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Sharing Open Data

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TRAINERS

Agenda

FAIR/CARE (Esther)

What repository (Bosun)

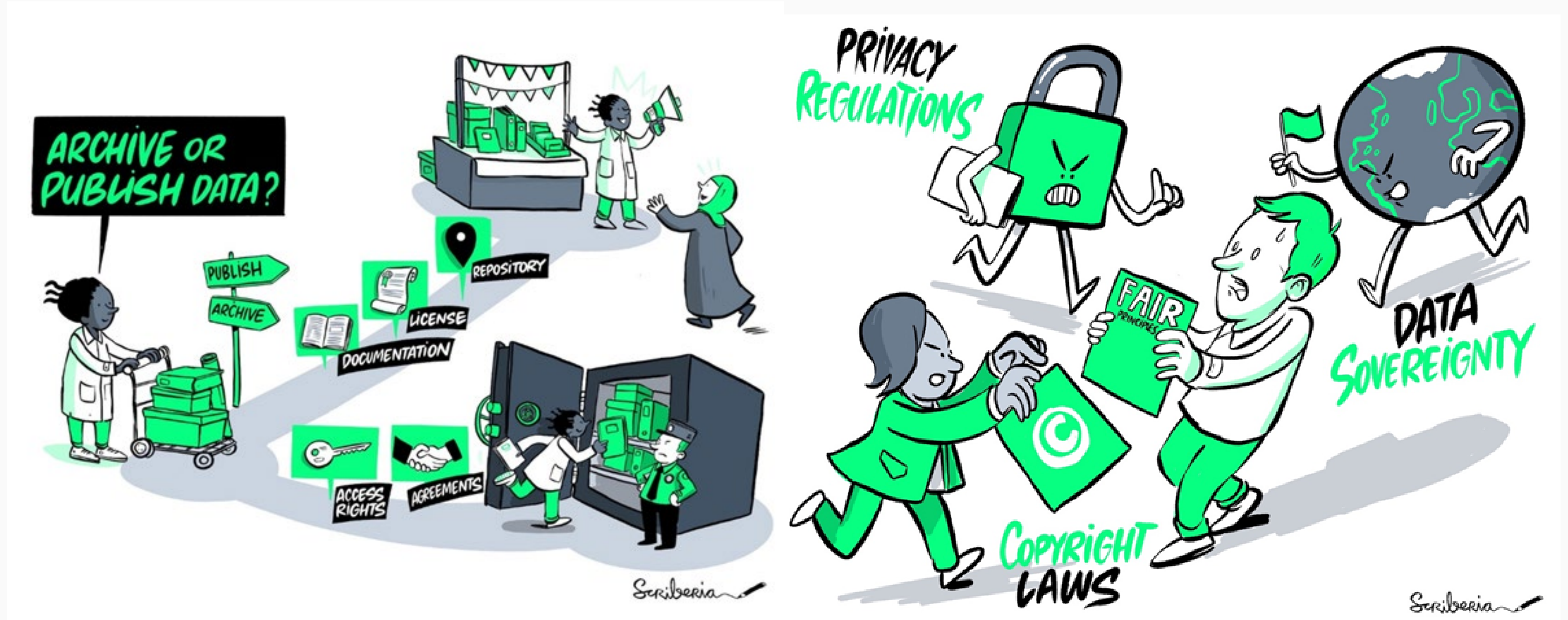
File formats (Bosun)

Reusable (Esther):

- Licenses
- Documentation

Data citation/linking research outputs (Esther)

SHOULD YOU SHARE?



