Analyzing Qualitative Data: With or without software Sharlene Hesse-Biber, Ph.D. Department of Sociology **Boston College** Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 hesse@bc.edu

Role of the Researcher

- YOU are a data collection instrument
- You take notes and decide what topics to record
- How much do you set the agenda
 - What questions do you ask or not ask?
 - What do you deem important?

Role of the Researcher

- You are driving the analysis:
 - What are your implicit/explicit theories?
 - What is your favored analysis method(s)?

Role of the Researcher

- You make decisions before analysis based on your:
 - Epistemological perspective
 - Approach to the problem
 - Particular research questions

How should I analyze my qualitative data?

• Depends on:

- What research questions drive your study.
- Research Question is linked to methods chosen and type of analysis rationale you apply.

Role of Transcription in analysis of your data

- Builds theoretical sensitivity (Strauss & Corbin, 1990)
- Brings the researcher closer to the data
- Provides a unique opportunity to critique and improve on the interview process

What is Transcribed?

- Written texts:
 - Field notes
 - Supporting documents
- Audio and/or Visual Data
 - Recordings of interviews, focus groups, consultation
 - Photos
 - Videos

Researcher Positionality

- The researcher's viewpoint is part of transcription
- How does your set of social, economic, personal, and other characteristics impact the way you represent your data?

Issues of Representation

- Whose transcription are you creating?
- Address issues of authority and representation.

Transcription and data analysis reflection:

- Recognize ways that data are interpreted and represented.
- How do you decide what to transcribe (everything or only particular aspects)?

Data Analysis: The goal is to analytically reduce your data by:

- Producing summaries, abstracts, coding, and memos
- Finding ways to your display data(matrices, frequency counts, etc.)
- Draw conclusions and test their validity
- Remember: Analysis is an iterative and ongoing process

Memo-ing: A critical link between your interview data and creation of codes and categories

- Memo about:
 - Codes, categories, and their relationships
 - Initial thoughts on data analysis
- Memos are ways of Summarizing where you are at during your analysis and potential interpretations you may have about your data.
- Analysis is saying: What does the data say.
- Interpretation is saying: What does it mean?

Data Analysis as Data Reduction

 Management goal is to make large amount of data manageable

Analysis goals:

- Search for commonalities, which lead to categories (know as codes or themes)
- Search for contrasts/comparisons
- There is Physical reduction of data (putting names on excerpts as if you are creating labels in a filing cabinet with no analytical bite
- Conceptual reduction of data: Thinking through meaning by coding—memo-ing—re-coding for meaning

Data Reduction...But how do I do this????

- Know your data: listen, read, and think about it
- Know your biases and standpoint
- Focus on the data one way is to take a grounded approach. But remember there are multiple analytical styles (i.e. narrative analysis, content analysis, etc. Go back to your research question to determine analytical rationale

Coding Styles: Deductive Coding of your data

- Starts with pre-set themes/codes/categories
- Themes suggested by research literature, advisor, etc.
- Provides direction in your analysis
- Yet: Do you want to start out with a set of themes a priori? Why? Go back to your research question. If you are exploring new territory it may not be best to start out looking for "a something."

Inductive coding style: Iterative analysis (often referred to as a Grounded Analysis.

- Your analysis– codes come directly from reading/thinking about data
- Part of iterative process that is often a like an upward spiral in which you go up and down the twists and turns almost like a dance-- a tango that has no straight lines.

Inductive (Grounded) Analysis

- Iterative process
- After initial coding, go back to change and break down codes

Developing Grounded Codes

- Code: symbol applied to a section of text in order to easily categorize it
- Related to research questions, themes, concepts
- Used for retrieval and organization
- Finish coding when saturation is reached

Developing Grounded Themes

- During and after coding, look for connections between codes
- Begin with descriptive themes
- Look for subcategories, relationships, cause-effect
- Develop a matrix of codes and themes

Differentiating Types of Grounded Codes:

- Tag
- Code
- Category
- Themes

Using Software to Analyze Qualitative Data

 Transcription Software: Using HyperTranscribe
 Computer-Assisted Software: Using HyperRESEARCH Advantages of Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (CAQDAS).

