Research Data Management – The Basics

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These are your trainers today!



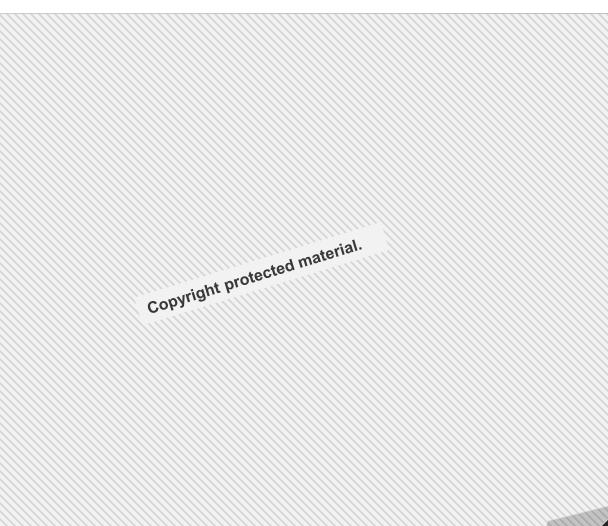
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- Software Developer
- Technical Lead at Lib4RI



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 specialist
- Group Leader IT services and Eresources at Lib4RI



Who are you and why are you here?



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Learning Aims

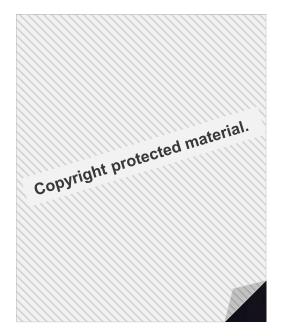
- Life cycle of research data
- Adequate metadata documentation for your code and data
- Storing and publishing data
- Using OpenBIS (ELN) and writing Data Management Plans (DMP)

Program

Торіс	Speaker	Time
Introduction	Fabian Felder	9.00 - 9.15
Policies, Incentives & the Research Data Life Cycle	Fabian Felder	9.15 - 9.30
Collect & Store	Federico Cantini	9.30 - 10.00
Evaluate & Archive Share & Disseminate	Fabian Felder	10.00 - 10.10
Break		10.10 - 10.25
RDM Services & Support at Eawag	Christian Förster	10.25 - 10.45
RDM Services & Support at Empa	Anusch Bachofner	10.45 - 11.05
Plan & Design	Everyone	11.05 - 11.45

Why is data and associated metadata important?

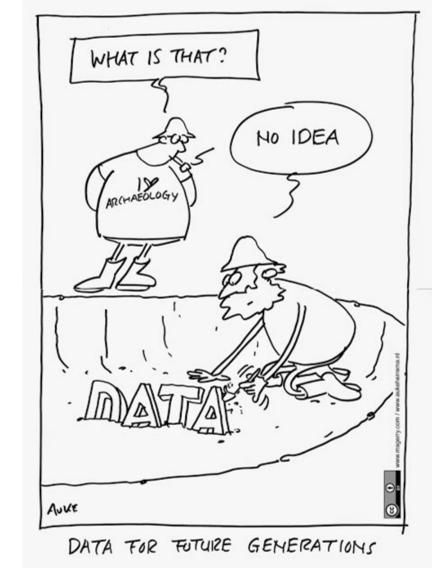
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«We kill people based on metadata» (2014), Michael V. Haden, director of CIA 2006-2009 Cham, J. G., «Scratch: A context-changing framework for contextualizing nano informatic structures» (2014), International Journal of Temporal Deflective Behaviour, 4 (1689), p. 432.





Source: www.fosteropenscience.eu/project

Why is data and associated

No clean metadata

Limited access to Data

metadata important?





Why is data and associated metadata important?

Proper metadata tagging and research description is time consuming

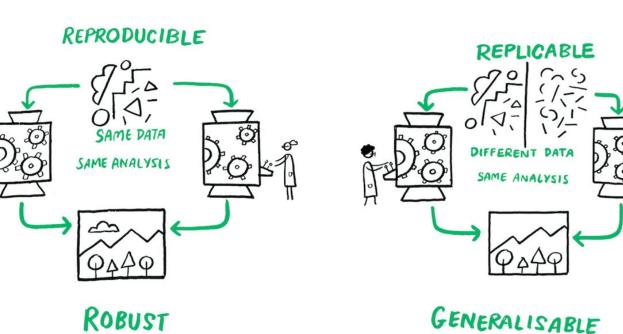
Reproducibility

SAME DATA

DIFFERENT

ANALYSIS

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Reproducibility

Scriberia, "Reproducible Research", *The Turing Way*, CC-BY, DOI: <u>10.5281/zenodo.3332807</u>



A Handbook for Reproducible Data Science,

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LEGO[®] Metadata for Reproducibility







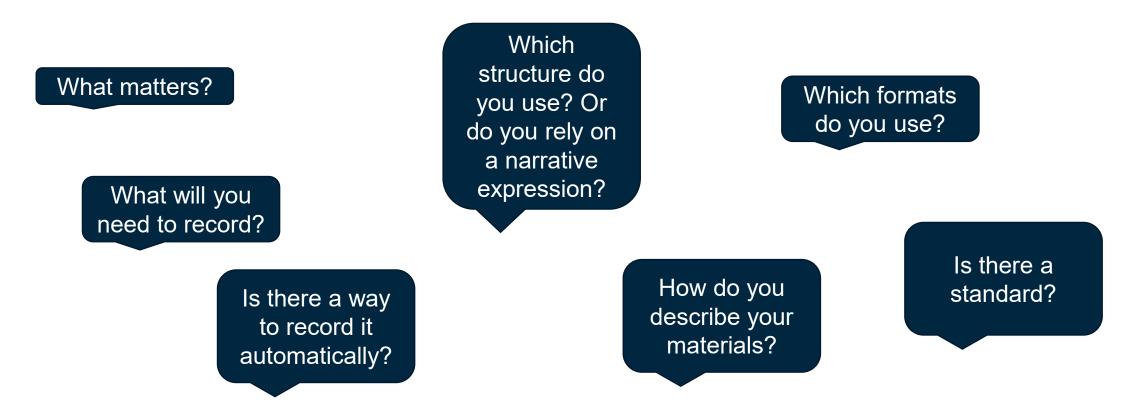
Group A builds Car

Group A documents build

Group B rebuilds the car

Donaldson, Mary and Matt Mahon, «Lego: Metadata for reproducibility», 10.5281/zenodo.3685685.

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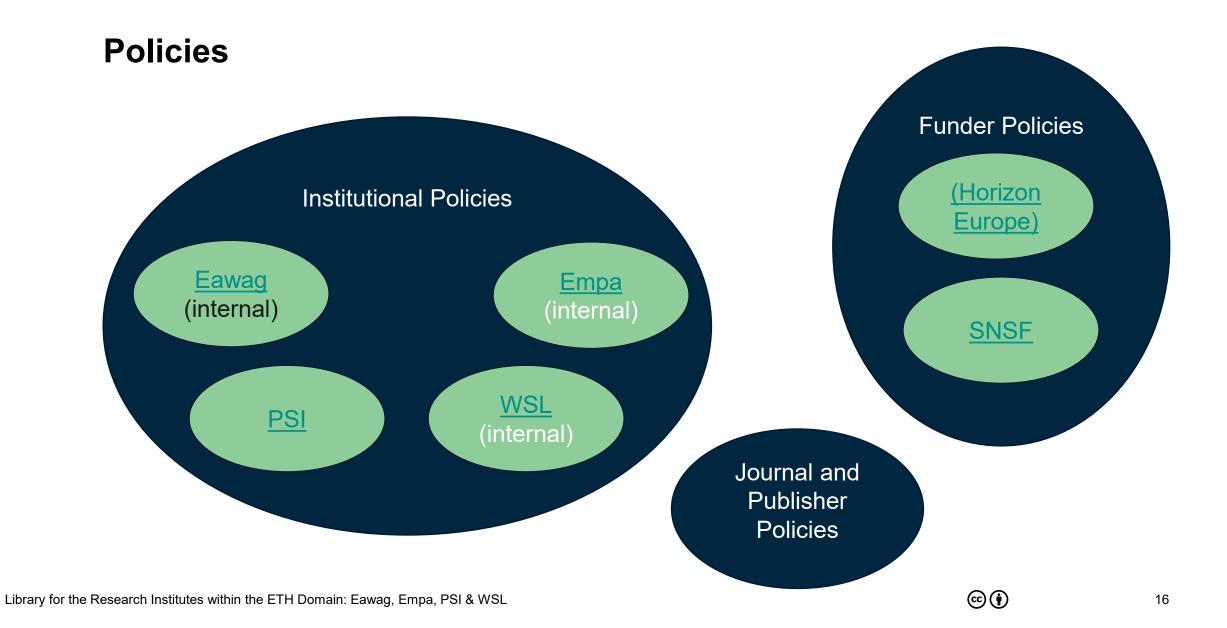
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FAIR principles – A lot of Metadata