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CARE

Carroll et al. 2020

<https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2020-043>

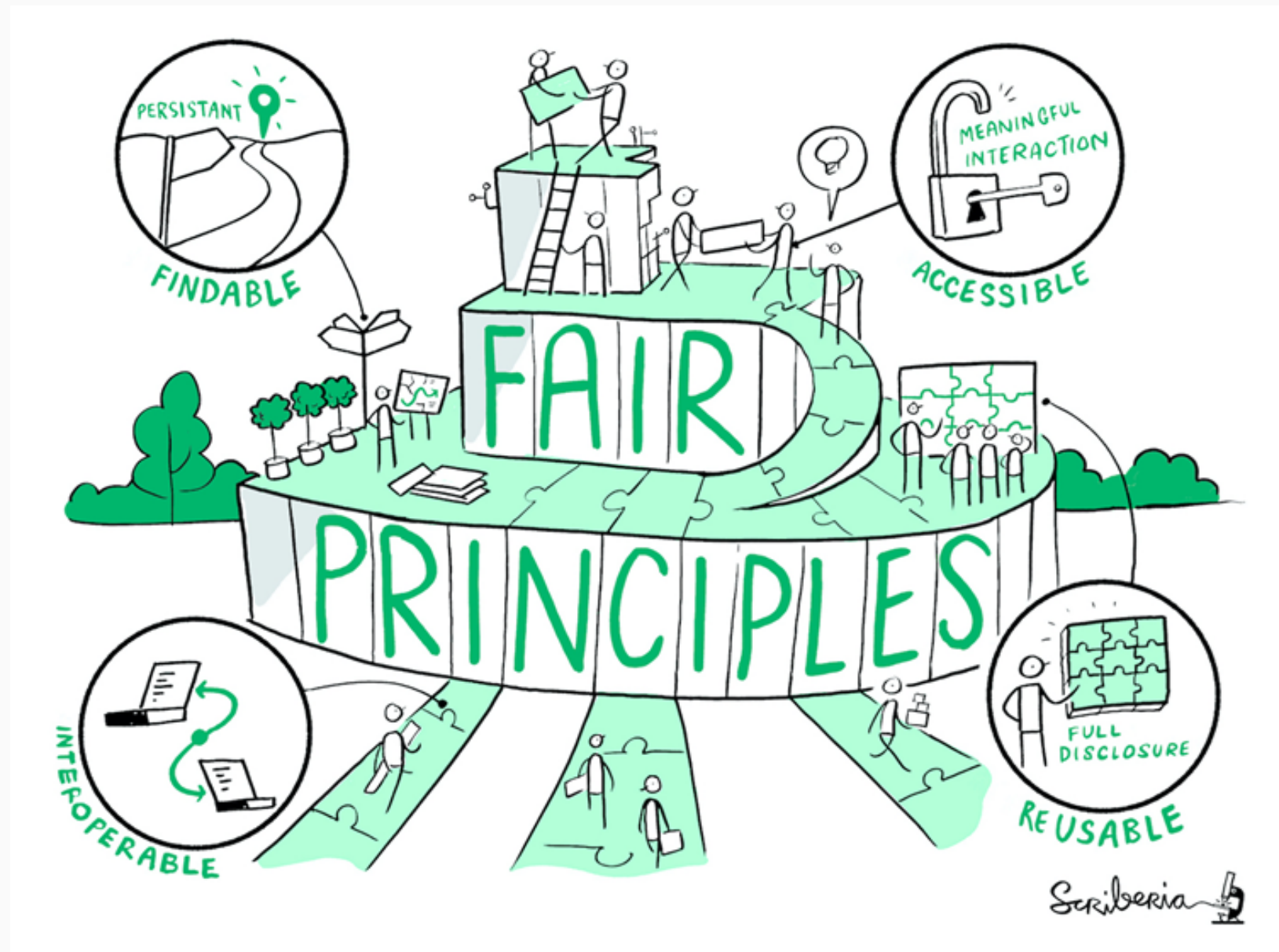


Adapted from Carroll et al. 2020
<https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2020-043>

FAIR

The Turing Way: FAIR

FAIR



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F

Findable

Descriptive metadata and persistent identifier

A

Accessible

Data could be openly available OR authentication and authorisation procedures are necessary

I

Interoperable

Data needs to be integrated with other data and interoperate with applications or workflows

R

Reusable

Documentation and license

DATA REPOSITORIES

[The Turing Way - selecting an appropriate repository](#)

Data should be submitted to **domain or discipline specific**, community recognised, repository where possible.

