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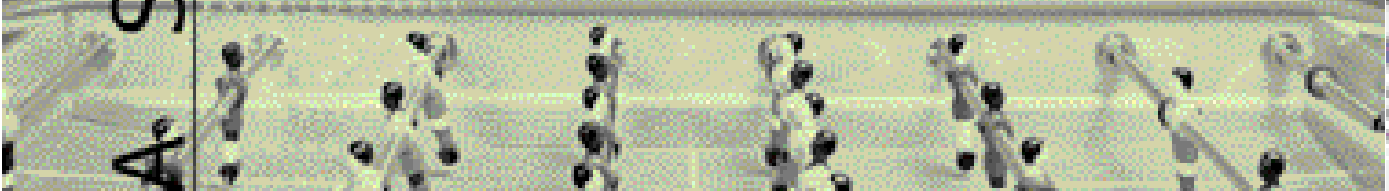
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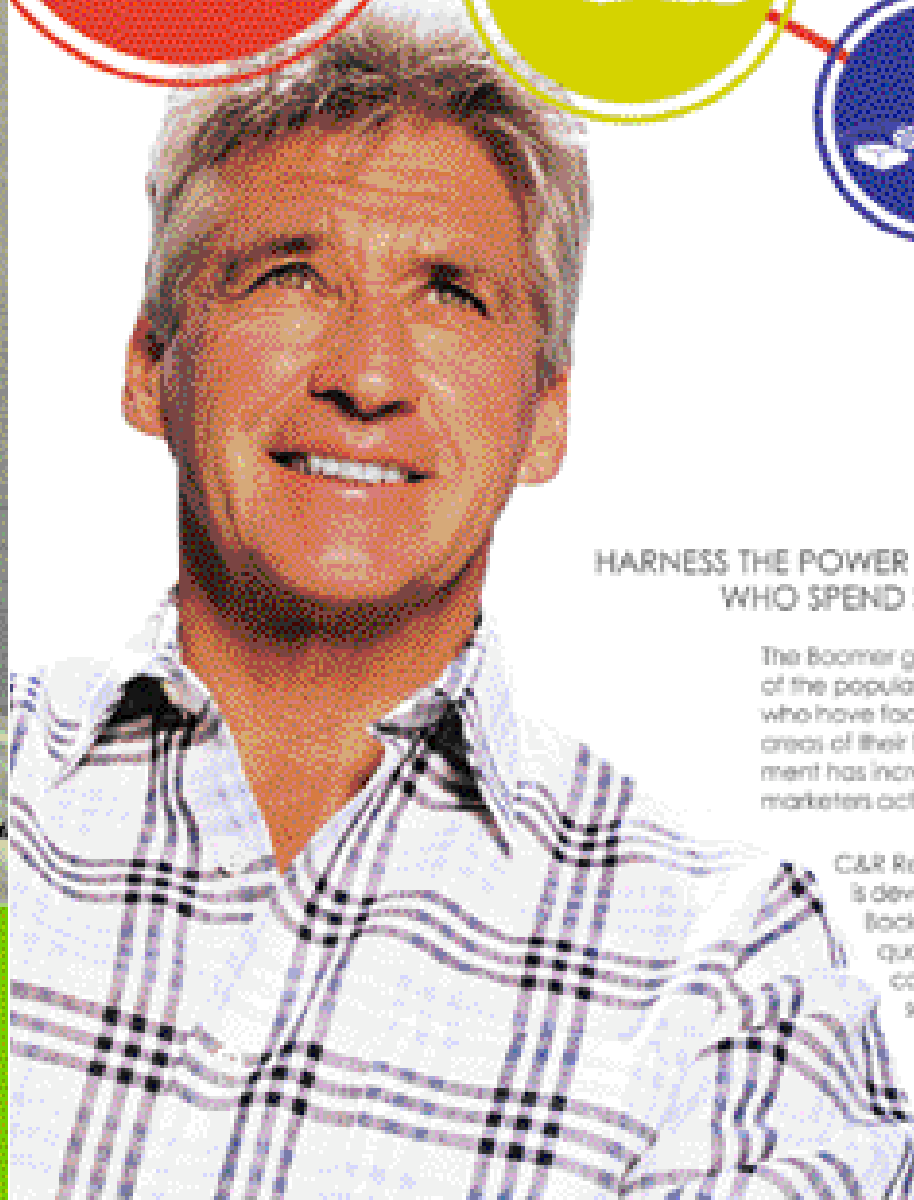
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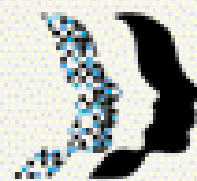
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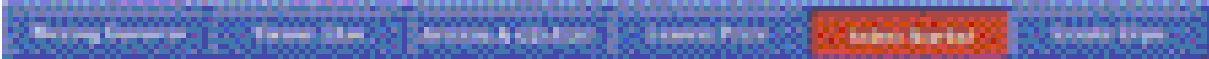
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Youth marketers: start targeting kids at age 7

A survey of professionals who work in youth-related fields shows that they feel it is appropriate to begin marketing to children at age 7, on average. This is more than two years before they feel most young people can view advertising critically (age 9.1), or when they feel most young people can effectively separate fantasy from reality in media and advertising (age



9.3). Youth marketers feel it is appropriate to target marketing to children almost five years before they feel that most young people can make intelligent choices as consumers (age 11.7).

These are some of the findings of the Harris Interactive/Kid Power Poll of Youth Marketers conducted online by Harris Interactive, Rochester, N.Y., in February 2004 among 878 individuals working in youth-related fields. Survey participants were professionals working in a range of youth-related fields, including: youth marketing, market research, advertising/public relations, media, education and non-profit organizations. The poll covered a number of topics regarding

commercialism and youth, marketing in schools, youth obesity, and sexual and violent content in media. "This poll shows that youth marketers are pressured by a sense of urgency to reach kids early so that brands will be familiar to them when they do reach an age where they make or influence purchase decisions," says John Geraci, vice president of youth research at Harris Interactive. "Data also show that those working in youth fields are comfortable and supportive of their organization's practices. They welcome the challenge and responsibility that comes with serving the needs of young consumers and their parents."

Study findings indicate that: 91 percent of respondents feel that today's youth are more powerful consumers than young people were 10 to 15 years ago; 91 percent agree that young people are marketed to in ways that they don't even notice; 61 percent agree that advertising to children begins at too young an age.

"The poll results show that youth marketers have a great deal of respect for the power and influence of children," says Candi Schwartz, managing director of the Kid Power Exchange. "In fact, we found that youth marketers tend to define today's young generation as a consumer group."

Additional findings from the study include: 91 percent feel that their organization treats young people with respect; 90 percent feel their organization treats parents with respect; 78 percent feel that their organization plays a positive role in the lives of children; 74 percent feel that the positive impact their organization has on children far outweighs any negatives. A summary of the results of this poll is available at www.harrisinteractive.com/news/newletters_k12.asp.

Buffalo loves its coupons

Almost half of adults in Buffalo, N.Y.,

and Providence, R.I., use grocery coupons at least once per week, according to a study by New York-based Scarborough Research. The third city in the ranking of Scarborough's 75 markets is Milwaukee, with 45 percent. The Scarborough analysis also finds that over half (56 percent) of consumers tend to obtain coupons through the Sunday newspaper. Regular mail (38 percent), in-store coupons (36 percent), and preferred/valued customer cards (24 percent) are all top ways consumers usually obtain coupons in their household.

Nationally, 30 percent of consumers use grocery coupons on a weekly basis. Among Scarborough's markets, Fresno, Calif., (16 percent) and Albuquerque, N.M., (16 percent) have the lowest incidence of weekly grocery coupon use. Additionally, almost one-quarter (24 percent) of consumers use grocery coupons two to three times each month. "Grocery coupons are an incentive almost one-third of consumers use weekly. Retail outlets and product brands alike can use this tool to build ongoing relationships with customers that will in the end create even greater brand loyalty," says Alisa Joseph, vice president of advertiser marketing services, Scarborough Research. To view a chart showing all 75 markets visit www.scarborough.com/press.php.

Target and Costco rated most fun to shop

As more consumers than ever before are crossing trade channels when deciding where to shop for items ranging from household cleaning supplies to pet food, factors like everyday low pricing and good customer service matter more than special deals and promotions, selection and convenient location, according to a study of consumers nationwide

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names of note

European research firm *Ciao* has named **Bill Hoover** sales director at its Westport, Conn., office. In London, **Gillian Hannam** has been named inside sales manager.

U.K.-based *United Business Media* has announced that **David Levin** will succeed Clive Hollick as CEO, effective April 5, 2005.

Bellomy Research, Inc., Winston-Salem, N.C., has named **Amy Moses**



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research manager. **Reggie Pasterczyk** has joined the company as an account director.

Doug Schwabenbauer has been promoted to vice president-marketing analyst at *S&T Bank*, Indiana, Pa.

Chicago-based *Information Resources, Inc.* has named **Janet Eden-Harris** executive vice president and global chief marketing officer and **Bill Nowacki** president of enterprise solutions.

Lisa Johnson has been named project director in the financial services practice division of Milwaukee-based *Market Probe*. In addition, **Michael Alioto** has been named senior vice president and head of the automotive and manufacturing practice division. And **Jason Palmer** has been named senior vice president and head of the company's service sector practice.

John Tapper has added the title of chief strategy officer of New York research firm the *Ziment Group* to his

responsibilities within the group's full-service division, called Ziment. Separately, **Lynnette Cooke** has been promoted to chief executive officer of Ziment, a title previously held by **Howard Ziment**, who will continue on in his other role as chief executive officer of the Ziment Group.

AllPoints Research, Winston-Salem, N.C., has hired **Kay Harwood** as a



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qualitative research discovery consultant and moderator.

Jack Lighton, Jr., has been named director of the new marine industry research program of Rochester, N.Y., research firm *Harris Interactive*.

Chicago-based *ResearchInternational USA* has announced a number of promotions and new hires. Promotions: **Cathy Iffert** to administrative assistant for outsourced data collection-domestic (ODC-D); **Aaron Brienzo** and **Richele Springer** to data project director - reporting. New hires: **Liz Elhardt** has joined the ODC-D team as a project director; **Jayne Gretz** has been named vice president in the business advancement team; **Leo Schwentley** has joined the Pepsi Itrac team in Stamford, Conn., as vice president; also joining the Pepsi team is **Randi Steiner** as client service director; in Chicago, **Dave Patten** has been named vice president - tracking and **Lisa Vrchota** has been named human resources administrator; in San Francisco, **Geraldine Rogers** has joined as a research manager in the non-CPG tracking group, **Zha Yan**

has joined the technology tracker team, and **Roly Gupta** has been named senior research manager.

Walker Information, Indianapolis, has promoted the following associates in the client services and technology departments: **Alison Babbitt** and **Lana Bandy** to consultant; **Lauren Block** and **Marina Molenda** to program manager; **Lauri Jones** to analyst; and **David Walker** to LAN administrator.

Millward Brown has launched a new global unit - Millward Brown Optimor - focusing on maximizing the total returns from brand and marketing investment. The unit is led by newly-appointed Executive Vice President **Joanna Seddon**. Separately, Millward Brown announced a number of new hires and promotions at its various locations: **MaryAnn Packo** has been promoted to president, Millward Brown USA; **Fabrizio Giordano** has been appointed managing director, Millward Brown Brazil; **Anne Baker** has joined Millward Brown as director of global training; **Natalie Danysh** has been named managing director of Greenfield Consulting Group, Westport, Conn.; and **Aaron Peck** and **Dana Lowe** have been promoted to vice president at the Fairfield, Conn., office of Millward Brown USA.

Lightspeed Research, Basking Ridge, N.J., has named **Eileen Kelly** vice president, operations in North America. In addition, **Julian Price** has been named senior vice president of marketing and product development.

Andrew Wish has joined *Research International* as CEO Africa.

Wendy's International, Inc., Dublin, Ohio, has named **Ian B. Rowden** executive

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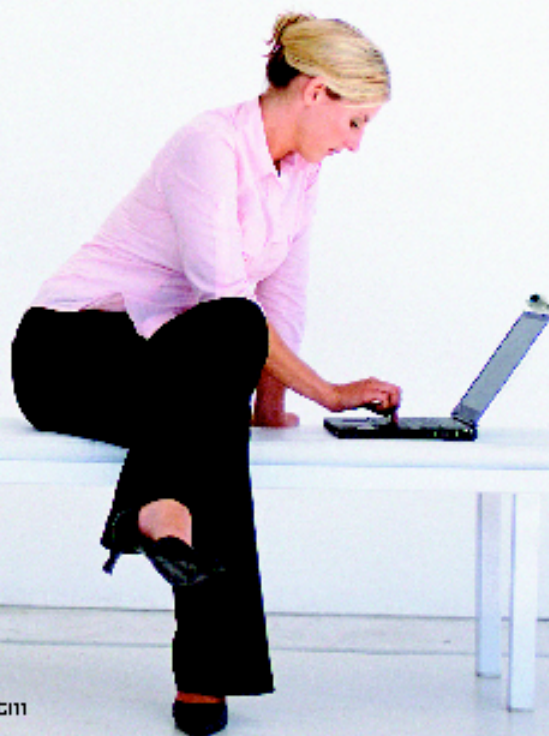
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Bacon's cuts through the blog clutter

Chicago-based Bacon's Information is now offering a service that monitors online news blogs. Blogs – a short term for Web logs – are Internet sites containing reflections and comments published by individuals or groups. A blog's content is often posted periodically on the Web in a journal or "log" format.

The company has introduced new blog content in its MediaSource Premium Research module and tracks blog coverage in the Monitoring module to help clients determine the possible impact on business decisions and company reputations. "With today's information overload from often irrelevant or dubious sources, our aim is to help our clients by filtering the communications clutter. Bacon's will therefore focus on blogs run by reputable, credible professionals. Initially, these will be blogs of active journalists, but as our in-house researchers scrutinize and approve additional news-related blogs, we will add to the scope of our coverage," says Ruth McFarland, senior vice president and publisher for Bacon's. For more information visit www.bacons.com.

Qual/quant model describes decision-making process

Insight•mas, a Columbus, Ohio, consulting firm, is offering Customer Perceived Value (CPV), a research model that utilizes qualitative and quantitative research methods to describe the customer's complete decision-making experience. CPV identifies the customer's desired outcomes, the relative importance of those various outcomes, and perceptions of the value

provided by specific, alternative offerings towards each of those outcomes. Applications include new product development, product positioning, market segmentation, advertising, and brand management.

CPV is designed to provide the foundation for further research initiatives into sub-topics such as emotional motivation, product line extensions, customer service functions, and advertising testing, by providing the total context in which the customer considers those more specific aspects. The model is intended to add value to research initiatives as small as a few focus groups or as extensive as a complete market survey using large samples. It has been applied in both product- and service-oriented industries, as well as non-profit organizations and government agencies. For further information visit www.insightmas.com.

Quick service for simple surveys

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan-based Itracks has launched QuickQs, a 24-hour survey programming service for straightforward online surveys. QuickQs is tailored to meet the needs of researchers who have medium-length surveys of low complexity that need to be fielded fast. While complex surveys require a team to accurately program and manage the project, QuickQs surveys require only one point of contact. The QuickQs project manager and programmer are one, which reduces the time it takes clients to communicate changes and troubleshoot problems. For more information visit www.itracks.com.

ICR offers Hispanic phone omnibus

Media, Pa., research firm ICR is

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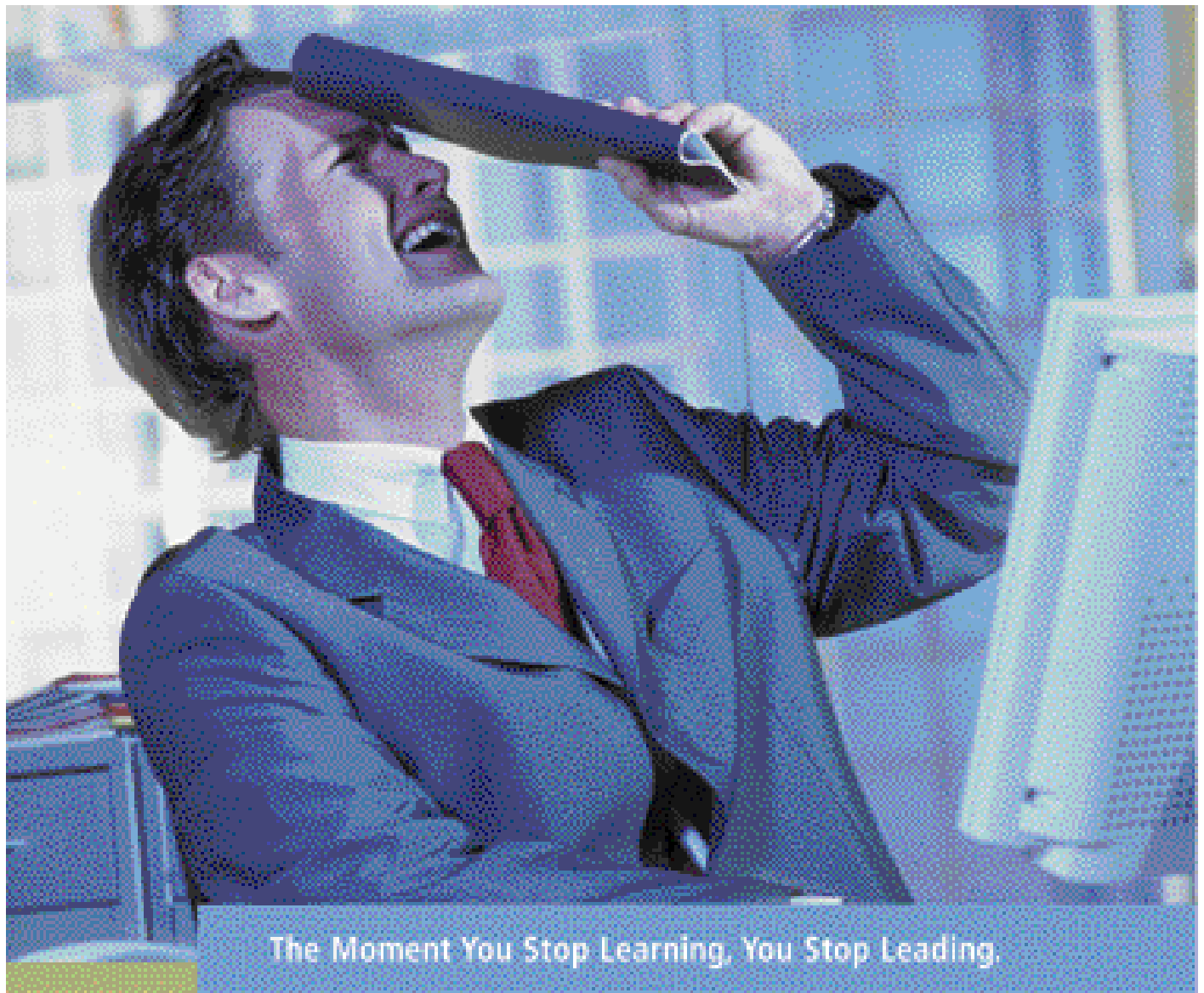
Report profiles gay and lesbian market

Packaged Facts, New York, is now offering The U.S. Gay and Lesbian Market, a report written in collaboration with Witeck-Combs Communications, Inc., a PR and marketing communications firm with expertise on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

The report indicates that at least two million gays are approaching or have already reached retirement age. By 2020, some 5.7 million, or 25 percent of the gay community, will be 50 or older. Packaged Facts estimates that there are 1.8 million gay and lesbian households with children, and there are approximately 2.6 million children living with gay parents. The report also examines census data on same-sex households as well as comparative research on single gay men and lesbians to conclude that race and ethnicity among the GLBT population appears to mirror the general U.S. population.

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In December, Wilton, Conn.-based research firm **Greenfield Online, Inc.** announced the pricing of its secondary public offering of 6,000,000 shares of its common stock at \$18.16 per share on the Nasdaq National Market under the ticker SRVY. In the transaction, Greenfield Online sold 4,500,000 common shares, with net proceeds of approximately \$76.1 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses; and selling stockholders sold

1,500,000 common shares, with net proceeds of approximately \$25.7 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions. The selling stockholders granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments, if any.

New York-based **Arbitron** announced that the program developed to recruit consumers for the Houston market trial of the Portable People Meter (PPM) is delivering positive, ini-

tial results in terms of sample performance indicators (SPI), response rate metrics and panel representation at the household level. At the end of the first wave of recruitment, Arbitron achieved a 52.7 household sample performance indicator (SPI). Other response rate measures are in line with the results that Arbitron and Nielsen Media Research achieved during the successful research and development program for PPM response rates that was fielded in 2003 and 2004. These measures are also substantially higher than those achieved by Arbitron in the first U.S. market trial of the PPM in Philadelphia in 2002. The preliminary sample proportionality measures for the installed PPM households are also well in line in terms of race and ethnicity. Household fault rates to date have been under 10 percent and are consistent by race and ethnicity.

Netherlands-based **VNU** announced that its **ACNielsen** business unit won a ruling in the antitrust lawsuit by Chicago-based **Information Resources, Inc. (IRI)** against ACNielsen. The 1996 lawsuit includes claims that ACNielsen unlawfully priced certain customer contracts below cost and “bundled” contracts by offering discounts to customers in countries where ACNielsen faced no competition on the condition that the customer purchase from ACNielsen in markets where it had competition.

In an order issued in December 2004, the court ruled for ACNielsen, determining that the economic analysis on which IRI had relied to establish alleged unlawful below-cost pricing and bundling is inadmissible as a matter of law. The court ruled that IRI’s expert report on liability and damages, to the extent it relied on the improper analysis, can not be presented at trial. Specifically, the court ruled that IRI is barred from arguing that ACNielsen’s

Calendar of Events March-May

The Northern California/Pacific Northwest Chapter of the MRA will hold its annual Las Vegas conference on March 9-11 at the Treasure Island Hotel & Casino. For more information visit www.ncpnwmra.org/calendar.html.

ESOMAR will hold its Asia Pacific conference on March 13-15 in Tokyo. For more information visit www.esomar.org.

Britain’s Market Research Society will hold its annual conference on March 16-18 at the Barbican, London. For more information visit www.mrs.org.uk.

Salford Systems will hold its Data Mining 2005 Conference on March 28-April 1 in New York. For more information visit www.salforddatamining.com.

The Advertising Research Foundation will hold its annual convention on April 17-19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, New York. For more information visit www.thearf.org.

ESOMAR will hold a conference on panel research on April 17-19 in Budapest, Hungary. For more information visit www.esomar.org.

IIR will hold a brand identity and package design conference on April 18-20 at the Plaza in New York. For more information visit www.iirusa.com.

ESOMAR will hold a conference on retail industry research on April 19-21 in Budapest, Hungary. For more information visit www.esomar.org.

The U.K.-based Association for Qualitative Research and the U.S.-based Qualitative Research Consultants Association will co-host the worldwide biennial conference on qualitative research, themed “Qualitative Transformations: Creating a New World Map,” in Dublin on April 17-19. For more information visit www.qrca-aqr-conference.info.

Salford Systems will hold a data mining training conference and workshop on May 3-5 in Madrid. For more information visit www.salforddatamining.com.

The Business & Industrial Group will hold its annual business-to-business research conference on May 11-13 at the St. Pierre Marriott, Chepstow, England. For more information visit www.bigconference.org.

