

FAQ 2: How do I design a project with multiple data sources?

What's the issue?

It can often be valuable to approach a research question from many diverse perspectives. This may involve using different methods and also different data sources. The benefits of using multiple data sources depend on what they add to a particular piece of research. This could be related to diverse research contexts or to different information about the same subject.

Common practice

- The combination of methods may assume several forms, depending on the importance given to a specific method in the overall research and on the development of the research process itself. In what researchers might call a “sequential model”, you may begin with the quantitative (e.g. survey) to “map” a subject and then pursue with the qualitative (e.g. interview) to “get deeper” into some topics. Or you may start with the

to reveal a range of cross-national differences in relation to children's online use and risk especially, and to classify countries in Europe in terms of online risks and opportunities.

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