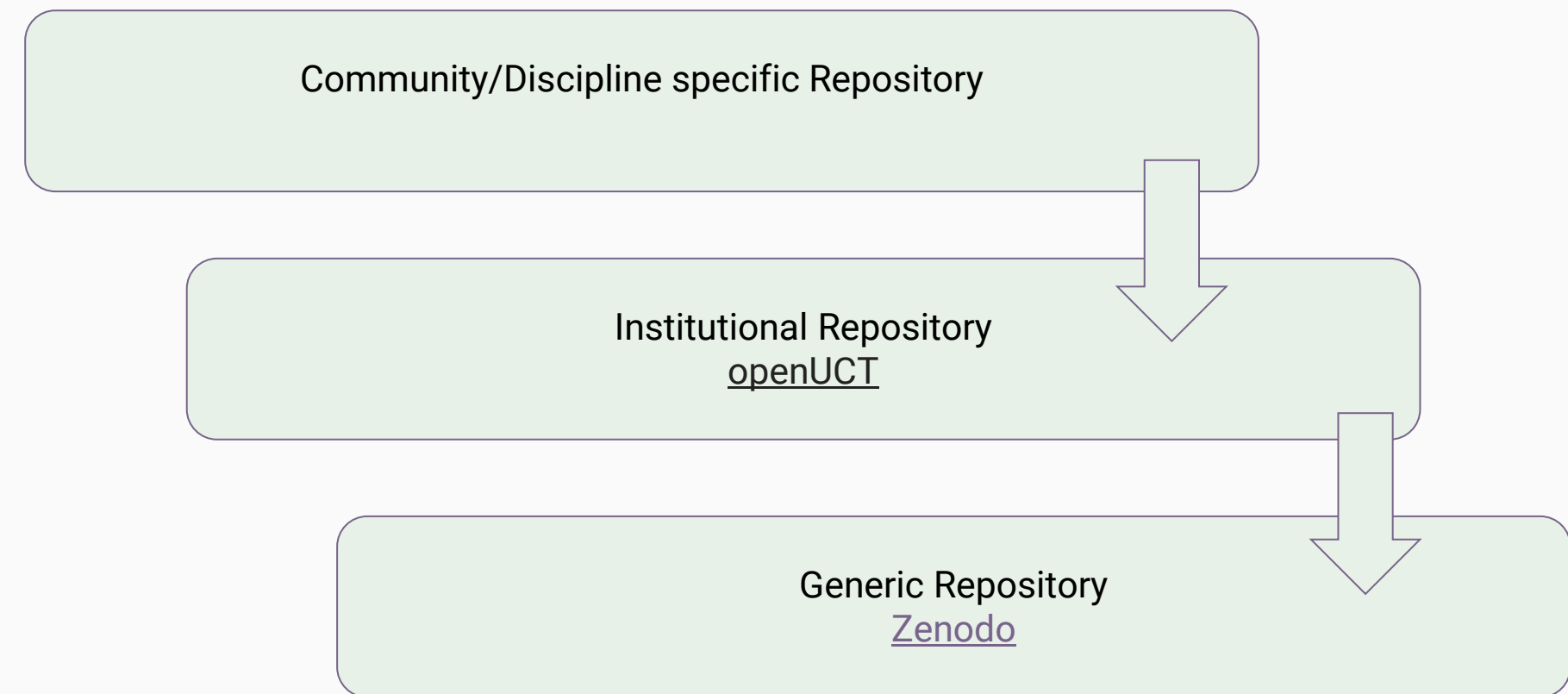
- Discipline specific data repositories are likely to have more functionalities for the type of data that you would like to share
- Community standards make the data more FAIR!

A **general purpose repository** can be used when there are no suitable discipline specific repositories.

Most of them assign **persistent identifiers** for data to become findable

May place requirements on **file formats** shared

With Open Data the data repository is responsible for long term preservation and access!



DATA REPOSITORIES EXAMPLES



Zenodo

General repository for data,
code, presentations, reports,
training materials
Uploads up to 50 GB

Figshare

General repository
Uploads up to 20 GB

Harvard Dataverse

General repository
Uploads up to 1 TB

Dryad

General repository
Uploads up to 300 GB

AfricArXiv

For African research that provides
a platform for African scientists
Free of cost

And more..

Find more using
[FAIRsharing](#) or [re3data](#)

Exercise 1

What data repository do you plan to use?

Or what type of repository have you already used?

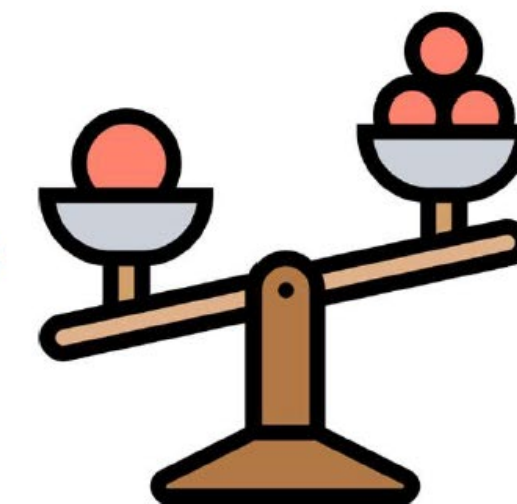


FILE FORMATS

- **Proprietary data formats** often are not readable without the corresponding (commercial) software and may become obsolete in the future. Examples include Word (.doc, .docx, etc), Excel (.xls, xlsx, etc), Wave for audio (.wav)
- **Open Data Format:** “a freely available published specification which places no restrictions, monetary or otherwise, upon its use”. - <https://opendefinition.org/ofd> Examples include .txt, .jpg, .mp3
- **Conversion** from proprietary to open formats is often possible, but may result in some loss of data

The file format balancing act

❖ Easy to use



- ❖ Interoperability
- ❖ Ease of re-use
- ❖ Sufficient metadata
- ❖ Independent from commercial software
- ❖ Data quality
- ❖ Traditions and conventions
- ❖ Future-proof
- ❖ Preferences of repository

Exercise 2

What file formats will you share the data in?

