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Research Data Management
What‘s in it for me?

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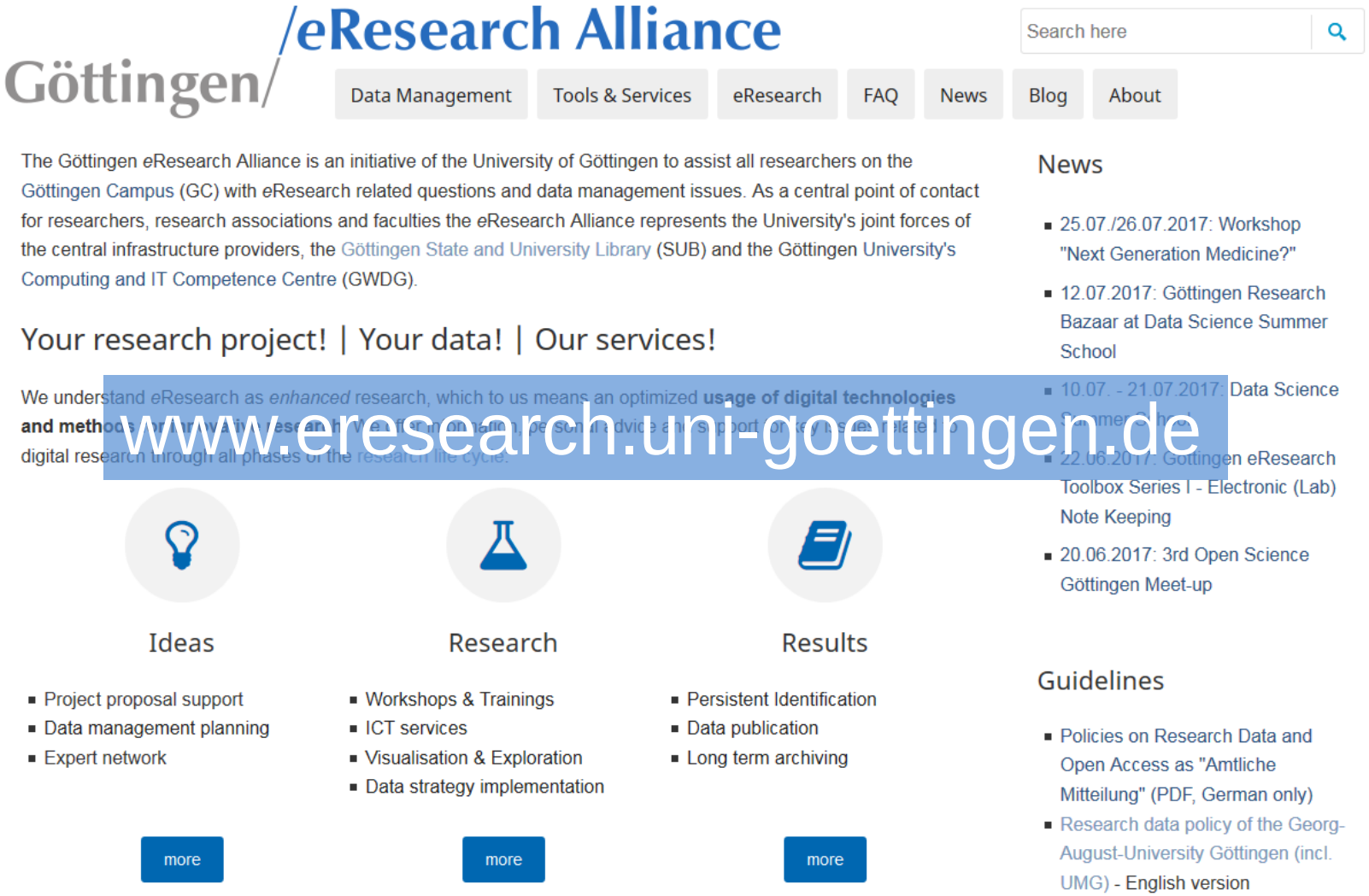
Outline

- Introduction
- Research / Data / Management
- Data Management Planning
- Backup & Storage
- Organization & Documentation
- Data sharing and legal aspects



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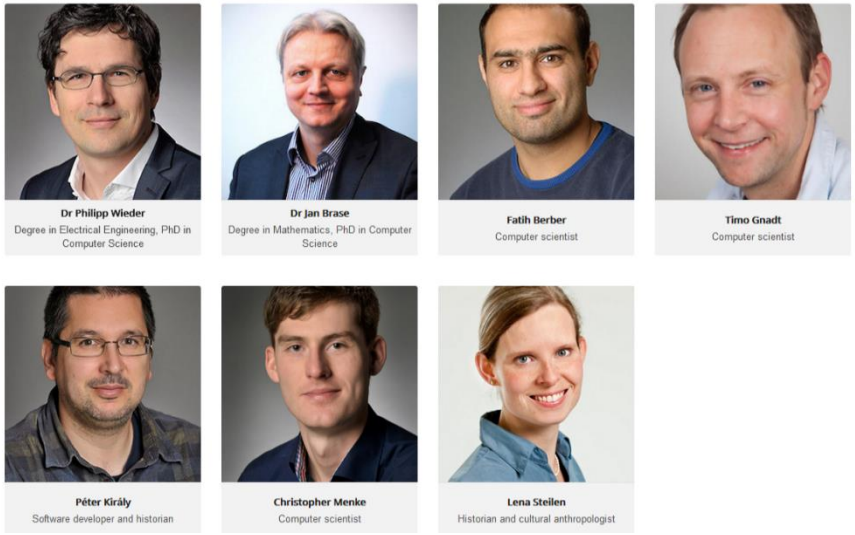

- diverse backgrounds
  - mainly in natural sciences, humanities, computer science
- run mutually by

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- extensive expertise on e-research related topics

→ *we are not experts in your discipline, but we can relate to your data management requirements*

What eRA can do for you

- Consultations / support
  - Research Data Management
  - Publication strategies
  - Digital methods, software and technologies to enhance a research project
  - Information hub for experts & expertise on the whole campus
- Training
  - (like right here & now)
  - Information material / knowledge base
- Collaboration
  - Liaising project partnership
  - Project as a service

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Research / Data / Management

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Research Data Management

Surely you know what that is…

… and how to do it. RIGHT?

What is ‘data’?

“A reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing.”

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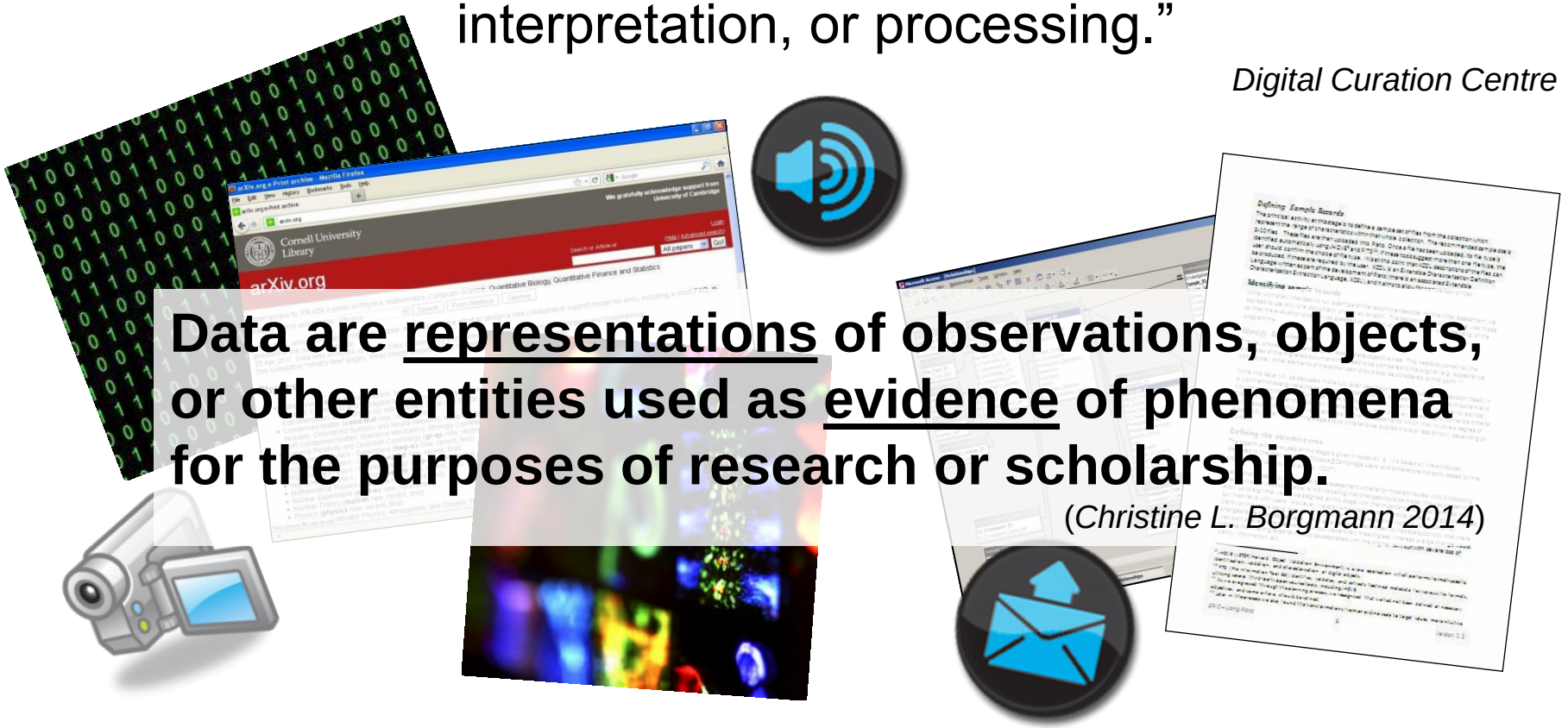


