One on One
Interviewing for Research

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Interview Structure

• Research Purpose

• Central Research Question

• Theory Questions 1 – 3…

• Interview Questions
Testing Questions

• What can be learned?
Sorts of questions

- Introductory
- Follow ups
- Probing
- Direct and Indirect
- Silence
- Interpretive
What about ethics?

• How can you ensure the safety of the participant?
• How can you ensure your own?
• What happens to people when they are interviewed?
• What about mis-re-presenting someone’s experience?
Dealing with data

• What methods could you use to deal with the data collected?
• How do you keep track of ideas?
• How should you store the data?
Who are you?

• What right do you have to use and interpret someone’s words?
Analysis

- Utterance by utterance
- Theme by theme
- Interview by interview
- Holistic – or specific
- Validity
- Theoretical Framework
Resources

  001.433 WENG

  301.01 KVAL

  301.0723 MISH
Resources

• http://www.ualberta.ca/~jrnorris/qual.html
• http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/qualres.html
• http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr/