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REDCap: An overview

Research Data Collection & Surveys

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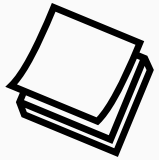
What to expect from this session

	Take the amazing ResBaz REDCap survey	**(5 mins)**
	Brief overview of REDCap	**(20 mins)**
	Collecting and managing research data	**(25 mins)**
	Questions!	**(10 mins)**

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Let’s get started with a survey!

Scan the QR code

OR

1. Go to:
https://redcap.auckland.ac.nz/surveys/

2. Enter the code:
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What is REDCap?

REDCap is a secure web application designed to support online surveys and databases for research studies.

With REDCap, you can:

- Enter data online/offline
- Design and distribute surveys
- Collect and then de-identify participant information
- Track data entry and revision history
- Export data to common formats and software for analysis and preservation

When is REDCap useful?

Ideal for sensitive research data, including personally identifiable data *Consent *Online surveys *Multi-site studies *Clinical trials

Advantages of REDCap:

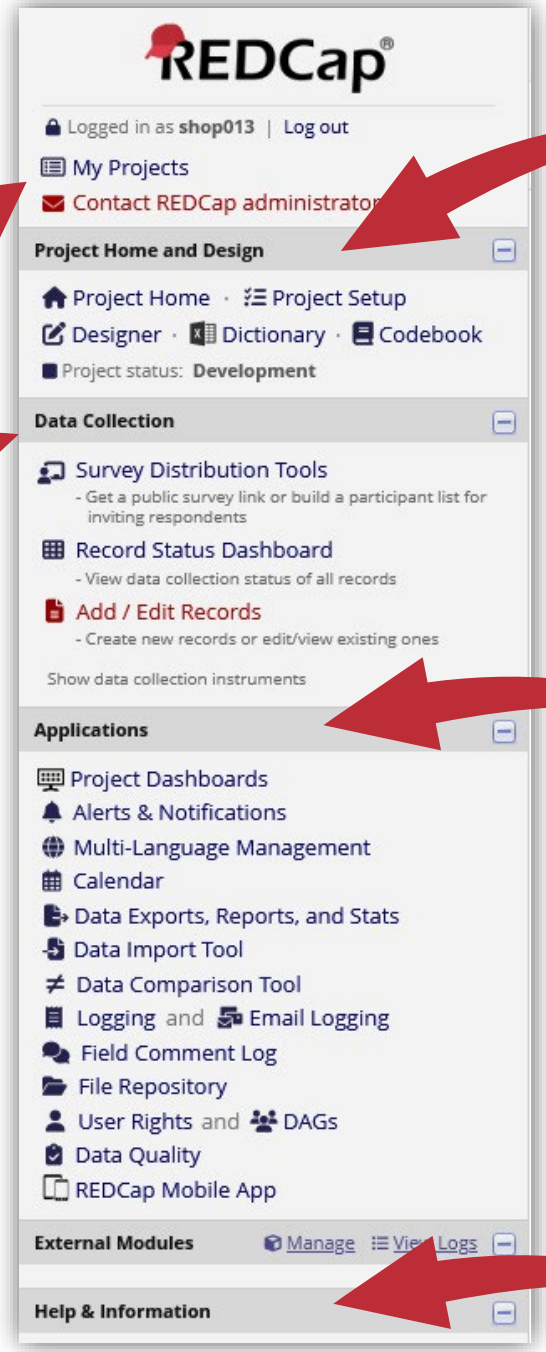
- Easy to learn and use, with helpful instructional videos
- Customisable workflow that lets you decide **who has access to what** and **how much access and control they have**
- Web-based access, online/offline data collection, access for multi-site collaborations
- Consistent and accurate data entry, data quality checks
- Data are stored securely, backed up and software maintained
- Enables data sovereignty obligations

Navigating REDCap

My Projects

Data Collection

- Record Status Dashboard
- Add / Edit Records
- (Survey Distribution Tools)



Project Home & Design

- Project Home | Project Setup
- Designer | Dictionary | Codebook
- Project Status (development / testing / production)

Applications

- Project Dashboards
- Data Exports, Reports and Stats
- Logging
- File Repository
- User Rights and DAGs

Help & Information

Designing forms & surveys

The **Online Designer** enables users to create & modify data collection instruments (forms & surveys).

