# WOX7001 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Topic 6 – Mixed-Method Research

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#### Difficult to quantify?

#### Mbappe's total France goals

| Competition         | Games  | Goals |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| World Cup           | 14 051 | 12    |
| Euro                | EL     | 0     |
| World Cup qualifica | 12     | 6     |
| Euro qualification  | 7      | 5     |



#### **Observations**

- attacking or counterattacking
- slow or quick tempo
- short or long passing
- teamwork or individualistic play



## What is Mixed Methods Research?

- Mixed methods research is <u>both</u> a method and methodology for conducting research that involves collecting, analyzing, and <u>integrating quantitative</u> and <u>qualitative research</u> in a single study or a longitudinal program of inquiry.
- The purpose of this form of research is that both qualitative and quantitative research, in combination, provide a better understanding of a research problem or issue than either research approach alone.
- Researchers who use this design are expected to know and understand BOTH quantitative and qualitative research properly in order to effectively conduct this method.



## What is Mixed Methods Research?

- The mixed methods research design is considered as an advanced methods; procedures tend to be time-consuming and requires extensive data collection and analysis.
- Mixed methods consists of merging, integrating, or linking of qualitative and quantitative data to provide a more meaningful discussion of results.
- It is not collecting separate sets of data for research but to analyze, establish or relationship the connection between these two set of data.



# How would you combine two types of data?

#### **Qualitative**

#### **Text Data**

This is a sample of a text file of words that might be collected on interview transcripts, observation fieldnotes, or optically-scanned documents.

#### **Quantitative Numeric Data**

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## Mixing or linking the data

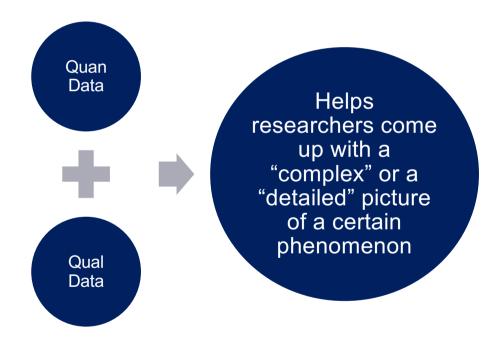
# Converge data: Connect data: Qual Results Quan Quan Results

#### Embed the data:

Quan data Qual data

#### When to use mixed methods?

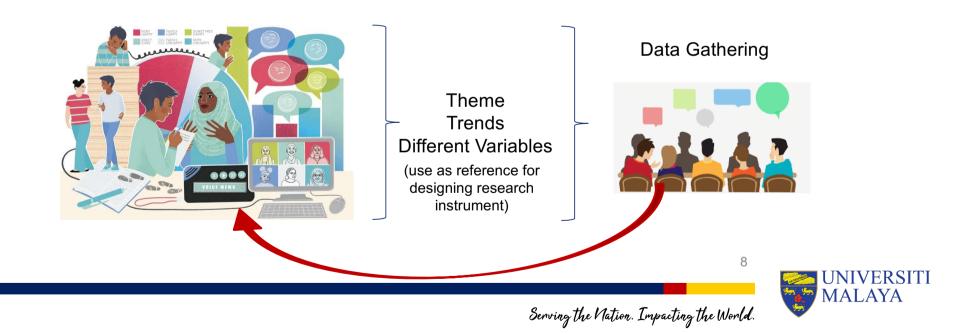
(1) To build on strengths of both quantitative and qualitative data.





## When to use mixed methods?

- (2) One type of research is not enough to address the problem or answer the questions
- to collect additional data is needed in order to further elaborate or provide supporting evidence that help explain the initial dataset.



## When to use mixed methods?

(3) If a researcher wants to provide an alternative perspective in a study.

