



Introduction to Research Data Management

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The background of the slide is a map of Europe, with the outlines of the continents visible. Overlaid on the map are several thin, light-colored twigs and small, dark, round stones or pebbles, creating a textured, naturalistic effect.

RDM concepts
and terms

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RDM core
activities +
Task 1

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Session plan

CIS storage
options

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RDM tools +
Task 2

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RDM best
practices

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Summary and
questions

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Part 1A:

RDM CONCEPTS AND TERMS

What do we mean by

RDM?

RESEARCH

DATA

MANAGEMENT

RDM helps to preserve and protect the data behind scientific (research) discoveries and claims

RDM is a
quality issue



RDM leads to
increased
transparency
of the research
process

Research data

Code

Methods

Documentation



This leads to a
more robust
scholarly record

RDM makes it easier to
verify research and
reproduce findings



RDM and sharing
(anonymised) research
data can lead to making
more progress as
a research community
collectively



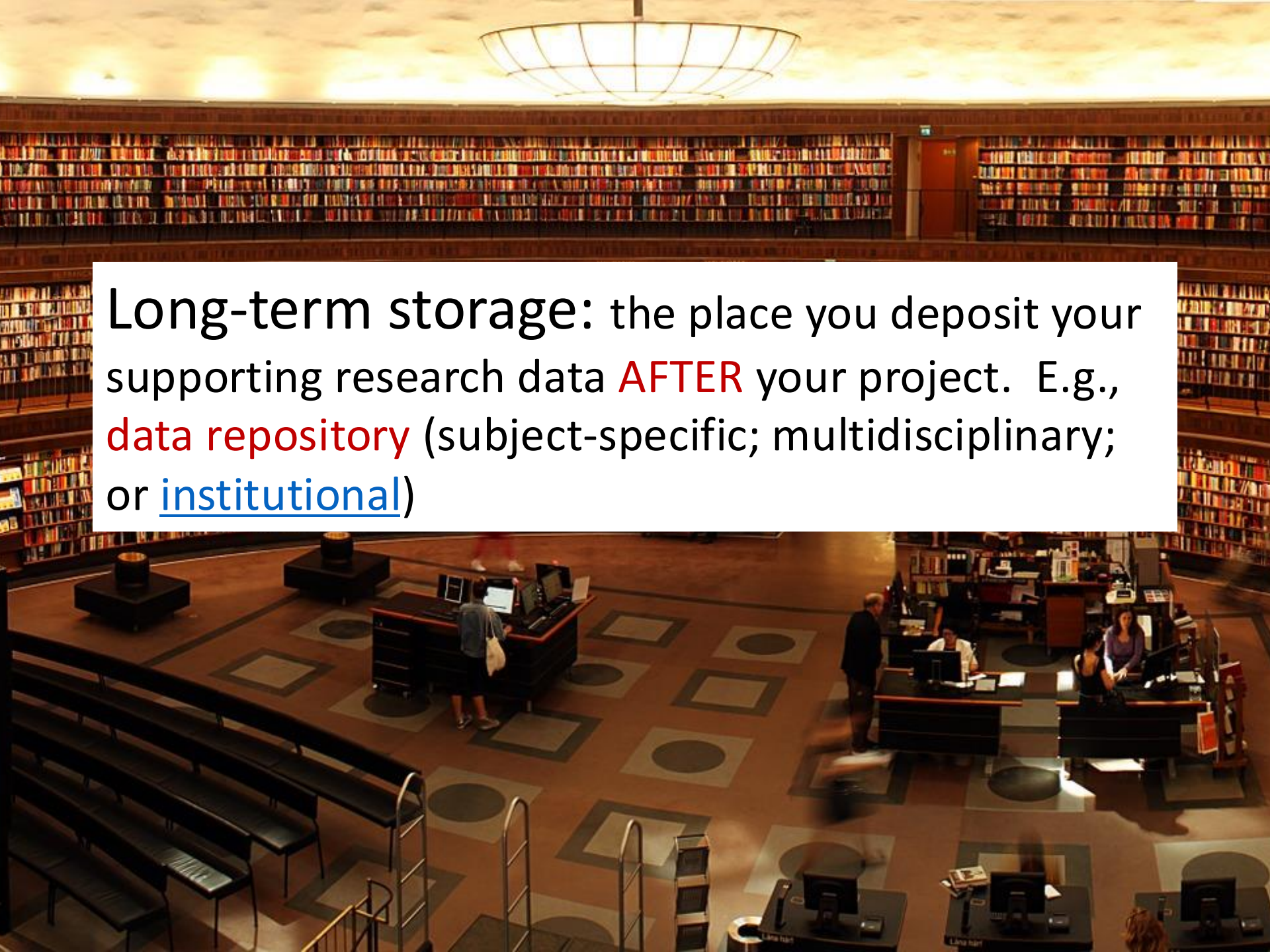


A crowd of people is seen from behind, looking towards a large, glowing blue screen in a dark room. The screen displays the word "TERMINOLOGY" in a bright, glowing blue, monospace-style font. The room is dimly lit, with red vertical light beams on either side of the screen and a blue glow emanating from the screen itself. The crowd is silhouetted against the bright light of the screen.

