

### Timing questions

Timing questions allow you to record the time between the loading of the page and the first click, last click and the page submission as well as the amount of clicks. You can also set a limit for the minimum or maximum time spent on the page. This gives you the opportunity to conduct simple reaction time or memory experiments online with reasonable amount of control.

#### CREATING A TIMING QUESTION

1. Go to the survey editing mode and find the question you want to time. Timing questions are applied to the whole block, so if you only want to time a single question, place it in its own block.
2. Create a new question of the type "Timing". This question must be in the same block as the question you wish to time.

#### OPTIONS FOR TIMING QUESTIONS

- **Enable submit after (seconds)** - Hides the "next" button until a defined number of seconds has elapsed. This option is useful if you have a video you want the participants to watch, but you don't want them to be able to skip to the next section before they do it, or if you want to prevent participants from speeding through the questions. If set to 0, the "next" button will always be available.
- **Auto advance after (seconds)** - The survey will move on to the next page after a defined number of seconds. Useful if, for example, you want participants to look at an image for a maximum 20 seconds during which they're meant to be remember as many items as possible.
- **Show Timer** - This options allows participants to see how many seconds they've got left on the page. The timer can either count down or count up. You can define how many seconds to count below the "Show Timer" option. Note that this does not necessarily have to be the same number of seconds as defined in "Enable submit after" or "Auto-Advance after", although in most cases, you'll probably want these two numbers to match.

**By default, the timing question is not displayed to participants, which means they won't be aware you're taking time measure unless you specifically let them know in instructions or unless you enable the "Show Timer" option.**

If you've got any questions or need additional guidance, e-mail Joe and Martina at [sasspsychlab@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:sasspsychlab@brighton.ac.uk) or stop by at the psychology lab for a chat. Visit [blogs.brighton.ac.uk/sasspsychlab](https://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/sasspsychlab) for more Qualtrics guides.

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