

Blaise Internet Services (Blaise IS)

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1. Short description

Blaise IS is the first step of Blaise on the Internet. It is a new data collection mode in Blaise (CAWI: Computer Assisted Web Interviewing) and as such it is an addition to the more traditional data collection modes CAPI, CATI, CADI and CASI. Blaise IS runs the Blaise questionnaire on the web (WWW). It supports two modes: on-line and off-line; the results of these modes can be combined.

The on-line mode displays *one question at a time* in the browser. Range checks are done at the browser. After submitting an answer, routing and consistency checking is done at the server. The off-line mode shows *the entire questionnaire* in one HTML page. Range checks are done at the browser. After submitting the complete form, consistency checking is done at the server.

Blaise IS stores the data directly in a Blaise database at the server. This allows for instance to mix the results of CAWI and CATI.

In future releases Blaise IS will gradually be extended to cover more functionality of the Blaise data entry program, such as lookups, classification dialogs and more questions on a page.

2. Platforms

Blaise IS can only be used in combination with Blaise 4 Windows *version 4.3* and up.

Blaise IS supports Microsoft and Netscape browsers version 3.0 and higher. It requires Windows NT version 4.0 or higher and Microsoft Internet Information Server (IIS) version 4.0 or higher at the server.

3. Availability to other NSIs

Blaise IS is *not* included in the basic set of Blaise; a separate license has to be contracted. A license policy is currently being defined. More information on this will be supplied on the Blaise web site: see under 2.1.5. in the full document.