

Card sorting methods: A List

Description

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Card / pile sorting is a simple and useful means of eliciting and aggregating qualitative data, in a participatory manner. In anthropology, it is described as pile sorting, and is used for domain analysis, in the field of cognitive anthropology. In website design it is known as card sorting.

- [Wikipedia entry on card sorting](#) (focused on website design only)

Anthropology

- [Hierarchical Card Sorting: A simple tool for qualitative research and inquiry, also useful for planning and evaluation](#), by Rick Davies, updated **2021**
- [How to Sort](#), by Harloff and Coxon, **2009** and their associated [The Method of Sorting](#) website
- [The sorting techniques: A tutorial paper on card sorts, picture sorts and item sorts](#). by Rugg, G., & McGeorge, P. (2005).Expert Systems, 22(3), 94–108.
- [Sorting Data: Collection and Analysis](#) by A.P.M. Coxon, Sage, **1999**
- [Elicitation Techniques for Cultural Domain Analysis](#). By Borgatti, S, **1998**

Website design

- [Card Sorting: Designing Usable Categories](#). By Donna Spencer. Rosenfeld Media, **April 2009**
- [Sorting Out Card Sorting: Comparing Methods for Information Architects, Usability Engineers](#) and Other Practitioners. Steven D. Hannah, University of Minnesota Crookston, **June 2005**
- [Card sorting: a definitive guide](#), by Donna Spencer and Todd Warfel on **2004**
- [Card sorting](#): by Usability.gov

Software

- [OptimalSort](#): Online card sorting software (free and paid for use):
- [SynCapsV2](#): For the analysis of the results of physical card sorts, which can be downloaded and used on a desktop/laptop
- [XSort](#): is a free card sorting application for Mac, aimed at user experience professionals and social scientists.
- [KardSort](#) : Perform Web-Based Cardsort Study for free.
- [Miro Card Sorting template](#)

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