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# Research Data Management: taster

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What is “data”? And why does it  
need managing?





PUBLICATIONS AND DATA

Tell me: what's your data?

DATA: 'any information that has been collected, observed, generated or created to validate original research findings'

OPEN DATA: 'Open Data are online, free of cost, accessible data that can be used, reused and distributed provided that the data source is attributed.'

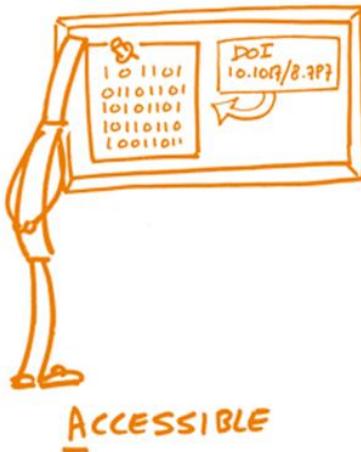
So, either I make my data open for everybody or not at all? Is there no middle ground?

## FAIR DATA PRINCIPLES

AH!



FINDABLE



ACCESSIBLE



INTEROPERABLE



REUSABLE

HERE

# Making data FAIR

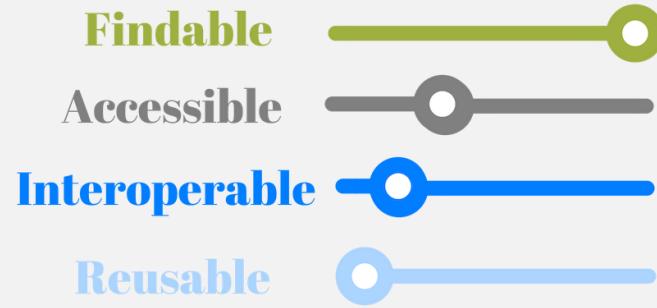
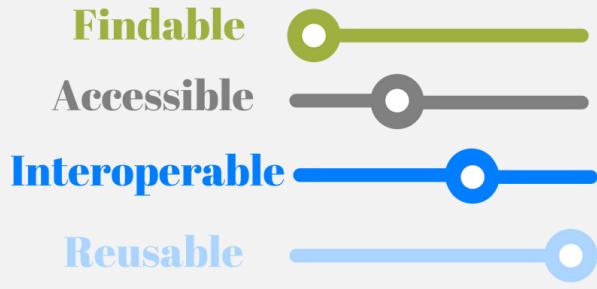
**Findable** - Assign persistent IDs, provide rich metadata, register in a searchable resource,...

**Accessible** - Retrievable by their ID using a standard protocol, metadata remain accessible even if data aren't...

**Interoperable** - Use formal, broadly applicable languages, use standard vocabularies, qualified references...

**Reusable** - Rich, accurate metadata, clear licences, provenance, use of community standards

[www.force11.org/group/fairgroup/fairprinciples](http://www.force11.org/group/fairgroup/fairprinciples)



# Why manage data?

- Make your research easier
- Stop yourself drowning in irrelevant stuff
- Save data for later
- Avoid accusations of fraud or bad science
- Write a data paper
- Share your data for re-use
- Get credit for it

Managing my data, ok, but why do I need  
to make it open?

# It's part of good research practice

"It was \*never\* acceptable to publish papers without making data available."

- Ewan Birney

#OpenData  
#OpenScience



Original image via doi:10.1038/461145a. "Research cannot flourish if data are not preserved and made accessible. Data management should be woven into every course in science." - Nature 461, 145

# Cut down on academic fraud

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Published online 1 November 2011 | Nature 479, 15 (2011) | doi:10.1038/479015a  
Updated online: 1 November 2011  
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News

## Report finds massive fraud at Dutch universities

Investigation claims dozens of social-psychology papers contain faked data.

