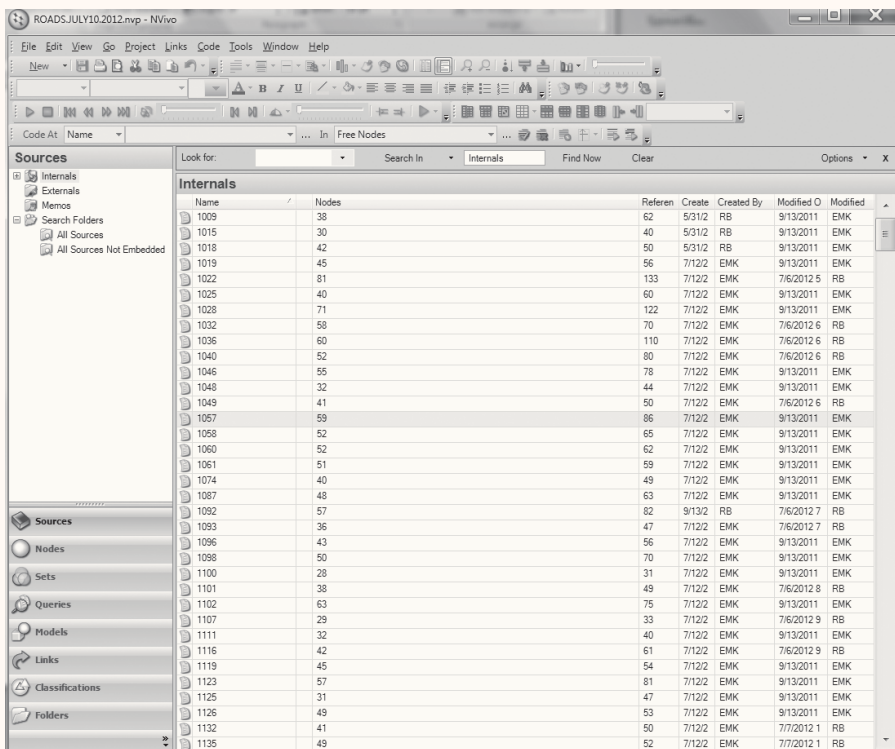




The screenshot shows the NVivo software interface with the 'Internals' list selected. The list contains 25 entries, each with a name, node number, reference, creation date, creator, and modification date. The 'Sources' pane on the left shows the hierarchy: Internals, Externals, Memos, Search Folders, All Sources, and All Sources Not Embedded. The 'Nodes' pane on the right shows the list of nodes and their corresponding references.

Name	Nodes	Referen	Create	Created By	Modified O	Modified
1009	38	62	5/31/12	RB	9/13/2011	EMK
1015	30	40	5/31/12	RB	9/13/2011	EMK
1018	42	50	5/31/12	RB	9/13/2011	EMK
1019	45	56	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1022	81	133	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	5 RB
1025	40	60	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1028	71	122	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1032	58	70	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	6 RB
1036	60	110	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	6 RB
1040	52	80	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	6 RB
1046	55	78	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1048	32	44	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1049	41	50	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	6 RB
1057	59	86	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1058	52	65	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1060	52	62	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1061	51	59	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1074	40	49	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1087	48	63	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1092	57	82	9/13/12	RB	7/6/2012	7 RB
1093	36	47	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	7 RB
1096	43	56	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1098	50	70	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1100	28	31	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1101	38	49	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	8 RB
1102	63	75	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1107	29	33	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	9 RB
1111	32	40	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1116	42	61	7/12/12	EMK	7/6/2012	9 RB
1119	45	54	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1123	57	81	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1125	31	47	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1126	49	53	7/12/12	EMK	9/13/2011	EMK
1132	41	50	7/12/12	EMK	7/7/2012	1 RB
1135	49	52	7/12/12	EMK	7/7/2012	1 RB

Exhibit 8.10 displays the basic NVivo program with the Internals in this screen shot listing the interview ID numbers from respondents.

The first step for our coding team was to categorize particular text segments within these interviews. This is the foundation of much qualitative analysis. You can assign a code to any segment of text. You can make up codes as you go through a document and also assign codes that you have already developed to text segments. You can also have the program autocode text by identifying a word or phrase that should always receive the same code. NVivo also lets you examine the coded text *in context*, embedded in its place in the original document.

How did we begin? The coding process began with a list of initial categories developed from the existing literature on desistance including such key indicators as turning points, indicators of agency and readiness for change, the psychological indicators of discontent and fear. Before coding began, training sessions ensured that definitions of each category were understood along with the coding guidelines. Next, all researchers coded the same transcripts and discussed their coding strategies in group meetings. In these team meetings, the decision to add new categories was adjudicated and coding discrepancies were illuminated. The coding process continued with weekly marathon reliability meetings in which the same interview was coded by all four researchers. Not only did this increase inter-coder reliability, but these meetings also were forums for the discussion of emerging categories and opportunities to clarify coding strategies for ambiguous narratives.

Codes in our scheme ranged from purely descriptive (e.g., narrative describing first arrest or first incarceration) to more interpretive concepts such as reflections of whether respondents ever perceived themselves as addicts, when they wanted to get clean, and so on. All themes that emerged from the interview transcripts were coded; this resulted in over 20 main categories (e.g., discontent, turning points, incarceration) with over 100 subcategories used in the coding scheme.

After all interviews were coded, NVivo allowed us to perform analyses by viewing all interview narratives that had been coded within a particular domain. For example, some respondents who had gotten clean and stayed out of prison