



Data Management Planning

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Why DMPs?

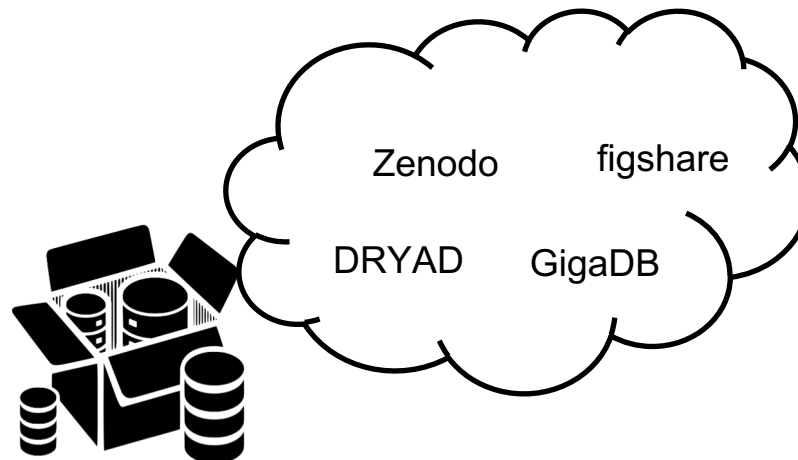
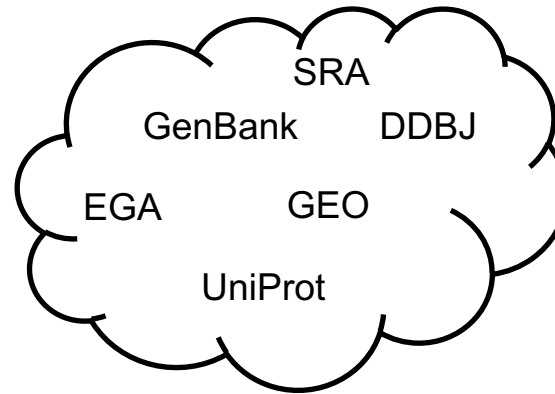
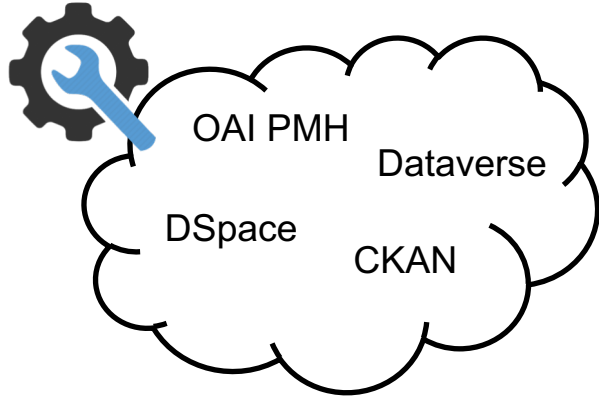
- Funder requirement



- “Ensure data management via DMPs.”
- “Researchers are accountable for how data is treated during and after the project.”
- timely release of data - once patents are filed or on (acceptance for) publication
- (open) data sharing - minimal or no restrictions if possible
- preservation of data - typically 5-10+ years

Making data a first class-citizen in research

— decades of efforts, varying levels of “FAIR” ness



Making data a first class-citizen in research

- A change in research culture and funding
- DMP is one such intervention
- Future interventions; reporting standards, code, computational reproducibility?

RDAP Review

EDITOR'S SUMMARY
With reproducibility of research becoming a leading issue in academia, libraries are examining their role in promoting data and information transparency. The National Science Foundation's requirement for data management plans in research projects, grant applications stressing evidence of unbiased results and scholars' demands for standards for reproducibility together highlight the need for attention to the issue. Libraries increasingly seek staff with skills to support their data repositories, curation and data management services, and library and information science programs are responding to the growing need for specialization, including courses in research reproducibility. A ready solution may be for librarians to develop best practices for research transparency and methods to document research workflow. As the demand grows for evidence that research can be replicated, libraries are well positioned not only to manage research data properly but also to enable it to be analyzed for reproducibility.

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reproducibility
research libraries
professional competencies
replicative studies

Is Research Reproducibility the New Data Management for Libraries?

by Cynthia R.H. Vitale

Research reproducibility has become a hot topic among academics in the last few years. With organizations such as **Retraction Watch** cataloging retractions of peer-reviewed literature, replication studies finding many research outcomes to not be reproducible [1, 2] and journals signing on to transparency policies [3, 4], strategies to address these topics have been at the forefront of much academic discussion. In response, many libraries are beginning to evaluate what role they may play in improving the reproducibility of the research conducted on their campuses. Though still mostly in the exploratory phase, this interest by libraries has, in many ways, resembled the growth of research data management services. What follows is an analysis of the current state of research data and research reproducibility movements in libraries, focusing on the catalysts for services, library-staffing strategies and services provided.

Catalysts for Change
In the years before the National Science Foundation (NSF) released its data management plan (DMP) requirement, libraries and library organizations were building socio-technical infrastructure for data management services, and more broadly, E-Science support, in the information science profession. Major professional organizations, such as the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the American Library Association (ALA) established initiatives focused on this topic [5]. Ideologically, studies have argued, data management is similar to information management and is something libraries and librarians know much about [6, 7]. Thus, when the NSF announced the DMP requirement in 2010, university libraries took it upon themselves to develop services to support their researchers in this area.

In contrast, the federal funding requirements for reproducibility are spread across numerous notices and guidelines. One notice released in October 2015 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) updated proposal instructions and review language under the *Implementing Rigor and Transparency in NIH & AHRQ Research Grant*

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What is a DMP?

- formal document
- awareness tool



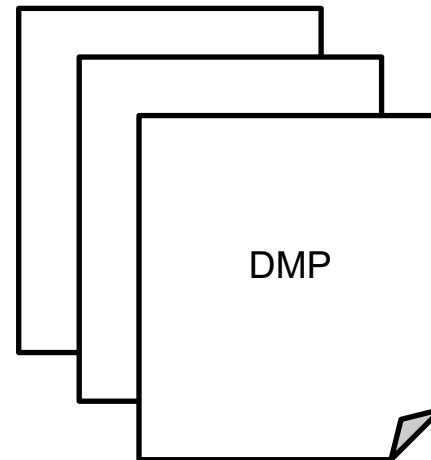
A DMP is shaped by

(Funder)
Requirements

Host
Infrastructure

Consortium/
Project

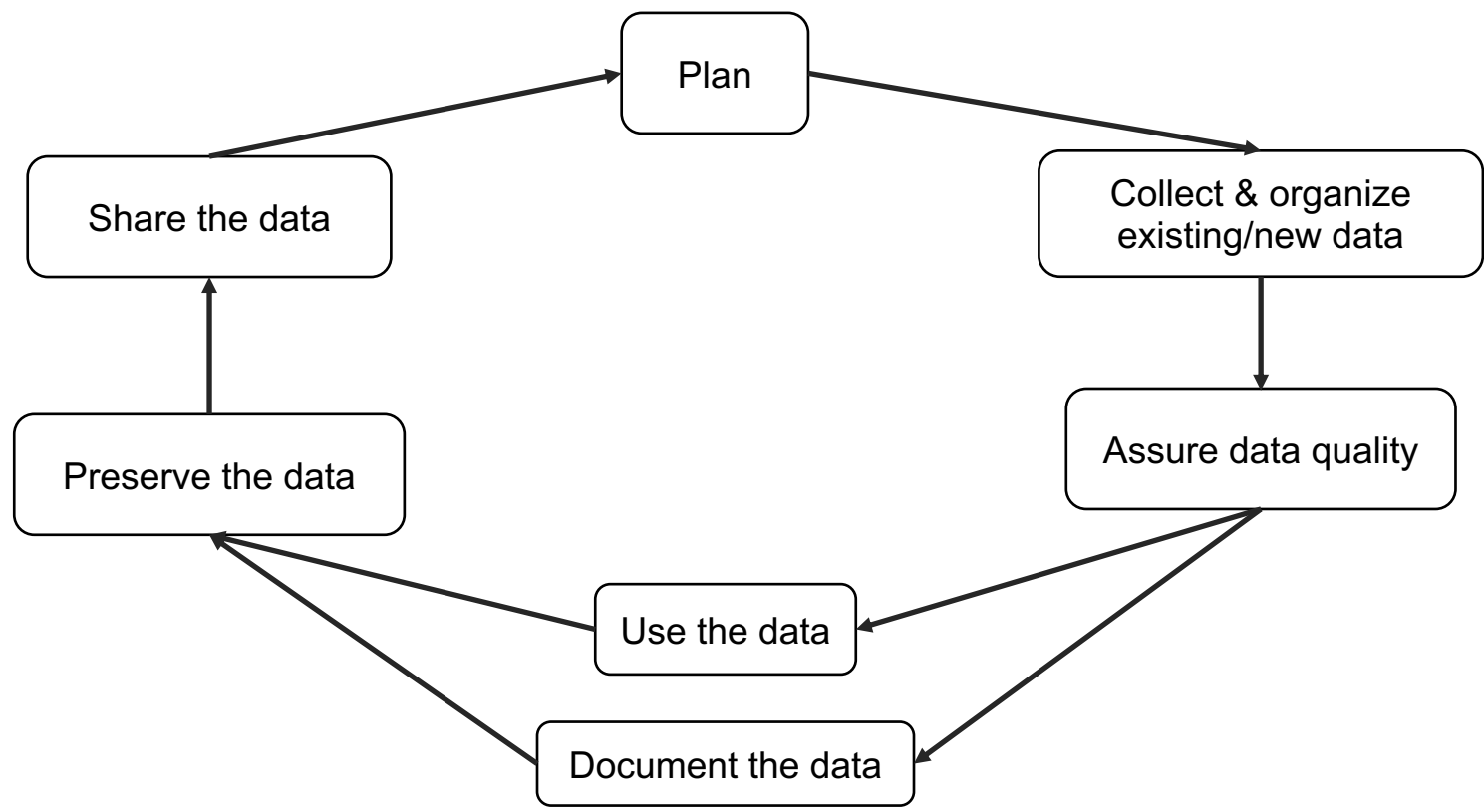
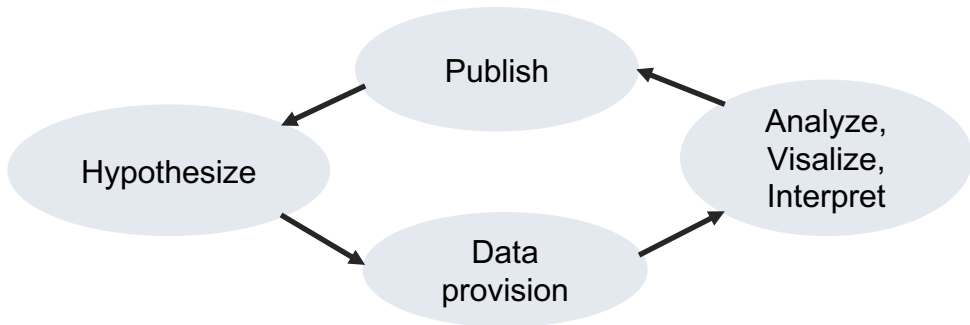
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Research



