Model LXQUEST

Quantitative Evaluation System (QuESt) User Instructions



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Main Window

Open

Click on **Open** to bring up a chart for viewing. The program will show a window where you can navigate to the file you wish to view. Go to the subject's file (ie. C:\Pffolder\XXXXXXX where the X's are your subject's file name). Double click to open the file and then double click on Exam 1 (if there has only been one exam for that subject). Next Double Click on Chart 1 and it will appear in the main viewing window.

Report

Once chart is open click on **Report** to show a horizontal bar graph of each question and it's relative strength for the currently displayed chart.



Report Screen

Results

Click on **Results** to display the horizontal bar graph for each chart where the questions are grouped by type or topic, or for all charts together. The graph displays the type of question, the number of questions of that type being evaluated, a bar showing reaction strength along with a reaction strength percentage number and finally a probability number that shows the consistency of the reactions grouped together.

To display multiple charts together click once on the first chart you wish to display the results for and then double click on each additional chart (in the window on the right side of the Results window).

Parameters

Click on the **Parameters** button to show the numerical weight given to each channel and its components for each question on the chart being displayed.

The parameters window displays each channel (EDA, Cardio and Respiration), and additional measurements (Other). Each Channel has three subcomponents as follows:

EDA

- A = Amplitude
- E = Energy
- V = Velocity (front growth speed)

Cardio

- A = Amplitude
- F = Frequency
- DF = Pulse Frequency

Respiration

- Amax = Maximum Amplitude
- DT = Duration Time
- Amin = Minimum Amplitude

Others

- BF = Maximum Amplitude of Blood Pressure Signal
- R(T-A) = Difference Between Thoracic and Abdominal Reponses
- Ema = Motor Activity Energy (Not currently included in the analysis)

Response Time

Click on the **Response Time** button to modify the length of time that QuESt analyzes each question. The time is selectable from 5 to 30 seconds. You can click on the up and down arrows to modify the time by 1-second increments or click on the seconds displayed to select the time in 10-second increments. The time is measured from the beginning of the question.



Color Bars

Click on the **Color Bars** to modify the default settings for displaying the type and color of each question. The default is set to the Backster standard for color-coding questions. You can modify the settings for your own format by clicking in any of the fields (including the color field) and entering your own selection. Please note that each field must be exact, ie. If you use 5R for relevant questions in the relevant field you should enter this in one of the 10 **Names** fields, if you use R5 then enter it this way. It is strongly recommended that you mark your relevant and control questions with a R or C respectively when you formulate them in the LXSOFTWARE program. This will allow you to easily display the correct color-coding when you are using different formats or displaying the demonstration or stim test. The same would apply to sacrifice relevant questions, SKY, etc. To add additional topics or types of questions click on any topic field and type in the topic that you wish to display.

Include All: See Excluding Questions below Recalculate: See Excluding Questions below Exit: Click this button to exit QuESt

On the second line beneath the menu bar is listed:

- 1. File Name
- 2. Current Chart (click on downward arrow to display a different chart in the main window)
- 3. Format used (taken from the LXSOFTWARE program)
- 4. Topic Set either Standard or Custom
- 5. Topic shown when using the Custom topic set
- 6. Link used to link a selected question with a custom topic

Excluding Questions

To exclude a question from the analysis click on the "+" button above the color bar of that question. The button will push in and change to a minus. When you are finished excluding the question(s) click on **Recalculate**. If at any time you wish to return excluded questions to the analysis click on **Include All**.

Chart Review

The main window displays the chart in 100% view mode when opened for the first time. In the lower left hand corner you will see a drop box displaying "**Fit In Window**" You can click on the downward arrow to change the amount of chart displayed from 100% to 2 minutes of chart time or 1 minute of chart time. To select a specific question for viewing on the chart you can click on its respective color bar. If you click directly on the chart a black line will display the relative GSC amplitude at that point. The gray areas at the bottom of the chart display the question length, the blue vertical lines display the beginning of the question, a small blue box with two vertical dashes above and below it display the answer response with a + or - following.

Underneath the chart display window is located the selected question's ID or number, the response and the test of the question as well as which topic it is currently associated with.

Custom Topic Sets

When the program is initially started you will be seeing the **Standard Topic Set** which is based on how you have preset the Color Bars window, i.e. Relevant, Control, Neutral, etc. QuESt allows you to switch to a **Custom Topic Set** in which you can link questions on the chart to a topic of your choosing. These custom topics are then displayed in the **Results** window with the horizontal reaction bar chart. To link questions to custom topics click on the downward arrow in the **Topic Set** field and select **CUSTOM**. The field directly to the right of it will become enabled and you can either select a preprogrammed topic or select **New Topic** and type in the topic. Next select the question you want to link to the new topic by clicking on it's color bar and then click on **Link**. The new custom topic should appear in the field at the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

User Notes

Write any user notes here for your convenience.

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