Data are <u>representations</u> of observations, objects, or other entities used as <u>evidence</u> of phenomena for the purposes of research or scholarship.

(*Christine L. Borgmann 2014*)

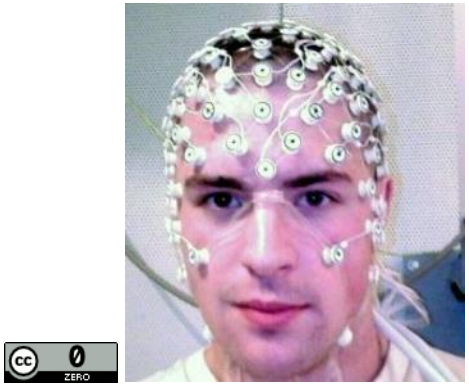
What is Research Data?

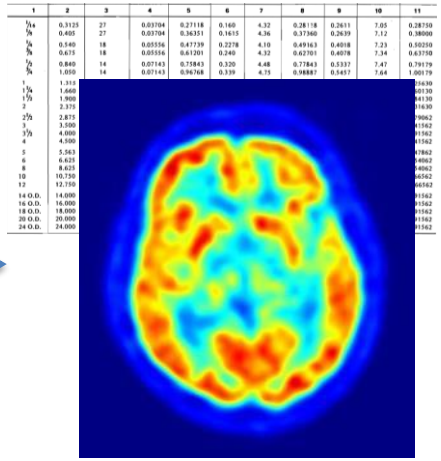
Any information you use in your research:

statistics, interviews, simulations, measurement data from experiments, observational data from instruments, text with semantic annotations, 3D scans, model drawings, numerical representations, ...

In many forms:

Video, audio, images, spreadsheets, paper documents, binary data, software, text files, lab notebooks, ...





ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

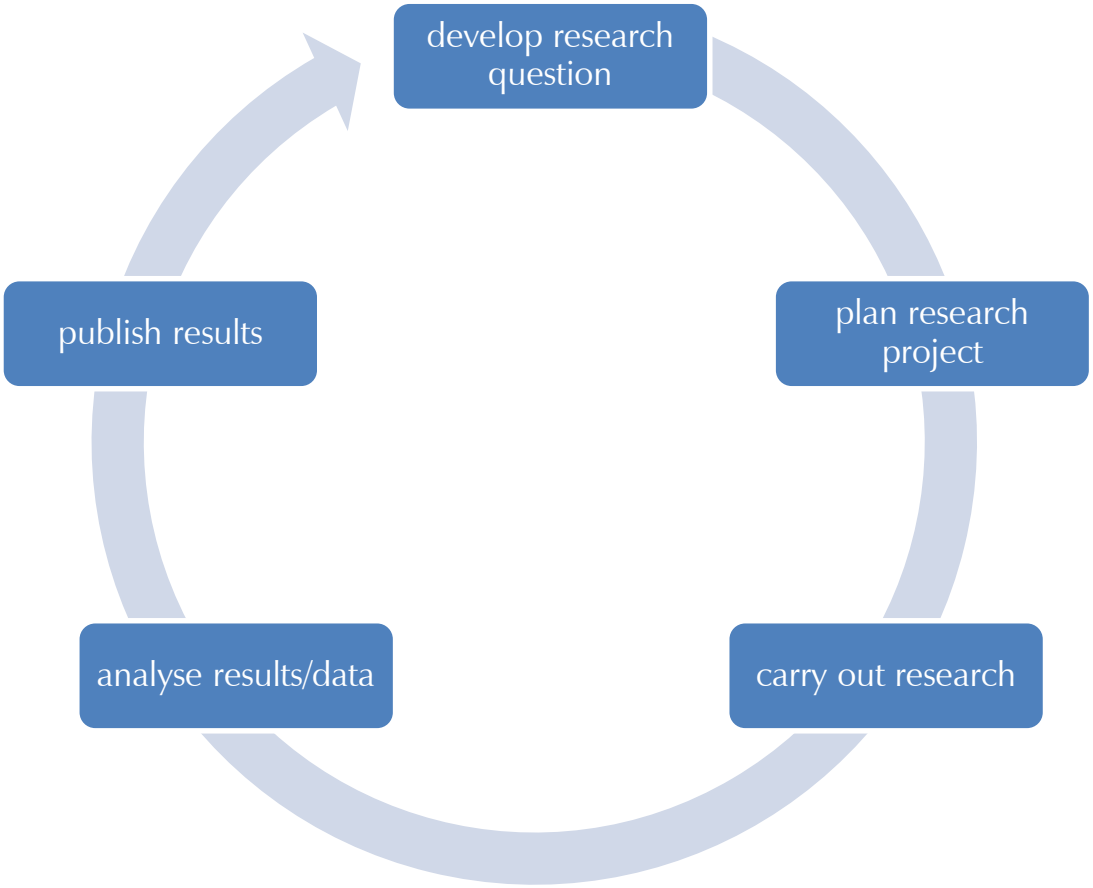
Audiovisual emotional processing and neurocognitive functioning in patients with depression

Sophie Doose-Grünefeld, Simon B. Eickhoff and Veronika I. Müller

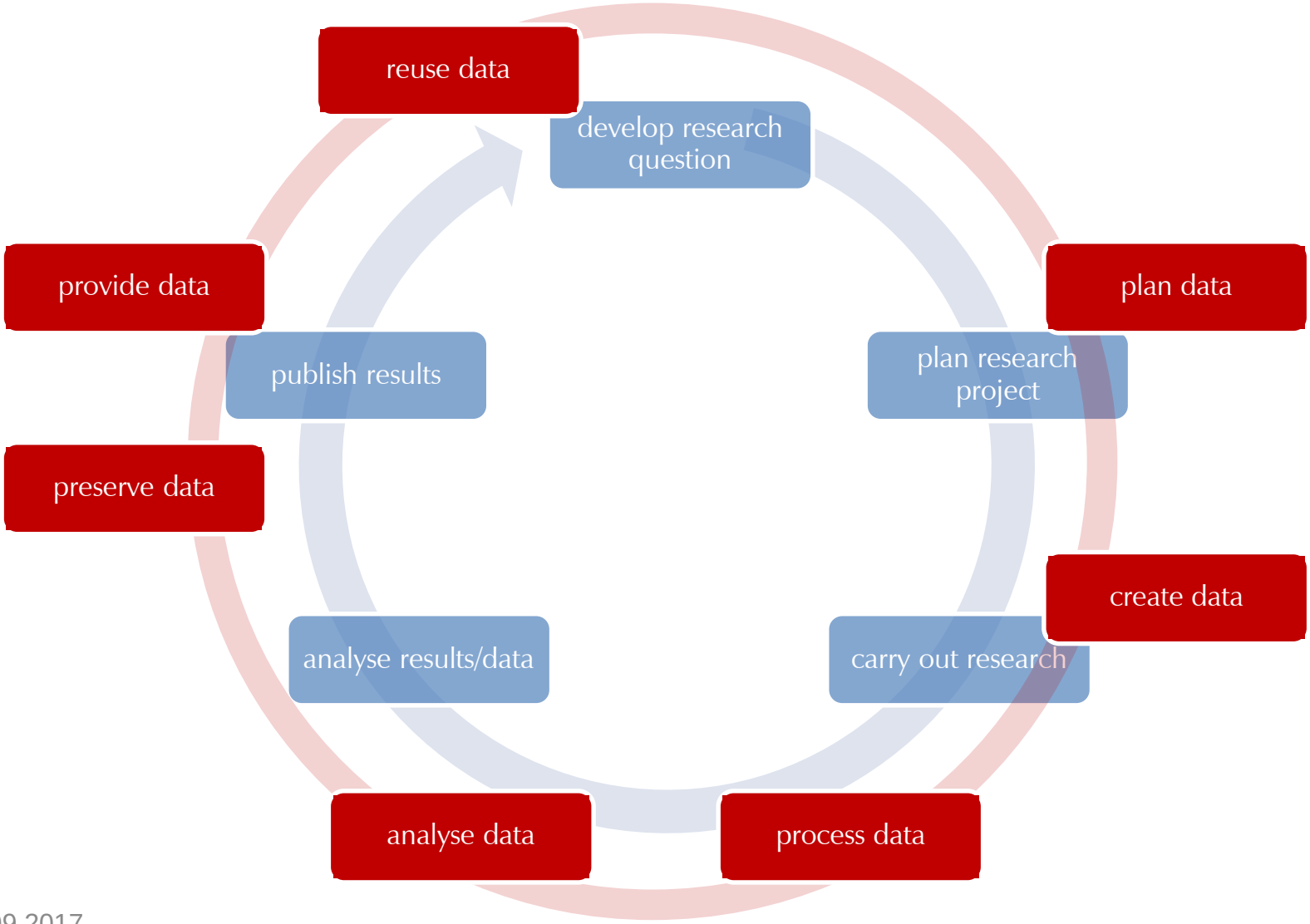
Alterations in the processing of emotional stimuli (e.g., facial expressions, prosody, music) have repeatedly been reported in patients with major depression. Such impairments may result from the likewise prevalent executive deficits in these patients. However, studies investigating this relationship are rare. Moreover, most studies to date have only assessed impairments in unimodal emotional processing, whereas in real life, emotions are primarily conveyed through more than just one sensory channel. The current study therefore aimed at investigating multi-modal emotional processing in