Findable	 F1 (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier F2 Data are described with rich metadata F3 Metadata clearly and explicitly includes the identifier F4 (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource 	
Accessible	 A1 (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, when necessary A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available 	
nteroperale	 I1 (Meta)data use formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation I2 (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles I3 (Meta)data indlude qualified references to other (meta)data 	
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 a detailed provenance R1.3 (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards	
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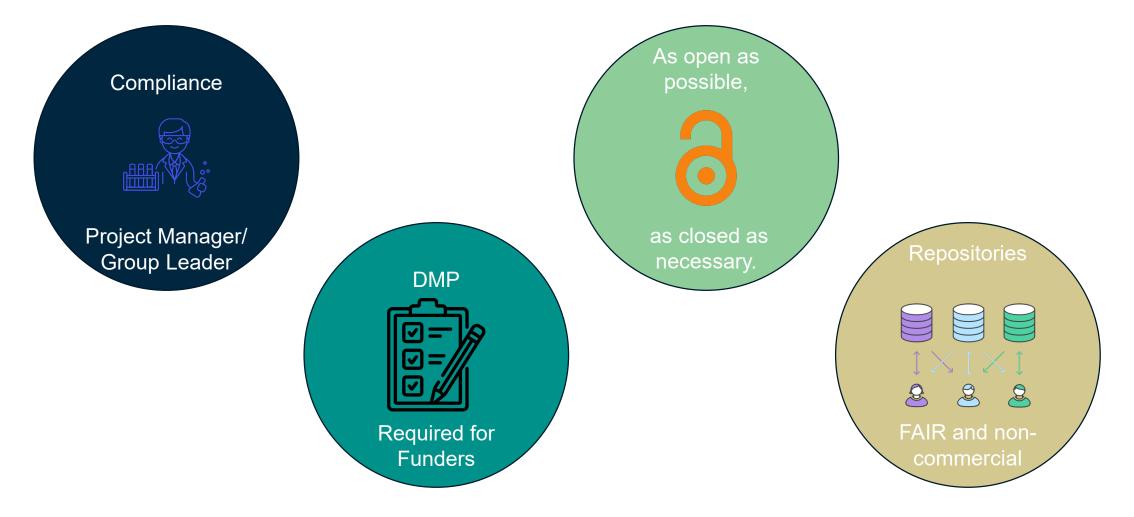
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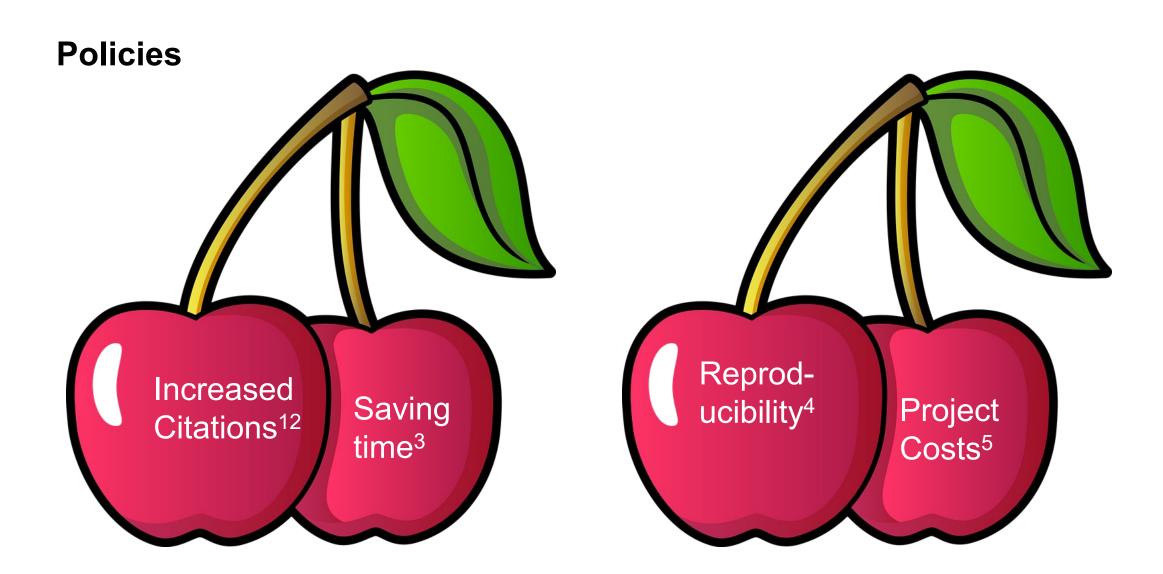




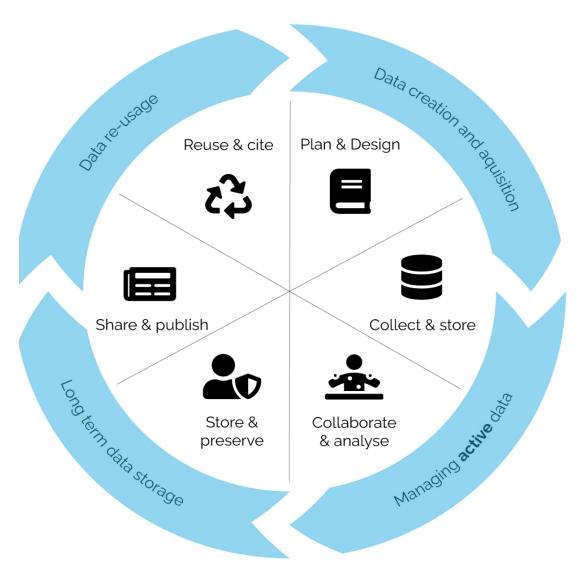
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Research Data Life Cycle



Research Data Life Cycle

Collect & Store

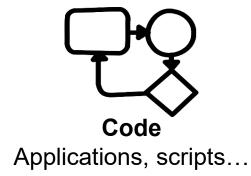


Collect & Store

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Data

observational, experimental, simulation...



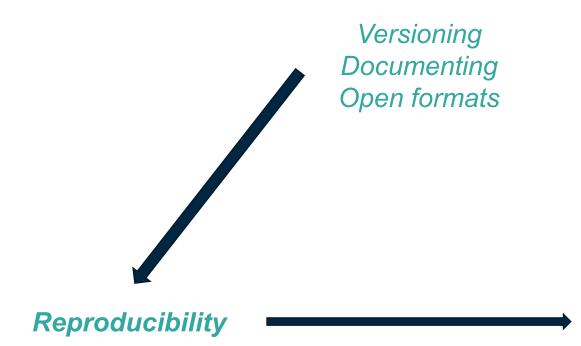


Metadata

Structured information associated with data (and code) The Who, What, Where, Why & How of data



Collect and Store

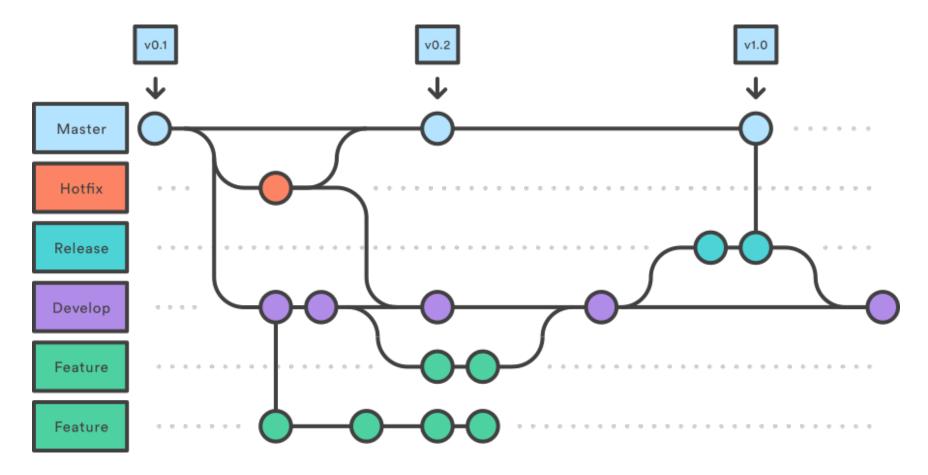


- You can find it
- o Your coworkers can find it
- You can easily **share** it
- o It's ready for archiving/publishing

