

# Dedoose

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Capacities	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple-users working on the same project with administrator/s and control of accesses</li> <li>Allow for inter-rater reliability testing</li> <li>Access over internet (online encrypted data storage)</li> <li>Handle many foreign languages and character set</li> <li>Enable the creation, importation, listing of codes and reconfigure the code system (memo writing possible)</li> <li>List data segments which have previously been marked</li> <li>Provide an overview of frequency of code application to excerpts ('weight' option to view the average ratings applied along with the codes across the same descriptor values)</li> <li>Give a visual representation of the relative frequency of code application and quick access to matching excerpts</li> <li>Record factual information about media and respondents using Descriptors (cases), Descriptor Fields (variables with defined types and values) and Descriptor Sets (containers for holding Descriptors and Descriptor Fields)</li> <li>Allow for multiple descriptor sets to store different units of analysis (e.g. individual respondents, teachers, lesson, staff, school, etc.). Individual media can be associated with multiple descriptor sets</li> <li>Media can be linked to descriptors for mixed-methods analysis</li> <li>Dynamic Descriptor Fields track changes in known characteristics over time (useful for longitudinal datasets)</li> <li>Audio and video files can be coded directly the same way as the textual files</li> <li>Excerpts linked to different codes are highlighted in different colors on the media transcript.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum limits for aspects of a Dedoose project are descriptor field sets = 10/project, descriptor fields = 50/set, descriptors = 5000/project, and resources = 5000/project</li> <li>PDF format currently not supported. Change the .pdf file to .txt to import</li> <li>Requires internet connection. Slow or faulty connections may slow down the work</li> <li>No local copy of the project, but data can be exported whenever it's needed</li> <li>No integrated transcription tool yet like Nvivo and MAXQDA</li> <li>Memos are restricted to 3000 characters, and cannot be viewed simultaneously to the data.</li> </ul>

## Types of file supported

- Document: .doc, .docx, .rtf, .txt
- Spreadsheet: .xls, .xlsx, .csv
- Video: .mp4 and similar
- Audio: .mp3
- Only 1 hour worth for free, pay per Mb.

## Other information

Requires internet connection.

Platform		
MAC	WINDOWS	Others
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## Cost

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Free demo version.

Option available to pay per month at a time or longer periods at discounted rates. Charged only for the months when user actually logs in. During the inactive time data remains undeleted for up to two years.

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## Publications about the software

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- Blog - Follow recent announcements regarding Dedoose <http://blog.dedoose.com/>
  - Forum - Discuss Dedoose with other Dedoose users and the Dedoose team <http://www.reddit.com/r/Dedoose>
  - User Guide - Thorough instructions on all Dedoose features along with many tips for conducting great research <http://userguide.dedoose.com/>
  - Video Tutorials - Step-by-step instruction on all major Dedoose features <http://www.dedoose.com/resources/>
  - FAQ's - Answers to users' most pressing questions <http://www.dedoose.com/resources/#>
  - Training - On site or virtual training <http://www.dedoose.com/resources/>
  - Other - <https://study.sagepub.com/using-software-in-qualitative-research/student-resources/step-by-step-software-guides/dedoose>
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