Some research terminology

• **Primary research**
  – Refers to research based on the collection of fresh data

• **Secondary research**
  – Refers to research based on previously acquired and published data, or interpretation of data collected by another

• **Quantitative research**
  – Research that involves collection of data such that a numerical value can be ascribed to it. Usually involves measurement of one or more parameter by a survey or some kind of instrument.

• **Qualitative research**
  – Research that involves collection of data such that a descriptive quality can be ascribed to it. Usually involves observing someone or asking them what they think about something.

• **Can be a mixture of both**

References

There are numerous texts in the library covering research methods but the following provide good overviews:

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