

FAIR data: from FAIRytale to FAIR enough

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'Just as the Netherlands is a knowledge society, science is a knowledge community. Both benefit from the free exchange of information. For that reason alone you have my fullest support in your quest for Open Science.'

Ingrid van Engelshoven, minister of Education, Culture and Science



Open Science
free exchange of information
for the good of science and society at large



We are now building a European Open Science Cloud. It is a trusted space for researchers to store data and access data from researchers from other disciplines."

Ursula von der Leyen
European Commission President
World Economic Forum 2020

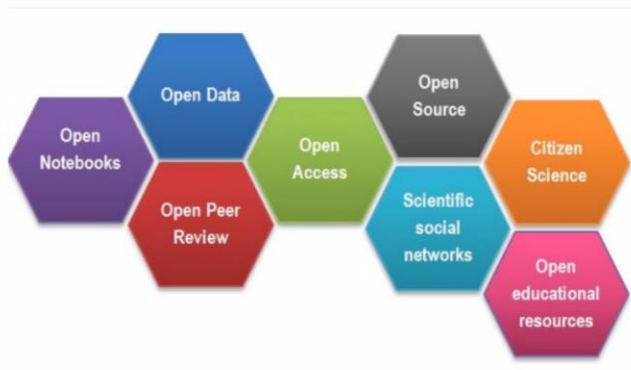


MAKING OPEN SCIENCE
A REALITY



Components of Open Science

Open science



Open science is an umbrella term for transparent science with ease of access to all products from beginning to end

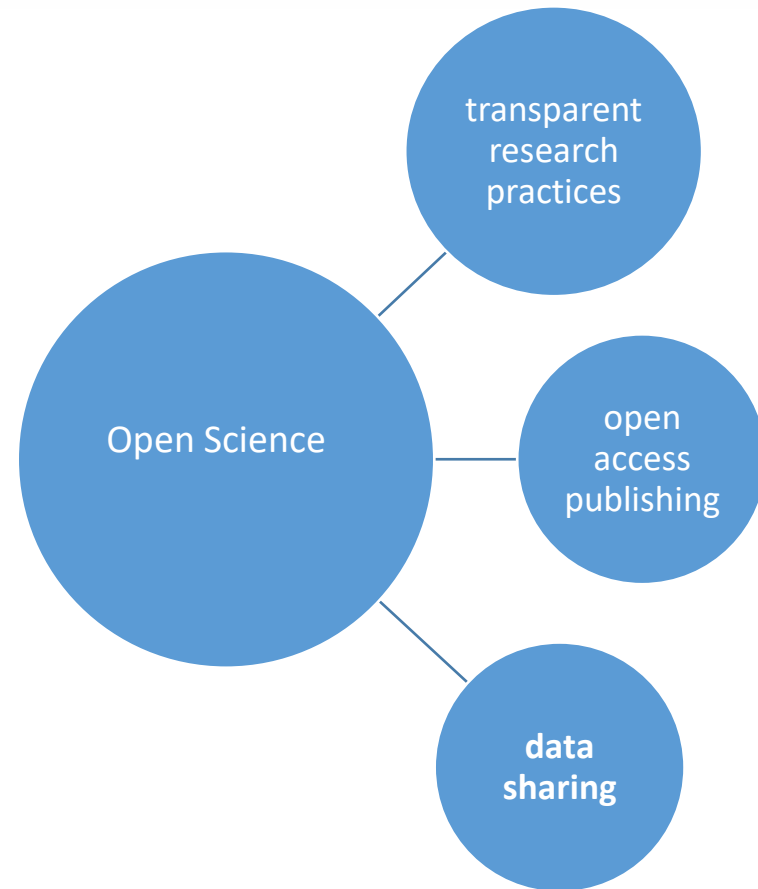


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Why data sharing is important

Replication and validation of research outcomes
(scientific integrity and transparency)



News

Report finds massive fraud at Dutch universities

Investigation claims dozens of social-psychology papers contain faked data.



Science Insider

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Report: Dutch 'Lord of the Data' Forged Dozens of Studies (UPDATE)

by Gretchen Vogel on 31 October 2011, 7:05 PM | [34 Comments](#)

Public sector can combat fraud with data sharing

Outsourcing is not the only thing to blame for procurement fraud, says **Graham Kemp**, and the public sector needs to view data less as a security risk but knowledge to be shared

Fraud Case Seen as a Red Flag for Psychology Research

By BENEDICT CAREY

Published: November 2, 2011

A well-known psychologist in the Netherlands whose work has been published widely in professional journals falsified data and made up entire experiments, an investigating committee has found. Experts say the case exposes deep flaws in the way science is done in a field, [psychology](#), that has only recently earned a fragile respectability.



