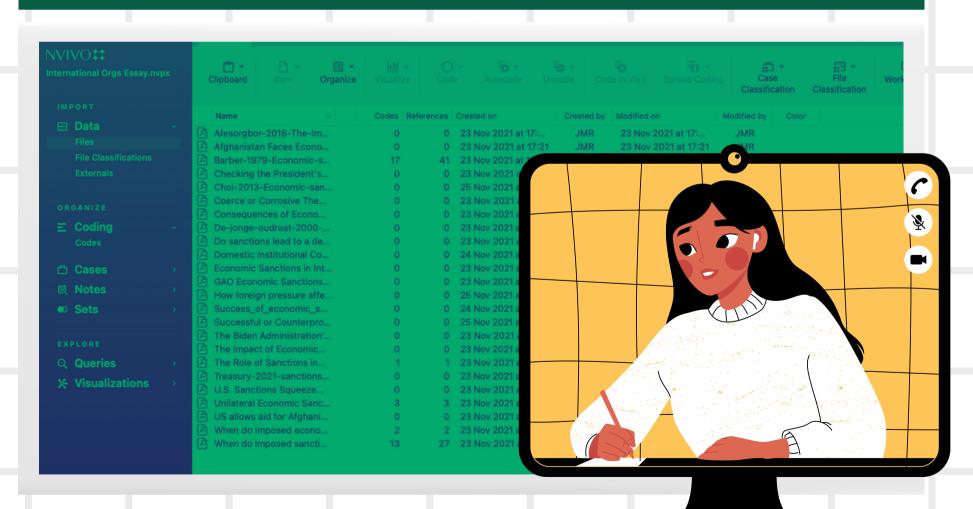
Writing Essays with Nvivo

Quickly search, create mind maps and code academic articles to write essays faster.

Access your copy: bit.ly/nvivoul



Make sure to download NVivo from the Glucksman Library before attending.

EndNote is featured but not necessary to participate.



Hello & Welcome

This session will begin shortly. While you wait, please download the slides for today's session from the <u>LevUL up website</u>.



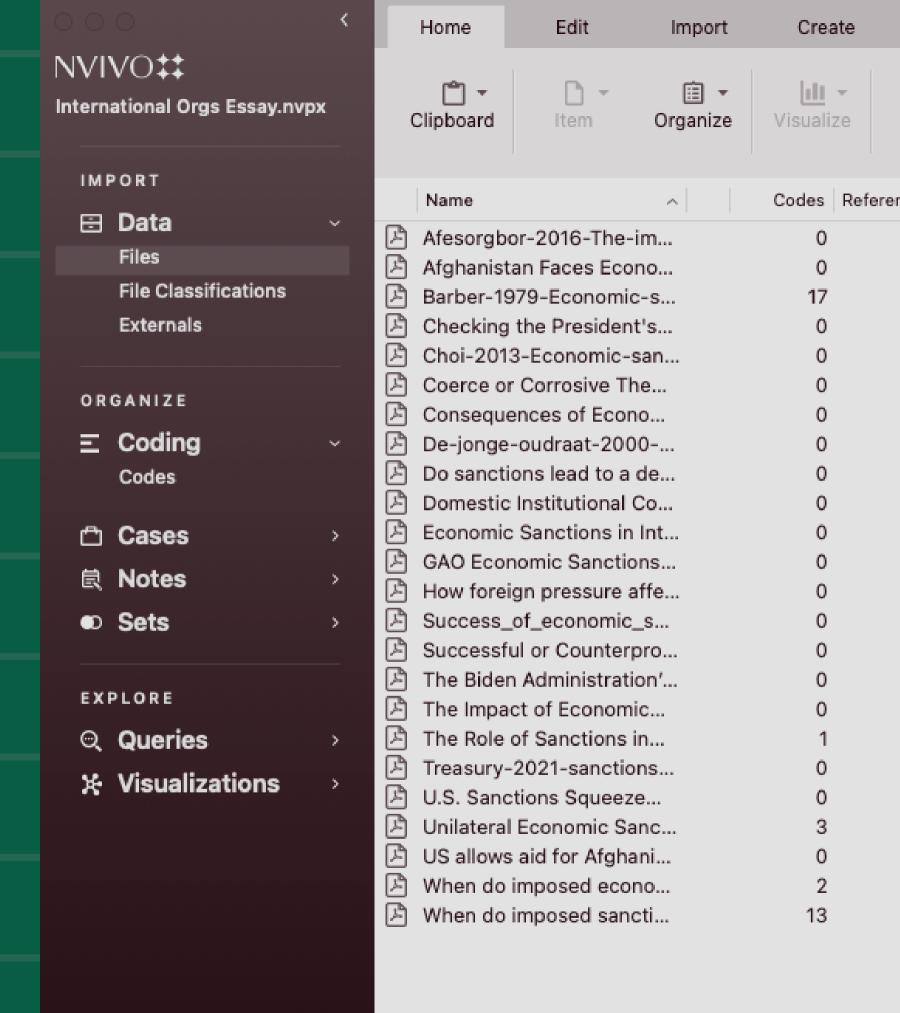
In association with:



