

Teaching statistics through problem solving: using real time data retrieval.



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abstract

In this session

- an approach to engaging students who experience introductory statistics as a service course will be presented.
- a problem solving approach is employed
- the students collect their own data via a real-time classroom survey tool.
- exemplar resources will be introduced

Summary

- i. Introductory statistics modules
- ii. Engaging students
- iii. Using a problem solving approach
- iv. Implementing real-time survey data collection

Introductory statistics modules

What often happens in the first semester

- EDA
- Graphical presentation of data
 - >The usual suspects
- Descriptive statistics
 - **≻**Location
 - **≻**Spread

The rest of the year might include: regression; ANOVA; chi-squared test for contingency tables; ...

Introductory statistics modules

What often happens in the first semester?

- The students have done much of this before
- The students are bored
- They talk among themselves

What do students talk about?

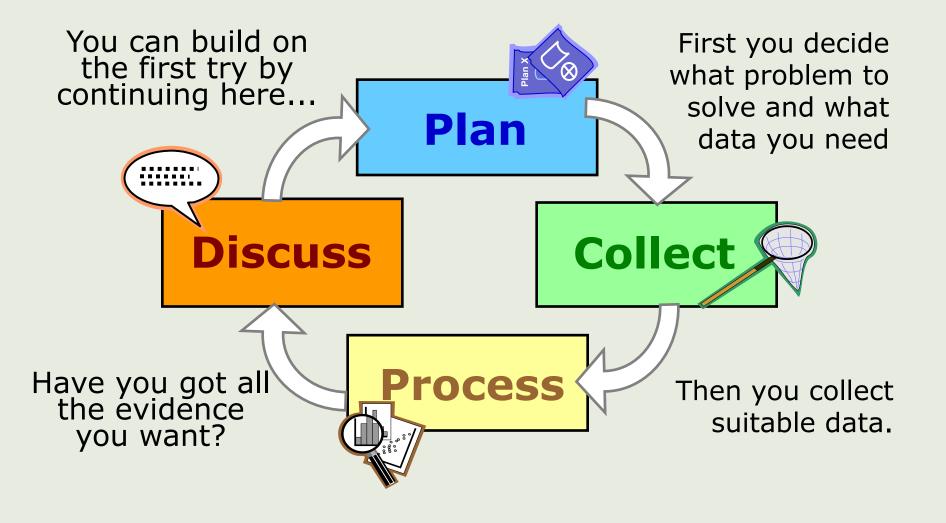
- What are they talking about?
 - > Themselves and their friends
- What topics interest them?
 - > Their accommodation
 - > The neighbourhood they live in/crime
- So- ASK them to talk about these topics in class

Engaging students

- We can use this to get students to learn introductory statistics
- If we use real data that is relevant to the students
- If we use a problem solving approach (PSA)

The Statistical Problem Solving Approach

Plan Collect Process Discuss



The first introductory stats lecture

- Introduce the problem
- PLAN
 - Discussion
 - Student questions
 - Choose data
- Reminder of the PSA

Start screen

What sort of neighbourhood do you live in?

Start screen

How safe is the area you live in?