research object → **research data** → **result/ publication**

Research lifecycle



Research data lifecycle



Research data – a valuable investment

Source: European Space Agency: Rosetta and Philae at comet, on flickr. CC-BY-SA-2.0

Rosetta & Philae

Duration:

- >10 years preparation
- 10 years from start to data

Costs:

- over € 1.000.000.000

Outcome:

- some cool photos
- lots of data
- *a radically new theory on the origin of the universe?*

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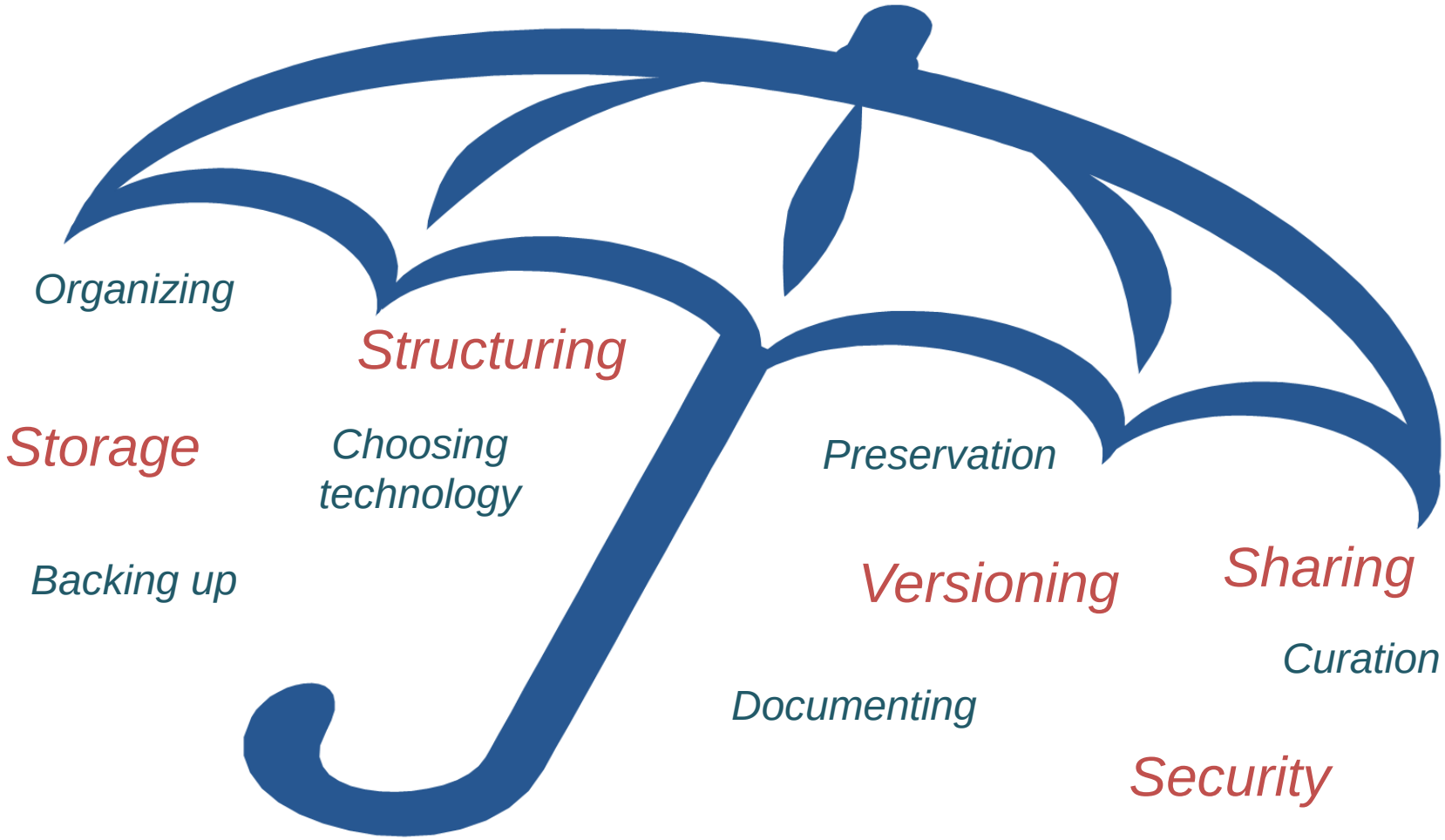

Adapted from “Research data management – a very brief introduction”, the Research Support team, IT Services, University of Oxford

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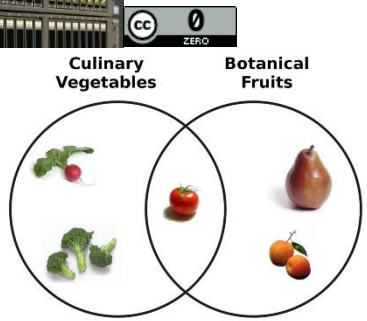
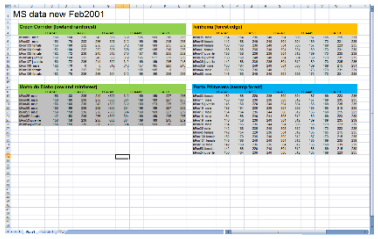
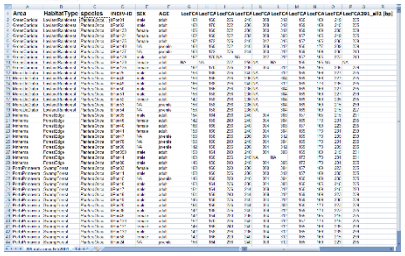