TERMINOLOGY

Short-term storage: the place you keep your research data DURING your project. E.g., OneDrive for Business or Personal Research Storage (PRS)





Long-term storage: the place you deposit your supporting research data **AFTER** your project. E.g., **data repository** (subject-specific; multidisciplinary; or institutional)


Data sharing has two meanings:

1. Post-research: sharing by publishing research data in a data repository
2. During research: sharing data with others



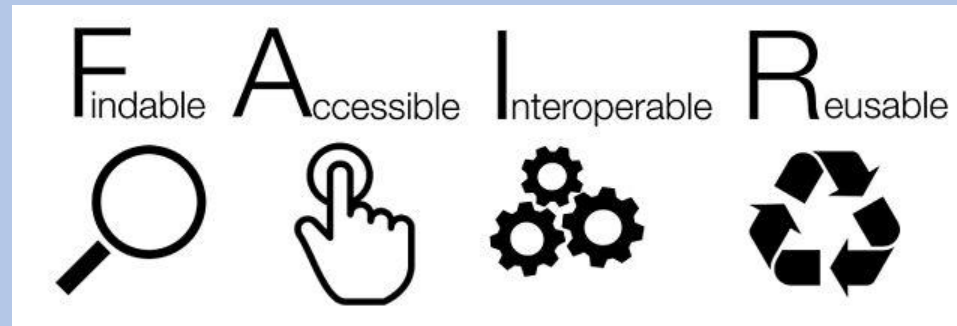


Data sharing agreement: a legal agreement between two organisations for sharing personal data. Read *Data sharing code of practice* from ICO. Seek legal advice.



Digital preservation:
the series of managed activities
necessary to ensure continued
access to digital materials for as long
as necessary

F.A.I.R. data is ...



The aim is to create **F.A.I.R. data**
as opposed to unFAIR data

Part 1B:

WHY BOTHER WITH RDM?



2005/10/30:
Fire destroys Southampton research centre

2019/01/28:

Reward for Royal Oak wreck
data (laptop and backup
discs) stolen from flat



150,000 arrest records wiped in tech blunder

Offenders may go free after software bug deletes fingerprint and DNA files on police computer

Fiona Hamilton, Crime and Security Editor

Friday January 15 2021, 12.01am,
The Times

UK politics

Politics



The error may allow offenders to go free because biometric evidence left at crime scenes will not be flagged up
GETTY IMAGES

Source: The Times online (15 Jan 2021)

Lost five
years of
research
data

CASH REWARD

for returning my lost backpack



303Adventure.com

- Black [AK] Burton Rucksack
- Lost on Friday 15. July at 8 pm in the Panton Arms pub 43, Panton St. Cambridge
- Containing a laptop (white MacBook), a black external hard drive and scientific research documents

The external hard drive is VERY important to me as it contains 5 years of research data which are crucial for my PhD thesis!!!

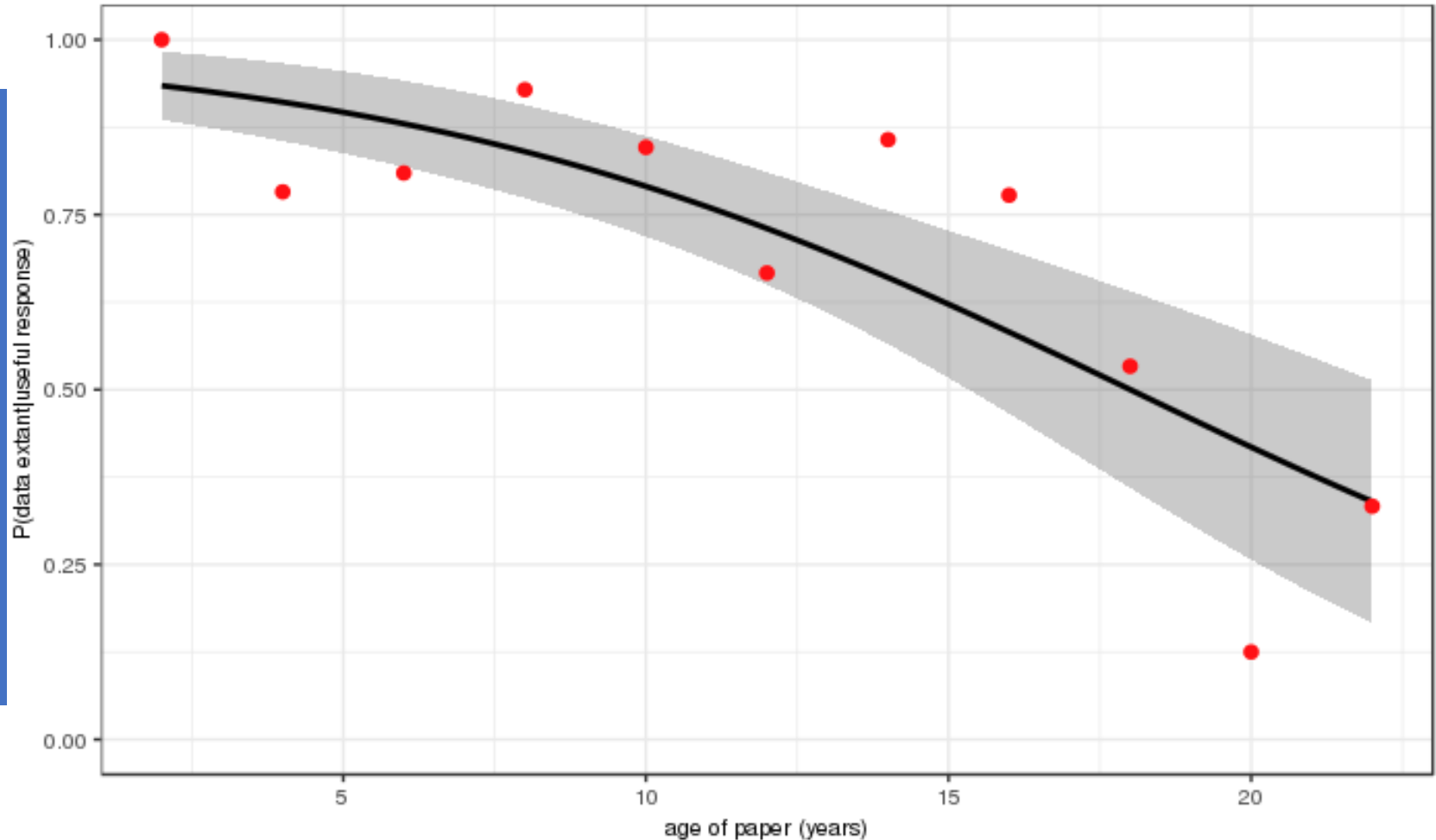
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Thank you!!