Are these formats proprietary or open? Why?



REUSABLE

- License
- Documentation

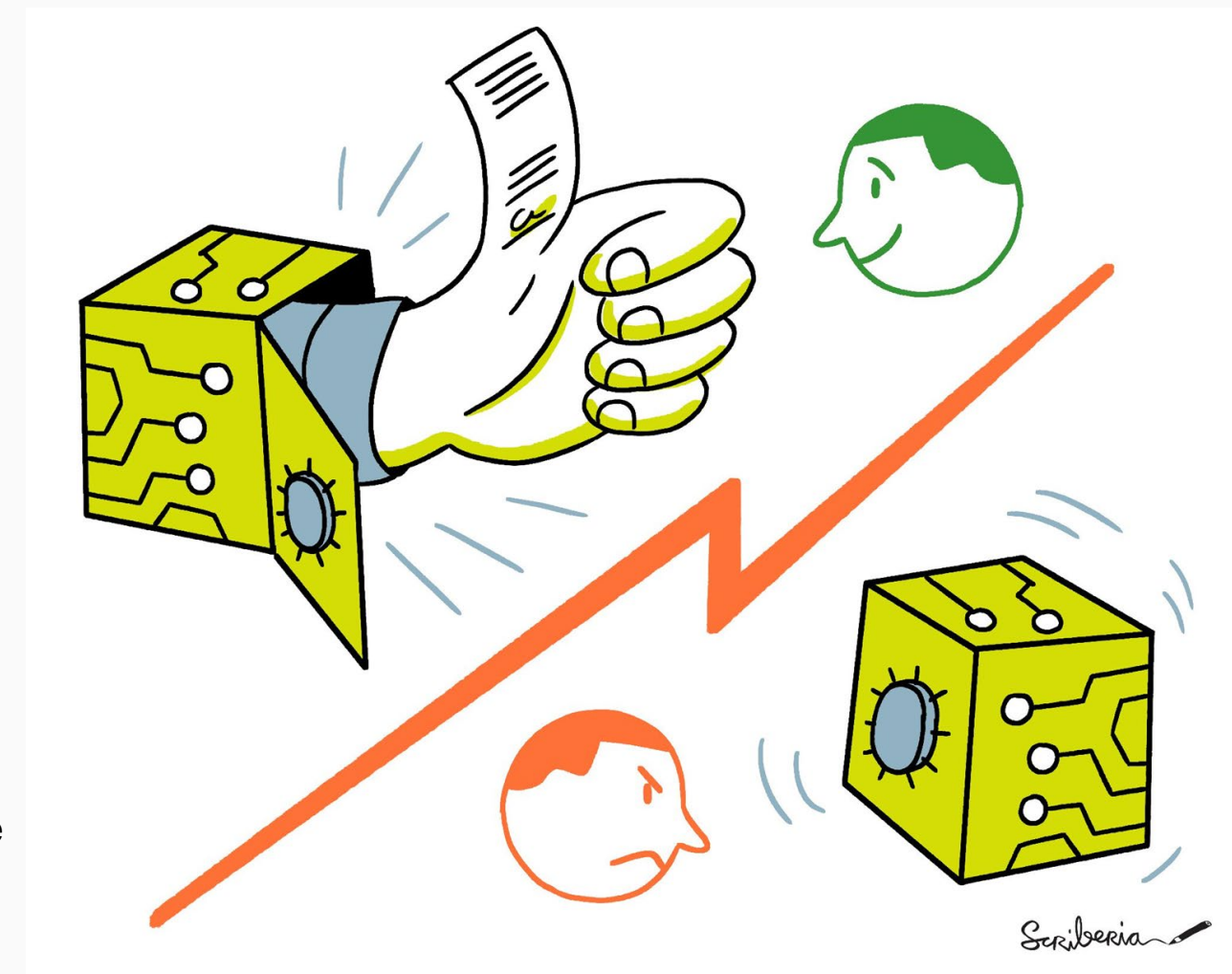
Also helps if you follow recommended research data management practices!



