

What I learned from my coding experiences

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What is coding?

- Engaging with your data
 - Staying connected to your data
 - What's there?
 - What's missing?
 - What connects?
 - Themes
 - Theories
 - Frameworks
- Organizing your data





Identifying Themes

Vacancy Development/ Redevelopment Filling a community need Allergies/ Asthma/ Air
Quality Mold Flooding/ Water damage Food/ Gardening Religion Weather Plants and
Animals Green Space Climate Change Heat Housing Politics Major Issues/ Concerns
Motivation for Participation in the workshop



Coding can be complex

if kept happening, it kept happening. So finally we got it all dug up all the way out to the main street. Got all the piping changed, the whole bit. So it was fine for like maybe four or five years.

Miranda: 08:20 It happened again. So this time we had a plumber come out and he went into the drain in the garage and he said I have to have a mask. And I said why, and he said, It's a lot of mold down here. And he like ... So he said to me, which was really fascinating, they changed the piping in the city of Philadelphia. With that piping because it's plastic, it contracts mold faster.

Ali: 08:30 So this is, they changed from lead to plastic piping.

Miranda: 08:34 Yes, and that plumber said that to me. And I said, that's really weird. And that's what he said. Cause I said, we just had all this done. And he was like, it contracts mold quicker. And so I was puzzled but I was like wow, so we paid all this money to get this piping done which is the new requirements that had this new plastic piping.

Ali: 09:21 Yeah, so the piping goes from the city's infrastructure, it's the piping that connects your house to the city infrastructure.

Miranda: And all that was plastic until it got to the car?

Ali: Okay.

Miranda: Yeah. And he said that's the first time he saw it, it happened before leaving. And I was so upset, I was so upset. That's a lot of money. That's a lot of money.

Ali: Yeah, and it's out of your pocket 'cause it's not covered by insurance.

Miranda: 09:52 And it's out of my pocket, that's exactly right. It's not covered by insurance. And when he said he had a mask, and I'm like, is it that bad, that you need, and he said well I don't take chances, I just am going to wear a mask, and I said wow.

Ali: 10:04 Yeah. Has anyone in your household had any problems that could be related to mold?

Miranda: 10:09 We all have allergies. I have two children. They have allergies. My boyfriend had allergies. The dog and the cat have allergies. But we thought it was just us. Our history, our environment because we have trees and flowers and I love working in the yard. So I'm just thinking it's a normal kind of thing. I never never paid no attention to it. Never. And of course we ventilate it well. We kept windows open and air conditioning so we get all that kind of stuff. But you never would even think about it and then recently, this year, a matter of fact, the young lady at my school where I volunteer, there's a mother of a five year old, she's a kindergarten. And she was being sent home from her daycare. Well, she got asthma really bad all of the sudden and she would come from school and go to the daycare. The daycare said she was breathing so badly they sent her to the hospital.

Miranda: 11:19 So when whoever the parent got to check the daycare out, the daycare was clean. And that's how they found out about Cassidy being ... So she was actually, she got it from ... I don't even want to say got it. The mold affected her really bad.

Ali: 11:35 Yeah, because if you have asthma, the mold can be a huge asthma trigger.

Miranda: Yeah. And the parent didn't even know she had asthma. So yeah, so she's still in the, yeah.

Miranda: So it was interesting when all that was coming up and I was trying to think back. We never had asthma, but we all have allergies.

Ali: Now have you had allergy tests before and gotten to see what kind of things you're allergic to?

Miranda: 12:01 Exactly, yeah, and I'm allergic to mold, big time.

Ali: 12:03 Okay.

Miranda: 12:05 Big time, yeah. So we had it done, I had my children tested. Because you would go to the doctor and say, you know, it's a cold and they would say no. It's allergies. So you need to get them tested and the whole bit. So we found out we're allergic to dust and mold and grass and all of the things that we live around.

