

Naturalistic Observations

Due at the Start of Lab: None

Rationale for Today's Lab Session

In today's lab session, you will gain skills in implementing a naturalistic observation study. Naturalistic observations are commonly used in psychology research. These research skills are also applicable to a range of applied contexts: conducting observational ratings of a child for a school-based assessment, evaluating the job performance of students or employees, and conducting mental health assessments of adults. Moreover, most people attempt to draw informal conclusions based on observations in a range of day-to-day contexts.

Objectives

- Organize into teams of 1-3 people
- Work with the lab instructor to develop a plan for the next assignment, "Lab 3"
- Your team will need to collect a small amount of data. You can use the remainder of the lab session to collect that data, or schedule data collection for a time of your team's choosing
- Upon developing a viable plan, you may ask your lab instructor to be dismissed