Replicability

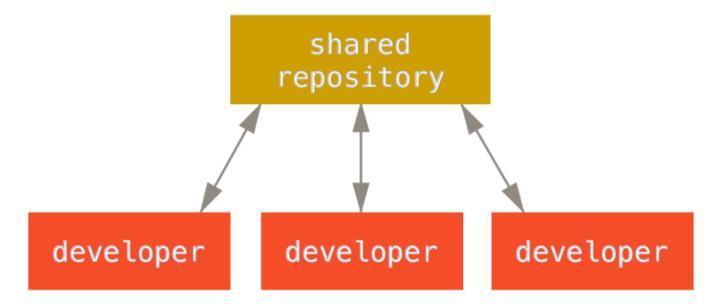


Collect and Store: Software version control



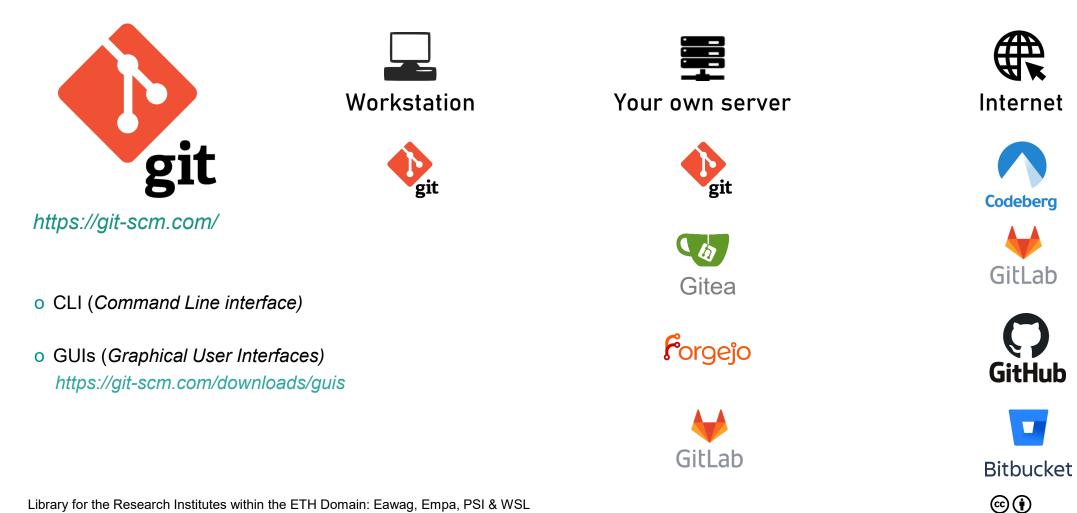


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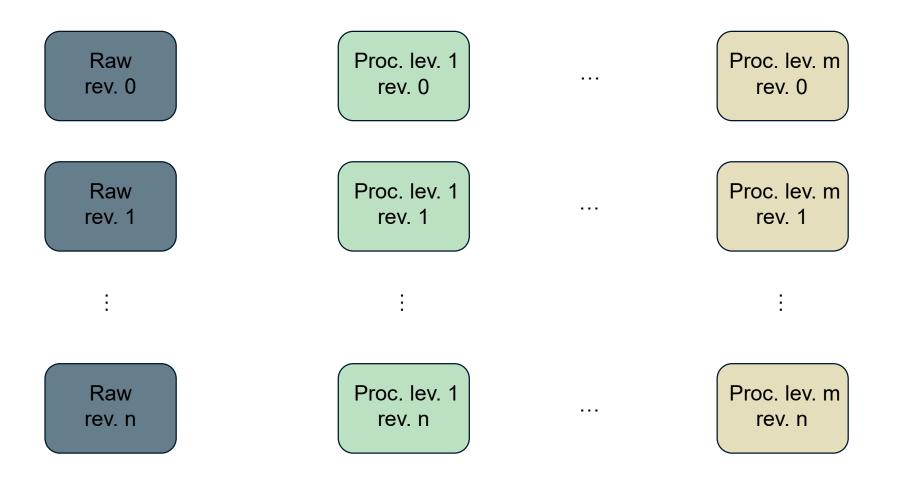




Collect and Store: Software version control



Collect and Store: Data versioning





Collect and Store: Data versioning tools



Renku (https://renku.readthedocs.io/en/stable/index.html)

Data Version Control (https://dvc.org)

Git Large File Storage (*https://git-lfs.com*)



Lake FS(*https://docs.lakefs.io*)

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Collect and Store: File Naming

- o Use unique names referencing content
- o Limit to 42 characters (preferably less)
- o Use ASCII characters, no spaces, points or special characters, e.g. ~!@#\$%^&*()[]{}<>';,'»/
- o Include dates and label versions
- o Use names to order files:
 - Either, use Dates YYYY-MM-DD or YYYYMMDD (according to ISO 8601) at the beginning to enable chronological order
 - Or, use Versioning with leading zeroes to enable numerical order (enables versions to go beyond 9 without disrupting order)
- If you have started with your project use *Bulk Rename Utility* (Windows) or *Renamer 6* (Mac), *Rename/Thunar Bulk Rename* (GNU/Linux)

Collect and Store: File Formats (recommendation)

Data type	Recommended file formats
Text	 PDF/A Plain Text coded as ACII. UTF-8 or UTF-16 XML
Spreadsheet	CSV (NEAD)
Images	TIFF (uncompressed or lossless compressed)PNG
Code	Languages with free environments (e.g. Py or R UTF-8 format of ASCII text)
Audio	FLACWav

Open and lossless formats

If you are using a proprietary format, think about adding an additional format

Collect & Store: Metadata Standards

- Definition: Structured data that contains information about other data, but is not the content of the data.
- o Metadata is very subject specific. The following directories are helpful:
 - o Digital Curation Centre (https://www.dcc.ac.uk/guidance/standards)
 - o RDA Metadata Standards (https://rdamsc.bath.ac.uk)
 - o Fairsharing (https://fairsharing.org)
- Recommendation: Stick to a list of defined terms (controlled vocabulary) and don't use synonyms to describe the same object (e.g. picture or image)

Collect & Store: README File

General information	 Title of the dataset Contact information principal investigator Date of data collection Geographic location
Data and file overview	Short discription for each file nameDate
Sharing and access informations	Licenses or restrictions
Methodological information	 Description of methods for data collection or generation Description of methods used for data processing
Data specific information (repeat for each dataset)	 Variable list, including names and definitions Units of measuments Definition for codes or symbols to record missing data

Cornell University: Minimal viable content. For recommended visit: https://data.research.cornell.edu/content/readme

Library for the Research Institutes within the ETH Domain: Eawag, Empa, PSI & WSL



Collect and Store: 3 – 2 – 1 backup



Evaluate & Archive



Evaluate & Archive: Data Protection

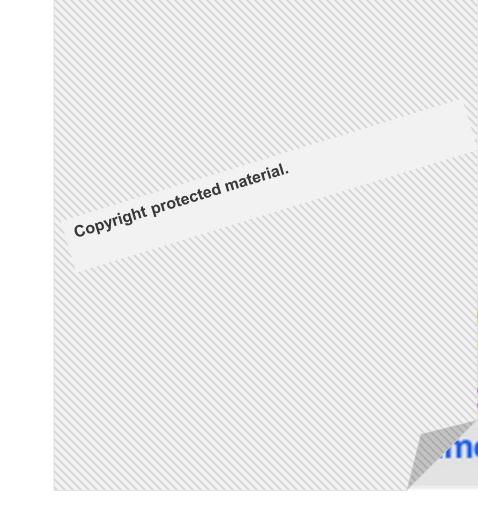
- Relates to identified or identifiable person
- Solutions (<u>https://dmlawtool.ccdigitallaw.ch/</u>) :
 - Identity irrelevant -> anonymisation

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- Identity relevant -> Ask for consent
 - -> Pseudoanomization
 - -> Manage access rights
 - -> Ability to address

subject's rights

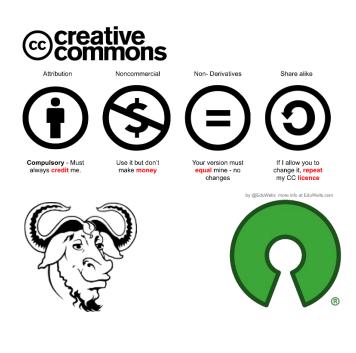
 Always contact Data Protection Officers at your Research Institute if your research involves personal data



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Evaluate & Archive: Data Protection

- Processed Data has copyright according to Swiss law
- Use CC licences when publishing factual data on data repositories (ideally CC 0)
- For software use licences specifically designed for software:
- Free Software (Open Source) licences like GPL, Apache, BSD and MIT.
- Exceptions! If you collaborated with external partners in your research project, you need to clarify together with them how and if data can be published.
- Contact the legal teams at your research institute if you feel lost.



Share & Disseminate

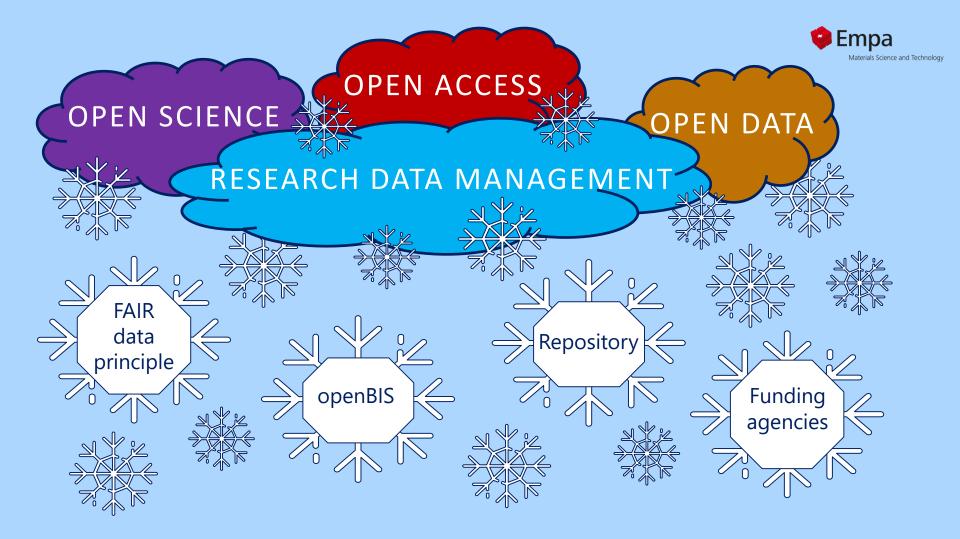
Share & Disseminate: The Choice of Data Repository

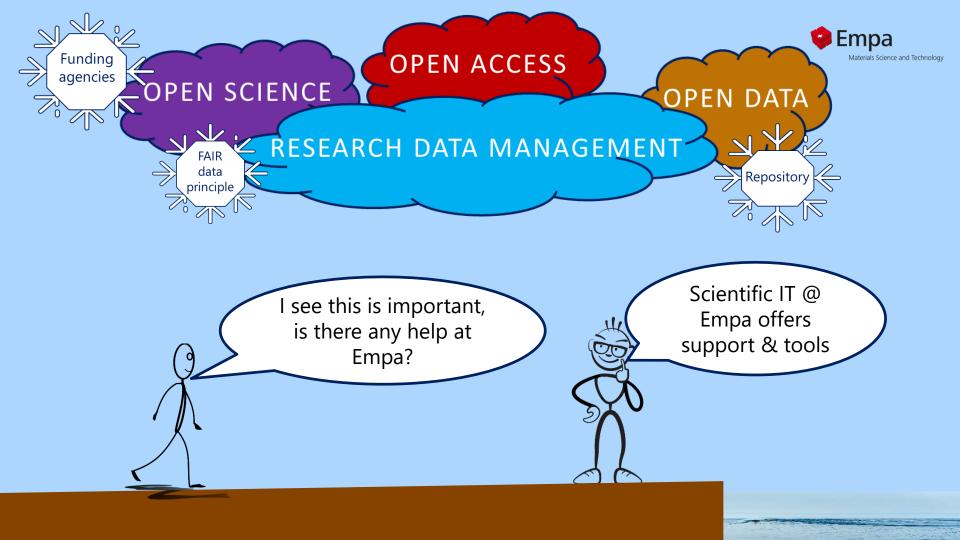


For alternatives: <u>https://www.re3data.org/</u>

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RDM Services and Support at Eawag and Empa







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https://www.empa.ch/group/s909/overview



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How to manage your research data?