Key features:

- A **data collection instrument** contains a group of fields
- All **Fields** are described by **attributes**
- The **REDCap shared library** contains pre-formatted instruments curated by Vanderbilt University
- The **Data dictionary** enables bulk editing of fields within your project
- The **Codebook** is a read-only version of the Data Dictionary for quick reference
- Each instrument starts as a **Form** but can become a **Survey**

Additional features

Key features:

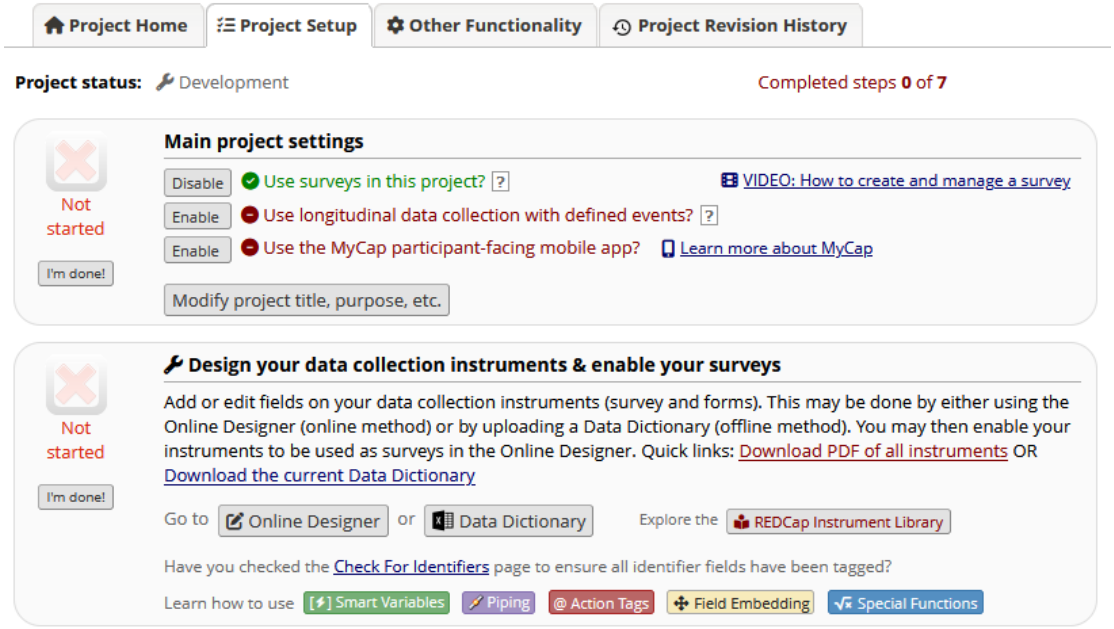
- Use **Branching logic** to hide fields/questions and to collect data from a subset of participants
- Use **Calculated fields** to create a new field from existing data (using syntax)
- Use **piping** to personalise survey responses (e.g., Kia ora [first_name])
- **Survey features**:
  - anonymous or send participants a link and track completion
  - optional text-to-speech
  - participants can download a PDF of their responses
- Use a **Project dashboard** to share dynamic content

  https://redcap.auckland.ac.nz/surveys/index.php?__dashboard=XY9TNLL7X3A

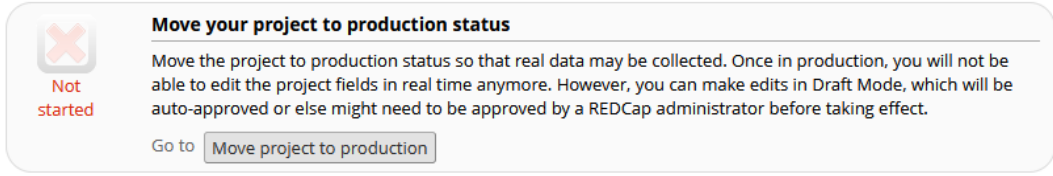
Project status

Create your project in **development** and use the pre-configured checklist before moving to **production.**