- Enhances ability to play with the data
- Assists in development of organizing system
- Theory building and construction
- Exploring different possibilities of data analysis and interpretation

Advantages of CAQDAS

- Create and share large data sets
- Access facilitates group projects
- Allows for secondary analysis of qualitative data sets

Advantages of CAQDAS

- Facilitates exploration of epistemological issues
- Works as a pedagogical tool for qualitative research methods

Transcription as Analysis with Computer Software

- Transition marker: using time stamps to highlight transitions, etc.
- Mark text in color
- Insert memos using representative fonts

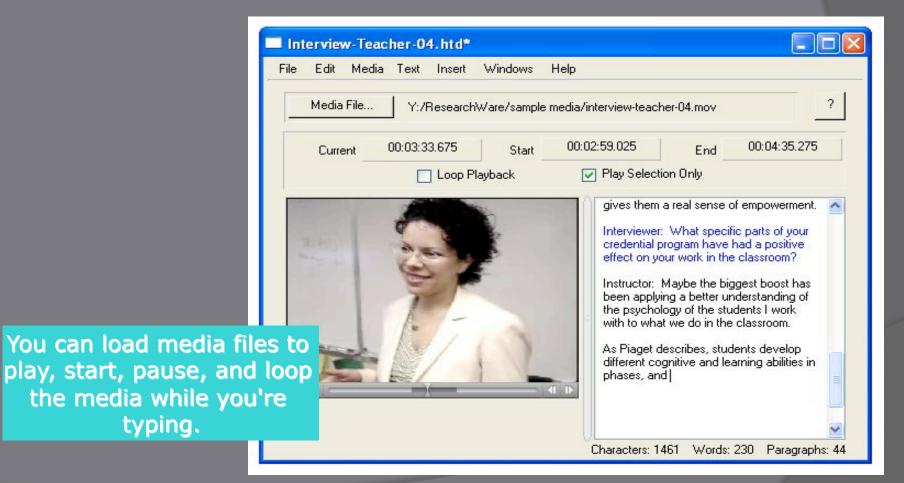
Benefits of Transcription Technologies

- Decrease time and money spent on transcription
- More easily used by junior team members
- Simplified technologies allow researchers to do own transcription

HyperTRANSCIBETM

- Allows you to watch or listen to video or audio file during transcription and take memos on the fly
- Single interface for media and transcription
- Allows you to time-stamp your transcription for easy retrieval and analysis on the fly
- Hands never have to leave the keyboard
- Supports common video formats such as AVI, QuickTime, MPEG-2, MPEG-4

HyperTRANSCIBETM



HyperTRANSCIBETM Simple control over timing options

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HyperTRANSCIBE[™] Add text shortcuts to speed up the transcription process

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HyperTRANSCIBETM

 Download a free demo at www.researchware.com

HyperRESEARCH 2.8

- CAQDAS for Win and Macintosh
- Used for a variety of fields and analytical styles
- Facilitates group work
- Allows code and retrieval of data:
 - Boolean/proximity searches
 - Auto-coding and viewing codes in context

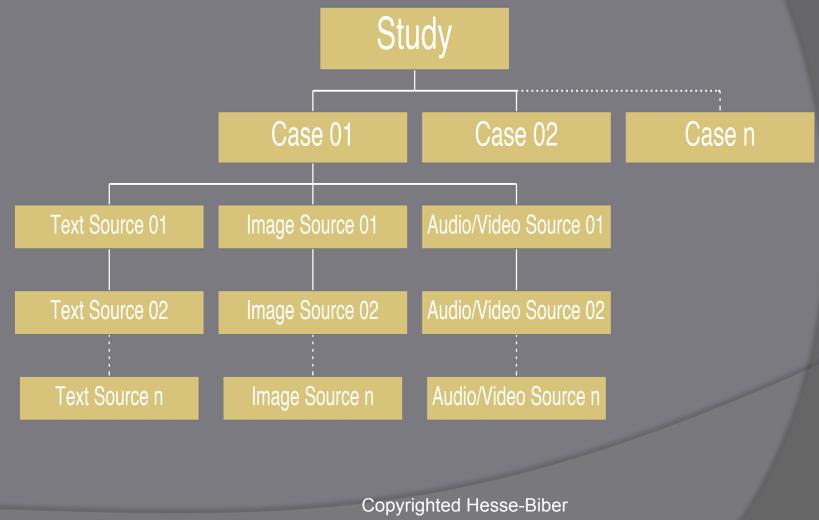
HyperRESEARCH 2.8

- Uses AI to create complex code categories
- Summary memos on data documents
- Hyperlinking
- Theory building
 - Hypothesis testing
 - Cognitive mapping
 - Code lists

