



Open Data Barometer - Getting Started

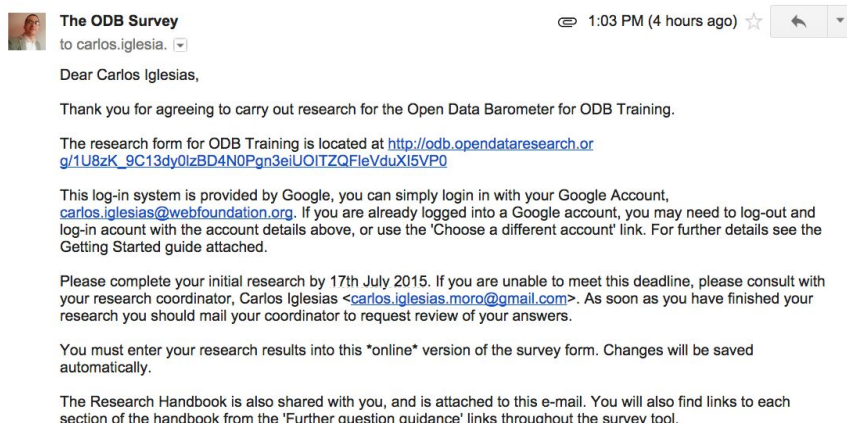
Survey Tool Quick Start Guide - version 1.0 1st July 2015

The research data collection is carried out using an online survey tool. **You must be online at all times during entering data, and you need to be using Google Chrome as your browser** for the survey.

Logging In

We use Google as an log-in provider for the survey. The use of Google authentication and Google Chrome (<http://www.google.com/chrome/>) as the platform the survey was a pragmatic decision based on available time and budget to create login and data capture systems. We are investigating how to move to more open source tools and services in future iterations of the survey system. If you don't have a google account yet you can set up a single-use free google account for completing the survey at <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp>, and let us know the details for this to be used as your log-in.

When you receive a message assigning a survey to you for research or review, as below, then it will have already been shared with the Google account you notified us about.

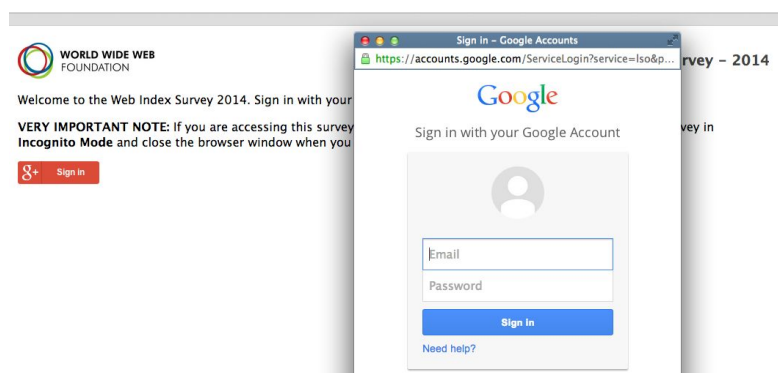


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If you are using Chrome as your main default browser, you could just click the link. If not, copy the link into Google Chrome to open the survey tool.

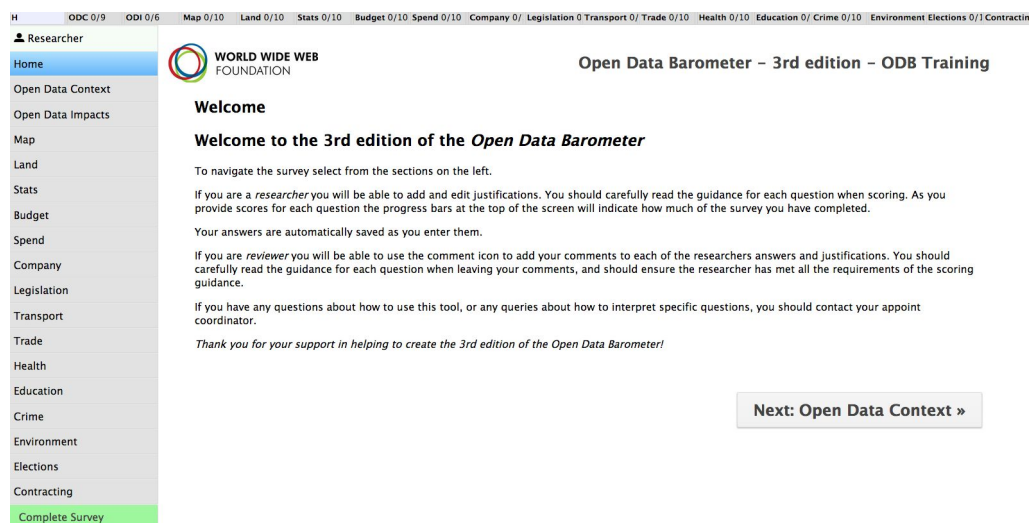
Important Note: If you use multiple Google Accounts on your computer, or you are accessing from a public computer, **we recommend to use a new 'Incognito window' for the survey** (copying the link into it) to avoid any conflict with other already stored login details.