Getting Started

What is NVivo?

NVivo is typically used by social scientists. It's a diverse software that helps researchers organise, search and code audio, video, web, and word documents. It can also be used to visually represent data.



Objectives

Nvivo isn't just for statisticians and super users - It's great for organising and reviewing research for your literature review. In this session, we will...

- Learn how to organise our workspace by customising it.
- Import research from EndNote and organise it into folders.
- Learn how to 'code' our entries using thematic and methodological codes and creating sets for later review.
- Running word frequency queries to reveal themes & trends across documents.
- Creating word trees.
- Use our codes to write and organise a literature review or essay.

Your Nvivo Workspace

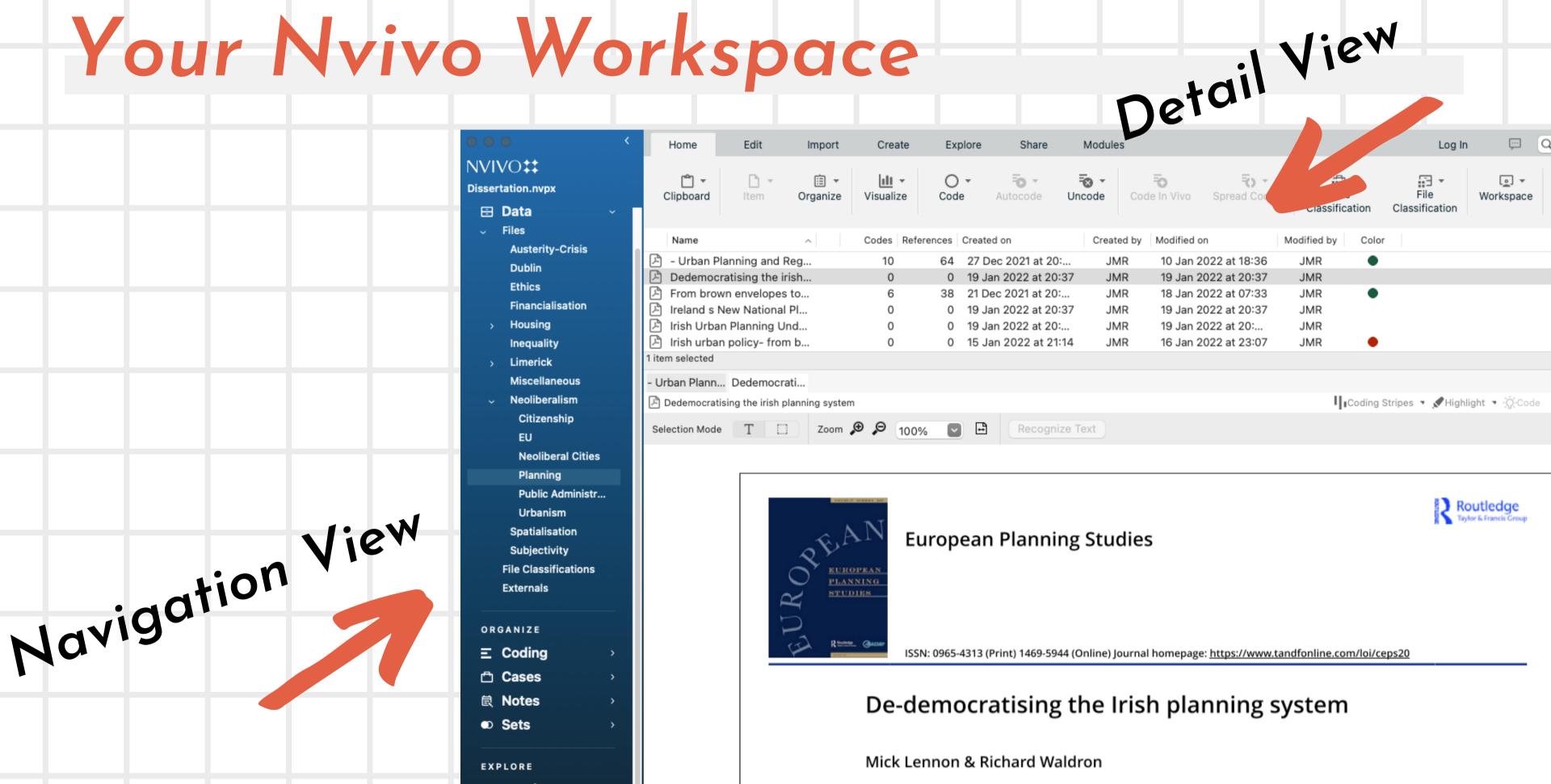
Detail View

• This is where your literature, notes, etc., are viewable and editable.

Navigation View

• This is where your codes, classifications, notes, queries and visualisations are stored.

Your Nvivo Workspace



Importing and Exploring

















Project

Import external Nvivo data

NCapture

• Upload from website

Files

• Import a variety of files such as pdfs, documents, pictures, videos

Classifications

Upload external sheets

Bibliography

• From Endnote, Mendeley, etc.

Notes

- Upload Word documents
- Upload from One Note

Let's Explore

Text search queries

• Search text for specific words and use unique operators

Word-frequency queries

• Finding themes across the literature to reveal trends across documents

Matrix coding queries

• Sometimes you can double code an entry - this query leads you review and compare those stacked codes

Extras

- saving coding queries
- viewing references
- spread coding broad/narrow/custom

Using Mind Maps

Making child, sibling, float ideas We can turn these sections into codes for later reference



The Brainstorming Process

We're going to presume that you've already gathered some research and have at least 8-10 sources to get started with. You probably have an idea of some of your key topics and themes. But let's enhance our knowledge.

Word-Frequency Query

• This query can help us notice common themes and topics across the literature.

Mind Maps

• With our new themes and topics, we can start making a mini mind map.

Coding

We can use our codes to collect references as we read. By using thematic, methodological or chronological coding we can keep these references organised in a way that makes it easier for us to refer to literature when writing our essay later.

When I'm writing my essays I code by themes...
I nest my codes under one "blanket topic," for example "sanctions"

- positive/negative
- policy solutions/problems

This helps keep them organised.

Okay - but how does it work?

Let's see what we have. We have our mind-map, our codes, our annotations. Now we...