HyperRESEARCH 2.8

- Links qualitative and quantitative
 - Export matrices
 - Import quantitative data
- Detailed summary reports

Study Structure



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View codes in context

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l am making a high salary nontraditional field	The year is 2010. I am 40 years old. What is my life like? That's a pretty difficult question to answer. For starters, I am the president of Copley and Mini Advertising Agency. I love my job, probably because I face a new challenge every day. I also like having power, and knowing that many people work below me. All kidding aside, the best part of my job is my six figure salary. Everything is just so expensive, and any extra money helps.
gets married and stays married	My husband, Michael, also has an excellent job. He works for an engineering company, where he is very happy. With both of our salaries combined we live very comfortably, but not extravagantly. We both set aside portions of our pay every week and put it in an account that will one day pay for our children's college education. I knew what it was like to have to work to pay my own way through college. I want to make sure that my kids don't have to worry about that.
wants kids leaves work when kids born doesn't takes major responsibility for family	Michael and I have two wonderful children, Courtney, who's 10, and Justin, who's 8. Right now I feel I must deviate a little from this paper. In all honesty I don't know whether I want to say that I took off 4-6 years from work to raise my children or that I hired a nanny for them. I'm extremely torn on this issue. Sometimes I think that it is my responsibility to stay home and be more of a mother than a businesswoman. Other times I think, why should I have to be the one to sacrifice my career? I'm hoping that this class will help me to sort out my feelings on this topic. For the sake of the assignment, I'll say that I took the time off from work to be with my babies.
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Code List Editor

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Memoing in Master Code List

- Define code categories on the
- fly

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- Select using a Boolean expression (note:
- All subsequent browsing or analysis is done using the SELECTED subset of cases and codes)

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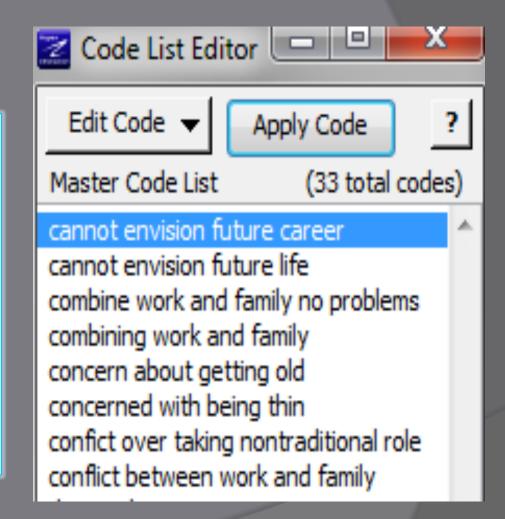
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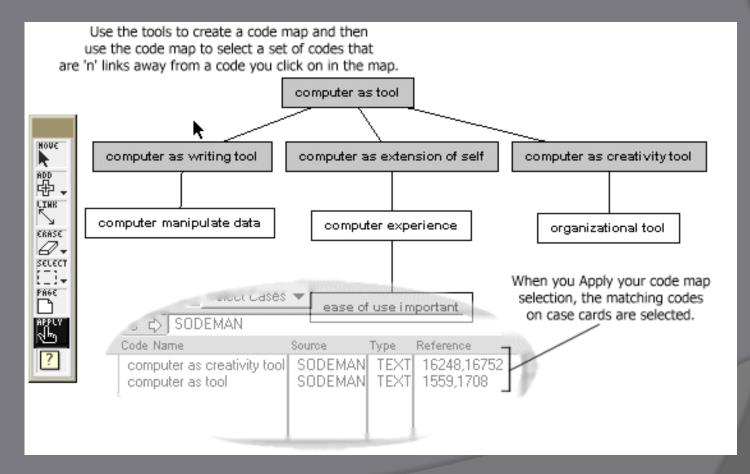
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Coding