Check our information and support pages:

- 1. RDM guidlines to see the advantages of managing your data and possible horror stories if vou do not: here
- 2. openBIS at Empa helps to manage your research data digitally, which includes save data storage, archiving and publishing in data repositories: here
- 3. Data Management Plan (DMP) to fulfill the requirements of funding agencies: here
- 4. Open Access (OA) to fulfill the requirement of publishing your paper openly: here
- 5. Open Data Licenses learn how licenses help to publish your research data openly: here
- 6. Support & training information here for:
 - openBIS & Data Management
 - · DMP templates & how to get funding for RDM costs
 - Open Access by Lib4RI
 - · Scientific IT weekly hours for Software development & Data Science questions
 - · Python tutorial twice a year by Scientific IT

- Support for RDM
- SNF Data Management Plan template
- RDM guides, Best practice guide
- Handling of software licenses
- Open Access @ Empa

Policy

Publication fund

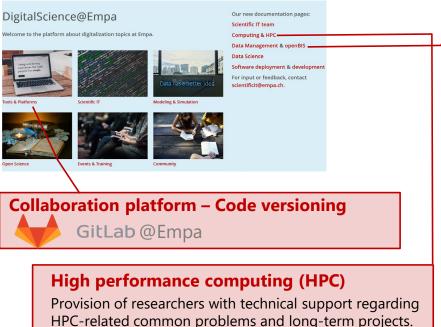
SNF Data Management Plan Template

Sections analog to the SNF DMP Different categories for Sensitiv data Using the data management system openBIS □Without using openBIS Description of backup system at Empa Recommendation of FAIR repository

Text snippets available

RDM Services & Infrastructure @ Empa

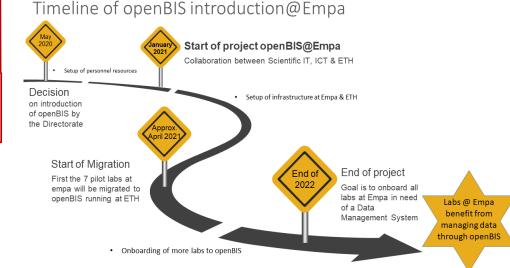


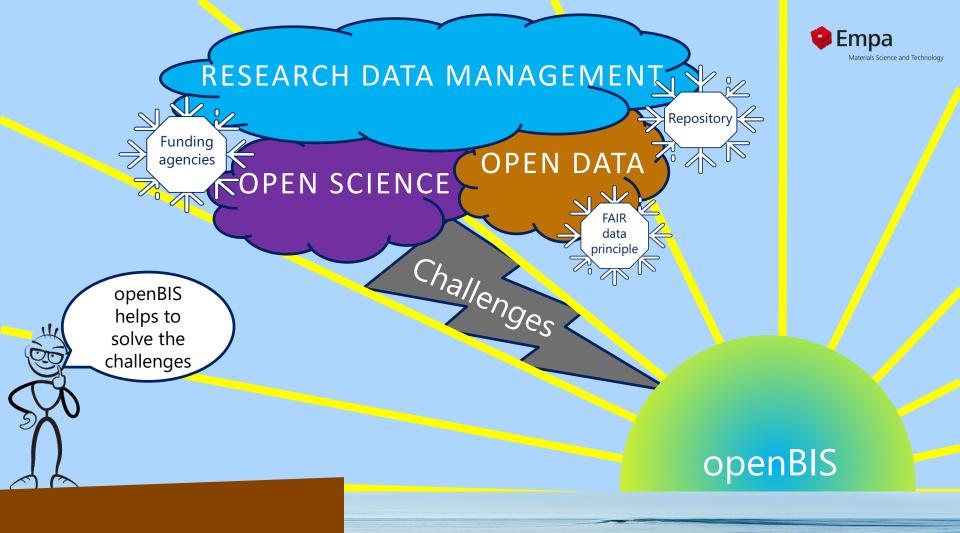


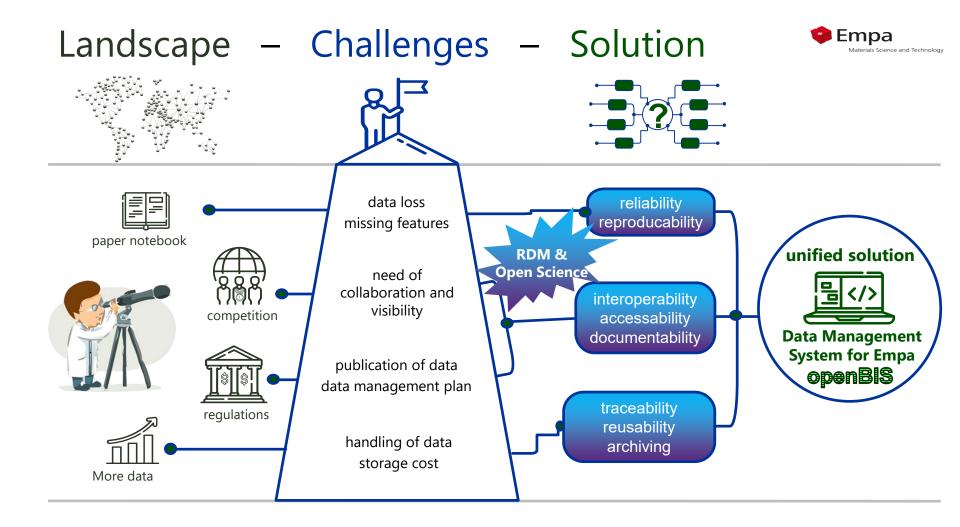
Data Management System @ Empa

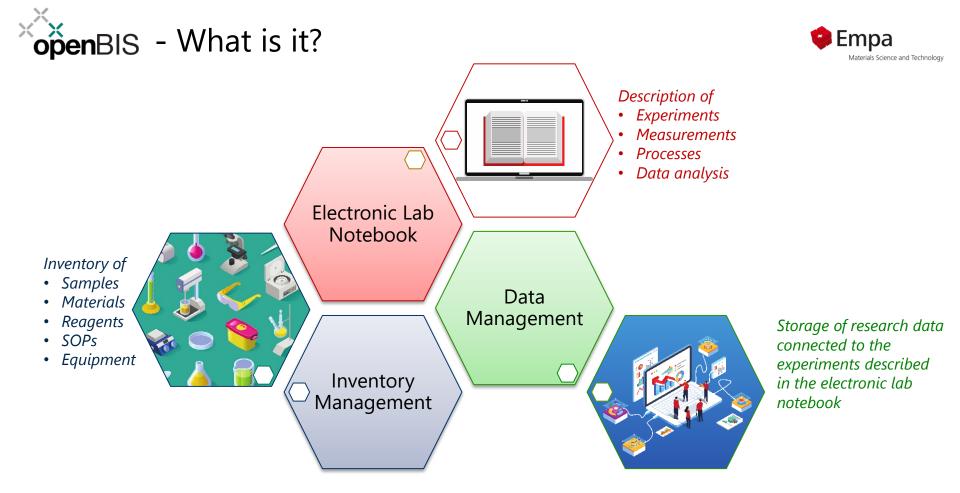
openBIS, the Electronic Laboratory Notebook (ELN) and Inventory Management System (LIMS) at Empa, which enables easy connection

- Zenodo data repository according FAIR principles
- Jupyter Hubs for programming in Python, R etc.
 - **Longterm Archiving** of research data at ETH

