Qualitative Innovations in CAQDAS (QUIC)

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Overview

- The QUIC Project
- Target Users & Support, learning needs
- Evaluation (study and survey)
- The Website
- Finding the resources.
The QUIC Project

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CAQDAS  Training >8000 researchers  QUIC

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http://www.surrey.ac.uk/sociology/research/researchcentres/caqdas
Project Goals

*Explore technological and methodological developments in CAQDAS*
  - (Data Integration, Visual Analysis and GIS)

*Provide training and capacity building (TCB) opportunities*
  - Developing online materials
  - Give online and face-to-face training support
  - Contributing to software learning research
Qualitative study of CAQDAS learners

• Interviewed over three stages
• Respondents used different software
• Findings
  1. Frustration, confusion, difficulties
  2. Missing functions
  3. Unsure about functions
Feedback from users

- Find mostly by Google
- Very positive when found (postgrads and teachers)
- Postgrads don’t want quizzes etc. Happy to read documents e.g. pdfs.
- Author of material imprt. and date - esp. for s/w
Support

These pages are being developed as part of the Qualitative [1] National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM). They are software to support the process of qualitative data analysis. Please keep looking.

Here you can find the following:

i) Online materials: information about the support materials found the kinds of user we have in mind in designing them.

ii) Choosing Software: information to assist in making an informed choice.

iii) Planning for the use of software: information about factors to be considered in planning for and setting up a project (under construction).

iv) Team-based research: information about planning for and setting up a project (under construction).

v) Analytic Tasks and software tools: information and discussion on the use of software tools for analytic tasks (under construction).

vi) Analysing survey data: comparative information about using CAQDAS.
Choosing an appropriate CAQDAS package

We provide a range of information about CAQDAS packages and these materials are designed to help researchers make informed choices between packages, to plan for their effective use and to manipulate their tools in creative ways to meet methodological and practical needs.
‘Findability’

• QUIC has good visibility on Google
• And good on Delicious and Xmarks
• Lots of mention on other websites

• QUESTION - How can we do this better?
Online survey of qualitative analysis teachers. Jan. 2011

• Who is teaching what?
• Who gets taught about software?
• How do lecturers find out about online resources?

• RESULTS
  – N = 94
  – UK - 37, USA - 35, other Europe - 11
How lecturers find resources

• Very traditional.

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Resource repositories

Educational repositories

- Jorum: 7
- MERLOT: 6
- Connexions: 1
- None: 59
- Other: 15
**Bookmarks**

**Social bookmarking websites**

- Delicious: 7
- Digg: 0
- Diigo: 2
- Reddit: 2
- None: 70
- Other: 7