

File 20110905.2055: Notes for viva: I am in a completely different place now from where I was in December. I've written—not as much as I wanted to give you now, but that's because I am a slow writer; I am compelled to get the words right before I put them down on paper. I have to watch out for that.

I have a grounded theory that's working. I'm going to present it to you orally now. I hope you didn't try to read that minuscule type at the end of Appendix A. Dr Martin insisted that I should put it in there, but it doesn't make any sense without the colour coding. I have that here.

Question: why didn't you use Atlas.ti? Answer: I bought it, I tried it, and then I went back to paper and greppable notes in text files. You could probably say I was influenced strongly by three authors on the topic of grounded theory: Glaser, in his 1967 book with Strauss, and later in his 1978 rebuttal to Strauss after they went their separate ways over evidence; the work of Melville Dalton in the nineteen-fifties that led to grounded theory in 1967; and I specifically followed the advice of Johnny Saldaña on coding and Bob Dick in Australia on saturation.

Trying to avoid preconceptions about how it's going to change, but that's the whole point of using a grounded theory methodology on these three case studies—they're like my basis vectors $(1,0,0)$, $(0,1,0)$, $(0,0,1)$.

References