Even Callaway

When colleagues called the work of Dutch psychologist Diederik Stapel too good to be true, they meant it as a compliment. But a preliminary investigative report ([go.nature.com/tqmp5c](http://go.nature.com/tqmp5c)) released on 31 October gives literal meaning to the phrase, detailing years of data manipulation and blatant fabrication by the prominent Tilburg University researcher.

"We have some 30 papers in peer-reviewed journals where we are actually sure that they are fake, and there are more to come," says Pim Levelt, chair of the committee that investigated Stapel's work at the university.

Stapel's eye-catching studies on aspects of social behaviour such as power and stereotyping garnered wide press coverage. For example, in a recent *Science* paper (which the investigation has not identified as fraudulent), Stapel reported that untidy environments encouraged discrimination (*Science* 332, 251–253; 2011).

**Related stories**

- [Seven days: 9–15 September 2011](#)  
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[www.nature.com/news/2011/111101/full/479015a.html](http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111101/full/479015a.html)

# Validation of results

“It was a mistake in a spreadsheet that could have been easily overlooked: a few rows left out of an equation to average the values in a column.

The spreadsheet was used to draw the conclusion of an influential 2010 economics paper: that public debt of more than 90% of GDP slows down growth. This conclusion was later cited by the International Monetary Fund and the UK Treasury to justify programmes of austerity that have arguably led to riots, poverty and lost jobs.”

[www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2013/apr/18/uncovered-error-george-osborne-austerity](http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2013/apr/18/uncovered-error-george-osborne-austerity)

The error that could subvert George Osborne's austerity programme

The theories on which the chancellor based his cuts policies have been shown to be based on an embarrassing mistake

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Charles Arthur and Philip Inman  
The Guardian, Thursday 18 April 2013 21.10 BST



George Osborne says that Ken Rogoff, the man whose economic error has been uncovered, has strongly influenced his thinking. Photograph: Stefan Wermuth/PA

# More scientific breakthroughs

## Sharing of Data Leads to Progress on Alzheimer's

By GINA KOLATA

Published: August 12, 2010

In 2003, a group of scientists and executives from the [National Institutes of Health](#), the [Food and Drug Administration](#), the drug and medical-imaging industries, universities and nonprofit groups joined in a project that experts say had no precedent: a collaborative effort to find the biological markers that show the progression of [Alzheimer's disease](#) in the human brain.

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Now, the effort is bearing fruit with a wealth of recent scientific papers on the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's using methods like PET scans and tests of spinal fluid. More than 100 studies are under way to test drugs that might slow or stop the disease.

And the collaboration is already serving as a model for similar efforts against [Parkinson's disease](#). A \$40 million project to look for biomarkers for Parkinson's, sponsored by the [Michael J. Fox Foundation](#), plans to enroll 600 study subjects in the United States and Europe.

*"It was unbelievable. Its not science the way most of us have practiced in our careers. But we all realised that we would never get biomarkers unless all of us parked our egos and intellectual property noses outside the door and agreed that all of our data would be public immediately."*

Dr John Trojanowski, University of Pennsylvania

[www.nytimes.com/2010/08/13/health/research/13alzheimer.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/13/health/research/13alzheimer.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

# A citation advantage

A study that analysed the citation counts of 10,555 papers on gene expression studies that created microarray data, showed:

“studies that made data available in a public repository received 9% more citations than similar studies for which the data was not made available”



Data reuse and the open data citation advantage,  
Piwowar, H. & Vision, T. <https://peerj.com/articles/175>

# Increased use and economic benefit

The case of NASA Landsat satellite imagery of the Earth's surface:

Up to 2008

- Sold through the US Geological Survey for US\$600 per scene
- Sales of 19,000 scenes per year
- Annual revenue of \$11.4 million



Since 2009

- Freely available over the internet
- Google Earth now uses the images
- Transmission of 2,100,000 scenes per year.
- Estimated to have created value for the environmental management industry of \$935 million, with direct benefit of more than \$100 million per year to the US economy
- Has stimulated the development of applications from a large number of companies worldwide



