











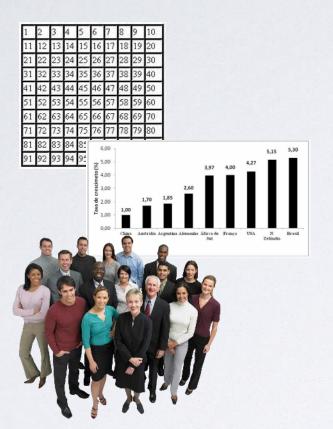
Cloud computing in qualitative research: data analysis with the support of webQDA Software

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Challenges of Qualitative Data Analysis Software (QDAS)

- Enable direct work with various formats and data types.
- Robustness to deal with large amounts of data.
- Allow for greater flexibility in performing tasks.
- Enable collaborative work in large and small groups.
- Simplicity to reduce the learning curve of the tools.
- Greater compatibility and portability of data and analysis processes.





QDAS brief history

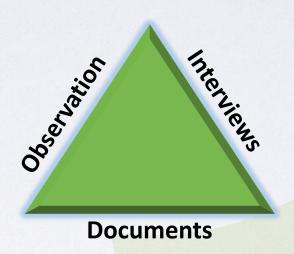
- In 1966, MIT developed a software called "The General Inquiry" to help text analysis.
- In **1984**, **Ethnograph** software emerges.
- In 1987, Richards & Richards developed the Non-Numerical Unstructured Data Indexing Searching and Theorizing software (NUD*IST). It evolved into the current NVivo.
- In **1991**, the **ATLAS-ti** prototype was launched, mainly related to Grounded Theory.
- In the transition of the **2000s**, it was possible to **integrate video**, **image**, **audio** and **text in the analysis**. However, **HyperRESEARCH** had been presented before. Meantime, **Transcriber** and **Transana** are other software systems that were developed.
- In **2004**, **NVivo** provided an overview of some of the previous software with striking features, such as the Atlas-ti it recovers encoding by in vivo and Ethnograph a visual presentation coding system.
- 2009 marks the beginning of the software development in computer contexts in the cloud. Examples are **Dedoose** and **webQDA**, which were developed almost simultaneously in the US and Portugal, respectively.
- From **2013** onwards, we saw an effort by software companies to develop **versions for iOS**, incorporating data from social networks, multimedia and other visual elements in the analysis process.



Qualitative data

- Clinical reports
- Personal documents
- Field notes
- Photographs
- Videos
- Subject's discourse
- Oficial Documents









What is data analysis in Qualitative Research?

- Working with data
- Organizing data
- Dividing data into manageable units
- Data synthesis
- Looking for patterns
- Discovery of the important aspects of data
- Discovery of what should be learned from the data
- Deciding how to transmit data to others





Without software

Without specific software



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With specific software

"The researcher who does not use software beyond a word processor will be hampered in comparison to those who do" (Miles & Huberman, 1994, p.44)



What do we look for in a QDAS?

CAQDAS refer to software packages which include tools designed to facilitate a qualitative approach to qualitative data analysis.

Qualitative data includes texts, graphics, audio or video. CAQDAS packages may also enable the incorporation of quantitative (numeric) data and/or include tools for adopting quantitative approaches in qualitative data analysis.

- Content searching tools
- Linking tools
- Coding tools
- Query tools
- Writing and annotation tools
- Mapping or networking tools





Qualitative analysis Software Packages

- webQDA
- AQUAD
- ATLAS/ti
- CoAn
- Code-A-Text
- DICTION
- DIMAP-MCCA
- HyperRESEARCH
- KEDS
- DEDOOSE

- NUD*IST
- NVivo
- QED
- TATOE
- TEXTPACK
- TextSmart
- Transana
- WinMaxPro
- WordStat





webQDA history and partnerships

• 2010







"Didática e Tecnologia na Formação de Formadores"

• 2015









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webQDA

 Software designed to assist researchers to handle non-numeric and unstructured data in qualitative analysis.

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 With webQDA the researchers can edit, view and link documents. They can create categories, encode, manage, filter, query and question the data in order to answer research questions.





