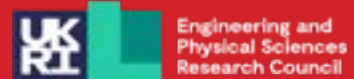# What is a Software Management Plan and how can it help your project?

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- Two hours (short break halfway through)
- Mixture of us talking, you talking, examples and discussions
  - Be respectful and professional
  - Ask questions at any time, use raise hand / chat
- Materials are all available online at:
  - https://github.com/softwaresaved/introduction-to-software-management-plans

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The SSI and Software Management Plans

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- Expertise with software evaluation led to working with funders to develop guidance
  - Online SMP templates - with Digital Curation Centre (UK)
  - Refined into more concise guidance
- Used in multiple collaborative projects
  - Small projects - Xbow, ICLLM, …
  - Consortia - ELIXIR
- Complements Software Evaluation Service and Research Software Healthcheck

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- Understand what an SMP is, and why it's useful
- Know when an SMP is appropriate, and how detailed it should be for different use cases
- Be able to write an SMP / Have tried to write an SMP for own project / project familiar with
- Know when and how to revise an SMP
- Know how to customise an SMP for funders
- Be aware of where and who to ask further questions about SMPs

Overview of the workshop

- Introduction and overview, goals of workshop [Neil / Steve]
- Understanding SMPs: who they're for, why they're useful, and some examples [Neil]
- Breakout Session 1: Examining SMPs [Neil]
- *Short Break*
- Timelines - when to do what with an SMP, and applying it your own project [Steve]
- Breakout Session 2: A First SMP and Beyond [Steve]
- Further topics: reviewing SMPs; fitting SMPs in with managing projects; customising SMPs for funders; getting further help [Steve/Neil]
- *Workshop close*

Questions?

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