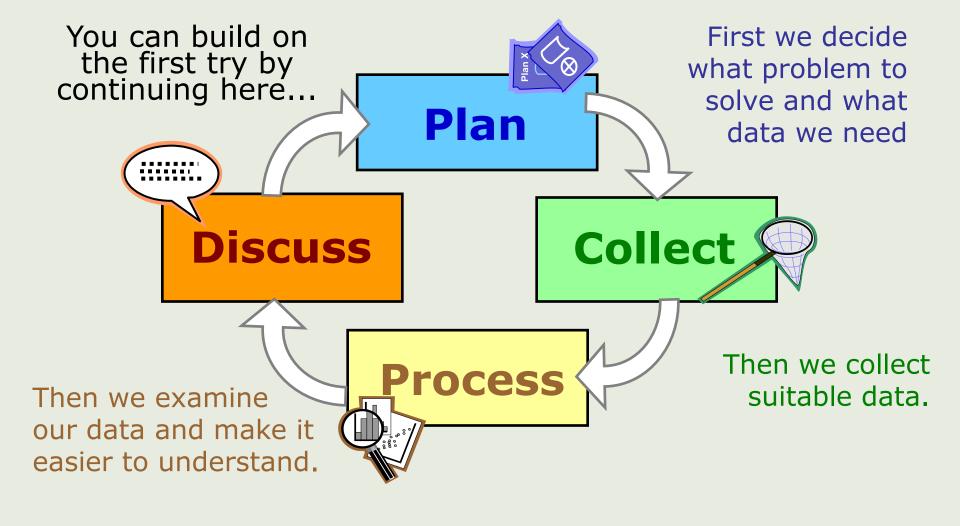




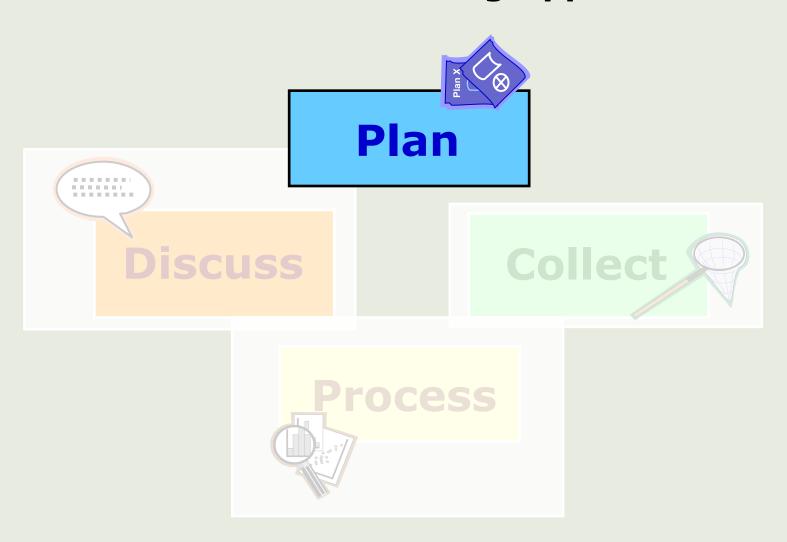




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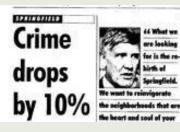


How safe is your neighbourhood?

TV, radio and newspapers regularly report crimes and crime statistics.









Collect Process Discuss



How safe is your neighbourhood?

Are the crime figures as bad as some of the

newspapers suggest?

What are the crime figures like in your neighbourhood?

Are crime figures increasing each year?

Should people be more/less concerned about certain crimes?

Do most freshers
live in safe
neighbourhoods?

What proportion of students worried about safety?

How can you find out?

Who should you ask?

What should you ask them?



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Are students at all worried?

What crimes worry students most?

Use a questionnaire?

Is there any association between university town and attitude to safety?



Eight categories

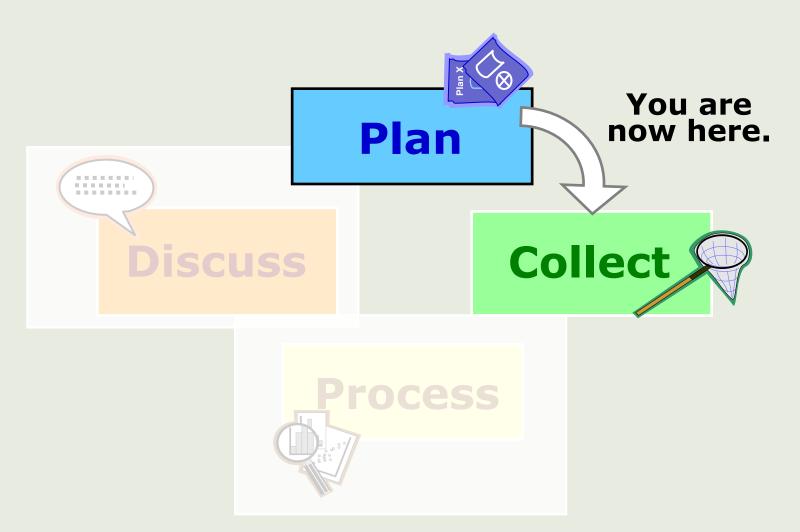
- > Develop a model of the population.
- > One variable may depend on another.
- > Turn the model into precise statistical hypotheses (null and alternative).
- H₀: There is no association between university town and concern about being mugged
- H₁: There is an association

The questionnaire

How worried are you about being the victim of the following?

	very worried	⊢aırıy worried	vvorriea	Not very worried	Not at all worried
Having something stolen					
Being mugged or robbed					
Being physically attacked					
Being insulted or pestered					

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The First Seminar/Workshop - Collect

- The students complete a short questionnaire (online)
- The questionnaire comprises?
 - demographic questions including date of birth
 - questions about accommodation
 - questions taken from the British Crime Survey
 (<u>www.statistics.gov.uk/ssd/surveys/british_crime_survey.asp</u>)

The First Seminar/Workshop - Collect

Collect student responses in real time How it works:

- a. Member of staff (MoS) enters activation code
- b. Students logon using class code and complete questionnaire
- c. MoS enters end of class code deactivates survey
- d. RSSCSE server publishes csv file to url
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The First Seminar/Workshop - Process and Discuss

