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When it comes to qualitative data and deciding what to add to my research, I want to add quotes and words that show how people express themselves when answering a question about a specific topic.

Data cleaning is different in qualitative data since it's not numerical facts but more word data of what they said and personal. I must be careful to keep it authentic and original because that represents the responder interactively from online data.

Organizing data as a research project varies greatly depending on the type of research you are doing. For interviews, I would build a folder with tabs for the respondents. I may need to simplify some of the information they give me, but I would still tell their story, not change it, but simplify words that may be acceptable to the general public.

Qualitative research is complex for researchers as they have the challenge of interacting with people and writing their responses, which can be very honest and personal. I can understand why people say it's not as reliable; it's not numbers and data. People say it's data, numbers, and sheets, then facts. However, people can share information through the internet. People are constantly looking for ways to improve their research, how to keep it organized, how to write notes to understand it, and be able to explain it to others.

Coding qualitative data is different, so I suggest planning how to start your data, using a software tool, and showing your work to others to get ideas or a new perspective.