



## Summarize your data in framework matrices

You can use framework matrices to summarize your data in a grid format—this is especially useful if you are working with interview or focus group transcripts.

The grid has rows for case nodes (for example, people you interviewed) and columns for theme nodes—you can enter your summary in the cells where the case and theme intersect. For example, you could summarize Anna’s experience of volunteering:

Enter summary text in the cell

Associated View displays the content coded at the case

	A : experiences of volunteering	B : images of volunteers	C : meanings of volunteer work	D : personal goals
1 : Anna Age Group = 20-	Regular volunteer with Starlight Children's Foundation helping with fundraising and wish granting	Everyday person with passion for helping others and the	Providing resourcing assistance to others by giving your power,	Personal connection or experience with a cause (for example, cancer)
2 : Fredric Age Group = 30-	Used to help organize Church socials. Enjoyed it because I enjoyed interacting with like-minded people. Didn't feel like volunteer work because it	Community-minded person with plenty of spare time. Ones I know	Doing something for the community at no charge.	
3 : Bernadette Age Group = 60+	Involved in community groups. Helping injured wildlife and representing consumers in Mental Health.	Community minded, sharing people. Must beshare their energetic.	A way that people can abilities and skills to benefit	Volunteers are often connecte to a cause through a fami connection. O
4 : Manu	Meals on Wheels in late 1980's, but friend couldn't	Someone with time who is		Social side - s my friends and -

**Q.4 Volunteering experience**  
*Interviewer: Have you done any volunteer work?*  
**Anna:** Yes, I had. And I still do.  
*Interviewer: What did you do, and when?*  
**Anna:** I am currently registered as a volunteer for the Starlight Children's Foundation helping with fundraising events and wish-granting activities.  
*Interviewer: How was the experience?*  
**Anna:** The experience of granting a wish is extremely rewarding and re make such a meaningful difference to a family that is going through su memories that will last a lifetime.  
 I have also assisted a big charity with their annual Christmas toy and h able to bring a smile to the faces of families at a time many of us take this again in future.  
 I have also taken part in tree planting for Landcare. This was quite diff done. Gardening and the environment aren't high priorities for me so something different - doing my bit for future generations.  
*Interviewer: Would you do more in future?*  
**Anna:** I would definitely consider volunteering in the future if I have th

Working with condensed source materials in the framework matrix can make it easier to:

- See everything about a theme by looking down a column.
- See how different themes relate to each other for a particular individual by looking across a row.
- Compare the experiences of different individuals by comparing one row to another.

Once you have condensed your source materials in a framework matrix, you can easily share your data with others by printing the matrix or exporting the matrix to a spreadsheet.

Before you can start working with framework matrices, you need to import your source materials, code source content to case nodes, and set up thematic node hierarchies. Refer to the NVivo Help for comprehensive information about working with framework matrices.