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A Practical Approach to Research Practice

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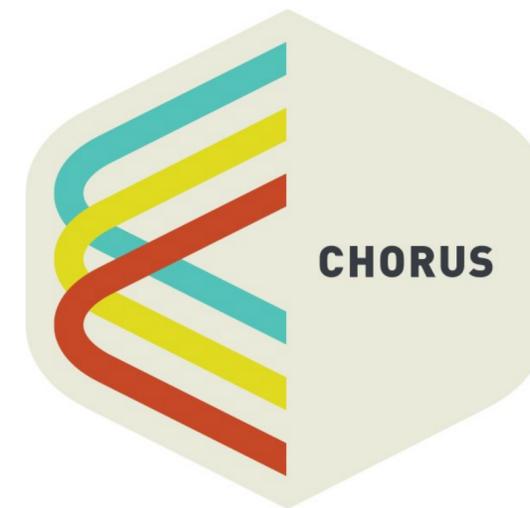
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PRODUCT



**DESIGN &  
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**NO DOGMA**

**NO GATEKEEPERS**

**THE JOB OF USER  
RESEARCH IS TO HELP  
US BE MORE CERTAIN**

**USER RESEARCH IS  
PRAGMATIC RESEARCH**

**1.**

**Mindset, not skill set**

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## **Mindset, not skill set**

Assume the data exists

**2.**

## **Diplomacy and deputies**

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Don't assume the dots connect

**3.**

**Some data is better than no data**

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I am specifically interested in software that lets you create surveys for public health of social science research and allows the surveys to be filled electronically

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Some of the tools proposed by the crowd:

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- Pollfish
- Confirmat
- Nebu - [www.Nebu.com](http://www.Nebu.com) ↗
- GlobalPark - [www.GlobalPark.com](http://www.GlobalPark.com) ↗
- Beacon from Decipher
- SurveyCTO (<http://www.surveyto.com> ↗)

### LIGHTER WEIGHT (AND OR FREE)

- Survey55 - <https://www.survey55.com> ↗
- MySurveyLab - <https://mysurveylab.com> ↗
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GOOGLE TECH

# TL;DR

## There are too many ways to Google on Android

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Let us count them

by Dieter Bohn | @backlon | Jan 30, 2017, 1:21pm EST ⚙️

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# Whatchamacallit

Hey, folks! Sometimes we have different names for the same thing—like pop, soda, cola, etc. (It's soda, for the record.)

The Anthem team is curious: what do you call the first visual element (image, video, gallery) you see in an article? Look at the examples below, and then tell us: what do you call that!?

\* Required

Take a look at the various site images below.

## Draymond Green gave the Cavaliers hope. Can he take it away?

By Paul Flannery @Pflann on Jun 15, 2016, 7:58a 2 2



This image

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The Cubs want Chapman (and maybe Miller, too)

German soccer team pretends manager is in photo by putting mask on imposter

4.

**Small samples are  
large opportunities**

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## **Small samples are large opportunities**

Information richness,  
not number of participants

4.

## **Small samples are large opportunities**

Edge cases show you the  
boundaries of what's possible

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5.

**Stories travel faster than reports**

 an year, good point:



**Gregg Bernstein** 5:01 PM ☆



I'm only 3 interviews into talking to people about the scheduler, but so far:

- People seem to schedule most often for the same day
- They seem to schedule for 10-15 minutes out, in keeping with their traffic calendar (see image below)
- Scheduling feature packages [like for "furniture week" (which is a real thing and also something I would make up if not a real thing)] happens, but that might take place on a Friday before a Monday.
- Embargoed stories might get scheduled a week out, but that's super rare.

All of this is to say that we might consider the time being the first set of inputs from the left, with date (defaulting to today's date) as a secondary input.



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# #research-docs

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Sometimes we take on longer **research** projects, like a deep dive into storystreams that mixed methodologies. Here are two docs: the report in full and an executive summary.

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**Research accumulates  
compound interest**





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**BUSY**

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advanced SMART  
PROBLEM SOLVER  
MARKETING  
expert  
CREATIVE

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