Ali: 12:27 I never had allergies, never had diagnosed allergies until I moved to Philadelphia. And then by the second year I was living here, the second spring I was here, I had such bad allergies. I finally went and got tested and I'm allergic to all the trees and grass and dust but I think this city is bad. Although I do think the allergies, the environment is getting worse with people with allergies.

Miranda: 13:00 Yeah. Well, mold spores are everywhere too, I mean, you know? It's amazing. It's just amazing. It's really bad, it's really really really bad. It's not a good thing. And to find out it's at your home where you live as it's like ... Yeah. [inaudible 00:12:38] So it really hurt to test my house, but I don't, you know. So now I'm so cautious

I don't even go on the garage. I park on the street and I keep the garage shut even though they say keep ventilation going in there.

Ali: 13:37 Now, the issues with the drainage, because you were saying that you were having problems with flooding during when the snow would melt.

Miranda: 13:50 In the heavy rains, and it just wouldn't drain well, at all. So you go out to your car and it's like, you know, water, you know your shoes get wet and the whole bit. Yeah.

Ali: 14:01 And is there ... Okay. So you live down a hill, are there like any creeks nearby or any sewers or anything like that?

Miranda: 14:09 Not that I'm aware of. But it's funny because like everybody on the block had the problem with the drainage. My neighbor next door, people down the street. And then I think across the street they may have had the same thing. Because if you know anything about Winfield, they're all.

Ali: 14:38 I don't.

Miranda: You don't? Okay. So our doors face like this. And in the back we have a driveway and then each individual has a drive down and you go into your garage. So everybody leaves the fact that you can put your car in the garage during the winter, but then everybody starts putting their cars out and you go and say why aren't you parking in your garage? What's going on? Oh, it's flooded. Okay, I'm having that same problem, so what's going on? So, yeah.

Ali: 14:55 And has anyone talked to the city about it, 'cause I mean if it's a neighborhood wide or a street wide problem, I mean, can the city do something?

Miranda: That's a very good question. I doubt it. I really do, I really truly doubt it. I don't think that ... I think if it affected, and I'm not sure if it's affecting other people's homes, but I think if it affected the actual place where you live, your residence, and not the garages, it might be more of a city issue. Especially because we're taxpayers. But I think that ... And I've never said anything to the city about it, really. I haven't. I don't know why. I could just see all the red tape. So I just never, all I do I do remember I had to call the city because I had to get a permit to repair where they had tore up. So that was the only issue I had the city with. I had to go get a permit for the cement guys to come cement the area where they tore up.



Analysis

- Make connections to other sections or other interviews
- Identify new themes
- Tie concepts together
- Connect to larger theoretical concepts
- Pull key quotes



--Allergies// not knowing about allergies// mold (Pgs 4,5)

→ has allergies and has tested positive for mold allergies

- When you are allergic to a lot of things it can be hard to identify triggers like mold

--Flooding// lack of city support and care// issues with Water Department Maintenance// issues shared by the community (Pgs 6,7,8)

→ everyone on her block has similar drainage problems

→ skeptical that the city would do anything for the same reason the insurance won't: it is mainly affecting people's garages and driveways, not their houses (as far as they know)

- It is hard to take issues to the city because there is so much red tape before you even start
 - Has had previous issues trying to get permits to redo her pipes in the first place

--Issues with contractors// lack of knowledge// lack of contractor knowledge (Pgs 7,8)

- "My other issue, and I was constantly thinking about this every time I deal with contractors and like that, is how much do they know about? Do they come out knowing that they can't do anything about it and they just take your money and say they're going to fix it? Because I thought that the problem was fixed and then five years later here it comes again" (pg 8)

- you need to have knowledge to even begin to ask the right questions

→ the city isn't doing cleaning and maintenance

- Individuals are taking on cleaning and maintenance, but there is only so deep that they can clean



“Too much” does not exist if you keep it organized

- See what the data is telling you
- Organization will help later in the process when you:
 - complete more interviews and compare
 - find a new theme and need to go back and code for it across older interviews
 - begin writing
 - come up with a new question down the road
- Do as much as you can now and use it to your advantage later