Annotation Module, important terms

Subjects

Subjects are the individuals in your study. Define subjects if you are interested in different behaviors for different persons or animals. For example if you observe teaching skills for teachers and work attitude for students.

Since it is likely that you study different individuals in each session, do not define the names or identities as subjects, but define the roles. So define Teacher and Student instead of Mr. Jones and Mark.

You do not have to score subjects. If you mark only episodes and general events in your test, for example Test 1, Test 2, or Instruction Phase and Test phase, do not define subjects. Also do not define subjects if you observe only one individual in each session. You cannot score subjects only.

Markers

With Markers you can mark events that are of interest for your study. Markers mark a moment in time and have no duration. Use a marker to mark the start of a phase in your study, or the start of a behavior of your test persons or animals. Examples or markers are start of Open question by a therapist and Answer by a client, or Instruction by the teacher and Work in parallel for students. Examples of markers without subjects are Start of test 1, or Start of counseling session

Remarks

With a remark you can enter information as free text if something unexpected happens that you did not define as a marker beforehand. Like with markers, you can only enter a remark if you are logged in.Your user account must include the rights to enter remarks (Technician, Administrator, Trainer). Remarks are not connected to a subject. If you want to connect the unexpected event to a subject, add a marker instead.

Codes list

Subjects and markers are organized in codes lists. This makes it easy to select the correct codes for your specific session. For example you can make two different codes lists for a parent-child observation and for a classroom observation. A codes list can contain maximally 36 subjects and 36 markers, so for each category you can use all letters and numbers on your keyboard. You can make as many codes lists as you want, but you can only use one codes list per session.

You can only create codes lists and annotate if you are logged in.Your user account must include the rights to create codes lists (Technician, Administrator, Trainer).

Event log

The Event log is your record of the scored Subjects, Markers and Remarks in your Session.

Timeline

In the Timeline the scored events and remarks are plotted against time.

Annotator

The person who has the right to annotate a session. By default, the annotator is the person who recorded the session. This person can assign the role of annotator to a colleague or a student or reclaim the role of annotator. The annotator can make his or her own Codes list or use an existing Codes list. Trainees can only use existing Codes lists. If you transfer the ownership of a session to, for instance, your colleague, he/she will automatically be assigned as the annotator of the session. Changing the annotator of a session does not automatically change the owner.

Highlight video

When creating Highlight Videos, you can export sections of your sessions with point events of special interest, potentially adding subtitles created from Markers or Remarks. You may export these point events of special interest individually or merged into a single video file.

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