DOES ANYONE HAVE A
HORROR STORY ABOUT
DATA LOSS?

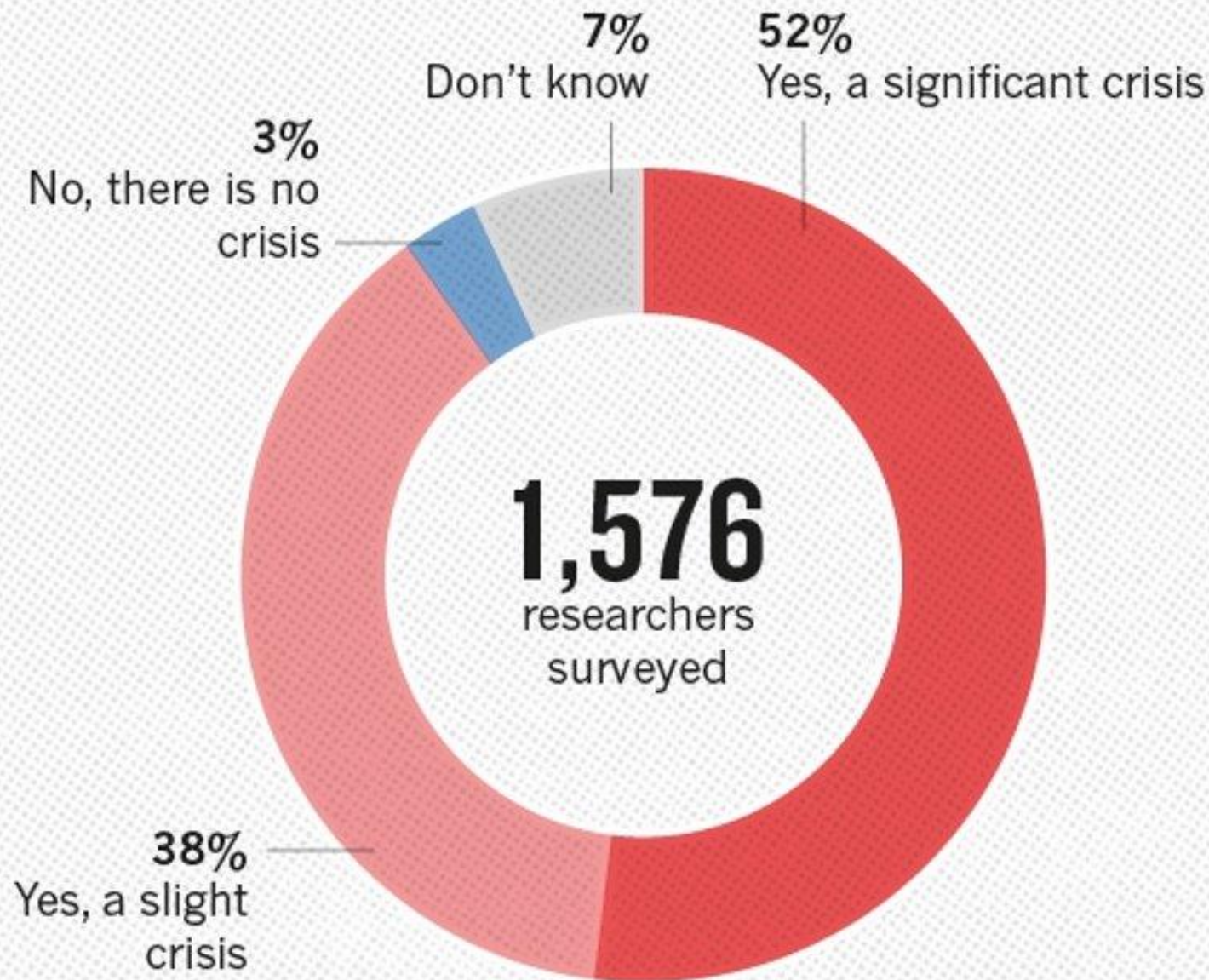
"Availability of research data declines rapidly with article age"--Vines et al.