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LICENSES













- Formalised agreement of **what reusers can do** with the data/software
- If there is no license it doesn't mean it can be reused - the opposite!
- Software and data have different licenses
- Traditional Knowledge Licenses





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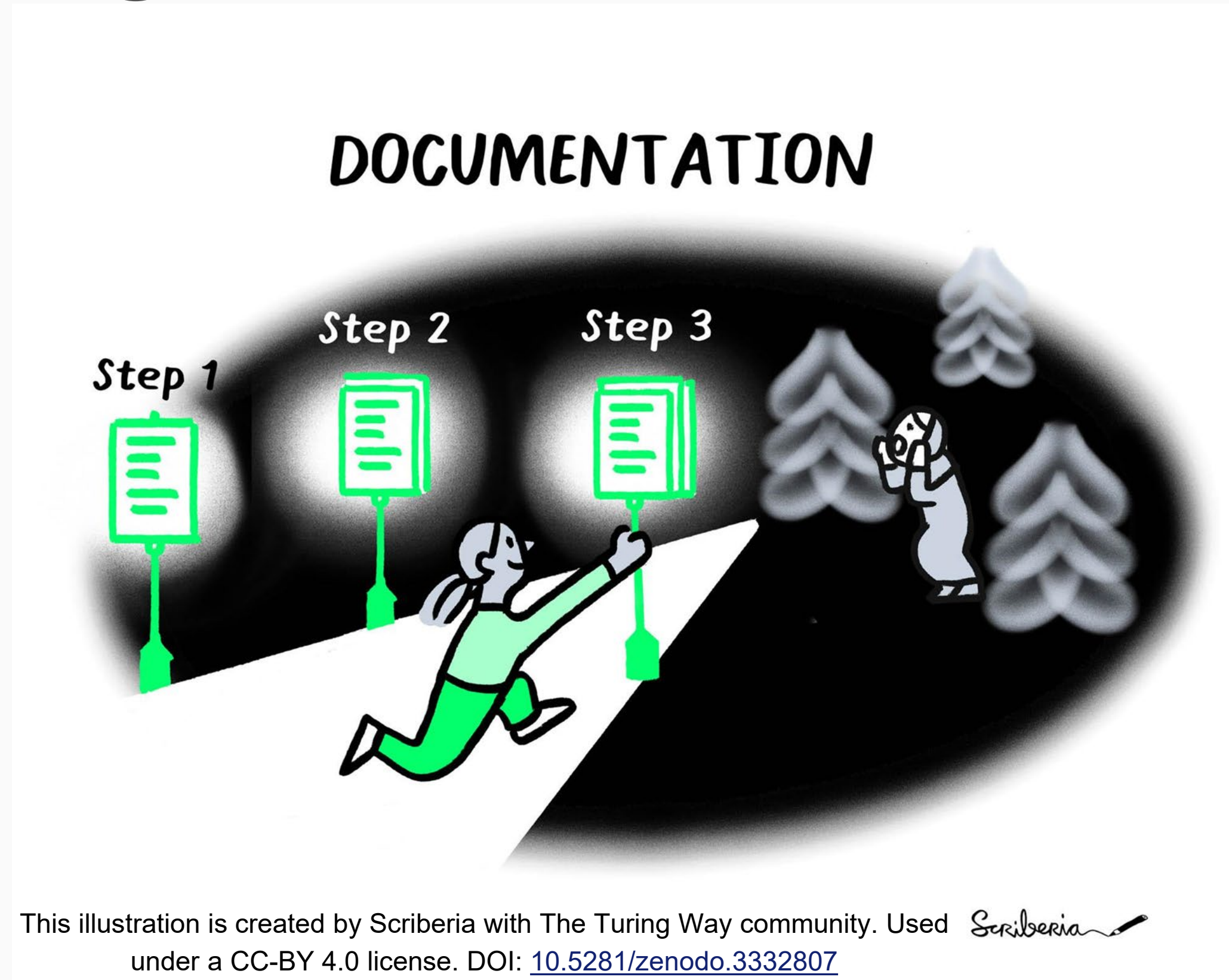
Exercise 3

What data license do you plan to share the data under? (see exercise level 1)



DOCUMENTATION

Documentation provides context for your work. It allows your collaborators, colleagues and future you to understand **what has been done** and **why**.



README

Write it in an **open format** such as .txt or .md (Markdown)

Make it clear **what the README file is documenting** (also add this to the README file):

- Project documentation: place the README file in the root folder
- File documentation: add the name of that file to the title of the README file.