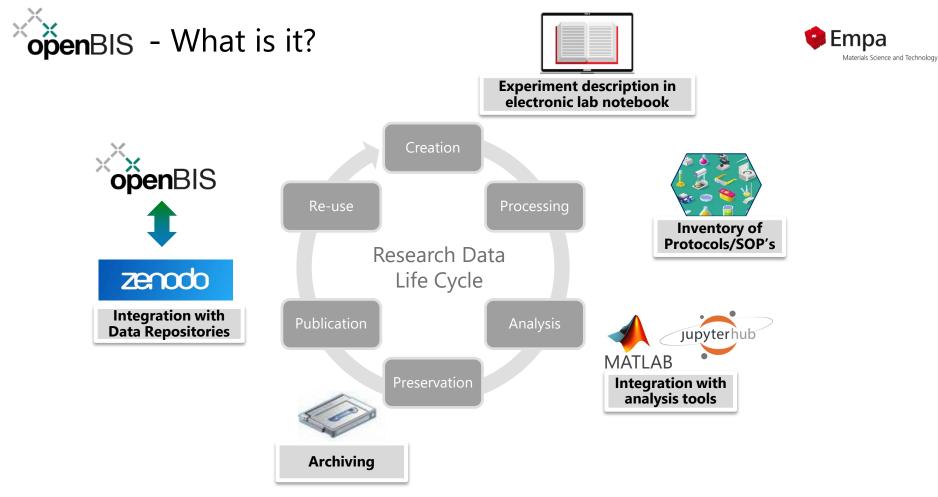




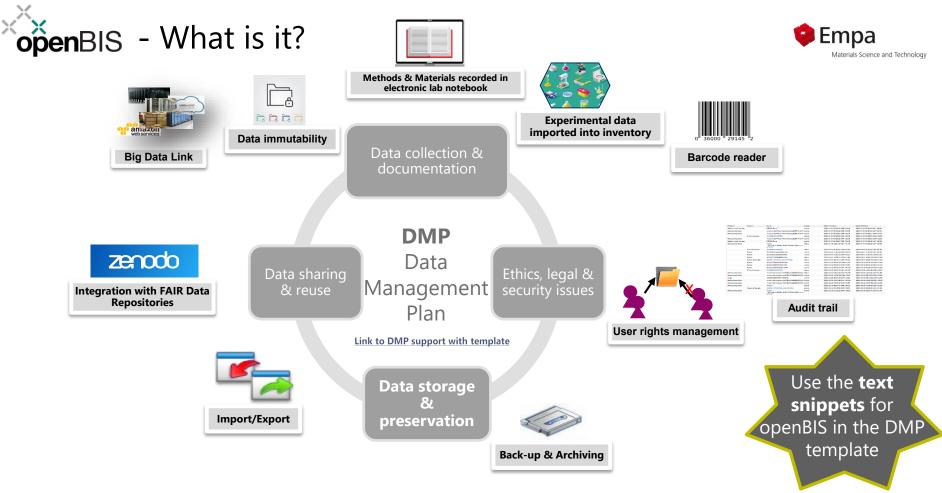




A data management system – Connecting lab inventory, research data & lab notebook in 1 tool



A data management system – Covering most of the data life cycle in 1 tool



A data management system – Solving DMPlan requirements of funding agencies with 1 tool



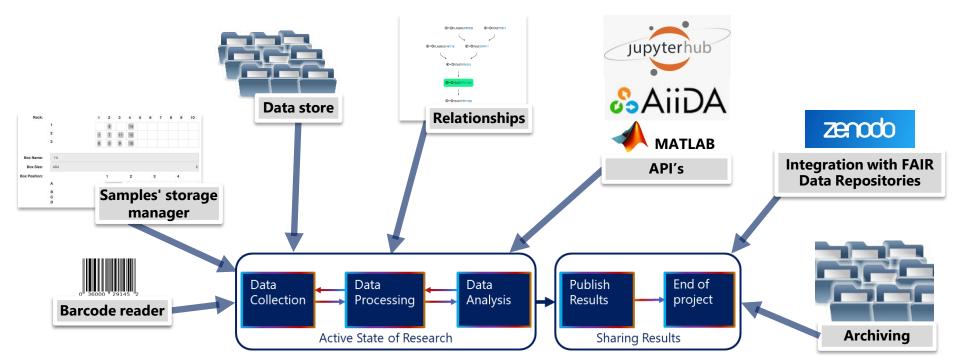
Open source software developed by ETH since 2007

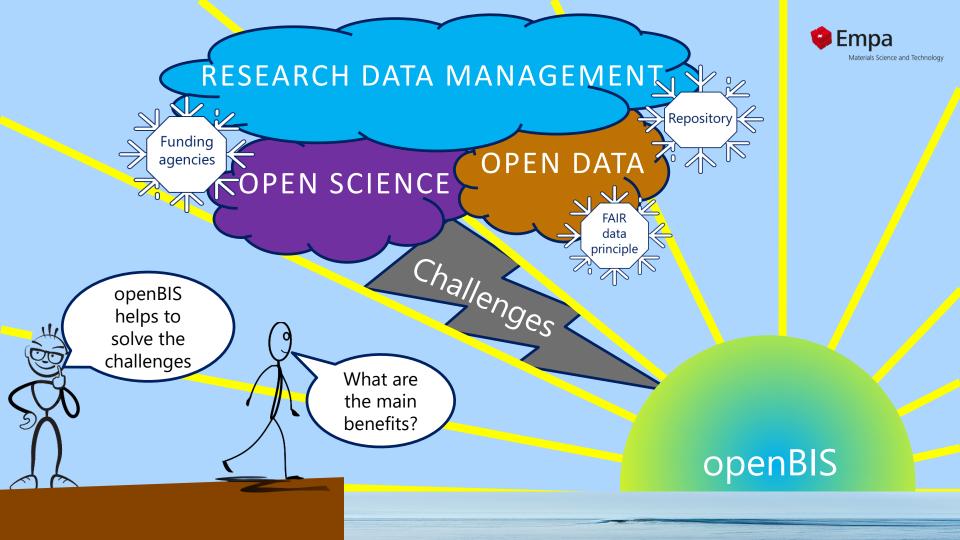


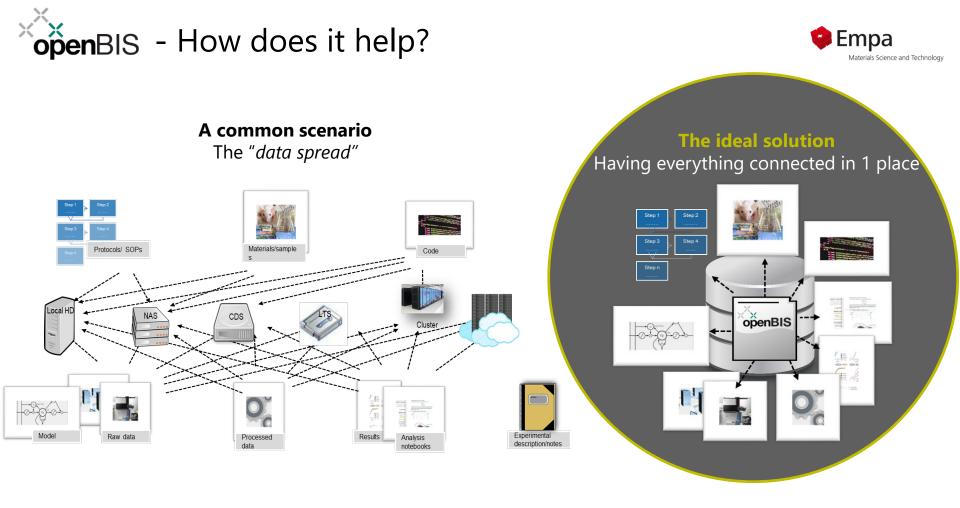
ELN/LIMS system

Electronic Lab Notebook & Laboratory Information Management System

For managing research data from "bench" to publication in a central storage

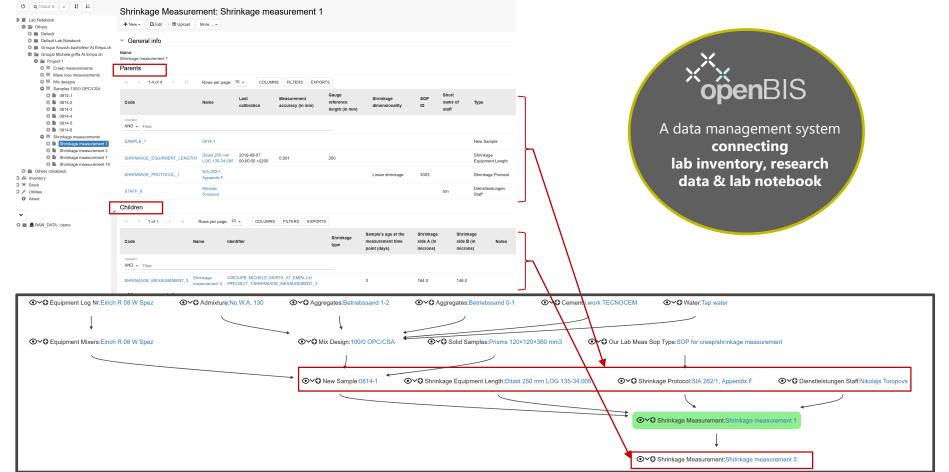








Materials Science and Technology





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Prevention of loss of research data & knowhow via structured documentation & storage

Easy & automatic data archiving over a long period

Easy & fast connection to

repository Zenodo

Challenges at Empa

- **Data loss** due to change of personnel & no proper documentation of data
- 2. No archiving solution easy accessible & reliable
- 3. No repository available

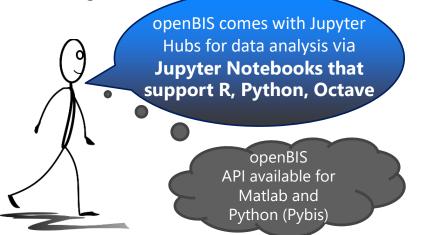
Without openBIS you need to solve these challenges on your own

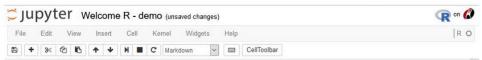
 Without proper data management you risk loosing funding money

Data Science with openBIS



- Jupyter notebooks combine code, documentation & outputs like plots, images, videos etc.
- Useful for interactive/exploratory data analysis and reproducability
- Easy sharing of code with documentation and results
- Like a modern lab notebook for reproducible coding