## BE PART OF THE NEW ERA OF OPEN SCIENCE



reach more  
people,  
have greater  
impact



avoid  
duplication  
of efforts



preserve data  
for future  
researchers



simplify final  
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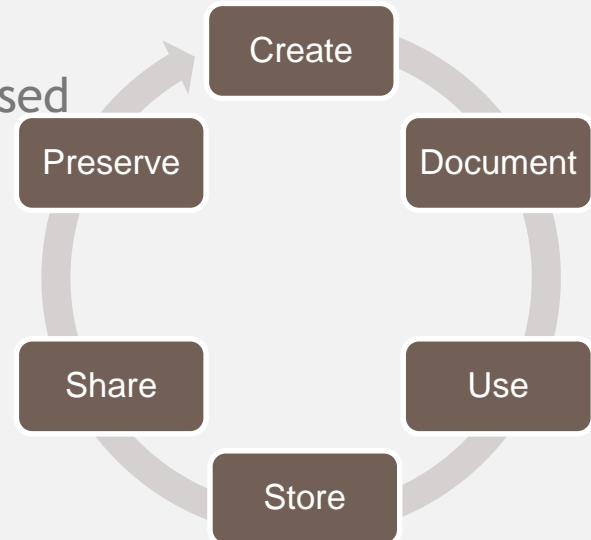


# Data Management Plans



# Open Data doesn't just happen - data management planning helps!

- What data will be created (format, types, volume...)
- Standards and methodologies to be used, documentation
- How ethics and Intellectual Property will be addressed
- Plans for storage and back-up
- Plans for data sharing and access
- Strategy for long-term preservation



# Data Management Planning

- Data Types, Formats, Standards and Capture Methods
- Ethics and Intellectual Property
- Access, Data Sharing and Reuse
- Short-Term Storage and Data Management
- Deposit and Long-Term Preservation

Tip - use existing tools and guidance to help write their plans



<https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk>



## Data management planning tools - DMPonline

DMPonline is a freely available tool that helps research teams to write data management plans that meet funding body requirements. DMPonline was jointly developed by the Digital Curation Centre (DCC) and the University of California Curation Center (UC3). The tool contains a number of templates that represent the requirements of different funding bodies across Europe. Users are asked three questions at the outset to determine the appropriate template to display (e.g. the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) template when applying for an ESRC grant). Using tools like DMPonline takes the guesswork out of writing your data management plan by providing you with the specific set of questions that individual funding bodies want you to answer. The tool also provides users with general guidance - and where provided, institutional guidance - to make sure that your answers are realistic and implementable.

For more information on data management plans and tips on writing them, check out the [DCC website](#).

The screenshot shows the DMPonline homepage with an orange header bar. On the left, there's a navigation menu with links for Home, Public DMPs, Funder requirements, and Help. On the right, there's a Language selection dropdown. The main content area has a yellow gradient background. It features a "Welcome" section with text about DMPonline's purpose and a "Join the growing international community that have adopted DMPonline:" link. Below this are four icons with statistics: a user icon (17,622 Users), a building icon (203 Organisations), a document icon (23,083 Plans), and a globe icon (89 Countries). To the right is a large sign-in form with fields for Email and Password, and options forForgot password?, Remember email, and Sign in. There's also a link for Sign in with institutional credentials (UK only).

# Guidelines on DMPs

How to develop a DMP [www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/develop-data-plan](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/develop-data-plan)

RDM brochure and template

[https://dans.knaw.nl/en/about/organisation-and-policy/information-material?set\\_language=en](https://dans.knaw.nl/en/about/organisation-and-policy/information-material?set_language=en)

OpenAIRE RDM Handbook <https://www.openaire.eu/rdm-handbook>

ICPSR framework for a DMP

[www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/datamanagement/dmp/framework.html](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/datamanagement/dmp/framework.html)

So, I am managing my data. Does that mean I have to share it as well? And how do I do that?