- Metadata and Documentation
- Data Quality





- File Names, Identifier and Versions

doi:10.10.1038/nphys1170

- Ethics, Rights and Licenses

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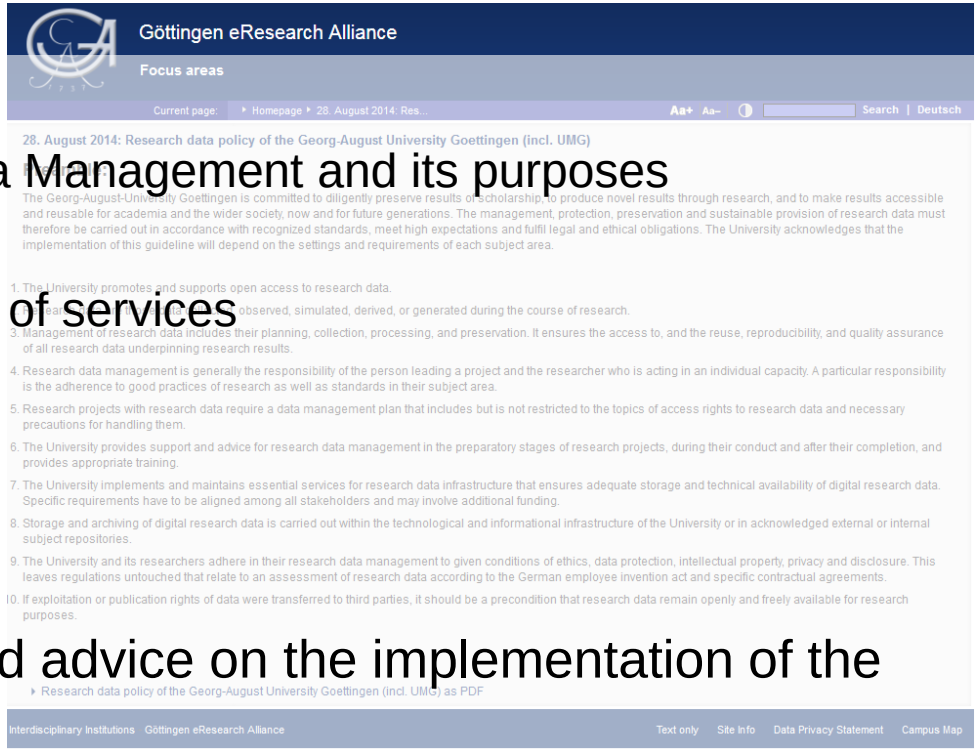
Research Data Policy of the Georg-August Universität Göttingen

- Officially issued on 28th August 2014
- One of the first German universities with such a policy

- Topics addressed:
  - Research Data, Research Data Management and its purposes
  - Data Management Plans
  - Support, training and provision of services
  - Storage location
  - Ethical and legal standards
  - Open Access

- eResearch Alliance: support and advice on the implementation of the RDP for the Göttingen Campus



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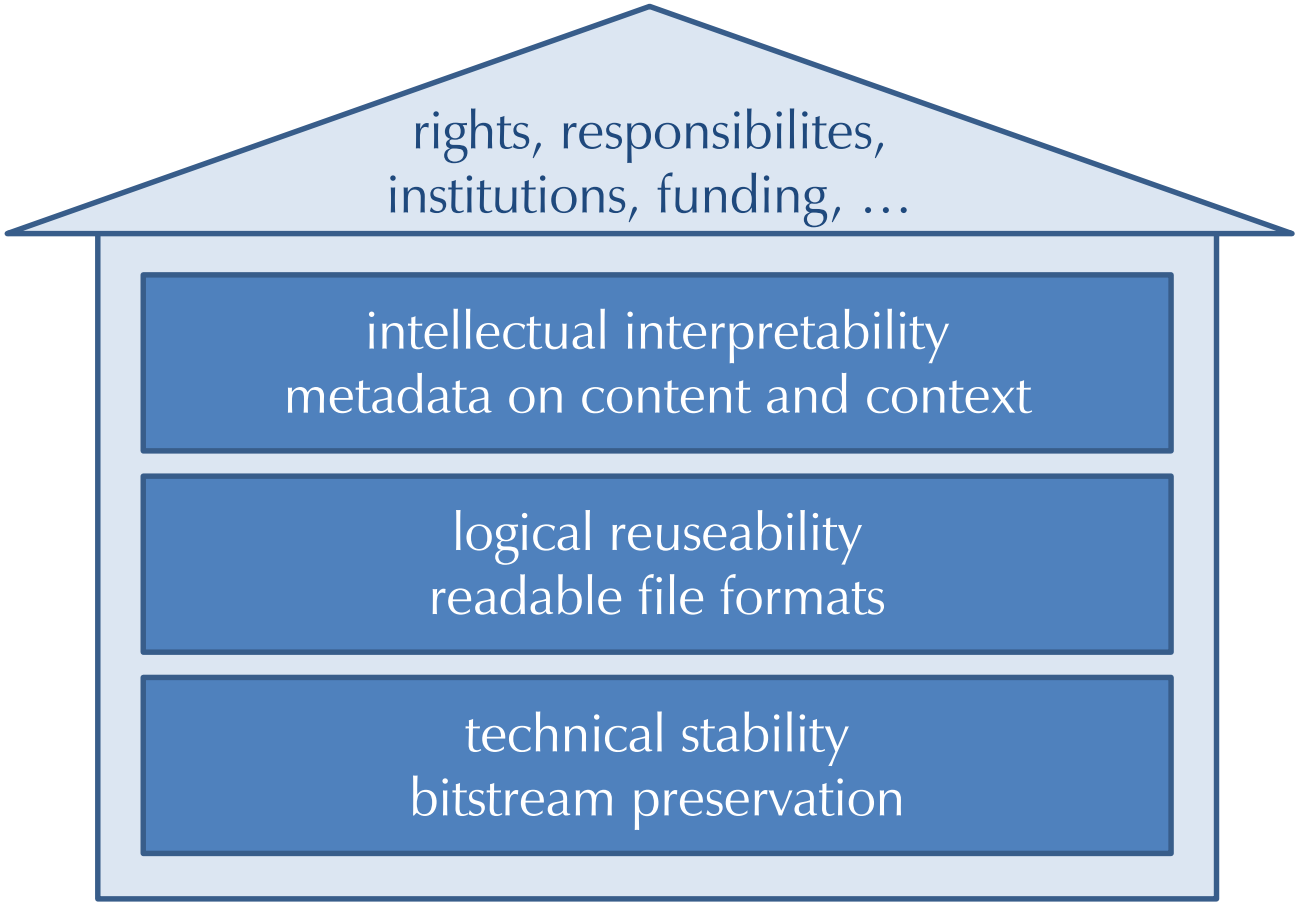
Levels of data preservation



Data preservation motivation

Video:
„Data Management SNAFU in 3 short acts“
By NYU Health Sciences Library

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66oNv_DJuPc

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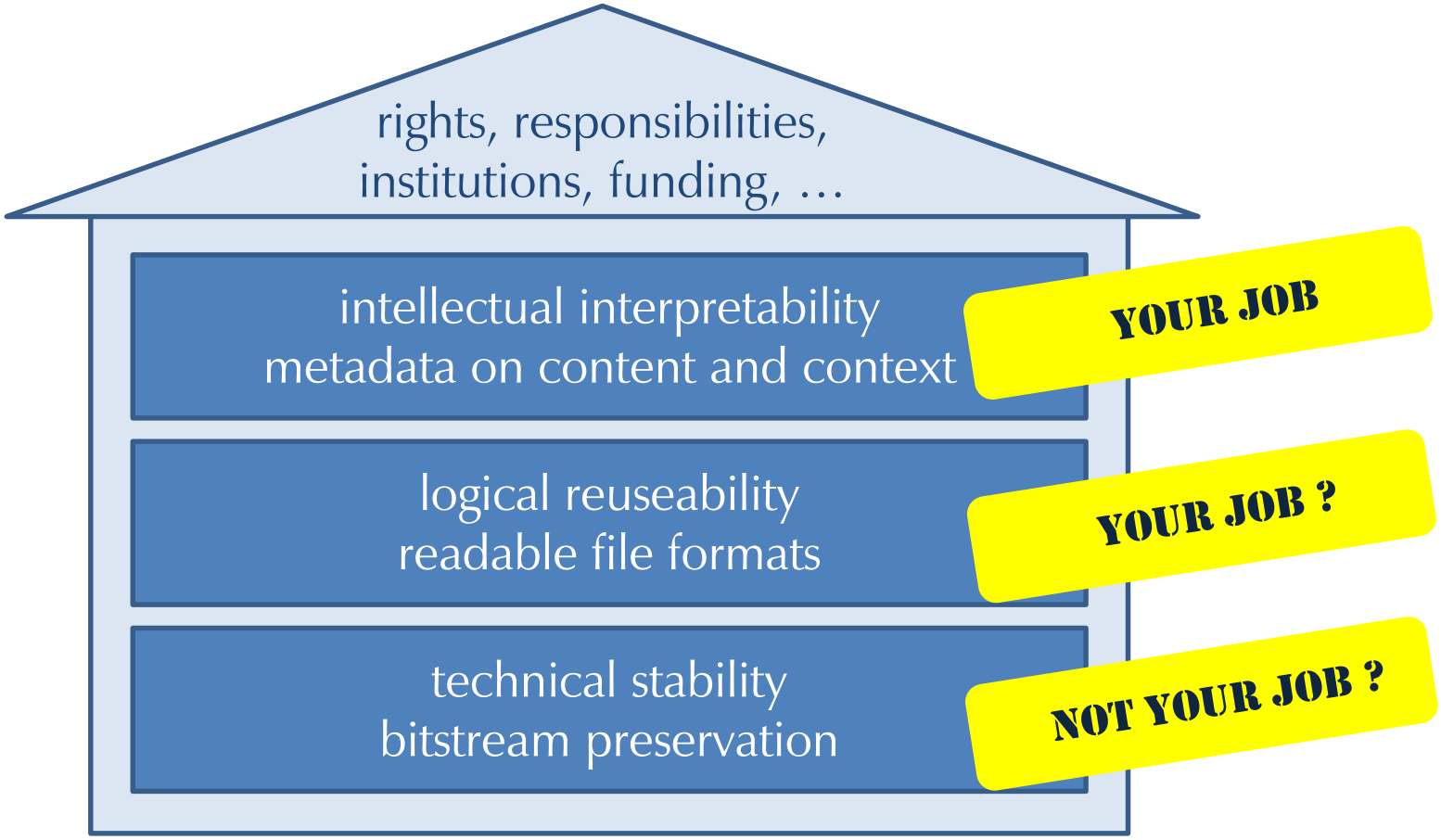

