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<https://academicskills.anu.edu.au/resources/handouts/writing-document-analysis>

This link gives you good, basic advice on what questions to think about when you are doing document analysis.

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This link gives you basic information about the range of methods that can be used in document analysis:

<http://qualitativeresearch.ratcliffs.net/15methods.pdf>

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Further useful links on analysing documents:

Text analysis resources:

www.textanalysis.info/

Document Analysis Worksheets from the US National Archives and Records Administration:

www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/

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This link gives you a basic understanding of content analysis:

<http://pareonline.net/getvn.asp?v=7&n=17>

Too often, qualitative researchers use documents as mere background material. In this paper, Lindsay Prior shows you how to think about using documentary material as basic data.

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<http://soc.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/42/5/821>

Repositioning Documents in Social Research

Lindsay Prior, Queen's University Belfast

EXERCISE

Not every document you come across in your research has to be treated as a set of true or false statements. Take any one document relevant to your topic and ask:

- How has the document been put together to make its statements seem credible?
- What can you learn from this about how the topics you are concerned with are being 'constructed' by the authors of this document?
- Where could you find other documents which might construct these 'facts' differently?

The Internet is a wonderful resource for texts. In this paper, Nicholas Hookway examines the significance of the 'blogosphere' as a new addition to the qualitative researcher's toolkit and some of the practical, theoretical, ethical and methodological issues that arise from this.

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<http://qrj.sagepub.com/content/8/1/91>

'Entering the blogosphere': some strategies for using blogs in social research

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Useful information about MCD studies can be found at The International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis:

www.iiemca.org

and at:

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