You will get to the log-in window below:




First click the red 'Sign In' button. Then, on the popup window, select or **enter the details of the Google Account you are using to access the survey**. Then grant the survey platform permissions to know your identity you will be asked for (used for login purposes only).

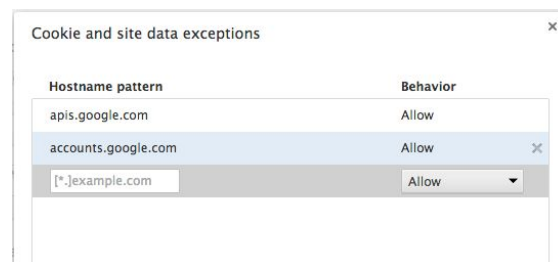
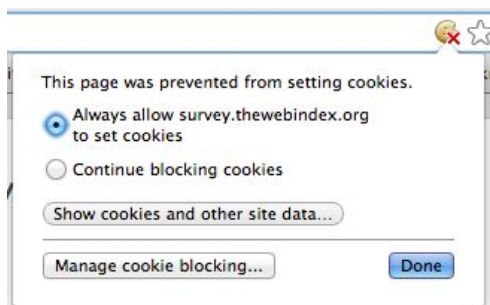
The survey tool should then load. You will stay logged in until you log-out of this Google Account on your computer (<https://accounts.google.com/logout>) or close the 'Incognito' browser window if in 'Incognito mode'. When loaded you will see a survey interface similar to the image below:



Troubleshooting

This may take a few moments to load the first time you connect. If you do not see the screen above, or cannot complete any step of the log-in process, first try just reloading the web page again. If that's still not working, please follow these steps:

- (1) Disable any pop-up blocker plugins in your browser;
- (2) If you see the  icon in your browser address bar, because you are blocking third party cookies and data, you will need to select click the icon, select 'Manage Cookie Blocking...' and add exceptions for 'apis.google.com' and 'accounts.google.com' to allow the log-in scripts to load;



- (3) Confirm with your coordinator the Google Account that you are using to access the sheet to ensure it is shared with you;
- (4) Check with your coordinator whether you should have access to the sheet at present. When a sheet moves from research to review phase, researcher access is temporarily removed on purpose.

Using the survey tool


An example survey tool screen is shown below. On the left-hand of the screen (and along the top) you will see links to each of the survey sections. You can always:

- Hover over the top-left menu role option to see the current status of the Survey.
- Click any of the options below to jump to that section of the survey.

Each section contains either a series of context and impact questions, or a ten-point dataset assessment checklist.

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Open Data Barometer – 3rd edition – ODB Training

Open Data Context

The Open Data Barometer measures readiness through three components focussing on: Government; Citizens and Civil Society; and Entrepreneurs and Business. We are not measuring readiness to start an open government data initiative, but rather readiness to secure positive outcomes from such an initiative. As such, we include measures relating to the existence of open data and adequate policies to support it, and a range of interventions that support engagement with and re-use of open data.

There are many policy areas that can overlap with open data. However, for our context analysis it is important to understand that open data is conceptually distinct from:

- Open government: whilst an open government policy might mention open data, the two are not identical. Always check for explicit discussion of open data;
- E-government: policies to place government services online might have an open data element to them, but in many cases they only give citizens access to specific services or small extracts of data, rather than providing full access to machine-readable data;
- Data sharing: governments may increase data sharing between departments, but with limits on who the data is shared with, or who can re-use it. It is only open data when anyone can re-use it without restrictions;
- Open Access: open access focusses mainly on access to (academic) documents and publications rather than datasets.

C1: To what extent is there a well-resourced open government data initiative in the country? Confidence:

[Further question guidance →](#)

Justification and sources (include URLs)

If scoring 5 or above you MUST reference and include links to official statements on open data in addition to other source notes.

