

# oMEGA Mobile Software v2.0

Handbook

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# 1 Introduction

The application you have obtained is a version of the olMEGA EMA system. For standalone use no additional equipment will be required except for a computer to facilitate installation and data transfer. The software has been tested on numerous devices running Android versions 9 or later, but is still undergoing development. Please feel free to report bugs or contact us in case of difficulties during installation or usage. The given directions in the operating system settings may vary across devices. An up-to-date version of all olMEGA software including this handbook is freely available under <https://tgm.jade-hs.de/media/olMEGA>.

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 Requirements

The device should be reset to its operating system default (*Settings*→*Backup&reset*→*Factory data reset*) prior to the installation. All accounts (*Settings*→*Accounts*) as well as device administrators (*Settings*→*Security*→*Device administrators*) need to be removed, too. On an average size display a *Medium* font size is sufficient (*Settings*→*Display*→*Font size*). Required for the installation are:

- USB connection between smartphone and computer
- Free software *ADB* (Android Debug Bridge), e.g. “Minimal ADB and Fastboot”
- olMEGA mobile .apk installation file
- Questionnaire .xml file
- Helpful: free Android file manager, e.g. “Total Commander” installed on the device

### 2.2 Installation steps

1. Install ADB on the computer and add it to the system path.
2. Enable the developer options on the smartphone. How to do this might vary from model to model. The usual procedure is by opening *Settings*→*About phone*. At the bottom is an entry showing the *Build number*. This needs to be clicked 7 times until a message appears. If not, please consult the search engine of your choice.
3. Go to *Settings*→*Developer options* and enable *USB Debugging*.
4. Connect the phone to the computer and allow debugging via the dialogue on the phone.
5. The next step is to establish a working connection between the smartphone and the computer. In order to check for a connection, open a console and type

```
adb devices
```

If everything is okay, ADB should find a device. If not, check your connection. In case the computer does not understand the command, ADB needs to be added to the system path.

6. Now that a connection has been verified, navigate via the console to the directory that holds the .apk file and input

```
adb install [name of the apk].apk.
```

This will install the application. In case an older version of the application is already installed, type

```
adb install-r [name of the apk].apk.
```

7. In order to make the application a device owner, which is needed for it to run as a dedicated device, type

```
adb shell dpm set-device-owner com.iha.olmega_mobilesoftware_v2/.AdminReceiver.
```

8. Start the application.

9. On opening, please grant the application permission to record audio as well as memory access. You will be informed that no questionnaire file is present. To copy the questionnaire .xml file to its directory on the smartphone, please enter one of the two the following command from the directory that holds the .xml file ([\*].xml is the name of your questionnaire):

Android version <11:

```
adb push [*].xml sdcard/olMEGA/quest
```

Android version 11+:

```
adb push [*].xml sdcard/Android/data/com.iha.olmega_mobilesoftware_v2/files/quest
```

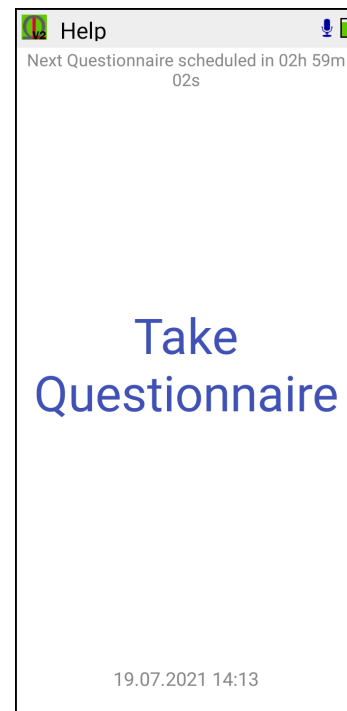
10. Enter the in-app preferences (see 3.4) and update to the latest version.

## 3 Using the application

### 3.1 General purpose

The main view (see figure on the right) of the application features a bar at the top with a “Help” button, providing a general explanation of the main answer formats. Top right are a microphone symbol indicating that the application is running without errors (see also 3.3) and a battery symbol displaying the current state of charge.

The center of the screen features the “Take Questionnaire” button (in case of no major errors present) which can be used to manually start a questionnaire at any given time. Above it is a display of the time until the next questionnaire notification is triggered. If a questionnaire is prompted the font colour changes to red, accompanied by vibrating alert.





### 3.2 Configuration Mode

When testing a new questionnaire, it is helpful to disable the Kiosk mode and enable the Configuration mode. Both can be set via the internal preferences menu (3.4). Once it is enabled, the logo will turn green (as shown on the screen on the right). You are now free to enter the preferences simply by tapping the logo.