tip

An example goes a long way.

The DMP worldview



Adapted from "Ten Simple Rules for Creating a Good Data Management Plan". W Michener

Identification

- What constitutes " data "

Primary/Derived data

Research Record

Accompanying documents



tip

Be thorough when identifying data.

- Type, structure, format, size

tip

Identify data as early as possible, ideally during consortium setup.

Use of proprietary formats must be justified. Normally, a big no-no for preservation.

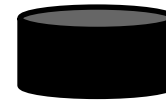
Collection or generation

- Reference data
- Newly generated data
 - Capture instrument, software, method
 - Period of capture and update

tip

Highlight re-use.
Justify generation.

- Sources, Subjects
- Cohort/Study/Site description



tip

Identify data utility during and after project, potential re-use.

High value data, e.g. one-time events, costly collection, validation studies

Storage and Preservation

- Platforms
 - Institutional, project-specific, other
- Transfer channels
- Backup policy
- Which data will be retained during and after the project? For how long?

Storing data on hard-drive/server/labbook is not preservation.

Estimate time and effort to prepare data for preservation e.g. export from DB

tip

Not all data may need to be retained, e.g. re-computable results.

Check whether institutional resources will suffice for your backup and recovery requirements.

Organization

- Data Management
- Data Organization
 - File organization/naming
 - Version management
 - Identifiers; accession, doi
 - Searchability



PostgreSQL

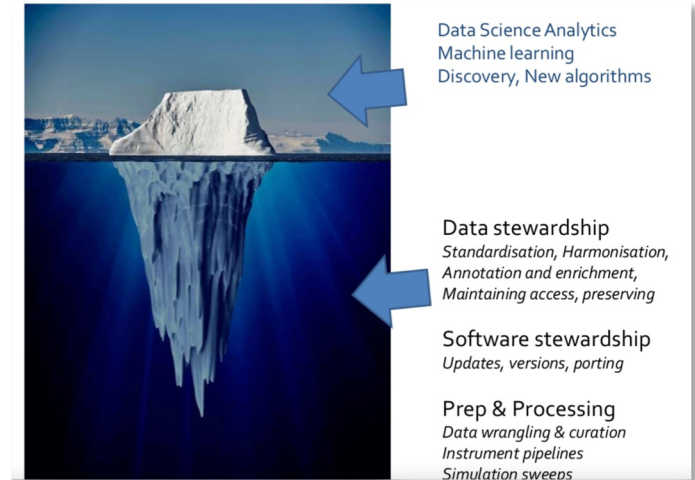


tip

Paid data management software also goes in to the DMP budget.