Upload supporting files


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Score:


Guidance:

0 – There is no evidence of a formal open data initiative, nor any commitment from government to release open data.	5 – There is a small-scale open data initiative, or an open data initiative has been announced but is not yet resourced. Senior leadership is making	10 – There is a strong national open data initiative with significant resources behind it, including dedicated staff and budgets. There is
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For each context and impacts assessment question you will find:

- The question text;
- Links for additional scoring guidance with the contents from the handbook;
- A selection box for indicating your confidence in the answer;
- A text box to introduce the justification and sources supporting your answer;
- An ‘add’ option to upload supporting documents;
- A selection box for indicating the score;
- A text box for private notes and clarifications that are not part of the justification and will be used for the research and review process only;
-  **Comment icons** - for adding annotations and discuss questions during the review process.

For each dataset assessment question you will find:

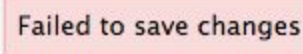
- The question text;
- A yes/no answer box;
- A box for indicating your confidence in the answer;
- **Supplementary questions** - these will appear depending on your answers to the Yes/No question;
-  **Comment icons** - for adding annotations and discuss questions during the review process.

As a **researcher**, you will be able to provide and edit question answers and responses to comments. As a **reviewer** you will only be able to add comments. You should work through each question.

The survey tool saves data automatically in the background as you work as long as you have an active Internet Connection. Look for the saved data confirmation at the bottom of the screen when you make any edits to ensure your data is being saved correctly (and allow also a few extra seconds before leaving or completing the survey to give some room for the auto-saving features to finish their work).

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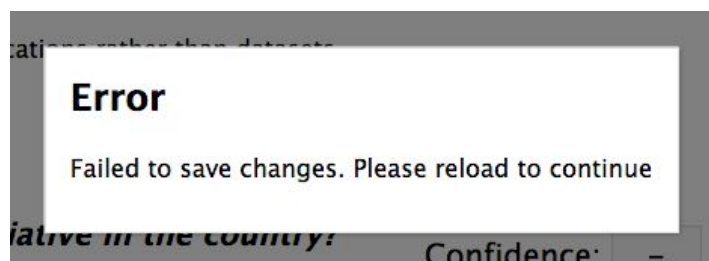
If you lose Internet connectivity, or see the 'Failed to save changes' warning at the bottom of the screen you should copy your most recent answers to a text editor to ensure you do not lose them and refresh the survey tool when your connection returns.

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If you repeatedly get 'Failed to Save Changes' messages then contact your coordinator.


Note: In case of poor Internet connectivity and/or reliability you may wish to compose answers in a text editor first, and then enter them into the Survey tool at a glance when you have good Internet connectivity.

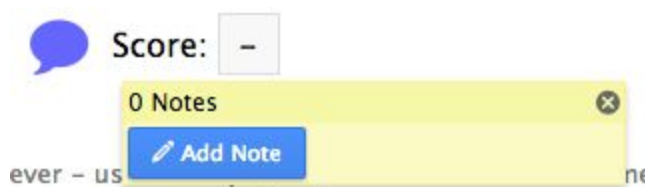
After some long idle times in the platform a popup message indicating a session timeout may appear as shown below:



When that's happening, you just need to reload the browser window and you will be able to continue your work as usual with no data been lost.

Adding comments

You can leave comments using the  comment icon. You can leave comments against the justification, the score or other key fields. To add a new comment you click the bubble, and then click 'Add Notes' and then 'Save' when you finish.



When leaving comments, include as much detail as possible, including additional links or sources that a researcher or reviewer may wish to consult. You can also add more notes to the same comment in a similar way to continue the discussion on the topic.

Resolving comments


You can see a summary of pending comments on the left menu panel. Clicking on the panel comment icon will leave you directly to those comments consecutively.



Blue indicates an outstanding comment that still needs to be addressed.



Green indicates a comment which has been marked as resolved.

If a comment has been addressed, then you can resolve it. Comments should be only resolved by those originally raising them (usually reviewers and/or coordinators). When resolving a comment, write a note to indicate your reason for resolving it, and press the green tick icon to resolve the comment '  '.

Completing a survey stage

When you have completed all the survey tasks you are responsible for at this point in time, you should select the 'Complete' link at the bottom of the left-hand menu or the last page of the survey. Then follow the instructions to forward the survey to the next stage of research.

All Done?

This completes the Initial Research phase of the survey

Please confirm that you are finished completing this survey and are satisfied with your answers.

Not yet, go back

Send to the next stage

A message indicating that the survey has been submitted to the next stage will appear at the bottom of the screen and the survey will be in read only mode for you until it may be re-assigned again for further feedback or completion.