Using Qualtrics to proactively collect user feedback

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Background and Context

- University of Calgary
- Libraries & Cultural Resources (LCR)
- Implemented Primo in late 2018



Primo Working Group

- In early 2020, formed an internal Primo Working Group (PWG) to focus on library search functionality and experience
- The PWG discussed how to collect feedback on what users thought of our library search
- PWG sub-group formed to investigate options

Exploratory

Obtain a baseline sense of user opinion on the search tool

Develop a continuous method of collecting data for review

Share feedback among Library stakeholder groups

Compare feedback to other data (analytics)

How to collect feedback in meaningful way?

Timing

Validity

Intercept users with a survey after searching

- Decided to use institutional license for <u>Qualtrics</u> to design a survey which would:
 - Ask users for open-ended feedback on their perception of search success or failure
 - Ask users to identify the "user group" they belong
 - Proactively intercept users after search using Web/App feedback functionality

Survey Design



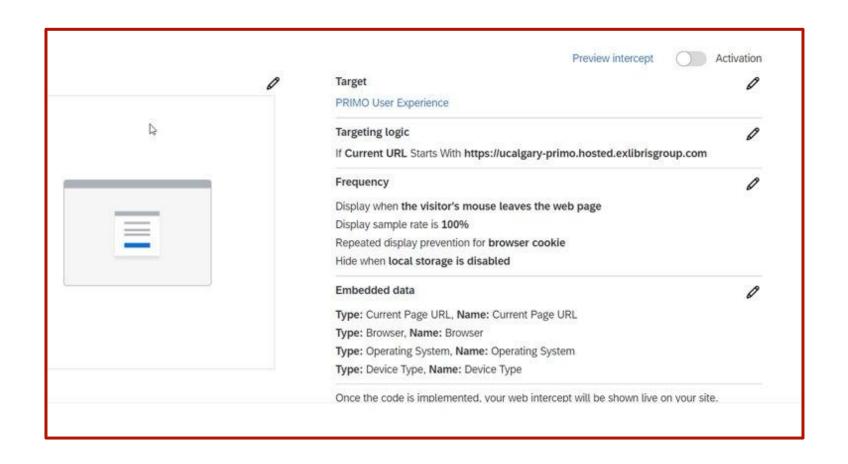


What user group do you belong to?

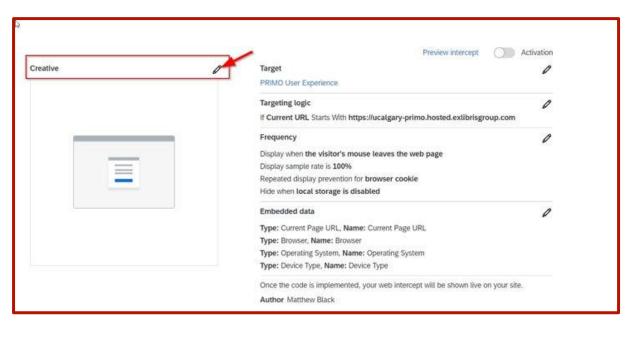


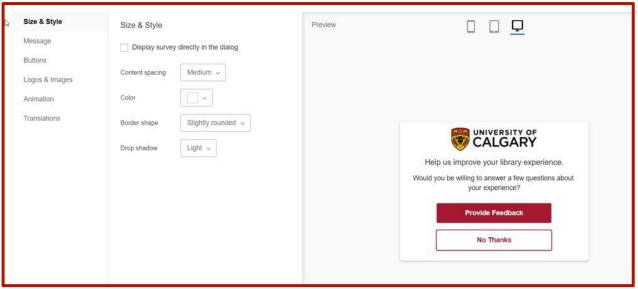
Did you find what you needed?

Survey Delivery

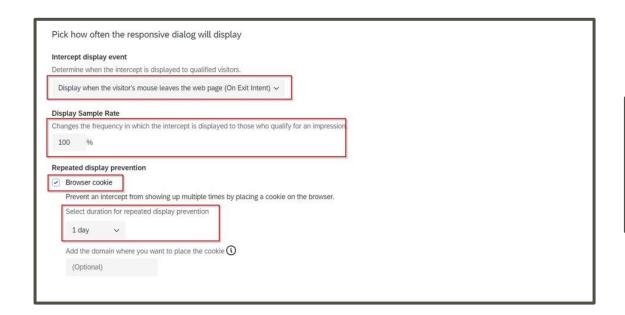


Create "Website/App feedback project"





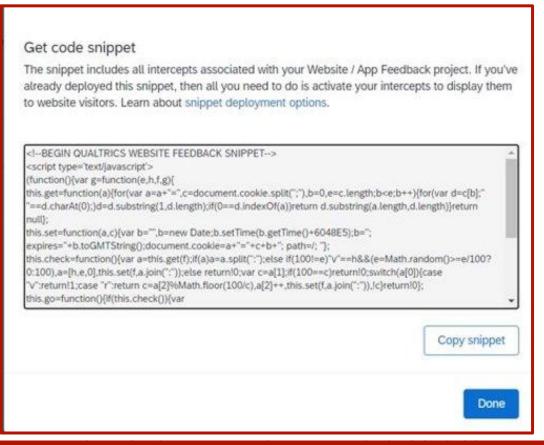
Create a "Creative"





