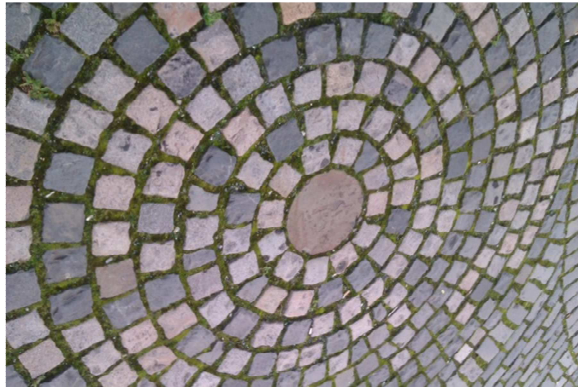


PhD Research Focus Group



Database management is, at its heart, the administration associated with the storage, manipulation, modification and retrieval of data held within a database management system (DBMS). Organizations today require impeccable database management in order to maintain a high quality of data and for that data to be secure and available whenever it is required for the tasks in hand.

Certain practices can be considered best practice. Best practices can be defined as a recommended way of carrying out actions for desirable outcomes as advised by product vendors or senior technical people in the field.

The overarching research question to be considered in the focus group is

Is the adoption of best practices and procedures affected by the complex interactions that are an integral part of the management of database systems?

Focus Group Research Meeting

6-12 people per session

Date	18/09/13
Time	7.30
Place	Murch Room Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution 16-18 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN http://www.brlsi.org/about-us/contact-us

Date	26/09/13 or 27/09/13
Time	
Place	Cambridge

By attending the research focus group meeting you give your consent to the ground rules

FOCUS GROUP INTRODUCTION

WELCOME

Thanks for agreeing to be part of the focus group. I appreciate your willingness to participate.

INTRODUCTIONS

The moderator is the researcher. The aim is to facilitate discussion

PURPOSE OF FOCUS GROUPS

I am conducting the focus groups to help with my PhD research.

The reason I am having these focus groups is to find out

Is the adoption of best practices and procedures affected by the complex interactions that are an integral part of the management of database systems?

I need your input and want you to share your honest and open thoughts with me.

GROUND RULES

1. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO THE TALKING.

I would like everyone to participate.

I may ask you a question if I haven't heard from you in a while.

2. THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS

Every person's experiences and opinions are important.

Speak up whether you agree or disagree.

I want to hear a wide range of opinions.

3. WHAT IS SAID IN THIS ROOM STAYS HERE

I want people to feel comfortable sharing if sensitive issues come up.

4. I WILL BE RECORDING THE SESSION

The purpose of the audio recording is to capture everything you have to say.

I will also be taking notes during the meeting.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

No information will be publically reported that would identify the participants of the study.

You will remain anonymous.

All personal information will remain confidential.

6. CONSENT

You can choose whether or not to participate in the focus group

You can withdraw at any time.

7. DATA STORAGE

This will follow the published data management plan.