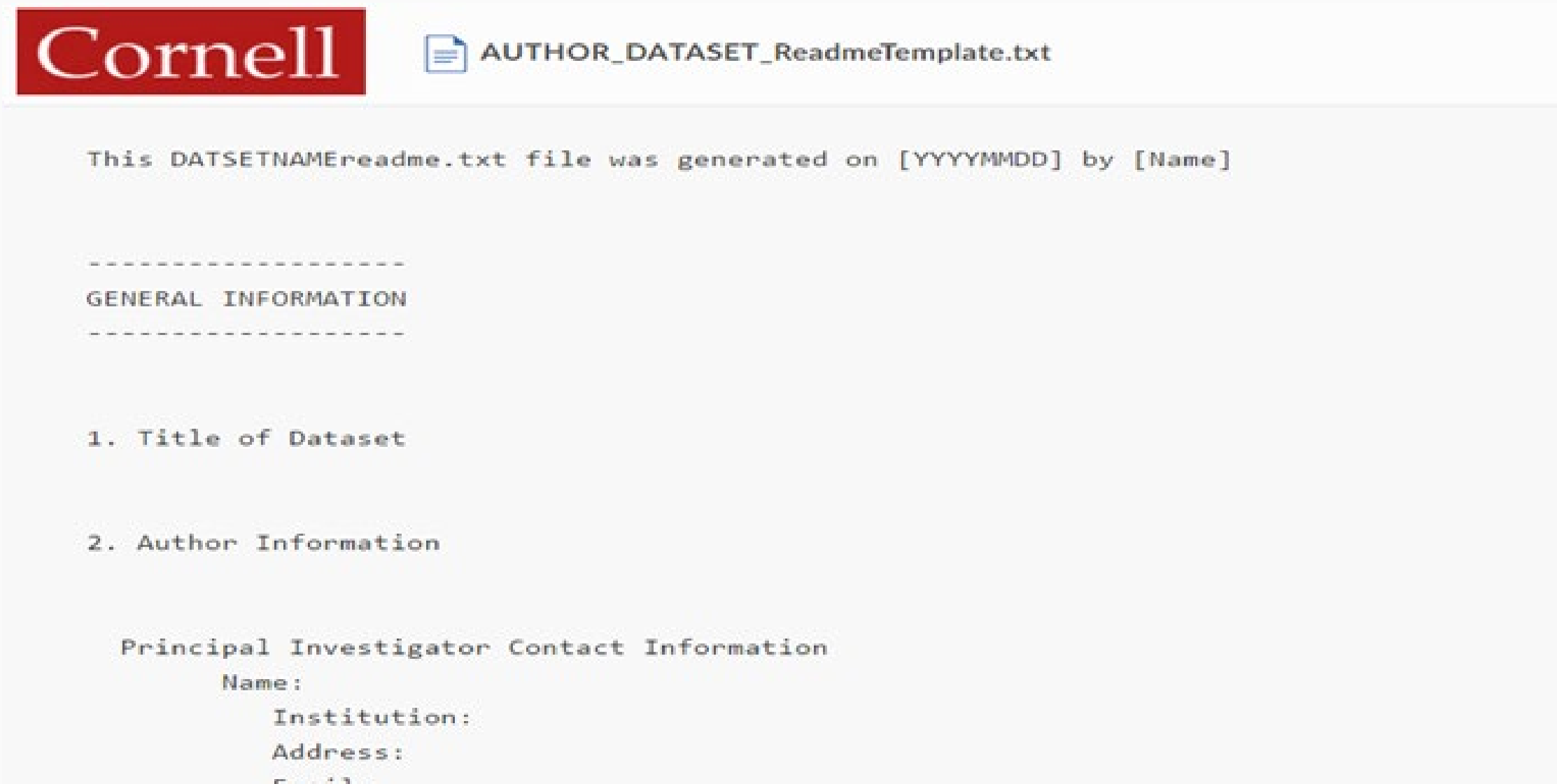
Structure it with **defined sections**

- General information
- Methodological information
- Sharing and access information

Tip: **Create a template** that you can re-use with multiple projects, datasets or files!

README - DATA

Use a README file to put your data into context:



The screenshot shows a Cornell University logo on the left and a file icon with the name 'AUTHOR_DATASET_ReadmeTemplate.txt' on the right. Below this is a preview of the README template content, which includes a header line with placeholders for date and name, a section for 'GENERAL INFORMATION', and a numbered list of requirements: '1. Title of Dataset' and '2. Author Information'. Under '2. Author Information', there is a sub-section for 'Principal Investigator Contact Information' with fields for Name, Institution, Address, and Email.

More information:

<https://datadryad.org/docs/README.md>

For Software README files, see [level 1 slide 23](#)

<https://data.research.cornell.edu/content/readme>

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Exercise 4

Write a
README file for
a (potential)
dataset you want
to share.

