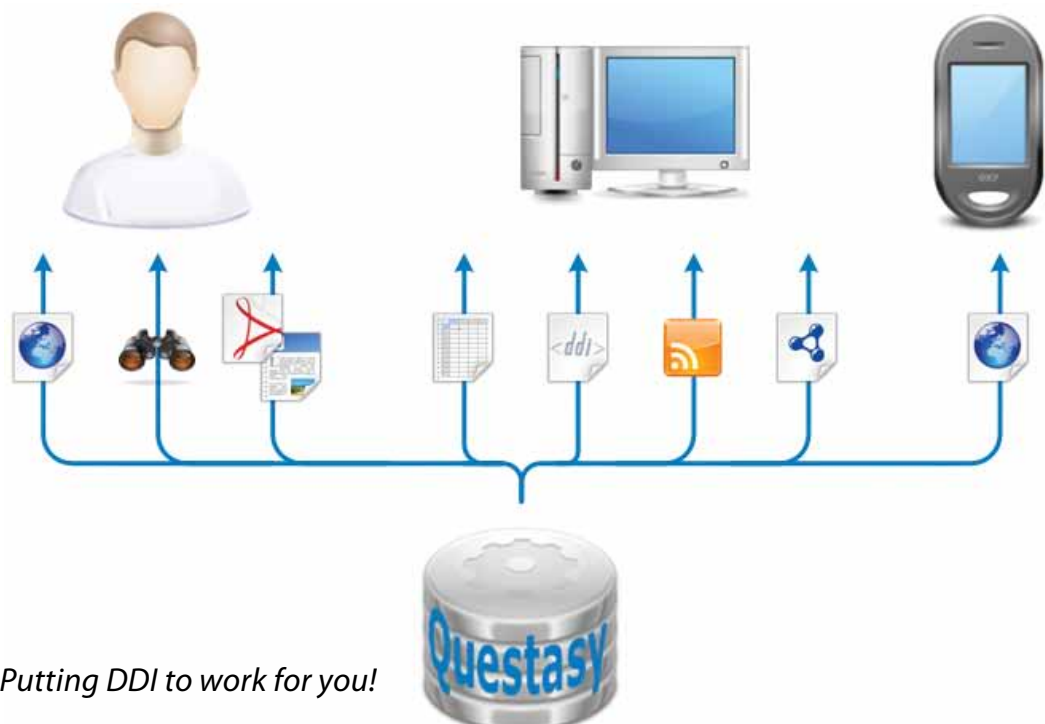# Documenting and disseminating longitudinal data online using DDI 3

Questasy is a web application developed to manage the documentation and dissemination of data and metadata for panel surveys. It was primarily developed for the LISS Data Archive (www.lissdata.nl), but was designed to be repurposed for other surveys. The structure of the application, from the underlying database to the generated web pages, is based on DDI 3. Questasy source code is available for free to scientific and governmental non-profit organizations.

Features

- Manages both data and metadata
- Web interface to browse and search the metadata and download data
- Creates web pages for viewing documentation; including (multiple) studies, concepts, questions, variables and publications
- Support for longitudinal studies to track questions/variables across waves
- Easy-to-use data entry module to create metadata; SPSS import functionality
- Search engine with full text indexing and ranking of the results by relevance
- Multiple output formats; tracks downloads
- Enables researchers to create and download custom datasets
- Designed to support any number of languages
- PHP framework on top of a relational database (MySQL)
- Easy integration with Content Management Systems or other websites

Putting DDI to work for you!

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See: The live website at www.lissdata.nl

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About CentERdata

CentERdata is an eminent research institute, located on the Tilburg University campus in The Netherlands. We are experts in collecting and analyzing (panel) data and putting these at the disposal of academic researchers. We also have a research program in order to optimize panel research and model development. We like to make sure that our expertise is and remains up to date.

We use our many years' experience in data collection and panel research to develop tailor-made software for complex national and international projects.

About the MESS project / LISS panel

The MESS project, which is carried out by CentERdata, facilitates advanced data collection using the Internet, new measurement devices, and the latest technology. The core element of the project is the LISS (Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social sciences) panel: an Internet panel specifically intended for scientific research.

The LISS panel consists of approximately 8000 individuals who participate in monthly Internet surveys. The panel is based on a traditional random sample drawn from the population registers. Persons not included in the original sample cannot participate, so there can be no self-selection. People without a computer or Internet connection are provided with equipment to participate. Another element of the MESS project is the special immigrant panel, which is an addition to the LISS panel. The immigrant panel is comprised of approximately 2400 individuals, 1700 of which are of non-Dutch origin. The sample was drawn by Statistics Netherlands from the population register, stratified by country of origin.

On the website www.lissdata.nl all the collected data are available for free to researchers to use. We invite universities, research schools, and individual academics to submit research proposals, which they can carry out in these panels free of charge. A Board of Overseers protects the project's quality and will assess and select the submitted research proposals. The Board of Overseers is composed of professors from a variety of disciplines and universities.