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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS	WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER
<b>Plan the Project</b>	
What are the best approaches to my project, given the project objectives?	See <a href="#">Introduction</a> and <a href="#">Designing the Evaluation</a>
<b>Identify Available Data</b>	
Are the data I need available?	See descriptions of statewide systems at <a href="#">Data Retrieval</a>  Agency-level data: get CAATs assistance in reading and manipulating agency files.
<b>Collect Additional Data, if Needed</b>	
What should I consider when collecting new data?	See <a href="#">Designing the Evaluation</a> , <a href="#">Sampling</a> , <a href="#">Descriptive Statistics</a> , and <a href="#">Hypothesis Testing</a> . Consider costs/benefits of collecting new data and data reliability (see GAO publication, "Determining Data Reliability" and/or SAO EDP programs).
What are some common ways to collect new data?	See <a href="#">Interviews</a> , <a href="#">Questionnaires/Surveys</a> , and <a href="#">Data Retrieval</a> . Consider agency records, direct observation, focus groups.
<b>Analyze the Data</b>	
What software can I use to analyze data?	See Available <a href="#">Analysis Tools</a>
How can I organize and present raw data?	See <a href="#">Frequency Distribution</a> , <a href="#">Descriptive Statistics</a> , <a href="#">Graphs</a> , and <a href="#">Deception with Graphs</a>
How can I draw conclusions from the data?	See <a href="#">Hypothesis Testing</a> , <a href="#">Inferential Statistics</a> , and <a href="#">Other Audit Techniques</a>
What if I don't need quantification/generalization?	See <a href="#">Case Studies</a> , <a href="#">Sampling</a> , and <a href="#">Descriptive Statistics</a>
How can I summarize/analyze the written material I have collected?	See <a href="#">Content Analysis</a>
How can I document and analyze processes?	See <a href="#">Flowcharting</a> , <a href="#">Case Studies</a> , <a href="#">Ratio Analysis</a> , <a href="#">Trend Analysis</a> , <a href="#">Cost-Benefit Analysis</a> , and <a href="#">Other Audit Techniques</a>
Are there standard indicators for me to use?	See <a href="#">Ratio Analysis</a> and the <a href="#">Performance Measures module</a>
<b>Other</b>	
Where can I get more information?	Review the list of <a href="#">resources</a> at the end of the Data Analysis Section. Also, contact the SAO Methodology Coordinator(s).
I didn't find some standard methods. Where are they?	Methods are condensed into basic building blocks. For example, <i>substantive testing</i> may involve ratio and trend analysis and inferential statistics, <i>reasonableness testing</i> may involve fluctuation analysis, <i>walkthroughs</i> may involve interviews, flowcharting, and observations.