Biometrics: AN OVERVIEW





WHAT IS BIOMETRICS?

Participants are connected to sensors which measure and record their physiological reactions to the tasks as they perform them, by tracking the following measurements:

- **Facial EMG**—facial muscle movement provides insight into emotional responses
- Skin conductance—Galvanic skin responses (GSR) measures emotional stimulation associated with pleasure, displeasure, and anxiety
- **Heart rate**—Electrocardiography (ECG) tracks the heart's response to stimuli
- **Eye tracking**—Monitors where a participant's eyes travel to determine elements they focused on, what they saw, and time spent on particular areas

WHY BIOMETRICS?

By capturing physiological real-time reactions, it helps validate data by revealing:

- How participants feel during tasks
- Any levels of confusion, frustrations, and anxiousness
- How their gaze travels across the page and what they notice
- Avoid biases
- Capture micro-expressions that would not be necessarily observed by a non-expert

How we Process Stimuli



Subconscious - Processing

90% 1 sec -hours

- Emotional reaction
- Instinct
- Habit
- "Gut feeling"

Conscious Processing

- Rational thoughts and memory
- Biased by other factors
- · Context based
- Self-aware

ASPECTS OF BIOMETRICS:

What Is Possible:

- Real time view of biometric data being collected if co-located
- The measures are selected ahead of time based on the research goals and questions agreed upon with the client
- Real time tagging—researcher can tag digitally instants to come back to (micro moments, quotes)

Limitations:

- Data is not processed immediately so interpretation of live data should be directional only.
- Post processing is required in order to make recommendations.
- Due to network capabilities, live streaming from remote areas is not always guaranteed.

WHAT YOU EXPERIENCE DURING FIELDING:

Testing Room

- Participant is hooked up to Biometrics sensors and walked through the usability test
- Camera is filming entire session
- Participant is able to think out loud and provide feedback

Observation Room

- Opportunity for immediate walk throughs and teaching moments from the researcher
- Ability to observe the participant, screen movements, and real time biometric data
- Note taker is able to capture moments on and off screen
- Live streaming of the participant's facial movements

Your Real-Time View of the Biometrics Data



- A Live feed of the Participant's
- B Face Participant's screen
- C Live Biometrics

THE ANALYSIS:

A report that uses the data retrieved from the Biometrics testing to draw findings to better understand the user's needs.

Sensor/Data:

- Eye tracking—AOI Metrics Per Respondent
- FAE—Affectiva Statistics
- FAE (head position)—Sensor Data
- *GSR*—Summary Scores
- EMG—Sensor Data (Select Shimmer)
- Survey—Survey Exports
- Media Exports—Recordings

Analysis Results:

- Eye Tracking Analysis and Facial Expression Analysis
- EMG: How are people reacting? How strongly are people reacting?
- Correlations between different stimuli, behaviors, and patterns
- Analysis of the partic ipant follow up interviews
- Data trends presented in various graphs and visualizations
- Findings based on the qualitative data

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