

Dedoose

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Capacities	Limitations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple-users working on the same project with administrator/s and control of accesses • Allow for inter-rater reliability testing • Access over internet (online encrypted data storage) • Handle many foreign languages and character set • Enable the creation, importation, listing of codes and reconfigure the code system (memo writing possible) • List data segments which have previously been marked • 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) • Give a visual representation of the relative frequency of code application and quick access to matching excerpts • 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) • 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 • Media can be linked to descriptors for mixed-methods analysis • Dynamic Descriptor Fields track changes in known characteristics over time (useful for longitudinal datasets) • Audio and video files can be coded directly the same way as the textual files • Excerpts linked to different codes are highlighted in different colors on the media transcript. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • PDF format currently not supported. Change the .pdf file to .txt to import • Requires internet connection. Slow or faulty connections may slow down the work • No local copy of the project, but data can be exported whenever it's needed • No integrated transcription tool yet like Nvivo and MAXQDA • Memos are restricted to 3000 characters, and cannot be viewed simultaneously to the data.

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
✓	✓	x

Cost

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.

Publications about the software

- 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>