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QDA Comparison Table

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QDA Software	Atlas.TI	MaxQDA	NVivo	Dedoose	QDA Miner
Website	atlasti.com	maxqda.com	qsrinternational.com	dedoose.com	provalisresearch.com
Price (subject to change)	Educational: $670 Student: $99 (2-year limit)	Educational: $495/565 Student: $86/115 (2-year limit)	Educational: $690 Student: $120 (1-year limit)	Student: $10.95/month 6+ users: $8.95/month	Educational: $595 (perpetual) or $288 (1-year limit)
Platform	Mac/PC	Mac/PC	Mac/PC	Web-based	PC
Document Types	rtf, txt, doc, docx, pdf, bmp, jpeg, tiff, mov, qt, au, snd, mpg, mp3	rtf, txt, doc, docx, pdf, mp4, mov, 3gp, 3ggp, m4v, avchd, mp3, wav, aac, m4a	rtf, txt, doc, docx, pdf, xls, mp3, m4a, wma, wav, mpg, mpeg, mpe, mp4, avi, wmv, mov, qt, 3gp, mts, m2ts	rtf, txt, doc, docx, xlm, xls, lsx, htm, html, mp3, wav, m4a, wma, mp4	doc, docx, pdf, rtf, txt, html, csv, xls, xlsx, mdb, xml, sav, dbf, asci
Capacity for Medium (N>200) Projects	Not bogged down by medium sized projects	Not bogged down by medium sized projects	Buggy and crashes with medium projects	Medium projects may slow down the speed of the website	Not bogged down by medium sized projects
File Management	Data stored locally or on network Compressed backup file (copy bundle file)	Data stored locally or on network Can create copy of project file	Data stored in the database locally or on network Can create copy of project file	Data stored on Web Backup stored on Web	Data stored locally or on network (single file) Can create copy of project file

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Teamwork	Projects cannot be accessed at the same time by different users	Projects cannot be accessed at the same time by different users	Simultaneous access in real time ONLY with the purchase of NVivo Server	Simultaneous access in real time	Projects cannot be accessed at the same time by different users
Merging Projects	Can merge projects to accommodate group work	Can merge projects to accommodate group work	Can merge projects to accommodate group work	No merge (but coders can work simultaneously)	Can merge projects to accommodate group work
Code Display	Codes are visible in margin Can assign colors to codes	Codes are visible in margin Can assign colors to codes	Codes are visible in margin	View codes by hovering on excerpt bracket	Codes are visible in margin Can assign colors to codes
Codebook	Primary display of codes is a flat code system	Primary display is hierarchical	Primary display is hierarchical	Primary display is hierarchical	Primary display is hierarchical
Code Results	Can print report of codes Report features include code by demographics	Can print report of codes Report features include code by demographics	Can print report of codes Report features include code by demographics	Can print report of codes Report features include code by demographics	Can print report of codes Report features include code by demographics
Metadata /Demographics	Categorical groups Import from Excel or enter manually	Table of variables Import from Excel or enter manually	Table of variables Import from Excel or enter manually	Table of variables Import from Excel or enter manually	Table of variables Import from Excel or enter manually
Notes	Comments can be attached to segments Can be retrieved with coded segments	Comments can be attached to segments	Comments can be attached to segments		Comments can be attached to segments

Memos	Can write project-wide memos Can attach memos to specific segments	Can write project-wide memos Can attach memos to specific segments	Can write project-wide memos Can attach memos to specific segments	Can write project-wide memos Can attach memos to specific segments	Can write project-wide memos Can attach memos to specific segments
Mixed Methods Features	Can import quantitative data from spreadsheets or use manual entry Can generate quantitative reports of qualitative codes	Can import quantitative data from spreadsheets or use manual entry Can generate quantitative reports of qualitative codes	Can import quantitative data from spreadsheets or use manual entry Can generate quantitative reports of qualitative codes	Can import quantitative data from spreadsheets or use manual entry Can generate quantitative reports of qualitative codes	Can import quantitative data from spreadsheets or use manual entry Can generate quantitative reports of qualitative codes Advanced functions include frequency analysis, hierarchical clustering, multidimensional scaling, crosstabs with statistical tests, heatmaps with dual clustering, correspondence analysis, code sequence analysis

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Matrix Reports	Can produce customized frequency tables of documents and codes or demographics Can output code co-occurrence with other codes	Can produce customized frequency tables of documents and codes Can output code co-occurrence with other codes	Can produce customized frequency tables of documents and codes Can output code co-occurrence with other codes	Can produce customized frequency tables of documents and codes Can output code co-occurrence with other codes	Can produce customized frequency tables of documents and codes or demographics Can output code co-occurrence with other codes
Queries	Boolean (and, or, not, xor) Proximity searches (near) Can use both codes and demographics	Boolean (and, or, not, xor) Proximity searches (near) Can use both codes and demographics	Boolean (and, or, not, xor) Proximity searches (near) Can use both codes and demographics	Boolean (and, or)	Boolean (and, or, not) Proximity searches (near)
Making Diagrams (manual)	Diagrams can include documents, codes, segments, memos, families, and other network views Can link major project objects, including segments	Diagrams can include documents, codes, and memos Can link major project objects, except segments	Diagrams can include documents, codes, and memos Can link major project objects, except segments	No diagramming feature	No diagramming feature
Data visualization (automated)	None available	Report of code use within individual documents Reports of relationship between codes	None available	None available	None available

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Weighting Text Segments	No weighting feature available	Can assign a weight to a code application Can create various reports based on code weights	No weighting feature available	Can assign a weight to a code application Can create various reports based on code weights	No weighting feature available
Lexical Searching /Text Analysis	Can auto-code based on words and phrases	Can auto-code based on words and phrases Can create customized dictionary using MaxDictio with MaxQDA Pro	Can auto-code based on words and phrases Can create a code based on a word in a frequency list	No auto-coding feature	Can auto-code based on words and phrases
Intercoder reliability	Only available through separate program, CAT	Can generate report with agreement percentages per code	Can generate report with agreement percentages per code and kappas per code	Can generate report with kappas and Pearson's correlation	Can generate report with agreement percentages per code.

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