HyperRESEARCH adds codes on the fly. Or use the Master Code List Editor to add codes without attaching them to text or media segments A code definition may be added for each master code. 30,000 characters/code



Code Map



Coding Images

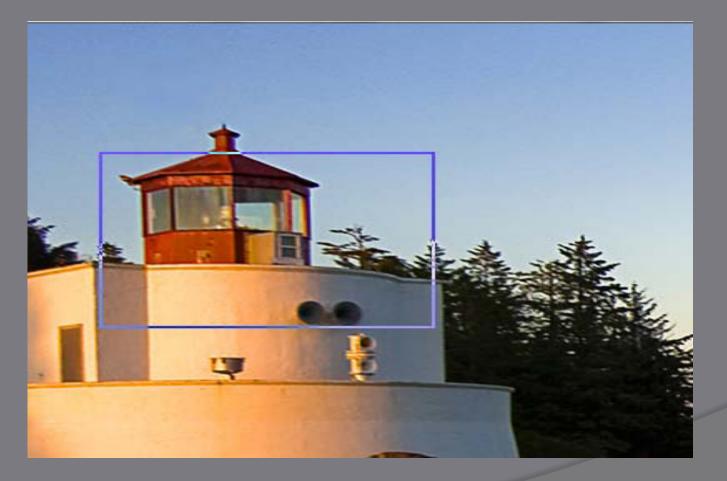


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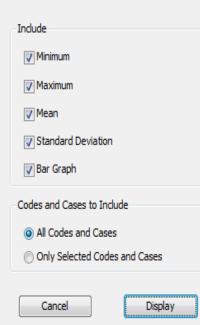
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Running Reports

Frequency Report Settings

Frequency reports will include the code name and total number of occurrences across the entire study.

You can optionally choose to display the statistics listed below:



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places family needs above self	1	0	1	0.125	0.354	
successful happy life	5	0	2	0.625	0.744	
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Reporting

- Based on cases and codes
- Display, print, or export
- A report is based on the set of cases AND codes you have selected.
- The checkboxes specify which elements are included a report.
- Reports may be displayed, printed or exported

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Integrating Qualitative Analysis with Software: A Step by Step Approach with some examples of the "how to's"

Exploration Phase

• Steps in Analysis

- Read text and think of codes (also referred to as 'indexing' or 'tagging'
- Assign codes to segments

- Computer Function
 - Assign codes

 Attaches codes to text segments; automatic coding or words and phrases

Add Codes to Text

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Exploration Phase

- Steps in Analysis
 Clarify codes if necessary
 - Writing memos about codes and new directions in research; link codes to the research questions

Computer Function

 Assigns codes, overview of codes, create theory memos, attach memos to text/codes

 Memoing, theory memos, formulate new questions / hypotheses

Line by Line Coding

Text:

Code:

I always wanted to be the thinnest, the prettiest Thinnest, Prettiest I wanted to look like the girls in the magazines I'm going to have so boyfriends and boys are going Going to be so in love with me, I won't have to economic resources work and I'll be taken care of me for the rest of my life security Standards

Pos. body image Provides

Thin Rationale Thinness as Media

Evaluation of codes

Initial codes in Eating Disorders Study were changed as follows:

FROM:	TO:
Clothing made for thin people	clothing that fits
Weight lower priority	
Minimal diet	
Magazines	.media creates standards
Dating and appearance	
Will always want to be thin	alues thinness

Thin rationales: Thin as a means of Security Thin and Healthy Thin as Part of Identity Thin /Beauty is Empowering

Using diagrams

• Thin as a means of Security

Thin and Health
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 Thin as Part of Identity

