

Interview questionnaire

Personal questions

- Study, doctorate
- Work experience, current position
- Field of expertise: Contents, methods, theories

A Entry questions

Search in general

- Describe the process of your own literature research
 - Procedure Which sources are used? (search engines, databases, colleagues, publications, events, service providers, social media)
 - Which tools are used?

Software usage

- Which software do you use in your everyday scientific work?
 - Since when?
 - Motivation - For what?
 - Experience?
- Which software was last integrated into your own research process?
 - When?
 - Motivation - For what?
 - What was the impulse for it?
 - Experience by now?
 - What has changed as a result?
 - satisfaction?

B The search for software - sources

- Describe the process of searching for software tools
- Which sources are used? (Friends, Colleagues, Within the institution: working group/professorship/faculty, Outside the institution: national vs. international, subject vs. non-subject, special catalogues, search engines, service providers: library, subject information services, subject specific websites, social media, software repositories)
- Which tools are used? (special catalogues, software repositories, social media, search engines)
- What are the hurdles?

C Search and use of software - information practices

Seeking

- What kind of software have you already been looking for for your work?
- What sources have you ever consulted when searching for software? (once/regularly)
- What sources have you identified that could help you in your search but do not have it yet?
- How do you proceed with the active search? (strategies, lists, preparation for talks)

Scanning

- Where do you come across references to used software in your everyday work (journals, conferences, meetings, students...)?
- Which relevant source have you already come across and how did you deal with it?
- If applicable, how do you observe other researchers during their work (looking over your shoulder while talking, explanations)

Monitoring

- What sources of information (newsletters, websites, newspapers, social media) do you regularly monitor?
- In which everyday situations could you encounter information about interesting software or hints for its use?
 - Within your workplace?
 - Outside?
 - If difficult: using literature as an example

Proxy

- What is the role of information providers? (Connecting)
 - Someone with the necessary knowledge about software identifies you as an information seeker (once/regularly)?
 - Someone refers you to a potential information source?
 - Someone makes recommendations (once/regularly)?
- How does this someone interact with you? (interacting) Informing through stories or experience
 - Advising, instructing, guiding

Avoiding

- What sources do you trust?
 - Why?
- Which sources would you not consult for literature/software?
 - Why?

- What are the alternatives to a source (database, website, search engine etc)?

Context

- What role does context play in the search for software?
 - Field: Classical Philology
 - Institute, Colleagues
 - Personal life situation: family, friends, leisure groups

D Follow-up questions for the second interview

Follow-up first interview (interval: approx. 2 weeks)

- What topics have you been thinking about until today?
- What do you want to add to the last interview?
- Depending on the context: (Add at the point)
 - ...