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:

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.