### 3.3 Operation Modes

The olMEGA application comes with 3 pre-configured modes of operation which serve as a starting point as they may be tailored to the experimenter's demands. These operation modes are defined in separate \*.xml files that are found in the AFEx folder inside the main application directory on the smartphone. For devices running Android 11, this directory is located under `sdcard/Android/data/com.iha.olmega_mobilesoftware_v2/files/AFEx`. Earlier operating systems use the directory `sdcard/olmega/AFEx`. A mode is selected via the preferences menu. Factory presets are:

- `example_mic_in_speaker_out`: The internal microphone serves as input audio source and the incoming signal is routed to the dynamic acoustic feature extraction stage and from there to the system output. (Warning: This may lead to acoustic feedback.)
- `example_rfcomm_in_audio_out`: Audio input is received through a serial bluetooth connection via an RFCOMM protocol and fed to a feature extraction engine and finally to the system output. (Warning: This may lead to acoustic feedback.)
- `standalone`: No acoustic data is recorded or extracted.

In case of a bluetooth connection, the devices must be paired. More information is provided in 3.7. If either the connection is working fine or no connection is needed (e.g. Standalone mode), the microphone symbol is blue . In case the application experiences an error significant enough to compromise its functionality, the symbol is greyed out .

### 3.4 The Preferences Menu

The in-app preferences can be accessed in two ways. If the “Configuration Mode” has been enabled, a short click on the logo icon in the top left corner of the application opens the preferences screen. In normal use, a long click of 5 seconds is necessary to access the menu. Here is a list of all available settings:

- **Autostart:** If enabled, the app starts automatically – also after rebooting the device.
- **USB cuts Connection:** The bluetooth connection is terminated if a USB connection is made, stopping all acoustic feature extraction as well.
- **Kiosk Mode:** If all prerequisites are met, a KIOSK mode is instantiated, granting the application full control of the device.
- **Operation Mode:** Here the operation mode is selected (see 3.3)
- **Use Questionnaire:** Determines whether a questionnaire is used
- **Select Questionnaire:** Click to select a questionnaire from a list
- **Show Countdown:** If enabled, a countdown until the next alarm is displayed.
- **ClientID:** If an external (i.e. web-based) questionnaire is used, this is the id used to register
- **Link Device:** Use this function to link a bluetooth device
- **Version:** Shows the current version number
- **Configuration Mode:** If enabled, the user can access the settings quickly and may exit questionnaires by clicking on the green logo in the top left corner. (see 3.2)
- **Kill App and Service:** The most reliable way to shut down the application. If KIOSK mode is active, it is also the only way (that does not include hacking).
- **Unset Device Admin:** This deprives the application of its special privileges and is needed only before uninstalling.
- **Check for Update:** This option guides the user through an automated update process. The user is notified if additional permissions are necessary.

### 3.5 Languages

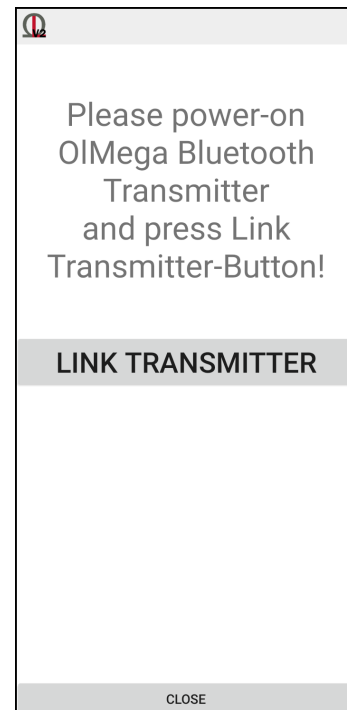
The application currently supports English, German, and Swedish. Language settings are adjusted automatically, according to the language setting of the smartphone.

### 3.6 Log

A log file named “*log.txt*” is created in the main directory that includes information which can be used to understand and retrace the behavior of the application.

### 3.7 Link Device

Linking a transmitter to the smartphone is mandatory if a bluetooth source is used as audio input for acoustical features. An integrated linking process makes this step very simple and the user is guided by on-screen information (see image on the right). Access to the process is gathered through the in-app settings. Firstly the transmitter is powered on. Then, the button "Link transmitter" is pressed. Once a connection has been established, the window may be closed.



## 4 Compilation of a questionnaire

### 4.1 General outline

The questionnaires are generated on the basis of .xml files which can be altered to suit the needs of the experiment. Generally it is a good idea to start from an existing file and make changes, testing them regularly on the smartphone in order to guarantee errorless functionality. In case of formal mistakes (e.g. missing brackets or typos within tags) the application might crash.

