Name of the workshop attended: Introduction to NVivo Qualitative Data Analysis Software

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Years of experience in evaluation: 4 years +

Highlights: - The step by step practical on how to use the Nvivo software was a major highlight for me (previously Nvivo looked very complex and scary to use), Engaging with other Evaluators and sharing experiences on qualitative data analysis was exciting.

Lessons learnt: NVivo is very helpful with grouping and classifying words, ideas, themes and sub themes, particularly when working with large datasets. NVivo is very efficient (saves time and resources- charts, highlighters, field notes etc. this data can sometimes even get lost easily). NVivo requires lots of practice to learn and understand.

Challenges: A major challenge for me currently is the cost of the software- I need to convince my employer on the benefits of purchasing the software

Next steps: My immediate next steps are to apply what I have learnt from the workshop and familiarize myself with the NVivo software. I still need more practice to ensure that I thoroughly understand how to use the software. I am currently analysing various data from my workplace using the trail version of the software, I am hoping to share my learning with my employer, and get his buy-in to purchase the full version of the software.