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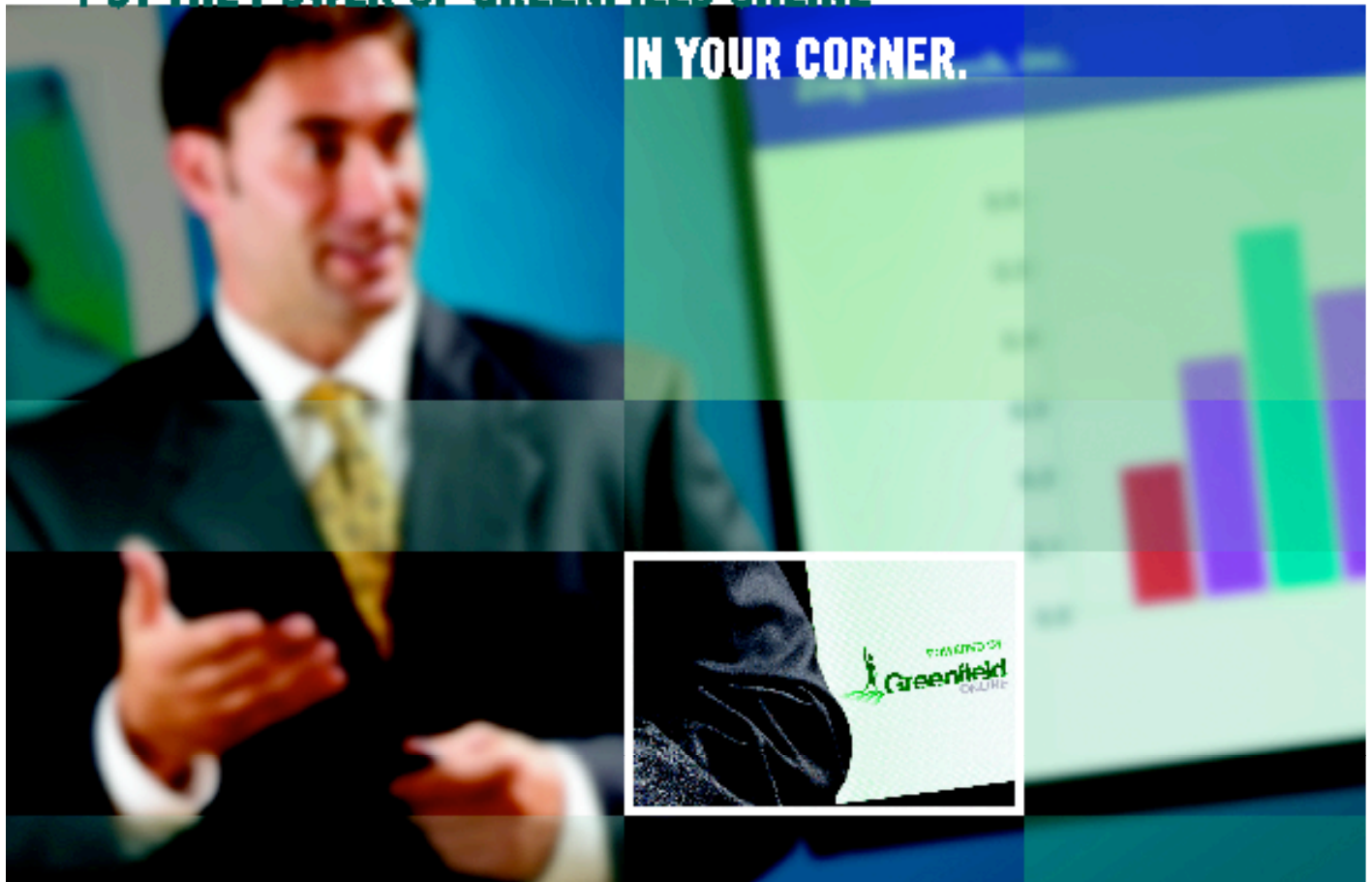
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You could be forgiven for thinking that research technology has not fully kept up with the voracious demand from clients these days for customized information flows which are relevant to them. The research process in most firms is well geared up to cranking out everything-by-everything tables. But the process of creating highly polished, user-friendly reports in Word, showing some selected findings and a few key indicators presented in chart form, or even turning tables into charts in any systematic way, too often involves hours of painstaking manual effort.

E-Tabs, a software package that facilitates the distribution of crosstab

reports as electronic, navigable and searchable documents, goes some way to meeting this need, especially as it now incorporates a decent charting engine too. But if you are involved in any kind of continuous research program, and especially if you need to produce a series of very similar reports, each filtered by a different market, product or operational territory, then you are still in for a lot of cutting and pasting if you use E-Tabs.

This entire problem of producing repetitive “similar but different” reports is one that the new E-Tabs Enterprise sets out to solve, and it manages to do so in a very ingenious

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and satisfying manner. Built on the E-Tabs engine, it can be fed directly by the conventional but uninspiring print files issued by all the commonly-used crosstab packages such as Quantum, WinCross, Mentor or Uncle. In fact, the plainer the better. Set it to work, and it will slice up an existing set of tables and serve them up as a series of individualized PowerPoint presentations, Excel workbooks, Word documents or HTML pages.

This kind of custom publishing of results seems to fall down a crack between the tools that are widely used. Many crosstab packages let you script things and automate production but do not give you the total flexibility of output, forcing people to use the layout abilities of Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The problem is, the MS Office tools don’t readily

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understand standard research tables as data sources, and thus require a lot of manual intervention just to extract the right figures. I have seen researchers resort to cutting and pasting whole blocks of figures one at a time. But if you try to automate using the macro-making facilities in either Word or Excel, you'll need the skills of a Visual Basic programmer.

A step beyond

What takes this tool a step beyond Office macros or more targeted initiatives such as SPSS's MR Studio is that you do not need a lot of technical know-how in order to set up truly complex reports. There is no scripting or syntax to learn and everything is easily controlled directly by the user. Most of the time, you work in the familiar environment of the target program you wish to report in: PowerPoint, Excel, etc., plus the special tagging tool that is a key part of Enterprise. It also means the documents it produces are particularly convenient for your clients to receive, as they will be standard Microsoft Office documents.

There are just three steps involved in the journey from tabs to personalized charts in a client's in-box or custom PowerPoint presentations. In the first, the output is "parsed" using the established E-Tabs engine. This rationalizes the raw tables, so all the different elements can be referred to and picked up: totals, questions, texts, and just what relates to what, column by column and row by row.

Step two is where you map out your report. Typically, you create an example of the exact output you want in PowerPoint. Better still if you have an example already, as you can simply use that. From this you create a template in which every value or item of description that will change is stripped out and replaced with a tag. Tagging is very sophisticated in Enterprise. The simplest tag will locate and pull in one value from the original tables, or one text caption. More complex ones let you

pull in selected sections of a table, discard parts, present what remains in a different order and even perform calculations.

You also need to describe each tag you define in your template. You do this in another window, under the control of the Enterprise tool. I fear this would be the program's Achilles' heel, as this has the potential to be horrendously complicated. Instead, you prepare a very straightforward definition for each tag using helpers. These present the available options at each stage as a context-sensitive drop-down list.

Because tags typically refer to data by their relative location rather than an absolute position - and this can include locating the item by its text label, or self-counting items on a page - many routine wave-on-wave changes in trackers can be handled without any need to redefine the tags or the template.

The third step is to run the job. Rather like a mail merge, you can use the same template on different editions of the data, and you can have it produce it repeatedly for different recipients, using different data, or using the same data but different aspects of it.

The power of the program lies in being able to deconstruct standard crosstab reports into their component parts, then loop through the resulting gallery of data, selecting key items on a conditional basis, and reassembling them in a completely different order in whatever combination of Microsoft Office documents you choose. It also lets you perform manipulate functions on your data, to calculate new values formulaically from existing figures scattered anywhere around your tables.

Even after that, there is further scope for automation. You can choose to send selected reports directly to the printer, or zip them up to dispatch them by e-mail, so that the personalized reports automatically get sent directly to their recipients. Alternatively, you can

upload them to a Web site or a corporate intranet site.

A downside?

So, is there a downside with the product? Technically, not really. The tagging process is for the most part very straightforward, but if you get confused, the error messages can be cryptic in letting you pinpoint the source of the trouble, and if you come back to it after a while, you have to think quite hard about what you were doing, as tags are labeled numerically and you don't have the option to give things your own more meaningful names.

For the occasional user, the biggest bugbear will be the cost. You have to be producing a lot of charts and PowerPoint presentations to make E-Tabs Enterprise a worthwhile investment. A single seat will set you back \$25,000 a year and each additional named user license costs another \$5,000 annually. Mindful of this, E-Tabs has recently introduced a slimmed-down version - which omits some of the power functions such as conditional selection and calculations, and only outputs to PDF - for around half the price.

A better way

Carrie McCracken, team leader of research support services at Millward Brown USA, Naperville, Ill., is currently implementing E-Tabs Enterprise to automate the production of repetitive reports and charts for delivery to clients. "We have 10 people in our department at various levels and, so far, everyone has been picking it up rather easily," she says. "We always thought there just had to be a better way - one that would be more efficient and allow us to focus more on those things that add value to the client."

Millward Brown already make extensive use of E-Tabs, but it still left a gap to be plugged with manual intervention, so that, according to McCracken, "you would still have the concern that you have copied

and pasted from the correct place; this gives you a higher degree of accuracy.”

Another plus for Millward Brown is the software’s support for Word tables, both as input and output.

McCracken is impressed: “I like the way E-Tabs Enterprise thinks beyond the strictest interpretation of pulling data out of tabs.”

Very clever

Ken Brewster, head of data delivery at London research firm MORI has been using Enterprise to automate chart production. “Mainly into PowerPoint,” he says, “but also Enterprise gives me the benefit of going into Word. I can use it to create marked-up questionnaires, and tuck the figures and topline into the questionnaire in Word.”

One feature that especially appealed to him is the way the program reveals the actual figures from the underlying tables when you define each tag. “It means you are certain you are pulling the right data from the table and that makes it hard to go wrong,” he says. “The post-processing aspects are also very clever – you are able to manipulate the data and combine columns of figures from entirely different sources. I think they have put a lot of effort into this. I have been impressed so far.”

Brewster has successfully put Enterprise to use on a project where there was a need to create 40 individual, filtered reports containing context-specific summaries. It had the added twist that it needed to include data from a previous study two years ago, then benchmark all the filtered values against overall values. “I worked out that this would have required about 45 man-days to do the reporting, including the checking,” he says. “I have estimated five days of my time to do it in Enterprise, plus two days checking by execs. It is the sort of job that would be mind-numbing without this, and of course, that is where the errors creep in.” | Q

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dream, they explore and they question the world around them. They consider possibilities that grown-ups may be unable to see. They take creative chances that adults may feel too inhibited to allow themselves to experience. Kids can help uncover previously unseen solutions and help tackle more difficult tasks when they are provided the opportunity, the encouragement and a clear process to guide their efforts.

But with so many kids to potentially draw on for insight, how do you find the right one to help you with your task? While there is no formula for determining the perfect candidate, below are several traits that creative kids share and suggestions on how adult facilitators can best maximize these abilities.

- **Willingness to ask "Why?":** Kids who are curious and like to explore new ways of looking at things can help shed light on valuable, new opportunities for

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you and your organization. They give you the benefit of fresh eyes and a renewed sense of wonderment about your situation. You should take note, however, that many more kids are creative than receive credit for it. Every kid has creative potential; some may just not know it yet. Most kids need a little encouragement and a few creative exercises to bring out their best.

- **Commitment to cooperation:** Kids who are comfortable working in teams can easily build on each other's ideas. It often takes many creative minds working in unison to craft an excellent solution. You should bring groups of like-aged kids together who are already friends, teammates or classmates so that they can take advantage of existing levels of

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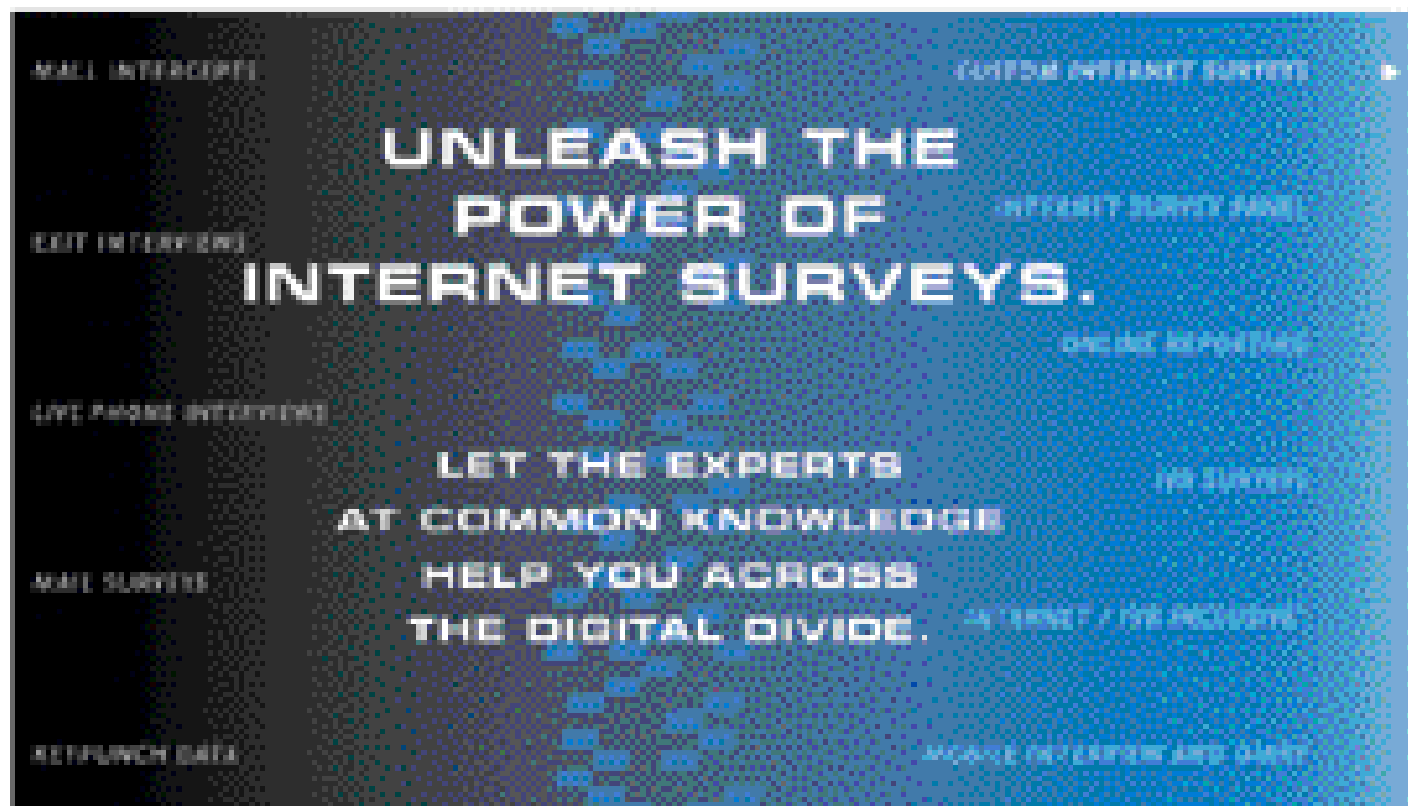
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- **Desire to divulge:** Kids who can share their thoughts, opinions, feelings and ideas with others, while also appreciating different points of view, can help make people in the group feel more at ease. You should be ready to protect kids' fragile ideas. Beginning ideas are usually half-baked, and typically need a little more time to be developed. Make sure all ideas are given this much-needed opportunity to become winning solutions.

- **Ability to have focus and fun:** Kids who can follow directions and focus on a task, while balancing the energy and enthusiasm of their youth, can bring both creativity and concentration to the problem-solving process. Adult facilitators can best serve kids by offering several breaks from the hard work of idea generation. In addition, you should remember that your behavior sets the tone for the rest of the group...so have

fun yourself!

A little focus

Kids have amazing creative energy that can be harnessed for productive means. However, too often their energies are unappreciated because they are underutilized or misdirected. Kids often explore creativity in terms of self-discovery. They use their creativity to entertain themselves and learn about the world around them. However, their creativity has a potential far greater than this. With a little focus they can apply this wealth of unbridled creativity and energy toward a directed effort such as problem solving and idea generation around a specific task. In the end, they will not only have an opportunity to exercise their creative muscle, they will also achieve a sense of personal fulfillment from using their talents to connect to the world around them in a tangible way.

Kids need a process that can

offer them a balance between the free flowing of their creative ideas and defined steps that can help lead them toward a solution.

There are several important aspects to utilizing a structured creative process with kids to create solutions.

- **Tailoring a task:** It's important to clearly define a task in terms that kids can relate to. Kids can develop innovative solutions for even difficult tasks if the problem is framed appropriately for them. Use action words, or verbs, to define a clear goal. Select vocabulary that can be easily understood by the age group you are working with. The task is an important jumping-off point for creating ideas so be sure to explain a little background on the task before you get started to provide direction for the group.

- **Plotting a process:** Processes that utilize kids as idea generators should include opportunities for them to stretch far outside the

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box through divergent thinking exercises, balanced with convergent thinking exercises that will direct their efforts back toward the task at hand. Fun can serve as an important driver for productivity. A good process for kids provides flexibility, structure and productive play.

- Rules for the room: It's imperative to have rules so that kids can better understand what is expected of them as members of the group. One suggestion is to have the group develop some rules of conduct so that they feel allegiance to them. Rules help to focus energy and effort towards any goal. Some examples may include: no idea is a bad idea, build on each other's ideas, etc.

- Creating the climate: When working with kids, a special climate needs to be set for the group. Encourage them to sit on the floor if they are more comfortable; have crayons and paper available so that they can draw

their ideas if they are having trouble describing them; include energizing activities that give them a chance to tap into their huge reserves of energy – this will help them better focus when necessary.

Hundreds of ideas

Kids are extremely insightful. A few years ago, Innovation Focus was working with a manufacturer of children's arts and crafts supplies. During one activity, several package design prototypes were passed around the group for the children to view. While many of the comments revolved around the color and shapes on the containers, one child spied something even more interesting. "How come there are only girls on the cover of the box? Don't you want to sell it to boys too?" she inquired. Her investigation soon opened the door to other questions from the kids such as, "Why are all the kids in the pictures white?" Working together, the kids not only created

hundreds of new ideas for products for this company, they also asked some intriguing questions that forced the company to reevaluate its packaging to speak to a greater market.

Kids certainly aren't limited to working on product and service ideas directed only at their particular age groups. At our firm, we often call on kids to act as "wild-card" idea generators at brainstorming sessions. We have used kids for helping develop product and service ideas for everything from financial investment companies to pharmaceutical manufacturers. While they may not be direct purchasers of many products in the market today, they can often introduce a necessary element of creativity and naïveté into any group by simply asking, "Why not?"

So the next time you know you'll be tackling a difficult task, why not call on a creative kid? | Q



Darwinism and data

Market researchers usually use some form of data when they perform studies for clients. What constitutes data is an interesting question, and the nature of data and how we represent it has some insights into how we need to work in the future.

Data has a long history, and its history is linked to the development of writing. Research into the development of the first writing has been going on for some years, and it is an interesting fact that the first writing wasn't motivated by anything other than the needs of commerce. The motivation wasn't to record epic poems or laws or even history but the need to keep track of goods and livestock. Without business there would arguably have been little culture!

A book called *Archaic Bookkeeping* by Nissen, Damerow and Englund provides a fascinating insight into the origins of writing. The cradle of writing was Mesopotamia, the earliest items coming from Uruk in lower Babylonia, now Iraq.

Denise Schmandt-Besserat has

written extensively on the earliest forms of data records, in around 8000-3000 B. C. Neolithic clay tokens, or bullae, seem to have been used as a commercial record-keeping system. The principles we re very simple: six bullae meant you had six chickens (or we re owed them or sold them). Different shapes (cones, ovoids, spheres) may have represented different measurements of grain or another commodity. The path of evolution was from simpler tokens to more complex ones differentiated by shape. Schmandt-Besserat says that the appearance of the more complex token system seems to have correlated with urban formation. As people began to live in larger and larger settlements, trade became more complex, and the notation system evolved accordingly. She also believes that the more complex token system was driven by the development of an elite within society. (The implication is that they were managing resources for the larger population.) It is thought

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that from these clay tokens the first writing - cuneiform - developed. Data and the need to record it have had epic consequences.

One of the problems with bullae (and a lot of data sets we have now) is that you need metadata with them. Metadata is the data that describes the data - i.e., that 10 bullae means 10 cows. If you lose either the data or the metadata you have a problem. Matching a dataset to its correct metadata can still be an issue. Because of the way we have to work, we dissociate data from metadata, and that dissociation can be the cause of errors. For the Babylonians the solution was to develop a way of merging the bullae and the metadata to form a single document, getting rid of the bullae as distinct physical items over time.

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We are evolving and recovering from our own era of bullae, the cards and columns that have been data recording's fundamental mechanism for decades. That isn't to say the concepts involved with cards and columns were not a revolution in their time, but that time has passed. In fact bullae were better than cards and columns - at least they could have a different shape! With cards and columns we again had the problem of dissociation; that is, that the metadata and paradata (information about how data was collected) was not an integral part of the data. We need to get them all closer to each other to make data management easier, quicker and less prone to errors.

Freed from the restraints

Developing a link to metadata is only one way that new data representations can help with market research. Being freed from the monodimensional restraints of cards

and columns has other advantages.

Data is more than numeric information. One example is the concept of global codes across a questionnaire. A global code is a way of denoting that any question has a value such as "don't know/no answer" or "not asked" or even "missing" and having the same value represent that across all questions. If you use the card-and-column method of holding your data you may have a question which has 27 possible responses; usually other responses will be allocated a number such as 99 or 98 to "don't know/no answer." Having this discontinuous code range can cause problems. In many systems this will mean that you have to allocate space to hold 99 or 98 possible codes, even though there is no chance of the codes above 27 and below 99 or 98 will be used. This preallocation of space to hold possible values leads to what is termed the "sparse matrix" problem. You can end up with a potentially

large data file which is mostly filled with space and very little real data.

If you have a question with 122 possible answers you will have to pick a value of 123 or 199 or 999 for "don't know/no answer." The point is that the value changes according to the code list or type of the question. We can't have the same "don't know/no answer" code for questions with 27 potential responses and questions with 127 responses and be efficient in our data storage.

It's far easier to have some non-numeric character to represent "don't know/no answer" across EVERY question. You can even start to represent really useful things like "not asked in this wave" or "not asked in this country" as some software does. Missing values can be represented as missing consistently across data sets. You can only do this if you don't use a strictly numeric way of representing your data.

Not flexible enough

The whole punched card thing is actually quite complex (see www.maxmon.com/punch1.htm for some history). But today we have vestigial cards and columns which are just not flexible enough. Some software uses global codes, some doesn't. It's usually the programs that are still tied in some way to the card-and-column concept that don't.