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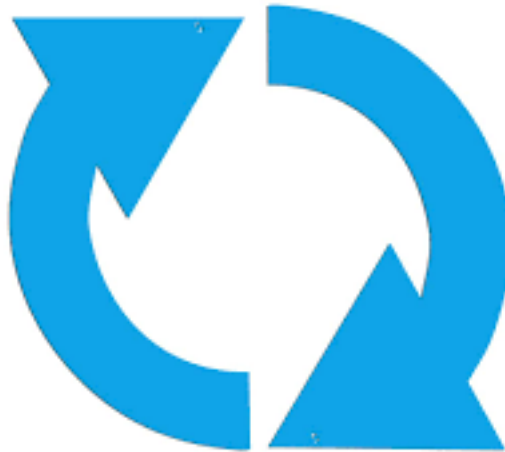
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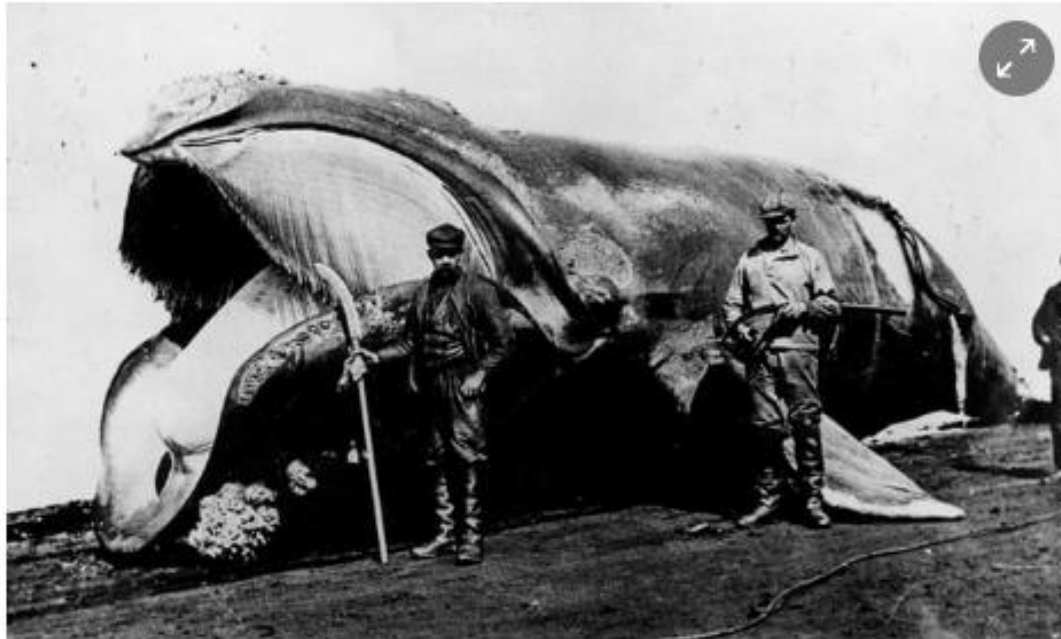
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Re-use of data (efficiency, return on investment, standing on the shoulders of others)



The 19th-century whaling logbooks that could help scientists understand climate change

The public are being enlisted to read through detailed logs of whaling ships which include records of ice flows and weather conditions



i Hunters with their catch, circa 1900. Whalers' logbooks are providing detailed information about the climate and ice patterns many years ago. Photograph: Hulton Archive/Getty Images

Maritime historians, climate scientists and ordinary citizens are coming together on a project to study the logbooks of 19th-century whaling ships to better understand modern-day climate change and [Arctic](#) weather patterns.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/17/the-19th-century-whaling-logbooks-that-could-help-scientists-understand-climate-change>

Accelerating research through data sharing



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RDA COVID-19 Working Group announces Second Release of Guidelines and Recommendations - 1 May 2020

RDA Members invited to Review and Comment

<https://www.covid19dataportal.org>

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/group/rda-covid19-rda-covid19-omics-rda-covid19-epidemiology-rda-covid19-clinical-rda-covid19-0>

