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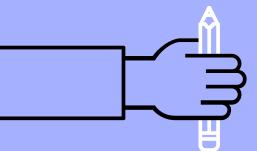




FAIR Data & Data Management Plans

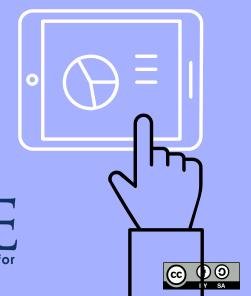
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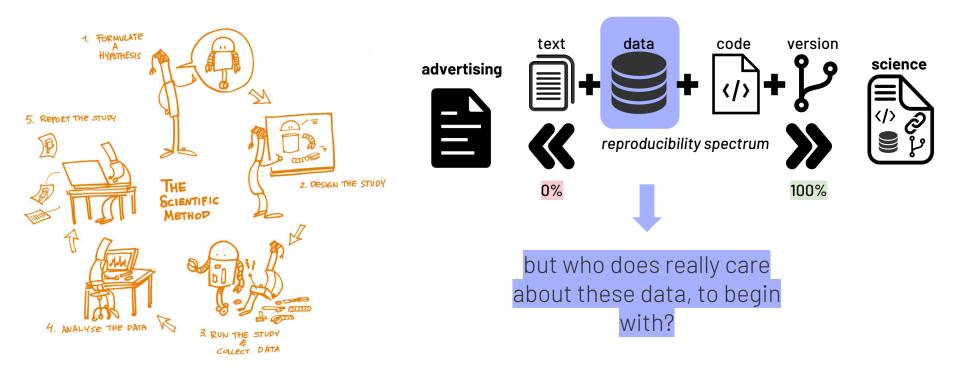








Research data are first-class citizens in science





The short answer: everybody interested in (modern) science







Researchers AND machines need to find/discover data having features of interest, for which they will be using links, metadata, as well as actual data

Once found, machines need to access/retrieve data of interest (obtain a copy of the contents in some format)

Finally, researchers go to their computers and start to re-use/analyze the data; they need to have workflow tools to:
-aggregate data and run analyses,
-reproduce existing pipelines,
-validate sanity of data,

-....



In the eScience ecosystem, enabling optimal use of research data and methods is a big challenge

Researchers ready to share their data and interpretations



Professional data publishers (data repositories, data journals)



Funding agencies increasingly concerned about data stewardship



Data science community analysing data to advance discovery

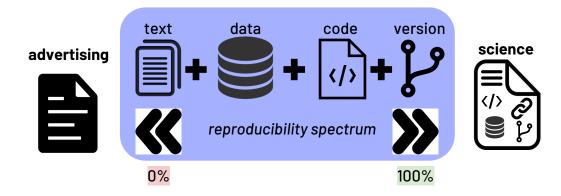


Providing machine-readable data as the main substrate for Knowledge Discovery is a big challenge in modern Science

The **best practice recommendation for research data** is to be as open and FAIR as possible (while accounting for ethical, commercial and privacy constraints with sensitive data or proprietary data)



Research objects: scholarly information on the Web

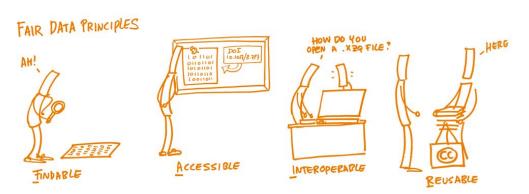


The basic idea is that objects that belong together (e.g., an article with its associated code, data and workflows) should have some means of being aggregated, so that all associated research objects can be discovered together.

Although this might seem to be obvious, as research objects are scattered across different repositories on the web, the connections between them are often lost.



The FAIR principles provide guidance for scientific data management and stewardship



- 1) FAIR does not imply Open (but FAIR data can definitely be Open Data; the two concepts can overlap)
- 2) the FAIR facets are related to each other but technically somehow independent of each other (we can speak of degrees of FAIR-ness)
- 3) the FAIR principles are agnostic of technical implementations (FAIR-ness can be achieved with a wide range of technologies and implementations)

the principles describe characteristics that data should exhibit to assist discovery and reuse through the web

<u>Findable</u>: data and supplementary materials have sufficiently rich metadata and a unique and persistent identifier

<u>Accessible</u>: metadata and data are understandable to humans and machines and deposited in a trusted repository

Interoperable: metadata use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation

Reusable: data and collections have a clear usage licenses and provide accurate information on provenance



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DOI [Digital Object Identifier]
the most widely used PID for research data





the dataset needs to be identified by a Persistent Identifier [PID] so that it can be located by a machine

PID = a **globally unique** and **long-lasting** reference to something, *e.g.*, documents, files, books, people