Data Gathering about
Purchasing of Smart Phone (Apple or Samsung)





## Characteristics of Mixed Methods Research Design

#### Research Rationale

- » the rationale of researcher for conducting mixed methods
- » provides justification behind the need to collect the both qualitative and quantitative data (research design)

#### Data Collection Methods

- » Identify which specific forms of qualitative and quantitative data which would be collected in data gathering process.
- » This is involved; data treatment / data analysis



## Characteristics of Mixed Methods Research Design

#### Data Priority

- » In mixed methods, researcher tends to place more emphasis on one type of data than on other types of data collected.
- » Quan & Qual data are equal weight
- » Quan data is greater weight than Qual data
- » Qual data is greater weight than Quan data

#### Data Gathering Sequence

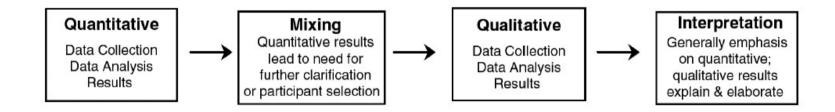
- » Quan data is collected FIRST, followed by Qual data
- » Qual data is collected FIRST, followed by Quan data
- » Both are collected at SAME TIME and in SEQUENCE
- » Both Quan and Qual data are collected at SAME TIME



## **Data Gathering Sequence Design**

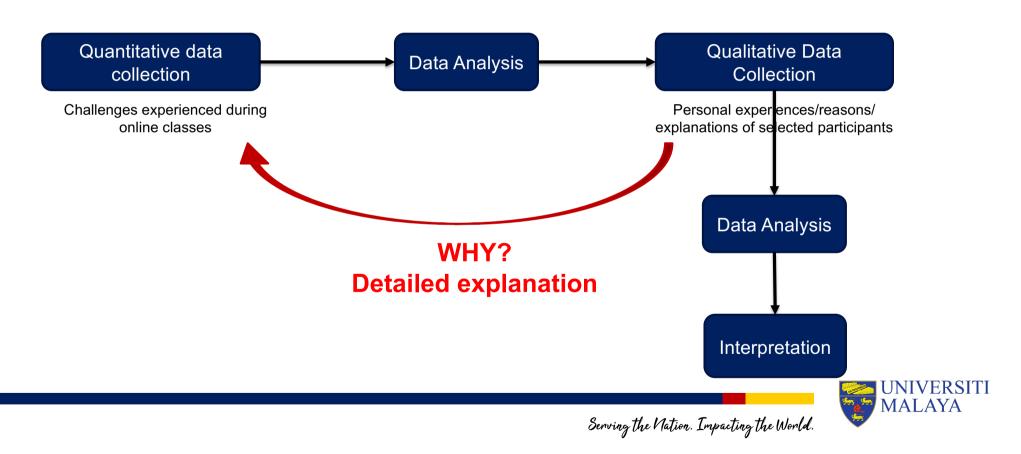
#### Explanatory

- » Sequential Design: Quantitative then Qualitative
- » Qualitative phase is to explain the results of Quantitative phase



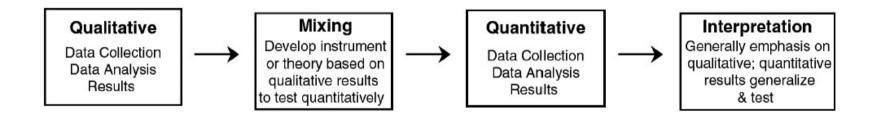
## **Example: Explanatory Sequential Design**

Challenges experienced by High School students during online classes



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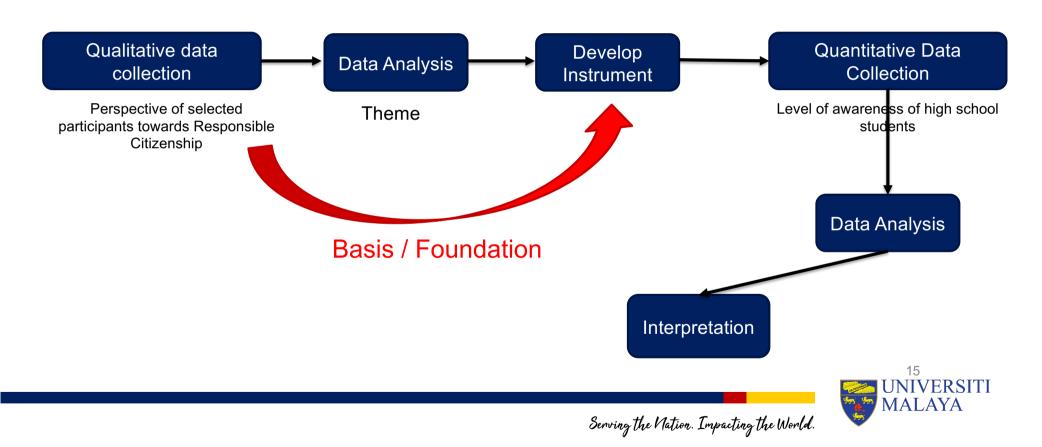
- Exploratory
  - » Sequential Design: Qualitative then Quantitative
  - » Results of qualitative phase inform quantitative phase





