



Survey results and other datasets

A dataset contains structured data arranged in records (rows) and fields (columns)—for example, a dataset could contain the responses to a survey.

You can create a new dataset source in NVivo by:

- Importing data from a spreadsheet, text file or database table.
- Importing an NCapture file that contains social media data.
- Connecting to SurveyMonkey and bringing in your survey results.

You cannot edit the contents of a dataset once it is imported. Before importing spreadsheets, text files or database tables, you should prepare your data and consider how you want to use it in NVivo—refer to the [NVivo Help](#) for detailed instructions.

Apply filters to see a subset of the data

Select a 'codable' column and gather the contents in a node

View the dataset as a table or see each record in a form

Select content and code it at a theme node

Add annotations or 'see also' links

Navigate through the records

Automatically create case nodes to represent the respondents

ID	Respondent	ReturnDate	The water quality Down East is	The natural environment Down East...
17	DE017	07/12/2004	getting worse	beautiful
18	DE018	08/12/2006	sufficient to support our people if the Feds would let us	not like it used to be without the support of local people in respect to fishing and supporting waterfowl
19	DE019	07/12/2004	very important	going to be destroyed if something is not done
20	DE020	11/12/2004	good now, but could get poor very fast if not watched carefully	the best example of waterfront on the ocean and sound on the East coast
21	DE021	09/12/2004	good	still in good shape
22	DE022	14/12/2004	growing worse.	changing.