Part I: Describe

Workshop Title: SurveyBuilder: A tool for creating online surveys
Date: 04/02/2008
Location: D.H. Hill Library (ITTC Lab 2)
Attendance: approx 10
Presenter: Leigh Jay Hicks

Purpose Statement and General Overview:
The goal of this workshop was to provide a general overview of the SurveyBuilder tool. The tool is created and maintained by the Crops and Life Sciences department and is available to anyone with a NCSU unity account.

The workshop was relatively short, lasting only about 30 minutes. In this workshop I was introduced to the SurveyBuilder tool and walked through how to utilize its feature set. The tutorial covered things like allowing for survey collaboration, setting access restrictions on surveys, and reviewing the survey results.

Part II: Analyze

As a researcher in computer science the survey builder tool lacked many of the abilities to get and process data needed for research purposes. It did though seem to be an effective tool to elicit feedback from the students for instructional purposes. For example, you could assign the survey as a homework assignment and be able to tell if a student took the assignment but not be aware of which students gave which answers. Another nice feature of this tool is that it allows to restrict access to students based on which class a student is enrolled in.

Overall, the tool had quite a few limitations over other available tools but it’s ease of use and integration with registration and records for unityID’s and class enrollment makes it a useful tool for classroom usage.