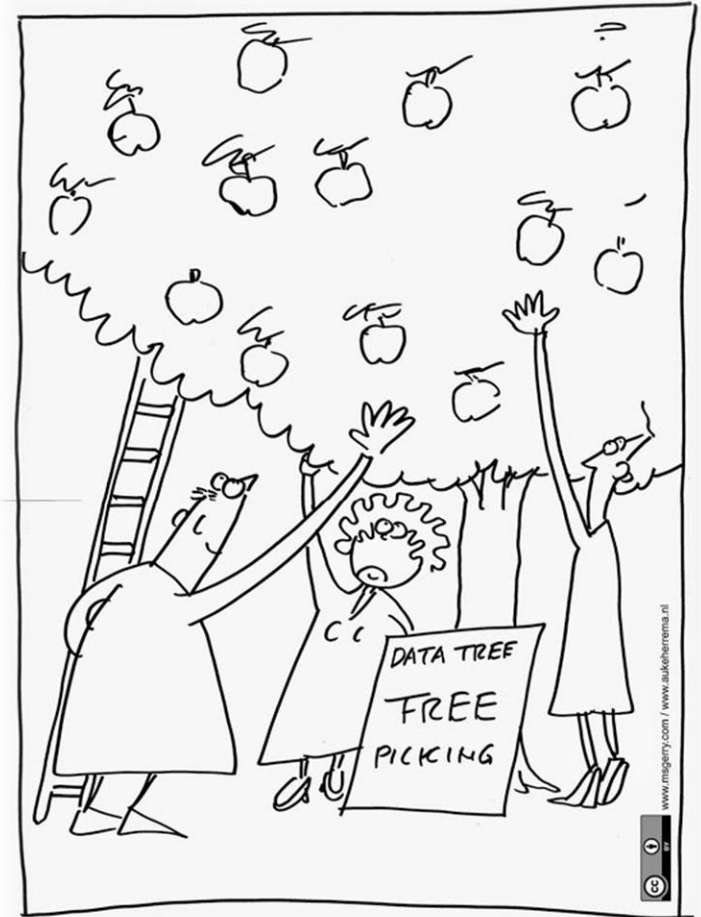
Enabling data sharing

1. Culture change

- Influence of sharing norms within direct research circle
- Academic rewards for data sharing
- External drivers:
 - Funder policies
 - Publishers requirements (DAPs)

2. RDM training and support for researchers

3. Infrastructure: VREs, trustworthy data repositories



THE FUTURE?

FAIR Data Principles (2016)

During the 2014 workshop “Designing a data FAIRport” for the life sciences in Leiden a minimal set of community-agreed guiding principles were formulated.

The FAIR Data Principles:



SCIENTIFIC DATA

Open Access | Published: 15 March 2016

The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship

Mark D. Wilkinson, Michel Dumontier, IJsbrand Jan Aalbersberg, Gabrielle Appleton, Myles Axton, Arie Baak, Niklas Blomberg, Jan-Willem Boiten, Luiz Bonino da Silva Santos, Philip E. Bourne, Jildau Bouwman, Anthony J. Brookes, Tim Clark, Mercè Crosas, Ingrid Dillo, Olivier Dumon, Scott Edmunds, Chris T. Evelo, Richard Finkers, Alejandra Gonzalez-Beltran, Alasdair J.G. Gray, Paul Groth, Carole Goble, Jeffrey S. Grethe, Jaap Heringa, Peter A.C 't Hoen, Rob Hooft, Tobias Kuhn, Ruben Kok, Joost Kok, Scott J. Lusher, Maryann E. Martone, Albert Mons, Abel L. Packer, Bengt Persson, Philippe Rocca-Serra, Marco Roos, Rene van Schaik, Susanna-Assunta Sansone, Erik Schultes, Thierry Sengstag, Ted Slater, George Strawn, Morris A. Swertz, Mark Thompson, Johan van der Lei, Erik van Mulligen, Jan Velterop, Andra Waagmeester, Peter Wittenburg, Katherine Wolstencroft, Jun Zhao & Barend Mons  - Show fewer authors

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- Easy to find by both humans and machines based on metadata
- With well-defined use license and access conditions (Open Access if possible)
- Ready to be linked with other datasets
- Ready to be re-used for future research and to be processed further using computational methods and tools

