

Making Data Open: What you need to know





What is open data?



"Open data is freely available on the internet. Any user is permitted to download, copy, analyse, reprocess, and re-use it for any other purpose with minimal financial, legal, and technical barriers"

What it's not! : data stored in private files. Available only by request. Lost to the public and often the researcher that created it

Currently still only a small proportion of data is made openly available

But this is starting to change – driven partly by funders...



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Why should I make my data open?



- Good Science! : Add to the knowledge pool
- Have your data used in other's research
- Meet funder/institutional requirements
- Have your work confirmed, debunked, extended
- Avoids p-hacking and harking

"A key study published in PLOS One in 2020 found a correlation of **up to 25.36% more citations** for articles that share their data in a repository"

How sharing your data could increase your citations, Springer Nature, Jun 08, 2021

Great way to get more exposure, especially as an ECR...

Reproducibility and replicability?

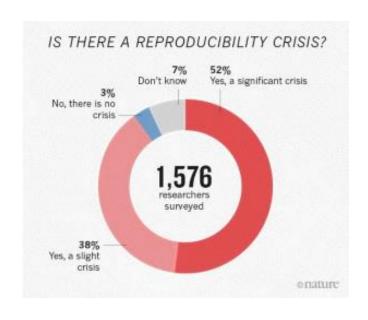


Reproducibility:

The same analysis with same data/code – but performed by a different person

Replicability:

Re-performing the experiment but using your own data – to create your own results



"More than half of researchers have tried and failed to reproduce another scientists experiments, and more than half have failed to reproduce their own experiments"—Baker, Nature 2016

I'm a bit worried about data sharing



- My data might be misinterpreted
- Is my data interesting enough
- People might contact me to ask questions
- My data is in a mess
- I'm too busy....
- Scooping



Next... What to share... and How to share it

What to deposit?





Data (open/common file formats)



Metadata (data about data)



Any other documentation (codebooks, software code, dataset structure)

How? Firstly...Plan



- Data Management Plan
- Keep track of everything
- Pre-register
- Share and license
- Report transparently, including all data and code in articles

Most researchers say their data sharing practice evolves and gets more organized and rigorous as their career develops

Creating a DMP



Check course booking Digital Research run online training sessions

<u>Data Management Plan | University Systems and Software | Toolkit | The University of Aberdeen (abdn.ac.uk)</u>

- DMPonline provides funder specific examples
- For more support contact: digitalresearch@abdn.ac.uk



- Public DMPs of EC-funded projects: <u>DMP Use Case Project (University of Vienna Phaidra o:1140797) (univie.ac.at)</u>
- Public DMPs in DMPOnline, argos and zenodo



Why pre-register?



- Prevents HARKing
- Prevents P-hacking (data dredging)
- Publication bias



- As Predicted
- OSF Pre-registration
- Subject specific platforms



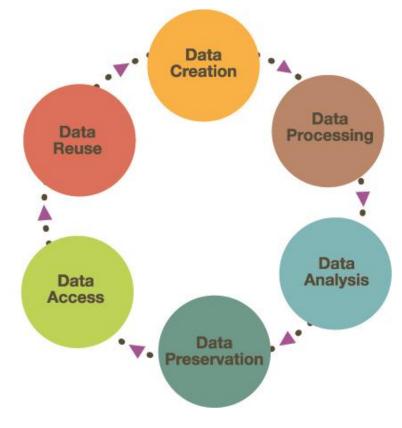




In an ideal world...



- 1. Data Management Plan, Pre-register
- 2. Collect and organize your data
- 3. Consider publishing in a pre-print
- 4. Publish open access
- 5. Share your data/methods/code with an open license



https://libguides.ntu.edu.sg/rdm/researchdatalifecycle



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FAIR ≠ Open



as open as possible, as closed as necessary



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FAIR principles





To make data digestible for humans and machines



The principles apply to metadata (data about our data) as well as data



Not only intended for open data



Principles NOT standards and can be applied gradually to your work

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What FAIR means: 15 principles



Findable:

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier;
- F2. data are described with rich metadata;
- F3. metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes:
- F4. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource;

Interoperable:

- (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles;
- (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data;

Accessible:

- A1. (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol;
- A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable;
- A1.2. the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary;
- A2. metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available;

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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Comprehensive descriptions can be found at https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/



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- Metadata
- RIDs
- Repositories

- Metadata
- Open file formats and software

- Metadata
- Ontologies
- Repositories

- Metadata
- Licences

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Metadata, a minimum...



