

# MAXQDA 101

## How do I learn all of this!?

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I work a lot with new MAXQDA users. Some of them are students, some are professionals. Some are tech savvy and others would avoid computers and technology if they could. Regardless of their roles and backgrounds, they all feel overwhelmed at some point as they learn. So breathe easy, you're not alone in that.

There are hundreds of functions in MAXQDA, but you will never use them all in a single project. In fact, for most analysis that I see, you'll spend the majority of your time in the Document Browser coding and annotating your data. The visualizations and reports are shiny and enticing, but if your code is poorly defined and applied inconsistently, those charts and graphs mean very little.

So, the takeaway here is that technology like MAXQDA can enrich the experience for the researcher, but it will never supplant sound practice and thoughtful engagement—you'll still need to read and re-read and write throughout your analysis. MAXQDA just makes that process a lot more accessible.

## A Workflow for Iterative Progress