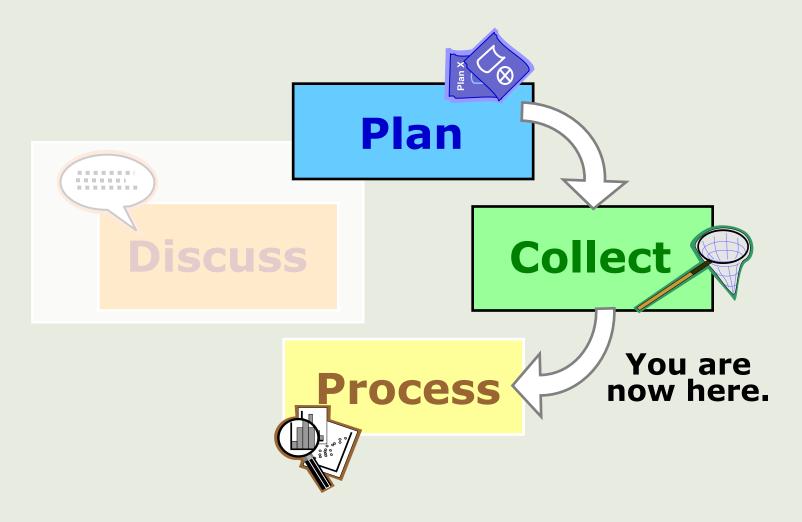
- Students revise data summary presentation
 - use their collective seminar data for this
 - summarise their seminar group's perceptions
- Students draw tentative conclusions
 - limitations of the seminar 'sample' discussed
 - possibility of using the whole module group's responses in next seminar session discussed



You will do this in your first seminars

Students at three other UK universities have completed the questionnaire

The Problem Solving Approach



Discuss



	Scale	of worr	y: 1 is	very w	orried	
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
A	19	29	27	49	16	140
В	7	14	15	23	6	65
С	1	2	5	24	13	45
Total	27	45	47	96	35	250

If University and scale of worry are INDEPENDENT

 $P(B \text{ and fairly worried}) = P(B) \times P(2)$

$$=\frac{65}{250}\times\frac{45}{250}$$



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P(B and 2) =
$$\frac{65}{250} \times \frac{45}{250} = 0.0468$$

How does this compare with P(B and 2) $=\frac{14}{250}=0.0560$

How close are they??

Expected frequencies

	Scale of worry: 1 is very worried					
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How many would we have expected to be B and 2?

If B and 2 are *independent*

Expected frequency = P(B and 2) x (total number)
$$= \frac{65}{250} \times \frac{45}{250} \times 250 = \frac{65 \times 45}{250} = 11.7$$

row total x column total

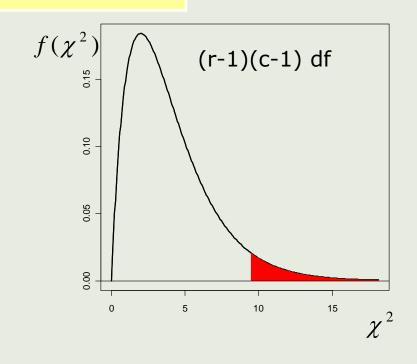
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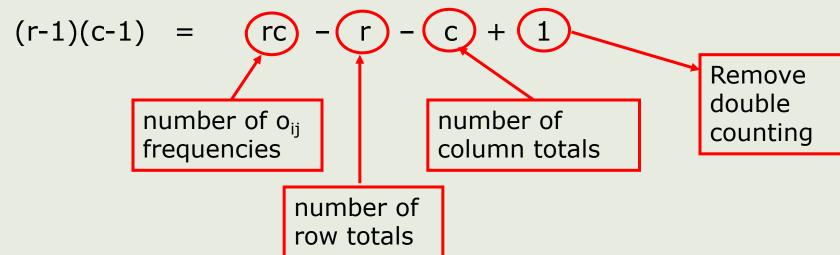
Process

Test statistic

$$X^{2} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\left(o_{ij} - e_{ij}\right)^{2}}{e_{ij}}$$

has a chi-squared distribution with (r-1)(c-1) degrees of freedom





(r-1)(c-1) df

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Process

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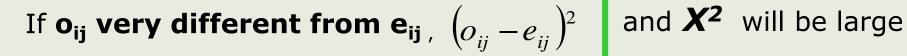
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0.05

If o_{ii} close to e_{ii}

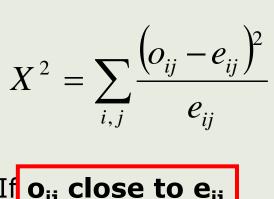
 $(o_{ii} - e_{ii})^2$ will be close to zero and

X² will be small



DECISION RULE

Reject H_0 if X^2 is too big





Example

H₀: There is no association between university and worry about being mugged

 H_1 : There is an association

a = 0.05

DECISION RULE

$$d.f. = (3-1)X(5-1) = 8$$

Reject Ho if

$$X_{calc}^{2} = \sum_{i} \frac{(o_{ij} - e_{ij})^{2}}{e_{ij}} > \chi_{0.05,8}^{2} = 15.507$$

From sample data ...