### 4.2 Location of questionnaire files

Questionnaire files are placed in the `quest` folder located inside the main directory. The application will automatically sort all questionnaire files alphabetically and pick the uppermost. If you would like to use a specific questionnaire, you can choose manually from the preferences menu (see 3.2), but we recommend placing only a single file in the `quest` folder in order to avoid confusion.

### 4.3 Head

The head consists of two lines that must not be changed, but may become obsolete in future releases.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<mobiquest>
```

### 4.4 Timer

Two different timer settings exist: *interval* and *fixed schedule*. When choosing interval, a *mean* and *deviation* value can be set. The application generates a random interval true to a uniform distribution within the given limits ( $\text{mean} \pm \text{deviation}$ ). This can be beneficial in order to avoid sampling artifacts, e.g. suggesting a questionnaire every 60 minutes to someone who is always listening to the news at that time. If the scheduling interval should not be random, a deviation value of "0" is set. The timer is re-initiated after a questionnaire has been finalized.

```
<timer mean="1800" deviation="300"></timer>
```



If it is desired to suggest a questionnaire at specific times during the day, the `date` value must be set. The value is entered in form of a String, meaning a time within quotation marks, e.g. "13:47". The system uses the 24h format HH:mm and multiple dates can be entered by concatenating times with a semicolon, e.g. "12:15;17:21;14:41". Times are sorted automatically by the application.

```
<timer date="12:15;13:13;14:41;17:21;08:10;08:12"></timer>
```

## 4.5 Title

The title tag can be set to personal taste and is formally needed but does not appear in the output result files.

```
<title>
  <text>Exemplary Questionnaire</text>
</title>
```

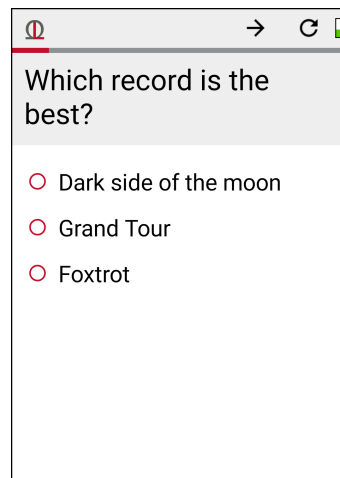
## 4.6 Questions

A question consists of an opening `question` tag including some properties, e.g. `id`, `type`, and `filter`. Then follows the label – the actual question. After that usually comes a suite of answer options, which are defined by a unique `option id`. Although there are no restrictions, it has proven useful in practice to concatenate `question id` and `#` of the answer option using an underscore (the underscore is omitted internally) as question ID. Since, internally, questions are sorted by ascending ID, a meaningful sequence is advisable. The question ID serves as a unique question identifier and the `type` sets the answer format. There are seven different formats available.

### 4.6.1 Single Choice: Radio buttons

Radio buttons are established as single choice option symbols, meaning that only one option can be selected at the same time.

```
<question id="10101" type="radio">
  <label>
    <text>Which record is the best?</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10101_01">
    <text>Dark side of the moon</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10101_02">
    <text>Grand Tour</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10101_03">
    <text>Foxtrot</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

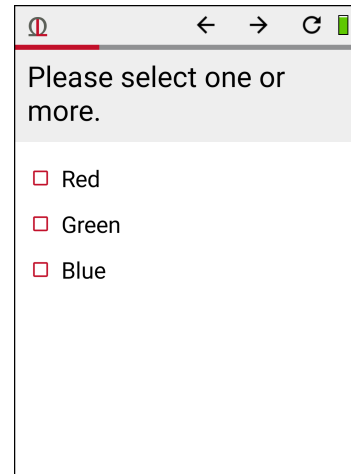


The screenshot shows a mobile application window with a title bar containing a back arrow, a forward arrow, and a battery icon. The main content area displays a question: "Which record is the best?". Below the question, there are three radio button options, each preceded by a red circle: "Dark side of the moon", "Grand Tour", and "Foxtrot".

#### 4.6.2 Multiple Choice: Checkboxes

Checkboxes give the user the impression of a list from which multiple items can be selected at the same time. Customized within-list logic can be implemented as described in 4.7.

```
<question id="10102" type="checkbox">
  <label>
    <text>Please select one or more.</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10102_01">
    <text>Red</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10102_02">
    <text>Green</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10102_03">
    <text>Blue</text>
  </option>
</question>
```




The screenshot shows a mobile application window with a title bar containing navigation icons. The main content area has a header with the text "Please select one or more." Below the header, there is a list of three options, each preceded by an unchecked checkbox: "Red", "Green", and "Blue".

