Know Moore About: RDM



Presenter notes:

Script:

- Welcome to the session and introductions.
- Housekeeping.
- Slides/handouts will be distributed electronically.

Topics

- Introduction to data
- Organising data
- Storing data
- Archiving data
- Data sharing

Presenter notes:

- Topics to cover in this session.
- Look at what data actually are, how they can be organised and stored.
- Focus on the vital role of open data in open research – especially when it comes to the requirements to share data.
- Very brief tour of the basics of data management – can point you towards more information if needed.



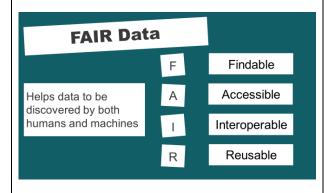
Interaction – ask the audience what *data* means to them.

Animated slide - click to see data examples.

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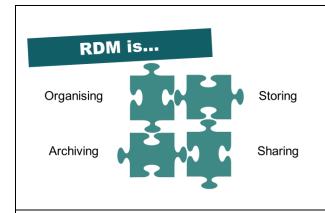
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- Data can mean many things often very discipline dependent.
- Term covers any of the terms highlighted on the screen and more.
- Some people struggle as seeing what they work with as data. This is more of an issue in HASS.
- Data = any information used or produced during the research process.



Presenter notes:

- All research data should follow the FAIR principles – helps data to be found by both researchers and machines = makes it more discoverable.
- Originally published in 2016 to act as a guideline for those wanting to make their data reusable.
- Findable making the data discoverable e.g. adding metadata and assigning a DOI.
- Accessible ensuring people can actually use it when found e.g. using recognised systems and open protocols.
- Interoperable making sure that data will work across systems e.g. using open source software.
- Reusable ensuring data can be reused and built upon by others e.g. adding an appropriate licence.



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- Good data management is like building a jigsaw – you need all the right pieces to put together to make a good strategy.
- There are some different ways to put a data strategy together and you may spend more time on some areas than others but this will form the basis of any good data plan.



Presenter notes:

- Begin by looking at how data can be organised.
- Fairly basic and likely to be things you do anyway but you will need to think about them and record them in any formal plan.
- Useful tips for organising information more generally.



Interaction – ask the audience for the pros/cons of each model and why they think this.

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- Almost all researchers work with some type of digital file.
- In theory these are easy to find as you can just search for the name of a file but this doesn't always work.
- Seems like Example B is the better of the two but each has pros and cons.
- Example A useful for finding recently used files quickly or saving things on the run BUT is messy and will be of limited use in time or if new people come into the project.
- Example B much more structured and easy to follow for anyone coming into the project but could become complex with many levels.
- It's about having a system that works for you and your team that is organised in some way.



Presenter notes:

- Many people also deal with physical samples and principles are broadly the same.
- Create maps can be simple as a spreadsheet. Keep a note of where things were found/what they were used for. Add relevant notes.
- Reference create references for all samples and keep these up to date.
 Can be useful if you need to restock or when keeping variable the same.
- Paper notes can be converted to digital notes by apps or scanning. Can help to keep things safe and easier to share later on.

Organisation should...

- Allow you to find files easily
- Be meaningful to you and colleagues
- Be consistent

Presenter notes:

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- In summary, no matter which type of data you are dealing with your need a system which will let you:
- Find your files easily researchers accumulate lots of material and your system should allow you to go straight to what you need.
- Be meaningful to both the original researcher and their colleagues.
 Mobile researchers often means a great deal of change. Good test of your system if your colleagues can use it.
- Be consistent choose a system and stick with it or it will just end up being more confusing.

Organisation could...

- Look however you want it to...
- ... as long as you (and others) can make sense of it

Presenter notes:

- Unless there is an existing local policy that you HAVE to use, your system can be whatever works for you.
- Important thing is that the system allows you to find what you need when you need it and that other people can interpret it.

File naming conventions









Would you know what any of these files were in three years?

Presenter notes:

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- One of the easiest things to do is to use a file naming convention.
- May seem like a hassle to set up initially but can save time and effort in the long run – would you know what any of these files were in three years time?

File naming conventions



Presenter notes:

Animated slide – click to highlight each element of the convention.