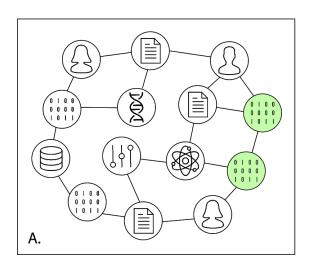
A PID is **separated from location**: if a web document is moved, the PID points to the same object in the new location

Best practice

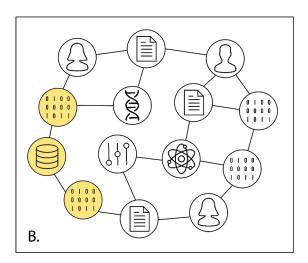
- 1. Deposit your data to a domain-specific repository
- 2. If that does not exist (yet), use general-purpose repositories



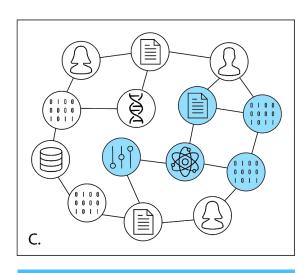
Towards a PID graph to enable discovery and impact assessment



Different versions of software code



Datasets hosted by a particular repository



All digital objects connected to a research object



Data Sharing or Data Visitation?

Findable where?





























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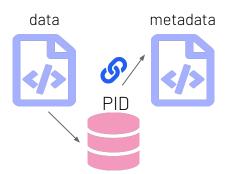
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limitations on and protocols for the use of data are made explicit

Data should be retrievable by anyone with a computer and an internet connection, if they are authorized, with a well-defined protocol.

Accessible data does not automatically imply open or free access: data published with restricted access can also be FAIR.

Best practice

- 1. Include **clear** licenses and conditions of use: who can access the data and in what way?
- 2. Remember: no license does not mean OK to access (when in doubt, the answer is NO)



Interoperable

1	Interoperable
11	(meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation
12	(meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
13	(meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data





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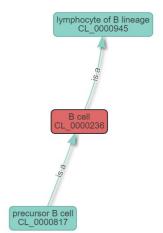
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People and computers can interpret your data and combine them with other datasets

Clearly, this is a very challenging requirement to meet.

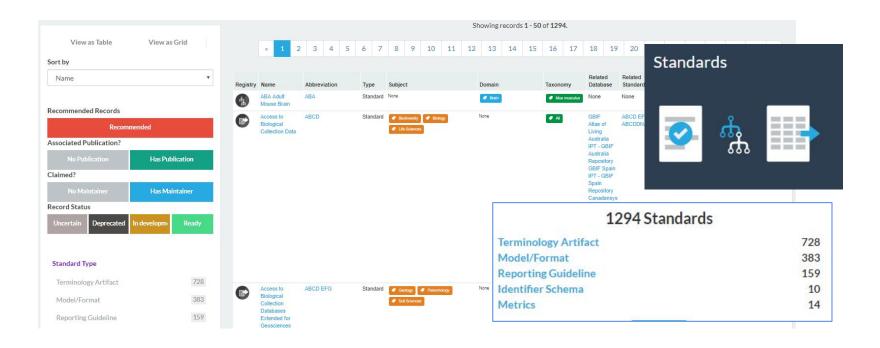
Best practice

- 1. Document as much as possible be generous!
- 2. Use preferred file formats
- 3. If existing in your discipline, use standard vocabularies, ontologies and thesauri in your (meta)data, or provide mapping of your data to these vocabularies, ontologies and thesauri





Metadata, Ontologies, and Vocabularies Standards help Achieve Interoperability Principles





Reusable

R	Reusable
R1	meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
R1.1	(meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
R1.2	(meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
R1.3	(meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards





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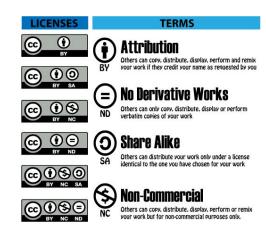
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Data usage license should be clear!

Reusers need clear signals from researchers on what they can and cannot do with their research data.

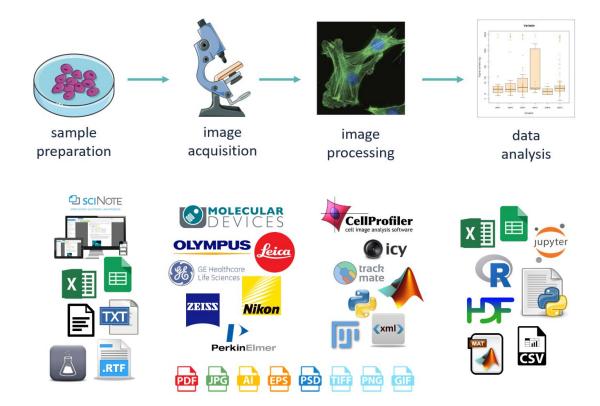
Best practice

- 1. Check for funder/data repository/local policy/institution obligations
- 2. If your obligations are non-exclusive, consider multiple-licensing (different versions)
- 2. Avoid bespoke licenses