It's not just global codes that are useful. Hierarchical data can also benefit from non-numeric data items. Data hierarchies are those such as credit cards owned by people within a household, or items bought on a shopping trip. They can get quite complicated, with several "levels" to the hierarchy. Again it becomes a question of knowing more about your data. When you have a variable X it would often be very useful to be able to see that, as well as the value of X, there is some information that encodes the structure of the hierarchy within the data value that this value is derived from. One of the

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reasons for this is the problem of performing a mismatched analysis. With many software systems you can cross-tabulate variables that are on a different level of the hierarchy and produce garbage – embarrassing garbage in at least one case that I know of. If the hierarchical structures are contained within the data this risk is reduced considerably; the analysis software can check that the data variables are at the right level. Card-and-column data simply does not have the richness to encode all the dimensions of data along with metadata about the structure of the data. We have database technologies which can organize data to a degree and provide this structural component, but encoding the data with information such as “question not asked” or “question skipped over due to program control” is a more complex problem.

Optimal way

Even when we have our dataset

with non-numeric information there is still the question of organizing the data in an optimal way for analysis. Crosstabulation is still the dominant way of analyzing quantitative data in market research. Crosstabulation involves a “linear” pass through the data; each record is examined to see if it should be included in the crosstabulation. Retrieving data from a relational database for crosstabulation is very inefficient. Using a relational database to organize data when it is being collected and edited is a very efficient practice. So it is now common to invert data for analysis. That is, instead of storing the data in a respondent-ordered way it is inverted so all the responses for a question are stored together. You end up with a much more efficient data structure for analysis. This is an important factor in the current data climate. We are increasingly having access to huge amounts of data, and we need ways of representing them

optimally for analysis. While there are many new, and very interesting, analytic tools coming into the marketplace, crosstabulation will be a round for quite some time to come.

Change the nature

Because of tools such as XML we now have the potential to change the nature of the data we collect and allow it to become richer and more “dimensional.” But we aren’t yet at the ideal point. We do need to make sure that the potential for dissociation of data and metadata is minimized; what a data point should be intimately encoded with its metadata. Increasing the dimensions of the data, with global codes for “no answer,” codes for “not present in this wave,” or “not asked” will make the task of analysis simpler and more efficient. We do have to face up to the fact that cards and columns can no longer provide us with the forms of data representations we need. It’s time to evolve! | Q

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Respondent goodwill is a cooperative activity

Survey researchers depend on a common resource: the respondent. This population is a common reserve used by researchers to meet their objectives. In this light, it is a resource with shared stewardship. On the whole, market researchers have done a commendable job sharing and managing this critical resource.

In a Utopian world, this resource is managed by thoughtful stewards interested in the long-term health of an irreplaceable input to the research process. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world. The dynamic soiling this idealistic portrait can best be understood through a theory postulated by William Lloyd, a 19th century mathematician, known as the Tragedy of the Commons.

The Tragedy of the Commons is often illustrated in this way: Imagine an open range of lush grassland shared by a number of ranchers. Each rancher places his cattle out to pasture in the shared

field to graze. The ranchers, being smart and ambitious, would like to maximize the value of their herd. In order to optimize their return they add cattle to the ranch. For every cow added, the ranchers are returned the full value of the animal at market. The cost is the additional grazing on the range, shared among all users of the grassland. The rancher seeking to maximize his personal gain will add one cow, and then another and another and yet another until over-grazing leads to famine.

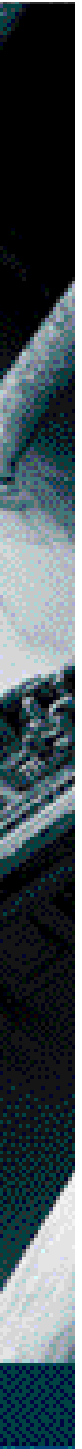
Philosophers point out, "Freedom in a commons brings ruin to all." This concept can be demonstrated in a number of real-world examples, such as the over-fishing of some parts of the ocean, tossing trash out of a car window or e-mail spam. Thankfully this conundrum has a simple solution: temperance. Through mandated or voluntary restraint the tragedy can be avoided. Our industry has a wonderful record of self-regulation

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and cooperative behavior. With this heritage in mind, I would like to share my thoughts on how we can engage in enlightened cooperative behavior which will move us further from the Tragedy of the Commons.

Responsible predictive dialer use

Predictive dialers are tremendous productivity tools. They remove much of the idle time an interviewer would otherwise spend manually dialing numbers and recording call dispositions, such as no-answer and busy signals. By definition, predictive dialers dial phone numbers ahead of available interviewers, predicting when an interviewer will become available. Adjusting the pacing manually sets the aggressiveness of this dial-ahead





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capability. Obviously, there is strong motivation for call-center managers to increase the pacing and minimize the time an interviewer spends between calls. However, this action has undesirable consequences because some respondents are contacted before an interviewer is available. In most cases, the dialer then places the respondent on hold or disconnects the call. Both actions decrease respondent goodwill.

The FTC has mandated through legislation governing the activities of telemarketers a number of metrics to assure responsible dialer use. It would be in the best interest of the research community for those who use dialers to voluntarily adopt these guidelines as a baseline. A comprehensive presentation of these regulations can be found in the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule. A brief summary is available online at www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/buspubs/calling.htm.

Survey length

The marginal cost to increase the length of an Internet questionnaire is negligible. It is largely confined to some additional programming and hosting time. However, respondents are annoyed when the instrument runs on for an extended period of time. At the end of the survey, if they finish, these respondents may feel abused and exploited. As a guide, questionnaires with an average time longer than 15 minutes should be carefully examined. Many surveys can be condensed through careful editing or, if needed, bifurcated into separate efforts. Another solution involves increasing the incentive beyond the trivial sum too commonly offered by Internet panel providers.

Respondent fatigue

Due primarily to the availability of new technologies such as IVR and the Internet, there has been a proliferation of very low-cost survey activity. Some of this simple work

is of value, there by justifying the respondent's time. However, many pop surveys are of nominal value. Often the research design is performed by an uninitiated researcher and the results are of little value. For instance, the newscaster-announced toll-free number to collect responses to a quick survey touted to predict who would win the upcoming Presidential election, or another Web survey to determine the lifespan of Jennifer Lopez's latest romance. Too often, these quick-and-dirty efforts diminish respondent goodwill and harm the survey research industry.

Better, more frequent incentives

Everyone likes a hardy thank-you for his or her effort. What better way to extend gratitude in a sincere fashion than to offer respondents something tangible for their time? Not only does this action secure cooperation but it makes a deposit into the respondent's goodwill bank account. There are a number of creative means for offering an incentive to keep costs down and perceived value high. For instance, a number of forward-thinking companies have braided their customer satisfaction survey incentives into well-managed affinity programs.

Diminishing the welfare

The Tragedy of the Commons rests on the fact that when individuals use a public good they do not bear the full cost of their actions. This will lead some naive actors to over-exploit the shared resource, diminishing the welfare of all. Fortunately, the solution is simple: education, cooperation and restraint. In an industry dominated by thoughtful players interested in the long-term sustainability of our craft, I urge a revitalized look at how our practices effect respondent goodwill. I look forward to the thoughts and opinions of my colleagues on this important matter. | Q

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Focus on their needs

Not so long ago it was fairly routine for clients to specify that anyone over the age of 54 be screened out during the recruiting process. It used to be, “Well, thank you, those are all my questions,” or the not-too-subtle, “Oh, I’m sorry, that quota has already been filled.”

But you and I both know that those in that “dreaded” age range inferred: “Sorry, you’re too old and out of the mainstream to participate in our study.” Of

course, we never meant to imply any such thing, but almost certainly this is the message that was sent and received.

Even today in these supposedly enlightened and politically correct times we sometimes slip into the old thought patterns of seniors being dreary icons of Medicare, Social Security, Depends and denture cleaner. But the senior lifestyle in 2005 tends to extend far beyond sitting in the fabled rocking chair or puttering around the yard or fine-tuning hearing aids.

My point is that traditional ways of thinking about senior focus groups just won’t work anymore. There are simply too many varieties of 55-plus! They’re living longer, living larger, and looking younger.

How to make your groups senior-friendly

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Although anecdotal, our experience listening to seniors has revealed:

- Seniors hunt and fish. They buy computers and take college courses.
 - They work at Wal-Mart and run home-based businesses.
 - Seniors go to church and some go to prison.
 - They do scrapbooking, self-defense and yoga.
 - They flock to Florida and steer their RVs to Branson, Mo.
 - They drink beer and wine, watch TV and love their pets.
 - They jog, mall walk, ride bikes and go kayaking.
 - Seniors date, get married and (gasp) have sex!
(Oh my gosh, they're almost like us, only...older!)
- Leaf through any senior-oriented publication and, once you sort through the ads for prostate treatments, chair- and stair-lifts, walking aids, orthopedic gadgets, mobility scooters and Medicare information, you are likely

to find articles and information on: travel, health, science, diet, wellness, stress management, fashion, recipes, nutrition, financial, business, sports, politics, legal, entertainment, fraud alerts, celebrity profiles, income opportunities, home décor, technology, and dealing with your boss and the opposite sex.

With the possible exception of skateboards, rap CDs and tattoo artists, I suspect that we'll find more and more products and services cross-marketed to the over-55 crowd.

Okay, then why are you NOT doing senior groups? Have you recently turned down a senior project? Perhaps you referred one away to an older moderator who you felt was more qualified. Or could it be that you've heard some horror stories and have concluded that it's just not worth the hassle?

While some others may steer clear of senior-oriented focus groups I haven't and I will tell you why I love

working with them. For the most part, I have found that:

- Many seniors are earnest and less likely to try to get into focus groups under false pretenses.
- Typically, they are cooperative and listen intently when instructions are given.
- Generally, they don't mind telling you (in great detail) exactly what they're thinking.
- And seniors tend NOT to waste valuable discussion time by trying to fake it when they don't know something.

The following points are meant as guidelines, not hard-and-fast rules. I use them to help me keep my senior-oriented projects senior-friendly.

Selecting the senior-friendly facility

- Location and parking: Choose a facility that is very easy to find. No tricky hairpin turn-offs, confusing driveways or entries - and preferably one



in an area that is not likely to be excessively congested during rush hour. (Good luck on that one.)

- Directions: Provide good maps to your respondents – clear and accurate! (Moderators appreciate this too.)

- Safety: The facility building should have well-lighted ground-level parking immediately adjacent to the entrance. Many seniors (and some moderators) have concerns about their safety in enclosed or tiered parking garages with elevators and stairwells – even during daylight hours – but more so after business hours or at night when parking areas are relatively deserted.

- Conference room: Try to choose a facility with a quiet HVAC system that can be easily controlled, as some seniors tend to feel chilled. And a noisy system can cause problems for those who are a bit hard of hearing.

- Lighting: Be sure that the conference room is brightly lit. It's a good idea to personally inspect the light fixtures far enough in advance of your groups in order to allow sufficient time to replace any burnt-out fluorescent lamps. You do want your respondents to be able to read your handouts, don't you?

- Seating: Comfortable conference room chairs will go a long way toward making your group session a pleasant experience for those with back problems or arthritic conditions. Uncomfortable and fidgety individuals (of any age) make poor respondents.

- Food, snacks and meals: Okay, here's a cliché that's mostly true. "Offer a free meal and they will come." Be certain your recruiters mention food during the invitation part of the screening. (I personally know seniors who will drive 50 miles and burn \$20 worth of gas to get their hands on a free \$4.95 meal.) With that in mind, here's a thoughtful touch: Give your participants the opportunity to take home extra sandwiches or deserts after the group session. Provide them with carry-out containers and they will love you.

- Food sensitivities: Remember that many seniors have high blood pressure, diabetes or are on some kind of

medication. Salt-free and sugar-free snacks are a must and it's always a good idea to verify with the facility that decaffeinated coffee and tea will be available along with the regular kind. Diet and regular-type beverages should be available as well. Most facilities already do this as a matter of course.

- Restrooms: For obvious reasons, restrooms should be easily accessible and easy to find. We don't want our senior respondents getting lost in a maze of hallways when they need to excuse themselves during the discussion.

- Cash versus checks: Seniors should receive incentives in cash and should be informed as such during the recruiting process. Mention that they will be asked to show an I.D., but not their Social Security number. We've been hearing seniors turn down focus group invitations because of fear that their benefits will be affected.

- Scheduling: Seniors who have trouble driving after dark should be recruited for morning or early afternoon groups unless they have other means of transportation. And increasingly, many seniors have busy calendars and it may become necessary to schedule additional groups in order to accommodate conflicts with previous plans, e.g., senior citizen center socials, lunches, doctor appointments, volunteer commitments, etc.

- Reading glasses: Seniors (and ALL respondents) should be reminded to bring their prescription glasses.

- Medical concerns: Prior to the focus group, participants should be encouraged to reveal any medical condition that could potentially cause a disruption, e.g., allergies, fainting spells, etc.

Once, during a group on death benefits, an elderly respondent suddenly tumbled to the floor! Even though I immediately halted the discussion, fellow participants seemed oblivious to her plight and continued deliberating the topic at hand. It took a bit of persuading to shut them down and remove them from the conference room before paramedics arrived. It was later learned that the victim suffered frequent fainting spells

and she survived the episode. This taught me two lessons: 1) seniors are not easily distracted from their assigned mission, and 2) ask about medical conditions.

- Sensitive topics: If the discussion topic is of a potentially sensitive nature, it is a good idea to screen for any traumas, deaths, divorces, major illnesses, etc., that may have occurred during the previous six months. We don't wish to have anyone burst into tears during the discussion and, clearly, we should try to avoid stirring up painful memories.

- First-time senior participants: Sometimes qualified respondents cannot be recruited from a database. If your study requires first-time senior participants, recruiters will need to assure them of the legitimacy of the call. They should be able to assuage any fears that your focus group might really be an unscrupulous sales tactic or even a malevolent ruse to get them out of the house in order to facilitate a burglary. Don't be hesitant to offer these folks as much information as necessary in order to make them feel comfortable, e.g., your membership in the local chamber of commerce, a Web site URL, ethical agreements required for MRA or QRCA membership, etc. Always promise (in writing, if necessary) to respect their privacy and to not sell or distribute any personal information.

The senior-friendly focus group discussion

So how is a senior focus group different from a standard one? This may surprise a number of you, but the answer is: not much! A facilitator with excellent moderating skills will do extremely well.

Below are a handful of handy hints, reminders that help to keep me on track and my senior groups running smoothly. They are not earth-shattering revelations – just basic courtesy and common sense.

- Handouts should be printed in a 14-pt. serif font or larger.

- If practical, exhibits should be passed or walked around the table prior to placing them on a wall, shelf or easel. Try to plan for this.

• You might need to speak a little louder or slower than normal, but it should never be necessary to shout or talk in slow motion.

• Build at least one bathroom break into your discussion timeline if your group will be longer than an hour.

• Treat seniors with respect - never talk down to them.

• Allow a little extra time for your group to get up to speed and to wind down.

• As they exit the conference room always try to acknowledge each individual and thank them all for being a great group!

Some closing thoughts

Seniors love to talk - probably because some spend a lot of time alone. Prior to the actual group it is always a good idea to give them enough time together to get acquainted, mingle and let off a little steam. This will help keep things on track during the actual group discussion and you are less likely to have to shut somebody down.

It is also a nice gesture to allow them a few minutes after the group to chat with one another just before leaving. Naturally, you should always remind them to never talk in the vicinity of your next group of waiting respondents.

Senior show-rates tend to be high, so do not over-recruit excessively. You should try to seat everybody that shows up. Feelings can be easily hurt and we really don't want to disappoint a senior by merely paying them off and hustling them out the door, especially if they've gone to the trouble of rearranging their schedules and so forth.

And finally, seniors are not likely to agree to attend your group unless they have a genuine interest in the topic. Compare that mindset with the all-too-frequent indifference exhibited by some younger respondents. Seniors really do appreciate the opportunity to share their insight and opinions and I, as a focus group moderator, appreciate them for doing so.

Oh, did I mention that they are a joy to work with? After all, they are almost like us - only older! | Q

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Everywhere you go in the U.S., one finds that buildings, stores and public places have changed significantly in the past 15 years. Since 1990, when the Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted, entryways, staircases, elevators and many other “barriers to access” have been redesigned and rebuilt to provide those with various types of mobility limitations easier entry into mainstream life. Lately the same goal is being extended to previously unthought-of areas where various disabilities may cause limited access to information, commerce and educational opportunities. One such area is the Web. Researchers utilizing the Web for data collection should begin understanding how changes in usability regulations may soon impact how we deliver surveys online.

In 1998, Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act to require federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities. Inaccessible technology interferes with an individual’s ability to obtain and use information quickly and easily. Section 508 was enacted to eliminate barriers in information technology, to make available new opportunities for people with disabilities, and to encourage development of technologies that will help achieve these goals.

The law applies to all federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain or use electronic and information technology. Under Section 508, agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to the access available to others. And in a number of cases, those who do business with and/or have contracts to provide services to government employees are being required to provide the same sort of access.

Although the law specifically limits the degree to which online systems must comply only to those Web services that are contractually provided to the federal

government, lawsuits targeting large, “deep pocket” entities are causing companies to consider voluntary compliance. As more companies accept the challenge to create open and easy-to-use sites for everyone regardless of ability, this will likely become the norm.

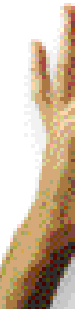
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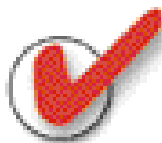
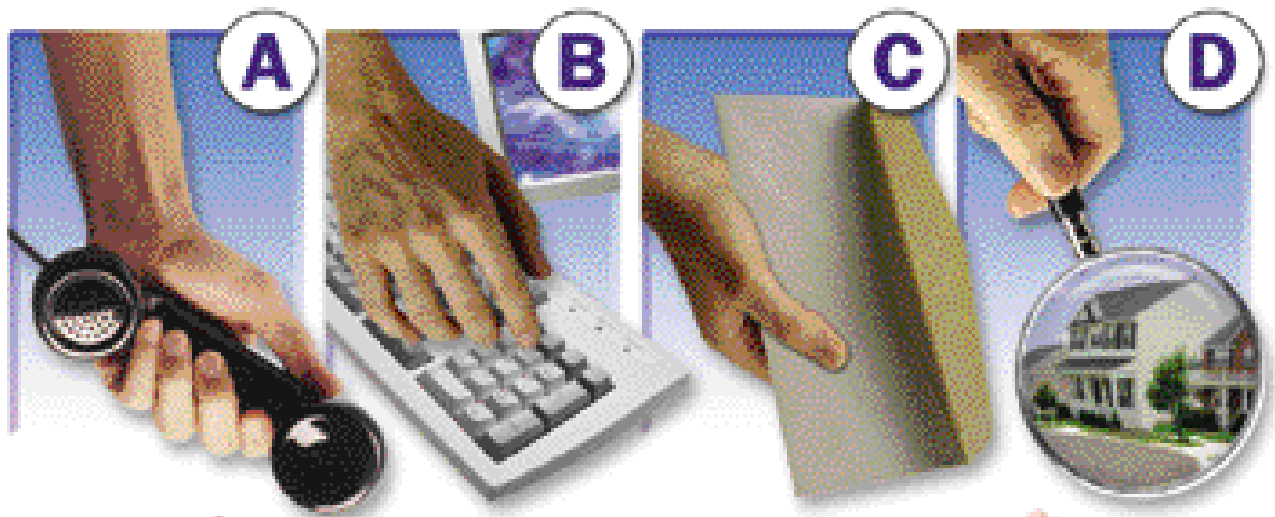


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The answer is:



ALL of the above.



The research data collection world grows more complicated every day thru technology, legislation and changing concerns about privacy. Anti-spam, Do-Not-Call, wireless phone rules, anti-fax laws, abandonment rates, virus concerns and the like now fill the researcher's "worry list" just as much as representation, projectability and bias. All too often, researchers are presented an "answer" which has more to do with a vendor's business model than it does their research challenge.

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surface more and more frequently – particularly when the research is being recruited from a corporate Web site, or is adopting a look and feel of the sponsor’s site. But unlike systems that deliver mostly content and information, many modern online survey applications are designed to dynamically collect information. Most Web research applications do not employ static HTML, where each possible page is programmed ahead of time, but rather they create custom pages based on each respondent’s individual answers. This is a challenge that requires an additional layer of programming to make the data collection systems capable of complying with Section 508 requirements.

The accessibility that is required falls into several categories associated with the usability of a Web-based system (and, by extension, Web surveys being conducted on or recruited from the site). Most of the relevant provisions for online applications pertain to accommodations for peo-

ple with impaired vision. Two primary areas of concern for accessibility include “substitution for keyboard navigation” (for people with vision problems who cannot use a mouse or other on-screen tracking and pointing devices) and, secondly, “information display and delivery” methods.

Marketing researchers who work with visual exhibits and animated work are familiar with the requirement that certain physical abilities must be assessed before a respondent is “qualified” for a survey. For example, it is usually the case that people who are color blind would be screened out of a study on packaging design. But the requirements of the ADA are designed to move away from “screening out” people with various types of disabilities and toward allowing them to take part in mainstream decision-influencing activities (such as surveys).

Most people with visual impairments use a class of software called screen readers, which translate the

visible text on a screen into spoken words. Others use physical devices which render the text portions of the screen into braille or other mechanical feedback. In each of these cases, the application producing the screen content must be compatible with these devices.

This means that many of the graphics used in standard survey work must have readable tags that either allow the text displayed to be read in a recognizable fashion and/or to describe the graphics being used so that the context of the question is not lost. From a research standpoint, “describing a graphic element” may not produce the same test result as the feedback from a sighted individual, but it does offer a partial means for including those whose opinions would otherwise be ignored.

If you stop and visualize a typical online survey from the standpoint of someone with vision or other physical disability, you will soon see that many of the items that are used to



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create engagement, ease-of-navigation or an appealing look and feel are often not readable in their native form. Therefore we need to “open up the hood” and add additional descriptions of what is going on.

Taking an inventory of graphic elements that are used to convey meaning (e.g., color-coded sections of questions; boxes and lines that convey task flow; icons or thumbnails that indicate previously presented information; or logos or pictures used as exhibits) identifies sight-centric communications that need to be “annotated” beneath the visual layer. This is usually done by employing meta tags, which are text-based messages used to describe what’s going on within the page without relying on the graphic cues. This additional information doesn’t show up on the screen, but is spoken or printed for the sight-impaired.

A similar set of standards takes into account that screen colors and layouts must be accessible not just for the

blind but also for those with lesser degrees of vision impairment. This means that colors used on the screens must be of sufficient contrast to produce a legible read and that faint colors are not utilized for key text entries. Timing of elements that are animated must either be slow enough for study and interpretation or they must repeat (either automatically or on command). Although these may sound like burdensome requirements, in the broader sense, it’s probably just good design usability.

Don’t wait

My suggestion to researchers is to begin thinking about this challenge now, rather than waiting for it to become a regulatory or legislative mandate. Many of these requirements are not small fixes and it will take time, investment and training to come up to production in this mode. On the other hand, starting to gain expertise in alternative information delivery systems may actually apply

to other forms of future technology as well. (Consider that a survey that combines both spoken and graphic content delivery might be more appropriate for devices with limited screen space – like cell phones and PDAs.)

