

Dear Survey Solutions user,

We are happy to inform you about the new release of Survey Solutions. We have worked hard to make sure that the software is fast and stable—for example, Designer loads large questionnaires more than eight times faster compared to the previous version. In addition to that, we have added three major features to Designer, Supervisor, Headquarters and the interviewer.

Cascading questions

Different single-option questions can be linked with one another, so that a choice of an option in one question limits the answers available in the question in the chain. Such a function can be used, for instance, in location-type questions, where selecting “Ontario” in the “Province” question will filter the options available in the “County” question to show only counties located in Ontario.

Documentation

More information on cascading questions can be found:

- in the Designer User’s Guide (page 36);
- in the Question Types Guide (pages 3,23 and 24).

Multimedia question: photo

Survey Solutions allows you to add photo attachments to your interview using the tablet’s build-in camera. You can use the new function to take photos of the respondent for identification purposes, document the progress of a construction project or attach a ‘soft copy’ of a document produced by a project beneficiary. There are many possibilities, and Survey Solutions supports adding an unlimited number of such photo attachments. To make use of the new function, simply create a new question in Designer and select “Multimedia: photo” as its type. Remember, however, that interviews containing multimedia attachments will require larger amounts of data to be transferred to the server—this can impact both your 3G charges and the transmission speed.

The Multimedia questions that support audio and video recordings are coming soon.

Documentation

More information on cascading questions can be found:

- in the Designer User’s Guide (page 23)
- in the Question Types Guide (pages 4, 5, 7, 9, 43 and 44)

Supervisor and Headquarters: find an interview

Supervisors and Headquarters users will now find it easier to find interviews: we have added a Search field, allowing them to look up an interview based on its “header”: information such as the enumeration area, address, name of the household head or other variables, as long as they are marked as “pre-filled” in Designer.

How to download the new Survey Solutions?

We have already updated the Questionnaire Designer: simply log in to solutions.worldbank.org to find the updated software. To make sure that you are able to test the questionnaires that you have created, update your Questionnaire Tester from the Google Play Store.

If you are using Survey Solutions Cloud, contact support@mysurvey.solutions to discuss upgrading your server to the latest version. If you prefer to use a self-hosted Headquarters and Supervisor, you can download the installer [here](#).

What are we working on?

Throughout the rest of October, our team will be working on Survey Solutions 2.5, to be released in early November. The update will feature:

- a new programming language, based on C# LINQ library and allowing the questionnaire designers to specify more complicated skip patterns and validation conditions;
- a modern, revamped interface of the Interviewer application;
- export for interviews that have not been approved by the Headquarters (the export engine will allow the user to choose the interview statuses for which the data should be exported);
- additional improvements in the Designer interface.

We are looking forward to hearing from you: feel free to share your feedback on the new and upcoming features by writing to support@mysurvey.solutions.

Best regards,
Survey Solutions Team