1. Use the checklist on Project Setup



2. Move project to production



3. Mark as completed

Entering data

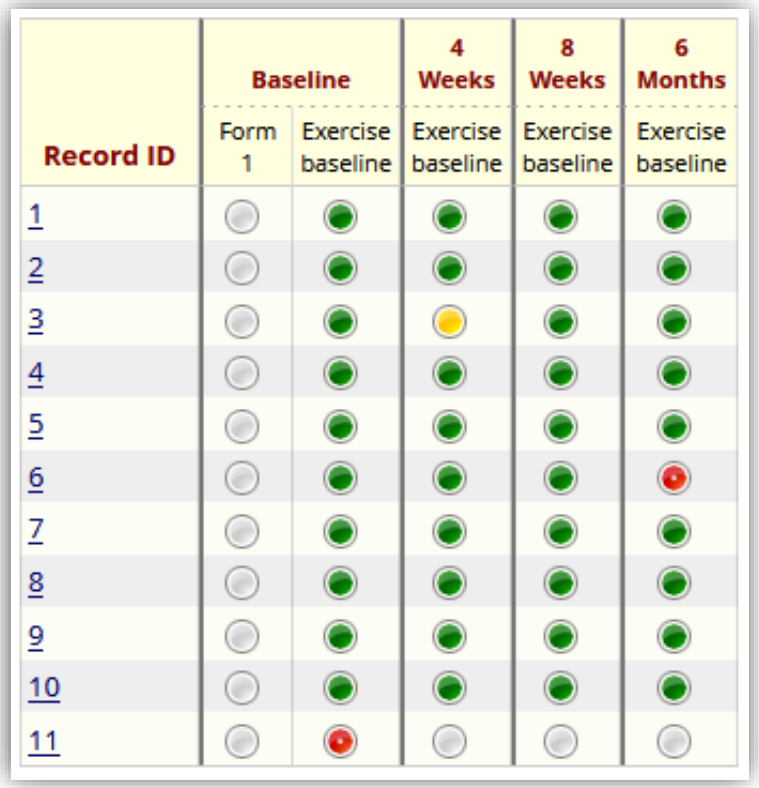
A record (participant) can have data or responses across more than one data collection instruments.

Key features:

- Use **Add / Edit Records** to enter data

  + Add new record

- **Record Status Dashboard** displays all existing records/responses
  - A legend shows current record status
  - Field entries are logged, so you can see a history of any changes