- Title of the dataset
- Creators (contact details)
- Identifier –DOI
- Funder (grant details)
- Rights (licensing info)
- Access info (embargoes?)
- Language
- Project dates

- Project description
- Subject (keywords)
- Methodology
- Data structure
- Variable names

README.txt file - File folder hierarchy/context for the data

MIT Metadata Guidance: http://libraries.mit.edu/datamanagement/store/documentation/

Useful resources for FAIR data



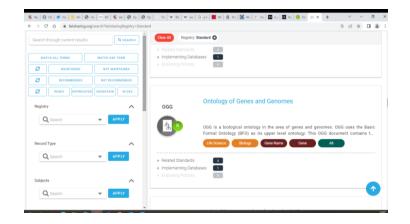
Fairsharing.org

- search for repositories, funder policies and standards
- lots of discipline specific policy information

ARDC FAIR checklist

- https://ardc.edu.au/resource/fair-data-selfassessment-tool/
- Check if your data complies with FAIR and tips to make it more compliant













Australian Research Data Commons



Repositories

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Publish Data — Where?



Journal service for supplementary material

Meet publisher requirements

Data available from published results

It can be costly and risky with data rights

Closed and unlikely access to ensure preservation

Institutional data repository

Accept various types of data, ensure longterm access

More reliable and there will be no costs

May not offer longterm sustainable access

May not have disciplinary metadata

Generic repository

Reach a wider audience.

Accepts several types, suitable for interdisciplinary data

Usually only simple metadata is available

No editorial control over the quality of deposited materials

Disciplinary repository

Offers expertise and experience in data management

Likely to accept complete data sets

Selective in the type of data they accept

Requires planning and high standards, may incur costs

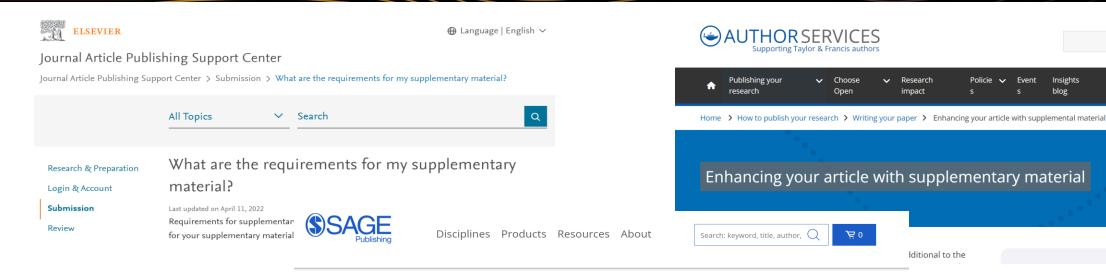
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Journal requirements



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Researcher

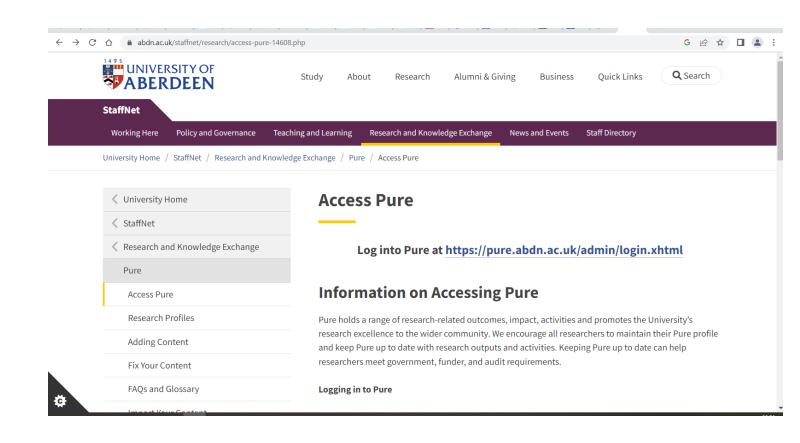


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Generic repository



Wider audience



Interdisciplinary





May only allow simple metadata





Generalist-Data-Repository-Grid.pdf (agu.org)