Recognizing that this is an important trend, which could affect the entire online research industry, the Council for Marketing and Opinion Research (CMOR), in conjunction with the Marketing Research Association and the Interactive Marketing Research Organization, is working now to understand the practical implications of regulations and to create information sources for those interested in studying compliance. At the same time, CMOR will continue to represent the industry’s interests before the relevant committees of Congress, and wherever possible, to distinguish the unique characteristics of survey research from simple site-content communication. | Q

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As the election campaigns ended this past November, partisans and pundits almost instantly highlighted the pivotal role of gay issues in American politics as well as the 11 states that voted to adopt bans on same-sex marriage. In the days after November 2, many in the U.S. media ballyhooed the ascendancy of “moral values,” giving overblown interpretation to exit poll questions that seem to suggest that an historic anti-gay backlash has occurred.

But has it really?

Gary Langer, director of polling for ABC News, for instance, made this point emphatically, as reported in the *New York Times* four days after the election: “A poorly devised exit poll question and a dose of spin are threatening to undermine our understanding of the 2004 presidential election. The reporting accurately represents the exit poll data, but not reality. While morals and values are critical in informing political judgments, they represent personal characteristics far more than a discrete political issue. Conflating the two distorts the story of Tuesday’s election.”


Putting aside the political snapshot for the moment, it is just as important for us to analyze the near- and long-term implications for the U.S. consumer market. We believe this analysis will offer critical new insights and supporting data to help guide business managers in understanding public opinion as a barometer on controversial social issues including gay civil rights and responsibilities.

Today, companies are smart to ask whether the gay marketplace will remain as promising in 2005 and the years ahead. Based on a deeper understanding of current opinion and market research, we believe the unqualified answer is yes.

First, how did American voters actually deal with gay issues in 2004? In a year when same-sex

marriage became legal in Massachusetts, not surprisingly the movement to restrict or ban the recognition of marriage for gay couples found its way onto 11 state ballot measures in 2004. Opponents of these ballot questions said the measures were a strategy by Republicans to galvanize their conservative voter base and get them to the polls in greater numbers.

However, many analyses also report that during this unusually high-



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Gay market trends and the 2004 election

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visibility election year, turnout would likely have been high with or without the referendum. One advocate in Oregon for the same-sex marriage ban was quoted thusly, "It's conceivable this measure might turn out some people of faith that are typically apolitical, but I think in the big scheme of things...this is going to be a large turnout and our measure doesn't have that big of a role in it."

On November 2, therefore, voters in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, North Dakota and Utah passed measures limiting or banning the legal recognition of same-sex relationships. In addition, however, efforts now are underway to challenge several of those measures in state and federal courts.

What else happened?

The ballot measures were not the only word on gay issues and political candidates, however. On November

2, American voters also:

- voted in many races to elect and re-elect openly gay candidates throughout the nation;
- elected or re-elected all six openly gay candidates running for legislative offices in California;
- elected open lesbians to North Carolina's state senate, to the Idaho state house and to the Missouri state house;
- elected the first-ever open lesbian Latina as sheriff in Dallas County, Texas;
- re-elected every Massachusetts lawmaker on the ballot, Democrat and Republican, gay and straight, who supported same-sex marriage in that state; and
- voted to repeal a law in Cincinnati that prevented the city from passing legislation to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination - this progressive result in a state that also adopted a state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

What does public opinion research

therefore reveal about American attitudes? Over the last year, numerous national and state surveys confirm that a majority of Americans oppose legal marriage for same-sex couples. It is not really surprising therefore that the referendum votes cast in November 2004 reflect this attitude.

When probed a bit more, however, we also learn that many Americans do not distinguish clearly between the matrimonial sacraments of marriage bestowed by churches, temples or mosques and the civil ceremony of marriage conferred by state law. Whether through tradition or faith, many Americans do not wish to confuse their long-held definitions of marriage by endorsing equal married status for gay couples.

But that is not all that voters believe. In many of the very same surveys, a majority of Americans favor establishing some forms of legal protections for gay and lesbian couples. This was also confirmed in the exit polls taken on November 2.

When asked specifically in the 2004 exit polls, 25 percent of voters favored legal marriage for same-sex couples, while 37 percent opposed any form of legal recognition.

Most important, over a third of all voters - 35 percent - stated they favor some form of legal relationship such as a civil union, but one not labeled or defined as a marriage. Therefore 60 percent or six out of 10 voters support some form of legal recognition for gay couples. In addition, 50 percent of all Republican voters also support legal recognition of same-sex relationships, with 20 percent favoring legal marriage and 30 percent favoring civil unions. (What the exit polls asked on November 2, 2004: "Which comes closest to your view of gay and lesbian couples?" 1. They should be allowed to legally marry [25 percent agreed]. 2. They should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry [35 percent]. 3. There should be no legal recognition of their relationship [37 percent].)

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American politics, a 60 percent to 37 percent margin would be considered highly decisive. This emerging consensus also is validated by survey research conducted in 2003 and replicated again in late 2004 by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive when we queried over 2,000 adult Americans online about eligibility for workplace benefits. Employment benefits often mirror the same kinds of privileges and rights conferred by marital status, and are a valid way to examine social acceptance of gays and lesbians.

Specifically, when heterosexuals were asked whether certain benefits of employment now available to married spouses should be equally available to same-sex partners, in almost every instance, nearly two-thirds of heterosexuals agreed that equal treatment ought to be given to employees with same-sex partners.

The specific benefits included the taxability of health insurance benefits, adoption assistance, bereavement

leave, relocation assistance for partners, family and medical leave emergencies, and COBRA health coverage. In fact, in each instance, support grew by at least 4 to 5 percent between 2003 and 2004, even after same-sex marriage became a reality in Massachusetts.

We conclude that although same-sex marriage remains a sensitive, sometimes politically-charged question, Americans not only are more aware of gays and lesbians in society but also increasingly fair-minded in terms of acceptance and treatment of their intimate relationships. Factors of age, education and gender also play roles in terms of acceptance; more welcoming attitudes are consistently associated with younger people, women and individuals with higher education.

Intriguingly, in an ABC News interview held within a week of the presidential election, President Bush echoed the sentiments of many of these Americans, and revealed that he also favored letting states decide


whether to have civil unions or some form of legal recognition for same-sex couples. This is a position that closely mirrored the position of his Democratic challenger too.

Bush was reported to say, "I view the definition of marriage different from legal arrangements that enable people to have rights. And I strongly believe that marriage ought to be defined as between, a union between a man and a woman. Now, having said that, states ought to be able to have the right to pass...laws that enable people to you know, be able to have rights, like others."

The market and workplace trends continue to advance

At the end of 2003, as one key milestone, over 40 percent of Fortune 500 companies – and 68 percent of the Fortune 50 – now offer equal benefits for same-sex couples. Over 7,000 employers across the U.S. now provide health insurance coverage to employees' same-sex domestic partner, a trend that is currently growing

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The trend towards recognition and equal treatment of gay couples in corporate America is based frequently on many corporations' desire to treat all employees and their families fairly and equally, as well as competitive pressures to recruit and retain the best qualified workers including gays and lesbians.

Interestingly, in 2004, two states and 66 cities and counties, according to the Human Rights Campaign, also provided domestic partner registries - another independent means to recognize same-sex couples. In 2007, the state of California will also join a trend started by San Francisco, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Seattle and New York to require companies that do business with local or state government to offer equal benefits to gay couples that are currently available to heterosexual, married couples.

Equal treatment and basic fairness towards gays and lesbians remain

clear trends in public policy decisions and employment practices from coast to coast. They frequently motivate employers and local communities to establish innovative approaches to respect gay couples and to offer some specific ways that married couples today benefit under the law to achieve a level of parity.

The road ahead

Elections often are snapshots of strong feelings and mixed motivations. Certainly this year's election cycle reflected America's very strong divisions and attitudes on tough social and global issues including gay civil rights. Voters reflect the political moment as well as deep-seated beliefs.

Without question, Americans express complex and sometimes even conflicted feelings about gays and lesbians, and do not quickly accept many forms of social change. However, they also increasingly see gays and lesbians as well as same-sex couples on the job and at their

workplace, in the community, on television, in school and in their churches. When fairness is put to the question, they consistently appear to endorse policies that embrace fair-minded treatment and emerging forms of legal protections for gay and lesbian couples - though short of marriage.

Many more corporations have witnessed and confirm that this visibility and public acceptance are growing, and creating legitimate opportunities for marketing strategies and progressive employment policies that recognize diverse households. These trends continue to spread, giving little evidence or rationale that this electoral moment and the 11 ballot measures will have significant impact on mainstream attitudes and market forces even in the near-term.

In our immediate experience, none of our Fortune 500 clients are considering retreats from the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender market. In fact, we continue to hear from new companies exploring the best way to reach out to gay consumers and households. This market is visible more than ever before, with gay and lesbian consumers putting their \$585 billion buying power into the hands of companies that market effectively to them. It is a market segment that companies can no longer afford to miss.

As the *New York Times* columnist on faith and religious beliefs, Peter Steinfels intelligently took the nation's temperature in his post-election column last November: "Voters' emphasis on moral values has prompted talk that the culture is undergoing a sharp conservative shift. A better case can be made that the cultural shifts of recent years have almost entirely continued in a liberal direction. On November 2 a significant part of the nation balked. Same-sex marriage has proved, at least for now, unacceptable. Meanwhile civil unions, which stirred shock and fury in Vermont only a few years ago, have almost reached the edge of being mainstream." | Q

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Say hello to LOHAS

Mark Joyous is athletic, personable, unfaltering and deeply committed to the natural environment. A former naval officer and national park ranger stationed in the Redwood National Forest, he understands and appreciates pristine wilderness and responsible land development better than most. He has made his living during the last 20 years as a Colorado real estate broker specializing in mountain properties, with an underpinning ethos of environmental responsibility, team collaboration and community development.

Joyous's primary mission in life is to help as many people as possible become aware of human interconnectivity across boundaries and around this precious planet, our blue orb's fragility, and the looming threat to stability should humanity fail to evolve beyond self-serving boundaries and short-sighted natural resource exploitation. Like so many of his Boomer peers, he is deeply concerned about the ability of the planet to provide sufficient and sustainable natural resources for his grandchildren and their grandchildren.

He discovered his purpose while working with children in the Redwood Forest, becoming entranced by their innate awe of nature and thirst to learn about its mysteries.

His goal today is to help more people, children and adults alike, embrace a whole-planet perspective. One way he's approaching this is through his philanthropic cause, EarthSeeds Project, a Johnny Appleseed-like approach for the new millennium. Several educational programs involve spreading "seeds" of a "healthy, harmonious, and sustainable living Earth." He is developing fun, celebratory, positive approaches to environmental awareness instead of the countercultural approach of the '60s that served to polarize as many people as it converted¹.

As co-founder and executive director of GlobalView Foundation, a nonprofit organization which has grown quickly to become an international grassroots movement, Joyous is dedicated to high-impact education and empowerment by disseminating photographic representations of Earth as depicted on posters, flags, inflatable globes and other printed media. He believes that "to change the world, we must first change humanity's global view."

Joyous, an impassioned environmentalist, personifies a powerful marketing segment in the United States just uncovered since the beginning

Growing market segment focuses on health and sustainability



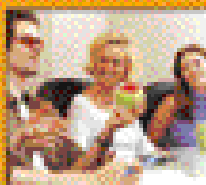
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of the new millennium. This consumer segment has been christened LOHAS, an acronym that stands for lifestyles of health and sustainability².

Although few people fully express and actively demonstrate Joyous's unquenchable passion for our planet, the LOHAS consumer is represented by an eyebrow-raising 27 percent of the U.S. population. This group includes people who are ardently concerned about personal health and emotional well-being plus protection of the environment.

These are not citizens simply possessed by idealistic, ethereal values; they are consumers who make purchasing decisions based on how effectively companies approach product manufacturing and distribution with a view toward responsible resource utilization and long-term planetary accountability. Many are also committed to broader social issues such as protecting women's, children's and workers' rights.

LOHAS consumers shop for energy-efficient electronics; green household products; organic and natural care personal products; organic and natural foods; hybrid automobiles; green building products; socially responsible investments; and alternative health care services.

Collectively, they purchase nearly \$350 billion in goods and services annually, preferring products that meet their value-driven expectations for well-being, social justice, self-development and sustainable living. They are dedicated to the environment, systemic human health, spiritu-

ality and personal growth. They believe in the interconnectivity of all humankind on a macro scale and the integration of mind, body and spirit within the individual. Many envision themselves similar to a manifesto presented by Joyous's Web site: "...as unique, independent Crewmembers of a Global Family united by the responsibility to care for the planet and all living things."

The Natural Marketing Institute (NMI) originally quantified this new segment through research in 2001, initially by distributing a comprehensive survey to a statistically random and representative sample of Americans and then by analyzing survey data using sophisticated cluster analysis.

The firm's discovery process analyzed 16 variables with a multiple regression model to identify the LOHAS segmentation. In addition to the LOHAS segment, NMI researchers discovered three other broadly-defined, tangentially-related consumer segments called Nomadics, Centrists and Indifferents. Although these three additional consumer groups reveal specific business opportunities and marketing insights, especially the Nomadics, further discussion about segments other than the LOHAS consumer lies outside the focus of this article.

NMI completed the third annual update of its wide-ranging research program in March 2004, based on a survey completed by 2,060 U.S. adults, a representative sample from a U.S. consumer panel of seven million

people. The conclusions of this survey can be projected to the U.S. adult population, with a 95 percent confidence level and a standard deviation of +/-2 percent.

Discovery and description of the LOHAS market, and its surprising magnitude, has quickly led to a business revolution among proponents of responsible businesses across many industries. The LOHAS segmentation demonstrates the interconnectedness of a wide cross section of U.S. adult consumers, bound by similar values, and spanning an extensive range of product and service categories.

Exemplary companies targeting this segment sell resource-efficient and healthful products such as organic foods, personal care products, green cleaning products and eco-tourism - among many others.

Moreover, this segment subsumes 55 million American consumers, 47 percent of which are between the ages of 45 and 64. It therefore doesn't come as a surprise that many Americans who were still young adults during the inauguration of Earth Day in April 1970, and the modern environmental consciousness it propelled, correlate highly with the LOHAS segment. In raw numbers, over 26 million members of the LOHAS segment are also Boomers, born between 1946 and 1959, or members of the Silent Generation, born between 1940 and 1945.

Steve French, executive vice president and managing partner of NMI, emphasizes the sizable correlation between values identified in the LOHAS segmentation and those possessed by Americans 45+: "Our research findings substantiate what some companies and policy makers have assumed to be true for a long time. Many Americans reached adulthood in the 1960s and 1970s during the emergence of a global environmental awareness and greater focus on personal health, and they maintain those same values today, although they've become more sophisticated as consumers with the passage of time. The major difference today is that they have considerable financial resources and commitment to search

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Strong opinions

This research project further demonstrates that members of the LOHAS segment possess strong opinions, and they have a greater influence on the direction of the marketplace than average consumers.

Marketers can also take comfort learning that these consumers are fervently committed to their beliefs for the long run, and most product development and marketing strategies will stand the test of time. How they feel today reflects how they’ll feel tomorrow. Considering all four broad segments identified by NMI, LOHAS consumers are the most brand-loyal and the least price-sensitive.

Interestingly, of the 16 factors used to describe the LOHAS consumer segmentation, those willing to spend 20 percent or more for sustainably-made products earned a mean score of 4.1 on a five-point scale, with five being the strongest possible agreement level. This factor ranked third in importance of identifying the LOHAS consumer, led only by “choosing environmentally-friendly products” and “teaching family/friends the benefits of environmentally-friendly products.” An astounding 85 percent of LOHAS consumers are willing to spend 20 percent more for products that are manufactured using environmentally-sensitive and sustainable methodologies.

LOHAS consumers are behaviorally driven. As mentioned earlier, they are not just typified by expressed attitudes; they transform their attitudes into action. They pay more for products meeting their criteria; influence friends and family members to do the same; and choose products from sustainable and environmentally-friendly sources. Products must appeal to more than beliefs; products must appeal to LOHAS lifestyles. Members of this segment seek companies that truly align corporate values with their own values, and they are quick to spot “greenwashers” – companies that create facades and make feeble but insincere attempts to line up with environmental values.

NMI’s data analysis contradicts the widely accepted belief that younger people are more idealistic and therefore more likely to make consumption choices based on core values. Younger people are much more likely to choose products based on the lowest price.

The research once again dispels the myth that brand choices solidify with age. Clearly, older consumers are amenable to marketing communication approaches that address core values; strategically sound business approaches can and do influence brand switching.

More connected

As consumers grow older, they become more connected with values related to relevance, self-actualization, and legacies. Furthermore, as consumers age beyond 50, they tend

to choose products and service providers that are environmentally-responsible and committed to human health; they buy from companies that share the same long-term values; and they choose products manufactured from sustainable resources.

Businesses interested in developing products and services to target adults 45+ have a significant business opportunity when targeting the Boomer/LOHAS consumer. Product development, marketing communication strategies and corporate goals can be aligned with values held by this vital lifestyle and attitudinal cluster, embracing their bedrock standards of health, self-development, environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

According to NMI researchers, LOHAS consumers are compelled by values to seek products and services that are health-promoting, environmentally-friendly and demonstrate a global social consciousness. A significant segment of leading-edge Boomers are equally compelled, having acquired and nurtured a sophisticated view of the planet – in a sense, the same panoramic view of Mark Joyous: an “astronaut’s view of the Earth,” a global family portrait. | Q

¹Global View and EarthSeeds Project, co-founded by Mark Joyous and Robert Bogatin, as presented on the foundation’s Web site: www.earthseeds.net.

²Understanding the LOHAS Consumer Report, published by the Natural Marketing Institute, Harleysville, Pa., www.nmisolutions.com. All references and discussion in this excerpt pertaining to the LOHAS consumer segment have been undertaken with permission from Natural Marketing Institute.

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- Women control 51.3 percent of the private wealth in the United States (Federal Reserve, cited in PBS online, "To the Contrary, Hot Topics, Women & Philanthropy").
- Women control most of the

spending in the household - about 80 percent.

The information above is just the tip of the iceberg. The largest wealth transfer in history is about to take place as the Baby Boomers inherit from their parents. In turn, because women generally outlive their husbands, the family assets will become concentrated in the hands of Boomer women.

Many companies don't seem to realize women are the primary buyers of their products. For instance, take a look at women's purchasing power in these historically male-dominated categories:

Tailor your research to match women's requirements



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- 68 percent of new cars (J.D. Power, reported in “Olds Markets to Women,” *Detroit News*, August 15, 1999).
- 66 percent of computers (CondeNast/Intelliquest Survey, as quoted in *Ad Age*, 1997).
- 60 percent of home improvement buyers (Lowe’s, per CEO Robert Tillman, cited on Forbes.com and quoted in Tom Peters presentation, June 1, 2003).
- 53 percent of investment decisions (Securities Industry Association, 1998).
- 51 percent of consumer electronics (*Fast Company*, 2002).

Companies in these industries are missing huge opportunities to grow their share and beat the competition.

What to keep in mind when designing research on women

Sociological studies show that women notice finer details than men. They will bring up things that men don’t find worth mentioning. This is important because in most categories the top competitors share the same basic characteristics. Differentiation lies in the details. Here are some ways to uncover those precious details.

- Women respond better in all-female focus groups. Mixed-gender groups often default to male patterns of conversation and interaction. Women are less likely to interrupt or insist on their opinions, and they don’t offer as much information. In women-only groups, there’s often an unspoken “equal talk time” rule – they are more conscious of who is remaining silent and often encourage each other to speak. In women-only groups, women respond to truly free interaction with each other and “multi-talk.”
- Women are very comfortable talking about personal things with virtual strangers. Get them talking with one another, instead of with the moderator. Encourage them to laugh and build on one another’s thoughts and you won’t be able to get them to stop giving you insights.
- A non-traditional focus group approach I like is girlfriend groups,

where acquaintances meet with the researcher at the home of one of the participants. The familiar environment and people make women comfortable to be themselves. In addition, it often places them closer to the point of product usage, which allows them to easily relay details that make a difference. And familiarity with each other keeps each of them honest.

- Another qualitative favorite is the brand champion group, a mix of women who love your product along with some who are either unfamiliar with it or predisposed against it. Given time to get to know one another, brand champions will “sell” your product by answering questions from the prospects. Observing the phenomenon of word of mouth will essentially tell you how to overcome resistance to your product.
- Online chat rooms where experts on a topic related to your product transform the session into an informal focus group by capturing the transcripts and interpreting them later are another way to observe the word-of-mouth phenomenon.

What about quantitative research?

Quantitative marketing research recruitment can be fairly easy with women. Many women love surveys and quizzes. Magazines are filled with them. Surveys help women learn about themselves and see how they compare with others in the results. Often, this learning is the only necessary incentive. Run a survey via e-mail or online, quickly tabulate the results, and share them with the participants. It’s cheap and simple.

But my big word of caution to designers of quantitative marketing research is to critically evaluate all questions included. Many researchers don’t even know women shop and buy differently than men, so I find questionnaires to be replete with errors and oversights that may look unimportant but can drastically affect the validity of the response.

For example, a phone surveyor called me once on behalf of an apparel retailer. The questions were laugh-

able, things like “Please rate the relative importance of quality, price, selection and fit in deciding where you shop” or likewise for “what you buy.” All of those are important, and one is never “more important” than another – not always, nor even as a general rule. It’s the trade-offs among these factors that determine value and drive what she buys.

For example, what does it mean when I respond that while I crave the quality of an Armani suit, I’m still not willing to pay Armani prices? Is “quality” important to me or not? Suppose I’m willing to pay for an Armani if I score a one-of-a-kind bargain at Loehmann’s – does that mean I don’t care about selection when I shop at Nordstrom? Absurd.

You could reasonably point out that these objections apply equally well to men as to women – and indeed, you would be right. (Which makes you wonder why you ever see silly questions like the above on any questionnaire!) The difference is that they apply to a considerably greater degree with women. Men’s thought processes tend to be more linear, single-track and directed toward efficiently finding a solution to a problem. As they are proceeding down a decision path, they use criteria like the above to screen out options, until they come to one that provides an acceptable value.

Women’s decision-making tends to be more multi-minded and integrative. They tend to view shopping as more of a learning process, educating themselves on what options they have, and typically adding on criteria as they learn more. It is not unusual for a woman to shift back to an earlier stage of the decision process as she learns something later on that might cause her to even change categories.

For example, she may have decided to buy an SUV because her friends all love theirs and she likes the looks of the new models. However, once on the showroom floor, she may see a new minivan that has some great storage solutions and fuel mileage. Suddenly, she’s including minivans in her consideration set, and has added two new criteria to the qualifying list.

Most men are uncomfortable with that kind of change in direction, they see it as a disruptive shift in strategy.

So while men shop through a process of elimination, looking for “a good solution,” women add and balance criteria, looking for “the perfect answer.” Therefore, the “forced choice” methodology so popular with quantitative surveys obscures women’s real responses because female decision-making is more integrative and contextual than men’s. Unless your question is presented relative to a specific purchase, her real answer (not that most questionnaires give her this option) is “it depends.”

A better use of quantitative research is to dig deeper on “why.” Rather than asking her to rate the importance of quality, ask her how she assesses quality – by fabric, details, designer name, etc. Yes, it makes the research more complex, costly and difficult to interpret. But unless your research reaps useful information, what’s the point of doing it at all?

In written or online questionnaires,

it’s better to leave some room for write-in answers. Give your consumers a chance to tell you something you didn’t know. If you’ve pre-programmed all the answers and limited her ability to give you input, how can she help you identify the details that would cause her to choose your brand over your competitor’s? Very few researchers provide women with open-ended questions, and I think it’s a mistake.