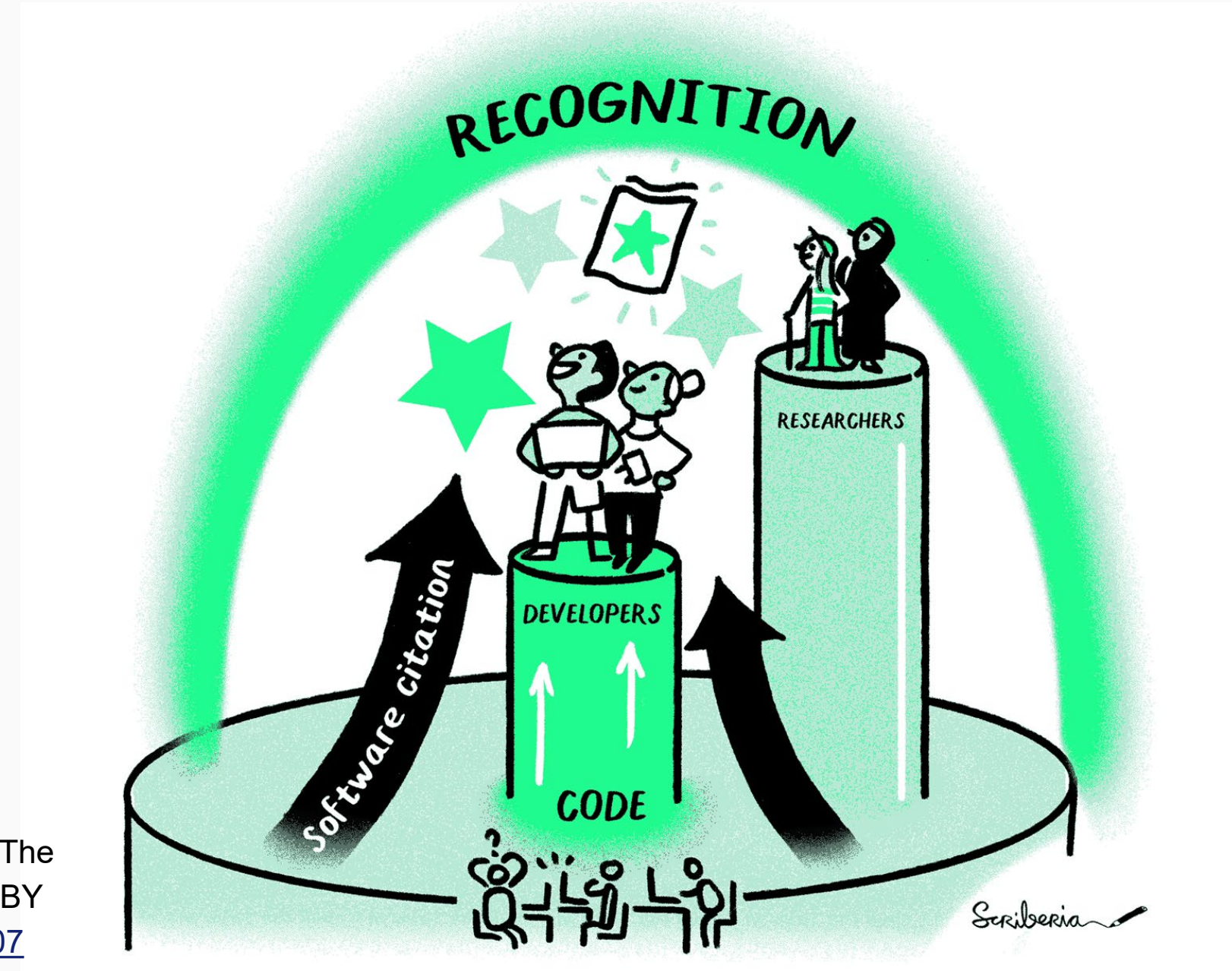
Exchange README
files and provide
feedback!



DATA CITATION

- In your **documentation**, include what data you collected and what data has been reused. This can be indicated in the:
 - Research article (citations and data availability statement)
 - New dataset
 - README files
- **Reused data should be cited** in the research article to ensure credit/counting for metrics!

