## Annual Homeless Assessment Report's Data Collection System

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**BACKGROUND:** Relyon Media was hired by Abt Associates to build a data collection system for AHAR. The tool provides nationwide estimates for homeless persons.

**PROBLEM:** Many steps in the survey were dependent upon answers to prior questions. This complication made the survey's navigation and completion status a UI priority.

**SOLUTION:** Shane Brenizer designed a user interface that made it easy to step through the survey and answer questions dependent on answers to previous questions. Notes functionality was invented to assist in the quality control of the data input.

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