Implications

Marketing to women is not rocket science. Yes, women are more complicated, but improving your female marketing effectiveness is not difficult or more expensive. Companies do not need to worry about creating two research initiatives, one for women and one for men. That’s ineffective and costly – just dig into the person who’s doing most of the buying...you know who she is! Many companies have found that when you improve your marketing to women, customer satisfaction

among men rises as well. That’s because when you meet women’s more demanding expectations, you’re generally exceeding the expectations of men.

Ask yourself, how can you help your company be more effective at reaching the chief purchasing officer of your product? How well do your communications work against this CPO? Do you have information on how women seek out and investigate your brand? Do you quantify the impact of the various marketing elements on women, noticing what particular messages and channels combine for stronger results?

Women make the majority of decisions about spending for their households. According to one estimate, they spend over \$7 trillion a year in the United States alone. It is imperative for all businesses to examine their feminine side. Marketers who communicate effectively to women will see their businesses prosper, and those who don’t will be left behind. | Q



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How do global corporations face the challenges of positioning food and beverages for these vital demographic groups? How do they brand and package these products with confidence? How do they keep their brands and packaging vital in this day and age? One of our corporate clients, a global food company, commissioned my consultancy to research and compile a study. This article is based on findings from the study, titled Kids Rule: Marketing to Tweens and Teens.

Given the shorter and shorter lifespan of product vitality, not to mention the saturation of products in every category, corporations have to continually revitalize their brands. Especially for the teens/tweens demographic, which is continually restless for the newest and coolest brands on the horizon!

The target mindset of each group, tweens (ages 9-13) and teens (ages 14-19) are critically different, and a challenge to marketers. Tweens want food that is just for them and they want control of their food choices. They are seeking empowerment at this stage in their development. While tweens are still interested in "fun foods," they are also becoming more accepting and experimental.

Food marketing to tweens and teens

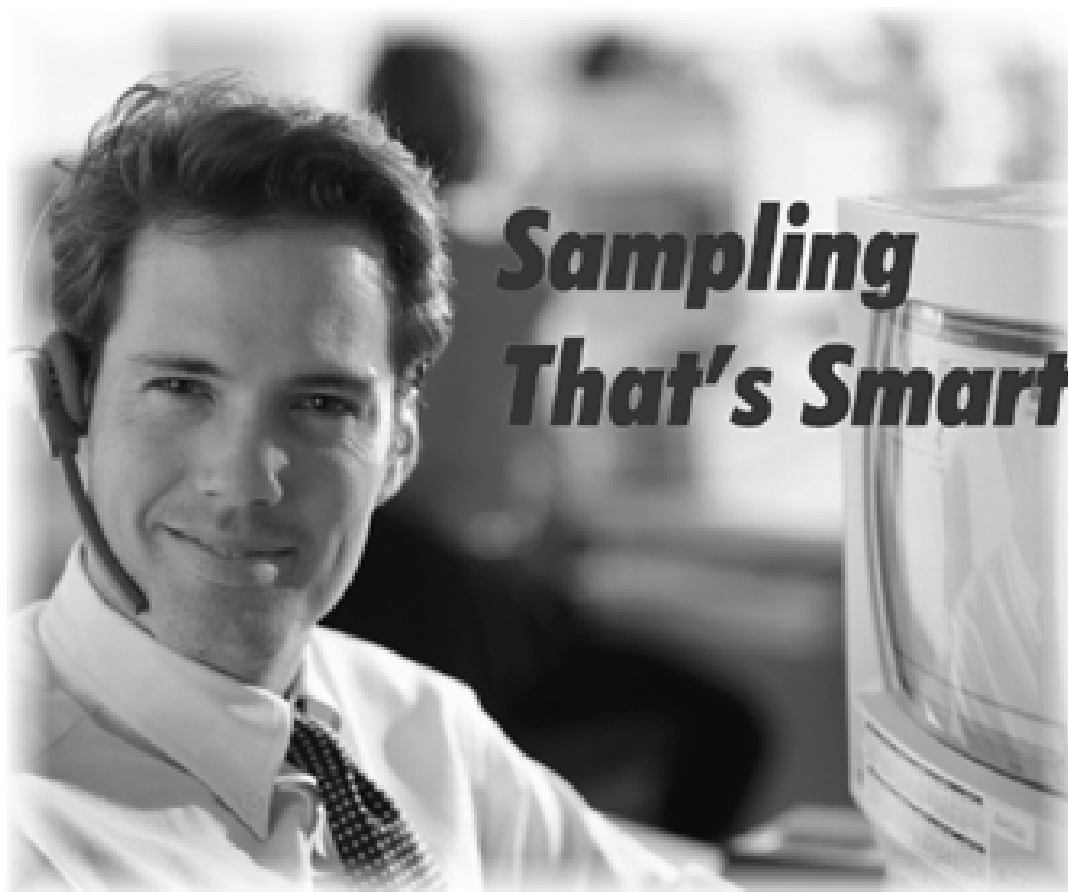
Tweens respond to the "aging down" of adult foods. They respond to foods that are packaged in their portions, and foods that can be prepped by them, not only by mom. Fun attributes like handles that make packages portable, games, and promotions inside or outside of packages are seen as "just for me." Tween choices are also generally mom-approved. Tweens are teen wanna-bes and generally see themselves as older than they actually are. Food products for this demographic are generally tween-demanded/mom-approved.

Teens, on the other hand, make their own food choices, often without mom, and want food on their own terms. They are flavor experimenters and are now ready to eat Mexican, Italian, Asian, etc. Teens' tastes are maturing, and they are beginning to develop an adult palate that tempts them to be flavor experimenters. Teens are consumers of the ubiquitous fourth meal! Teenaged boys, in particular, want to be filled up, and are quite serious about their food. They want their food fast so they can eat when they get home from school and get online or hang out with their



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friends. Teen girls are conscious of portion sizes and fat and avoid messy-looking food visuals on packaging.

This group will prep their own foods. Teens respond to satisfying portions and packaging that speaks to them of portability. “Grab and go” fits the demands of their busy lives. Teens make their own choices, and long to exercise more and more control of their choices, but most of these choices are still purchased by mom.

Mom’s the word

Enter in mom, the ultimate decision-maker and gatekeeper. Moms today feel guilty when they aren’t there to select and prepare food for their kids. Moms want their teens’ food choices to conform to their own “real food” values. They are concerned about their teens’ consumption of unhealthy, bad foods. These moms seek foods from trusted brands and convenience with quality and good taste. Safe, easy preparation and fast solutions are also high on moms’ lists.

Many moms are very concerned about their teens’ and tweens’ proclivity for snacking. School snack bar and cafeteria offerings have been of huge concern to parents for some time. For good reason. “Kids, just like adults, prefer the taste of sweets and fat,” says Karen Cullen, a Children’s Nutrition Research Center (CNRC) behavioral nutrition researcher and assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. “Knowing how to balance highly desirable but low-nutrition foods with more healthy ones is learned and takes maturity.” Cullen

tracked 594 fourth and fifth graders for a two-year period to study how the transition to middle school affected tweens’ food consumption.

In an April 2004 article for the CNRC *Nutrition & Your Child* newsletter entitled “Snack-Bar Temptations Derailing Kids’ Diets,” Cullen reported some startling statistics. After making the transition to middle school, tweens’ consumption of healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables and milk, dropped by at least one-third. At the same time, tweens’ consumption of fatty foods like french fries and chips rose by 68 percent. Soft drink consumption increased by 62 percent. School systems are responding to the increase in childhood obesity and pressure from parental and medical groups to change the food choices they offer to school children of all ages. Tweens, then, are at a critical developmental stage when it comes to nutrition.

How foods are packaged and the brand communications and visuals expressed has a great deal to do with consumer perception – for moms as well as the teens/tweens demographic groups. Moms, as mature adults, obviously want to see honest, realistic food imagery and nutritional information on food packaging. Clear communication of nutritional benefits is very important to moms. They are concerned about fat, artificial ingredients, too much salt and sugar, etc. Brand trust is built over time with moms, and this is a significant factor in their food choices for their families. In families where there are two

or more teens present (including friends), quality at the right price becomes a determining factor.

Moms have the added challenge of finding solutions for their teens’ and tweens’ school lunches, snacks, after-school snacks and camp needs. They are also concerned about their kids’ food choices when they are home alone. They are looking for help and support in assisting their kids in making sound choices. The federal government, universities and physicians’ groups offer moms sound advice as they struggle with the nutritional needs and food choices of their kids.

Taking up the challenge

Food and beverage companies are responding to moms’ nutritional concerns for their kids. General Mills Corporation, for example, has announced that while 60 percent of its ready-to-eat cereal line is whole grain, the remaining 40 percent of the line will be converted over the next few months. The low-carb craze has succeeded in convincing food and beverage companies to cut down on sugars, refined carbohydrates and trans fats in their products. Frito-Lay began manufacturing with corn oil, from the less-than-healthy partially hydrogenated oils it was using, in all of its snack foods last year. Nabisco is now marketing new 100 Calorie Pack Thin Crisps – lower-calorie, lower-fat versions, with no trans fats – of some of the most popular cookies and crackers on the market: including Oreo and Chips Ahoy. These are just a few examples of nutrition-oriented initiatives being taken by corporate food giants that teens and tweens won’t notice, and moms will endorse.

In a *Nutrition & Your Child* article entitled “Kitchen Makeover Makes Healthy Eating Hassle-Free,” published in the Summer 2000 newsletter, there are some great tips for moms dealing with a growing family’s needs. In this article, Janice Baranowski, a research dietitian with the CNRC’s Behavioral Nutrition section, stated that: “Individual portions are most attractive to the ‘eat-it-now’ crowd.”



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Suggestions of portable foods that appeal to our demographic groups include: "grab-and-go" bottles of low-fat milk and water, 100-percent fruit juice, yogurt in tubes, low-fat string cheese and snack bags of veggies with low-fat dip.

By switching from juice drinks to 100-percent fruit juices, whole grain breads and cereals and low-fat dairy products, moms can make big-impact changes very subtly. Adding nuts, seeds, pre-cut fruits and ready-to-eat veggies in snack-sized plastic bags fills the need for quick, grab-and-go food. Helping teens and tweens by buying smaller snack packages of their favorite snack foods also enables moms to control portions. Again, moms might re-portion snacks that come in larger, family-sized bags into smaller plastic bags. As the CNRC's Janice Baranowski said in her article: "Snacks need to be quick, easy-to-find and easy-to-eat."

Teens and tweens respond to exciting, colorful food and beverage package design: specific imagery, bright colors and colors that meet their frames of reference. Both groups respond to graphics that are not for "kids." Realistic, appetizing product representations have great appeal to these groups. Bold, exciting imagery is good, but busy packaging is bad. Teens and tweens are interested in ingredients and flavors but don't want too much description on packaging. They want brand communication that speaks to their moms, too, since moms have to be "convinced" that the foods their teens and tweens desire are good choices. Package communications have to convince moms of this and not turn them off.

On the rise

Segmentation of this market is on the rise. Savvy food and beverage corporations seek to create products and brand, name and package these products as offerings just for teens and tweens. Great opportunities exist in the marketplace for such food products. For tweens, food product names have to be cool. Tweens respond to portions sized for them, fun flavors

and names that target their demographic. Teens respond to cool packaging on their terms. They like satisfying, adult portions (teen boys) and portability; no utensils required. Teens do not like cute product names. Bright exciting packaging that doesn't try to impose cool gets a positive response from this demographic!

A brand perception that a product has been created just for teens and tweens can yield great dividends for

food companies. This is a way to use brand heritage to build the next generation of consumers. By innovating and customizing products and product packaging, food corporations can build their brands with this very significant demographic. How brand managers choose to manage their brand communications in their packaging has a lot to do with creating leading brands and brand loyalty for a new generation of consumers. | Q



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Decide and buy

How do consumers make decisions? This question is at the core of much of marketing examination over the past 60 or 70 years. As marketers manipulate the various principles of marketing, so do the consumers they seek to reach – choosing which products and services to buy, and which not to buy, choosing which brands to use, and which brands to ignore. The focus of this article is to examine the major decision-making models, strategies and theories that underlie the decision processes used by consumers and to provide some clarity for marketing executives attempting to find the right mix of variables for their products and services.

Three decision-making models

Early economists, led by Nicholas Bernoulli, John von Neumann and Oskar Morgenstern, puzzled over this question. Beginning about 300 years ago, Bernoulli developed the first formal explanation of consumer decision-making. It was later extended by von Neumann and Morgenstern and called utility theory. This theory proposed that consumers make decisions based on the expected outcomes of their decisions. In this model, consumers were viewed as rational actors who were able to estimate the probabilistic outcomes of uncertain decisions and select the outcome that maximized their well-being.

However, as one might expect, consumers are typically not completely rational, or consistent, or even aware of the various elements that enter into their decision-making. In addition, though consumers are good at estimating relative frequencies of events, they typically have difficulty translating these frequencies into probabilities. This utility model, even though it was viewed as the dominant decision-making paradigm, had serious shortcomings that could not be explained by the model.

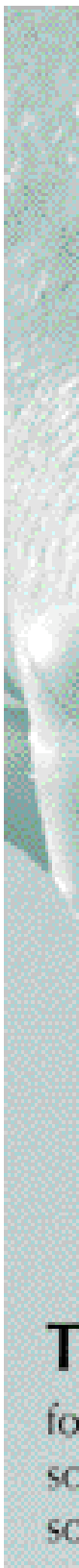
Nobel Laureate Herbert Simon proposed an alternative, simpler model in the mid-1950s. This model was called satisficing, in which consumers got approximately where they wanted to go and then stopped the decision-making process. An example of this would be in the search for a new apartment. Under utility theory, consumers would evaluate every apartment in a market, and form a linear equation based on all the pertinent variables, then select the apartment that had the highest overall utili-

Consumer decision-making models, strategies and theories, oh my!



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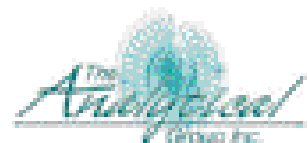


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ity score. With satisficing, however, consumers might just evaluate apartments within a certain distance to their desired location, stopping when they found one that was “good enough.” This theory, though robust enough to encompass many of the shortcomings of utility theory, still left significant room for improvement in the area of prediction. After all, if a marketing executive can’t predict consumer behavior, then what use is a decision-making paradigm? Simon and others have extended this area in the investigation of the field of bounded rationality.

Following Simon, additional efforts were made to develop better understandings of consumer decision-making, extending beyond the mathematical optimization of utility theory and the somewhat unsatisfying satisficing theory. In the late 1970s, two leading psychologists, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, developed prospect theory, which expanded upon both the utility and satisficing theories to develop a new theory that encompassed the best aspects of each, while solving many of the problems that each presented.

Two major elements that were added by Kahneman and Tversky were the concepts of value, replacing the utility found in utility theory, and endowment, in which an item is more precious if one owns it than if someone else owns it. Value provided a reference point, and evaluated both gains and losses from that reference point. Additionally, gains and losses have a marginally decreasing increase from the reference point. For example, there

is a much greater value for the first incremental gain from the reference point than for subsequent gains.

Seven decision-making strategies

What this all led to was the development and exploration of a series of useful consumer decision-making strategies that can be exploited by marketers. For each product, marketers need to understand the specific decision-making strategy utilized by each consumer segment acquiring that product. If this is done, marketers can position their product in such a manner that the decision-making strategy leads consumers to select their product.

The first two strategies are called compensatory strategies. In these strategies, consumers allow a higher value of one attribute to compensate for a lesser value of another attribute. For example, if a consumer is looking at automobiles, a high value in gas mileage might compensate for a lower value in seating space. The attributes might have equal weight (equal weight strategy) or have different weights for the attributes (weighted additive strategy). An example of the latter might be to place twice as much importance on gas mileage than seating space.

The next three strategies are called non-compensatory strategies. In these strategies, each attribute of a specific product is evaluated without respect to the other attributes, and even though a product may have a very high value on one attribute, if it fails another attribute, it is eliminated from consideration. From Simon, the first of

these is satisficing, in which the first product evaluated to meet cutoff values for all attributes is chosen, even if it is not the best. The second of these strategies, elimination by aspects, sets a cutoff value for the most important attribute, and allows all competing products that meet that cutoff value to go to the next attribute and its cutoff value. The third strategy, lexicographic, evaluates the most important attribute, and if a product is clearly superior to others, stops the decision process and selects that product, otherwise continues to the next most important attribute.

The next two strategies are called partially compensatory strategies, in that strategies are evaluated against each other in serial fashion and higher values for attributes are considered. The first of these strategies is called majority of conforming dimensions, in which the first two competing products are evaluated across all attributes, and the one that has higher values across more dimensions, or attributes, is retained. This winner is then evaluated against the next competitor, and the one that has higher values across more dimensions is again retained. The second partially compensatory strategy is called frequency of good and bad features, in which all products are simultaneously compared to the cutoff values for each of their relevant attributes, and the product that has the most “good” features that exceed the cutoff values is the winner.

There are other expansions upon these seven basic consumer decision-making strategies, but they are generally captured as shown above.

However, two major areas of marketing theory also help to provide additional explanatory power to these strategies.

Two marketing theories

The first marketing theory is called consideration. In this theory, consumers form a subset of brands from which the decision-making strategies are applied. For example, if asked to enumerate all the restaurants that one could recall, the list might be quite extensive for most consumers.


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However, when a consumer first addresses the question of where to dine that evening, a short list of restaurants that are actively considered is utilized for the decision-making process. Multi-stage decision-making models were summarized by Allan Shocker, in which the increasing complexity of a decision produces more steps in the decision process. In essence, more cognitive effort would be expended in evaluating members of the consideration set and reducing that number to an eventual choice.

The second marketing theory is called involvement, in which the amount of cognitive effort applied to the decision-making process is directly related to the level of importance that the consumer places on acquisition of the specific product. For example, there is rarely a significant amount of decision-making applied to the selection of a pack of chewing gum at the grocery store checkout counter, but there is a much greater amount of decision-making effort applied to the purchase of a new cell phone. This

degree of involvement is not necessarily a function of the price, but is more related to the perceived impact on the quality of life of the consumer. The quality of life can come directly from the benefits supplied by the product, or can come indirectly from the social accolades or sanctions provided by members of the peer group.

Complex decisions

Application of the three decision-making models, the seven decision-making strategies, and the two marketing theories can be seen in current efforts by marketing practitioners and academicians to tease apart the complex decisions made by consumers. For example, choice models and conjoint models are multivariate analysis techniques based on these understandings. Consumers are presented with choices in controlled environments that, hopefully, control for other confounding variables, and then the choices are decomposed to understand both the conscious and unconscious elements driving the consumer's

choices.

One caveat for practitioners is important to address at this point. When one is attempting to manipulate marketing variables such as price or promotion, or even conduct research into consumer decision-making, it is critical that a solid theoretical base be used. Without this base, the surveys have the potential of producing contradictory or misleading answers, and the attempts to manipulate the variables at hand may produce less than satisfying results.

In summary, this area of investigation is complex and uncertain, though extremely promising. The fields of economics, psychology, sociology and marketing are all deeply involved in trying to move this research forward, with often-conflicting research streams and terminology. However, the end result – gaining a better understanding of how consumers make decisions – is of great theoretical and practical value to all involved. As such, it will continue to be a major research area in all the above fields. | Q

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conducted by Meyers Research Center, New York.

The online poll of more than 400 consumers asked shoppers to rate factors most important to them in choosing locations to purchase a wide variety of products. Factors ranged from pricing to customer service and convenient store locations, the influence of special promotions, offering quality brands and being among the first to offer new products.

The study, conducted in August 2004, sought to explore consumer frequency by retail format; how consumers choose format based on shopping occasion and consumer ratings of formats across key attributes such as pricing, fast checkout, shopability, convenience, good deals, etc.

“Shoppers overall told us that everyday low pricing, good customer service, products that are in-stock and stores that are well-organized and easy to shop are their favorites,” says Jeff Friedlaender, vice president of Meyers Research Center. “Those factors outweigh such considerations as special promotions, and being first on the block to offer new products.”

Consumers rated dollar stores, today’s fastest-growing retail format, as the best place to find everyday low pricing and convenience stores as the worst place for good pricing. But in some cases, a good deal on price has its own price to pay: good customer service. Dollar stores were rated the worst for customer service, while supermarkets and office supply stores gained high marks.

Dollar stores also scored low on the remaining of the top five factors that drive consumers to a particular channel: in-stock products and stores being easy to shop. Supermarkets were rated highest on both those attributes.

Price never drops out of the equation of top factors, regardless of consumer need state when shopping, whether it be stocking up for

the household, one or two desperately needed items or wanted/rewarded items.

Sixty-nine percent of consumers surveyed said there was a specific retailer they “could not live without.” Among those consumers who expressed an opinion, Wal-Mart led the pack as the number one retailer they could not live without (31 percent), followed by club store Costco (17 percent) and Target (13 percent). Warehouse club BJ’s (11 percent) and supermarkets Kroger and Albertson’s tied for the fifth spot (9 percent). Trailing the pack of 14 retailers cited by consumers was mass merchant Kmart and drug store Rite Aid, each with 2 percent.

Consumers interviewed cited Wal-Mart’s wide variety, low pricing and the convenience of multiple categories at one location as factors in their number one ranking. Consumers who selected Target and Costco as their favorites said the stores were fun to shop - from in-store food samples at Costco to good organization and a sense of fashion at Target. For more information visit www.meyersresearch.com.

Study reveals seniors’ car-buying clout

They hold a household net worth of \$19 trillion, nearly twice the U.S. average. Their population totals 76.8 million, one-third of the entire U.S. population. They are the wealthiest Americans. They spent more than \$400 billion in 2003. They buy 56 percent of all new cars and spend more per capita on travel and leisure than any other age group. They spend \$7 billion online each year and are the fastest-growing user segment on the Internet. They are active grandparents, aunts, uncles, singles and parents. They are mature Americans, age 50 and older.

A survey of 32,498 senior community newspaper readers across the country revealed the top 10 senior shopping priorities included automobiles, gifts for grandkids, travel and insurance. Each category delivers a multi-billion-dollar annual

market.

SPMG (Senior Publishers Media Group) audited and conducted a readership survey of its top 80 community newspapers nationwide, gaining insight into demographics, spending patterns, issues and interests for mature audiences. The SPMG newspaper network has a combined readership of over 5.8 million.

One-fifth of all seniors surveyed planned to buy automobiles in the next year.

According to *Newsweek’s* New Car Buyers Report, younger persons bought most new cars priced under \$10,000 (only 17 percent of mature adults bought these low-cost models). More than half of 55+ mature adults (53 percent) bought cars priced between \$10,000 and \$14,999 and 30 percent bought cars priced over \$15,000. Seventy-six percent of mature adults bought American made automobiles.

The average luxury-car buyer is age 60. Mature adults age 50 and older buy 56 percent of all new cars and most purchases are made for cash. They buy cars that are more expensive than younger Americans. The average age for new Corvette buyers, for example, is the early 50s.

The SPMG senior audience skewed younger. One-fourth of the readership is younger than 55, almost double the 75+ audience; one third is 55-64 and another 29 percent are 65 or older.

The Baby Boomer generation is coming of age - each year, another four million Americans reach age 50. Combined with increased longevity, trends show the 50+ market growing beyond 106 million by 2015, or 45 percent of the U.S. adult population.