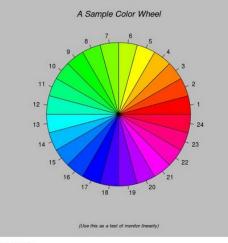




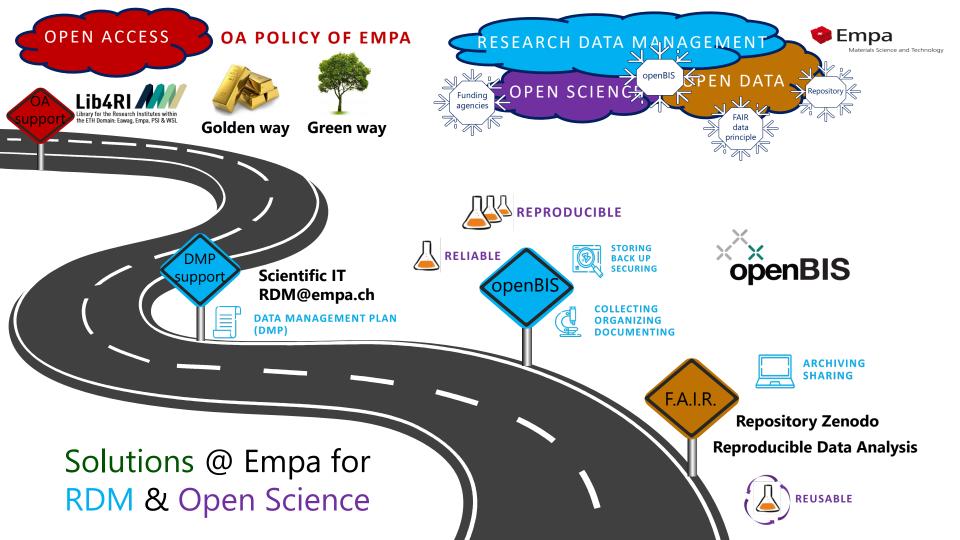
A little color wheel.

This code just plots equally spaced hues in a pie chart. If you have a cheap SVGA monitor (like me) you will probably find that numerically equispaced does not mean visually equispaced. On my display at home, these colors tend to cluster at the RGB primaries. On the other hand on the SGI Indy at work the effect is near perfect

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Matthias Rosslein OpenBIS lead Son Research Data

Management



Aliakeandr Vakutruvici Research Software Engineer



Videos

From Open Data to Open Knowledge

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SIB - Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics + 507 views + 11 months ago

Discover SIB's vision on Open Data, one of the many facets of Open Science - the movement to make scientific research and its dissemination accessible to the society. Harmonizing licenses of datab...





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Data & Software Engineer Full-Stack Developer



RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT @ EAWAG



Christian Foerster <christian.foerster@eawag.ch> — 2022-12-08

— SERVICES & SUPPORT —





WHAT I DO?

- Data management
- Software development
- DevOps
- Improve ERIC
- Teaching best practices



DATA PRESERVATION

ERIC internal

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Popular keywords	none fish groundwater	

 Publishing and archiving of research data

 an Eawag-flavored hands-on guide (v1.0)

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 Directive No. 19-03

 Directive on the archiving of research data at Eawag

- Eawag Research Data Institutional Collection
- Development, Maintenance
- No review, quality control or curation
- Support
 - data organization, formats and annotation
 - process automation



ERIC open

- Development, Maintenance
- DOI reservation & registration
- Support reg. workflow in sync with article review & publishing
- (Meta)data dissemination, interlinking (ORCIDs, article-DOIs, ...)
- Review, quality control and curation

DATA PUBLICATION



Data Management Plans

- Guide: Eawag SNF / SNSF Data Management Plan Guide
- DMP reviews

Data management planning

- Sampling, surveys
- Data transmission/transport
- Backup strategy, data safety
- Data security, encryption
- Legal issues, licensing, personal data, anonymization

CONSULTING



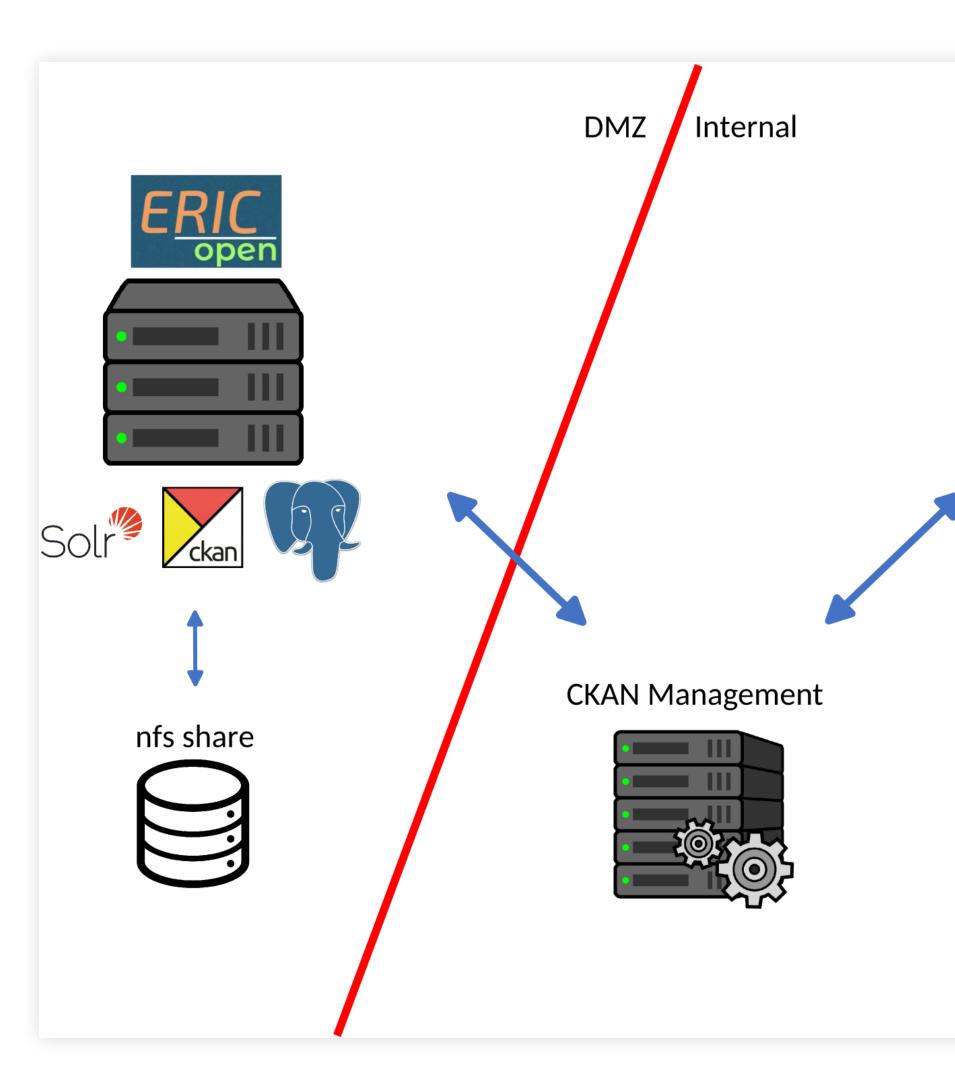
- Comprehensive Knowledge Archive Network (CKAN)
- Findable Accessible Interoperable Reusable (FAIR)
- SNF approved
- Secure infrastructure
- RDM knowledge base
- FAQ (here)
- Eawag branding
- Meta data schema from DataCite
- All extensions on GitHub in the eawag-rdm organization