# Sharing your data

Explain which data will be shared and how  
(e.g. via repository, under what licence)

## Misconception #1:

My web page is a FAIR way to share my data.



# Better options for open data

- Domain repository (first choice)
- General repository (Figshare, Zenodo)
- Institutional repository
- Data journal
- Journal supplementary material



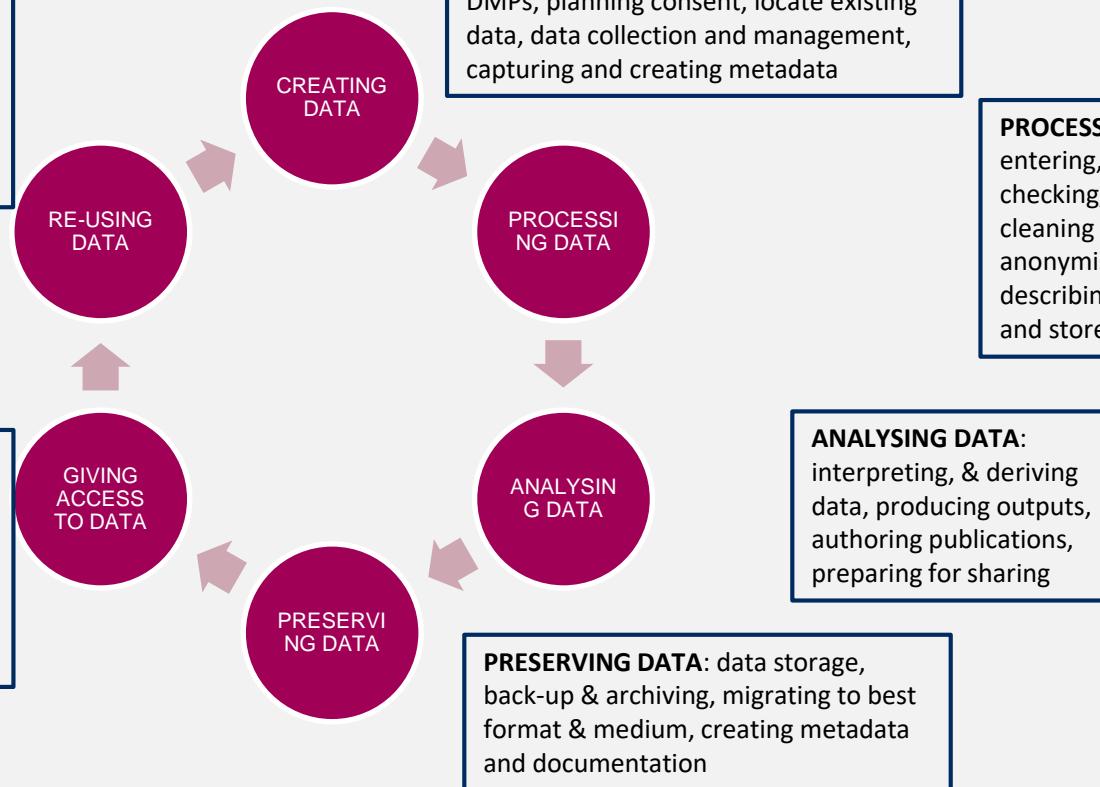
## Misconception #2:

I don't need to decide now if I want to share.  
I can wait and see what I want to do at the  
end of my project.