Data extant (percent)



Age of paper (years)

IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?

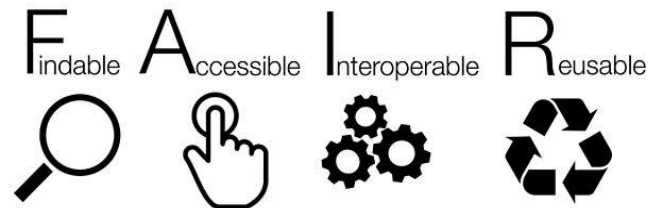


Source: Baker's paper published in 2016.

Part two:

RDM CORE ACTIVITIES

1. Planning and describing data-related work before it takes place



2. Documenting your data, your data processing and your workflows



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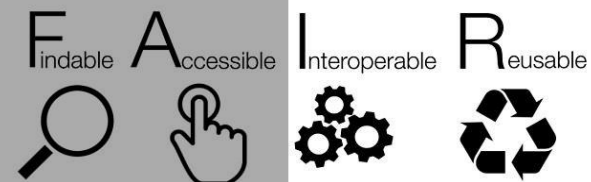


I
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eusable

3. Choosing open or "standardised" file formats where possible



4. Storing research data securely during a project

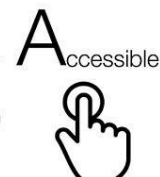




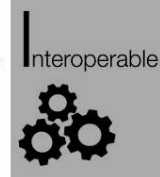
5. Depositing research data in a data repository at the end of research and obtaining a DOI for your data



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I
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R
eusable

6. Linking publications to the datasets that underpin them and increasingly code/scripts too

F
Findable



A
Accessible



I
Interoperable



R
Reusable



Common types of research data

Survey data

Recordings

Text documents

Tabular data

Photographs

Image data

Big, new, novel or
voluminous data

Scientific measurements
e.g, NMR data

MRI data in BIDS format

NVivo data

International macrodata

Census data

Code / scripts

Project web site

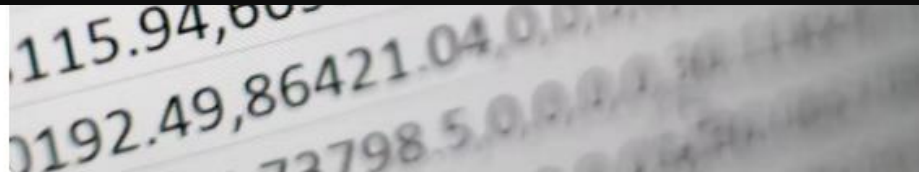
Task one:

WHAT TYPE(S) OF
RESEARCH DATA DO
YOU CREATE?



Menti.com

Code: 2294 3666



Name one or two types of research data you collect or create.

25

25

Submit

Results of Mentimeter survey

Name one or two types of research data you collect or create.

11 responses

participate observations

dna sequence

interviews

trained parameters

survey

interview

government policy

colmap data

text data

surveys

Mentimeter

Part three:

CIS STORAGE

OPTIONS:

OneDrive, PRS and Hamilton

Microsoft OneDrive for Business



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OneDrive for Business

1 TB of
secure,
encrypted
personal
storage

A top-down view of several hands of different skin tones clasped together in a circle, symbolizing teamwork and collaboration. The hands are wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts. The background is a solid, light gray.

Easy to share with
external collaborators

OneDrive for Business



Automatic replication

OneDrive for Business

Personal Research Storage (PRS)



Storage Manager

My Access

Manage Shares

Audit Log

Directories shared with you

Departmental **Read Write** ul/Staff

University Library Departmental Share

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CIFS (Linux): //deptblue02.mds.ad.dur.ac.uk/ul/Staff

Owners: MATTHEW,EDWIN PHILLIPS , NATALIE COSTELLO

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Personal **Read Write** dch0ph/RDM

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Linux Desktop Service: /prs/prsbblue02/silver3_05/dch0ph/RDM

Owners: PAUL HODGKINSON

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Linux Desktop Service: /prs/prsbblue02/silver3_07/pzvx49/chromatogram

Owners: Nicholas SYROTIUK

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Shares you manage

Personal pzvx49

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CIFS (Linux): //prsbblue02.mds.ad.dur.ac.uk/pzvx49
Linux Desktop Service: /prs/prsbblue02/silver3_07/pzvx49