#### 4.6.3 Emojis

Emojis yield a swift and intuitive way of assessing the emotional state of a subject. The application comes with five built-in emojis, which are called directly via their file names as shown below.

```
<question id="10103" type="emoji">
  <label>
    <text>How are you feeling?</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10103_01">
    <text>emoji_happy2</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10103_02">
    <text>emoji_happy1</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10103_03">
    <text>emoji_neutral</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10103_04">
    <text>emoji_sad1</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10103_05">
    <text>emoji_sad2</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

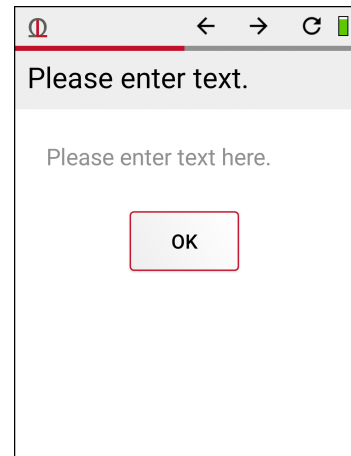


The screenshot shows a mobile application window with a title bar containing navigation icons. The main content area has a header with the text "How are you feeling?". Below the header, there is a vertical list of five emojis: a wide-grinning face with large eyes, a grinning face with smiling eyes, a neutral face with a straight line for a mouth, a frowning face with a downward-curving mouth, and a very sad face with a downward-curving mouth and slanted eyebrows.

#### 4.6.4 Text

Sometimes the best way of assessing a situation is to have the user enter a short text.

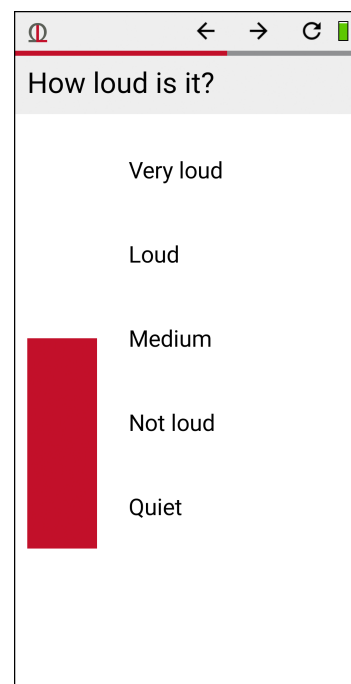
```
<question id="10104" type="text">
  <label>
    <text>Please enter text.</text>
  </label>
</question>
```



#### 4.6.5 Fixed Slider

Fixed sliders technically do not offer a different choice than radio buttons, but they can be helpful when the answer has a sense of level to it. The slider will snap to the nearest position, alternatively the categories are selectable themselves.

```
<question id="10105" type="sliderFix">
  <label>
    <text>How loud is it?</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10105_01">
    <text>Very loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10105_02">
    <text>Loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10105_03">
    <text>Medium</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10105_04">
    <text>Not loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10105_05">
    <text>Quiet</text>
  </option>
</question>
```



#### 4.6.6 Free Slider

Free sliders are fully functional sliders which allow the user to select any value on a given scale. The result is coded as a floating point value between 0 and 1.

```
<question id="10106" type="sliderFree">
  <label>
    <text>How loud is it?</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10106_01">
    <text>Very loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10106_02">
    <text>Loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10106_03">
    <text>Medium</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10106_04">
    <text>Not loud</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10106_05">
    <text>Quiet</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

#### 4.6.7 Time-specific behaviour

The *time* format allows for questionnaires that include aspects specific to the time of day. This question is processed internally and not displayed to the user. If the current time falls within one of the given intervals (here: 06:00-12:00 and 12:00-18:00), the corresponding id is pushed to memory and can be used as a filter for subsequent questions (consult 4.10 for reference). This question type should therefore be placed at the beginning of a questionnaire. Use of the 24h HH:mm format is mandatory.

```
<question id="10109" type="time">
  <option id="10109_01">
    <text>06:00-12:00</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10109_02">
    <text>12:00-18:00</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

#### 4.6.8 External Website

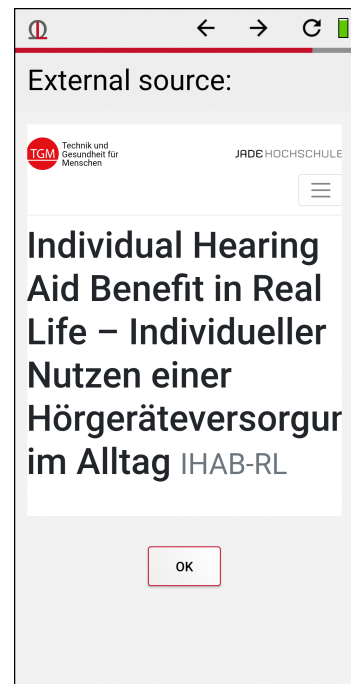
As the name suggests, it is possible to include one or more external websites in the questionnaire, as long as internet access is provided. Two methods of calling exist. Either a website is linked without any additional information or with an identifier submitted to the server running the website. This can be helpful when the purpose of the external contents is to complete a supplementary task the results of which need to be associated with the user later. In this case a server would of course be expecting additional information of a certain format, and the term \$clientID\$ is internally replaced by the appropriate entry which is assigned via the preferences menu (*Client ID*). Always ensure that the contents of the website is designed for display on a mobile device.

##### Simple call:

```
<question id="10107" type="website">
  <label>
    <text>External Source:</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10107_01">
    <text>https://tgm.jade-hs.de/projekte/
      ihab-rl</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

##### Call with parameter:

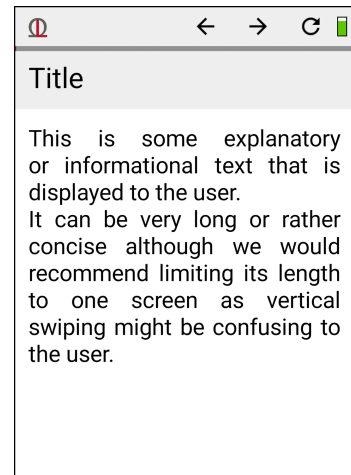
```
<question id="10108" type="website">
  <label>
    <text>External Source:</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10108_01">
    <text>https://tgm.jade-hs.de/projekte/
      ihab-rl/index.php?ClientId=$clientID$
    </text>
  </option>
</question>
```



#### 4.6.9 Information without interaction

There may be the need for displaying information to the user. This is where this feature comes in handy. The text in the label is displayed as a heading and the option contents is placed as free-flowing text. Similar to html, line breaks are forced by inserting `<br/>`. Since no behaviour is deduced from this screen, an option id is not assigned.

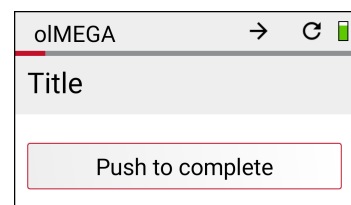
```
<question id="10110" type="infoscreen">
  <label>
    <text>Title</text>
  </label>
  <option>
    <text>This is some explanatory or
    informational text that is displayed
    to the user.<br/>It can be very long
    or rather concise although we would
    recommend limiting its length to one
    screen as vertical swiping might be
    confusing to the user.</text>
  </option>
</question>
```



#### 4.6.10 Information with interaction

This is an alternative to the *finish* screen, but with the option of filters. Additionally, there may exist multiple of these screens within one survey design. Pressing the button leads to completion of the questionnaire. The information text is displayed inside the heading.

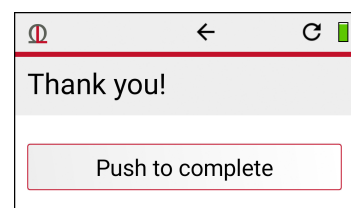
```
<question id="10110" type="info">
  <label>
    <text>Title</text>
  </label>
</question>
```



#### 4.6.11 Finish

The last question should be the finish page which automatically includes a button that completes the questionnaire and saves the results:

```
<finish>
  <text>Thank you!</text>
</finish>
```



## 4.7 Checkbox grouping and exclusivity

If only one option out of a group of options might be logically possible (see exemplary options 1-3 below), they can form a group. If one item out of this group is selected, the others are automatically deselected. Multiple groups can exist within one question. An extreme form of this is the `exclusive` tag (option 5), which deselects every other item from the respective list of answers except itself and automatically deselects itself if another item is chosen.

```
<question id="10111" type="checkbox">
  <label>
    <text>Where does sound originate from?</text>
  </label>
  <option id="10111.01" group="1">
    <text>Single person</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10111.02" group="1">
    <text>2-3 persons</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10111.03" group="1">
    <text>4 or more persons</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10111.04">
    <text>Public announcement</text>
  </option>
  <option id="10111.05" condition="exclusive">
    <text>It is quiet.</text>
  </option>
</question>
```

## 4.8 Default items

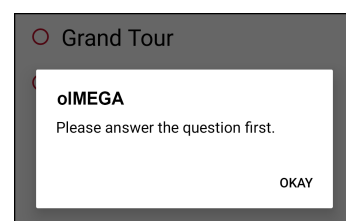
An item can be preselected by default using the `default` tag instead of `option` as shown below. This is supported by radio buttons, checkboxes, emojis, and sliders.

```
<default id="10102_02">
  <text>Green</text>
</default>
```