The SPMG readership study was conducted by Certification Verification Council (CVC). Survey results were cross-checked and included in-depth interviews of 32,498 regular readers of the audited publications. The CVC audit confirmed circulation and studied demographics of the top 80 SPMG senior publications. With a circula-

tion of 2,836,877 and an average of 2.05 readers per copy, the total readership of these papers was 5,815,598 seniors. For more information visit www.spmg.com.

African-American tweens are market-savvy and ready to spend

Tweens, defined as young people ages 9 to 14 years old, are market-savvy and influential consumers who demand attention. There were 4.1 million African-American tweens in 2002, a 16 percent increase from 1997, and they represent 16.5 percent of all U.S. tweens. Black tweens are primarily urban dwellers who come from non-traditional households. They are brand-conscious trendsetters who have several billion dollars of discretionary income from allowances, monetary gifts and jobs to spend on various goods and services. Furthermore, black tweens exert considerable influence on the \$723 billion African-American market

since they frequently have input on household buying decisions, using “pester power” and their knowledge of the latest technologies and trends. In addition, African-American tweens have significant influence on the total \$40 billion U.S. tween market as the trends adopted by them are often considered cool and, therefore, are emulated by other races. Marketers who appropriately target this group will realize significant opportunities with the powerful African-American market as well as with the tween segment, according to a multi-source study by Chicago research firm The Hunter-Miller Group.

Demographically, African-American tweens were 4.1 million strong in 2002, representing 16.5 percent of the 25.2 million U.S. tweens and 11.3 percent of the total black population, per the U.S. Census Bureau; 50.3 percent were male and 49.7 percent were female. Their population has grown at more

than twice the rate of white tweens (16 percent versus 7.4 percent) from 1997 to 2002.

They are more likely to be urban dwellers as 51.6 percent lived in central cities in 2002 compared to 23.1 percent of white tweens, according to the Census Bureau; 35.9 percent lived in suburban areas compared to 57.2 percent of white peers. Only 12.6 percent lived in nonmetropolitan areas versus 19.7 percent of white tweens.

They are more likely to reside in single-parent households (52 percent) compared to white tweens (23 percent) and the households are usually headed by their mothers (47.4 percent), per the Census Bureau; 38.9 percent lived with both parents in 2002 compared to 73.0 percent of white tweens.

Nine percent (compared to 3 percent of whites) lived with neither parent and usually resided with grandparents (54.5 percent) or some other relative (29.5 percent).

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whites) are enrolled in school and recognize the importance of education as it has been a means for African-American advancement.

Nearly half (48 percent) of younger black tweens (9-11 years old) receive a regular allowance, according to Children's Market Services. Many have odd jobs, with babysitting and yard work being the most common; 43.3 percent of 14-year-olds and 36.2 percent of 12-year-olds held some job, per a Bureau of Labor Statistics study.

Psychographically, African-American tweens are interested in fashion, music, electronics and other items which put them on the cutting edge. They often inform their households about the "latest and greatest" technologies and trends, then use "pester power" to influence product and service purchases, such as for vehicles, cellular telephones, electronics, groceries and vacations.

They are more likely to shop for themselves and want the best so they are brand conscious as it helps with purchasing decisions and serves as a badge of coolness or status. They are aware of advertisers' efforts, and are more likely to be responsive if an ad is in their "language" and appeals to their aspirations, including to be older than they really are and to stand out from the crowd.

They serve as the cool and hip models for peers as their fashions (baggy jeans, baseball caps and oversized shirts), hair styles (cornrows/braids), musical tastes (rap/hip-hop) and other preferences have been adopted by tweens of other races. For example, black rapper Nelly was voted favorite male singer at the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards 2004 and it's asserted that cornrows/braids will gain the same popularity that the ponytail once enjoyed.

Black tweens are knowledgeable about and avid users of TV, radio, computers, video games and other electronics. They watch more TV compared to white tweens: seven hours and 37 minutes of prime-time TV (8-11 p.m. daily) per week ver-

sus five hours and 26 minutes per week respectively, according to RealVision. There is 90 percent+ radio penetration among black tweens; older tweens (12-14-year-olds) tune in 16-19 hours per week and rhythmic contemporary hits (which includes R&B, rap/hip-hop and dance/club music) is the most popular format. Over 80 percent have access to a computer, including 44.6 percent who have access to a computer at home, and they are increasingly going online to send/read e-mail, to download or listen to music, and for information. For more information visit www.huntermillergroup.com.

Parents buy more office products

A study by Baltimore marketing firm Vertis reveals that parents are more likely to buy office supply products compared to other adults. According to the study, Customer Focus 2004: Office Supply, 74 percent of total adults with children spent up to \$500 on office products, not including computer and office furniture, within the last 12 months, compared to 58 percent of adults with no children. "The purchase of office supply products is greater among adults with children, specifically those with children between 6 and 17 years old, due to their constant need to buy school supplies," says Thérèse Mulvey, vice president, marketing research, at Vertis. "Marketers and advertisers should pay close attention to the price point these consumers are looking for, as well as the media that drives their purchase decision because both factors are critical in capturing this audience."

For example, according to the study, 35 percent of adults with children turn to ad inserts first to help them with their purchasing decisions, 19 percent use the Internet, and 8 percent turn to the television.

Of the total adults surveyed, 53 percent of Baby Boomer (1946-1964) women with two or more

children spent between \$101-\$500 in office products excluding computer and office furniture, compared to 32 percent of total adults.

According to the study, 17 percent of younger Baby Boomer (1956-1964) adults with children 12 to 17 years old spent \$501 or more in office products, compared to 10 percent of total adults surveyed.

Forty percent of older Baby Boomers (1946-1955) with children 12-17 years old said they plan on purchasing office technology, such as printers or scanners, within the next 12 months, compared to 22 percent of total adults.

Of the married adults surveyed who have children, 33 percent said ad inserts most influence their buying decision, compared to 20 percent of adults in the same category who said television influences their decision. Fifty-one percent of ad insert readers with a household income of \$75,000+ who have children said they use ad inserts or circulars to decide where to shop for office supplies, compared to 34 percent of total adults. Furthermore, 52 percent of ad insert readers who spent \$501+ on office supplies use advertising inserts or circulars to decide where to shop.

Of the total adults surveyed who spent \$501 or more on office supplies, 41 percent have a household income of \$75,000+, while 19 percent have a household income of less than \$30,000. Sixty-two percent of the adults who spent between \$1-\$100 on office supplies do not have any children under the age of 18 in the home compared to 38 percent who have children. Fifty-four percent of the adults who spent \$501+ on office supplies have children in the home compared to 46 percent of adults who have no children.

Of the total adults who spent \$501+ on office supplies, 57 percent are men and 43 percent are women. In contrast, of those who spent between \$1-\$100 on office supplies, 57 percent were women and 43 percent were men. For more information visit www.vertisinc.com.

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Market, now in its fourth edition, provides analysis of the demographic profiles, consumer behaviors, and purchasing power of the estimated 15 million adult gay men and lesbians in the United States. Characteristics profiled include age, income and family structure. Key market opportunities and buying power projections are included through 2008. For more information visit www.packedfacts.com/pub/952768.html or www.marketresearch.com.

WebSurveyor 5.0 now available

Herndon, Va.-based WebSurveyor Corporation has released WebSurveyor 5.0, the latest version of its online survey tool. This latest version is designed to offer greater control through a survey dashboard, along with a new user interface.

The survey dashboard provides users with centralized control over the survey process. It displays an integrated view of survey activity, presenting the top five most recent surveys, response rates, number of responses and more. It also allows users to manage mailing lists, set preferences for surveys and manage their account, as well as filter and sort relevant data.

Along with a new look and feel, other new features include an enhanced invitation management system that allows users to conduct multiple e-mail campaigns, customize messages, and track e-mail messages sent, surveys viewed and surveys completed. New gateway page functionality allows users to restrict access to a survey through a custom login process. A survey checklist guides new users through the entire online survey process, from designing questions to analyzing results. Survey detail reports provide a concise overview

of a survey including questions, question styles, export values, navigation and translations. Date controls allow users to schedule the date at which a survey will stop accepting responses. Improved branching lets users conduct complex surveys by utilizing conditional branching and skipping, data piping, data validation and response randomization. For more information visit www.websurveyor.com/ws5.

Hispanic Cohorts from Simmons

New York-based Simmons has released Hispanic Cohorts, a household-based segmentation system. Hispanic Cohorts identifies 19 consumer segments within the American Hispanic community. Similar to the general-market Cohorts, Hispanic Cohorts identifies clusters of consumers based on specific characteristics. For instance, descriptions include: Luis y Maria, families with a median age of 38 who have teenagers, a median household income of \$35,000 and who make up approximately 9.1 percent of the Hispanic population; Andrea, educated career-oriented moms whose median age is 31, median household income is \$52,000 and represent over 6 percent of the Hispanic population. For more information visit www.smr.com.

Briefly

U.K.-based research agency mmr has announced a new positioning, a new Web site and a new interactive approach to create a fresh image for its services. The new positioning – “making more of research” – is designed to emphasize mmr’s research capability and client service approachability. For more information visit www.mmr-research.com.

New York research firm Ipsos-Insight has announced enhancements to its Ipsos BookTrends syndicated service, including improved data delivery, expanded reporting capabilities and increased reporting frequency. For more information visit www.ipsos-insight.com/consumer/publications/books.

The Ipsos-Reid Online Omnibus will now be offered once a week in Canada. Questions received by 1 p.m. on Tuesday will have results the following Tuesday. The Canadian Online Omnibus delivers a representative national sample of 1,000 online Canadians every week. Omni respondents are recruited randomly from the 72,000 Canadians on Ipsos-Reid’s Online Panel. The panel includes both English- and French-speaking participants, and surveys can be conducted in one or both official languages. For more information visit www.ipsos.ca/pa/.

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pricing practices or discounts were illegal or anti-competitive unless IRI can prove they involved prices below short-run average variable cost, which must be calculated without the inclusion of certain costs designated by ACNielsen as "fixed operations" costs.

The court also ruled that the same standard applies in determining the legality of bundled discounts, with discounts offered in noncompetitive markets subtracted from ACNielsen's prices in the competitive markets. The analysis relied on by IRI to support the claims of below-cost pricing and bundling impermissibly included fixed operations costs as part of the relevant cost structure.

While there will be further proceedings on this and other issues in the case, VNU stated in a press release that it believes that the court's rejection of IRI's arguments seriously impairs IRI's antitrust claims. VNU believes that IRI's claims are wholly without merit.

Fifteen U.S. Yellow Pages publishers have joined with research firm **Knowledge Networks/SRI**, Menlo Park, Calif., to sponsor and develop a syndicated Yellow Pages measurement in early 2005. The service will initially cover over 200 directory distribution areas in more than 90 DMAs, with other markets likely to be added in the future. Interviewing will begin in early 2005, and initial annual measurement of usage and directory share will be delivered in early 2006.

Chicago-based **Information Resources, Inc.** has established a new analytics advisory board. The board's focus will be on furthering analytics innovation, specifically identifying the existing and emerging analytics applications required to understand and forecast the economics driving CPG and retail businesses. Board members include: Robert C. Blattberg, Polk Brothers Distinguished Professor in Retailing and executive director of the Center for Retail Management, J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University; Pradeep K. Chintagunta, Robert Law

Professor of Marketing, the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago; Sunil Gupta, Meyer Feldberg Professor of Business, Columbia Business School, Columbia University; Leonard M. Lodish, Samuel R. Hamell Professor, professor of marketing and vice dean, Wharton West, leader of the global consulting practicum, the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; and Carl F. Mela, associate professor marketing, the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University.

Acquisitions

Survey Sampling International (SSI), Fairfield, Conn., has acquired online sampling firm **Bloomerco Access Panels Europe bv**. Based in the Netherlands, Bloomerco has more than one million panel members in Europe. "The time is right for expansion in Europe, with the increasing acceptance of Internet research among the European research industry," said Terry Coen, SSI vice president and director of sales and marketing. "Use of the Internet for research in the U.K. alone is expected to double in the next 18 months."

Alliances/strategic partnerships

Atlanta mystery shopping firm **Shop'n Chek, Inc.** has expanded its worldwide coverage by signing licensing agreements for Canada, Brazil, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The new licensees are Toronto-based Service Metrics Inc. (dba Shop'n Chek Canada); ABACO Marketing Research (dba Shop'n Chek Brazil), Sao Paulo; Service Integrity Pty. Ltd. (dba Shop'n Chek Australia), Sydney; and Tokyo-based Shop'n Chek Japan, K.K.

Wilton, Conn.-based **Greenfield Online, Inc.** reported that GfK Custom Research Inc., Minneapolis, has signed a new agreement appointing Greenfield Online as its exclusive supplier of full-service Internet survey research services and sample research data, subject to certain limited exceptions. The companies have worked together since 2001. The agreement with GfK-CRI has an initial term end-

ing on December 31, 2005 and it will automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless cancelled by either party prior to the expiration of the current term. During the term, Greenfield Online will provide GfK-CRI with Internet-based survey services, which include the programming and hosting of surveys, as well as survey respondents from its panel of survey takers. As a client partner, Greenfield Online will also provide to GfK-CRI a dedicated project team and customized sales and marketing support services to enhance customer service.

Association/organization news

The **ESOMAR** Council for 2005 to 2006 has been elected. José Weir Ortega, corporate affairs director of Grupo BBVA in Spain, is the new ESOMAR president until December 31, 2006. Frits Spangenberg, managing director of Motivaction International in The Netherlands, is ESOMAR's new vice president. Both were elected unopposed. In addition, following a ballot of all ESOMAR members worldwide, the following eight council members were elected: Paulo Pinheiro de Andrade (Brazil); Laurent Flores (France); Siegfried Högl (Germany); Clara Origlia (Italy); Wlodek Daab (Poland); Ann Margreth Hellberg (Sweden); Sue Nosworthy (U.K.); Gunilla Broadbent (U.S.). Outgoing President Fredrik Nauckhoff will remain on the council in an ex-officio capacity for the subsequent two-year term. Outgoing council members are Jacqueline Aglietta, Eugênia Paesani, Adam Phillips and John Kelly (ex-officio).

Awards/rankings

Winston-Salem, N.C.-based **AllPoints Research** has been awarded a Fast 50 award by *The Business Journal*. The award was given based on the 40 percent revenue growth that AllPoints has achieved over the past year.

New accounts/projects

Arbitron Inc., New York, has signed a four-year license agreement with Clear Channel Radio to provide the company with radio ratings and software services through the fall 2008 survey. The

a agreement also renews existing contracts for Scarborough and other local market consumer information services. Clear Channel also renewed its agreements with Arbitron for Premiere Radio Networks, KMG Consolidated Radio Sales and Clear Channel Traffic. Clear Channel is Arbitron's largest radio ratings subscriber and represented approximately 21 percent of Arbitron's revenue in 2003.

Research firm **TNS** has been awarded a three-year contract to monitor and evaluate the communications performance and brand health in Tourism Australia's key source markets across America, Europe and Asia Pacific. This followed a competitive tender among four global research groups. The purpose of the program is to support Tourism Australia in its key role in increasing consideration of Australia as an international tourist destination.

Heavy-equipment maker **Caterpillar** has chosen **Perseus Survey Solutions/EFM** as its enterprise software solution for feedback management.

BBC Audience & Consumer Research awarded a new contract for measuring audience reaction for Television and Radio programs to **GfK Group** in the U.K. The new three-year contract runs from April 2005 and will deliver a faster system of measuring audience response to television programs on all terrestrial TV, selected non-terrestrial TV programs and select-

ed radio programs. Key elements of the new service are: replacing the current paper-and-pencil postal method with an online method that allows respondents to log on either at work or home and rate the previous night's programs on not only appreciation but also other key criteria; data for each program will be available 36 hours after broadcast, an improvement on the 16-day turn-around under the current system; an increase in panel size from the current 3,000 to 15,000 adults, and a separate panel of 1,500 children.

Redlands, Calif.-based **ESRI** and **Shell International Exploration and Production B.V.** have agreed to expand their relationship and implement a comprehensive agreement under which Shell and all its affiliates worldwide can access all of ESRI's software products. The global agreement allows Shell to deploy and support ESRI software throughout its organization. The enterprise solution comprises ESRI's full line of software including the ArcGIS family of desktop and server products.

The Federated Group, an Arlington Heights, Ill., sales and marketing agency serving the private brand grocery industry, has selected Chicago-based **Information Resources, Inc.** as its preferred syndicated marketplace insights provider.

Castrol has commissioned U.K.-based research firm **ESA** to conduct a national point of sale and promotions

audit in stores of U.K. retailer Halfords. ESA's researchers will visit 100 Halfords stores across the U.K. to carry out an audit of Castrol display points in-store. The aim of the research will be to establish whether Castrol products are correctly displayed, as well as whether the specified point-of-sale and promotional material is present.

New companies/new divisions/relocations/expansions

Rochester, N.Y.-based research firm **Harris Interactive Inc.** has added the Harris Interactive Marine Industry Research program, a division of the automotive and transportation research group, which will provide insight into customer preferences and buying behaviors for bass boat, small and large runabout, cruiser, coastal fishing, pontoon, ski and wakeboard boat and personal watercraft manufacturers.

Millward Brown has launched a new global unit - Millward Brown Optimor - focusing on maximizing the total returns from brand and marketing investment. The unit is led by newly-appointed executive vice president Joanna Seddon.

Leon Tyler Marketing Research has moved to a different suite in the same building. The firm's address is now 4501 Park Glen Rd., Suite 303, St. Louis Park, Minn., 55416-4875. Phone and fax numbers and e-mail address remain the same.

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vice president and chief marketing officer of the Wendy's brand.

Evanston, Ill.-based information firm *Solucient* has named **Cynthia Kujawa** vice president, human resources. In addition, **Mark Chealander** has been named vice president, product development.

Research firm *TNS* has named **Stephen Jenke** regional director of Australia and New Zealand. He replaces **Trevor Richards**, who has returned to the U.K. to take on a new role and responsibility at the TNS head office in London. Jenke is based in Sydney.

Arbitron Inc., New York, has appointed **Julian Davis** to the new position of director, urban media services. In addition, **Pierre Bouvard** has been named president, Portable People Meters and international, and has been given the overall responsibility for the introduc-

tion of the Portable People Meter local market ratings services in the U.S. And **Bill Rose** has been named senior vice president, marketing, U.S. media services.

New York-based *Nielsen Media Research* has named **Sara Erichson** general manager, national services. **Dave Thomas** has been named senior vice president, strategy and business development. And **Scott Springer** has been named general manager, operations, based in the firm's office in Brooker Creek, Fla.

Survey Sampling International, Fairfield, Conn., has established an office in Japan and tapped **Larry Greenberg** of Tokyo-based *Urban Connections* to head the new location.

Framingham, Mass., research firm *IDC* has appointed **Rick Nicholson** vice president of energy insights.

Beta Research Corporation, Syosset, N.Y., has named **Je rry Kossoff** chairman.

Replacing him as CEO is **Jason Gorelkin**.

Dennis R. Israel has joined *GlobeScan Incorporated*, a Toronto research firm, as vice president.

London-based *NOP World Health* announced its new European senior management team following the integration and restructuring last year of the company's three global health care businesses (Market Measures/Cozint, NOP Healthcare, Strategic Marketing Corporation) into a single agency.

David Bayton has returned to NOP World Health as European head of research. **Christine Corner** has been named European head of sales and business development. **Ian Pike** has been named European business development director and **Charles Chaine** has been added as a director.

Shelli Field has been named president of the *TVG Marketing Research & Consulting* business unit of PDI, Inc., Saddle River, N.J.

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2005

Marketing Research Software Directory



The 2005 Directory of Marketing Research Software was compiled by sending listing forms to companies we identified as producers/vendors of marketing research-related software. This year's directory lists over 150 firms and over 350 software titles. The software firms are arranged alphabetically. Along with the company's vital information, we've also included the title(s) of the software they sell.