<https://www.nature.com/articles/sdata201618>

FAIR metrics

Box 2 | The FAIR Guiding Principles

To be Findable:

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes
- F4. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

To be Accessible:

- A1. (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol
 - A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
 - A1.2 the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary
- A2. metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

To be Interoperable:

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

To be Reusable:

- R1. meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes
 - R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
 - R1.2. (meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
 - R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

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Different implementations of FAIR data

Creation



Requirements for new data creation (funders)



RISK ALERT



Assessment



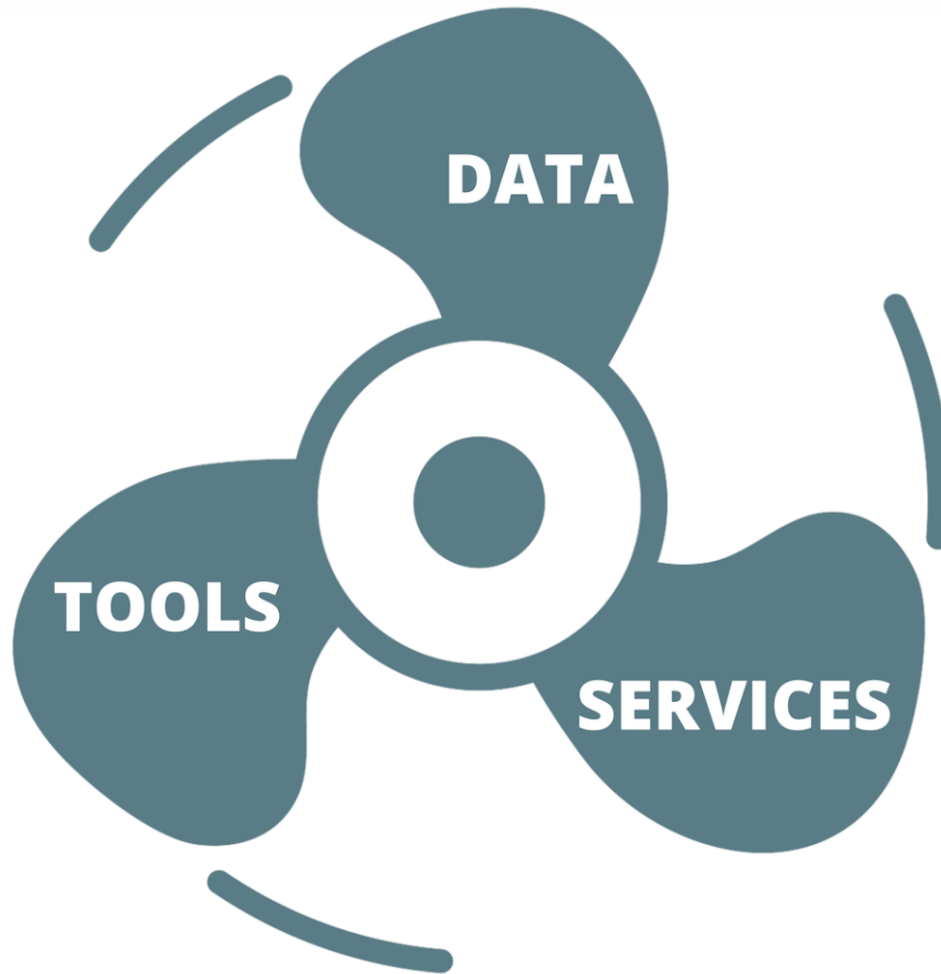
Establishing the profile for existing data (data repositories)

Transformation



Transformation tools to make data FAIR (Go-FAIR initiative)

The internet of FAIR data and services



Europe and FAIR



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Guidelines on

FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020

<https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/7769a148-f1f6-11e8-9982-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-80611283>



Key Points: To make FAIR a reality ...

- Report takes a holistic approach, not a data centric approach
- Need to address the enabling practices and technologies – not just focus on the data and its attributes
- Need to consider all digital outputs (data, code, metadata etc)
- Objective is to make data and other digital research outputs FAIR for humans and machines.
- Needs: concept of FAIR digital objects, FAIR ecosystem, interoperability frameworks for disciplines and across disciplines, FAIR services including trusted digital repositories, skills, metrics and sustainable funding.