## 4.9 Forced answers

Sometimes a question might be very important and a missing answer is not an option. In this case the command `forceAnswer="true"` comes in handy. The user is unable to skip the question and after 3 attempts a dialog box with a reminding message appears on the screen.

```
<question id="10101"
  type="radio"
  forceAnswer="true">
```



## 4.10 Logic

In order to allow for high specificity and efficiency, questions can be equipped with logical decision parameters that establish whether or not a question will be included in the current suite. The switch is located in the opening line of each question under the tag `filter` in form of a comma-separated concatenation of all included conditions.

Two scenarios exist: positive and negative. A question will only be included if **ALL** positive conditions are satisfied and it will not be included as soon as at least **ONE** negative condition (indicated by a prefixed "!") is satisfied (e.g. `filter="10103_02,10103_05,!10111_09"`).

→ Think: positive - necessary criterion, negative – sufficient criterion.

The filter conditions are the option ID's of answer items from earlier questions of the current session. Whenever an answer is chosen by the user, its ID is stored in memory and before a question is displayed, a filter checks whether given conditional ID's are present in the memory.

```
<question id="10112" type="radio" filter="10103_02,10103_05,!10111_09">
```

Note that entries can be spread across multiple lines in order to increase readability.

```
<question id="10112"
  type="radio"
  filter="10103_02,
    10103_05,
    !10111_09">
```

## 4.11 Comments

Two types of comments are supported by the questionnaire format. Single line comments start with `//`, comments spread across multiple lines are parenthesized by `/*` and `*/`.

```
// One line comment

/* Here is a
slightly longer
comment */
```



## 5 Error Messages

Inside the application there exist 6 different error messages. These are displayed on the main screen in case of malfunction or general situations that require the user's attention. If there is an error present, the logo in the top left corner changes to red.

**No Input Profile Config selected:** The application needs some information on whether it should extract features and - if so - which audio source is desired. Please select an operation mode via the in-app preferences under Operation Mode. See also 3.3 for more information.

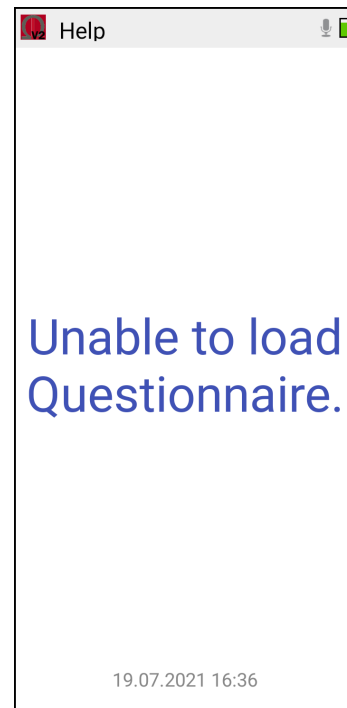
**Stage Manager Config-File [\*] not valid:** The selected operation mode [\*].xml file is invalid. Please check the file you are using.

**Unable to start Kiosk-Mode – Please check Device Admin Setting:** The KIOSK mode relies on 2 prerequisites. A device owner must be initiated (see 2.2 for reference), and the “Experimenter” setting must be unset.

**Please charge the smartphone:** Strictly speaking this is not an error but a suggestion to do exactly that. This message is shown when the battery level falls below 10%. The device will probably work for 30 more minutes but, if possible, should be recharged soon.

**Battery level critical - application stopped:** Battery level is below 5% and the connection was cut. In order to protect the device and prevent data loss, it should be connected to a charger immediately.

**Unable to load questionnaire:** No questionnaire .xml file could be found in the corresponding folder on the mobile device (`sdcard/oImega/quest`). Please upload a file and restart the application. If the error still prevails, please access the in-app preferences and select it manually (*Select questionnaire* at the top of the preferences menu). Then restart the application. If you are using an older version of the system (titled *IHAB*), the correct directory to upload to is (`sdcard/iHab/quest`).



## 6 Resulting file

Completing a questionnaire results in an .xml file being generated in the data folder. The file name is composed of the Device ID, the current date in yyyyMMdd (year, month, day) and the time of completion in HHmmssSSS (24h hours, minutes, seconds, milliseconds), for example cbaaacf404279a80\_20200430\_125224699.xml.

