Epi Info™ 7 STUDENT GUIDE

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# ****Section 2 – Student Practice (Visual Dashboard)****

**Practice #1**

Now it’s time to see if you can create the following gadgets, filters, and variables. Feel free to work with other students in the class if you need help. Try your hand at generating the following results using the **FoodHistory** form in the **EColi.prj** filelocatedin the **Projects\EColi** folder of Epi Info 7. Step by Step instructions to complete this exercise are provided in Appendix A.

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| Task |
| 1. Clear all the filters on the dashboard and make sure that all 359 records have been loaded |
| 1. Show a breakdown of cases by those who were ill and those who were not ill. Stratify by Died.    * Hint: Variable name is ILL |
| 1. Create a new filter to only work with cases that are older than 35 years. Use the global filter and not the filter at the gadget level.    1. What is the distribution of cases based on gender?    2. What is the distribution of cases based on hospitalizations?    3. What is the Race distribution? |
| 1. Clear all the filers in the dashboard and make sure that all 359 records have been loaded. Create a new filter to only work with those interviewed after 05/11/2011.    1. Find the minimum, maximum, and median values for fever temperature    2. Find the minimum, maximum, and median values for fever temp, for both males and females    3. Which of the Foods Eaten has the highest risk ratio? The lowest risk ratio?    4. What is the p-value for the Foods Eaten with the highest risk ratio? |
| 1. Clear all the filters in the dashboard and make sure that all 359 records have been loaded. Create a new variable called Risk. Based on consumption of BeanSprouts and Skim Milk, identify these cases with the value of Yes. Otherwise, identify these cases with the value of No. What is the frequency of Risk based on Yes/no? |
| 1. What was the symptom mostly reported? |
| 1. Generate a line list for ill cases sorted by the interview date and include last name, first name, date of onset, age and gender. |
| 1. Create a Column chart to reflect number of Cases in each State by Gender |
| 1. Save your work as a canvas. Name the canvas MyEcoliReport |

# ****Section 3 – Student Practice (Maps)****

**Practice #2**

Now it’s time to see if you can create the following maps using the **EColi.prj** file located in the **Projects\EColi** folder of Epi Info 7. Feel free to work with other students in the class if you need help. Step by Step instructions to complete this exercise are provided in Appendix A.

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| Task |
| 1. Create a Case Cluster map. Show red dots as those cases where the patient is male and show blue dots where the patient is female. 2. Change the point colors for a given layer 3. Create a time lapse using the date of interview, then show only the cases that existed prior to 5/15/2011. 4. Save the map as an image on your desktop. |

# ****Section 4 – Student Practice (Form Designer)****

**Practice #3**

Create a project called **“ProjectDemo”.** Name your form“**Outbreak”**

Create the following fields:

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| Prompt | Field Name | Field Type | Properties |
| Salmonella Typhorium  Questionnaire | Salmonella | Label/Title | Font size=18, Bold |
| Date of Report | ReportDate | Date |  |
| Last name | LastName | Text |  |
| DOB | DateOfBirth | Date |  |
| Age | Age | Number | ### |
| White | White | Checkbox |  |
| Black | Black | Checkbox |  |
| Asian | Asian | Checkbox |  |
| Sex | Sex | Legal Values | Male  Female  Ambiguous |
| Case Status | Status | Comment Legal | C-Confirmed  P-Probable  S-Suspect  N-Not a Case |
| Patient Status | PStat | Option | Deceased  Ill  Not ill |
| Illness Onset Date | Onset | Date |  |

Now it’s time to see if you can implement the following types of fields. Feel free to work with other students in the class if you need help. Organize and place fields on the screen as appropriate. You can create additional pages if needed.

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| Prompt | Field Name | Field Type | Properties |
| First name | FirstName | Text |  |
| Address | Address | Multiline |  |
| Phone Number | Phone | Phone Number |  |
| Was the patient Ill? | Ill | Yes/No |  |
| Was the patient hospitalized? | Hospitalized | Yes/No |  |
| Days Hospitalized | DaysHosp | Number | ### |
| Did you consume any of the following food items? | Consume | Label/Title |  |
| Chicken parts | ChickenParts | Comment Legal | 1-Yes  2-No  9-Don’t Know |
| Fresh tomatoes | FTomatoes | Yes/No |  |

**Practice #4:**

1. Align all of the fields as desired.
2. Add a group around Child Last and First Name, Child Current Address, DOB, Age, Sex and Ethnicity and name it **Demographics**
3. Display the tab order of your form, then start a new default tab order from the field on the top left of the form.
4. Add another page to your form containing a mirror field for Last Name.
5. Display your Data Dictionary.