## **Example: Exploratory Sequential Design**

Awareness of High School Students towards Responsible Citizenship



## Different between Explanatory and Exploratory

#### **EXPLANATORY**

Quantitative data is gathered **FIRST** followed by Qualitative data

Qualitative data aims to provide SUPPORTING EXPLANATIONS to the initial findings from the Quantitative data

Gather both Qual & Quan data

Involve sequential process of gathering both data sets

Conducted to have deeper understanding of certain issues or problems

**EXPLORATORY** 

Qualitative data is gathered **FIRST** followed by Quantitative data

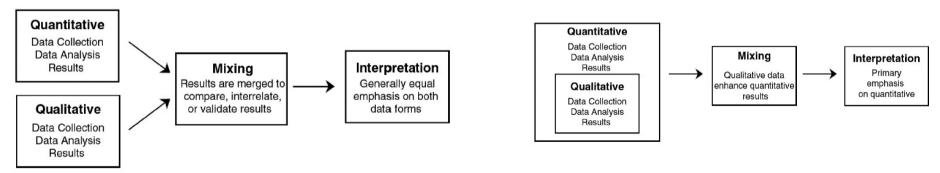
Qualitative data aims to **EXPLORE** possible trends and themes which can be used as **BASIS** for gathering Quantitative data



## Data Gathering Sequence Design

#### Convergent

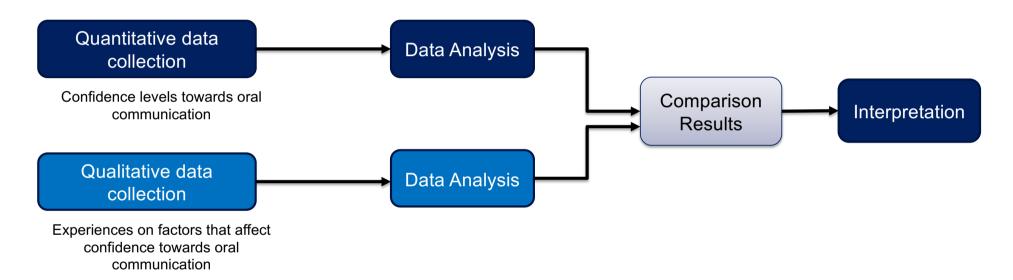
- » Concurrent Design: Quantitative and Qualitative concurrently
- » Findings triangulated from combined data
- » Triangulation using data collected from different sources (samples), or at different times, or using different methods or modes to reach the same conclusion.





## **Example: Convergent Design**

Factors Affecting Teachers' Confidence Levels Towards Oral Communication



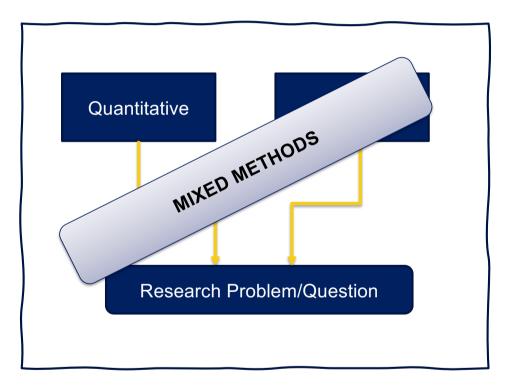
- The strength of this design is that it combines the advantages of each form of data
- Quantitative data provide generalizability, qualitative data offer information about the context or setting.

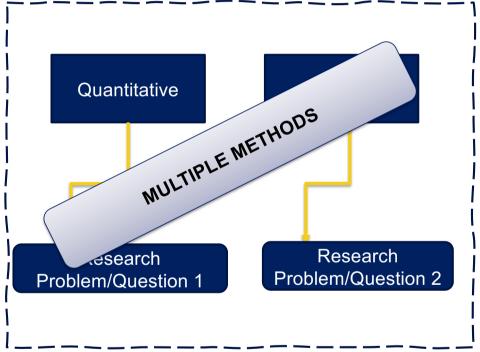


# Mixed Methods and Multiple Methods are the same?



# **Conclusion Mixed vs Multiple Methods**







## Thank You

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