CIS tool for
managing
PRS

Storage Manager

[My Access](#)[Manage Shares](#)[Audit Log](#)

PRS: pzvx49 [Manage pzvx49 >](#)

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CIFS (Linux): //prsbblue02.mds.ad.dur.ac.uk/pzvx49

Linux Desktop Service: /prs/prsbblue02/silver3_07/pzvx49

Type

Personal

Tier

Silver 3

Capacity

1 TB

Current usage

81.2 GB

Usage checked

2024-04-28

05:48

Server

prsbblue02

Owners

Nicholas

SYROTIUK

Directory: chromatogram [Manage chromatogram >](#)

dna sequencing data

[Read Write](#) Nicholas SYROTIUK

Directory: prs [Manage prs >](#)

Personal Research Storage

[Read Write](#) Nicholas SYROTIUK [Read-only](#) RICHARD, IAN HIGGINS

Directory: researchdata [Manage researchdata >](#)

Durham University research data

[Read Write](#) Nicholas SYROTIUK

Storage Manager. Please contact the [Service Desk](#) if you have difficulties using this system.



Not
encrypted

Personal Research Storage



Complicated to
share with
external
collaborators

Personal
Research
Storage

Hamilton supercomputer



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Users get
600 GB
storage
by default

Hamilton supercomputer

Hamilton supercomputer

Can
request
additional
storage



Must back up own research data



Hamilton supercomputer

Not
encrypted



Hamilton supercomputer



Hamilton supercomputer

Complicated to
share with external
collaborators

Comparison of storage options

OneDrive for Business	Personal Research Storage	Hamilton supercomputer
1 TB encrypted cloud storage	1 TB storage on site (not encrypted)	600 GB storage on site (not encrypted)
Easy to share with external collaborators	Complicated to share with external collaborators	Complicated to share with external collaborators
Automatic replication	Storage tier: Silver 3 Performance level: Silver Protection level: 3	No backup (full details)
Managed with file explorer	Managed with CIS Storage Manager	Data directory: /nobackup/...

Part four:

RDM TOOLS

Plan to make data work for you

Data Management Plans that meet institutional funder requirements.

[Sign in](#)
[Create account](#)

* Email

* Password

DMPonline: for writing a Data Management Plan

DMPonline helps you to create, review, and share data management plans that meet institutional and funder requirements. It is provided by the Digital Curation Centre (DCC).



106 557 Users



314 Organisations



117 493 Plans



89 Countries

Research and GDPR Decision Tool

To help staff and students navigate through guidance on data protection.

**For determining if General Data
Protection Regulations apply**

[Home](#) [Who Am I](#) ▾ [Login](#)

Storage Options Tool

The tool on provide adv appropriate cases. This and does n such as DU specific rea solution ma particular s recommend please thin

an option marked as less suitable, especially if sensitive information is involved. Do you currently use solutions flagged as **avoid**?

If you require more detailed advice please contact the IT Service Desk.



Guidance

CIS Storage Options: for choosing the best short-term storage solution

(JPEG, etc.)
high
(or more)

Access

- ☐ I need high-performance access to my files for real-time processing (i.e. no Internet latency)
- ☐ I need to access my files when off campus

Sharing

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Research data repository: for long-term storage of research data

J.P.S. Badyal



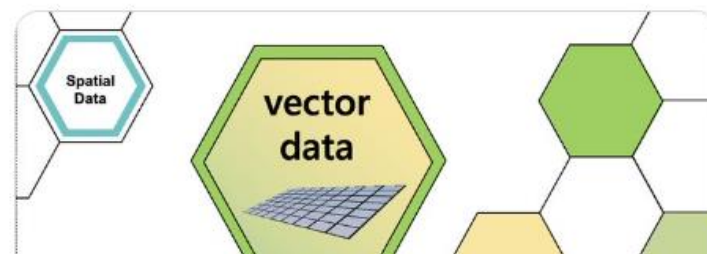
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[Functional surfaces](#), [Hybrid nanocoating](#), [Tea](#), [Antibacterial materials](#),
[Virucidal agents](#), [Coronavirus](#), [COVID-19](#)

A.P.

alike! Details below:



F-UJI: how F.A.I.R. is your dataset?



F-UJI [Home](#) [Assess](#) [About](#) [Methods](#) [Docs](#) [Code](#)



F-UJI | Automated FAIR Data
Assessment Tool

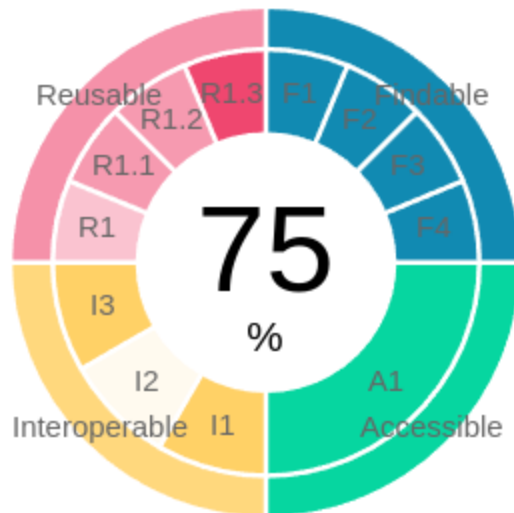
F-UJI is a web service to programmatically assess
FAIRness of research data objects at the dataset
level based on the FAIRsFAIR Data Object
Assessment Metrics [↗](#)





