

This pages gives an overview of the type of codes that can be used in each field of the OSuCre syntax file. The codes are organized per column (Question, Type, Size, ...). For each column, the codes are sorted by importance.

Question column

This column contains the actual questions. Additionally it can contain following codes:

- `$newpage` Starts a new page from hereon
- `$branch` Starts skip logic basing on the question on the previous line (must be a radio button, text, textarea or drop question); also starts a new page
Requires several parameters: N+1 numbers under each label, with N being the number of labels
- `$random` randomizes a number of pages, as indicated by the size parameter; also starts a new page

Additional Questions code:

- `{ }` Text between brackets is added to the SPSS syntax and NOT to the survey. In combination with the "use syntax as prompt" option, the text will additionally be used to notify respondents of unanswered questions.
- `<?php echo $_GET['v'] ?>` PHP code needed to capture the version variable. Type needs to be "hidden"
- HTML HTML code can be added to the Question column

Type column

- radio use radio buttons
- text use a line of text (e.g. for a name)
- textarea use a text field (e.g. for an essay question)
- drop use a drop down menu
- checkbox use checkboxes
- hidden use a hidden text variable
- vas use a visual analog scale

Size column

In combination with "radio" or "checkbox": the number of radio buttons or checkboxes

In combination with "text": the maximum number of characters

In combination with "textarea": the number of lines in the text field

Size has no function in combination with "drop" or "hidden"

Additional functions:

When size is used without any type or question, a table will be created containing only labels. These labels may be useful on top of a table containing Likert-type items.

In combination with "\$random": the number of pages that will be randomized. Note that during conversion no error will be reported if the survey contains insufficient pages.

Direction column

May contain "h" for horizontal presentation of or "v" for vertical presentation; default (no code) is horizontal presentation.

Additional Direction code:

{ } Numbers between brackets will be used to define the width of the label columns. Each column will have the same size, except if the content of a column does not allow this

Control column

May contain "y" for prompting on unanswered questions or "n" for no prompts; default (no code) is no prompts.

When the use syntax as prompts is checked in the extra – options menu, the syntax from the text will be used in the prompt window to point to the unanswered question. When the syntax is missing, the question text itself is used instead.

Label columns

Each column may contain a label (unlimited number of labels possible, depending on spreadsheet).

Additional Label code:

{ } Text between brackets will be added to the SPSS syntax, but not to the survey

HTML

Label column may contain HTML code

Combined with \$branch The numbers in the label columns will be used to skip pages. 1 means: go to next page, 2 means: skip one page, etc.

Combined with text type Will add text on the right side of the field:
e.g. question FIELD text from first label

Additional code to the Header:

The paradata field can contain the following code:

{100} Will define each table as being 100 percent of the screen. This way you can present questions centred across the entire screen.