FAIRsFAIR project



FAIRsFAIR
Fostering Fair Data Practices in Europe

Fostering Fair Data Practices in Europe:

- practical solutions for the use of the FAIR data principles throughout the research data life cycle;
- fostering FAIR data culture and the uptake of good practices in making data FAIR;
- Ensuring that research resources such as data, software and services can be rendered and maintained FAIR is FAIRsFAIR's contribution to the EOSC.

FAIRsFAIR IN ACTION



IMPROVE
INTEROPERABILITY
OF FAIR RESOURCES



INCREASE PRODUCTION
AND USE OF FAIR DATA



BUILD A NETWORK
OF TRUSTED DIGITAL
REPOSITORIES



SET UP A FAIR
COMPETENCE CENTRE
FOR ALL COMMUNITIES



DEVELOP A CAPABILITY
MATURITY MODEL
TOWARDS FAIR
CERTIFICATION



EMBED FAIR DATA
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TO GET SUPPORT FOR
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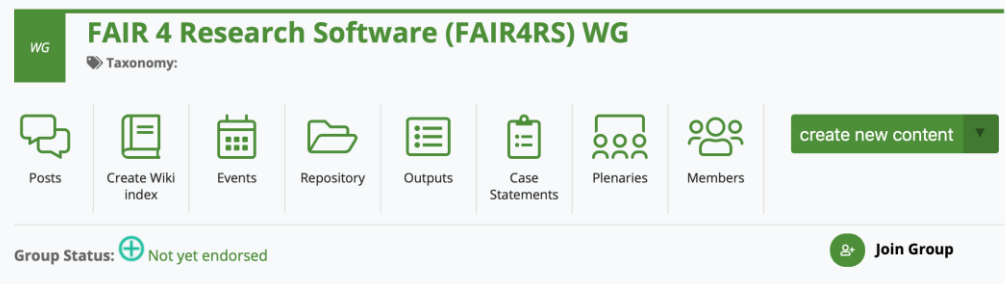
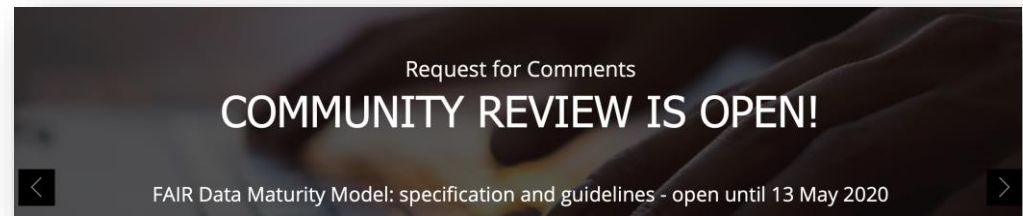
FAIR in RDA



FAIR Data Maturity Model WG

The indicators developed to answer the question 'What needs to be measured to assess the FAIRness of a digital object' and not 'How to measure the FAIRness of a digital object'.

<https://www.rd-alliance.org/group/fair-data-maturity-model-wg/outcomes/fair-data-maturity-model-specification-and-guidelines>



<https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/fair-4-research-software-fair4rs-wg>

<https://fair-software.nl>



Everybody loves FAIR!



Everybody wants to be FAIR, but:

- what does that mean?
- how to put the principles into practice?



The concept of FAIR data: what does it really mean?

continuum



Open data
is about
MORE
THAN
DISCLOSURE
it must be
"Fair"

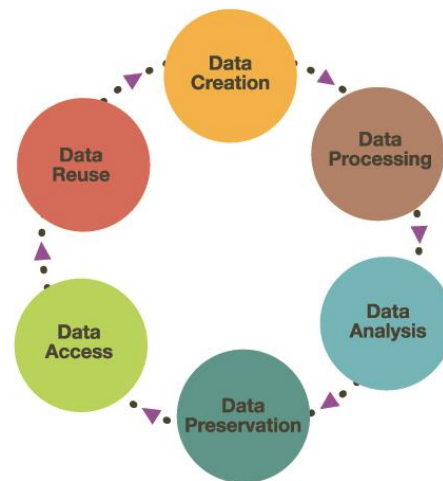
- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable




Responsible RDM



PUBLICATIONS AND DATA





“Perhaps the biggest challenge in sharing data is **trust: how do you create a system robust enough for scientists to trust that, if they share, their data won’t be lost, garbled, stolen or misused?”**

The Data Harvest:

How sharing research data can yield knowledge, jobs and growth

An RDA Europe Report

December 2014

Data sharing a FAIRytale?



