How To Store a Code Frame For Use in Other Projects

Problem

You have constructed a code frame, which you want to store for later use in another uncoded text question- which may be in a separate project.

The code frame is a list of category names accompanied by the instructions that assign text responses to the categories.

For example, the list may include “Animals” and “Furniture” as categories and the instructions accompanying the list may assign the response “Cat” to the Animals category and “Chair” to the Furniture category.

Steps to solve

1. Create a code frame by following the instructions in the “*Coding Text Data*” chapter of the *Q Reference Manual*.
2. On the coding interface window, click on the **Export** button at the bottom left of the screen. This will create a file with a .QCodes extension that contains the code frame currently in the coding interface window.
3. Select a location to store the .QCodes file and click **Save**.

The code frame that is stored in this file can be applied to other uncoded text questions, which may be in separate Q projects.

Additional reading

How To Apply a Set of Existing Code Names to an uncoded Text Question; *How To Re-apply a Code Frame in a New Project*; *How to Code a Text Variable; How to Text Variable Taking into Account the Response to Another Variable; How To Code several Text variables into a Multiple Response- Binary Question.*

See *Text Variables* in the *Q Reference Manual* for more information on coding **text** variables
Terms shown in italics and bold can be found in the index of the *Q Reference Manual,* the *Quick Start Manual* and via the **Help** menu within Q.

What to do if the problem is not solved

If these instructions are insufficient, please email us (**Help | Email Support...**) with a detailed description of what in the instructions is not working for you and we will either provide you with more comprehensive instructions, or, upon your request, we can do the analysis for you in your file (fees apply) .

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