SURVEYS & POLLS: ENGAGING YOUR AUDIENCE AND DEVELOPING READER LOYALTY
DEFINITIONS

- Polls
- Surveys
- Quiz

Institutional Support for Cloud Services Survey

Institutional information and/or digital literacy policy

6. Does your institution have a formal information/digital literacy policy?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

6a. If yes, does it cover use of Cloud services?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

Further information

6b. If yes, does it address the needs of staff and researchers who wish to continue using IT services when they leave the institution?
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QUizzes

- A series of questions designed to test a respondent’s knowledge of a particular subject or topic.
- We can also use a quiz to collect data, it is rarely used in order to project results upon a specific population.
- Generally, no demographic data is collected.
- The order of questions can be much less standardized.
- The objective is FUN.
WHY USE A POLL, SURVEY OR QUIZ?

- If the topic is right for your audience, readers will enjoy being engaged.
- These days, people like to feel that their opinion counts for something.
- We all like to feel like we part of a group or something bigger than ourselves.
- People are curious what others are thinking, doing, eating, betting paid, doing in their bedrooms, etc.
  - We generally want to be reassured we’re not weird.
# Attributes Matrix

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CRITICAL!

- People are curious what others are thinking, doing, eating, betting paid, watching on television, etc.
- So, you have to be willing to share the results.
- Imagine a quiz with no answer key.
SUCCESS TIP #1

You can several methods of reporting results that will work to your advantage

- Make them subscribe to get the results.
- Promise – and deliver the results – in a follow up post or article
  - Cliff-hanger syndrome.
- Give the answers right away, then… re-engage them with a discussion of the results.
THE VERY, VERY, VERY BASICS OF WRITING YOUR POLL OR SURVEY

- No leading questions.
  - When did you stop beating your dog?

- Must be in logical order with no repeated questions.
  - Q4: How old are you?
  - Q19: When is your birthday?
  - Q4: Do you prefer dogs or cats as pets?
  - Q5: Do you have a pet?

- Tell them how long it is going to take.
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- Be relevant to your audience.
- Be sensitive to your audience.
- Give people the opportunity to not answer.
- Proof your survey.
- Have several people you trust go through your questions. before you publish.
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- People do not trust surveys with typos!
SUCCESS TIP #2

Tell your audience how long the survey or poll is and be real.
THE VERY BASICS OF WRITING A QUIZ

- Tell how many questions there are up front.
- Give me multiple choice or at least a starting point.
  - Open-ended is very difficult.
- Be sure you know the answers… fur shue!
- Cite your sources for answers.
- Short and sweet is best. 10 is a great number.
- Make it fun.
QUESTION TYPES

- Multiple Choice
- Multiple Response
- Open-Ended (Text)
- Scales or Rankings
SUCCESS TIP #3

- If it's a question you would not ask in polite company, don’t ask it.
LET'S WRITE A SHORT SURVEY
LET’S TALK SOFTWARE
SOME PLUGIN OPTIONS

**WP-Polls**
Di Lester 'GaMerZ' Chan

- 100,000+

**Quiz And Survey Master (Formerly Quiz Master Next)**
By Frank Corso

- 10,000+

- 20,000+
Content that delivers Results
Create polls, surveys, quizzes & more formats that convert to traffic, leads, revenue & insights

START CREATING

Outstanding Engagement
Leads, Sales & Revenue
Actionable Insights
REPORTING RESULTS

- If you told them how and when they will get the results, you better stick to it. They will not forget nor forgive.
- Keep it simple.
- Pictures are better than lots of words.
- Don’t make broad statements unless you are sure you can.
  - Do you have enough data to draw conclusions? (N=50)
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