Quality Assurance and Control

- Automated or manual QA/QC measures for validity and integrity
 - Tool/pipeline
 - Training
 - Standards
 - Instrument Calibration
 - Visualisation/Analytics platform



tip Be very conservative in your assumptions of source data quality.

The New York Times

For Big-Data Scientists, 'Janitor Work' Is Key Hurdle to Insights



Monica Rogati, Jawbone's vice president for data science, with Brian Wilt, a senior data scientist.
Peter Dasilva for The New York Times

Ethics , Legal Complaince

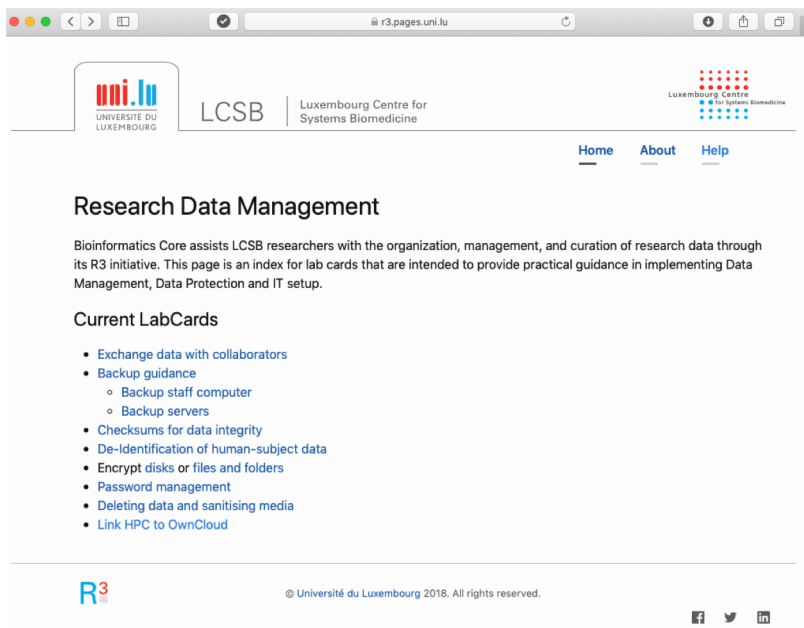
- What are the applicable regulations to your data?
- Is ethics/irb approval required?
- For Sensitive Human data, what is your Data Protection Concept?
 - Have you gained consent also for data sharing and preservation?
 - What type of agreements are needed during and after the project. – consortium agreement should cover sharing!
 - What are the protective measures for data and subject privacy?

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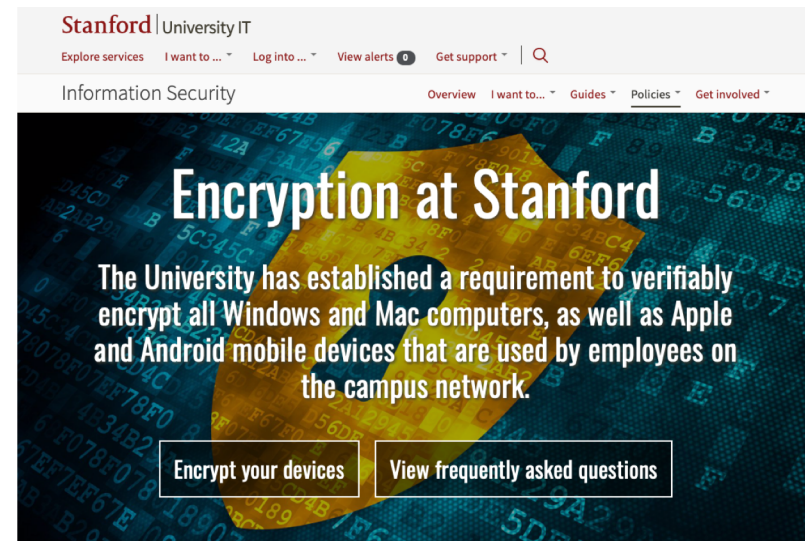
Seek support from Legal Office and Ethics Board. ...Standard clauses..