- Many examples of systems out there
 check if there is a local one.
- One example from Queensland University of Technology uses a series of components to construct a file name:
- Prefix type of file.
- Name sensible name of the document.
- Version number which version/draft.
- Date of last update.
- Person who last updated it?
- Files named using this system will display all types together, in order of version and when they were last updated = easy to find the most recent version of a file.

File naming conventions

- Objective
- Meaningful
- Concise
- Standardised

Jisc Advice Guides: What Makes a Good File Name?

Presenter notes:

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- Whichever system you use it needs to have the following characteristics:
- Objective a clear name that makes sense to everyone.
- Meaningful avoid abbreviations and personal shorthand.
- Concise long file names mean that the convenience of using a system is often lost and they can be harder to remember.
- Standardised system as a whole and individual components e.g. date format, should be standardised.
- Guidance available from Jisc about file naming conventions.

Storing data

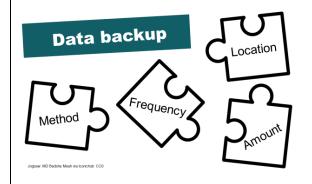
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- Once you have data organised you need to think about the next puzzle piece – how are you going to store the information you've used or created?
- Most people just say that they will use a backup drive but there is still more to think about.



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- Backing up data is something we all know we SHOULD do but also something many of us leave until later when we 'have time'.
- This can have devastating consequences as the stories on this slide show = all real headlines.
- Extreme examples but think about smaller examples – misplaced memory sticks, computer crashes – and think about the amount of data which could be lost in each situation.



Presenter notes:

- Back to the jigsaw metaphor putting together the individual pieces to create a bespoke backup strategy.
- Different projects will need different plans.
- Method how will it be backed up? Is there a local, automatic system or do you have to set something up? External drives have a cost implication. Choose two methods that will store the amount needed and keep separately.
- Frequency how often will it be backed up? The more important data are and the more they change the more frequent backups will need to
- Location where will data be stored? Are there any restrictions on this e.g. keeping it in a certain geographic location?
- Amount how much will be backed up each time? Does everything need to be backed up or only parts? Think about how much you could stand to lose.

Key steps - Always back up data - In at least two locations - Keep these apart from each other

Presenter notes:

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- Main takeaway message = always backup your information, in at least two locations and keep these apart from each other.
- Not much use to have a strategy and then keep everything in one backpack which gets stolen!

Cloud services

- Always read the small print
- Investigate University solutions
- Be careful which data you store





Presenter notes:

- Many researchers use cloud services but it is important to use caution.
- Read terms and conditions before signing up – you need to know what you are agreeing to and that it meets funder requirements e.g. storing data in the EU.
- University has a range of institutional accounts = greater level of protection and more storage. CAUTION: remember that you will lose access to these when you leave.
- Be careful with storing sensitive information with these services – do they meet the requirements?



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- Next step = archiving data.
- Important step to both preserve research and prepare it for sharing so that others can come along and build on work which has also been done.

Personal data

"'personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person"

- GDPR definition

Presenter notes:

- General Data Protection Regulation came into force in 2018.
- Changed the rules governing personal how data can be collected and stored.
- Expanded the definition of personal data and increased penalty for data breeches.
- Consent forms need to inform participants exactly how their information will be used.



GDPR

- Data breach notification
- Right to be forgotten
- Increased responsibility for the researcher and the organisation
- Financial penalties

Presenter notes:

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- University must be notified of any data breeches within 72 hours.
- Right to be forgotten means people can have their details removed from research.
- Organisation and individual researcher now have increased liability for any breeches = important to protect personal data.
- Minor issues = maximum E 10 million fine, major issues = maximum E 20 million fine.
- Information Compliance website of the University offers more information.

Rules of personal data

- Don't collect it unless you need it!
- Informed, open, written consent
- Anonymise
- Use managed repositories

Presenter notes:

- Some basic advice to follow to ensure you protect personal/sensitive data.
- Only collect information you actually need – personal information covers many things which can be used to identify someone. Think about if you need to collect each individual piece of information.
- Obtain informed, open, written consent – participants need to sign a document saying they understand the research and that they are happy for results to be shared in print/online e.g. via a repository.
- Anonymise all data including splitting datasets if needed.
- Use managed repositories to share data – complies with the sharing rules but also manages to keep data protected.