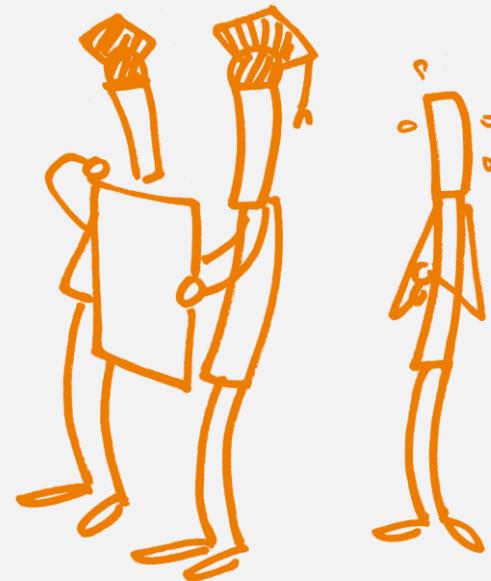
# Research data lifecycle

**RE-USING DATA:**  
follow-up research,  
new research,  
undertake research  
reviews, scrutinising  
findings, teaching &  
learning



## Misconception #3:

If I share my data early, I'll be scooped!



# Pre-registration timestamps your work

## Register Your Project



Open Science Framework

A registration on OSF creates a frozen, time-stamped version of a project that cannot be edited or deleted. The *original project* can still be edited, while the registered version cannot. You might create a registration to capture a snapshot of your project at certain points in time - such as right before data collection begins, when you submit a manuscript for peer review, or upon completion of a project.

Registrations can be made public immediately or embargoed for up to 4 years. Registrations cannot be deleted, but they can be withdrawn. [Withdrawing a registration](#) removes the content of the registration but leaves behind basic metadata, like registration title, contributors, and a reason for the withdrawal (not required).

## Misconception #4:

I have to keep and share everything.



Image: 'Balancing rocks' by Viewminder CC-BY-SA-ND [www.flickr.com/photos/light\\_seeker/7780857224](http://www.flickr.com/photos/light_seeker/7780857224)

# Deciding which data need to be kept after the project ends

Five steps to follow

- 1. Could** this data be re-used
- 2. Must** it be kept as evidence or for legal reasons
- 3. Should** it be kept for its potential value
- 4. Consider** costs – do benefits outweigh cost?
- 5. Evaluate** criteria to decide what to keep

5 steps to decide what data to keep

[www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/five-steps-decide-what-data-keep](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/five-steps-decide-what-data-keep)

# What should be preserved and shared?

- The **data** needed to validate results in scientific publications (minimally!).
- The associated **metadata**: the dataset's creator, title, year of publication, repository, identifier etc.
  - Follow a metadata standard in your line of work, or a generic standard, e.g. Dublin Core or DataCite, and be FAIR.
  - The repository will assign a persistent ID to the dataset: important for discovering and citing the data.

# What should be preserved and shared? (2)

- **Documentation**: code books, lab journals, informed consent forms - domain-dependent, and important for understanding the data and combining them with other data sources.
- **Software**, hardware, tools, syntax queries, machine configurations - domain-dependent, and important for using the data. (Alternative: information about the software etc.)

Basically, everything that is needed to replicate a study should be available. Plus everything that is potentially useful for others.

Tip - link data to other outputs for context  
(reuse)

# Open Data



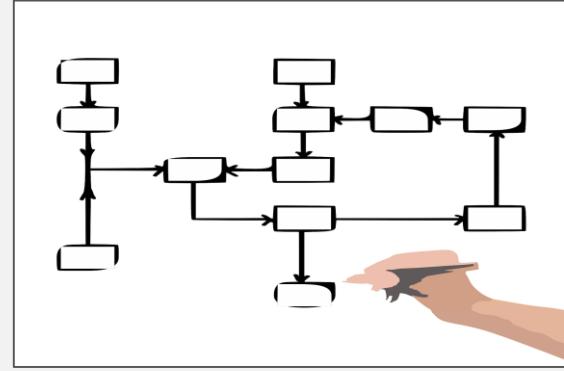
To support validation  
and facilitate reuse

# Open Code



Software created to analyse and/or visualise the data

# Open Workflows



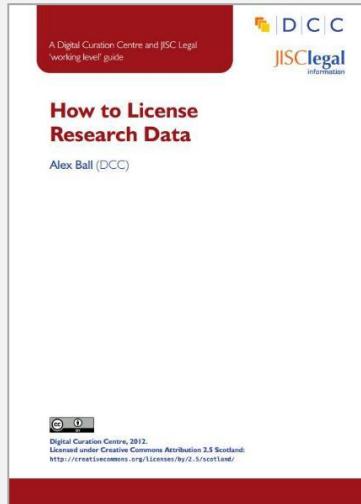
## What steps were taken and in what order?