My story: towards FAIR cell migration data





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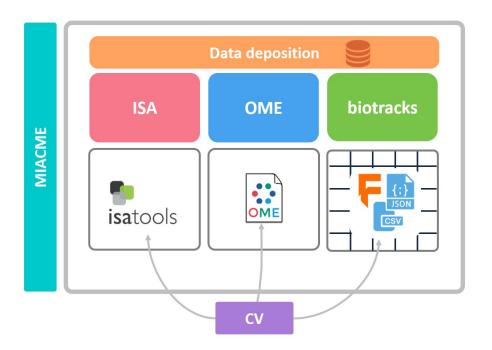
MIACME: Minimum Information About a Cell Migration Experiment

<u>ISA</u>: Investigation Study Assay

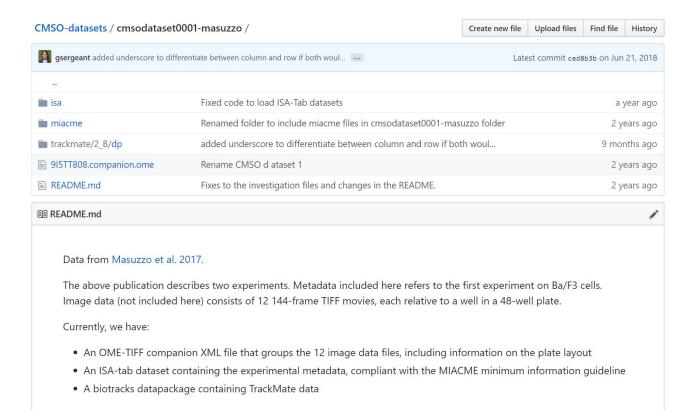
OME: Open Microscopy Environment

<u>biotracks</u>: specialises the <u>Tabular Data</u>

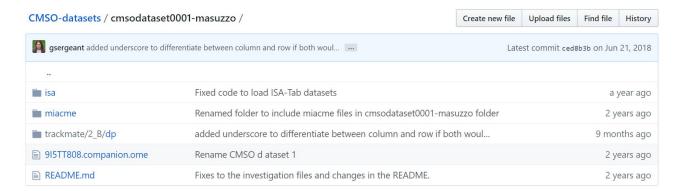
Package container format













The above publication describes two experiments. Metadata included here refers to the first experiment on Ba/F3 cells. Image data (not included here) consists of 12 144-frame TIFF movies, each relative to a well in a 48-well plate.

Currently, we have:

■ README.md

- An OME-TIFF companion XML file that groups the 12 image data files, including information on the plate layout
- An ISA-tab dataset containing the experimental metadata, compliant with the MIACME minimum information guideline
- A biotracks datapackage containing TrackMate data

Annotate, annotate!





Use standard ontologies and controlled vocabularies!



Y-27632 Source: ChEBI (ID: 75393)

A monocarboxylic acid amide that is trans-[(1R)-1-aminoethyl]cyclohexanecarboxamide in which one of the nitrogens of the aminocarbony group is substituted by a pyridine nucleus. It has been shown to e ...



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Expose as rich metadata as possible!

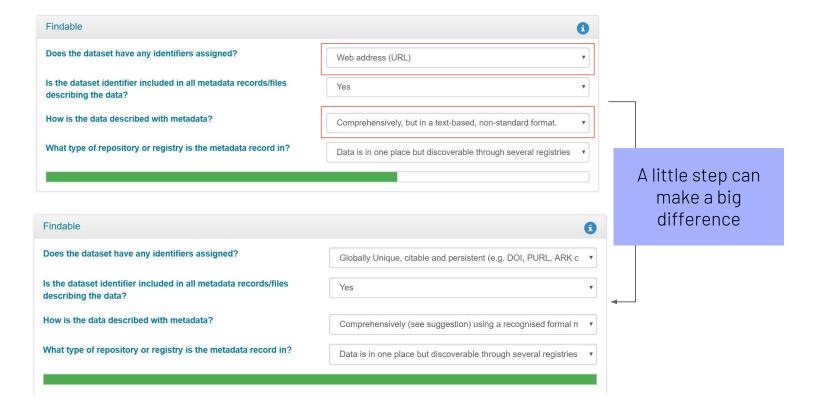
<u>Note</u>

Some data elements, for instance images and 'raw data' can not always be made machine-processable.

Being published with FAIR metadata is of very high value in its own right.



Different levels of FAIR-ness can exist





With appropriate **data management planning** much sensitive and proprietary data can be shared, reused, and FAIR.