Security

- What are the security measures?
 - Encryption, Access Control, Password Management



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the R3 website. The page title is "Research Data Management". The content includes a paragraph about the Bioinformatics Core assisting LCSB researchers with research data organization and management through the R3 initiative. Below this, there is a section titled "Current LabCards" with a bulleted list of links: "Exchange data with collaborators", "Backup guidance" (with sub-links for "Backup staff computer" and "Backup servers"), "Checksums for data integrity", "De-Identification of human-subject data", "Encrypt disks or files and folders", "Password management", "Deleting data and sanitising media", and "Link HPC to OwnCloud". The footer contains the R3 logo, copyright information for Université du Luxembourg 2018, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.



The screenshot shows the Stanford University IT website page for "Information Security". The main heading is "Encryption at Stanford". The text below reads: "The University has established a requirement to verifiably encrypt all Windows and Mac computers, as well as Apple and Android mobile devices that are used by employees on the campus network." At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Encrypt your devices" and "View frequently asked questions". The background of the page features a large, stylized padlock icon and a pattern of binary code.

tip

Refer to standards, institutional policy/procedures.

e.g. ISO 27001, SAML SSO

Documentation

- **Metadata:** Information enabling the read and interpretation of data
- What documentation and metadata will accompany the data
- Required for publicly shared data
- How will you capture/create it
 - Basics e.g. title, source, license
 - Standards e.g. Minimum information guidelines



tip

Estimate effort for documentation before committing to it in the DMP.

Ownership, Intellectual rights, Access

- Will data stay in the public domain?
- Or are there IP restrictions for ownership (consortium owns the data), copyright commercialisation.
- What will be the license for the data?
- May be added during DMP update

tip

<https://eudat.eu/services/userdoc/b2share-usage>

<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data>

Dissemination

- If, when and how will you share data?

Data Paper, Repository, Database

- For sensitive human data what is the access orchestration process?
- May be added during DMP update



tip

Prefer repositories that handle preservation and access-orchestration.

DMP as a living document

- You will be expected to update your DMP

First version

Once a project has had its funding approved and has started, you **must submit a first version of your DMP** (as a deliverable) within the first 6 months of the project. The Commission provides a DMP template in annex, the use of which is recommended but voluntary.

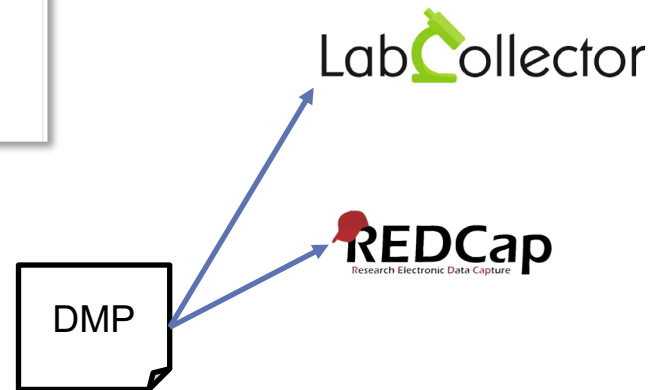
Updates

The DMP needs to be updated over the course of the project whenever significant changes arise, such as (but not limited to):

- new data
- changes in consortium policies (e.g. new innovation potential, decision to file for a patent)
- changes in consortium composition and external factors (e.g. new consortium members joining or old members leaving).

The DMP should be updated as a minimum in time with the periodic evaluation/assessment of the project.

- If there are no other periodic reviews foreseen within the grant agreement, then such an update needs to be made in time for the final review at the latest.
- Furthermore, the consortium can define a timetable for review in the DMP itself.



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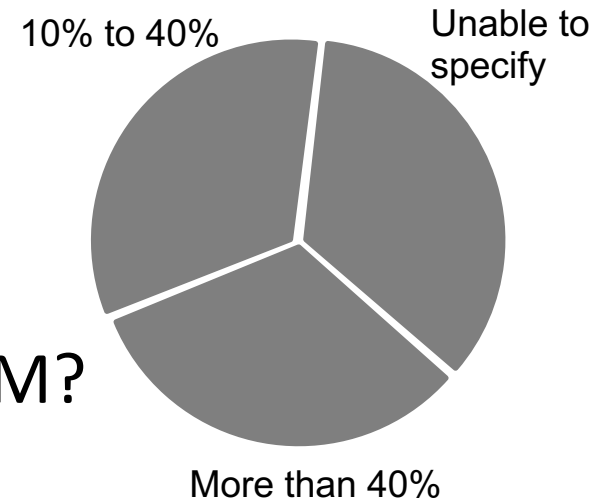
Annex DMP with executable specifications rather than static listings.

Budgeting for Data Management

— 5% of total project costs

An 2016 survey:

- Infra providers, libraries, universities
- What percentage of total budget of your organization is allocated for RDM?