Creating Templates

1. Open the HIV.prj file located in the Projects\HIV folder of Epi Info 7.
2. Right click on the form “Case” to save it as a template. Name the template “Case2” (note the new template on your Project Panel tree under the “Form” templates)
3. Right click on the HIV project (the top of the tree) and save the project as a template. Name the template HIV2. (note the new template on your Project Panel tree under the “Project” templates.)
4. Right click on the HIV2 template and select “Open Containing Folder.” Cut the HIV2 template and paste it onto your Desktop.
5. Create a new project using the “Get Template…” option and the HIV2 template on your Desktop.

**Section 5 – Student Practice (Adding Intelligence/Check codes)**

**Practice #5:**

Try your hand at creating the following check code in the Check Code editor. Feel free to work with other students in the class if you need help**.** Open the **FoodHistory\_NoCheckCode** form in the **EColi.prj** file located in the **Projects\EColi** folder of Epi Info 7. Step by Step instructions to complete this exercise are provided in Appendix A.

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| Task |
| If the user enters a value in the ‘date of interview’ field that exceeds the computer’s current date, display a warning message to the user and then erase the erroneous value that they typed in. Then place cursor back into the ‘date of interview’ field.  *Hint: You need to use the SYSTEMDATE variable to get the current date and time* |
| If the user answers “No” to the question “Was the patient ill enough to require a doctor visit?” disable the field Doctor’s Visit Date and remove any data entered into the field. |
| Calculate the person’s age in months instead of years and place the result into the Age field.  *Hint: Remember that YEARS and MONTHS are functions and ASSIGN is a command.* |

# ****Section 6 – Student Practice (Data entry)****

**Practice #6**

Go ahead and enter the following four records to get an idea of how data entry works.

Open the form **FoodHistory\_NoCheckCode** in the **EColi.prj** file located in the **Projects\EColi**  folder of Epi Info 7.

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| Field: | Record #1 (value) | Record #2 (value) | Record #3 (value) | Record #4 (value) |
| Case ID | 3 | 4 | 5 | **6** |
| Date of Interview | 04-13-2011 | 05-01-2011 | 05-02-2011 | 05-01-2011 |
| First Name | John | John | Robert | Roberta |
| Last Name | Smith | Selby | Johnson | Williams |
| Sex | Male | Male | Male | Female |
| DOB | 09-22-1974 | 12-07-2001 | 12-04-1936 | 12-04-1966 |
| Ethnicity Group | Hispanic | Not-Hispanic | Missing | Missing |
| Race | White | White | Black | Native Hawaiian |
| Street Address | 900 Peachtree Drive, Atlanta, GA | 2500 Century Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30347 | 878 Peachtree Drive, Atlanta, GA | 678 Peachtree Drive, Atlanta, GA |
| Occupation | Cook | Waiter | Dish Washer | Missing |
| Work Phone | 555-555-5555 | 404-444-5555 | 555-333-4444 | 555-123-4444 |
| Was the patient ill? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Symptom onset date | 04-01-2011 | 04-02-2011 | 04-02-2011 | 04-04-2011 |
| Symptoms | Headache, Fever, Vomiting, Bloody diarrhea, Non-bloody diarrhea, Poor feeding, Chills, Irritable, Nausea, Abdominal cramps | Headache, Fever, Bloody diarrhea, Chills, Irritable, Nausea, Abdominal cramps | Headache, Fever, Bloody diarrhea, Chills, Irritable, Nausea, Abdominal cramps | Irritable, Nausea, Abdominal cramps |
| Fever temp | 104.5 | 100.4 | 101.2 | 100.2 |
| Loose stools per day | 4-6 | 3-4 | 1-3 | 4-5 |

