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research survey

This survey intends to (informally) measure instant messaging (IM) usage within the dorm and correlations between IM and making or maintaining relationships—friends in other residences, friends off campus, and formation of romantic relationships.

1. D	emographic	information. Circle one or write in the answer.		
	Gender:	M / F		
	Dorm:			
	Major:	Techie / Fuzzie / Tezzie / Undecided		
	Class:	Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior		
	Do you ov	vn a computer in your room at Stanford?	Y / N	
	Do you ov	vn some form of transportation (bikes,		
	rolle	erblades, scooters, skateboards, etc.) on campu	s? Y / N	
2. D	o you use a	ın instant messenger program? (AIM, ICQ, Yaho	o!, MSN Messenger, Trillia	n, etc.)
	Y / N			
	If "No,"	please go to question 11. If "Yes," please pro	ceed to the next question.	
		questions pertain to your "buddy list." If you ha		
		em, answer these questions with the screen nar	ne (or IM system) you use	e most orten.
		dies do you have total?		
	,	Stanford students?		
		Stanford students that live in your dorm?		
		dies do you see daily (estimate)?		
пом	many budo	lies do you not recognize on your list?		-
4. T	he following	questions pertain to your usage of your IM sys	tem.	
On a	verage, use	e IM (mark one):		
7	days a wee	ek	3 days a week	
6	days a wee	ek	2 days a week	
5	days a wee	ek	1 day a week	
4	days a wee	ek		

4.1 Check the box that most accurately answers the question. Make estimates.

	0-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-16	16-19	20+
On average, how many hours during the week do you							
use (chat on) IM?							
On average, how many hours during the weekend do							
you use (chat on) IM?							

	0-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-16	16-19	20+
On average, how many waking hours per day during the							
week are you in your dorm room?							
On average, how many waking hours per day during the							
weekend are you in your dorm room?							
On average, how much sleep per day do you get during							
the week?							
On average, how much sleep per day do you get during							
the weekend?							

5. Mark the box corresponding to the form of communication you would most likely use (i.e. prefer) for a particular scenario. If you would rather use some other method (writing a letter, telephone, etc.) indicate so under "other." If you would equally use both IM and talk in person in the given scenario, mark both boxes.

	IM	In Person	Other
Reporting good news			
Reporting bad news			
Chatting with friends (gossip, about my life, etc.)			
Discussing academics (homework help, study groups, etc.)			
Discussing politics			
Discussing religion			
Ranting / complaining			
Comforting others			
Flirting			
Breaking up with a boyfriend / girlfriend			
Talking to a boyfriend / girlfriend			
Wishing a friend happy birthday			
Setting up social events			

6. With wh	nom do you communicate most using Instant Messaging? (rank in order from most often (1) to least often(5))
	Family
	Distant Friends
	Teachers (Professors, Teaching Assistants, etc.)
	College Friends (outside of dorm)
	Members of Your Dorm

7. When I don't have access to AIM, I (rank in order from most often (1) to least often(8)):					
	watch TV		go for a walk		
	read		find my friends in person		
	talk on the phone		do homework		
	go shopping		exercise		
Other	(please specify)				

8. Mark the box you most agree with. If N/A, leave blank.

	Strongly	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly
	Agree				Disagree
I am more comfortable online than I am in person.					
It is easy to make new friends online .					
It is easy to make new friends in person .					
It is easy to keep in touch with friends online via IM.					
It is easy to keep in touch with friends in person (without IM).					
Physical distance is an obstacle in my relationship with friends					
in other residences.					
Physical distance is an obstacle in my relationship with friends					
off campus.					
I communicate with friends of other residences more often					
because of IM.					
I communicate with friends off campus more often because of					
IM.					
I communicate with friends in my dorm more often because of					
IM.					
IM time detracts from time to interact on a face-to-face level.					
I feel as if I am included in my dorm community.					
Without IM, my relationships with friends in other residences					
would be weaker.					
Without IM, my relationships with friends off campus would be					
weaker.					
Without IM, my relationships with friends in my dorm would be					
weaker.					
IMs are less intimate than face-to-face interactions.					
I use proper grammar (capitalization, correct spelling, etc.) on					
IM.					

9. The following questions pertain to "romantic" encounters via instant messaging.								
9.1 Do you flirt using IM? Y/N								
If "No," please go to question 10. If "Yes," ple	ease proceed t	to the next que	estion.					
9.2 Do you prefer to flirt over IM or in person? (Circle o	9.2 Do you prefer to flirt over IM or in person? (Circle one)							
in person over IM								
9.3 Do you think that flirting on IM or in person is more	e effective? (C	ircle one)						
in person over IM								
9.4 Check the box that most accurately answers the qu	estion. Make e	estimates.						
			0	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11+
How many times in the past month have you flirted or	ı IM?							
How many times in the past month have you flirted in	person?							
9.5 I use instant messaging to flirt because (rank in ord I can think before I say something there are less awkward pauses I can use my friends for advice about what there is less pressure/it is less stressful I feel I can be myself more Other (please specify) 9.6 I use instant messaging to flirt with (rank in order form the my boyfriend/girlfriend) my boyfriend/girlfriend friends (for fun, fairly meaningless flirting, form the my boyfriend in pursuing a rome someone I hardly know, but am interested other (please specify) 10. Questions about away messages and profiles	to say from most ofte not anticipatin antic relations	en (1) to least g any romanc hip with, but r	often(e) not inv	4)): olved w				
10.1 Check the box that most accurately answers the q	uestion							
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On average, how often do you check people's away	HEVEI	rarery	301116			11011	a	ivvays
messages?								
On average, how often do you check people's								
profiles?								
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10.2 I use	e away messages to (rank in order from most often (1) to least often(6)):
	let people know where I am
	tell people when I will be back
	say what I am doing
	leave a message for a specific person
	express my emotions
	leave a quote/or saying for others to read
11. If you	have any further comments about instant messaging and how it affects your relationships with other people, please
make the	m here. If you answered "No" to question 2, please explain why: