

# Goal-models to support communication, planning and guiding of FAIRification

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Implementing the FAIR principles makes data ready for efficient analysis with other data. Workflows for the process of making data FAIR ('FAIRification') describe how the principles can be realised. As a multidisciplinary activity, FAIRification relies on good communication with different expertise involved. However, FAIRification workflows currently do not specify methods to meet this need.

We are designing a method that uses 'goal-oriented models' to support the FAIRification 'objective identification' and 'conceptual modelling' steps. In the former, the motivation(s) for the need for FAIR data are identified. In the latter, goal models are used to define the scope, identify important concepts and validate the resulting conceptual model. The method will also describe best practices and activities for conceptual modelling.

It is expected that the approach will contribute by improving the efficiency of FAIRification procedures, based on clear and easier communication of constraints and intentions among everyone involved in the project; and enhance the interoperability of FAIRified data, based on the expected improvement of the data models that are built following the method. We are currently finalizing the design of the method and running a set of proofs-of-concept to validate and adjust it.

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