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Tackling Challenges in Research Data Management

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Who we are

The Digital Curation Centre (DCC) is a collaboration between

- University of Edinburgh
- HATII, University of Glasgow
- UKOLN, University of Bath
- Key facts
 - Funded by JISC
 - Started in March 2004
 - Hub of expertise in curating digital research data

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Observe, reach out, innovate, support JISC



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EPSRC Policy Framework on Research Data



• EPSRC expects all those [research organisations] it funds to have developed a clear roadmap to align their policies and processes with EPSRC's expectations by 1st May 2012, and to be fully compliant with these expectations by 1st May 2015.

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EPSRC Expectations

- 1. Research organisations (ROs) to raise awareness of data sharing responsibilities and issues.
- 2. Publications should link to underlying data.
- 3. ROs must keep track of their research datasets and requests for them.
- 4. Born-analogue data must also be shareable on request.
- 5. ROs must provide open, online catalogues of their data; digital data must be given a robust ID.
- 6. Access restrictions should be clear and justified.
- 7. ROs must provide access to data for 10 years from last access.
- 8. ROs must curate their research data.
- 9. ROs must pay for this from their existing public funding streams.

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Data Asset Framework



http://data-audit.eu/



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CARDIO Pulse Check



http://cardio.dcc.ac.uk/quiz

CARDIO Pulse Check

Take our quick survey to check whether your institution has its finger on the pulse of data management activity.

Question 1 of 10

What do you think are the risks associated with poor data management?

- Or cour institution is huly aware of the potential risks associated with poor research data management. We view research data management as part of good research practice which underpins our institutional reputation. We have taken concrete steps to provide our researchers and support staff with a working environment that fosters good research data management practice.
- B: We know that research data management is important for maintaining our institutional reputation and are keen to minimise any risks associated with poor data management. We are currently working to identify our main risks and to develop mitigation strategies.
- C: We'd like to understand more about the risks associated with poor data management so that we can assess our infrastructure and identify areas that could be improved.

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Register for free
 Find out more

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CARDIO Process

Organisation	Technology	Resources		
 Data Ownership and Management Data Policies and Procedures Data Policy Review Sharing of Research Data/Access to Research Data Preservation and Continuity of Research Internal Audit of Research Activities Monitoring and Feedback of 	 Technological Infrastructure Appropriate Technologies Ensuring Availability Managing data integrity Obsolescence Managing technological change Security Provisions Security Processes Metadata tools 	 Data Management Costs and Sustainability Business Planning Technological Resources Allocation Risk Management Transparency of Resource Allocation Sustainability of Funding for Data Management and Preservation 		
Publication	10. Institutional Repository	7. Data Management Skills		
 Metadata Management Legal Compliance 		8. Number of Staff for Data Management		
10. Intellectual Property Rights and Rights Management		9. Staff Development Opportunities		
 Disaster Planning and Continuity of Research 	http://	/cardio.dcc.ac.uk/		

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Data Management Plans

Recommendation 9. Each funded research project, should submit a structured Data Management Plan for peer-review as an integral part of the application for funding.

Liz Lyon (2007), Dealing with Data: Roles, Rights, Responsibilities and Relationships (University of Bath)



Dealing with Data: Roles, Rights, Responsibilities and Relationships

Consultancy Report



Author:	Dr Liz Lyon, UKOLN, University of Bath
Date:	19 th June 2007
Version:	V1.0
Document Name:	data-consultancy-report-linal.doc
Notes:	

Writing and using a Data Management Plan helps

- to co-ordinate the actions of data stakeholders
- to ensure all necessary tasks are accomplished

- to ensure data are properly curated
- with releasing data in a timely fashion
- with sharing data as openly as possible
- with preserving data for future use

DMP Online



http://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/

DMP Online allows researchers to

- I. create, store and update Data Management Plans
- 2. meet both institutional and funders' data-related requirements

- 3. receive specific guidance from funders and institutions
- 4. export Data Management Plans in various formats



Monitoring data-related activity

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Engineering Data



- Different types of data each time
- Mix of common and obscure/proprietary formats
- Mix of confidential and unrestricted data
- Very hard to look at a directory of data files and know what it all means

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Project Record Manifest template

Project Data Record Manifest Template for IdMRC Projects

The Project Data Record Manifest (PDRM) constitutes the principal conduit through which the records relating to a research project may be

The Project Data Management Plan and the Project Data Record Manifest should be considered a pair, and should be co-located.

The PDRM should be 'read-only', editing rights being limited to members of the originating research project team and by other nominated individuals such as the data manager. A versioning system must be in force.