“Research data will not become nor stay FAIR by magic. We need skilled people, transparent processes, interoperable technologies and collaboration to build, operate and maintain research data infrastructures.”

Mari Kleemola,
CoreTrustSeal Board

<https://tietoarkistoblogi.blogspot.com/2018/11/being-trustworthy-and-fair.html>

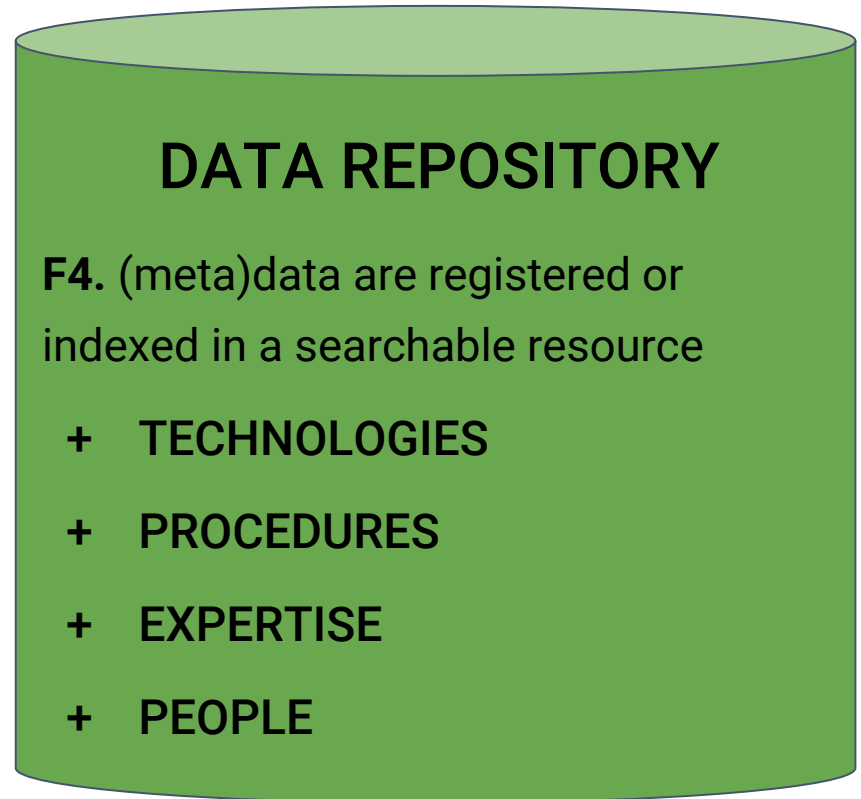
FAIR data assessment: levels

(META)DATA

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Trusting digital repositories

- actions and attributes of the trustee (integrity, transparency, competence, predictability, guarantees, positive intentions)
- external acknowledgements:
 - reputation (researchers)
 - third party endorsements (funders, publishers)



CoreTrustSeal certification



- Community driven repository certification standard
- Developed under the umbrella of RDA
- 16 requirements (organizational infrastructure, digital object management, technology and security)
- Peer review, 3 year cycle, transparent processes
- Global uptake, discipline agnostic



<https://www.coretrustseal.org>

TDR to guarantee baseline data FAIRness

- Majority of CoreTrustSeal requirements (indirectly) refer to the FAIRness of the repository holdings
- Baseline of data FAIRness, but:
- Some data will be more FAIR than others!



FAIR and TRUST principles



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OPEN The TRUST Principles for digital
COMMENT repositories

<https://www.nature.com/sdata/>

Box 1 The TRUST Principles

Principle	Guidance for repositories
Transparency	To be transparent about specific repository services and data holdings that are verifiable by publicly accessible evidence.
Responsibility	To be responsible for ensuring the authenticity and integrity of data holdings and for the reliability and persistence of its service.
User Focus	To ensure that the data management norms and expectations of target user communities are met.
Sustainability	To sustain services and preserve data holdings for the long-term.
Technology	To provide infrastructure and capabilities to support secure, persistent, and reliable services.

Takeaway message



- We need to share our data in order to turn open science into a reality;
- The FAIR principles help us to define high quality and transparent research data management practices;
- The TRUST principles and certification mechanisms, like CoreTrustSeal for digital repositories, help us to create trust in the research data infrastructure we need to safeguard the accessibility and assessability of our (FAIR) data for the future.

Thank you for listening!



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