Record ID	Baseline		4 Weeks	8 Weeks	6 Months
	Form 1	Exercise baseline	Exercise baseline	Exercise baseline	Exercise baseline
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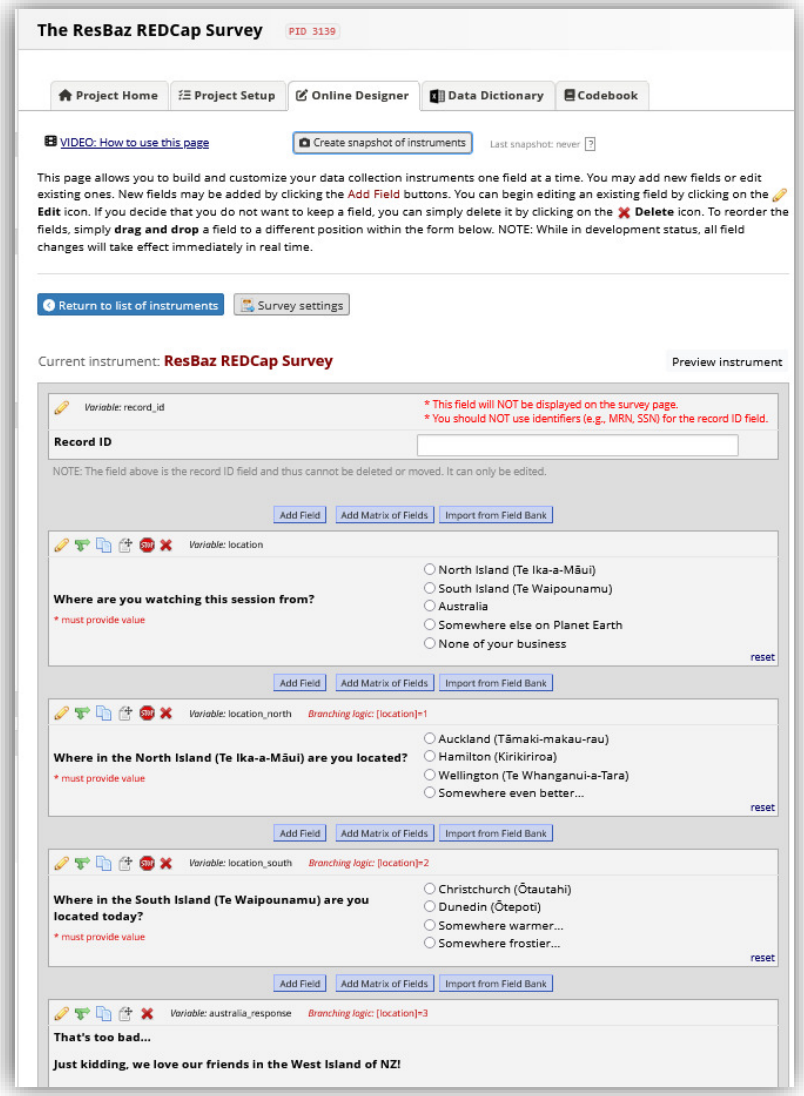
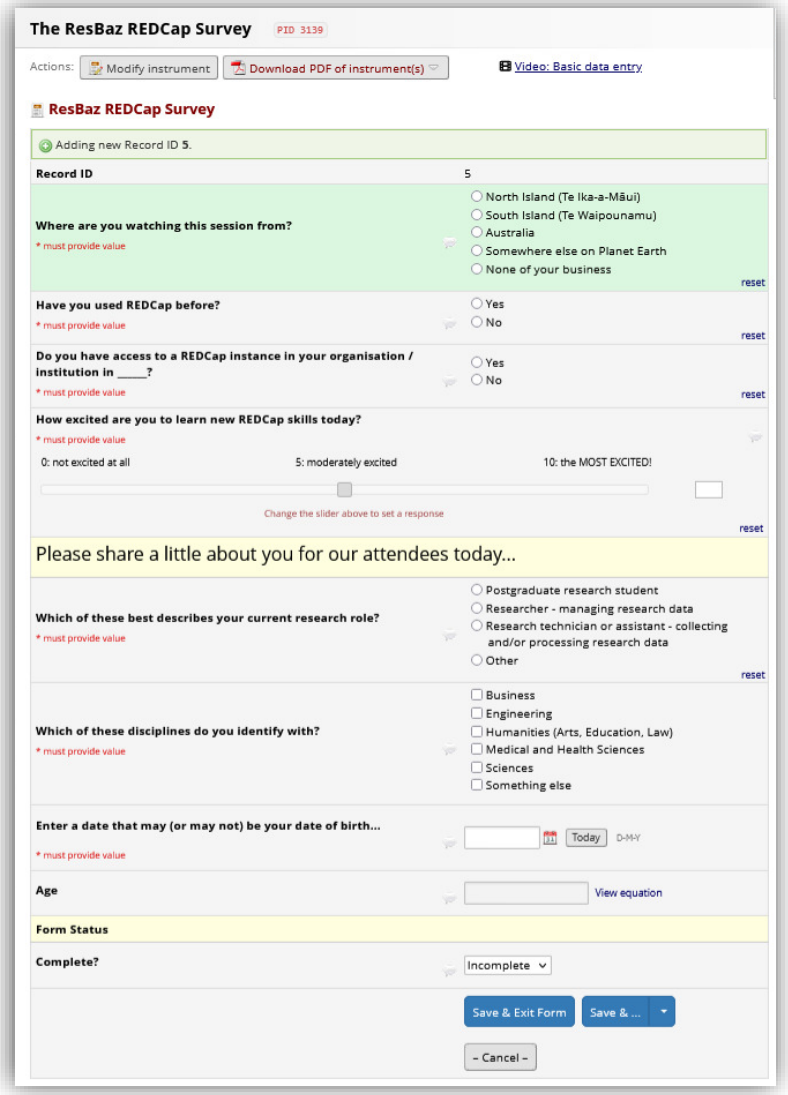
Design vs. Data Entry