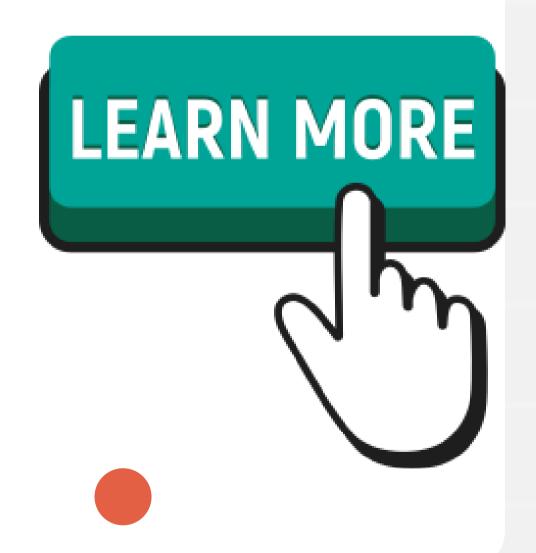
Trust the process

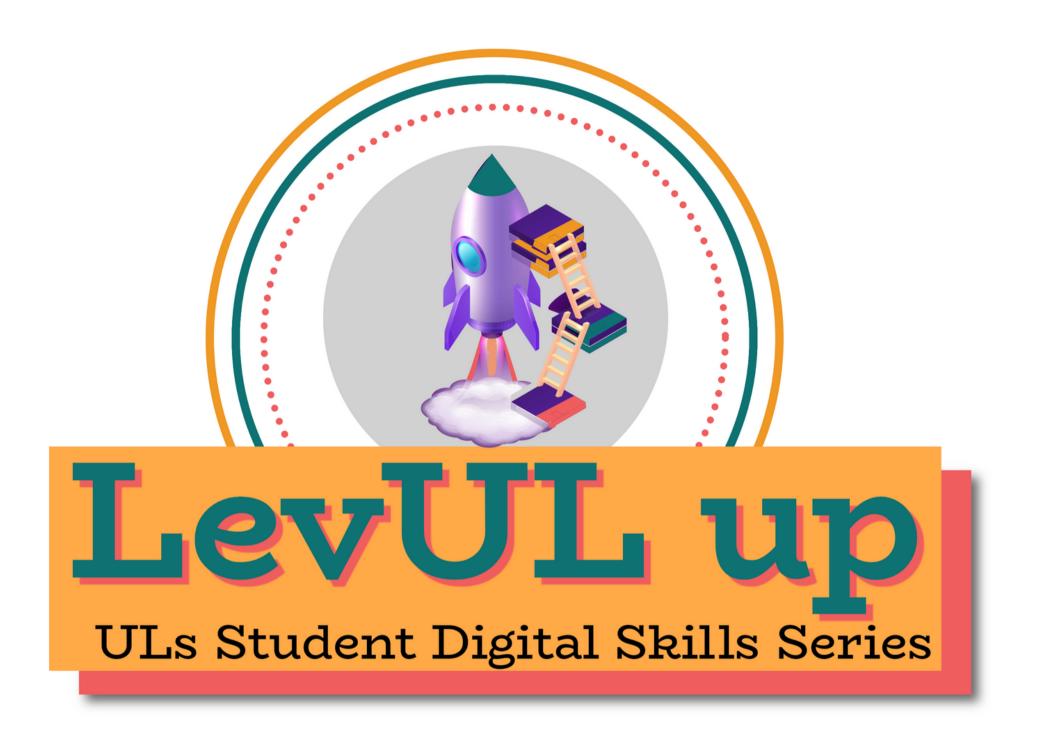
- Let's swap over our outline to a word document. From there, we can split the screen and keep NVivo open to refer to as we write
- Writing an essay is never easy but this makes it easier to sort through your academic references, limits how disorganised we can all get sometimes when writing an assignment.

Keep learning

Looking for more information on how to use Microsoft Word? Why not try...

- YouTube videos
 - The University of Hull offers in-depth tutorials
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?
 v=VAAktvxG_aE













University of Limerick, Limerick, V94 T9PX, Ireland. Oliscoil Luimnigh, Luimneach, V94 T9PX, Éire. +353 (0) 61 202020

ul.ie