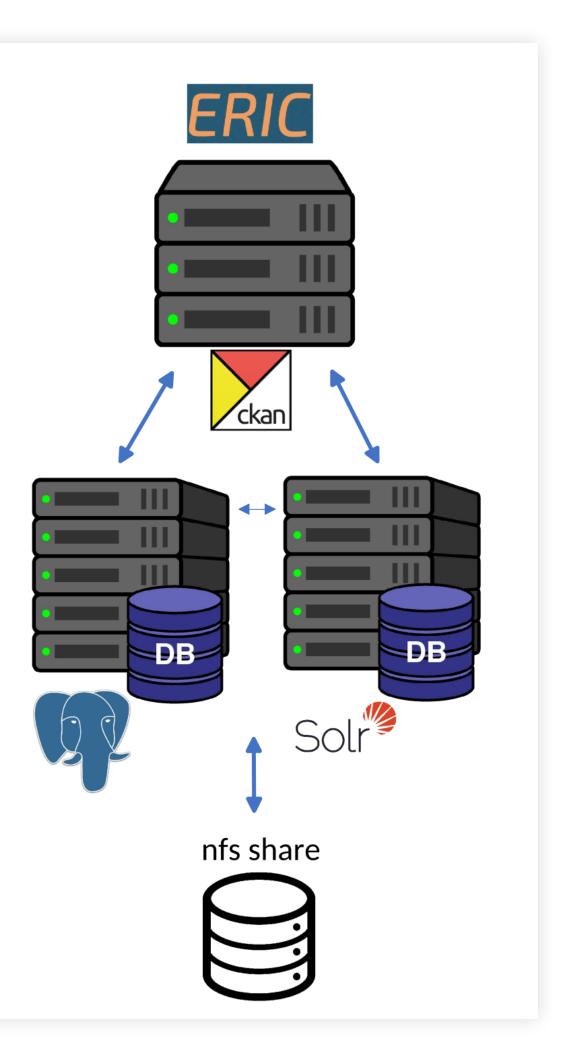
ERIC BASICS





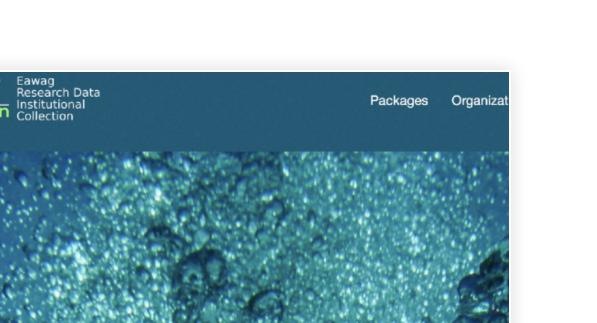


INFRASTRUCTURE





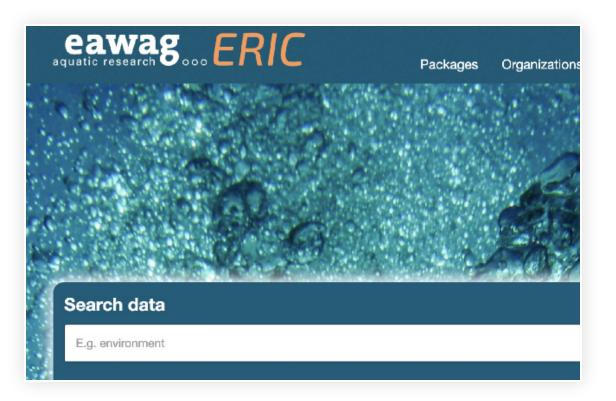
Search data





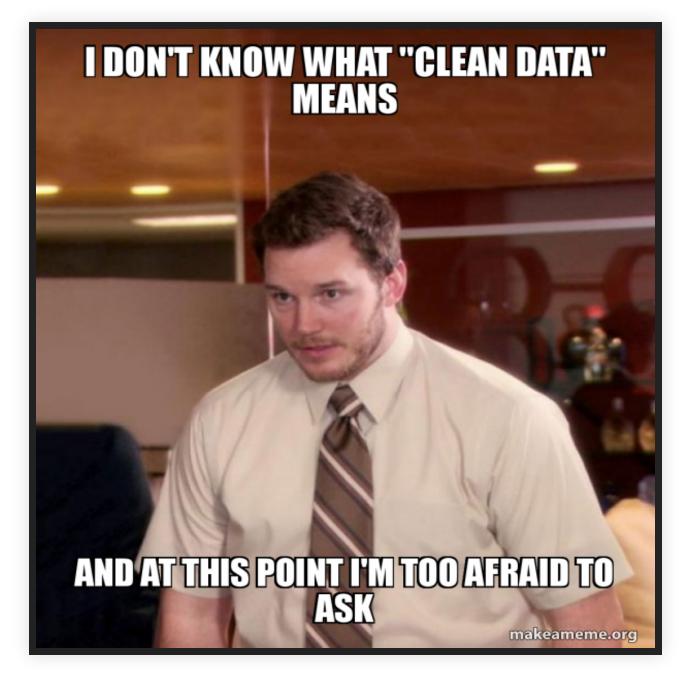
- Openly accessible
- Strict checking
- Pure read data portal
- Immutable datasets

OPEN VS INTERNAL



- data.eawag.ch
- Eawag internal
- Unchecked data
- Read/write platform
- Mutable datasets





Good practices throughout Keep your data save and clean (minimal guide) • Version your data (renku) Use version control (git, ...)



First time **ERIC** use

- Log in with your Eawag credentials
- Contact the data manager of your department to get editor privileges

Upload to ERIC internal

- Create a package/group
- Upload your neat and organized data
- Write rdm@eawag.ch (naming your package)



RDM initial feedback

- Reserved DOI for your publication
- Data publication (checklist)

Iterative package improvement

- Review of checklist
- Rigorous checks (data protection, checksums, data usage, basic code review, check links, ...)
- Feedback

We are aiming for an iteration of 1!;-)



You should

- Add your current code
- Add links to repositories, related packages
- Provide accurate and plentiful meta data

You should not

- Add your paper to the data package
- Incorporate Eawag specific information like paths on a network share
- Violate data protection guidelines



Now the data can be made public!





- Update ERIC
- Extend functionality
- Improve and standardize documentation
- Better support for other parts of the DLC like "life" database clusters

FUTURE PLANS

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QUALITY DATA UAR HOVERNANCE

Thank you! **Questions?**



Plan & Design: Data Management Plan (DMP)

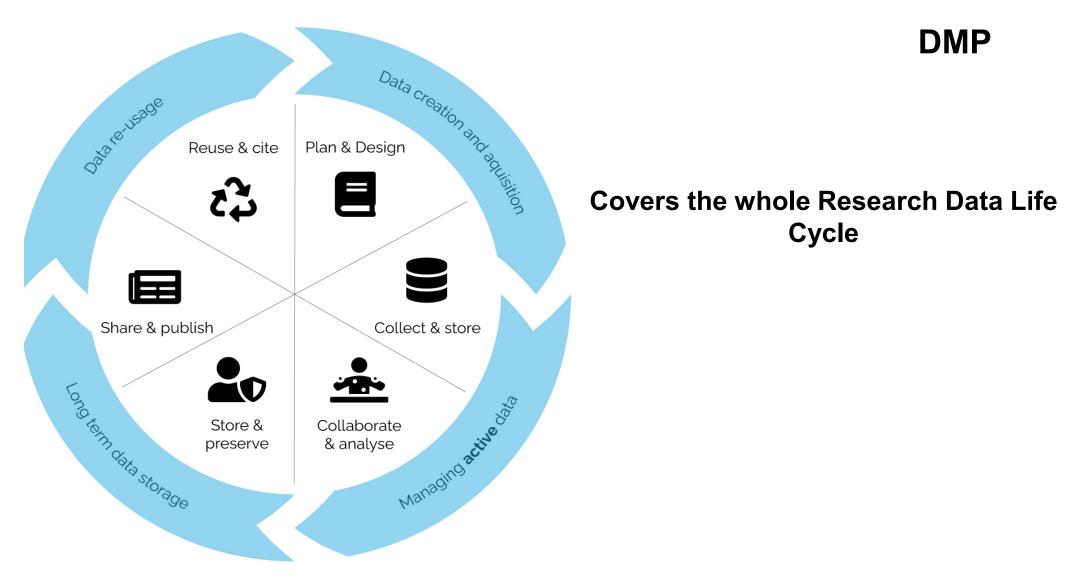


Plan & Design: Why?



Bibliothèqe de l'EPFL, «RDM Horror stories | Episode 2 – Stranger Data Things», 11th February 2020. https://bit.ly/3qPWMIS







- What types of data will be collected and which code (incl. software) will be created or used?
- How will you document the data used and code programmed?
- Where will data and code be stored?
- Who owns the data and code is responsible for security and backup?
- Which data and code will be shared and preserved?
- How will data be shared and with whom?

Applications and Projects Grant application 1

Link to other SNSF projects
 Further requested and
 available funds (not from the
 SNSF)
 University or research
 institution
 Requested funding

Data management plan (DMP)

 Research requiring authorisation or notification
 Exclusion of external reviewers
 General remarks on the project
 Annexed documents (upload)
 Research plan
 CV and major achievements
 Quotes
 Cover letter
 Official certificates
 Weave/Lead Agency and
 International Co-Investigator
 Scheme
 Other annexes

1. Data collection and documentation

1.1 What data will you collect, observe, generate or reuse?

- I.2 How will the data be collected, observed or generated?
- I.3 What documentation and metadata will you provide with the data?

2. Ethics, legal and security issues

- 2.1 How will ethical issues be addressed and handled?
- 2.2 How will data access and security be managed?
- 2.3 How will you handle copyright and Intellectual Property Rights issues?

3. Data storage and preservation

- 3.1 How will your data be stored and backed-up during the research?
- 3.2 What is your data preservation plan?

4. Data sharing and reuse

- 4.1 How and where will the data be shared?
- 4.2 Are there any necessary limitations to protect sensitive data?
- 4.3 All digital repositories I will choose are conform to the FAIR Data Principles.
 - 4.4 I will choose digital repositories maintained by a non-profit organisation.



- Keep it short and simple
- Be stingy with words
- Have one idea per sentence
- Use the active form
- Use positive phrases
- Use concrete terms

«we used the method» not «the method was used» «the results are different» not «the results are not the same» «it will be published in Nature» not «it will be published in a reputable journal»

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- Don't write in «sophisticated style»
- Save on adjectives and adverbs
- Avoid unnecessary constructions
- Don't nominalise
- Don't use empty modifiers
- Don't use tautologous modifiers

- e.g. «It is clear that», «the fact is that», «in an attempt to», «in order to»
 - «reduce» not «achieve a reduction in length»
- e.g. «basically», «indeed», «quite», «actually»
- e.g. «completely finish», «may potentially», «ultimate result», «blue in colour»



- 1. Organize yourselves in groups of two (5 minutes)
- 2. Each group will engage with the first section of the SNSF DMP (20 minutes)
 - Read requirements
 - Write answers and questions
 - Discuss with other group members
 - Designate presenter

3. Presentation and discussion of findings (20 minutes)

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Plan & Design: DMP - Data Collection and Documentation

1.1 What data will you collect, observe, generate or reuse?

• Type, format (NEAD), content, volume of data, reference to data (if reused)

1.2 How will the data be collected, observed, generated?

- Standards methodology, quality assurance
- File organisation and versioning (folder structures, git, ELN/LIMS, etc.)

