

Preact Digital: Feature Database Documentation

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Introduction

Design

EMA Data

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This section outlines the eight EMA constructs and provides an item-level overview.

Data Structure

Files:

ema_content ema_meta

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Methods

1. Level 1: Measurements (Observations)

- Each person records data 8x/day over 14 days
- This results in 112 measurements per wave (8x14)

2. Level 2: Days

- Measurements (Level 1) are nested within days (Level 2)
- Each wave has 14 days

3. Level 3: Waves (Measurement points)

- Each person goes through three waves (long version)
- Days (Level 2) are nested within waves (Level 3)

4. Level 4: Individuals (Participants)

- Waves (Level 3) are nested within participants (Level 4)

The EMA measurement includes the following constructs:

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Affect

- Description: At each beep, participants were asked about their current affective state
- Construct: PANAS-X subscales [Haney et al. \(2023\)](#)
- 17 Items

Show Items

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
	How ... do you feel right now?			
anxious	anxious	1-2-3-4-5- 6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
nervous	nervous	1-2-3-4-5- 6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
attentive	attentive	1-2-3-4-5- 6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
relaxed	relaxed	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
calm	calm	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
irritable	irritable	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
angry	angry	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
fatigue	fatigue	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
cheerful	cheerful	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
happy	happy	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
ashamed	ashamed	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
dissatisfied	dissatisfied with myself	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
self_confident	self-confident	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
shy	shy	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
downcast	downcast	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
sad	sad	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
lonely	lonely	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps

Emotion regulation

- Description: At each beep, participants were asked to rate the intensity and controllability of their most negative thought since the last beep. Then, we assessed the use of different ER strategies since the last beep
- Construct: RESS-EMA scale [Medland et al. \(2020\)](#)
- 6 Items (covering reappraisal, rumination, suppression, distraction, relaxation, acceptance)

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Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
	Think about the strongest negative feeling since the last beep [since waking up].			
er_intensity	How intense was this feeling?	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 (1 = neutral)	not at all - very much	all beeps (except the first of the day)
er_intensity	How intense was this feeling?	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 (1 = neutral)	not at all - very much	first beep of the day
er_control	How controllable was the situation that triggered this feeling?	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 (4 = neutral)	not at all - very much	all beeps (except the first of the day)
er_control	How controllable was the situation that triggered this feeling?	1-2-3-4-5-6-7 (4 = neutral)	not at all - very much	first beep of the day

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
er_relaxation	As a reaction to the negative feeling ... I tried to breathe deeply	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
er_rumination	I kept thinking about what was bothering me	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
er_reappraisal	I considered the situation from different perspectives	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
er_distraction	I tried to distract myself	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
er_suppression	I tried to hide my feelings	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps
er_acceptance	I tried to accept the situation	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	all beeps

Situational Context

- Description: At each beep, participants were asked to specify activities they had pursued in the preceding 2 hours from a given set of 9 common activities. Participants were able to select multiple options simultaneously. Subsequently, they were asked to evaluate how much they enjoyed the respective activities
- Construct: Self-constructed, based on the DIAMONDS scale [Rauthmann & Sherman \(2016\)](#) and the WARN-D study protocol [Fried et al. \(2022\)](#), a similar longitudinal digital

phenotyping study. We aimed to find a balance between sparsity of items and high degree of situational coverage.

- 2 Items

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Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
	How did you spend the time since the last beep [since waking up]? (Multiple answers possible)			

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
situation_1	<input type="checkbox"/> Work or study <input type="checkbox"/> House-work or errands <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for children/relatives <input type="checkbox"/> Eating/drinking/personal hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> On the move (e.g., in the subway) <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone/social media <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activity, rather passive (e.g., watching a movie, reading) <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activity, rather active (e.g., sports, outings) <input type="checkbox"/> Something else			all beeps (except the first of the day)
situation_1_morale	morale			first beep of the day

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
situation_2	How much did you enjoy this activity?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	not at all - very much	all beeps (except the first of the day)
situation_2_morale	How much did you enjoy this activity?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	not at all - very much	first beep of the day

Significant Events

- Description: Participants were asked to think about the most important event since the last beep and how pleasant they perceived it
- Construct: Self-constructed
- 1 Items

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Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
event_general	I think of the most significant moment (situation/experience) since the last survey. How did you perceive it?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	very unpleasant - very pleasant	all beeps (except the first of the day)

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
event_general	Thinking the most significant moment (situation/experience) since waking up. How did you perceive it?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	very unpleasant - very pleasant	first beep of the day

Social context

- Description: Participants were asked if they had social contacts since the last beep, how (online/ in person/ phone) and how agreeable the contact was.
- Self-constructed
- 3 Items

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Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
event_social	Have you had social contacts since the last survey?	binary: yes/no		all beeps (except the first of the day)
event_social	Have you had social contacts since waking up?	binary: yes/no		first beep of the day

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
event_social_1	How did the social contact take place?	multiple choice: [] online [] by phone [] in person		all beeps
event_social_2	How did you experience the social contacts?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	very unpleasant - very pleasant	all beeps

Therapeutic Agency (TA)

- Description: Participants were asked about Therapeutic Agency (TA) in everyday life
- Construct: Self-constructed based on the Therapeutic Agency Inventory (TAI) [Huber et al. \(2019\)](#). The original TAI contains 3 subscales, covering in-session activities, passivity towards the therapist and out-of-session activities. As we were interested in assessing therapeutic agency in everyday life, our TAI-EMA items are based on the “out-of-session activities” subscales and cover cognitive and behavioral aspects of TA
- 4 Items

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Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
ta_behavioral_1	Prompted by my therapy today, I have ... / Today I have ...	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	1x/day, 8th beep

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
ta_behavioral_2	Tried to think differently about things	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	1x/day, 8th beep
ta_cognitive_1	thought about something that was discussed in therapy	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	1x/day, 8th beep
ta_cognitive_2	done something to improve my situation	1-2-3-4-5-6-7	not at all - very much	1x/day, 8th beep

Physical Fitness

- Description: Participants were asked how physically healthy they had felt today on the last beep of the day
- Construct: Self-constructed
- 1 Item

Show Items

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
physical_health	How physically healthy did you feel today?	-2, -1, 0, 1, 2	worse than usual / normal / better than usual	1x/day, 8th beep

ECG Control

- Description: During measurement bursts, patients were asked twice per day to conduct a resting-state ECG on their Scanwatch. To control for potential confounders influencing the signal, we asked if they had consumed nicotine, caffeine or alcohol or had a heavy meal in the last 30 minutes
- Construct: Self-constructed
- 1 Item

Show Items

Variable	Item	Scale	Scale Endpoints	Measurement Time
ecg_control	Within the last 30 minutes, did you ... - drink coffee or alcohol? - smoke? - eat a heavy meal?	binary: yes/no		2x/day, 1th and 5th beep

Passive Sensor Data

Activity

Heartrate

Sleep

GPS

ECG Data