# ****Appendix A – Step By Step Instructions for Exercises****

**Section 1 – Visual Dashboard**

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| Practice #1 |
| 1. To clear any filters in place, click on CLEAR ALL in the Data Filter gadget |
| 1. Right click on the canvas   Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select Frequency  Select ILL variable from the drop down list  Ill=276 Not Ill=83  Click on Advanced Options  Select Died from the Stratify by: list of variables |
| 1. Using the Data Filter gadget, select the variable AGE from the Field Name list.   Select the greater than operator and enter 35 for the value  Click on Add Filter button. This would filter the database to 169 records   1. Distribution of cases based on gender – TABLES SEX ILL   (ILL M=66,F=66 / NOT ILL M=21,F=16)   1. Distribution of Hospitalizations – FREQ HOSPITAL (61 cases) 2. Distribution of Races – COMBINED FREQ by DemographicInformation group |
| 1. To clear any filters currently active, click on CLEAR ALL in the Data Filter gadget   Select the variable Date of Interview  Select the greater than operator. Enter the value 5/11/2011  To find the Min, Max and Median, use the MEANS gadget.  Right click on the canvas  Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select FeverTemp from the list of variables for the Means of: parameter  Click Run button   1. Min=98.90 Max=106.7 Median=102.6   To Cross Tabulate by Gender, click on gear  icon  Click on the Advanced Options arrow  Select Sex from Cross-Tabulate by: drop down list   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | FeverTemp \* Sex | Mean | Min | Median | Max | Mode | | F-Female | 102.1662 | 98.9 | 102 | 105.7 | 100.9 | | M-Male | 102.7377 | 99.2 | 102.8 | 106.7 | 104.1 | |
| Right click on the canvas  Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select MxN/2x2 Table gadget  Select FoodsEaten field from Exposure drop down list (Note: Group fields are listed towards the bottom of the list)  Select Ill field from Outcome: drop down list   1. Highest risk ratio=Beansprouts 6.59 Lowest risk ratio=Grapes .7897 2. p value for highest risk ratio=0.000000 |
| 1. To clear any filters in place, click on CLEAR ALL in the Data Filter gadget   Select the Defined variables gadget  Click on New Variable  Select With Conditional Assignment  Enter Assign Field=Risk  Enter Assign Field Type = Yes/No  Click on Create/Edit Condition button  Select Beansprouts from drop down list  Select Value = Yes  Click on Add Condition button  Select SkimMilk from drop down list  Select Value = Yes  Click on Add Condition button  Select Add Condition with AND option  Click Ok  Select Yes in the Assigned Value section  Click on Use Else check box  Select No for Else Value section  Click Ok  Generate a frequency for the Risk field. Distribution of Risk (which corresponds to both foods eaten is (Yes=187, No=172)). |
| 1. Click on the Defined Variables gadget   Click on New Variable  Select the option Create Variable Group  Call the new group variable SymptomsGroup  Press and hold down the Left Ctrl key and select the variables: Abdominal Cramps, Bloody Diarrhea, Chills, Fever, Headache,Irritable, Nausea, Non Bloody Diarrhea, Vomiting  Click Ok  Right click on the Canvas  Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select Combined Frequency  Select SymptomsGroup from drop down list  Symptom mostly reported= Fever 86.63% |
| 1. Right click on the canvas   Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select Line List  Press and hold down the Left Ctrl key and select the variables: LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME, ONSETDATE, AGE, SEX  Select Date of Interview from Sort Variables drop down list  Click Ok |
| 1. Right click on the canvas   Select Add Analysis gadget option  Select Charts  Select Column  Select State for the Main variable:  Click on the Advanced options arrow  Select Sex for the Stratify by: list of fields  Click on the Display options arrow  Select Stacked from the Composition: parameter  Select Show Legend from the Legend section  Click on Run button |
| 1. Right click on the canvas   Select Save Canvas option  Enter MyEcoliReport for File Name  Click Ok |

**Section 3 – Epi Map**

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| Practice #2 |
| 1. Open Epi Map 2. Click on Add Data Layer Select Case Cluster 3. Select the EColi.PRJ file located in the Projects\Ecoli directory of Epi Info 7 4. Select FoodHistory form 5. Click Ok 6. Click on Data Filter icon  in the Map Layer gadget located in the bottom section of the screen. 7. Select Sex from Field Name list 8. Select equal to for Operator 9. Select M-Male for Value 10. Click Add Filter button 11. Close the Data Filter 12. Select Latitude for Latitude Field 13. Select Longitude for Longitude Field 14. Repeat the same process for Female 15. Click on Add Data layer 16. Select Case Cluster 17. Select the EColi.PRJ file located in the Projects\EColi directory of Epi Info 7 18. Select FoodHistory form 19. Click Ok 20. Click on Data Filter icon  in the Map Layer gadget located in the bottom section of the screen. 21. Select Sex from Field Name list 22. Select equal to for Operator 23. Select F-Female for Value 24. Click Add Filter button 25. Close the Data Filter 26. Click on the Point Color icon and select a color other than red 27. Select Latitude for Latitude Field 28. Select Longitude for Longitude Field   The map will show red dots as those cases where the patient is male and show blue dots where the patient is female. |
| 1. Click on the Map Layer gadget located in the bottom section of the screen   Modify the colors for each of the layers as desired  Change the point colors for a given layer |
| 1. Click on Create Time Lapse gadget located in the top section of the screen 2. Select Date of Interview from drop down list 3. Click Ok 4. Click on Play button |
| 1. Click on the picture frame icon located on the top menu. 2. Specify a file name. Call it AsthmaMap1 3. Click Save. A “Map image has been saved” message will be displayed. |

**Optional:** You willgeneratea map which contains three layers represented as a case cluster, choropleth, and point of interest map using an Asthma Initiative Community Health Assessment project. You want to determine whether you have more cases of asthma in certain income brackets. First, we will create a choropleth map of the region using income data and then map cases of asthma from the survey onto the map.