[Click here to assess a dataset](#)

For DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7514328>

Summary:



	Score earned:	Fair level:
Findable:	7 of 7 	advanced
Accessible:	3 of 3 	advanced
Interoperable:	3 of 4 	moderate
Reusable:	5 of 10 	moderate

Tool	Purpose	Core activity
DMPonline	For writing a Data Management Plan	Planning
Research and GDPR decision tool	For advice on working with personal research data	Planning and Secure storage
CIS Storage Options	For finding a short-term storage solution	Secure storage
Research Data Repository	For long-term storage of research data	Data deposit and Linking
F-UJI	For determining to what extent a dataset is F.A.I.R.	Data deposit

Task two:

SHARE WORK BY
MAKING A DATA
DEPOSIT

Live Demonstration



Instructions

1. Browse to: collections.durham.ac.uk
2. Click "Share your work"
3. Login with CIS username
4. Click "Upload data and allocate DOI"
5. Tick "Agree to deposit agreement"
6. Select one file
7. Start upload
8. Apply metadata
9. Save record

Part five:


RDM BEST PRACTICES

An open notebook with two blank white pages is shown from a top-down perspective, resting on a dark brown wooden surface. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is centered over the notebook, containing the text 'Write a Data Management Plan' in white. The notebook's dark cover is visible at the edges, and a small red string is tied around the bottom center of the pages.

Write a Data Management Plan



Save and backup
raw data

A person wearing headphones is seen from behind, working in a recording studio. They are positioned in front of a large mixing console with numerous faders and knobs. Two computer monitors are visible; the left one displays a blue-tinted image of a mountain, and the right one shows a software interface with various tracks and waveforms. The studio is filled with professional audio equipment, including large speakers on stands and racks of outboard gear. A glass of dark beer sits on the desk to the right. The scene is dimly lit with warm, ambient lighting from lamps on the sides.

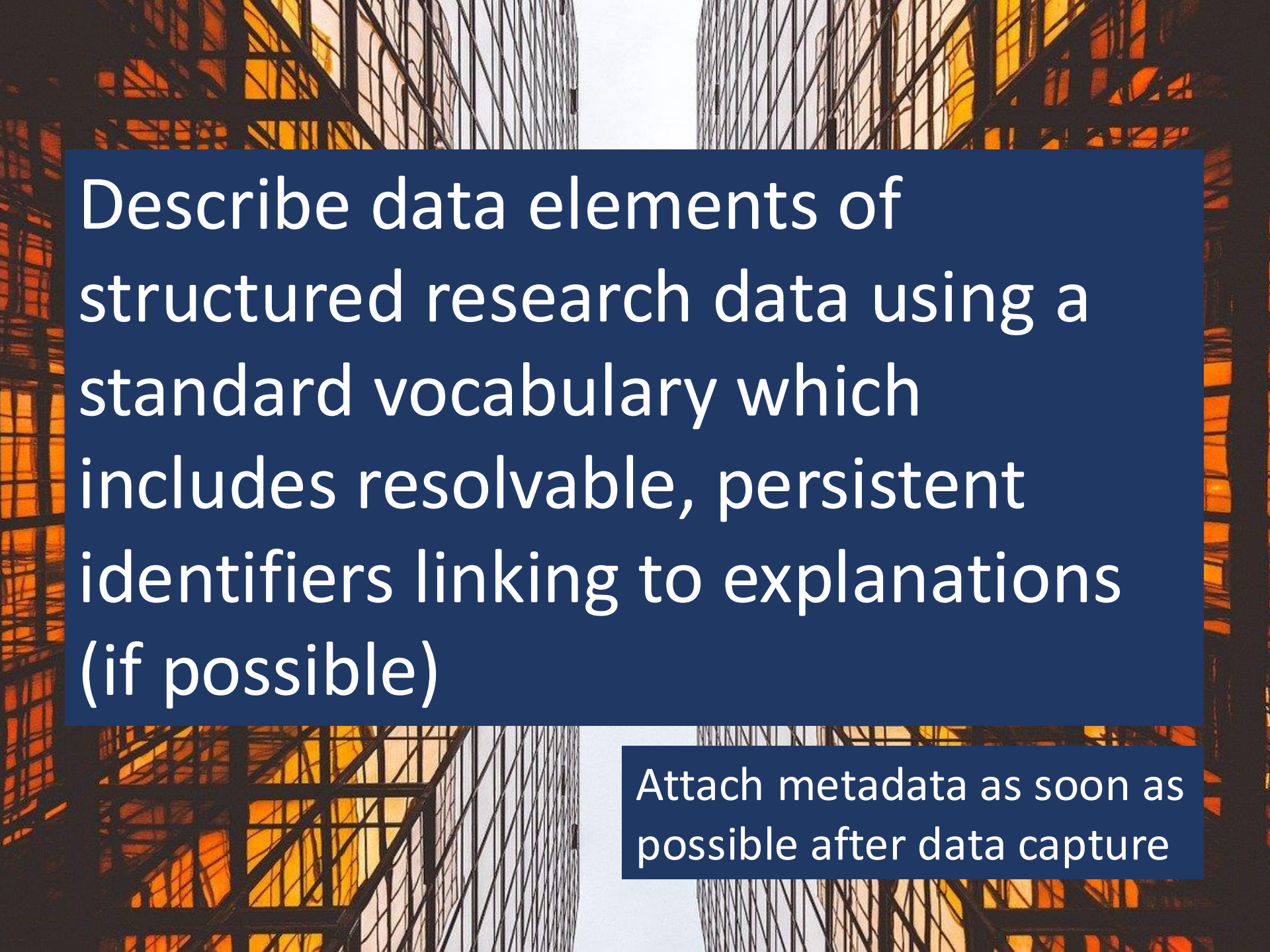
Record all the
steps used to
process data

