Development of Usability Satisfaction Measurement for Online Survey Instruments

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Motivation

1. Need an instrument to appropriately measure respondent’s satisfaction with Web survey.

2. What is the construct of Web survey satisfaction?

3. How to develop the construct of Web survey satisfaction?
Systematic Review - Methods

Review scope:

Studies on measuring satisfaction of software users, patients in healthcare settings, and other product consumers.

Search period: 2000-2015

Databases searched:

- Business Source Complete
- Computers & Applied Sciences Complete
- MEDLINE
- PsycINFO
- SocINDEX
Systematic Review – Methods (con’t)

Search terms:
- “satisfaction questionnaire” AND “consumer satisfaction”
- “satisfaction questionnaire” AND “patient satisfaction”
- “satisfaction questionnaire” AND “usability satisfaction”

Search protocol:
1. Peer-reviewed journal articles
2. Search by “Subject Terms” first, (if no articles found) search by “All Text”
3. Sorted by relevance
4. Reviewing abstracts of the first 50 articles for each set of search term, independently by two reviewers
5. For articles selected by only one reviewer, a decision was made through discussion between the two reviewers
Selected for full text review:
“satisfaction questionnaire” AND “consumer satisfaction”
  ▪ 6 articles (by Subject Terms)
“satisfaction questionnaire” AND “patient satisfaction”
  ▪ 11 articles (by Subject Terms)
“satisfaction questionnaire” AND “usability satisfaction”
  ▪ 17 articles (by All Text)

34 articles out of 150 articles from database search
10 articles selected from the references in the 34 articles
13 articles referred by experts
Systematic Review – Full Text Review Methods

Information abstraction:
1. Target population
2. Study sample
3. Questionnaire topic
4. Questionnaire development process
5. Mode
6. Response scale
7. Statistical methods
8. Domains
General Approach to Developing Satisfaction Questionnaire

1. Generating questionnaire items
2. Assessing face validity and readability
3. Assessing content validity
4. Constructing domains
5. Checking internal consistency
6. Revising the instrument if needed, then repeat Steps 2-5 until no more revisions
7. Assessing construct validity (e.g. convergent-discriminant validation)
Generation of Questionnaire Items

13 articles described *how questionnaire items were generated*:

- Computer system – 3
- Patient – 9
- Consumer - 1

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<td>created through subject-matter expertise</td>
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<tr>
<td>generated through in-person interviews / focus groups</td>
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Adoption of Existing Items
Kolb SJ et al, J Behavioral Health Services & Research, 2000

- Review sources:
  - Published questionnaire
  - Patient satisfaction literature
  - Recommendations from psychiatric staff

- 112 potential questionnaire items
  - 74 areas of behavioral health care or service

- Reviewed by 109 psychiatric staff, patients and caregivers

- Each Item was rated in terms of clarity, actionability, Applicability

- 43 items were retained
Expert’s Creation of Items
Bargas-Avila JA et al, Computers in Human Behavior, 2009

✓ Basis:
  • Theoretical approaches
  • Empirical data

✓ 4 authors and 1 intranet manager drafted the 1st version.

✓ The draft was revised by 3 intranet managers, with the criteria:
  • Whether the items were suitable for measuring the construct ‘user satisfaction with the Intranet’
  • Whether the items were easy to understand
  • Whether important aspects had been missed

✓ 18 items finalized
1. **Focus group**
   - Perception of mental health services
   - Important aspects of mental health services for consumers
   - Criteria used in evaluating mental health services

2. Developing **interview questions** and guidelines

3. **Individual interviews** with consumers to develop themes that consumers perceive as important in evaluating mental health service
11 Themes Emerging from Interviews
Lindsay Oades et al, J Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 2011

1. Stigma
2. Information and education
3. Power and powerless
4. Consumer involvement
5. Medication
6. System issues
7. Responsive to consumers
8. Relationship with staff
9. Relationship with community and family
10. All of me
11. Diagnosis
Research Planning

1. Developing interview questions and guidelines
2. In-person interviews with respondents to develop themes that respondents perceive as important in evaluating Web survey experience
3. Generating items based on the themes developed from in-person interviews
4. Assess face and content validities
5. Construct meaningful factors (domains)
6. Ensure item reliability
7. Evaluate construct validity with cumulative data collection
Two-tier Model of Satisfaction Construct

1. General feeling of being satisfied
2. Situation-specific satisfaction
Interview Questions

1. Normally, when you say, “I am satisfied with something,” what do you actually mean?
2. If “you are NOT satisfied with something,” what do you actually mean?
3. After you complete a survey, what would make you to say “I am satisfied with completing this survey?”
4. Based on today’s experience, list THREE things that make you feel satisfied with completing this survey?
5. After you complete a survey, what would make you to say “I am dissatisfied with completing this survey?”
6. Based on today’s experience, list THREE things that make you feel dissatisfied with completing this survey?
Q1: Normally, when you say, “I am satisfied with something,” what do you actually mean?

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<td>6%</td>
<td>happy, perfect, wonderful</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>adequate, good, useful</td>
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<td>Weak</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>Okay, not dissatisfied,</td>
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Q2: If “you are NOT satisfied with something,” what do you actually mean?

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<td>not meeting expectation, not adequate, feel anxiety</td>
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<td>15%</td>
<td>unpleasant, ambiguous, unclear</td>
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### Responses Summary (N=44)

**Q3:** After you complete a survey, what would make you to say “I am satisfied with completing this survey?”

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<td>Understand the survey's useful purpose.</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>The survey is easy to complete.</td>
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<td>not a frustrating experience</td>
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Responses Summary (N=44)

**Q4:** Based on today’s experience, list THREE things that make you feel satisfied with completing this survey?

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Responses Summary (N=44)

Q5: After you complete a survey, what would make you to say “I am dissatisfied with completing this survey?”

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<td>2</td>
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**Responses Summary (N=44)**

**Q6:** Based on today’s experience, list THREE things that make you feel dissatisfied with completing this survey?

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<td>3%</td>
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Thank you

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