Process

96

From Minitab

m2 Total ml mЗ m4 m5 1 19 27 29 49 16 140 15.12 25.20 26.32 53.76 19.60 0.996 0.573 0.018 0.421 0.661

Expected frequencies

65

45

250

35

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2 7 14 15 23 6
7.02 11.70 12.22 24.96 9.10
0.000 0.452 0.632 0.154 1.056
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3 1 2 5 24 13 4.86 8.10 8.46 17.28 6.30 3.066 4.594 1.415 2.613 7.125 Contribution to test statistic

Chi-Sq = 23.777, DF = 8, P-Value = 0.002 l cells with expected counts less than 5.

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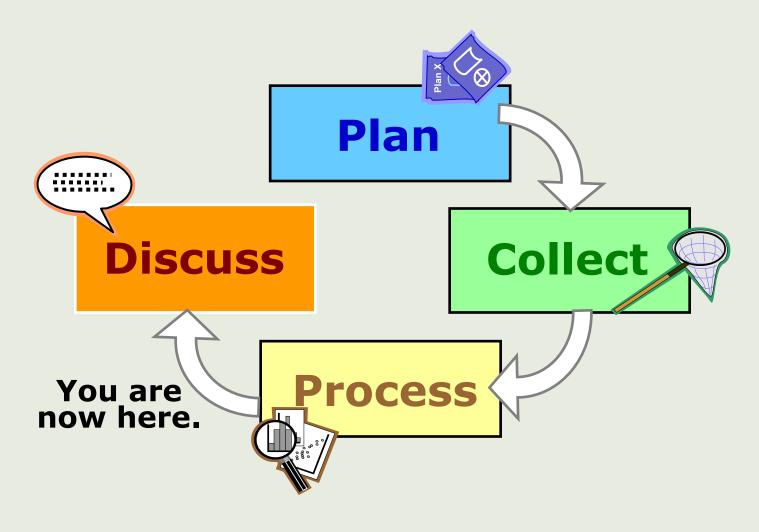
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Total

Test statistic

47

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 H_0 : there is no association between university attended and fear of being mugged

H₁: there is an association

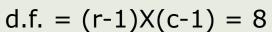
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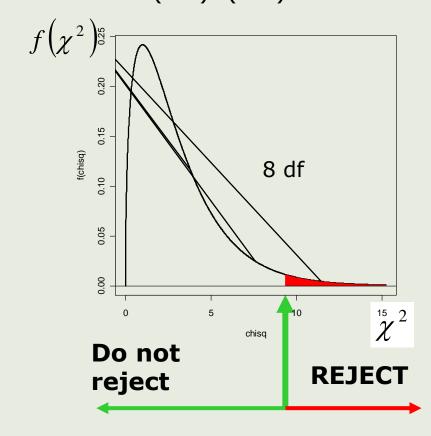
DECISION rule

Reject H₀ if
$$X^{2} = \sum_{i} \frac{(o_{ij} - e_{ij})^{2}}{e_{ij}} > 15.507$$

From sample data

$$\chi^2_{2calc} = 23.777$$





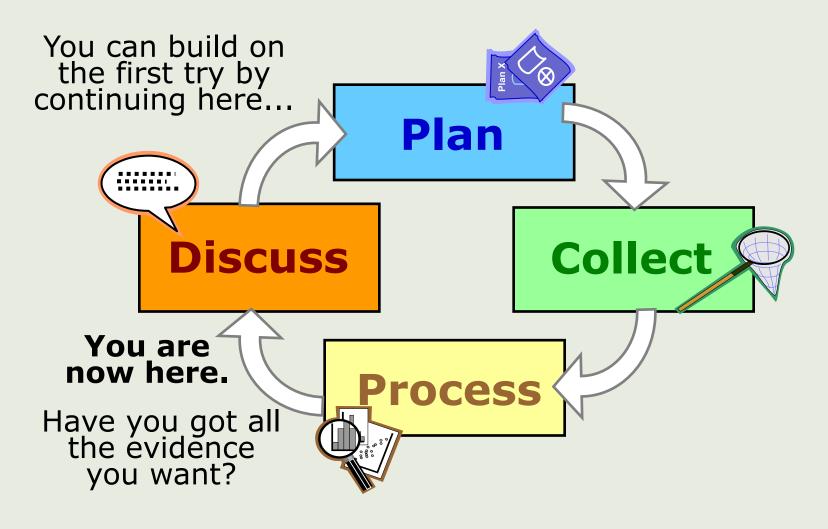


What can we conclude?