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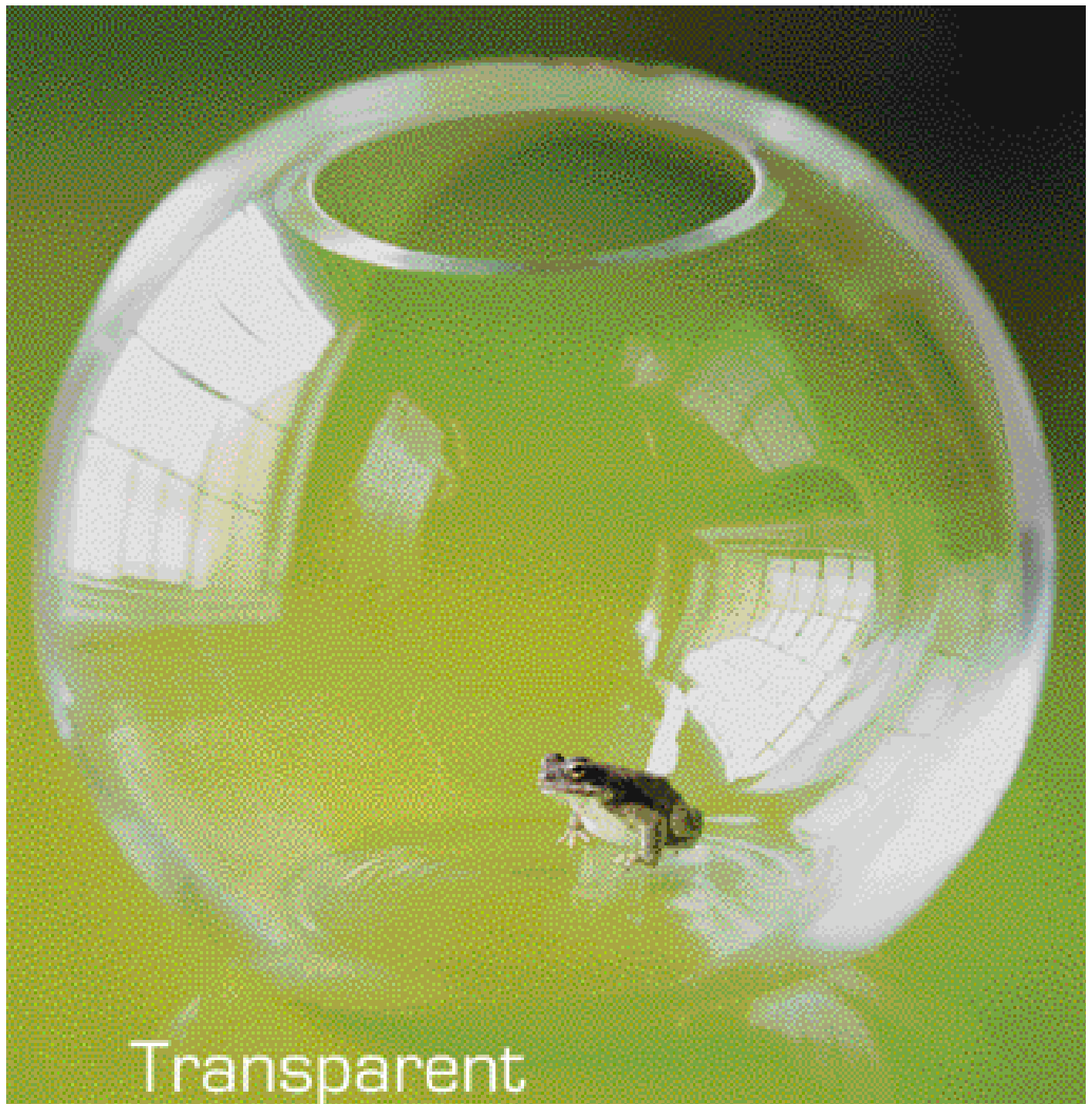
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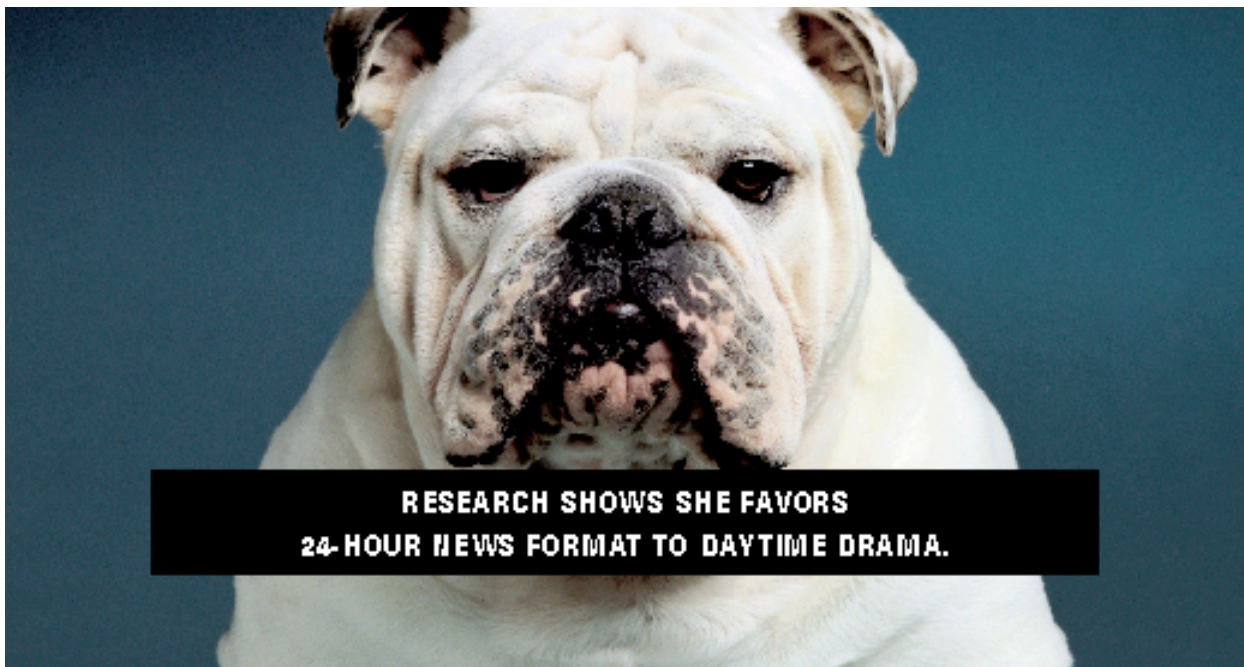
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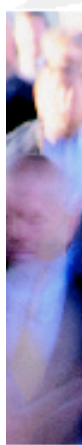
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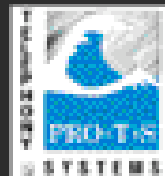
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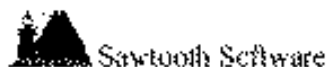
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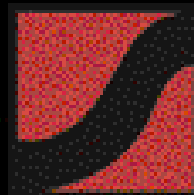
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HARMONI Information Tools Ltd. p. 84	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●		●		Buy	\$\$\$
Hosted Survey Hostedware p. 84					●	Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Either	
IdeaMap®.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●						●							
ImagEntry Viking Software Solutions p. 97	●		●	●		GUI	32,000	32,000									Buy	\$\$
i-measure Modern Survey, Inc. p. 88					●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd			●	●					Lease	\$\$\$\$
Impact! Analysis Pattern Discovery, Inc. p. 90																	Lease	
InsightExpress InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●			Lease	
InsightPanels InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●			Lease	
Internet Survey Machine Marketing Masters p. 86	●	●	●	●	●		32,000	Unltd									Buy	\$\$\$\$
Interview & Analysis Program Comstat Research Corporation p. 82																		
Iosphere Xorbix Technologies, Inc. p. 98	●	●			●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●		●						Either	
KMRQuest Kantar Media Group (KMR) p. 86	●												●				Lease	
Latent Gold Statistical Innovations, Inc. p. 94						GUI	Unltd	Unltd		●	●		●	●	●		Lease	\$\$
Latent Gold Choice Statistical Innovations, Inc. p. 94						GUI	Unltd	Unltd		●	●		●	●	●		Lease	\$\$\$
MARS Salford Systems p. 92	●		●	●			8,192		●	●	●						Buy	\$\$\$\$
MENTOR CfMC p. 80	●		●	●		Syntax	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Lease	
MERLIN Tabulation System DATAN, Inc. p. 82	●		●	●		Syntax	32,000	100,000	●	●			●	●	●		Lease	\$\$\$
MERLINPlus (plus menus) DATAN, Inc. p. 82	●		●	●		Syntax	32,000	100,000	●	●			●	●	●		Lease	\$
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Either	

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Microtab XP 2005 - Charting Module Microtab, Inc. p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●	●	●	●		Buy	\$\$
Microtab XP 2005 - Professional Edition Microtab, Inc. p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●	●	●	●		Buy	
Microtab XP 2005 - Standard Edition Microtab, Inc. p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●			●					Buy	\$\$
Microtab XP 2005 SPSS Module Microtab, Inc. p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●	●	●	●		Buy	\$\$
MktSIM Spring Systems p. 94	●										●							
mr Studio SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					Both			●	●		●					Either	\$\$
mr Tables SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					Both				●		●	●		●		Buy	\$\$\$\$
MRDCL Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●			●	●	●	●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
mTAB Research Analysis System PAI-Productive Access, Inc. p. 89	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●	●		●	●	Buy	\$\$\$\$
NCSS NCSS p. 88	●					GUI	1,000	Unltd	●		●		●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
NCSS Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI	250	Var	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
NET-MR Tabulation Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84	●		●	●	●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●			
NIPO DIANA NIPO Software p. 89	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Lease	\$\$\$
OnTraq Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●			●	●	●	●	Lease	\$\$
PASS Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI											Buy	
PEER Forecaster Delphus, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI			●					●	●		Either	\$
PEER Planner for Windows Delphus, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI											Either	\$\$\$\$
Postal Carrier Route Polygons Sammamish Data Systems, Inc. p. 93	●						Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●						Buy	
Power & Precision Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI											Buy	\$\$
P-STAT P-STAT, Inc. p. 90	●		●	●		Both	250,000	Unltd	●	●			●	●	●		Buy	\$\$
Pulsar/Pulsar Web Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●						Either	
QDA Data Analysis Software Tragon p. 96	●					GUI	100				●		●					
QPSMR INSIGHT QPSMR Limited p. 92	●					Both	30,000	30,000	●	●			●	●	●	●	Lease	\$\$
QPSMR REFLECT QPSMR Limited p. 92	●					Both	30,000	30,000	●	●			●	●	●			

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QPSMR SOLO QPSMR Limited p. 92	●					GUI	30,000	30,000	●				●	●	●		Buy	\$\$
QTAB Jan Werner Data Processing p. 98	●			●		Syntax	Unltd	Unltd	●	●			●	●	●	●	Either	\$\$\$
Quantum SPSS Inc. p. 94							Unltd	Unltd	●	●			●		●		Buy	\$\$\$\$
Quanvert SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					GUI		Var	●	●					●		Buy	\$\$
QuestionPro QuestionPro.com p. 92					●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●			●	●		●		Either	\$\$
QWRITERII for Windows Your Perceptions p. 98	●					GUI	2,000	200			●						Lease	\$
Raosoft EZReport Raosoft, Inc. p. 92	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
Raosoft SurveyWin Raosoft, Inc. p. 92	●						Unltd	Unltd	●	●			●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
SatisfactionExpress InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●			Lease	\$\$\$\$
Sensus Web Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●			●					Buy	
Si-Chaid Statistical Innovations, Inc. p. 94						GUI	Unltd	Unltd		●	●	●	●				Lease	\$\$
Smart Forecasts Smart Software, Inc. p. 93	●																Either	
SNAP Internet Snap Survey Software p. 94	●								●	●		●			●	●	Buy	
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●		●	●	Buy	
SNAP Results Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
SNAP Scanning Snap Survey Software p. 94	●									●					●		Buy	
SOLAS Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI												
SPSS 13.0 SPSS Inc. p. 94	●	●	●		●	Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$\$
SPSS Text Analysis for Surveys SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					GUI											Buy	\$\$
Star Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●					●	●	Either	
STAT XP VOXCO p. 97	●					Both	10,000	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	Buy	\$\$\$\$
STATBEANS StatPoint, LLC p. 94	●	●	●	●		Syntax	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		
StatCheck Stat Checking Data Vision Research, Inc. p. 82															●		Buy	\$
Statgraphics Plus StatPoint, LLC p. 94	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web	Graphic user Interface or script	Maximum Variables	Maximum Tables	Filtering	Weighting	Visual Tools	HTML Output	Chi-Square	F-Test	T-Test	Z-Test	Buy or Lease	Price Range
STATISTICA 6 StatSoft, Inc. p. 96	●				●	Both	Var	Var	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	
STATISTICA 7 StatSoft, Inc. p. 96	●					Both	Var	Var	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	
STATLETS StatPoint, LLC p. 94					●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
StatMost Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI	250	Var	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
StatPac for Windows StatPac, Inc. p. 94	●					Syntax	2,000	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$\$
STATS Decision Analyst, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI				●		●						
StyleMap™.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●						●							
SumQuest SumQuest Survey Software p. 96	●					GUI	250	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●				Buy	\$
SuperCROSS Alta Plana Corporation p. 78	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●					
SuperSTAR Alta Plana Corporation p. 78	●		●	●		Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●					Either	
Survey Explorer Memphis International p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●						
Survey Said for the Web Marketing Masters p. 86	●																	
Survey Said for Windows Marketing Masters p. 86	●																	
Survey Select Expert SurveyConnect, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd			●	●					Buy	\$\$
Survey Stats Drago Consulting Inc. p. 83																		
Survey Viewer Memphis International p. 88	●					GUI	Unltd		●	●	●	●						
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●					GUI	3,000	3,000	●	●	●	●	●				Buy	\$\$
SurveySolutions Perseus Development Corporation p. 90	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●		●							
Sysurvey.com Sysurvey p. 96					●	GUI			●		●	●					Lease	
The Designer CAMO p. 80	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●			
The Survey Cybernetic Solutions p. 82	●					GUI	1,000	32,000	●	●	●		●	●	●			
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					GUI	32,000	5,000	●	●		●	●	●	●			
The Unscrambler CAMO p. 80	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●		●	●	●			
TPL Tables QQQ Software, Inc. p. 92	●	●				Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●		●					Buy	\$\$

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web	Graphic user Interface or script	Maximum Variables	Maximum Tables	Filtering	Weighting	Visual Tools	HTML Output	Chi-Square	F-Test	T-Test	Z-Test	Buy or Lease	Price Range
TreeNet Salford Systems p. 92	●		●	●		Both	200,000		●	●	●						Buy	\$\$\$\$
Trial Map Spring Systems p. 94	●										●							
Turbo Spring-Stat Spring Systems p. 94	●										●	●	●	●				
UNCLE Professional The Uncle Group, Inc. p. 97	●					Both	65,534	9,999	●	●	●	●		●			Buy	\$\$\$\$
Uncle Reports The Uncle Group, Inc. p. 97	●					GUI	9,999		●	●								\$
UNCLE Standard The Uncle Group, Inc. p. 97	●					Both	65,534	9,999	●	●	●	●		●			Buy	\$\$\$\$
U-Tab Weeks Computing Services p. 98	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●		●			Buy	\$
VDE Viking Software Solutions p. 97	●		●	●		GUI	32,000	32,000									Either	\$\$
VDE+Images Viking Software Solutions p. 97	●		●	●		GUI	32,000	32,000									Buy	\$\$
Vector Cobalt Sky Limited p. 80					●	GUI	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●				●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
Walker Smart Loyalty® System Walker Information p. 97	●				●	Both			●	●	●	●		●			Lease	\$\$\$\$
WesVar Westat p. 98	●					GUI	Unltd	Unltd		●		●	●	●	●		Buy	\$
WinCati 4.2 Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●		●						Buy	
WinCATI 4.2 Mixed Mode Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●		●						Buy	
WinCross The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78	●					Both	Unltd	Unltd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Buy	\$\$\$
WordCruncher Hamilton-Locke, Inc. p. 84	●					Both			●	●	●	●					Buy	\$\$
XPro Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82	●					GUI	250	Var	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Buy	\$

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Integrated Interviewing Software

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web		CAPI	CASI	CATI	Web	E-Mail	Paper	Scanning	Keyed Entry	Tabulation	Statistics	Visual Tools	Buy or Lease
ACA System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	GUI	●			●				●	●			
AskAnywhere Senecio Software, Inc. p. 93	●	●	●	●	●	GUI	●	●		●	●			●			Lease	\$\$
Askia ASKIA p. 80	●						●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●		
Bellview Fusion Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●					Both			●	●							Either	
CBC System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	GUI	●			●				●	●			
Ci3 System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●					Both	●	●						●	●			
Confirmit FIRM INC. p. 83					●	GUI	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		
Dub InterViewer NEBU b.v. p. 89					●	GUI	●	●	●	●				●	●		Lease	
Eform Beach Tech Corporation p. 80	●				●	Both			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Either	
Hosted Survey Hostedware p. 84					●	Both	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Either	
Interviewer VOXCO p. 97	●				●	Both	●	●	●	●			●	●	●		Either	
IT CATI/CAPI/Web Interview Technology p. 84							●		●	●				●				
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●					Both	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Either	
Mobile Memoir Mobile Memoir, LLC p. 88					●		●		●					●			Either	
MR Interview SPSS Inc. p. 94	●				●	Both	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	Either	\$\$\$\$
NET-MR Suite Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84	●		●	●	●	GUI	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		
NIPO Interview System NIPO Software p. 89	●					Both	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	Lease	\$\$
QPSMR CATI QPSMR Limited p. 92	●					Both	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		Lease	\$\$\$\$

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web		CAPI	CASI	CATI	Web	E-Mail	Paper	Scanning	Keyed Entry	Tabulation	Statistics	Visual Tools	Buy or Lease
Quanquest SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					GUI	●		●	●	●	●					Buy	\$\$
Raosoft EZSurvey Raosoft, Inc. p. 92					●	GUI	●	●	●	●	●	●					Buy	\$
Raosoft SurveyWin Raosoft, Inc. p. 92	●					GUI	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
Results for Research 6.0 RONIN Corporation p. 92	●				●	Both	●	●	●	●							Buy	
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					GUI	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	
SSI Web Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	Both	●	●	●					●	●			
StatPac for Windows StatPac, Inc. p. 94	●					Syntax			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$\$
SumQuest SumQuest Survey Software p. 96	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
Survey Genie William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
Survey Genie - Gold William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
Survey Said for the Web Marketing Masters p. 86	●	●	●	●		GUI			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$\$
Survey Said for Windows Marketing Masters p. 86	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●				Buy	
Survey Tools For Windows William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●					GUI	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	\$\$
SurveySolutions Perseus Development Corporation p. 90	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
The Survey Cybernetic Solutions p. 82	●					GUI			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					GUI	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
WinCATI 4.2 Mixed Mode Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●					Both			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Buy	

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CAPI/CASI Software	Operating System					Platform				Design Tool	CAPI/CASI Features				Purchasing	
	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web	Desktop	Handheld	Touchscreen	IVR	Graphic user Interface or script	Audio	Still Images	Video	Tabulation Analysis Tools	Buy or Lease	Price Range
Abase Advanced Data Research, Inc. p. 78	●					●	●	●		Both	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$\$\$
ACA System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
AskAnywhere Senecio Software, Inc. p. 93	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			GUI	●	●	●	Yes	Lease	\$\$
Askia Face ASKIA p. 80	●					●				Both	●	●	●			
Bellview CAPI Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●					●				Both	●	●	●	Add-on	Either	
Blaise Westat p. 98																
CBC System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
Ci3 System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93					●	●				Both	●	●	●	Yes		
CONVERSO CAPI CONVERSOFT (Axiom Software) p. 82	●					●	●	●		Both	●	●	●	Yes	Either	
CONVERSO CASI CONVERSOFT (Axiom Software) p. 82	●					●	●	●		Both	●	●	●		Either	
CONVERSO Pocket CONVERSOFT (Axiom Software) p. 82	●									Both				Yes	Either	
CVA System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●					●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
DialQ TeleSage, Inc. p. 96	●							●		GUI	●			Add-on	Buy	\$\$\$
Digivey Survey Suite™ Diatouch, Inc. p. 82	●					●	●	●		GUI	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$
Dub InterViewer NEBU b.v. p. 89					●	●	●	●		GUI	●	●	●	Add-on	Lease	
Eform Beach Tech Corporation p. 80	●				●	●		●		Both	●	●		Yes	Either	
Entryware SPSS Inc. p. 94	●						●			GUI				Add-on	Buy	\$\$
Entryware Techneos Systems Inc. p. 96	●				●	●				Both				Yes	Either	
eSurveyor 4.0 Open Halogen Software Inc. p. 84	●	●			●	●				GUI		●		Yes	Lease	\$\$\$\$
eSurveyor 5.0 Domino Halogen Software Inc. p. 84	●	●			●	●				GUI		●		Yes	Lease	\$\$\$\$
Hosted Survey Hostedware p. 84					●	●	●			Both	●	●	●	Add-on	Either	
IdeaMap®.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●	●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes	Lease	\$\$\$
Inet-On-Line Research.Net, Inc. p. 92															Either	
Interview & Analysis Program Comstat Research Corporation p. 82																
Interviewer CAPI VOXCO p. 97	●				●	●	●	●		Both	●	●	●	Yes	Either	\$\$
IT CATI/CAPI/Web Interview Technology p. 84																

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CAPI/CASI Software	Operating System					Platform				Design Tool	CAPI/CASI Features				Purchasing	
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MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●					●				Both	●	●	●	Add-on	Either	
Mobile Memoir Mobile Memoir, LLC p. 88					●		●			Both				Yes	Either	
NET-CAPI Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84	●		●	●	●	●	●			GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
NIPO CAPI System NIPO Software p. 89	●					●	●	●		Both	●	●	●	Add-on	Lease	\$\$\$\$
QPSMR CATI QPSMR Limited p. 92	●									Both	●	●	●		Lease	\$\$\$\$
QPSMR INSIGHT QPSMR Limited p. 92	●					●				Both	●	●	●	Yes	Lease	\$\$
Rasoft EZSurvey Rasoft, Inc. p. 92					●	●	●			GUI	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$
Rasoft InterForm Rasoft, Inc. p. 92					●	●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$\$\$
Rasoft SurveyWin Rasoft, Inc. p. 92	●					●		●		GUI		●		Add-on	Buy	\$
Reform Anyware Mobile Solutions p. 78					●		●		●	GUI	●	●		Yes		
Reply Fleetwood Group, Inc. p. 83	●	●				●				GUI	●	●	●	No		
Results for Research 6.0 RONIN Corporation p. 92	●				●	●	●	●		Both	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	
SmartQ TeleSage, Inc. p. 96	●								●	GUI	●			Add-on	Buy	\$\$\$\$
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					●				GUI		●		Yes	Buy	
SSI Web Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	●				Both	●	●	●	Yes		
StyleMap™.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●	●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
SURVENT CfMC p. 80	●					●				Syntax				Yes		
Survey Genie William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					●				GUI				Yes	Buy	\$
Survey Genie - Gold William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					●				GUI				Yes	Buy	\$
Survey Tools For Windows William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					●				GUI				Yes	Buy	\$
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●					●		●		GUI		●		Yes	Buy	\$\$
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					●		●		GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
The Survey System - CATI Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					●				GUI	●	●	●	Yes		
Touchview Survey Solution Touchview Survey Solutions p. 96	●						●	●								
WinQuery The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78	●					●				Both	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$\$

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CATI Software Software Title/ Company/Listing page#	Operating System				Design Tool Graphic user Interface or script	CATI Features			Purchasing	
	Win	Unix	Linux	Web		Central Management	Predictive Dialing	Tabulation Analysis Tools	Buy or Lease	Price Range
Askia Voice ASKIA p. 80	●				Both	●	●	Yes		
Bellview CATI Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●				Both	●	●	Add-on	Either	
Blaise Westat p. 98										
Confirmit FIRM INC. p. 83	●			●	GUI	●		Yes		
CONVERSO CATI CONVERSOFT (Axiom Software) p. 82	●				Both	●	●	Yes	Either	
Dub InterViewer NEBU b.v. p. 89			●	●	GUI	●	●	Yes	Lease	
Eform Beach Tech Corporation p. 80	●			●	Both			Yes	Either	
Interview & Analysis Program Comstat Research Corporation p. 82										
Interviewer CATI VOXCO p. 97	●			●	Both	●	●	Yes	Either	\$\$
Iosphere Xorbix Technologies, Inc. p. 98	●			●	GUI			Yes	Either	
IT CATI/CAPI/Web Interview Technology p. 84										
Itracks Online CATI Itracks p. 86				●	Both					
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●				Both	●		Add-on	Either	
NET-CATI Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84	●	●	●	●	GUI	●	●	Yes		
NIPO CATI System NIPO Software p. 89	●				Both	●	●	Add-on	Lease	\$\$\$\$
QPSMR CATI QPSMR Limited p. 92	●				Both	●	●	Yes	Lease	\$\$\$\$
Quancept CATI SPSS Inc. p. 94		●			GUI	●	●		Either	\$\$\$\$
Raosoft EZSurvey Raosoft, Inc. p. 92				●	GUI	●		Add-on	Buy	\$
Raosoft InterForm Raosoft, Inc. p. 92				●	GUI	●		Add-on	Buy	\$\$\$\$
Raosoft SurveyWin Raosoft, Inc. p. 92	●				GUI	●		Add-on	Buy	\$
Results for Research 6.0 RONIN Corporation p. 92	●			●	Both	●	●	Yes	Buy	

CATI Software	Operating System				Design Tool	CATI Features			Purchasing	
	Win	Unix	Linux	Web		Graphic User Interface or script	Central Management	Predictive Dialing	Tabulation Analysis Tools	Buy or Lease
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●				GUI			Yes	Buy	
StatPac for Windows StatPac, Inc. p. 94	●				Both			Yes	Buy	\$\$
SumQuest SumQuest Survey Software p. 96	●				GUI				Buy	\$
SURVENT CfMC p. 80	●	●	●	●	Syntax	●	●	Yes	Lease	
Survey Said for the Web Marketing Masters p. 86	●									
Survey Said for Windows Marketing Masters p. 86	●									
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●				GUI			Yes	Buy	\$\$
Sysurvey.com SySurvey p. 96				●	GUI			Yes	Lease	
TelAthena TelAthena Systems LLC p. 96										
Telescript 5.5 Digisoft Computers, Inc. p. 83	●			●	GUI		●	Add-on	Buy	
The Survey Cybernetic Solutions p. 82	●				GUI	●		Yes		
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82	●				GUI	●		Yes		
The Survey System - CATI Creative Research Systems p. 82	●				GUI	●		Yes		
WinCati 4.2 Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●				Both	●	●	Yes	Buy	
WinQuery The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78	●				Both	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$\$