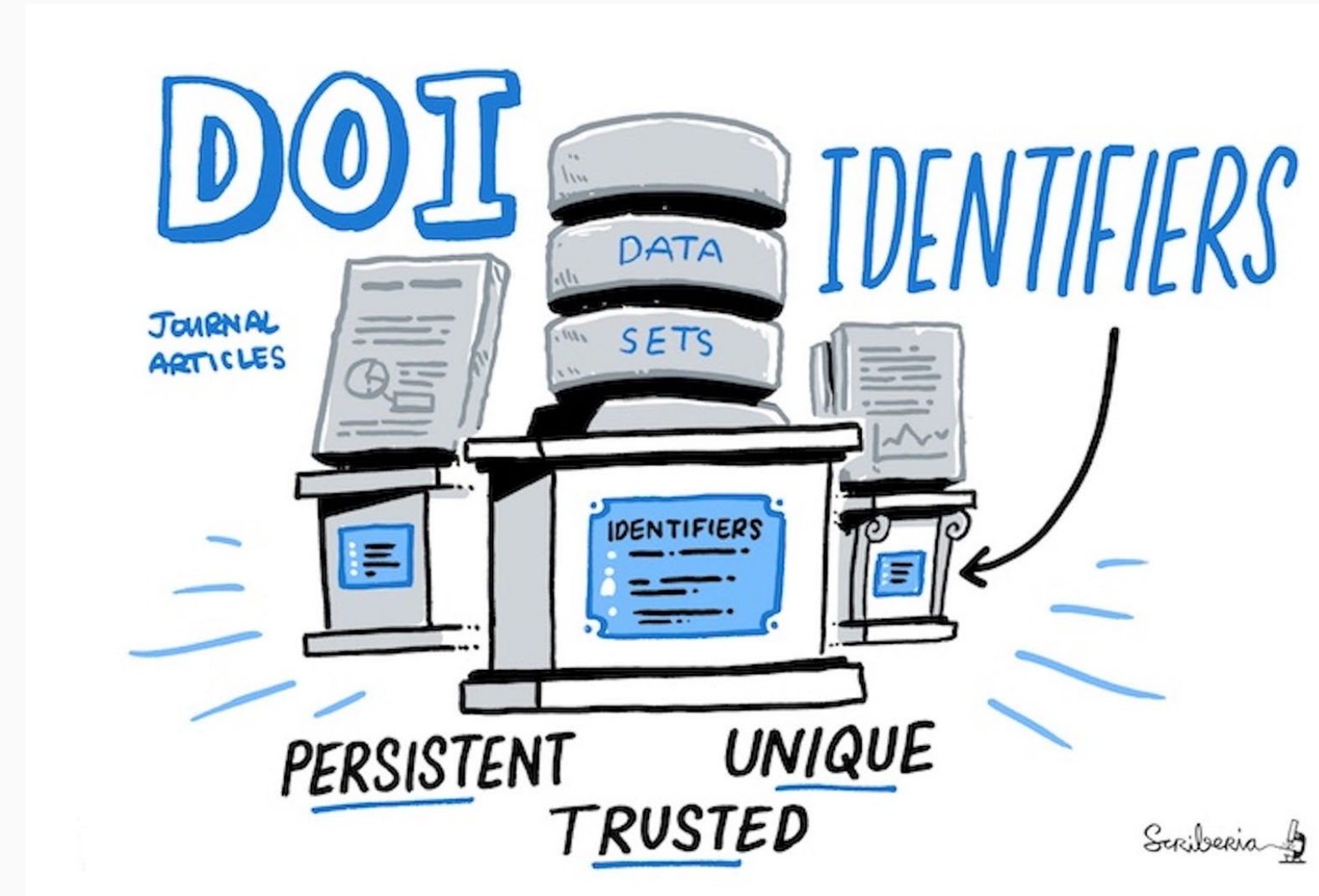
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HOW TO CITE DATA

A citation includes the following information:

- Author
- Title
- Year of publication
- Publisher (for data, this is often the data repository where it is housed)
- Version (if indicated)
- Access information (a URL or DOI)



DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

- A place where you can repeat in more detail what data has been reused, as well as the citations to those sources.
- See The Turing Way for some [example Data Availability Statements](#)

“The data that support the findings of this study are openly available in [repository name] at [http://doi.org/\[doi\]](http://doi.org/[doi]).”

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The data that support the findings of this study are available in Tables 2-4 as well as openly available at the 4TU.Centre for Research Data (Plomp, Verdegaal-Warmerdam, & Davies, 2020, <http://doi.org/10.4121/uuid:f6dc4f20-a6e0-4b2f-b2f8-b79a4f9061c3>).

LINKING RESEARCH OBJECTS

How do you link the data, code and article together?

- Linking Research Objects – The Turing Way

Always check whether the persistent identifier of the data/code is listed in the article (Data Availability Statement) and in the references! It is important to cite data like articles.



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QUESTIONS
&
ANSWERS?

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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RESOURCES

- Steps to share your data

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