

## Introduction

Typically, a Stack Overflow post includes information about a developer's goal(s) and his/her encountered symptom(s).

In the context of a Q&A forum, we define a **goal** as: "text that indicates what the developer is trying to do or achieve."

We define a **symptom/problem** as: "text that indicates what is going wrong when the developer is trying to achieve their goal or preventing the developer from achieving his/her goal."

## Presentation Format Study Instructions

This study seeks to determine which presentation format of Stack Overflow search results is more useful to determine the relevance of the set of post results to a given Stack Overflow search query.

In this study, you will be examining pairs of HTML pages, where each pair consists of an HTML page in format A and an HTML page in format B, containing Stack Overflow search results with the given query.

At this URL: <https://zsenzer.github.io/Research/study.html>, you will find three queries, each with two links for Presentation Format A and Presentation Format B. For each query, open the links for Presentation Format A and Presentation Format B and answer the set questions on the Presentation Format Study Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/wnANES5RWXUQIITO2>.

Submit a new response on the form for each query (you will complete and submit the form three different times).

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Thank you for your participation!