The file contains information on whether the questionnaire was taken upon a reminder or deliberately (motivation: auto/manual), which questionnaire design it was based on, the Device ID, version of the application, start and end dates as well as the provided answers.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<mobiquest>
  <motivation motivation="manual"/>
  <record uri="tmp/cbaaacf404279a80_20200430_125224699.xml"
    survey_uri="tmp.xml">
    <value device_id="cbaaacf404279a80"/>
    <value start_date="2020-04-30T12:52:24"/>
    <value start_date_UTC="2020-04-30T12:52:24"/>
    <value app_version="1.5"/>
    <value question_id="10101" option_ids="1010102"/>
    <value question_id="10102" option_ids="1010202"/>
    <value question_id="10103" option_ids="1010301"/>
    <value question_id="10104" option_ids="Some generic text."/>
    <value question_id="10105" option_ids="1010504"/>
    <value question_id="10106" option_ids="0.36958176"/>
    <value question_id="10107"/>
    <value end_date="2020-04-30T12:53:13"/>
    <value end_date_UTC="2020-04-30T12:53:13"/>
  </record>
</mobiquest>
```

## 7 Objective data

Additional to the facilitation of questionnaires, the olMEGA application also offers real-time extraction of acoustic features, based on the operation mode (see 3.3). These features are namely *RMS Level*, *Zero-Crossing-Rate* (ZCR), and *Power Spectral Density* (PSD) and they are stored in chunks of a size that can be edited inside the preferences menu (usually a length of 60 s). Although we recommend data extraction and interpretation using our Matlab interface (see 8), here is some information on the file structure, which holds true for every feature. Each file contains a header which is holding basic information e.g. time stamps, sampling rate, dimensions, and logistics like frame length or hop size. The header is followed by a series of data packages that follow the structure depicted below.

### Header:

Type	#	Contents
int32	1	protocol version
int32	1	block count
int32	1	feature dimensions
int32	1	block size
int32	1	hop size
int32	1	audio sampling rate
byte	16	time stamp (yyMMdd_HH:mm:ssSSS)
float	1	calibration value in dB, channel 1
float	1	calibration value in dB, channel 1

### Data:

Type	#	Contents
double	N	block time + data

N is the number of dimensions including timestamps times the number of blocks or frames inside a chunk. Times and feature data are concatenated as follows with block times respectively denoting beginning and end of a block:

```
[ blocktime(1) blocktime(2) feature(1) feature(2) ... feature(L-2)
  blocktime(2) blocktime(3) feature(1) feature(2) ... feature(L-2) ]
```

with L being the block size in samples and the data formatted as big endian.

## 8 Data Extractor

For every questionnaire that has been answered, a resulting .xml file is produced which can be found in the *data* folder within the application directory. Acoustical feature data is placed in the *features* folder. In order to simplify as well as secure data transfer we have developed a Matlab interface which can also be used to control some functions of the smartphone. The software can be downloaded from GitHub: [https://github.com/ol-MEGA/olMEGA\\_DataExtraction.git](https://github.com/ol-MEGA/olMEGA_DataExtraction.git). Please note that so far it has only been tested under Windows 7/10. Figure 1 shows the main application screen.

The application is divided into 6 tabs:

- **Statistics:** This tab displays the number of feature and questionnaire result files found in the user directory. It also yields information on whether or not a log file is present.
- **User data:** Here is where a new user account is created or an existing user directory is loaded.
- **Activity:** After loading a directory this tab displays an overview graphic of all the gathered data. More information on this graphic is given in 8.1.
- **Output:** Information about the current task or contents of a directory is displayed here.
- **Navigation:** Once the Activity panel shows the overview graphic, these tools enable the user to navigate through the data.
- **Phone actions:** These options control the mobile device. There is the option of transferring data from the smartphone to the computer, to erase all experiment data from the phone, kill the mobile application, and reboot the device.

### 8.1 The Activity panel

The graphic overview consists of the main technical parameters that were recorded during the experiment run. The top half shows the state that the mobile application was in at a given time – one distinct colour for each state. Printed in black is the battery status over the run of the experiment. On clicking into the graphic, a legend appears which relates the colours to states, along with their numeric proportions (Figure 2).

- **Charging:** The phone is charging and no data is recorded.
- **Error:** There exists a significant error. No data is recorded.
- **Proposing:** An alarm is set off and the user is encouraged to conduct a survey.
- **Connecting:** The smartphone is trying to establish a connection to the transmitter.
- **Running:** The application is running without any errors.
- **Quest:** A questionnaire is taken.
- **Offline:** The application is closed.

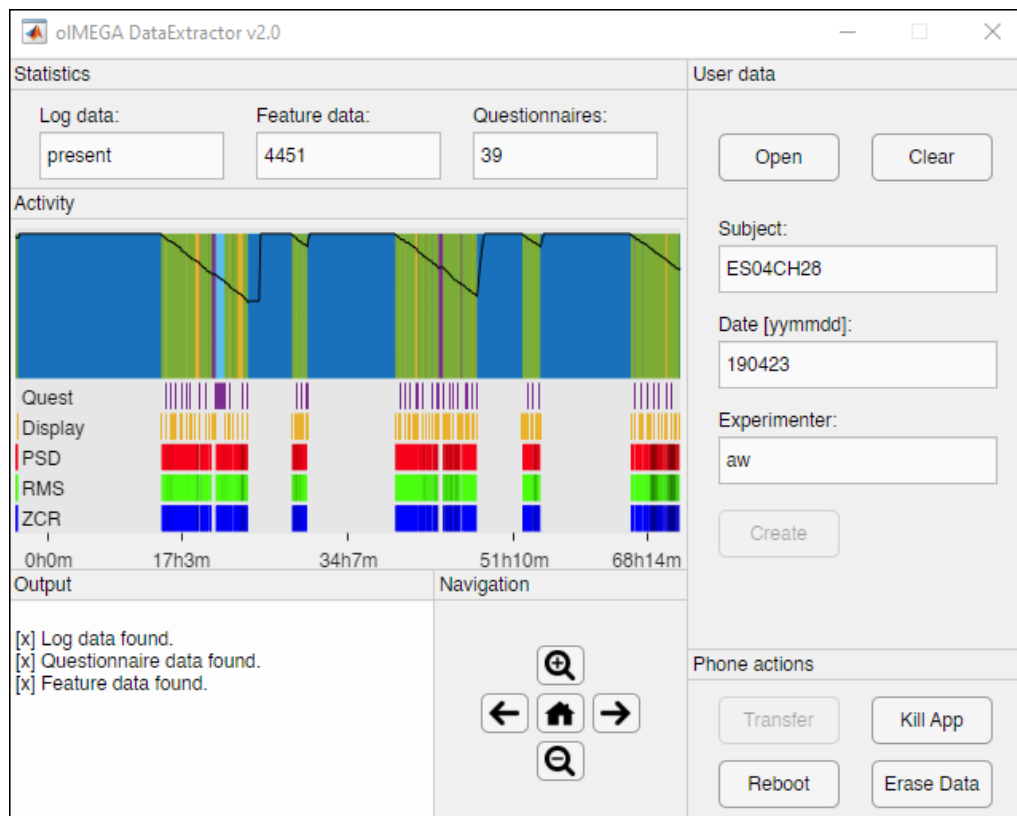


Figure 1: Data Extractor: Main Screen

The lower half of the graphic consists of multiple illustrations: The uppermost, aubergine-coloured plot displays all the time a questionnaire was open. Second are the times the display of the smartphone was illuminated. This information is printed in orange. The lower three plots show the existence and quality of extracted acoustical features, PSD, RMS, and zero-crossing rate. The shading of their colour represents the percentage of error found in the data (the darker, the more errors). These errors can be: too loud, too quiet, signal is mono, and invalid coherence, meaning that the miniature microphones were most likely not head-worn at the time. All error thresholds are motivated by experience and might be adjusted in the future.

## 8.2 Transferring data from the smartphone to the computer

1. Connect the phone to the computer
2. Enter *Subject* name. The entry form allows any combination of letters and numbers, but is limited to 8 characters.
3. Enter *Date* in the given format [yyymmdd].
4. Enter *Experimenter* token. This is limited to a combination of 2 characters.
5. Now click *Create*.
6. A dialog box will appear which lets you specify the directory in which a new subject folder is created.
7. Now click the button labeled *Transfer*.

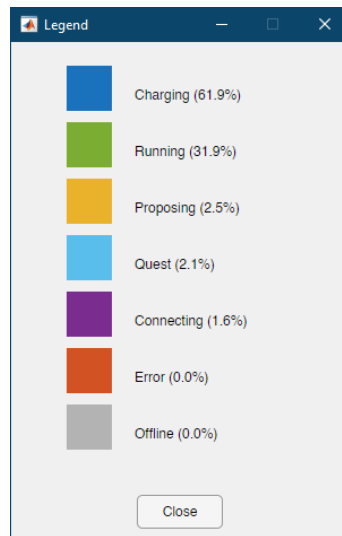


Figure 2: Data Extractor: Legend

8. In some cases an error dialog appears, warning either about too many devices connected or no devices found. Simply click *OK* and select *Transfer* again.
9. After the transfer process has finished, the overview graphic (see 8.1) is calculated and presented in the *Activity* tab.

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