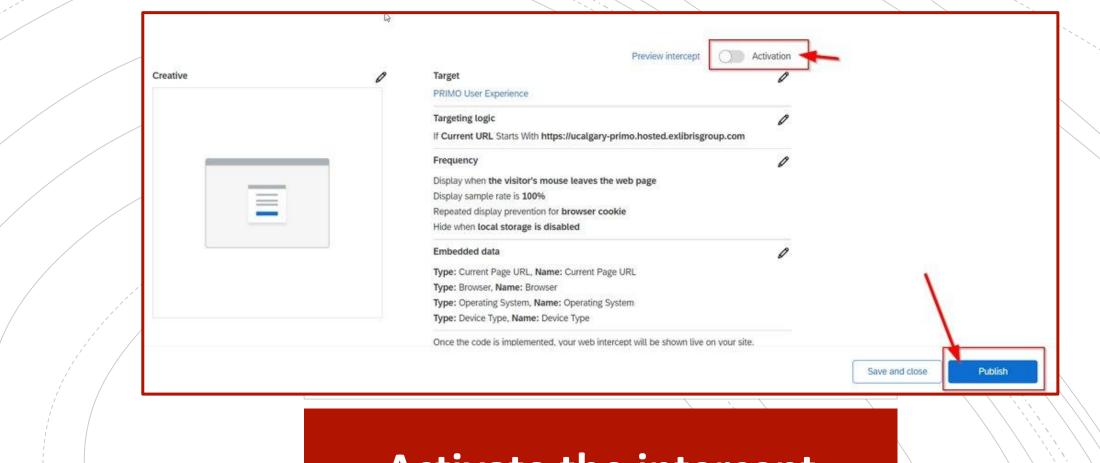
Create an "intercept"





Generate the code snippet

Add the code snippet to custom.js and update customization package



Activate the intercept

Survey Pilot

- Survey active for two weeks from 2021/03/09 to 2021/03/23
- 313 responses
- Analyzed text responses for themes

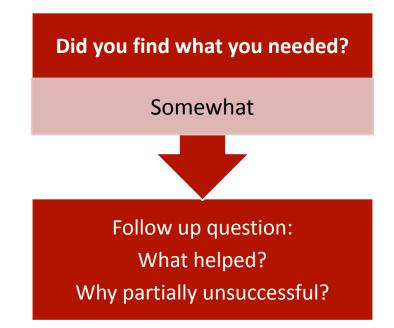
Pilot Results

- Approximately 83% of respondents felt they were successful or partially successful in searching
- Approximately 17% of respondents felt they were not successful
- Approximately
 - 47% undergraduate students
 - 22 % graduate students
 - 22% Faculty/Academic staff
 - 5.5% Support Staff
 - **3.5%** other



| Successes | Challenges |
|--|---|
| Filters (especially title and peer review) | Community users' awareness of licensing and access restrictions |
| Search boxes (basic and advanced) | Navigating search interface |
| Use of databases | Items not available |
| Real-time reference assistance (chat) | Browser security warning issues |
| Librarian information literacy efforts | |

- Ask one question per question
 - Follow up questions for "Somewhat" asked two questions in one question



- Make sure survey design segments answers you want to analyze independently
 - Survey did not segment responses from internal and external user groups.

| Internal | External |
|---|-------------------|
| Current students, faculty, researchers, and staff | Community, Alumni |

- Provide option to contact the library for immediate support
 - Some respondents used the survey to report a specific issue that could have been addressed through chat or email

Recommendations

Flagged areas the PWG could investigate:

- How to add point-of-need support for searching
- Improvements to results page display
- Review of display labels for:
 - Facets
 - Availability statements
 - Access and licensing
- Support for browser security and linking issues

Second and Third Versions

UPDATED SURVEY
QUESTIONS AND
FLOW

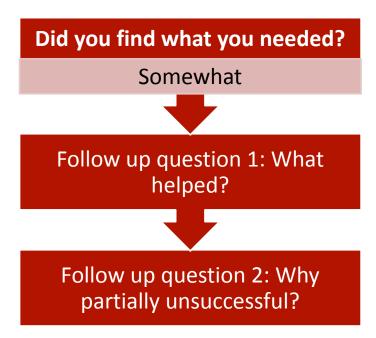
RAN SURVEY IN FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022 TERMS ANALYZED RESULTS FOR CONSISTENCY AND THEMES

Update Survey Questions and Flow

 Updated survey flow to segment responses from internal and external user groups.

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Split follow up questions for "Somewhat" split into two questions



Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 term

| | Fall 2021 | Spring 2022 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Survey period | • 2021/10/07 to 2021/10/21 | • 2022/03/21 to 2022/04/04 |
| Number of responses | • 225 | • 217 |
| User group segments | • Internal – 98% of Reponses | • Internal – 93% of Reponses |
| Did you find what you needed? | 61% felt they were successful 24% felt they were partially successful in searching | 61% felt they were successful 25% felt they were partially successful in searching |

Successes and Challenges

| Successes | Challenges |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Filters (especially title and peer review) | Overwhelmed by results list |
| Search boxes (basic and advanced) | Linking issues |
| Use of databases | Items not available |
| Student awareness of importance of search strategies and terms | Navigating search interface |
| Database list | Browser security warnings |

What helped you find what you needed?

Chat/Staff Assistance Filters **Basic Search** Advanced Search Other/Unclear Ierms Databases

Why do you think your search wasn't successful?

Technical issue

Browser Warning Search Results

Linking/Access Issues

Availability Issues Search Interface



Information Literacy issue

Lessons Learned and next Steps

Results were consistent over three surveys

- Approximately 60% felt they were successful
- Approximately 25% felt they were partially successful in searching

Intercept surveys can collect a lot of feedback in a short period

- Over 700 responses over six weeks
- Non proactive version of the survey
 - 107 responses over five months (October 2021 and March 2022)
 - Results have not been analyzed yet

Feedback is a good start

 PWG needs to follow up on specific recommendations for specific improvements



Questions

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