* 1. Open Epi Map
  2. Click on **Add Layer**
  3. Select **Choropleth**
  4. Select **With Shape File Boundaries** option
  5. Select **MS Access 2002-2003** as Database Type
  6. Select the **albany\_demogz.mdb** file located in the **Epi Info 7\Resources\Training Projects\CommunityHealthAssessment** folder for the Data Source.
  7. Select the **INCOME** table.
  8. Click **Ok**.
  9. Click on the **Browse Shape file** button.
  10. Select the **ALBZCTA\_region.shp** file from the **Epi Info 7\Resources\Training Projects\CommunityHealthAssessment** folder.
  11. Click **Open**
  12. Select **6** for the **Classes** setting.
  13. Select **zip** from the **Shape Key** list of fields.
  14. Select **ZIP** from the **Data Key** list of fields.
  15. Select **MEDIANFAMILY** from the **Value Field** list of fields.

The choropleth map appears. Notice that the legend contains the color codes representing the Median Family income per zip code with the darkest color representing the highest income range and lightest color representing the lowest.

We will now add another layer to represent the asthma cases in our database. Remember that the information corresponds to the address of residence of the cases. In order to do so, please complete the following steps.

1. Click on **Add Layer**
2. Select **Case Cluster**
3. Select **Epi Info 7 project** for Data Format
4. Select the **CommunityHealthAssessment.prj** file located in the **Epi Info 7\Resources\Training Projects\CommunityHealthAssessment** folder.
5. Click **Open**
6. Select the **PreInterventionSurvey** form.
7. Click **Ok**
8. Type **Cases** in the **Description** box
9. Select **Latitude** as the **Latitude** field.
10. Select **Longitude** as the **Longitude** field.

A map representing the locations of the children interviewed during the Community Health Assessment is generated.

OPTIONAL: Add Hospitals coordinates to see if there is a lack of hospitals in the areas were more cases have been occurring.

1. Click on **Add Layer**
2. Select **Points of Interest**
3. Select **MS Access 2002-2003** as Database Type
4. Select the **CommunityHealthAssessment.mdb** file located in the **Epi Info 7\Resources\Training Projects\CommunityHealthAssessment** folder.
5. Click **Ok**
6. Select the **HospitalPoints** table
7. Click **Ok**.
8. Type **Hospitals** in the **Description** box
9. Select **Diamond** for **Style**
10. Click on the color point color square and select any color other than red.
11. Select **YCoordinates** as the **Latitude** field.
12. Select **XCoordinates** as the **Longitude** field.

Now we can see the distribution of hospitals in the area and determine if there is a lack of services provided in the most affected areas.

**Section 5 – Check Code**

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| Practice #5 |
| 1. Open Form Designer. 2. Select the project Ecoli.PRJ located in the \Projects folder. 3. Select the form *FoodHIstory\_NoCheckCode* by double clicking on the form name. 4. Click on the Check Code button  located in the top of the screen. 5. From the 1. Choose Field Block for Action section of the workspace, expand the node for Page 1 6. Expand the node for the field Date of Interview 7. Double click on the AFTER event. This should place a block in the Program Editor for this field. 8. Click on the IF command located in the 2. Add Command to field Block section of the workspace. 9. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field Date of Interview 10. Click on the greater than operator (>) 11. Click on the function button. 12. Select the System Functions option. 13. Select SYSTEMDATE 14. Click on the command button  located in the THEN section of the command dialog box. 15. Select DIALOG 16. Type ALERT in the Title section 17. Type “Invalid date entered. Please verify and enter again” in the Prompt section of the command dialog box. 18. Click Ok 19. Click on the command button located in the THEN section of the command dialog box. 20. Select CLEAR 21. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field Date of Interview 22. Click Ok 23. Click on the command button located in the THEN section of the command dialog box. 24. Select GOTO 25. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field Date of Interview 26. Click Ok |
| 1. Complete steps by through 5 from previous task 2. Expand the node for the field DoctorVisit 3. Double click on the AFTER event. This should place a block in the Program Editor for this field. 4. Click on the IF command located in the 2. Add Command to field Block section of the workspace. 5. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field DoctorVisit 6. Click on the equal operator (=) 7. Click on “No” button. 8. Click on the command button  located in the THEN section of the command dialog box. 9. Select DISABLE 10. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field DoctorVisitDate 11. Click Ok 12. Click on the command button  located in the THEN section of the command dialog box. 13. Select CLEAR 14. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field DoctorVisitDate 15. Click Ok 16. Click on the command button  located in the ELSE section of the command dialog box. 17. Select ENABLE 18. Select from the drop down list of Available Variables the field DoctorVisitDate 19. Click Ok |
| 1. Right click on the field DOB 2. Select the Field Check code option. 3. If there is check code already for the field, it will be displayed to the user in the Program Editor. 4. Replace the function YEARS with MONTHS. When completed, code should look like this:   ASSIGN Age = MONTHS( DOB, DateofInterview )   1. Click on Save |