Other questions?

- about what is this due to
- about other questions/associations

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HOW IS THIS ACHIEVED?

The survey – the student view

http://www.rsscse.org.uk/acc

The survey

Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats)

This anonymous questionnaire is designed to discover some important and useful facts about the accommodation that university students use during term time.

There are 19 questions in this survey.

A note on privacy

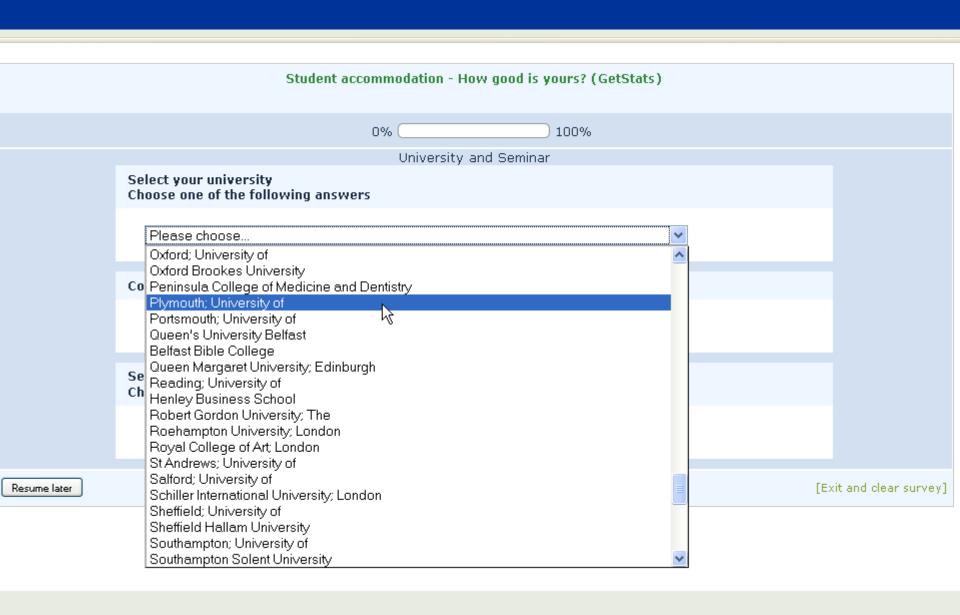
This survey is anonymous.

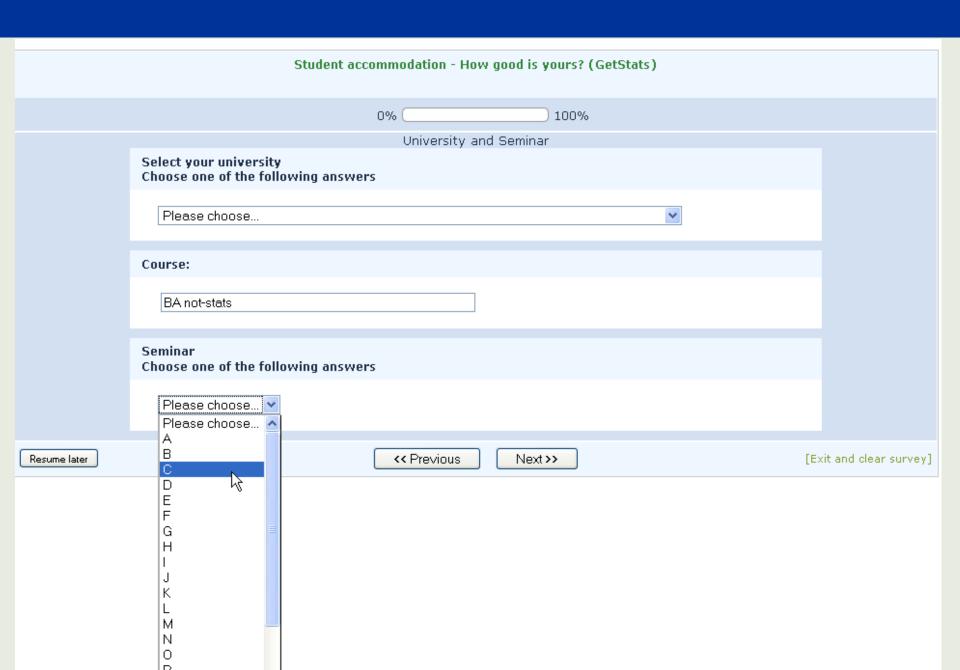
The record kept of your survey responses does not contain any identifying information about you unless a specific question in the survey has asked for this. If you have responded to a survey that used an identifying token to allow you to access the survey, you can rest assured that the identifying token is not kept with your responses. It is managed in a separate database, and will only be updated to indicate that you have (or haven't) completed this survey. There is no way of matching identification tokens with survey responses in this survey.

