

# Qualitative data file formats supported by NVivo

## Documents (interview transcripts, journal articles, etc.)

- Microsoft Word Document (.doc or .docx)
- Rich text created in Word (.rtf)
- Plain text (.txt)
- Adobe PDF (.pdf)

## Audio (you will probably still want to transcribe these files)

- MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3 (.mp3)
- Microsoft Windows Media (.wma or .wav)

## Video (you will probably still want to transcribe this information)

- MPEG file formats (mpg, mpeg, mpe, mp4)
- Windows Media (.avi or .wmv)
- QuickTime (mov, qt) **Warning: These work for a 32-bit installation only!**

## Pictures

- Windows bitmap (.bmp)
- Graphic Interchange Format (.gif)
- Joint Photographics Expert Group (.jpg or .jpeg)
- Tagged Image File Format (.tif or .tiff)

## Datasets (a file that may contain qualitative as well as quantitative fields)

- Microsoft Excel workbook (.xls or .xlsx)
- A database table or view – for example, a Microsoft Access or SQL Server database table
- Comma or tab-delimited text files (.txt)

### Bibliographic records

- EndNote (export as .xml for importing to NVivo)
- RefWorks (export as .ris for importing to NVivo)
- Zotero (export as .ris for importing to NVivo)

### Internet data (captured with NCapture)

- Facebook conversations, Twitter messages, LinkedIn discussions and comments associated with YouTube videos (all of which are converted into Datasets as they are imported)
- Web pages (which are converted into PDF files as they are imported)
- YouTube videos, which function as non-embedded video data within the program providing an internet link is available