Why Research Data Management?

1. Improve your research

- prevent data loss
- prevent unnecessary work
- better data quality

2. Good Scientific Practice

- reproducibility, accountability and compliance
- "Primary data as the basis for publications shall be securely stored for ten years in a durable form in the institution of their origin." (DFG, Proposals for safeguarding good scientific practice, 1998)
- Requirement from DFG: every new project proposal has to explain how it will deal with research data and whether it will be shared.

3. Data Sharing with Colleagues

- Research can be *very* expensive and the only result of long research journeys may be data.
- Data management costs are small in comparison to data creation costs.
- Productive data sharing is simply a matter of efficiency.

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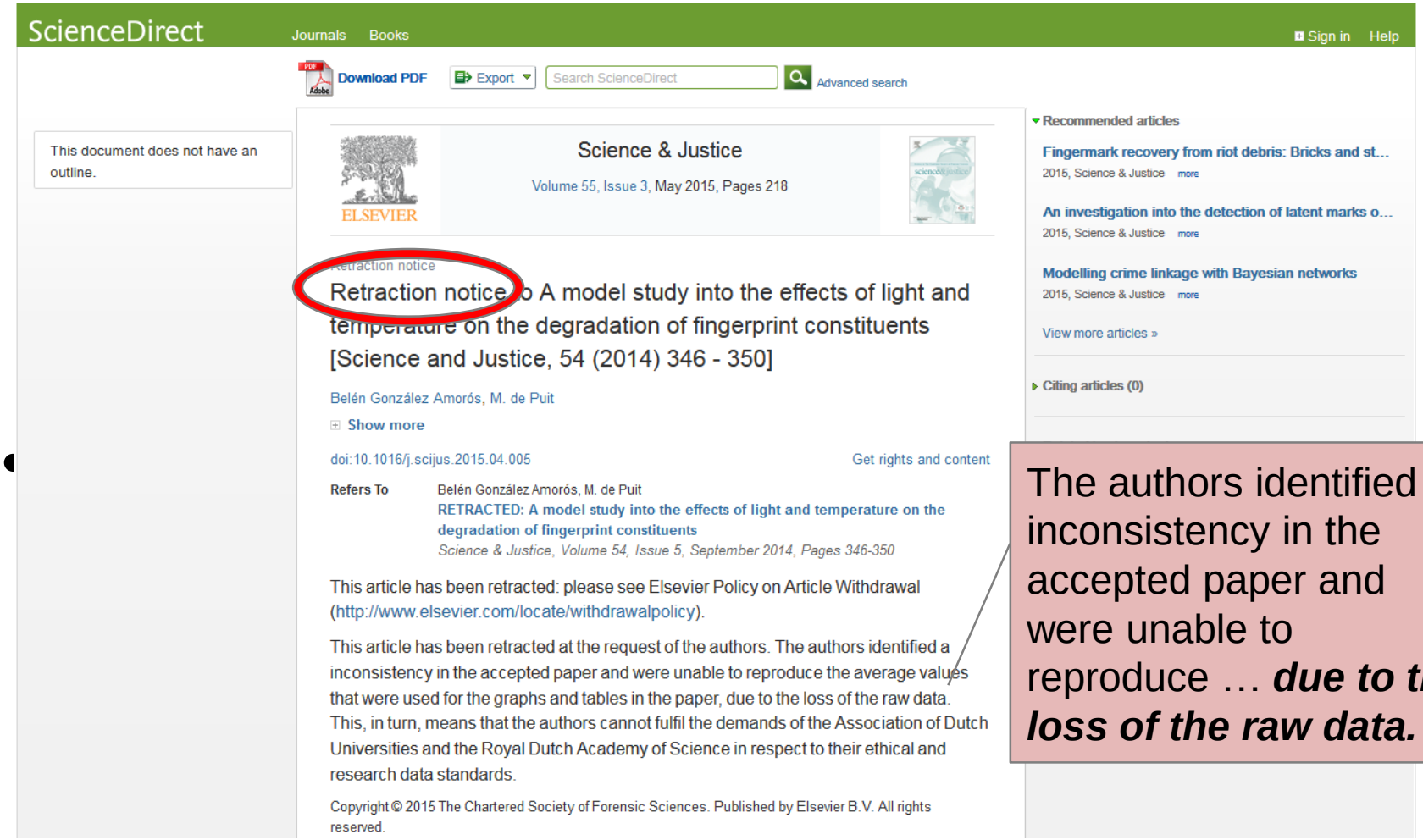

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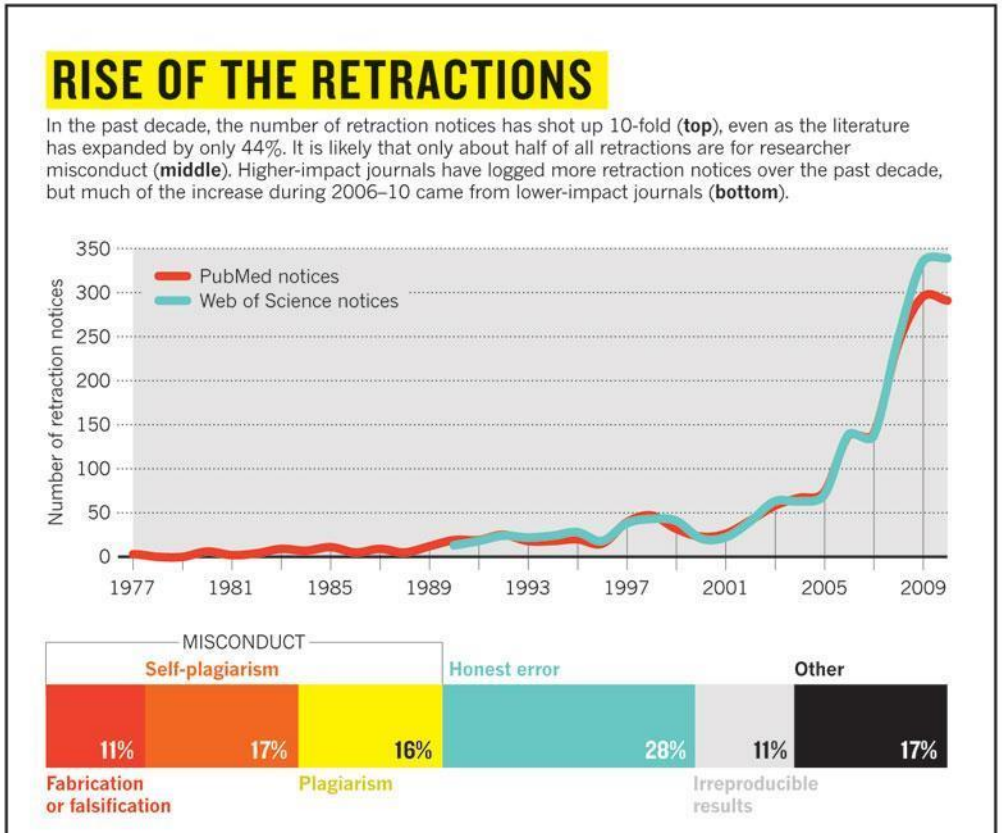

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4. Data Publication
   - Required by increasing number of journals
   - Get credit for your data!