Whilst the PORM will be globally available, there will be some records associated with the research project which are confidential or sensitive. Access to records of this nature must be limited by placing the records in appropriately passwork-protected locations; this could be BUCS lile space or within the meanth project will or other web space. It is doubt, the advice of the data manager (or failing that, the project

Summary of Research Activity

Project name			
e.g. Long And Technical Textual Evaluation (LATTE)			
Period of Project			
e.g. October 2009 - March 2011			
Lead and partner organizations			
e.g. University of Bath (lead), University of Cambridge, University of Leeds			
Principal investigator (name and contact details)			
Name			
Contact details:			
Data access summary			
Data access refers to the physical means by which access to records is constrained The overarching data access provisions for this nearesch project are recorded in the CMP associated with this FDRM, for details of confidentially status of individual records use the Physical Data Record List below. As a guide, data access about be either consistent with or more restrictive than the confidentially status.			
Receiving repository			
e.g. The data from this Research Activity will be deposited according to the IdMRC DMP (see below).			
ar			
The data from this research activity will be deposited in			
Related documentation			
RCUK Policy and Code of Conduct on the Governance of Good Research Conduct The University of Barth Good Precision Guide for Research Engineering Research Data Reagnment FINe Specification			

Project Management Documentation

Note that some of these records may need to be placed in a password-protected storage area.

- Project Data Record Manifest Telki linki
- Project Proposal: Telki linkl
- Project Plan: (wild ink)
 Confidentially agreement with [name]: (wild link: note if this agreement is itself confidential it should be placed in an
- appropriately protected location] Participant consent forms: [wiki link], [physical location/contact name/contact details]
- Ethics form(s): [wiki link]; [physical location/contact name/contact details]
 IPR Statement: [wiki link] [physical location/contact name/contact details]
 UK Data Archive deposit requirements: [wiki link]

Project Data Management Documentation

· Project Data Management Plan Jekk link] (this will be a reciprocal association, since the PDMP will identify the Project RAID record(x) [aiki link] or
 Other data record associative documents [wiki link]

Project Data Record List

Every project data record should be listed in the table below in the form: Title. (Ife name, record type, location, owner and contact details, confidentiality status

Record Type (for both electronic and physical records)

Every data record will be one of the following: research data record, context data record, associative data record, research object data

If all the files are archived in a single, central location, the location need be identified for the set of records (the Data Case) only. For

Owner

The 'owner' is the person currently responsible for the management of the record, and who is in a position to consider matters such as the other or the period correspondences in a consideration of the constant of

Confidentiality Status

Confidentiality status indicates what classes of people and what automated information-gathering systems may have sight of the data record; It does not provide information about how such records are protected. It is likely that the confidentiality status will change during the life-cycle

Record Title	File Name	Owner	Contact Details	Data Record Type	Confidentiality Status
Example:					
IdMRC Research Project Date Record Manifest	enimüman 1102 17mjd	Manaur Danlington	enand@bath.ac.uk	associative data record	public domain

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History of this PDRM

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Record Type (for both electronic and physical records)

Every data record will be one of the following: research data record, context data record, associative data record, research object data record, experimental apparatus data record.

Location

If all the files are archived in a single, central location, the location need be identified for the set of records (the Data Case) only. For electronic records it is expected that a hyperlink or filepath to the location is recorded. For physical records the location should be described.

Owner

The 'owner' is the person currently responsible for the management of the record, and who is in a position to consider matters such as shareability and security. Ownership does not imply any rights to use or disposal. During the period that the research project is under way it is likely that the owner will be a research officer or an individual in a supervisory rôle. At project end the ownership should be transferred to an appropriate individual, such as the project PI or the data manager responsible. In many cases it will be appropriate for a research officer to retain ownership.

Confidentiality Status

Confidentiality status indicates what classes of people and what automated information-gathering systems may have sight of the data record; it does not provide information about how such records are protected. It is likely that the confidentiality status will change during the life-cycle of the data record, in which case the status *must* be updated. Access is either free or limited. If access is free, then the term public domain should be used. If the access is limited, then the entities who are permitted to see this data should be identified either by naming groups or individuals.

Record Title	File Name	Owner	Contact Details	Data Record Type	Confidentiality Status
Example:					
IdMRC Research Project Data Record Manifest	erim6man110217mjd	Mansur Darlington	ensmd@bath.ac.uk	associative data record	public domain
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Example RAID diagram



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RAIDmap



Smart Research Framework



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Licensing data

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Types of licenses



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Licensing questions

- I. Do I need to make a choice?
 - Institutional policy
 - Data archive policy
- 2. If so, would a standard licence suffice?
- 3. If not, how do I write my own licence?
- 4. Do I need more than one licence?



Making data citable

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Key citation elements

- Author
- Date made available
- Title
- Publisher/host
- Location (= identifier)





More Information

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Literature

DCC How-to Guides:

http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides

- How to Cite Datasets and Link to Publications
- How to Develop a Data Management and Sharing Plan
- How to License Research Data
- How to Develop Research Data Management Services (in preparation)

ANDS guides: http://ands.org.au/guides/#datamanagement

- Creating a Data Management Framework
- Data Management Planning
- Ethics, Consent and Data Sharing
- Storage

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Thank you for your attention

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