Disciplinary repository



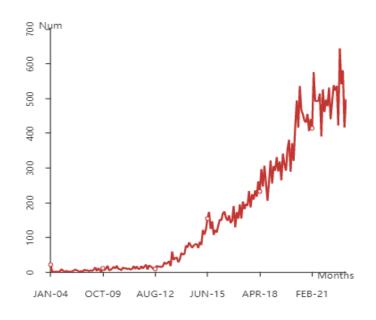
- Offer expertise
- Likely to accept complete datasets
- May be more selective in the data they accept

MetaboLights











Data paper Journals



- Scientific Data (Nature)
 https://www.nature.com/sdata
- Data in brief (Elsevier)
 https://www.journals.elsevier.com/data-in-brief/
- Data (MDPI)
 https://www.mdpi.com/journal/data
- Patterns (bio data intensive science)
 https://www.cell.com/patterns











Trustworthy Repositories



Certification Tools for repository auditing & certification.

- CoreTrustSeal (CTS)
- Nestor Seal;
- ISO 16363: 2013





Digitalbevaring.dk

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Licensing data and code

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Open licenses



- Applying a license removes uncertainty about what others can do with your work
- You can grant re-uses without others having to contact you
- You can modify the conditions and infringements you want to place
- Be clear! The easier you make it for people the more likely they will respect your wishes

Licensing Datasets



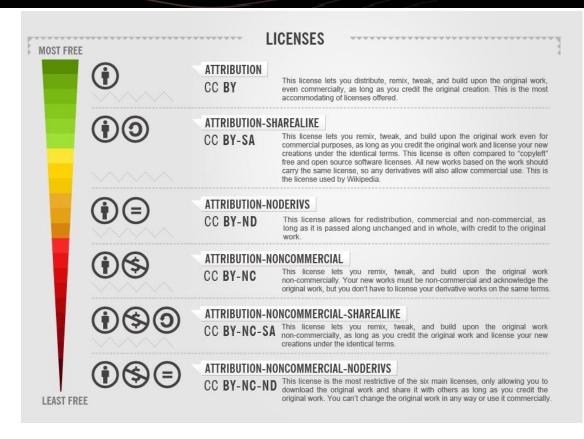
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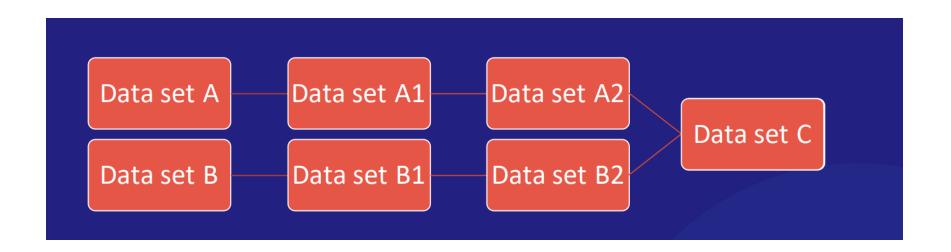


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Good for

- very simple, factual datasets
- data to be used automatically

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- the NC condition: only use with dual licensing
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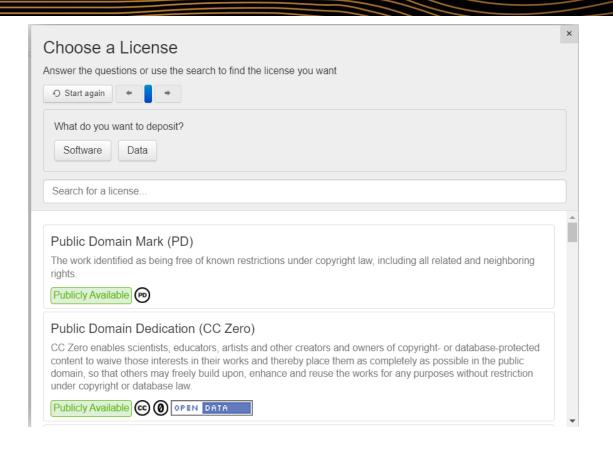
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