5. Enable new kinds of research
   - Feedback loops between empirical and modeling approaches
   - Initiating research questions in completely different fields

Publications are arguments made by authors, and data are the evidence used to support the arguments.

(*…mann, 2014*)

HOW MUCH STRONGER WILL YOUR ARGUMENTS BE WHEN ANYONE CAN VERIFY THE EVIDENCE?

The deeper meaning of Research Data Management

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Data Management Planning

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Why plan your Data Management?

1. Become aware of problems before they arise

- Like you plan your thesis or research project, you should plan your data management
- Identify roles, responsibilities, resources and solutions *before* data are generated

2. Prevent double work and time pressure

- Keep data management problems to a minimum during hot research phases
- Rest assured knowing that your (intermediate) research results are well-managed

3. Requirement by funders

- DFG requires comprehensive description of how data is dealt with
- BMBF asks: ”*Please provide a concrete data utilisation and data management concept as annex*”
- In the rest of the world, especially US and UK, DMPs are mandatory for quite some time already

What is a Data Management Plan?

- A formal document specifying how data is being handled during and after a research project (i.e., across the full data lifecycle)
- A measure to ensure and document how research data can be kept ***FAIR***
- A reference for workflows, procedures, responsibilities regarding data management
- An opportunity to comprehensively address data-related issues in a project
- **NOT** just a static document to be delivered with a project proposal
- **NOT** a checkmark, yes/no or multiple-choice questionnaire
  - Can be based on a template, on guidelines, or completely free from scratch

THE FOCUS IS ON THE PLANNING, NOT ON THE PLAN

Do I *need* a Data Management Plan?

- **No**, not yet, but more and more funders are moving towards requiring one.
- **No**, since you know already all about what can, will and should happen to your data and who will be responsible if something goes wrong with it, and you can explain and justify this to your supervisor and your funder. RIGHT?
- **No**, since you have an IT department or data representative who takes care of everything concerning your data - NOT

➢ **in essence: No, but it's still a good idea to start creating one**

What does a Data Management Plan look like?

- It's up to you
- You can find examples and guidelines, e.g. here:
  - https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/data-management/dmp_examples
  - http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/data-management-plans/guidance-examples
  - http://www.ands.org.au/working-with-data/data-management/data-management-plans
  - https://www.openaire.eu/opendatapilot-dmp
- Or tools / checklists to create a DMP:
  - http://www.dcc.ac.uk/dmponline
  - https://dmptool.org/
  - http://data.uni-bielefeld.de/de/data-management-plan
  - http://rdmorganiser.github.io/

What should be in a Data Management Plan?

Try to answer the following questions when writing your DMP:

- What data (types, formats, amounts) will be *created?*
- What *policies* (funding, institutional, ethical, and legal) will apply to the data?
- What data management *practices* (backups, access control, preservation and archiving) will be used?
- How are *ownership*, *data access* and protection of *intellectual property* settled and managed?
- How are *data sensitivity issues* addressed and managed?
- How will the data be *described* and possibly *shared* and/or *reused*?
- What *facilities* and *equipment* (hard-disk space, backup server, repository) will be required and used?
- Who will be *responsible* for each of these activities?

➢ **Don't worry if you don't know all the answers yet!**

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Backup & Storage

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Discussion: Backup

Check for yourself:

- Do you backup your research data? How?
- How often do you do it?
- Have you ever tried to recover a deleted file?
- Can you return to a previous version of a file?
- Who is responsible for Backup and Storage services at your institute, in your research group or project?

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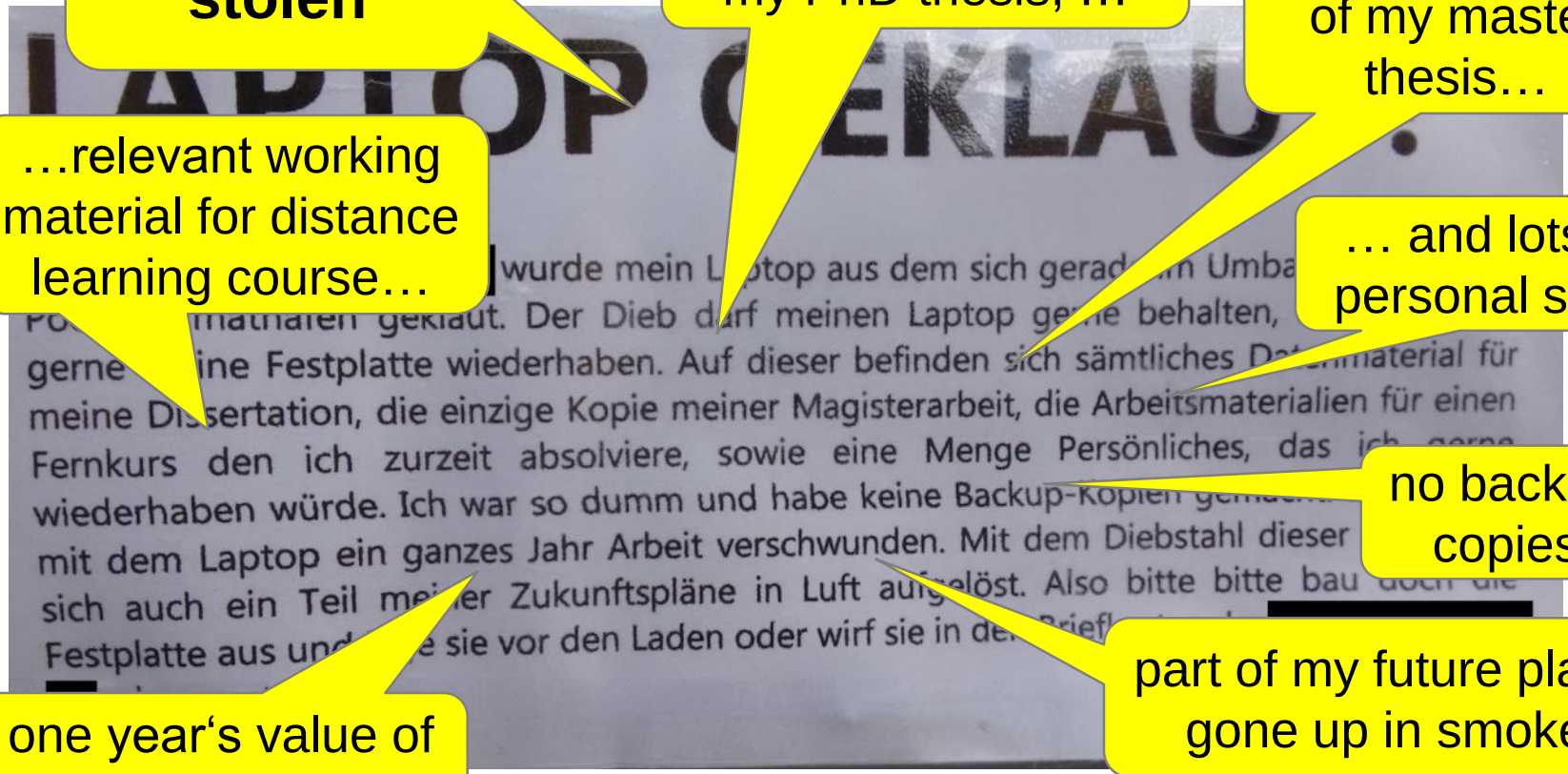

Laptop stolen

Contains all data for my PhD thesis, …

… the only copy of my master thesis…

…relevant working material for distance learning course…

… and lots of personal stuff.