Store research data in an
open, structured file format
which is machine readable





Avoid
proprietary
file formats



Describe data elements of structured research data using a standard vocabulary which includes resolvable, persistent identifiers linking to explanations (if possible)

Attach metadata as soon as possible after data capture

Persistent identifiers (PID)

Example 1: Human genes and genetic disorders

PID: <http://omim.org/entry/173900>

Landing page: Polycystic kidney disease 1

Example 2: Protein sequencing

PID: <http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/P98161>

Landing page: The human polycystin-1 protein



Documentation

Good data comes with
good documentation

A close-up photograph of a light green bowl filled with fluffy, white popcorn. Two white tickets with orange borders and star patterns are placed on top of the popcorn. The top ticket is titled 'DEPOSIT DATA' and 'FUNDER REQUIREMENTS', and displays the numbers '1234567'. The bottom ticket is partially visible and shows the numbers '1234'.

DEPOSIT DATA

FUNDER
REQUIREMENTS

1234567

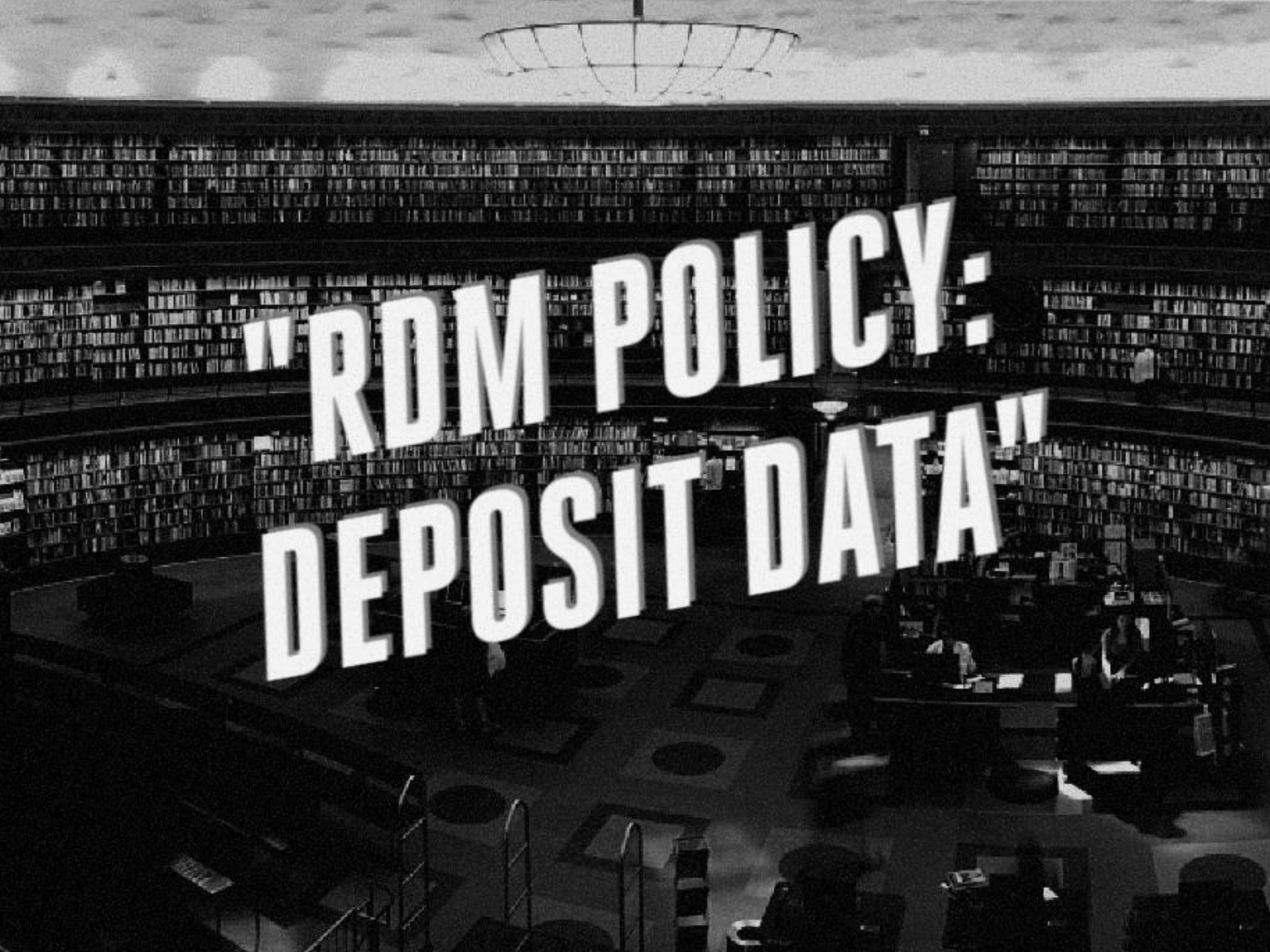
1234

The image shows three antique leather-bound books standing side-by-side. Each book has a dark brown leather cover with intricate gold-tooled decorative patterns. The patterns consist of symmetrical, swirling foliate designs within rectangular frames. The books are bound in a traditional style with visible stitching and wear along the edges. The spines of the books are visible, showing the gold-tooled text and decorative elements.

Journal
REQUIREMENTS

Deposit
DATA

Obtain
DOI



"RDM POLICY: DEPOSIT DATA"

Three types of repository

1

Subject-specific

2

Multi-disciplinary

3

Institutional

Benefits of sharing research data

Advances scholarship and improves replicability

Increases impact and citation rate of associated research

Helps other researchers more easily discover data relevant to their work and reduces duplication of effort

Promotes academic work in new ways

“Publicly available data was significantly associated with a **69%** increase in citations ...”

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0000308>

Exceptions to sharing

Ethical reasons

Public safety reasons

Commercial reasons



Data access statement: include this in your paper / thesis

Are your research data published openly?

1. Yes. Here's the DOI.

2. Yes, with restrictions as described in the Non-disclosure Agreement.

3. No, the data are too sensitive.

4. No new data were generated.

Part six:

SUMMARY

Basic do's and don'ts of research data management

DO	DON'T
Have a plan for managing research data	Make it up as you go along
Keep backups. Make this easy with automated syncing services like Dropbox, provided your data isn't too sensitive	Carry the only copy around on a memory card, your laptop, your phone, etc
Describe your data as you collect it. This makes it possible for others to interpret it, and for you to do the same a few years down the line	Leave this till the end. The quality of metadata decreases with time, and the best metadata is created at the moment of data capture