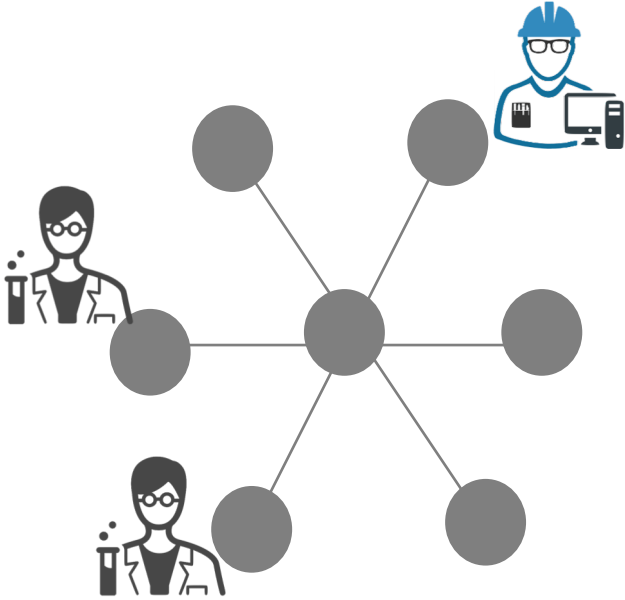


A commonly cited recommendation:

- An overall average of **5% of the total project costs**to sustain and share data”

Roles and responsibilities

— DMP via “data specialist” partner



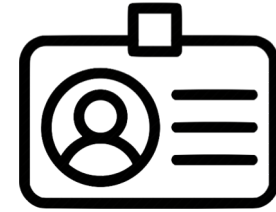
- Main author of the DMP
- Task planning and follow up.

tip

DMP tools may be of help to the “data special” partner
Or to researchers when writing their DMP for the very first time.

Administrative information

- DMP ID
- Funder, Grant ID
- Project name description
- PI , Data Contact name and ID
- Dates
- Related policies



DMP tools

- UK DCC 

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

<https://dmponline.be>

roadmap

<https://github.com/DMPRoadmap/>

- University of California DCC

<https://dmptool.org>



- Dutch Techcenter for Life Sciences, ELIXIR-NL

<https://app.ds-wizard.org/welcome>



DMP Online

Pinar's Plan

Project Details | Plan overview | Write Plan | Share | Download

*** Project title**
Pinar's Plan

mock project for testing, practice, or educational purposes

Funder
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

Grant number
345345345

Project abstract
TEst abstract

ID
PROJECT-ID

Principal Investigator

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Phone
342342324234

Data Contact Person
 Same as Principal Investigator

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Select

To help you with
guidance from

Select up to 6

- Digital
- Univers

Find guidance

[See the full list](#)

Save

Briefly summarise your research project to help others understand the purposes for which the data are being collected or created.

- Document generator app
- 17000 + Users
- 23000 + Plans
- 50 DMPs publicly available

DMP Online

2. If you will be applying for funding from multiple sources who else will you be applying to?

- Not applicable
- Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Cancer Research UK
- Economic and Social Research Council
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
- European Research Council
- Horizon2020
- Medical Research Council
- Natural Environment Research Council
- Science and Technology Facilities Council
- Wellcome Trust

Additional Information

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Answered 4 days ago by pinarpink@googlemail.com

3. Is The University of Manchester the lead institution for this project?

- Yes – only institution involved
- Yes – leading a collaboration
- No (please provide details of the lead institution below and your role in the project)

Additional Information

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4. What data will you use in this project (please select all that apply)?

- Acquire new data
- Re-use existing data (please list below)
- Generate textual supporting information only
- Not acquire or re-use data (please provide details)

Additional Information

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Guidance

Comments

Manchester

If your funder isn't listed, please enter in the free text box provided.

Guidance

Comments

Manchester

If The University of Manchester is not the lead institution for this project please only consider data that Manchester researchers will be responsible for whilst filling in this form. (Please also ensure that you have discussed with your collaborators how data stored elsewhere will be managed.)

Guidance

Comments

Manchester

If you are not sure if you have data please refer to the definition at the top of this section. If your data only consists of your own notes made

Guidance

Comments

Add comments to share with collaborators

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www.dcc.ac.uk/sites/default/files/documents/resource/DMP/DM... Ten Simple Rules for Creating a Good Data Management Plan Pinar's Plan - Share

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Pinar's Plan

Project Details Plan overview Write Plan **Share** Download

Set plan visibility

Public or organisational visibility is intended for finished plans. You must answer at least 50% of the questions to enable these options. Note: test plans are set to private visibility by default.

