

Doing Grounded Theory: Issues

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Building Grounded Theory: Issues and Experiences

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Abstract

In this paper, the author discusses his experiences applying the grounded theory method to a research problem in the field of human-computer interaction. The focus of the paper is not on the results of the study, but on contentious aspects of the research method such as the differences between Glaserian and Strauss approaches to grounded theory, the use of the literature, the consequences of recording interviews with informants, and the use of qualitative analysis software. The techniques and issues that are discussed in this paper may be of assistance to other researchers who wish to develop grounded theory.

INTRODUCTION

One of the many challenges facing qualitative researchers in the field of information systems is that of finding examples of studies that are similar to their own. Trauth (2001, p. 2) writes:

Throughout all these phases of my research career what I most often sought were examples to help show me the way. I wanted to see how others were engaging with research issues that were similar to mine, whether they were about the choice of appropriate method, the particulars of data collection and analysis associated with a given method, or finding appropriate evaluative criteria once the method was chosen. Unfortunately, I was often frustrated in my attempts to do so.

This paper discusses my experiences applying the *grounded theory* method to a research problem in the area of human-computer interaction. Grounded theory is a primarily inductive investigative process that is rarely used by information systems researchers. Lehmann (2001, p. 72) reports that of the 7372 papers published in top-ranking information systems journals between 1985 and 2000, only 3 listed 'grounded theory' as a key word.

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THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

Before relating my experiences with the grounded theory method, this section provides some context by briefly describing the research problem that was investigated. The aim of my study was to develop a better understanding of the flow experiences of Web users engaged in information-seeking activities. The term *flow* refers to a state of consciousness that individuals experience when their attention is intently focused on an enjoyable activity that is challenging, but achievable (Csikszentmihalyi 1975, 1990). Have you ever been surfing the Net and become so focused on what you were doing that you lost track of time? What was supposed to be a five-minute search turned into half an hour, and you didn't even notice. You temporarily forgot about your surroundings, your usual concerns, and what you were supposed to be doing. If this scenario sounds familiar, then you've experienced flow.

Flow experiences are characterised by some common elements: a balance between the challenges of an activity and the skills required to meet those challenges; clear goals and feedback; concentration on the task at hand; a sense of control; a merging of action and awareness; a loss of self-consciousness; a distorted sense of time; and the autotelic experience (Csikszentmihalyi 1975, pp. 35-54; 1990, pp. 48-70). The term *autotelic* refers to an activity that is worth doing for its own sake. It is 'done not with the expectation of some future benefit, but simply because the doing itself is the reward' (Csikszentmihalyi 1990, p. 67). Support for this characterisation of flow can be found in studies of many different activities such as games, hobbies, work and sport, to mention a few.

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