Save your work in open file formats, where possible, and use accepted metadata standards to enable like-with-like comparison	Invent new 'standards' where community norms already exist
Deposit your data in a data centre or repository, and link it to your publications	Be afraid to ask for help. This will exist both within institutions, and via national / European support organisations

Research Data Management: Best practice

Without intervention, data + time = no data

Following F.A.I.R. data principles and sharing research data can lead to making more progress as a research community collectively

Working reproducibly and writing good RDM documentation ultimately saves time

Publish (anonymised) research data in a repository in order to preserve it for the long term. Improves transparency and reproducibility. Note exceptions to sharing.

SUPPORT

Library Research Support

Library Research Support: Open Research: Research Data Management

This guide is intended to provide advice and support on open access research, including guidance around Durham Research Online (DRO), open access publishing, research data management and related topics.

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What do we mean by Research Data Management?

Our researchers create, collect and measure large amounts of research data every day, and some of this data is used to support our

https://libguides.durham.ac.uk/open_research/rdm

spirit of open scholarship, researchers are expected to demonstrate they are working transparently and reproducibly. Researcher

RDM training

Massive open online course on
RDM

07 Nov: Writing a good Data
Management Plan



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Durham Research Methods Café

Every other Wednesday of term
All PGR/PGT students and DU staff Welcome

Conversation topic: When things go wrong!

28th February 2024, 1100-1230

Discussing what to do when research doesn't go as planned or appears to be failing.

Free Coffee/Tea and pastries!

[Check out our Research Methods Café online](#) for methods-related chat/announcements, and online access to the Café Conversations.

Location:

First Floor, Arthur Holmes
Building: left of Calman
Learning Centre,
upstairs, turn left.
Door signed 'DRMC'.



Co-hosts:

- Advanced Research Computing (ARC),
- Durham Research Methods Centre (DRMC)
- Research Support, Durham Library



Thank you

Nicholas Syrotiuk



@DurhamRdm

QUESTIONS

Introduction to Research Data Management

From 22/10/2024 09:30 to 22/10/2024 11:00

--- PLEASE NOW MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS ACTIVITY ---

Mobile App Users

1. Open the Inkpath App

2. Press this button



3. Scan this QR Code



4. Confirm attendance

Complete

Web Users

1. Open webapp.inkpath.co.uk

2. Press this button



Record Attendance

3. Enter this unique code

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4. Press

SUBMIT

5. Confirm attendance

Complete

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