Design mode

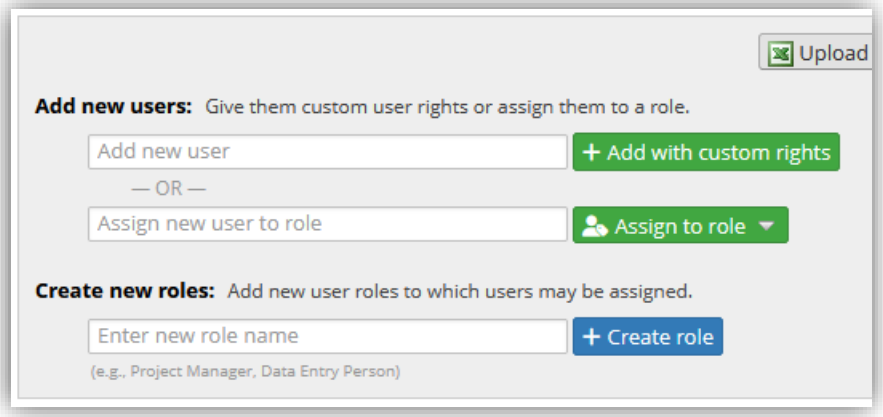


Data entry mode



User Rights and Permission

- You can **add a user** to your project that has an account at your workplace.
- Best practice is to create roles and then assign new users to a role (vs. assigning a user without a role).



- A **Role** allows you to manage rights and permissions to a group of people who need the same level of access (e.g., study coordinator, data entry).
- **Data Access Groups (DAGs)** limits user access to a group of records.

