



Addressing the Gaps: Recommendations for Supporting the Long Tail of Research Data

The Challenge:

Large structured datasets in well-established disciplines are more likely to adopt unified and standardized formats that are disciplinarily defined and accepted. Similarly well established disciplines tend to have common and understood workflows, where long tail datasets, which vary radically in source, discipline, size, subject, provenance, funding, format, longevity, location and complexity, are less likely to adhere to common standards. Ensuring that wide distributed and diverse long-tail data is discoverable and stored in appropriate formats to facilitate reuse is challenging.



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What is the solution?

The RDA “Long Tail of Research Data Interest Group” has been assessing the situation of long tail data. This document provides seven recommendations for a variety of stakeholders, including governments, funders, research institutions and researchers to help improve the current approach to managing long tail data.

What is the impact?

“Long Tail of Research Data Interest Group” calls on the community to work together to create necessary and sufficient conditions to properly steward long tail valuable research outputs for future generations of researchers.

Find out more about this
recommendation:



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