than we are now?
- (If yes) What should we be doing differently?
- Some people say we should get tougher with Iran and others think we are too tough as it is; how do you feel about it?

Ві	ranchi	ing (Quest	ion			
Which of the following attribute: Overall appeal Headroom Design	s do you like a	about the	automobile y	ou just s	aw? (Select	all that app	ly)
☐ Color ☐ Height from the ground							
Other None of the above	1			Ne	ext Question]	
3. For those items that you selecte	ed how impo	rtant is a	ach? (Provide	one ansi	wer for each	attribute)	
5. For those items that you selecte	ed, now impor	itani is e	Neither important	One ansi	wer for each	attributej	
	Extremely important		nor not important		Not at all important	Don't know	
a) Overall appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	
b) Height from the ground	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c) Headroom	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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Сог	nponents of Questionnaires
Component	Example
Introduction a. Phone/personal interview	Good evening. May I please speak with (name of participant)? Mr. (participant's last name), I'm (your name), calling on behalf of MindWriter Corporation. You recently had your MindWriter laptop serviced at our CompleteCare Center. Could you take five minutes to tell us what you thought of the service provided by the Center?
 b. Online (often delivered via email) 	You've recently had your MindWriter laptop serviced at our CompleteCare Center. Could you take five minutes to tell us what you thought of the service provided by the Center? Just click the link below.
Transition	The next set of questions asks about your family and how you enjoy spending your nonworking or personal time.
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Cor	nponents of Questionnaires
Component	Example
Instructions for a. Terminating (following filter or screen question)	Phone: I'm sorry, today we are only talking with individuals who eat cereal at least three days per week, but thank you for speaking with me. (Pause for participant reply.) Good-bye. Online: You do not qualify for this particular study. Click below to see other studies for which you might qualify.
b. Participant discontinuation	Would there be a time I could call back to complete the interview? (Pause; record time.) We'll call you back then at (repeat day, time). Thank you for talking with me this evening. Or: I appreciate your spending some time talking with me. Thank you.
c. Skip directions (between questions or groups of questionspaper or phone)	Did you purchase boxed cereal in the last 7 days? Yes No (skip to question 7)
d. Disposition instructions	Paper survey: A postage-paid envelope was included with your survey. Please refold your completed survey and mail it to us in the postage-paid envelope. Online: Please click DONE to submit your survey and enter the contest.

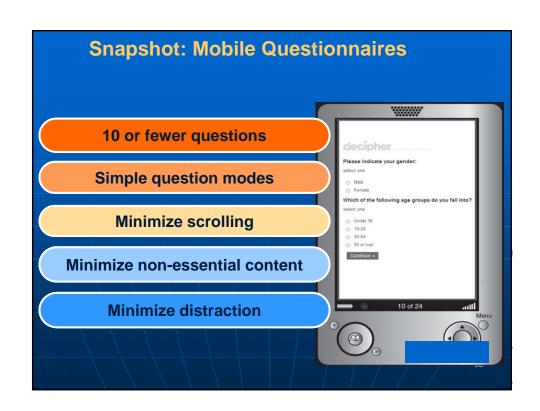
Component	Example
Conclusion a. Phone or personal interview	That's my last question. Your insights and the ideas of other valuable customers will help us to make the CompleteCare program the best it can be. Thank you for talking with us this evening. (Pause for participant reply.) Good evening.
b. Self-administered (usually precedes the disposition instructions)	Thank you for sharing your ideas about the CompleteCare program. Your insights will help us serv you better.

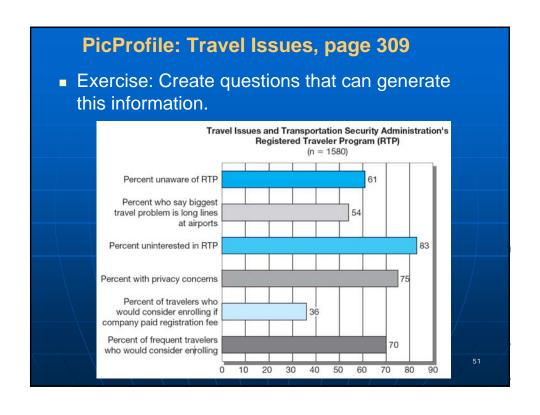


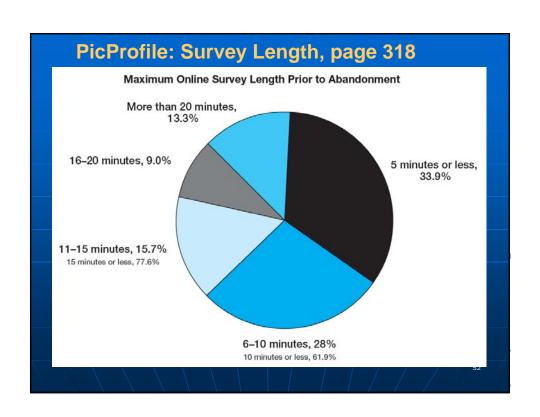
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Please answer the first set of questions using the following scale: MindWriter								ı
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b. Technical comp	petence		0	0	0	0	0	П
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c. Delivery speed			0	0	0	0	0	ı
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4. Resolution of the	problem that prompte	ed service/repair	0	0	0	0	0	ı
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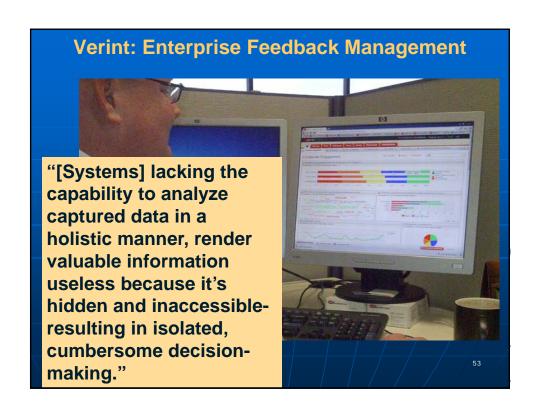
How likely would you be to	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Neither Unlikely nor Likely	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely
7. Use CompleteCare on another occasion	0	0	0	0	0
3. Repurchase another MindWriter based on:					
a. Service/repair experience	0	0	0	0	0
b. Product Performance	0	0	0	0	0
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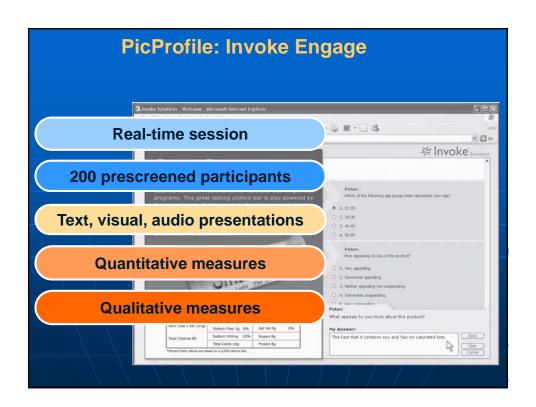












Key Terms Administrative question Branched question Buffer question Checklist Classification question Disguised question Free-response question Interview schedule Leading question Multiple-choice question