Role name (click role name to edit role)	**Username** or users assigned to a role (click username to edit or assign to role)	**Expiration** (click expiration date to edit)	**Project Design and Setup**	**User Rights**	**Data Access Groups**	**Data Viewing Rights**	**Data Export Rights**	**Alerts & Notifications**	**Reports & Report Builder**	**Stats & Charts**	**Survey Distributior Tools**
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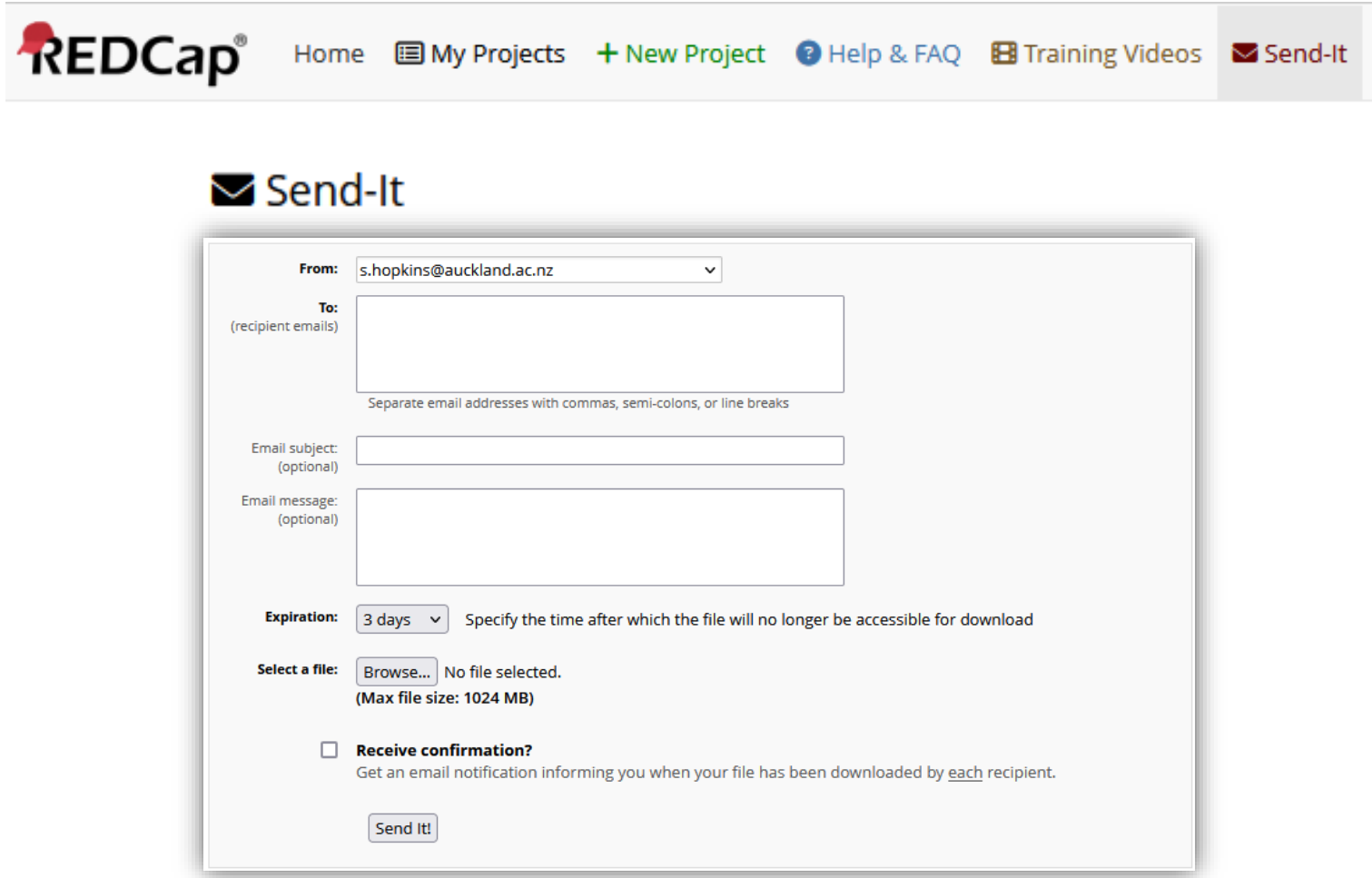
Project Manager	[No users assigned]		✔	✔	✔	1 View & Edit	1 Full Data Set	✔	✔	✔	✔

What else can REDCap do?

Key features:

- Randomisation
- SMS
- Mobile App
- MyCap
- External Modules
- API
- Secure file sharing



Getting help

- REDCap has built-in help on the Project Setup page and Online Designer
- Click on the Contact REDCap administrator link to send a question
- Search online and through REDCap for tutorial videos
- Many organisation offer services to create and manage complex databases and trials (usually on a cost-recovery fee basis)

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Questions?

Thank you