- Private: visible to me, specified collaborators and administrators at my organisation
- Organisation: anyone at my organisation can view
- Public: anyone can view

Manage collaborators

Invite specific people to read, edit, or administer your plan. Invitees will receive an email notification that they have access to this plan.

Email address	Permissions
pinarpink@googlemail.com	Owner

Invite collaborators

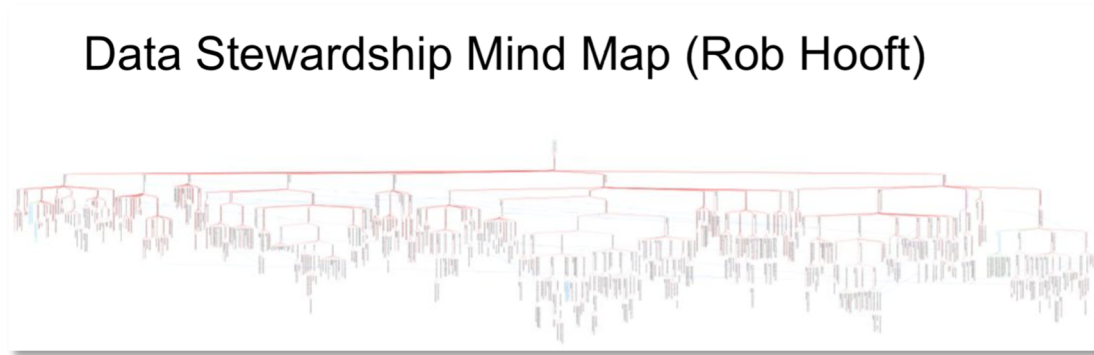
* Email

* Permissions

- Co-owner: can edit project details, change visibility, and add collaborators
- Editor: can comment and make changes
- Read only: can view and comment, but not make changes

Submit

ELIXIR DS Wizard



- “Insights collected over 4 years”
- “Guidance over 300+items ”
- Awareness tool
- Under active development

<https://github.com/ds-wizard/ds-wizard/issues>

info@ds-wizard.org

Common DSW Knowledge Model



Common DSW Knowledge Model 1.4.0

dsw:root:1.4.0 · Data Stewardship Wizard · DSW Knowledge Model originated from mindmap made by Rob Hooft

Knowledge Model

Name

Core DS Knowledge Model

Chapters

[Design of experiment](#)

[Data design and planning](#)

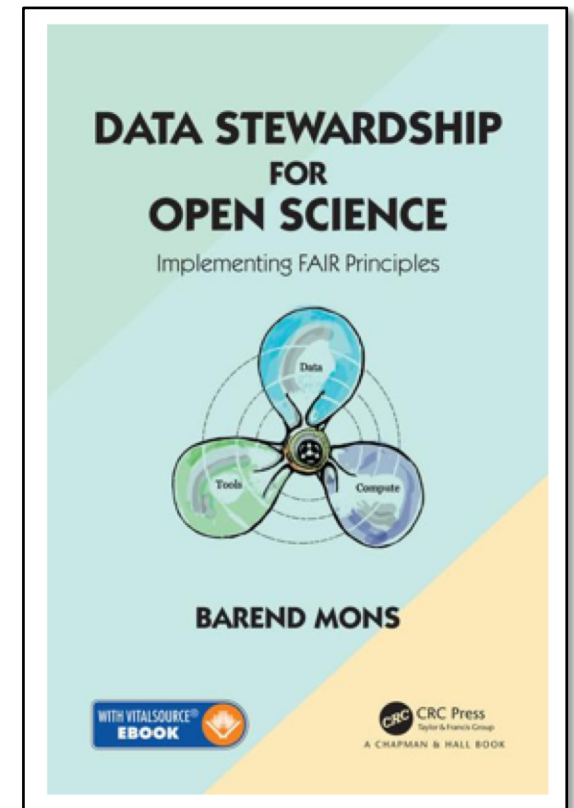
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[Data integration](#)

[Data interpretation](#)

[Information and insight](#)



“All models are wrong but some are useful.”