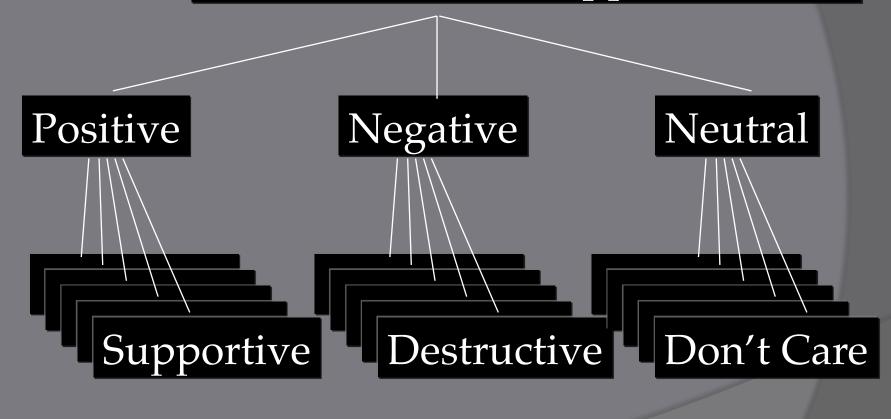
• Thin / Beauty is Empowering

Meta Coding: Going from Larger Themes to Detailed Analysis

- Meta Code: Pressure to be thin or thick
- Sub codes:
 - media source of thin pressure
 - no pressure to be thin
 - peer pressure to be thin
 - pressure to be thin
 - pressure to gain weight
 - resists pressure to be thin
 - teased about skinniness

HierarchicalCoding-

Attitudes towards Appearance



Memoing Codes in Context

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Memoing in Context: An Example

Code: Being thick

 Throughout all interviews it was clear that being thin is not only not a valued social norm, but is also often considered a negative attribute associated with starvation and ill health (several kids associated being thin with being bony). Conversely, being heavy or 'thick' was associated with health and sexuality (one boy said he liked it when 'things gjggle'). It was commonly acknowledged that guys like a "big butt" and a "big chest."

Data Reduction Phase

Steps in Analysis

- Linking text segments that have the same meaning
- Computer Function
 - Retrieval of text segments by codes or combinations of codes

Data Reduction Phase

Steps in Analysis

- Perform open and axial coding
 - Formulate initial code categories
- Create analytical codes and check with material
 - May want to subcategorize or integrate categories

Computer Function

- Perform coding and retrieval of code segments
- Create a hierarchical coding structure
- Create and analyze memos
- Change/adjust segments and codes
- Create methodological memos

Data Reduction: An Example

- Code: Attitudes towards appearance
- Subcodes:
 - Importance of looks in the estimation of self/ others
 - Worries about appearance
 - Important aspects of appearance
 - Social support or pressures re: appearance

Metacodes: An Example

Code: Body Image

- Family supportive of looks
- Mother critical of weight
- Not worried about looks
- Parents critical of looks
- Parents supportive of looks straight is better
- Peer support for looks
- Positive body image
- Satisfied with wt
- Worried re looks

Code: Hair

- hair is important
- hair braiding experience
- hair more important than weight
- short hair is in
- teased about hair
- spends time on hair
- won't hire if " nappy hair"
- -"afros not cool"

Mixed Methods: use of a qualitative and a quantitative method in your study

Based on priority and timing (Morgan, 1998)

- QUAL-quan, QUAN-qual, equal
- Sequential or concurrent
- Note: Multi-modal study is the use of two or more qualitative methods OR two or more quantitative methods

Mixed Methods: Data Analysis Stage

Quantizing: changing codes into variables

 Qualitizing: changing variables into codes

Mixed Methods Analysis: Quantizing

- For example, what women report parents who are overweight and have an eating disorder (Hesse-Biber, 1996)?
- Or, of those women whose parents value thinness, how many report an eating disorder?

LINKING QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE

Table 1The Relationship Between Having an EatingDisorder (EATDIS) and Growing up withParents, Peers, or Siblings Being "Critical"of One's Body and Eating Habits (PPSC)

		PPSC		
EATDIS	Yes	No 12.8 (5)		
	No	87.2 (34)		
		100% (39)	100% (16)	N=55

Matrix of Qualtized and Quantized Data

Case	Eating Disorders Scale	Body Image Dissatisfaction	Eating Disorders	Self Esteem
"Jenna"	8	high	moderate	low
"Mary"	28	low	high	high

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