Web Interviewing Software Solutions Software Title/ Company/Listing page#	Operating System					Design Tool Graphic User Interface or script	Web Interviewing Features					Purchasing	
	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web		Data Collection (Web or Email)	Web Security	Quota Control	Tabulation & Analysis Tools	Real-Time Reports	Buy or Lease	Price Range
ARCS® ARCS® IVR Systems p. 79						GUI	Web	●	●		●	Either	\$\$\$\$
ACA System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	GUI	Web	●		Yes	●		
AskAnywhere Senecio Software, Inc. p. 93	●	●	●	●	●	GUI	Both	●		Yes	●	Lease	\$\$
Askia Web ASKIA p. 80	●					GUI		●	●	Yes			
BayaSoft Custom Development BayaSoft LLC p. 80					●		Both	●	●	Yes		Lease	
BayaSoft RTD - Real Time Data BayaSoft LLC p. 80					●		Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	
BayaSoft RTR - Real Time Reporting BayaSoft LLC p. 80					●		Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	
BayaSoft SMS - Sample Management Svce. BayaSoft LLC p. 80					●		Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	
Bellview Web Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●					Both	Web	●	●	Add-on		Either	
Blaise Westat p. 98													
Bulletin Board Focus Groups Itracks p. 86					●	GUI	Web	●		Yes	●		
CBC System Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●				●	GUI	Web	●		Yes	●		
Confirmit FIRM INC. p. 83					●	Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●		
CONVERSO CAWI CONVERSOFT (Axiom Software) p. 82	●					Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	
Dub InterViewer NEBU b.v. p. 89	●			●		GUI	Web	●	●	Add-on		Lease	
Eform Beach Tech Corporation p. 80	●				●	Both		●	●	Yes			
eSurveyor 4.0 Open Halogen Software Inc. p. 84	●	●				GUI	Web	●		Yes	●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
eSurveyor 5.0 Domino Halogen Software Inc. p. 84	●					GUI	Web	●		Yes	●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
eTelescript Digisoft Computers, Inc. p. 83					●	GUI	Web	●			●	Buy	
Eval Builder Your Perceptions p. 98	●				●	Both	Both	●		Yes	●	Lease	
FlexiQuest Weeks Computing Services p. 98					●	Both	Web	●	●	Add-on	●		
Hosted Survey Hostedware p. 84					●	Both	Both	●	●	Add-on	●	Either	
Hosted Survey Lite Hostedware p. 84					●		Web						
IdeaMap®.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes			
Inet-On-Line Research.Net, Inc. p. 92												Either	
Inquisite Web Survey System Inquisite Inc. p. 84	●				●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	\$\$\$\$
InsightExpress InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web		Data Collection (Web or Email)	Web Security	Quota Control	Tabulation & Analysis Tools	Real-Time Reports	Buy or Lease	Price Range
InsightPanels InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Buy	
InstantSurvey NetReflector, Inc. p. 89					●	Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●		
Intellisurvey Intellisurvey, Inc. p. 84					●	Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●		
Internet Survey Machine Marketing Masters p. 86					●	GUI	Web	●		Yes	●	Buy	\$\$\$\$
Interview & Analysis Program Comstat Research Corporation p. 82													
Interviewer Web VOXCO p. 97	●					Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	\$\$
Iosphere Xorbix Technologies, Inc. p. 98	●	●			●	GUI	Both	●	●	Yes		Either	
iQ TeleSage, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Add-on	●	Buy	\$\$\$
IT CATI/CAPI/Web Interview Technology p. 84													
Itracks Online Surveys Itracks p. 86					●	Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●		
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●					Both	Web	●	●	Add-on	●	Either	
Mobile Memoir Mobile Memoir, LLC p. 88					●	Both	Web		●	Yes	●	Either	
MR Interview SPSS Inc. p. 94	●					Both	Both	●	●	Yes		Either	\$\$\$\$
NET-Survey Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84	●		●	●	●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	
NIPO Web Interview System NIPO Software p. 89	●					Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	\$\$
Online Focus Groups Itracks p. 86					●	GUI	Web	●		Yes	●		
Opinio ObjectPlanet AS p. 89	●	●	●	●	●		Both	●		Yes	●	Either	\$
Pop-Up Survey Software SurveySite Market Research p. 96													
QueryWeb The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78	●					Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Buy	\$\$\$\$
QuestionPro QuestionPro.com p. 92					●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	\$\$
Raosoft EZSurvey Raosoft, Inc. p. 92					●	GUI	Both	●		Add-on		Buy	\$
Raosoft InterForm Raosoft, Inc. p. 92					●	GUI	Web	●		Add-on		Buy	\$\$\$\$
RelevantView RelevantView, LLC p. 92	●				●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes	●		
Remark Web Survey Professional Principia Products p. 90	●					Both	Both	●				Buy	\$\$
Remark Web Survey Standard Principia Products p. 90	●					Both	Both	●		Yes		Buy	\$\$
Results for Research 6.0 RONIN Corporation p. 92					●	Both	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Buy	
Rogator 6.3 Rogator AG p. 92	●				●	GUI		●	●	Yes			

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	Win	Mac	Unix	Linux	Web		Data Collection (Web or E-mail)	Web Security	Quota Control	Tabulation & Analysis Tools	Real-Time Reports	Buy or Lease	Price Range
SatisfactionExpress InsightExpress, LLC p. 84					●	Both	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
Sensus Web Sawtooth Technologies, Inc. p. 93	●					Both	Web	●	●	Yes		Buy	
SNAP Internet Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					GUI	E-mail	●		Add-on		Buy	
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●					GUI	Both	●		Yes		Buy	
SSI Web Sawtooth Software, Inc. p. 93	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes			
StatPac for Windows StatPac, Inc. p. 94	●					Syntax	Both	●		Add-on		Buy	\$\$
StyleMap™.Net Moskowitz Jacobs Inc. p. 88					●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes			
SumQuest SumQuest Survey Software p. 96	●					GUI	Both			Yes		Buy	\$
Survey Console QuestionPro.com p. 92					●	GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	\$
Survey Genie - Gold William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	Both			Yes		Buy	\$
Survey Said for the Web Marketing Masters p. 86	●					GUI	Both			Yes		Buy	\$\$
Survey Said for Windows Marketing Masters p. 86	●					GUI	Both			Yes		Buy	
Survey Select Expert SurveyConnect, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	Both	●		Yes		Buy	\$\$
Survey Tools For Windows William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●					GUI	Both			Yes		Buy	\$
surveyNgin.com Database Sciences, Inc. p. 82					●					Yes			
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Buy	\$\$
SurveySolutions Perseus Development Corporation p. 90	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes			
SurveyWriter SurveyWriter® p. 96					●	GUI	Web	●	●	Yes	●	Either	\$
Sysurvey.com SySurvey p. 96					●	GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Lease	
The Survey Cybermetic Solutions p. 82	●					GUI	Both	●		Yes			
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●		
The Survey System - Web Creative Research Systems p. 82	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●		
Ultimate Survey Prezza Technologies, Inc. p. 90	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Add-on	●	Buy	\$\$
Walker Smart Loyalty® System Walker Information p. 97	●		●		●	Both	Web	●		Yes	●	Lease	\$\$\$\$
WebSURVENT CfMC p. 80	●		●	●	●	Syntax	Web	●	●	Add-on		Lease	
WebSurveyor 5.0 WebSurveyor Corporation p. 97	●					GUI	Both	●	●	Yes	●	Buy	\$\$

Paper-Based/Scan Survey Software Software Title/ Company/Listing page#	Operating System		Design Tool Graphic User Interface or script	Scan Types					Features Tabulation & Analysis Tools	Purchasing	
	Win	Web		OCR	OMR	Bar Code	Pre Printed	Hand Written		Buy or Lease	Price Range
Bellview Scan Pulse Train Ltd. p. 90	●		GUI	●	●	●	●	●	Add-on	Either	
Confirmit FIRM INC. p. 83		●	GUI						Yes		
DDES 7.0 Tragon p. 96	●		GUI						Add-on		
Documents for Forms ReadSoft, Inc. p. 92	●		GUI	●	●	●	●	●	Add-on	Buy	\$\$\$\$
Eform Beach Tech Corporation p. 80	●	●	Both		●	●			Yes	Either	
ExpertScan AutoData Systems p. 80	●		GUI		●	●	●	●	Yes	Buy	\$\$\$
FAQSS Optimum Solutions Corp. p. 89	●		GUI	●	●	●	●	●	Yes	Lease	\$\$\$\$
FLIPS Scantron p. 93	●			●	●	●					
Inquisite Web Survey System Inquisite Inc. p. 84	●	●	GUI		●				Yes	Either	\$\$\$\$
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●		Both				●		Add-on	Either	
MR Paper SPSS Inc. p. 94	●		GUI	●	●	●	●	●		Buy	\$\$
MR Scan/MR Paper SPSS Inc. p. 94	●		Both	●	●	●	●	●	Add-on	Either	\$\$\$\$
Net-Paper Global Market Insite, Inc. (GMI) p. 84											
Raosoft SurveyWin Raosoft, Inc. p. 92	●		GUI	●	●				Yes	Buy	\$
Remark Classic OMR Principia Products p. 90	●		GUI		●	●	●		Yes	Buy	\$
Remark Office OMR Principia Products p. 90	●		GUI		●	●			Yes	Buy	\$\$
Scannable Office AutoData Systems p. 80	●		GUI	●	●	●	●	●	No	Buy	\$\$\$\$
SNAP Professional Snap Survey Software p. 94	●		GUI		●			●	Yes	Buy	
SNAP Scanning Snap Survey Software p. 94			GUI	●				●	Yes	Buy	
SumQuest SumQuest Survey Software p. 96	●		GUI						Yes	Buy	\$
Survey Genie William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●		GUI						Yes	Buy	\$
Survey Genie - Gold William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●		GUI						Yes	Buy	\$
Survey Plus 2000 AutoData Systems p. 80	●		GUI		●	●		●	Yes	Buy	\$\$
Survey Said for the Web Marketing Masters p. 86	●		GUI	●					Yes	Buy	\$\$\$
Survey Said for Windows Marketing Masters p. 86	●		GUI	●	●				Yes	Buy	
Survey Select Expert SurveyConnect, Inc. p. 96	●		GUI						Yes	Buy	\$\$
Survey Tools For Windows William Steinberg Consultants, Inc. p. 96	●		GUI						Yes	Buy	\$
SurveyPro Apian Software p. 79	●		GUI		●	●			Yes	Buy	\$\$
SurveySolutions Perseus Development Corporation p. 90	●		GUI						Yes		
TELEform Scantron p. 93	●			●			●	●			
The Survey System Creative Research Systems p. 82			GUI		●				Yes		

Miscellaneous Software

Miscellaneous Software	Audience Response	Data Cleaning/Sorting	Data Conversion	Data Delivery/Archiving	Data Mining/Perceptual Map	Decision Support	Demographic	Field Management	Focus Group Management	Name/Tag-line Development	Online Focus Group	Panel Management	Phone Number Screening	Predictive Dialing	Sampling Systems	Translation	Web Usability
Software Title/ Company/Listing page#																	
ARCS® ARCS® IVR Systems p. 79												●					
2D VOG SensoMotoric Instruments p. 93	●																
3D VOG SensoMotoric Instruments p. 93	●																
ARC GIS9 Business Analyst ESRI Business Information Solutions p. 83							●										
ARGUS Perceptual Mapper Spring Systems p. 94					●	●											
Arthur The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78			●														
ASDE Survey Sampler - Canada ASDE Survey Sampler p. 79															●		
ASDE Survey Sampler - USA ASDE Survey Sampler p. 79															●		
BrandMap WRC Research Systems, Inc. p. 98					●												
BrandProfiler WRC Research Systems, Inc. p. 98					●												
BrandTrend WRC Research Systems, Inc. p. 98				●													
Bulletin Board Focus Groups Itracks p. 86										●							
CAPI Manager VOXC0 p. 97								●									
CART Salford Systems p. 92					●												
Clementine SPSS Inc. p. 94					●												
Community Coder ESRI Business Information Solutions p. 83		●					●										
ConsumerPoint Claritas Inc. p. 80						●	●										
Cutom Panel Building Itracks p. 86															●		
Data Tailor MDSS p. 86		●						●	●		●						
DataFit/DataFit X Oakdale Engineering p. 89					●												
DecisionPad Apian Software p. 79						●											
DialQ Tele Sage, Inc. p. 96														●			
Dub Panel Man NEBU b.v. p. 89								●			●						

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Software Title/ Company/Listing page#																	
DynaMap/Census Geographic Data Technology, Inc. p. 84							●										
East 3.0 Cytel Software p. 82						●											
E-Scrub PDPC, Ltd. p. 90		●															
ESPRI Information Tools Ltd. p. 84					●	●											
E-Tabs Enterprise E-Tabs p. 83				●													
E-Tabs Interactive E-Tabs p. 83				●	●												
E-Tabs Lite Reader E-Tabs p. 83				●		●											
E-Tabs Professional Reader E-Tabs p. 83				●													
E-Tabs Web E-Tabs p. 83				●		●											
E-Tabs Writer E-Tabs p. 83				●		●											
Eval Builder Your Perceptions p. 98	●																
EzMedia Plan New Age Media Systems, Inc. p. 89				●	●												
Forecast Pro Business Forecast Systems p. 80						●											
Forecast Pro Unlimited Business Forecast Systems p. 80						●											
Forecast Pro XE Business Forecast Systems p. 80						●											
GENESYS Sampling Systems GENESYS Sampling Systems p. 84															●		
GENESYS-Plus GENESYS Sampling Systems p. 84												●					
HARMONI Information Tools Ltd. p. 84				●	●												
Headliner Austin NameStormers p. 80										●							
iMARK Claritas Inc. p. 80						●	●										
iMARK Online Claritas Inc. p. 80						●	●										
i-measure Modern Survey, Inc. p. 88						●				●							
InsightPanels InsightExpress, LLC p. 84								●							●		

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InstantSurvey NetReflector, Inc. p. 89	●																
Iosphere Xorbix Technologies, Inc. p. 98	●																●
IPSS Senecio Software, Inc. p. 93							●										
iViewX SensoMotoric Instruments p. 93	●																
iXPRESS Claritas Inc. p. 80						●	●										
KMRQuest Kantar Media Group (KMR) p. 86					●	●	●										
LogXact Cytel Software p. 82						●											
MapInfo Tetrad Computer Applications, Inc. p. 96							●										
MapInfo Professional/MapX MapInfo Corporation p. 86							●										
MapPoint Tetrad Computer Applications, Inc. p. 96							●										
Maptitude Caliper Corporation p. 80							●										
Maptitude for Redistricting Caliper Corporation p. 80							●										
Maptitude for the Web Caliper Corporation p. 80																	●
MarketMiner MarketMiner, Inc. p. 86						●											
MARS Salford Systems p. 92						●											
MI Pro Research Studio MI Pro USA, Inc. p. 88	●	●		●		●	●	●									●
Microtab XP 2005 - Charting Module Microtab, Inc. p. 88						●											
Microtab XP 2005 - Professional Edition Microtab, Inc. p. 88		●															
Microtab XP 2005 - Standard Edition Microtab, Inc. p. 88		●															
Microtab XP 2005 SPSS Module Microtab, Inc. p. 88		●														●	
MiningSolv Decision Support Sciences p. 82					●												
MktSIM Spring Systems p. 94						●											
M-Link The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78			●														

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MPE Data Entry & Editing DATAN, Inc. p. 82					●												
mr Studio SPSS Inc. p. 94		●		●													
MR Translate SPSS Inc. p. 94																●	
MRDCL Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86		●															
MrHUB Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86				●		●											
mTAB Research Analysis System PAI-Productive Access, Inc. p. 89					●	●											
N6 (formerly NUD*IST 6) QSR International p. 92						●											
NamePro Austin NameStormers p. 80										●							
Nebu Office Suite NEBU b.v. p. 89						●											
Net-ACA Global Market Insight, Inc. (GMI) p. 84						●											
Net-DB Global Market Insight, Inc. (GMI) p. 84											●						
NET-Focus Global Market Insight, Inc. (GMI) p. 84											●						
Net-Panel Global Market Insight, Inc. (GMI) p. 84								●									
NVIVO QSR International p. 92						●											
Online Focus Groups Itracks p. 86									●								
OnTraq Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86		●															
PASS Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82															●		
PCensus Tetrad Computer Applications, Inc. p. 96							●										
PEER Forecaster Delphus, Inc. p. 82						●											
PEER Planner for Windows Delphus, Inc. p. 82						●											
Perception Analyzer MSInteractive - Perception Analyzer p. 88	●																
Postal Carrier Route Polygons Sammamish Data Systems, Inc. p. 93							●										
Power & Precision Dataxiom Software, Inc. p. 82															●		

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Software Title/ Company/Listing page#																	
PrefSolv Decision Support Sciences p. 82					●												
PRO-T-S Telephony Systems PRO-T-S Telephony Systems p. 90														●			
P-STAT P-STAT, Inc. p. 90		●													●		
QBAL Jan Werner Data Processing p. 98															●		
QGEN Jan Werner Data Processing p. 98		●															
Q-Leap The Analytical Group, Inc. p. 78			●														
QPSMR REFLECT QPSMR Limited p. 92						●											
Qualboard 20/20 Research - Online p. 97											●						
QuestionPro QuestionPro.com p. 92						●					●						
Quick Tally Quick Tally Audience Response Systems, Inc. p. 92	●																
Rasoft EZReport Rasoft, Inc. p. 92					●												
Rasoft EZSurvey Rasoft, Inc. p. 92						●											
Rasoft InterForm Rasoft, Inc. p. 92						●											
Rasoft SurveyWin Rasoft, Inc. p. 92						●											
Reply Fleetwood Group, Inc. p. 83	●					●											
Report Direct Marketing & Research Data Consultants p. 86				●													
Research Reporter Insight Marketing Systems Pty. Ltd. p. 84				●	●	●		●									
Research Tracker II MDSS p. 86							●	●	●			●			●		
Research Tracker II for Medical Respondents MDSS p. 86							●	●	●			●			●		
Rog Panel Rogator AG p. 92								●							●		
RV2 Able Software Corp. p. 78							●										
SegmentSolv Decision Support Sciences p. 82					●												
SendQ TeleSage, Inc. p. 96				●		●											
Smart Forecasts Smart Software, Inc. p. 93						●											
Snap Express Snap Software p. 94						●											
Snap3 Snap Software p. 94						●											

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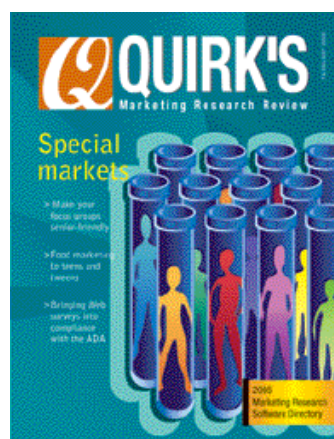


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Once a certification level is conferred, the researcher has two choices: he or she can maintain a certification level by accruing contact hours through taking relevant, approved courses; or he or she can advance to new levels by earning a specified amount of continuing education units.

While there are definite standards that must be met for the education component of the process, the MRA has wisely left broad the list of acceptable outlets by including entities such as the MRII or the research program at the University of Georgia along with association-sponsored events and training from firms like the Burke Institute or RIVA.

Improve the view

The idea of certification is not a new one, having been bandied about in various forms many times. But a few years ago, as the MRA board of directors searched for ways to enhance the external view of the profession while also improving from within, the drive for certification gained renewed energy.

Another impetus was the increasing level of government attention toward a profession that had long operated under the radar, says Elyse Gammer, MRA operations officer. "For many years few people in government paid attention to this industry. But as the amount of money spent on research has grown and the number of laws dealing with privacy has increased, the government started paying more attention. One of the things that spurred the board on was the increasing likelihood of government regulation. We felt that our profession would be on a much better footing in the eyes of regulators if we self-regulate. So the goal of showing the government that we are self-regulating rose in importance to almost equal the goal of elevating the level of the profession in the consumer's eyes," Gammer says.

Gammer and MRA Director of Programs Linda Schoenborn worked with MRA Executive Director Larry Hadcock and a horde of other staff and volunteers to create the PRC program. Hadcock, who has experience developing certification programs for other associations outside the research industry, says the process usually takes three years. "There is normally a big learning curve to develop a program. But this program was the fastest I've ever been involved in putting together. One, we had Elyse and Linda, who are knowledgeable about the profession and the industry organizations. And two, we had an outstanding group of volunteers who gave us a lot of hours of work. And as a result we were able to put the program together in

nine months," he says.

"Everyone involved was inspired to work on it because they saw the value in what we were doing and were so supportive of the whole idea," Schoenborn says.

Spread the word

The MRA is searching for a PR firm to help spread the word about the certification program. In addition, at industry conferences, efforts will be made to hold events of interest to the mainstream media, during which the PRC program will be mentioned, in the hopes that the public will eventually become familiar with the idea of certified researchers. And as the industry responds to suggestions and other problems, spokespeople will urge the public to look for certification as a way to tell the legitimate researchers from the bogus ones.

Hadcock says that one hoped-for fringe benefit of the program is to stem the tide of declining respondent cooperation. "One of the underlying issues is still the problem of respondent cooperation. We feel that as the program matures and researchers are keeping their skills up, using best practices, we will see some return in the form of an increase in respondent cooperation," he says.

More information on the program can be found at www.mra-net.org. | Q

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A certifiably good idea

One of the things I've long admired about the research industry is its commitment to making things better. From the high level of knowledge-sharing that I see at industry conferences to proactive efforts on training and education and thwarting potentially damaging legislation, researchers and the organizations they belong to all seem to be working toward a common set of goals: make research more effective as a business tool; strive to define and refine best practices; and show government and consumers that there is a marked difference between true marketing research and the sham versions of it used by dishonest marketers.

Further evidence of this drive to thrive should come late this month, when the Marketing Research Association (MRA) is scheduled to have finalized the Professional Researcher Certification (PRC) program. Though the PRC program was established and will be administered by the MRA, it is the result of months of hard work by a committee of researchers from all segments of the business (end users, research design and analysis, and data collection and related services) – whose members represent the various

industry associations (MRA, the Council for Marketing and Opinion Research, the American Marketing Association, the Interactive Marketing Research Organization, etc.) – and educators from the University of Georgia and the Marketing Research Institute International.



Grandfathered in

The first phase of the program will be a two-year period during which interested researchers can apply and be grandfathered in, as long as they meet the criteria. After the two-year period, applicants will have to take a test in addition to submitting the necessary documentary proof of

their level of professional education and achievement.

The three certification segments are: data collection, research suppliers/providers, and end users. Within the segments are sub-groups. For example, data collection sub-groups include mall, telephone, online, and ethnographic research. And within the subgroups are job titles such as facility owner, facility manager, etc.

Applying for certification will be a four-step process:

Step 1: Applicants will view the list of certification segments to determine the area in which they would like to apply for certification.

Step 2: They complete and forward the application to MRA headquarters.

Step 3: The MRA certification staff will review the application.

Step 4: If appropriate, the certification staff confers certification. The staff will also advise the applicant on the requirements to maintain that certification and, if the applicant chooses, to advance to the next level of certification.

One guiding principle of the program is to consider both an applicant's education and his or her experience when determining the

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