# Consider who else has a say about sharing data

- Collaborators
- Research participants
- Commercial partners
- Data repository
- Publishers
- Institutions, funders



# Licensing research data



This DCC guide outlines the pros and cons of each approach and gives practical advice on how to implement your licence

## CREATIVE COMMONS LIMITATIONS



NC  
Non-Commercial  
*What*

*counts as commercial?*



ND  
No Derivatives  
*Severely*  
*restricts use*

[www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data)  
**These clauses are not open licenses**

# EUDAT licensing tool

Answer questions to determine which licence(s) are appropriate to use

Do you own copyright and similar rights in your dataset and all its constitutive parts?

Yes  No

Do you allow others to make commercial use of your data?

Yes  No

**Creative Commons Attribution (CC-BY)**  
This is the standard creative commons license that gives others maximum freedom to do what they want with your work.

**Public Domain Dedication (CC Zero)**  
CC Zero enables scientists, educators, artists and other creators and owners of copyright- or database-protected content to waive those interests in their works and thereby place them as completely as possible in the public domain, so that others may freely build upon, enhance and reuse the works for any purposes without restriction under copyright or database law.

<http://ufal.github.io/public-license-selector>

[www.fosteropenscience.eu/toolkit](http://www.fosteropenscience.eu/toolkit)

What is Open Science?	Best Practice in Open Research	Open Access Publishing	Open Peer Review	Sharing Preprints
				
Data Protection & Ethics	Open Source Software & Workflows	Managing & Sharing Research Data	Open Science & Innovation	Open Licensing
				

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# Data Protection and Ethics

This course helps you to get to grips with data protection and the ethics around responsible data sharing.

<https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/learning/data-protection-and-ethics>

## Introduction

This course covers data protection in particular and ethics more generally. It will help you understand the basic principles of data protection and introduces techniques for implementing data protection in your research processes. Upon completing this course, you will know:

- what personal data are and how you can protect them
- what to consider when developing consent forms
- how to store your data securely
- how to anonymise your data

## Data protection and ethics



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# Open Licensing

Open Licensing course

## <https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/learning/open-licensing> Introduction

Licensing your research outputs is an important part of practicing Open Science. In this course, you will:

- know what licenses are, how they work, and how to apply them
- understand how different types of licenses can affect research output reuse
- know how to select the appropriate license for your research

### Why do you need apply a license?

Licensing is an important aspect of practising Open Science. By applying licenses to your outputs, you remove any ambiguity over what others can - and can't - do with your work.

An open license, Creative Commons or any other open license, consists of different elements that can be combined. Each element consists of a condition that needs to be followed by the re-user. The different combinations allow for great variation in the type of open license you apply: some being very open, others being very restrictive.

### Open licenses



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# Expert Tour Guide on Data Management



## About this expert tour guide

This tour guide by CESSDA ERIC (the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives European Infrastructure Consortium) aims to put social scientists like yourself at the heart of making their research data findable, understandable, sustainably accessible and reusable.

You will be guided by European experts who are - on a daily basis - busy ensuring long-term access to valuable social science datasets, available for discovery and reuse at one of the [17 CESSDA social science data archives](#). With this guide and the training events being held across Europe, we want to accompany and inspire you in your journey through the research data life cycle.

<https://www.cessda.eu/Research-Infrastructure/Training/Expert-Tour-Guide-on-Data-Management>

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Thank you! Questions?

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