Basic HTML & CSS Formatting in REDCap

Styles of Fonts with HTML

You can style your fonts in three basic ways:

Bold face font, Italic font, and bold&italic font together.

**Bold Face**

To make a format **bold** you will have to use this HTML code:

**The HTML Code Bold**

```
<strong>This text is bold.</strong>
```

When you use the HTML code, `<strong>Insert text here.</strong>` , this will be produced.

**Browser Results Bold**

This text is bold.

**Italic Font**

To make a format *italics* you will use this HTML code:

**HTML Code Italics**

```
<em>Do this and your text will be in italics style.</em>
```

When you use the HTML Code, `<em>Insert text here.</em>`, this will be produced.

**Browser Results Italics**

Do this and your text will be in italics style.

**Bold and Italics**

To make a format *italics and bold*, you will use the HTML code:

**HTML Code Bold and Italic**

```
<strong><em>To get your text italics and bold, do this.</em></strong>
```

When you use the HTML Code, `<strong><em>Insert text here.</em></strong>`, this will be produced.
Font Colors and Sizes with HTML

Another couple of different simple formatting options you can do in REDCap surveys or forms is having different font colors and font sizes.

Getting the font color and font size is simple.

All you have to do is use/copy these HTML Codes:

**Font Colors**

To make a words in REDCap have font colors, use this HTML code:

```
<font color="red">This color will be red.</font>
<font color="purple">This color will be purple.</font>
<font color="green">This color will be green.</font>
<font color="blue">This color will be blue.</font>
```

When you use the HTML code `<font color="any color">Insert text here.</font>`, you can get any color you want with the font.

**Font Sizes**

For different font sizes, use this HTML code:

```
<div style="font-size: 10pt">This is how you change the size of the font.</div>
<div style="font-size: 14pt">This is how you change the size of the font.</div>
<div style="font-size: 20pt">This is how you change the size of the font.</div>
<div style="font-size: 22pt">This is how you change the size of the font.</div>
```

When you use the HTML code `<font size="any number">Insert text here.</font>`, you can get any
**Browser Results Font Sizes**

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**Background Class Colors with CSS**

REDCap's css includes some familiar background-colored warning boxes. Here is an example where a descriptive text question is used as a warning when someone tries to collect another time point in a longitudinal study without checking the enrollment status of the participant first. The code presented below is placed in the Field Label column (column E) in your data dictionary, or the Field Label box in the Online Designer.

The code looks like: (please note that the code should all be place as a single line)
<div class="red" style="text-align:center;">  
<h3 style="text-align:center;">Participant is not ACTIVE</h3>  
Please review participant status form before continuing.  
</div>

Copy and paste the code below directly in the Field Label cell or your Online Designer

You can also use "yellow" and "green".

**Highlight a sub-section within a larger section with CSS**

This can be used to highlight or distinguish sub-sections within a larger section, without using the Section Header column. This is a ‘descriptive’ field.

![Tissue Sequence 1 Table]

The code looks like:

```html
<table width="100%" bgcolor="CCFFCC"><tr><td>OCT Tumor</td></tr></table>
```

You can use standard colors ("red", "yellow", "green", "blue", etc.), or hexadecimal color codes ([link to more html colors](#))
Here is a common one for adding some meta-data to a question.

The code looks like:

```html
Were antiplatelet drugs begun on any day prior to the procedure date listed above?  
<span style="font-weight: lighter; font-style:italic;">(your text here)</span>
```

Text in a box and colored, centered, larger text using H3 with CSS

```html
<p style="border:1px solid black;padding:2px;"/>
<span style="display:block;border:1px solid grey;padding:10px;font-size:125%;"/>
I am going to ask you a few questions to determine whether you are eligible to be in the study.
[Interviewer: Ask all questions without stopping until you reach "Determine Eligibility before continuing!"]
</span></p>
<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #800000;">Identifying Information

1. Name:

```html
<p style="border:1px solid black;padding:2px;"/>
<span style="font-weight: normal; font-style:italic;">I am going to ask you a few questions to determine whether you are eligible to be in the study.
[Interviewer: Ask all questions without stopping until you reach "Determine Eligibility before continuing!"]
</span></p>
<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #800000;">Identifying Information

1. Name:
```
### Demographics Information

**Confidential**

*The code looks like:*

```html
<demographics_information>
<br />
<div style="width:100%; color:#FFF; background-color:#F00; padding:5px; position:relative; top:-5px; left:-5px;">Confidential</div>
</demographics_information>
```

### Full Name

*The code looks like:*

```html
<div class="green">Full Name</div>
```

### Additional Tags

There are also additional tags that are currently supported when making REDCap forms and surveys.

These following tags may be used to define paragraphs, anchors (web links), and line breaks:

- **Line Break**

  `<br>`

- **Paragraphs**

  `<p>........</p>`

- **Anchors (web links)**

  `<a>........</a>`
Indent

To see additional available HTML tags and formatting ideas, please check out this example survey.