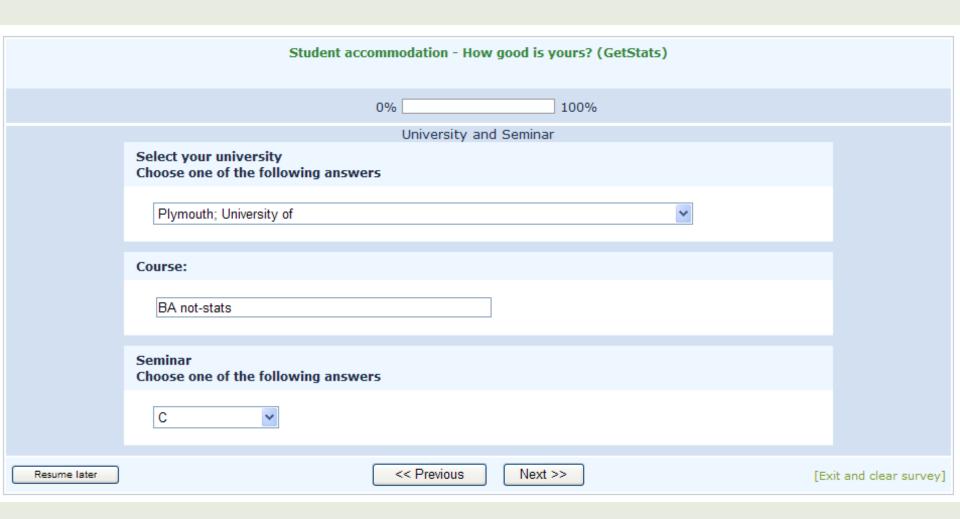
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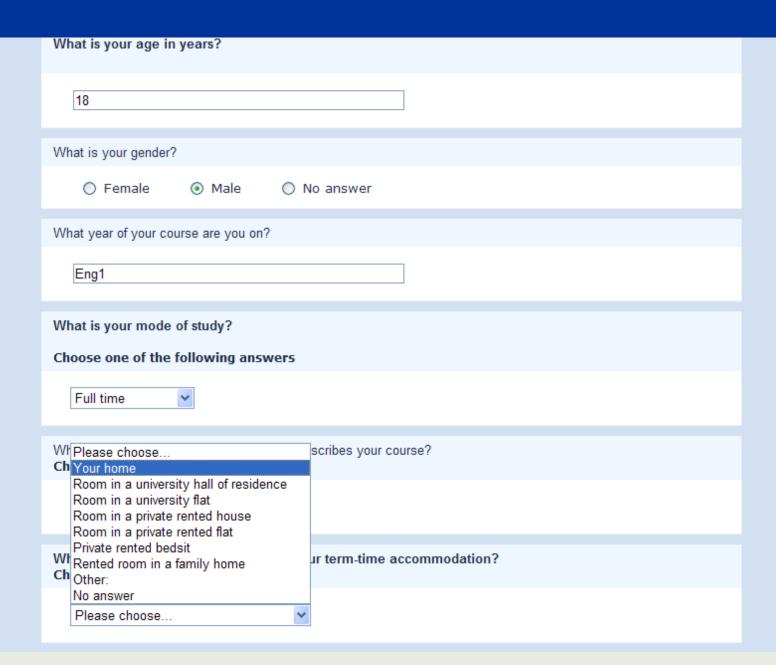
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[Exit and clear survey]









What is your mode of study?
Choose one of the following answers Full time
Which of the following areas of study best describes your course? Choose one of the following answers
Engineering
Which of the following best describes your term-time accommodation? Choose one of the following answers
Your home 💌
How much rent per calendar month do you pay in term time? Give your answer in pounds sterling.
320 Only numbers may be entered in this field
Indicate any extras that are included in the rent you pay Choose one of the following answers
Gas, electricity and water

Travel				
Estimate the distance you travel from your term-time accommodation to your university. Give your answers				
Only numbers may be entered in these fields				
EITHER in miles to the nearest tenth (0.1) of a mile 5				
OR in kilometres to the nearest tenth (0.1) of a kilometre				
Estimate the total amount of time it takes for you to travel from your term-time accommodation to your first class of the week. Give your answers in minutes.				
Only numbers may be entered in this field				
For the journey to your university decide which of the following components make up this journey and estimate the total time spent for each type of travel. For any type of travel you do not use on your journey please leave the answer blank. Give your answers in minutes.				
Only numbers may be entered in these fields				
Bicycle 5				
Bus/coach				
Car				
Motorbike/scooter/moped				
Train				
Tram				
Metro				

	Student acco	ommodation -	How good is	yours? (GetS	tats)				
		0%		100%					
		Qua	lity of life						
How would you describe the quality of your accommodation? Choose one of the following answers									
OK •									
How worried are you abou	It being the vict	im of the follow	ing?						
	Very worried	Fairly worried	Worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	No answer			
Having something stolen	0	•	0	0	0	0			
Being mugged or robbed	0	0	•	0	0	0			
Being physically attacked	0	0	0	•	0	0			
Being insulted or pestered	0	0	0	•	0	0			
What is the <u>maximum rent</u> per calendar month you would be prepared to pay for your term-time accommodation? Give your answer in pounds sterling.t									
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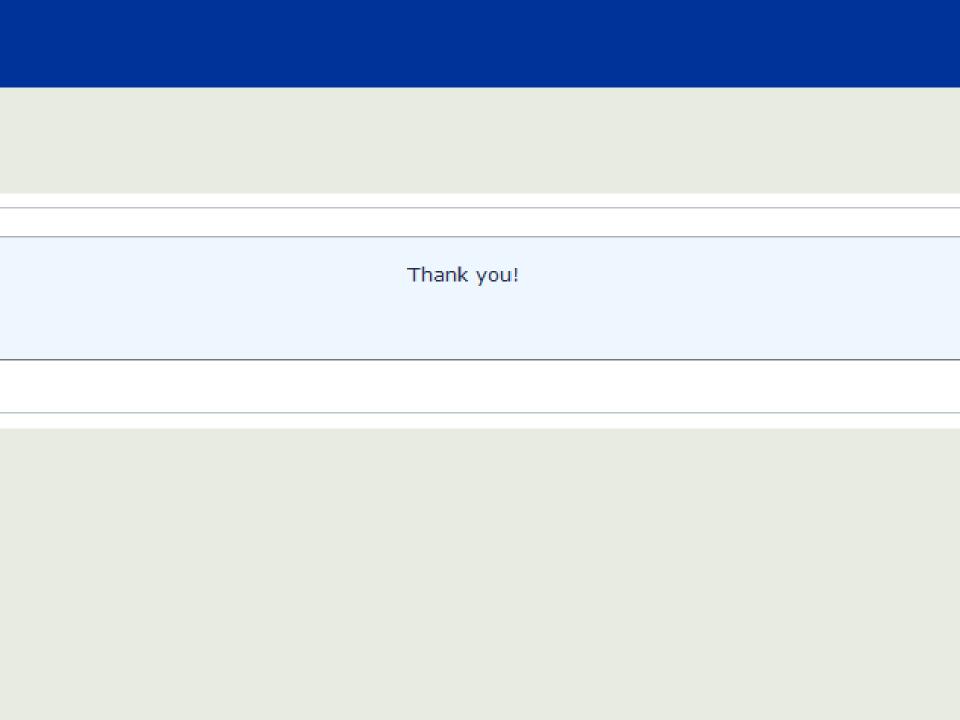
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	Being insulted or pestered	0	0	0	•	0	0
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	350						
	Only numbers may be el	ntered in this fiel	ld				
V	What is the <u>maximum time</u> (in minutes) you would be prepared to spend travelling <u>to university</u> each day?						
	40						
	Only numbers may be entered in this field						
	Estimate the distance from your term-time accommodation to your university as the crow flies (that is, in a straight line)						
	Only numbers may be entered in these fields						
	EITHER in miles to the nearest tenth (0.1) of a mile 4.5						
	OR in kilometres to	the nearest	tenth (0.1)	of a kilometre			

Resume later

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Submit

[Exit and clear survey]



Institution: Plymouth; University of

Course: ba not-stats

Survey: Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats)

Seminar	Download
С	In progress (check again) [1 result(s)]
All seminars	Not yet available (check again)

Institution: Plymouth; University of

Course: getstats

Survey: Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats)

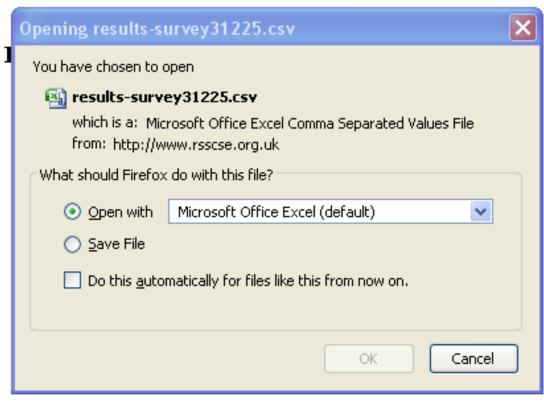
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All seminars	Download