no backup copies

part of my future plans gone up in smoke

one year‘s value of work disappeared

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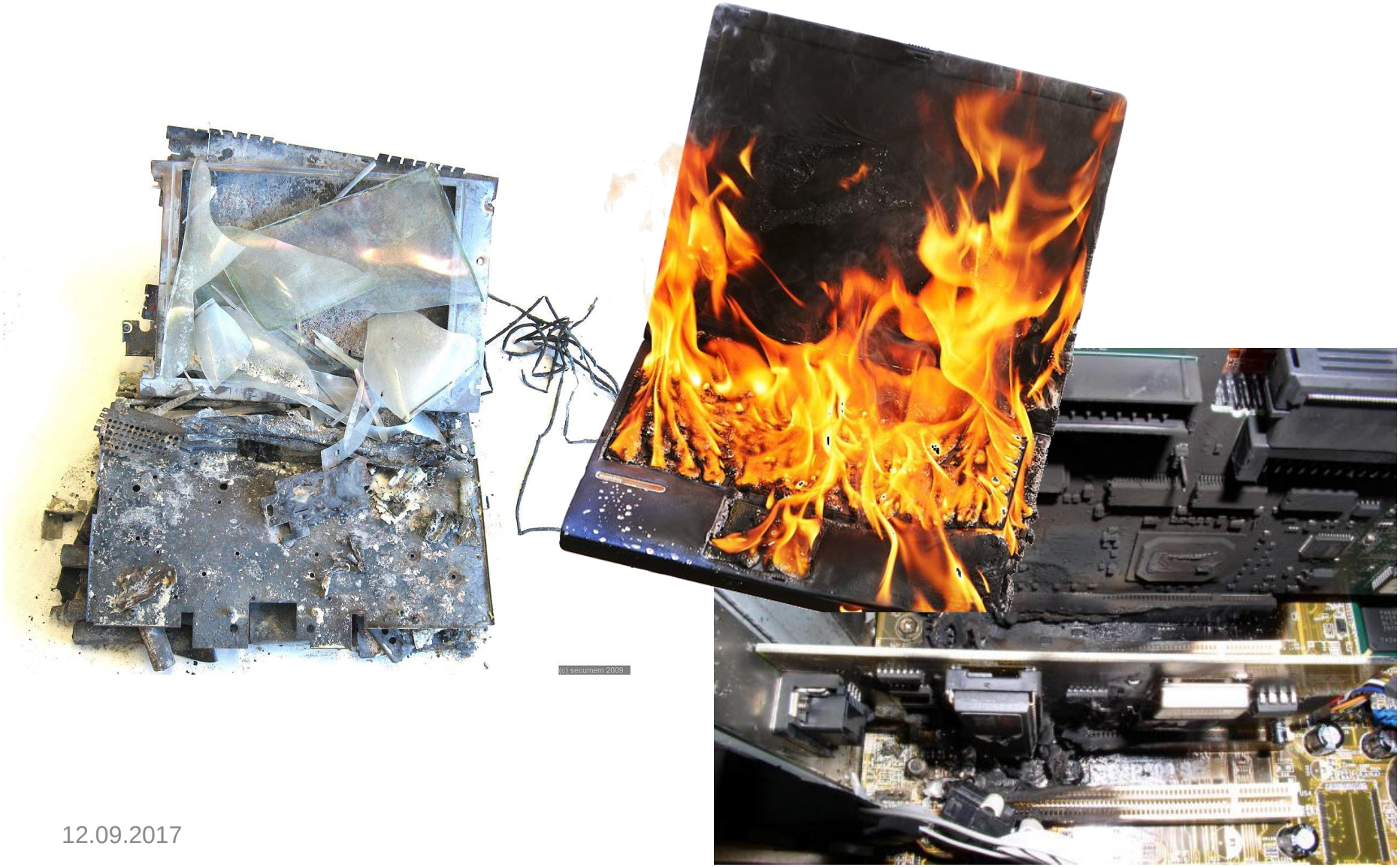

Why Backup?

Source: University of Southampton, School of Electronics and Computer Science, 2005

Why Backup?

...because:

- **Don‘t wait until data loss happens to your best friend. It might happen to you first!**
- **NOBODY is safe from data loss. But EVERYBODY can minimize the risk at a relatively low prize and effort.**
- **Once it‘s become a habit, you will hardly notice the required effort.**

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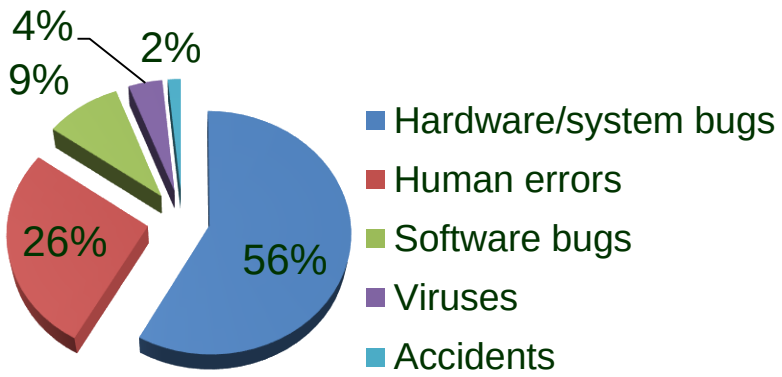
Sources of data loss

- Malware / Theft / Destruction
- Software failures
  - Program errors / bugs / software updates
  - Features
    - (e.g.: Dropbox overwriting on synchronization)
- Hardware failures
  - Bad design / cheap parts / defects
  - Age
  - Dropped laptops / HDDs
  - Liquids (water, coffee, coke)
  - Lightning strikes / electric pulses
- Human errors
  - Accidental deletion
  - Missing knowledge

Source: a man working at home while eating breakfast by Socialeurope via flickr: https://www.flickr.com/photos/socialeurope/4303391587, CC-BY-NC-SA 2.0



Source: Kroll Ontrack, 2007, Robin Harris, http://www.zdnet.com/blog/storage/how-data-gets-lost/167

Further reading: disasters and tales of data loss, statistics on how data gets lost

Sources of data loss

How much of your work can you afford to loose?
- **an accidentally deleted file?**
- **a complete hard drive?**

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When can you afford these kinds of loss?
- **at the beginning of your research project?**
- **one month before your thesis submission?**

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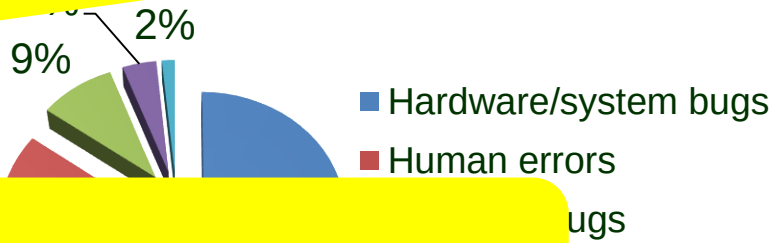

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Let's minimize the risks as far as possible.

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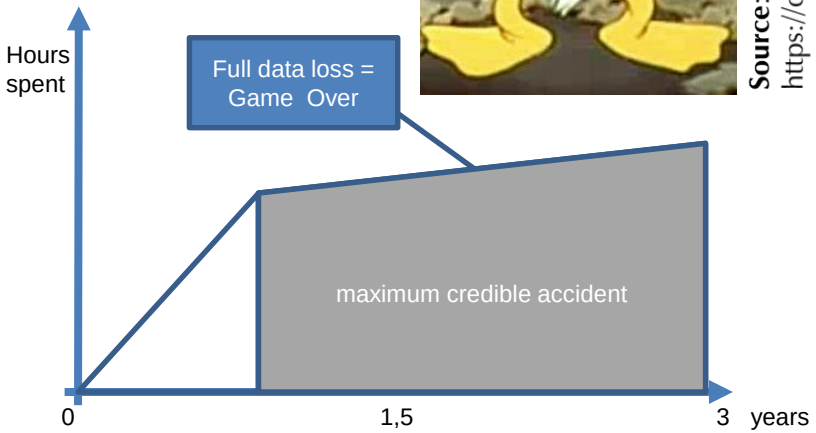
Costs of data loss

Is backing up really worth the effort?

- PhD or postdoc salary costs for employer:
  over € 60.000 / year *
- Estimated costs for losing data of one year's work:
  usually higher

Source: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagobert_Duck

➢ **Besides, you can lose a lot of time**
… and possibly your nerves



Required investments:

- External hard drives start at € 50,-
- Backup Software is included in most modern operating systems

➢ **When will you start backing up? When will you be required to?**

* DFG staff appropriation rates for 2016: http://www.dfg.de/formulare/60_12/60_12.pdf

Backup: Types, Methods & Media

Backup Types:

- manually vs. automated

Backup Methods:

- full vs. incremental vs. differential

Backup Media:

- USB Sticks: cheap, small (also in storage), *but:* not very reliable
- USB HDD: sufficient storage, affordable, *but:* not shock resistant
- USB SSD: mostly very resilient, *but:* more expensive, often not recoverable
- NAS: safer, more features, *but:* even more expensive, more complex
- Cloud Services (Dropbox, Skydrive, FigShare etc.):
  - File safety is not covered by service terms, several cases of data loss in the past
  - not suitable for personal or sensitive data (since Snowden: no excuses anymore)
  - Internet access can be bottleneck when doing a full restore
- Central Network drives at University institutes / MPIs
  - Mostly rely on professional hardware
  - Should be one central part in your backup strategy
  - *BUT: Check their backup policy*
  - *AND: Can you access your backup when you need it?*

Backup principles

- Create multiple backups

3-2-1

- 3 copies
- 2 different media
- 1 remote

- Expect human errors (keep older versions)
- Do not use backup drives for sharing files