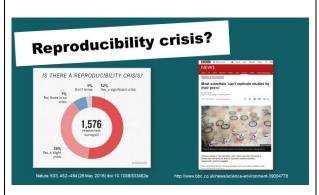
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- Sharing data = part of wider move towards open research.
- Ensures that outcomes of research are shared with those who are interested.
- Allows knowledge to move forward.

Carrots Moves knowledge forward • Increases citations • Saves effort • Research reproducibility Sticks Research integrity • Funder mandates • University policies

Presenter notes:

- Different motivations for sharing data = carrots and sticks.
- Carrots:
- Allowing others to use data helps them in their own work and helps move global knowledge forward.
- Increases citations for data creators = another output to cite.
- Stops people repeating the same experiments to create the same results – especially if something doesn't work.
- Reproducibility need to be able to check and verify results = need to see data. More on this next.
- Sticks:
- Helps preserve integrity of research and protects research from speculation.
- Funders and universities often now mandate that data underpinning publications is shared.



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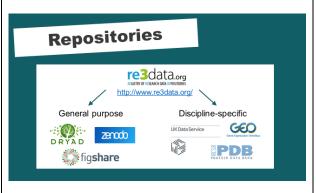
- Reproducibility crisis = one of the most important reasons to share data.
- Many scientific studies are impossible to reproduce – 70% can't reproduce the work of others and 505 can't reproduce their own.
- Need to be able to verify results of research as part of academic process.
- Several recent cases of fraud.
- Making data available allows others to do this and test your conclusions = improved science.
- Can also protect from accusations of misconduct.

How to share data

- At time of publication (or earlier)
- Select a suitable repository
- Describe and licence your data
- Investigate potential costs

Presenter notes:

- Covered the why of sharing but what about the how?
- Data should be shared at the time of publication or even before publication and linked to the published version. Can actually protect from data theft as this date stamps the data.
- Choose a suitable repository some funders specify a repository but if not you will have to select one.
- Describe/licence data think about how you would like others to use your data. Add metadata/ReadMe file and a suitable licence.
- Investigate costs there are cost implications to sharing data, especially when there are large amounts. This will need to be built into budgets.



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- Repositories preserve and share outputs including data.
- Range of repositories available general, format/subject specific, institutional.
- Need to think about what grant specifies, what your peers use and what will be the best venue for your output.
- Try to use just one/two for different formats = easier to keep track of statistics.
- Re3data = showcases a range of repositories and offers guidance on how to select the best one for your needs.



Presenter notes:

- Cambridge IR = Apollo. Well indexed by Google and largely free to use.
- Takes all types of output including data.
- Can link publication and datasets together in Apollo.

Licensing data How can your data be used? Can people publish their own work based on your data? Can others make money from your data? As open as possible and as closed as necessary

Presenter notes:

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- Need to consider how you want others to use your data when sharing it.
- You are the creator = you have the control.
- Find a licence which outlines how you want your data to be used including whether you will allow them to use it in their own work and/or make money from what they create with it.
- Funders may specify a certain licence or level of access e.g. CC, Apache, General Public Licence.
- Many people are understandably worried about this but important to remember that in many circumstances you control the licence and you make the choice.
- Advice is to be as open as possible and as closed as necessary = happy medium.



Presenter notes:

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 All of the elements discussed come together in one document = data management plan.

Data management plans

- Outline of how data will be managed
- Mandated by funders
- Expected by the University
- Living document

Presenter notes:

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- DMPs = outline of how data will be managed and shared.
- Increasingly mandated by funders and institutions as a way to show that recipients will be responsible with the money they get.
- Cambridge is increasingly mandating that they be drawn up prior to the start of a project = part of good academic practice.
- Remember DMPs are living documents which should be updated throughout the length of a project.



Presenter notes:

Interaction – distribute handouts.

Interaction – remind attendees about DMP course/resources.

- Different funders have different mandates about what needs to be in a plan but some common areas are highlighted on the screen.
- Sources of the data whether you have collected it yourself or are using existing data (and any permissions)
- Type of data what format(s) will the data be in?
- Backup how will data be stored and protected during and after the project?
- Sharing how will data be shared in compliance with both GDPR and funder requirements?
- Ethics which ethical standards will be adhered to and how will you ensure these are met?
- Responsibility who will have named responsibility for the documentation and data? Is there a succession plan?



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• Any questions?

Presenter notes:

Action – send slides/online handout to audience.

Action – hand out feedback forms.