The metadata can almost always be shared.

Guidance and best practices for sharing sensitive data are necessarily region-specific because of local regulations. As general guidance, the EU RESPECT code for Ethics and data protection highlights 3 key aspects:

- 1) Upholding scientific standards
 when formulating your research questions, you do not pre-determine or prejudice the outcome through your choice of questions or actions
- 2) Compliance with the law
 be aware of all the relevant national and international laws that may affect your research project. With collaborative projects which cross legal borders, this may involve various laws. Ones of particular relevance will be in regards to data protection and intellectual property.
- **Avoidance of social and personal harm**your research project should be designed responsibly and should consider participants throughout. For example, participation in the research project should be voluntary and on the basis of fully informed consent



A goal without a plan is just a wish

[Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900 -1944)]



What is a Data Management Plan (DMP)?

A DMP is a term describing how you organize, structure, store and care for the information used in a research project

How do you look at the data on a day-by-day base?

Organize your data, store them and back them up.

Choose the right file formats.

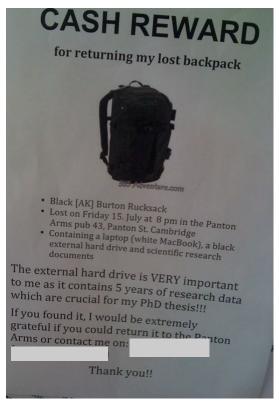
Document your data.

What happens to the data after the research project finishes?

What data do you need to keep (and share)?

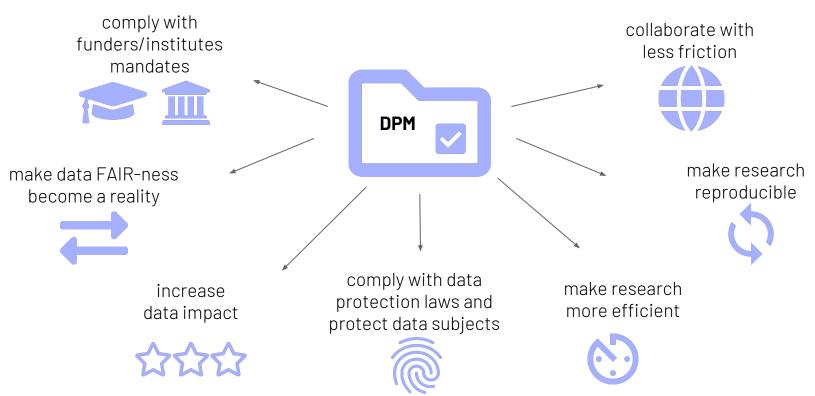
What data must not be kept (and shared)?

How are you going to achieve long-term data storage/access?





Why should you develop a DMP?





How do you create a DMP?

My personal message is: don't be afraid, go to your desk and try!

<u>DPMOnline</u> developed by the DCC has free-to-download <u>public templates</u> + your university might have a local version of the tool, which means you can use your <u>institutional account to sign in</u> and the templates available will make sure you don't miss out on relevant info/fields.

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Welcome

DMPonline helps you to create, review, and share data management plans that meet institutional and funder requirements. It is provided by the Digital Curation Centre (DCC).

Join the growing international community that have adopted DMPonline:







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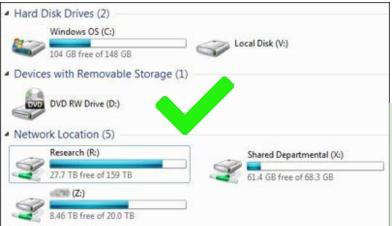
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Some funders mandate the use of DMPonline, while others point to it as a useful option. You can download funder templates without loggling in, but the tool provides tailored guidance and example answers from the DCC and many research organisations. Why not sign up for an account and try it out?



Where are you going to store your data?







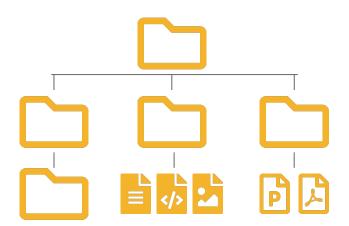
central file shares managed by the ICT Department of your University

live snapshots, backups! **prevent disasters!**



How are you going to organize your data?





use directories and folders hierarchy

name files with a bit of common sense: no special characters, no capitals, no spaces

know what your file is before you double click it!



What formats and what software will you use?

During your research you will most likely use formats that fit your scope, workflow and methodology

After research is completed, you should look for formats that are easy to share and re-use and that may last longer into the future

- open specifications
- widely used formats
- uncompressed
- ASCII formats
- exchange formats

tip:check if software you are using has an option to export into a more suitable format for sharing or long-term reuse

(sometimes 'crazy' formats are simply ASCII-based, and can be saved and then opened as regular .txt files!)









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