1.3 What documentation and metadata will you provide?

- Scientific Metadata (README, metadata standards)
- General Metadata (Depending on choice of data repository)

Plan & Design: DMP - Ethics, Legal and security issues

2.1 How will ethical issues be addressed and handled?

- Information and consent to using personal data, location of critical infrastructure ase well as rare and protected species
- Requirements for assessments by ethical review boards, premission by third parties
- Description of Pseudonymisation or Anonymisation Methods

2.2 How will the data access and security be managed?

- Distinguish datasets according to the level of risk (cf. §2.1) and use an adverb to describe the level of risk («high», «medium», «low»)
- State Storage Location, secure transmission, access restruction, IT infrastructure

2.3 How will you handle copyright and Intellectual Property Rights Issues?

- Consider non-dislosure agreements, potential patents, research collaborations accross institutions
- Recommendation to use CC0 where possible

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Plan & Design: DMP - Data Storage and Preservation

3.1 How will your data be stored and backed-up during the research?

• Backup strategy for work at all stages of research (amount of storage needed, frequency of updates, responsibilities, security measures)

3.2 What is your data preservation plan?

- Data formats
- Selection mode for data to be preserved (all relevant data related to reported results, long term preservation of unique datasets)

Plan & Design: DMP - Data Sharing and Reuse

4.1 How and where will the data be shared?

- Repository of choice (non-commercial preferred and required for contribution of up to 10'000 CHF for storage)
- Metadata Policy of said repository

4.2 Are there necessary limitations to protect sensitive data?

• Reasons data cannot be published at certain times (Section §2.1)

4.3 All Digital Repositories I will choose conform to FAIR Data?

Check box

4.4 All Digital Repository I will choos are mainained by a non-profit oranisation?

• If no, provide justification (costs will not be covered)

Thank you for your attention!

Feedback!

Please give us a short feedback

Questions?

Presentation slides: lib4ri.ch > Learn > Trainings

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Appendix: Eawag

- Four links under data.eawag.ch:
 - <u>https://opendata.eawag.ch/eawagrdm/help/quickstart.html</u>
 - <u>https://opendata.eawag.ch/eawagrdm/help/opendata.html</u>
 - <u>https://doi.org/10.25678/000066</u>
 - <u>https://www.internal.eawag.ch/fileadmin/intranet/informatik/datenman/rdm/directive_archiving_o</u>
 <u>f_researchdata.pdf</u>
- Difference between ERIC/internal (data.eawag.ch) and ERIC/open (opendata.eawag.ch)
- Services are in the form of guides and consulting. Most notable guides in addition to the one mentioned above are
 - <u>https://doi.org/10.25678/000033</u>
 - <u>https://opendata.eawag.ch/eawagrdm/software-licensing.html</u>
- Finally the list of resources can be helpful:
 - <u>https://opendata.eawag.ch/eawagrdm/resources.html</u>



Appendix: Empa

oGeneral overview of topics:

https://www.empa.ch/web/s909/overview

•Support topics like DMP template of Empa:

https://www.empa.ch/web/s909/support1

OpenBIS

oGeneral overview: https://www.empa.ch/group/s909/openbis

oDocumentation & trainings info:

https://www.empa.ch/group/s909/documentation-tutorials

Appendix: File Formats EPFL

Bibliothèque de l'EPFL, Research Data, fast guide #4», 2019, https://bit.ly/3NFloYx

TYPE OF DATA	APPROPRIATE	ACCEPTABLE	DEPRECATED
Tabular (extensive metadata)	CSV – HDF5	TXT – HTML – TEX – FASTQ ^[3] – POR	
Tabular (minimal metadata)	CSV – TAB – ODS – SQL – TSV	XML (if appropriate DTD) – XLSX	XLS – XLSB
Textual / Presentation	TXT – PDF – ODT – ODM – TEX – MD – HTM – XML – EXTXYZ ^[4] – ODF	PPTX – RTF – DOCX – PDF (with embedded forms) – EPS – IPF	DOC – PPT – DVI – PS
Code / Computation	M – R – PY – IYPNB – RSTUDIO – RMD – NETCDF – AIML	SDD	MAT — RDATA
Image & Spectroscopy	TIF - PNG - SVG - JPEG - FITS	$\begin{array}{l} JCAMP - JPG - JP2 - TIF - TIFF \\ - PDF - GIF - BMP - DM3 - OIR \\ - LSM \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	INDD — AIT — PSD — SPC
Audio	FLAC — WAV — OGG — MXL — MIDI — MEI — HUMDRUM	MP3 — AIF	
Video	MP4 – MJ2 – AVI – MKV	OGM – MP4 – WEBM	WMV - MOV - QT
Geospatial	NETCDF – tabular GIS attribute data – SHP – SHX – DBF – PRJ – SBX – SBN – POSTGIS – TIF – TFW – GEOJSON	MDB — MIF	
3D structures & images	X3D – X3DV – X3DB – PDF3D – POV – PDBML	DWG – DXF – PDB	РХР
Generic	XML – JSON – RDF		

ETH-Library, File formats for archiving, 2022, https://bit.ly/3DBqXmb

Assessment of various file formats

Table 1: Our assessment of future readability of some common file formats. (For more detailed information we refer to the recommendations of the Bundesarchiv (German), the KOST (German or French), the Memoriav, the Forschungsdatenzentrums Archäologie & Attertumswissenschaften IANUS (Germany), the Library of Congress and the Harvard Library.)

File type	Recommended	Suitable to only a limited extent	Not suitable for archiving
Text	 PDF/A (*,pdf, preferred subtypes 2b and 2u) Piain Text (*,bdf, *,asc, *,c, *,h, *,cpp, *m, *,py, *r etc.) coded as ASCII, UTF-8, or UTF-16 using byte order mark. XML (inclusive XSD/XSL/XHTML etc.; with included or accessible schema and character encode explicitly specified) 	PDF (*,pdf) with embedded fonts Plain text (*,txt, *asc, *c, *th, *cpp, *m, *,py, *r etc.) (ISO 8859-1 coded) Rich Text Format (*rtf) HTML and XML (The ASCII text is readable over long term; try to avoid external links.) Not accepted for publication, OK for supplementary materials: Word *.docx PowerPoint *.pptx LaTeX, TRX (The ASCII text is readable over long term; open source software required for formatting and the resulting PDF should be included.) OpenDocument formats (*.odm, *.odt, *.odg, *.odc, *.odf)	Word *.doc PowerPoint *.ppt
Spreadsheet or table	Comma- or tab delimited text files (%csv)	Excel *xxisx (container format) OpenDocument spreadsheets (*.ods)	Excel *.xls, *.xlsb (binary formats)
Raw data and workspace		ASCII Text is suitable for long-term use, but the data import may be time-consuming, S-Plus files (*.sdd) may be saved as text files. Matiab *.mat files may be saved in HDP Format. Saving nontrivial ASCII Matiab *.mat files should be avoided because they are not readable with the Matiab load command (see table 2), Network Common Data Format or NetCDF (*.nc, *.cdf) Hierarchical Data Format (HDP5) (*.h5, *.hdf5, *.he5)	 Binary files such as the standard Matiab files ",mat or the R files ",RData
Raster image (bitmap)	TIFF (*.tif) (uncompressed, preferentially TIFF 6.0, Part 1: baseline TIFF). TIFF is preferred as compared to PNG or JPEG2000. Portable Network Graphics (*.png, uncompressed) JPEG2000 (*.jp2, lossless compression) Digital-Negative-Format (*.dng) to keep raw data of digital fotos in addition to an second copy in TIFF format	TIFF (*tif) (compressed) GIF (*.gif) BMP (*.bmp) JPEG/JFIF (*.jpg) JPEG2000 (lossy compression) (*.jp2)	
Vector graphics	SVG without JavaScript binding (*.svg)		Graphics InDesign (*.indd), Illustrator (*.ait) Encapsulated Postscript (*.eps) Photoshop (*.psd)
CAD	AutoCAD Drawing (*.dwg) Drawing Interchange Format, AutoCAD (*.dxf) Extensible 3D, X3D (*.x3d, *.x3dv, *.x3db)		
Audio	WAV (*.wav) (uncompressed, pulse-code modulated)	 Advanced Audio Coding (*.mp4) MP3 (*.mp3) 	
Video ¹	FFV1 codec (version 3 or later) in Matroska container (*.mkv)	MPEG-2 (*.mpg,*mpeg) MP4, which is also called MPEG-4 Part 14 (*.mp4) QuickTime Movie (*.mov) ² Audio Video Interleave (*.avi) Motion JPEG 2000 (*.mj2, *.mjp2)	Windows Media Video (*.wmv)

Footnotes

¹ In addition to the file format (or container format), also the codec and the compression method are important. See lanus, Memoriav and KOST for further information.

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² In the Version of Nov 21, 2018 of the current document, the format QuickTime Movie was downgraded from _Recommended" to _Suitable to only a limited extent". Apple discontinued the support of Windows QuickTime Player in the year 2016. Windows Media Player thus only supports file format versions 2.0, or earlier, of QuickTime Movie files.



Appendix: References (Slide 18)

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https://digitalscience.figshare.com/articles/report/The_State_of_Open_Data_Report_2019/9980783/2

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Appendix: Icon References

Slide 4:

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- Flaticon, «Checkliste», <u>https://www.flaticon.com/de/kostenloses-icon/checkliste_2666469</u>, free for personal and commercial use.
- PLoS, «Open Access logo», <u>https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Open_Access_logo_PLoS_white.svg</u>, CC-0.
- «Databases and People», <u>https://freesvg.org/databases-and-people</u>, CC-0.
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- Felixmh, «Krischen-Früchte-Natur-Symbol», free commercial use.