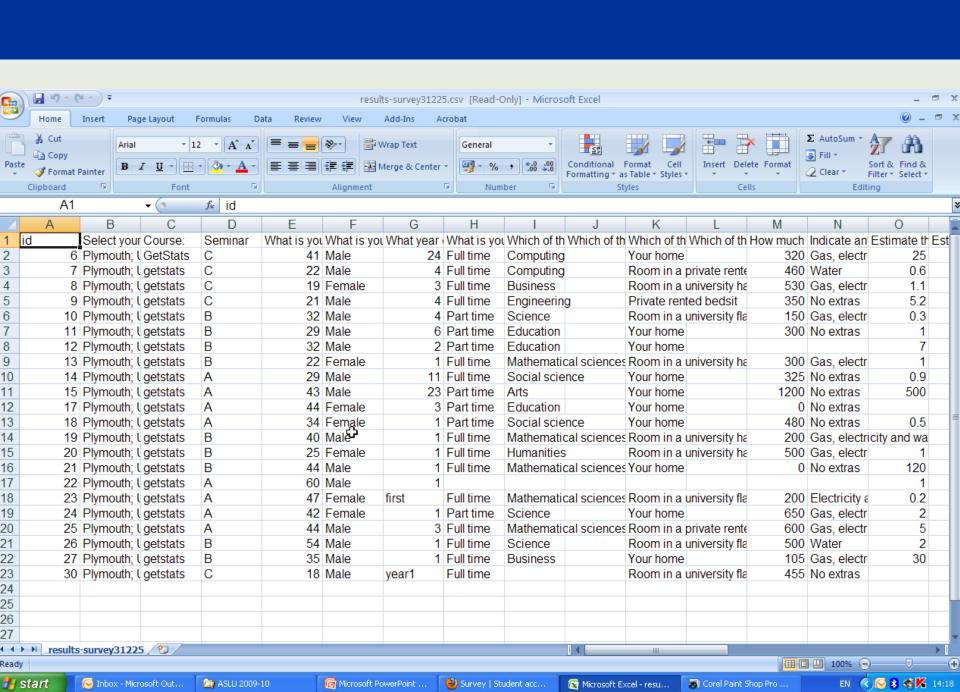
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Survey: Student accommodation - 1

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The survey – the tutor view

LimeSurvey

Username		
Password		
Language	Default	~

Forgot your password?

Login

Administration -- Logged in as: getstats ₽







Survey

Welcome getstats!

You logged in successfully.



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Surveys: Please choose...

Status	Survey ID	Survey 🔺	Date created	Owner	Access	Anonymous answers	Full responses	Partial responses	Total responses
	31225	Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats)	09.06.2010	admin	Open- access	Yes	24	2	26

Administration -- Logged in as: getstats







Surveys: Student accom

Survey Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats) (ID:31225)















Welcome: This anonymous questionnaire is designed to discover some important and useful facts about the accommodation that up

Browse responses for this survey

Question groups: Please choose...

Title: Student accommodation - How good

Survey URL (English): http://www.rsscse.org.uk/gary/limesurve

Description:

term time.

Administrator: John Marriott (john.marriott@rsscse.org.uk)

Fax to:

Start date/time: -Expiry date/time: -

Template: default

Base language: English

Additional languages:

Fxit link:

Number of questions/groups: 19/4

Survey currently active: Yes

Survey table name: lime_survey_31225

Hints: Answers to this survey are anonymized.

It is presented group by group.

Participants can save partially finished surveys

No email notification

Browse responses: (Student accommodation - How good is yours? (GetStats))

























Response summary

Export Results to Takers

Full responses: 24

Incomplete responses: 2

> **Total responses:** 26



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Export to takers

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List of courses [from responses so far]

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Business 1	http://www.rsscse.org.uk/gary/limesurvey/responses.php?sid=31225&u=126&c=Business	
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Course BA not-stats seminar C is now closed.



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Business	1	http://www.rsscse.org.uk/gary/limesurvey/responses.php?sid=31225&u=126&c=Business	B [1 responses] V close
GetStats	21	http://www.rsscse.org.uk/gary/limesurvey/responses.php?sid=31225&u=126&c=GetStats	All seminars are closed! 🕶 close
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Exit link:

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Like it? Donate LimeSurve

The results

Available from a url

Discussion

- New project at RSS centre
 - Implementation of real-time responses to classrooms from Lime survey
- What resources are needed?
- What topics
 - Global warming?
 - The environment?
- Do we need subject specific resources?
- 'Portable' version being developed

Where now?

- Exemplar resources
 - 3 available
 - PSA PowerPoint template
 - <u>www.rsscse.org.uk</u> from the main menu: Resources > For Higher Education > Teaching Through Problem Solving > Workshop Resources
- Additional supporting material?
- More resources needed