In academic contexts, webQDA is especially useful for researchers, graduation, master's and doctorate students, as well as for research teams to develop synchronous and asynchronous analysis of qualitative data in collaboration, from any device connected to the internet. In a business context, webQDA is especially useful for analysis of non-numeric and unstructured data, for example, customers' opinions about a product or an advert.





webQDA is to qualitative research and SPSS to quantitative research, as the word-processor (word) is for writing. In any case the human factor is always critical.

"My text editor doesn't write alone."



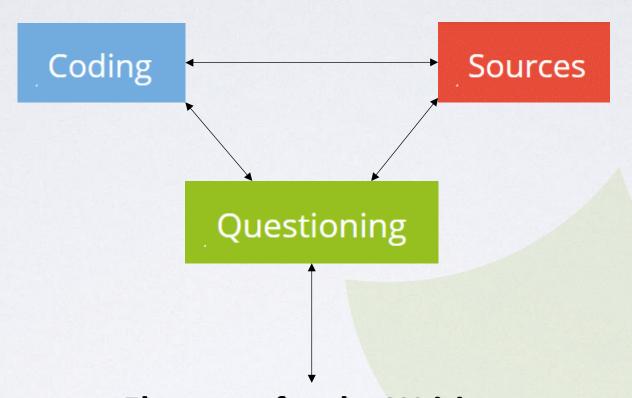
Before and During the use of webQDA

- Sound Research Questions;
- Feasible Research Objectives;
- Comprehensive Theoretical Framework;
- Validate Data Collection Instruments;
- Carefull and Systematic Transcriptions;
- Well Structured Data Organization;
- Etc.





Main areas in webQDA

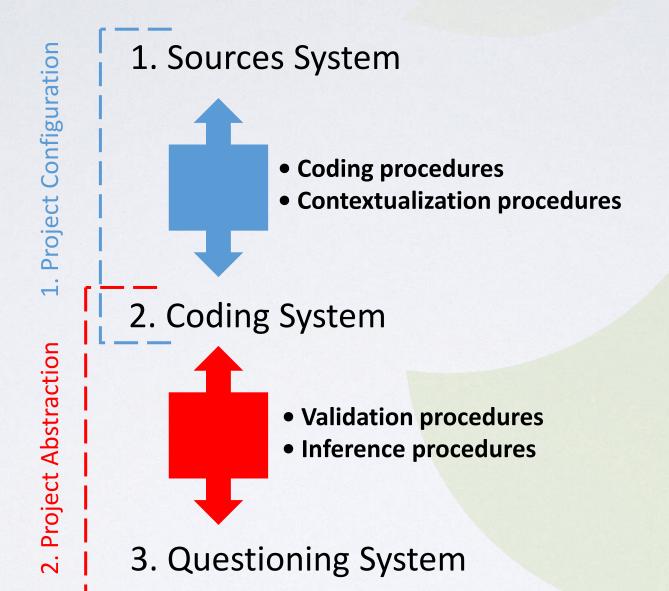


Elements for the Writing of Results in Qualitative Analysis





Procedural structure in webQDA





Technical Specifications

- Respects the HTML5 standard that is supported by most popular web browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Chrome, Opera).
- Permissions for use of Cookies is also a requirement and the browser must be allowed to run JavaScript.
- For a better user experience we recommend a resolution of at least of 1280 x 720.
- Sources requirements:
 - Text Sources: DOCX, PDF and TXT (Maximum size of 500,000 characters per file)
 - image sources: JPG and PNG (Maximum size of 5MB per file)
 - Audio sources: MP3 and WAV (Maximum size of 10MB per file)
 - video sources: MP4, OGG and WEBM (Maximum size of 20MB per file)
 - You can use YouTube videos, or videos from public sharing of Dropbox.





Coding





Three paths amongst several ...