George E. P. Box

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DS Wizard

Knowledge Models

Questionnaires

KM Editor

KNOWLEDGE MODEL TAGS PREVIEW

Core DS Knowledge Model > Data design and planning > Is the risk of information loss, leaks ... > Explore

- Core DS Knowledge Model
 - Design of experiment
 - Is there any pre-existing data?
 - Will reference data be created?
 - Will you be storing samples?
 - Will you be collecting experimental data?
 - Data design and planning
 - What data formats/types will you be using?
 - Will you be using new types of data?
 - How will you be storing metadata?
 - During the project, will you be archiving data (using so-called 'cold storage')?
 - Will you need a shared working space to work with your data?
 - Is the risk of information loss, leaks and vandalism acceptably low?
 - Explore
 - Do you need to do compute capacity planning?
 - No
 - Yes
 - Data Capture/Measurement
 - Data processing and curation
 - Data Integration
 - Data interpretation
 - Information and insight

Answer

Delete

Label

Explore

Advice

Metrics

	Weight	Measure
<input type="checkbox"/> Findability	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Interoperability	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Reusability	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Good DMP Practice	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Openness	1	1

Follow-up Questions

- Do project members store data or software on computers in the lab or external hard drives connected to those computers?
- Do project members carry data with them?
- Do project members store project data in cloud accounts?

ELIXIR DS Wizard

7 matches < > Q-risk Done

DS Wizard

Core Questionnaire (Common ELIXIR Knowledge Model, 1.0.0) (unsaved changes) Save

Knowledge Models

Questionnaires

KM Editor

Current Phase: Before Submitting the DMP

- I. Design of experiment ✓
- II. Data design and planning 23**
- III. Data Capture/Measurement 2
- IV. Data processing and curation 1
- V. Data integration 3
- VI. Data interpretation ✓
- VII. Information and insight 4

Summary Report

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6 Is the risk of information loss, leaks and vandalism acceptably low? ⓘ

There are many factors that can contribute to the risk of information loss or information leaks. They are often part of the behavior of the people that are involved in the project, but can also be steered by properly planned infrastructure.

Desirable: Before Submitting the DMP

a. Explore ☰

Clear answer

6.a.1 Do project members store data or software on computers in the lab or external hard drives connected to those computers? ⓘ

When assessing the risk, take into account who has access to the lab, who has (physical) access to the computer hardware itself. Also consider whether data on those systems is properly backed up.

Desirable: Before Submitting the DMP

a. No
Accessibility

b. Yes
Accessibility

6.a.2 Do project members carry data with them? ⓘ

Does anyone carry project data on laptops, USB sticks or other external media?

Desirable: Before Submitting the DMP

a. No
Good DMP Practice

b. Yes ☰

Clear answer

6.a.2.b.1 Are all data carriers encrypted? Are accounts on the laptop password protected? ⓘ

Desirable: Before Submitting the DMP

a. No
Good DMP Practice

b. Yes
Good DMP Practice

Clear answer

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DS Wizard

- Knowledge Models
- Questionnaires
- KM Editor

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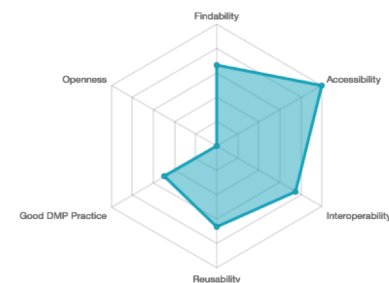
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Summary Report

Data design and planning

Answered: 38/61

Metric	Measure	
Findability	0.67	<div><div style="width: 67%;"></div></div>
Accessibility	1.00	<div><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div>
Interoperability	0.75	<div><div style="width: 75%;"></div></div>
Reusability	0.67	<div><div style="width: 67%;"></div></div>
Good DMP Practice	0.50	<div><div style="width: 50%;"></div></div>
Openness	0.00	<div><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>



Data Capture/Measurement

Answered: 6/8

Metric	Measure	
Findability	0.00	<div><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>



Should you use a DMP tool?

- DMP tools are not a match to state of collaborative document authoring tools.
- Embodies data management expertise.
- Not integrated to grant submission systems.



<https://DMPOnline.be>



Questionnaires to help the data specialist

Pooling DMP templates and instances

tip

DMP tools may be of help when there is no “data expert” partner.

Pooling DMP content has proved useful for some research communities.

Be mindful when re-using DMPs; document agreed-upon decisions not possibilities.

"Keep it short and specific"



Data Stewardship Wizard -Practical-

Scenario

You are the data specialist in project X, which works with human biosamples and data. In the DMP you had specified that the project will deposit its output data to relevant repositories. You had listed GigaDB and Nature Scientific Data as possible venues.

Project completion date is fast approaching and a few manuscripts are already under preparation. You check the submission requirements of above-mentioned venues, they require extra information in the case of human data. You need to collect this information from various consortium members, as data is acquired from various cohorts that collaborators have access.

You decide to encode Nature Scientific Data's submission checklist as a questionnaire for the consortium, and collect information this way.

Practical

Application URL:

<https://learning.ds-wizard.org>

Username:

datasteward_XX@example.com

researcher_XX@example.com

(see handout for your number)

Password:

<to-be-provided>

Materials:

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