- Codes that emerge from the data.
 - Open code
 - Free codes
- Defined codes before starting the analysis.
 - Tree codes
- Combination of the previous two ways.
 - Free codes
 - Tree codes
 - Descriptors

Coding

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Classifications



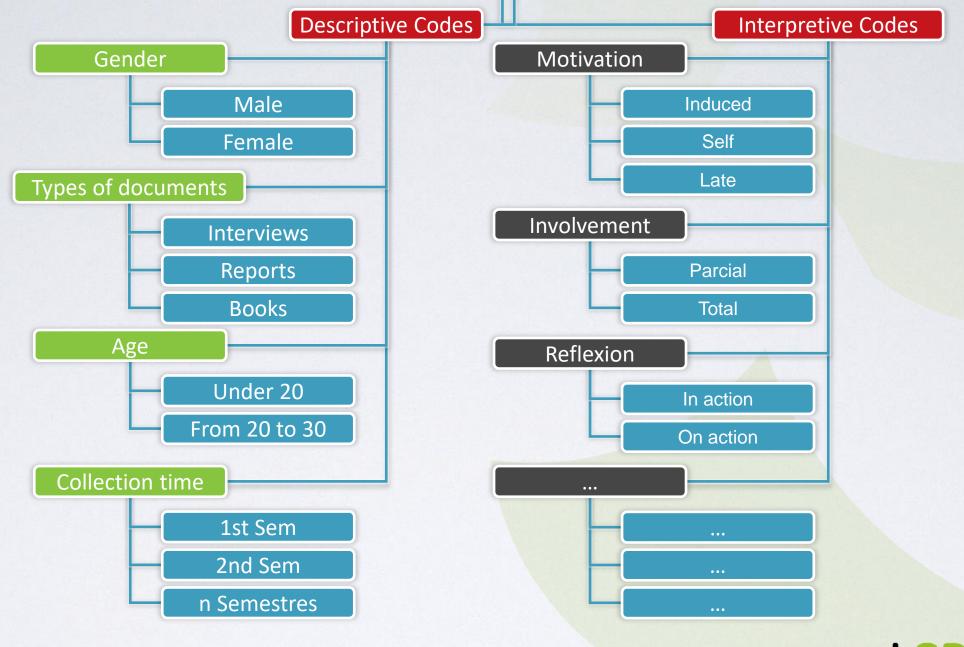


Manage and categorize data

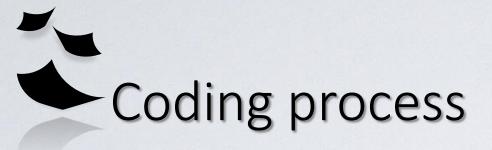
- A code is a unifying topic of ideas.
- webQDA helps the researcher in the process of organization, contextualization and categorization of information entered.
- What is the context of information about a case?
 - Ex.: Interview with John: gender, age, length of service, nationality... (Rating: Attributes)
- How to organize and group all the information on cases or concepts.
 - Ex.: All John's documents and interviews... (Descriptors: Cases)











- **Descriptive codings** can be imputed under "Classifications: Attributes". Ex.: Gender, Age...
- However, as qualitative researchers, we are interested in **interpretive coding**. We can create Analysis dimensions, categories and other binding topic ideas in "Codes".
- How to code the contents of the documents in those categories created by the researcher?





Examples of questions

- What is encoded simultaneously in "category 1" and "Category 2"?
- What is encoded in "category 1" that is not part of "category 2"?

• What is the relationship of categories 1 and 2 with my descriptive categories (Attributes)?

 Combining categories 1 and 2 into a third one, what is its relationship with a fourth category?





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Atributtes:

Male

20 years

1st Semestre

Atributtes:

Female

20 years

2nd Semestre

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^{*}This is the case of an interview



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- Open-ended questions (Questionnaires)

- Online Forums
- Focus groups

Document 1

Male Student 1, 20 years, 1st Sem Text Text Text Text unit 1

Female Student 2, 25 years, 1st Sem Text Text Text Text unit 2

Male Student 3, 30 years, 1st Sem Text Text Text Text unit 3

Document 2

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Female Student 2, 25 years, 1st Sem Text Text Text Text unit 2

Male Student 3, 30 years, 1st Sem Text Text Text Text unit 3

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webQDA