BACKUP: NOT IN BACKPACK

- Store backups physically separate from your PC / laptop
- Check your backups regularly

ONCE / MONTH

- Practice the worst case and make a full recovery dry-run

ONCE / YEAR

- Discuss the topic with friends to learn their best-practices
- Include your mobile devices in your planning

Backup: Example strategy

- Use an institutional backup solution (e.g. Active Directory)
- Have external harddisks available for backup
  - at your office

  AND
  - at home
- Backup daily to the office harddisk
  - Ideally before you go home
- Backup weekly at home
  - Identify a consistent time slot
- Test both backups at least once a month
  - restore a random number of files or folders and verify their content
- Replace both harddisks after 3-4 years
  - Allow some overlap time

Backup: Example Strategy
(paranoia version)

- One Apple MacBook and one Windows 8 Desktop PC
- 4 USB HDD - 2 for every computer (2 Windows – 2 MacOS)
  - 1 pair located at office (fast access to files from backup)
  - 1 pair located at home (if office burns down, drowns or is robbed)
  - The pairs are swapped every two weeks and stored in lockers
- Google-Calendar Event to get a reminder E-Mail every week
- Automatic backup once a week when attaching the drive to PC
  - Apple OSX: Time machine backup
  - Windows: File Recovery
- Check file system of USB HDD after every backup

➔ Files are stored 3 times per computer

- Replace HDD after getting errors or at least every two years
- Cost: 240 Euro -> 120 Euro per year -> 10 Euro per month

Backup software

Operating system	Integrated Backup SW	Comments
Windows 7	File Recovery	• Needs adjustment to copy other folders than the local libraries • Can create bootable image
Windows 8 & 10	File History	• Only backs up local libraries • Can be adjusted by creating custom libraries and ***excluding*** folders • Cannot create bootable image
Mac OS	Time Machine	• Backs up **everything** except for what is *excluded* • Can use encryption • Can even be used to recover a not-bootable Mac
Ubuntu	Déjà Dup	• Uses encryption, compression • Can use cloud storage
Operating system	**Free Third Party Backup SW**	
Windows	Personal Backup, PureSync, Paragon Backup&Recovery, Robocopy, …	
Mac OS	Carbon Copy Cloner, SuperDuper, …	
Ubuntu	Rsync, Back in Time	

GWDG solutions

Name	Backup	Sharing	Comment
Fileservice / Active Directory	Yes	Maybe	Network drives, e.g. P:, but maybe more Automatic backup
IBM Tivoli Storage Manager (TSM)	Yes	No	Offer to institutes fro centralized backup of all local working machines
CrashPlanProE	Yes	No	Individual Backup solution GWDG license: €26,- per year
CloudShare	Yes	Yes	Free: 10 / 50 GB
ownCloud	Yes	Yes	Free: 10 / 50 GB
CryptShare	No	Yes	Only for MPG
HSM	No	No	For archival of data from closed project
GitLab	No	Yes	Versioning; not for large data amounts

Yes, we store – what for?

	Backup	Archival	Depositing
Storage Purpose	**Ability to restore data** in case of data loss or error propagation	Enable validation by peers through **persistent storage** of data used for research results / publication	Enable verification, citation & reuse of datasets (**data sharing**)
Data Characteristics	Duplication of **current work data** & intermediate work results	Archive format (e.g. zip) containing **all related & relevant data** / files (ideally incl. metadata)	Format specified by repository; **discipline-specific metadata** standards
Process Regularity	Regularly **during work phase** or project runtime	Once for each relevant dataset, usually **at the end of or after work phase**	Once for each selected dataset, **either during or after work phase**
Effort	Depends – e.g.: set up once, verify regularly	Establish predefined procedure with data archive (e.g. data center)	Process documented, sometimes guided by repository

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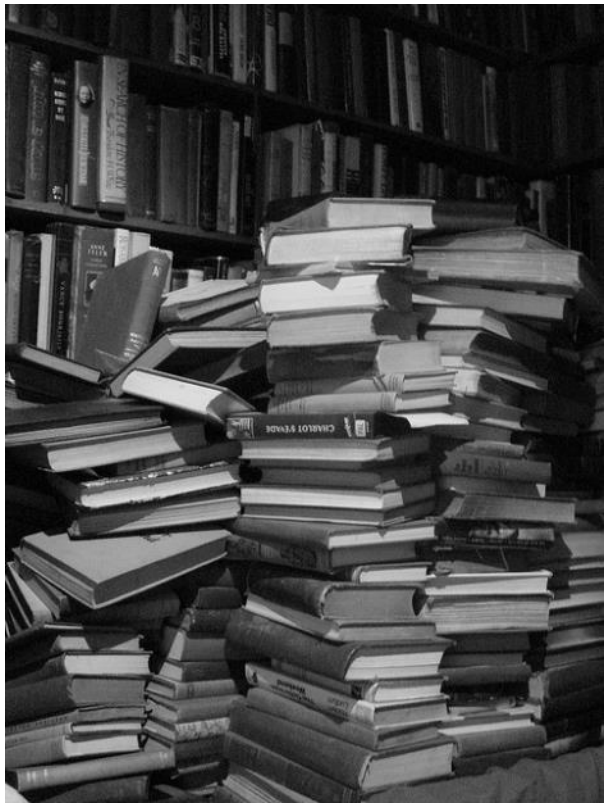

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Organize your files so that you and others can find and access things when you need them

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http://www.flickr.com/photos/twechy/6829994084/

Why organize?

Organize your files so that you and others can find

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...because:

- **you need to stop working on A and work on B for 2 weeks**
- **you get sick & your colleagues need to finish your joint publication**
- **your supervisor wants your results from 4 months ago, in 4 minutes**
- **you need to eat & sleep from time to time**

File naming conventions

To stay organized, you should define:

- A self-describing folder structure or tagging scheme
- What information should be in filenames
- How filenames should be structured
- How to refer to files

… especially when working in a team!

Self-speaking file name:

`Presentation_GGNB_20170906_V42.pptx`

vs. short file name:

~~`GGNB_final.pptx`~~

Avoid special characters

~~„ “, ‘ ´ ` {} < > : ; / \ ? ! $ & ~ *~~

Original file name:

`PICT7639.jpg`

Custom file name:

`20161103_exp01_prb03_001.jpg`

Versioning

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Presentation_GGNB_20170906_V13.pptx
Presentation_GGNB_20170906_V13final.pptx
Presentation_GGNB_20170906_V13new-final.pptx
Presentation_GGNB_20170906_V13final-finalv1.pptx
Presentation_GGNB_revised_v01a.pptx
```

Best practice:

- Save a new version of a file with a **new name** before continuing work
- Use consecutive **version numbers** and eventually **author initials**
  - no „final“ or other unreliable descriptors in filenames
  - Rather **use folders** to mark/sort different purposes and avoid confusion
- If you collaborate on a document, **use “track changes”** if possible

Explain it

CA	06	001	06001	1,443.74	1,266.88
CA	06	003	06003	1.21	0.60
CA	06	005	06005	35.10	26.82
CA	06	007	06007	203.17	164.77
CA	06	009	06009	40.55	35.61
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CA	06	021	06021	26.45	14.19
CA	06	023	06023	126.52	110.17
CA	06	025	06025	142.36	136.96

Explain it

State postal abbreviation	State FIPS code	County FIPS code	Combined State-county FIPS codes	Total population of county, in thousands	Public supply, total population served, in thousands
CA	06	001	06001	1,443.74	1,266.88
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Data courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Explain your data

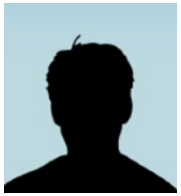
- Why?
  - Make data ***FAIR***: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable!
  - Not only for others, but also mainly **for yourself**!
- How?
  - Directly write down which **methods/materials** you used. Write down what fails and what was successfully analysed.
  - Write down **time, place, persons involved** in creation of data.
  - Include title, name of **primary and processed data**.
  - **Add a text file** with this information to each data file/folder ***or:*** maintain and *update* an **overview spreadsheet**
  - **Do not change/erase your original notes** but add more infos chronologically (with date of insertion).

What are metadata?

- Many definitions depending on the perspective
- Practical approach: metadata…
  - describe objects in a structured and standardised way
  - can help to select and identify resources
  - can describe how to use them correctly or how to reproduce them
  - can describe anything: literature, a painting, places, a dataset, …
  - can be digitally connected with objects (embedded) or added separately

What to include?

- **Who** created **what**, **how**, **when**, **where** and **why?**



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Excel spreadsheet with test data for training purposes

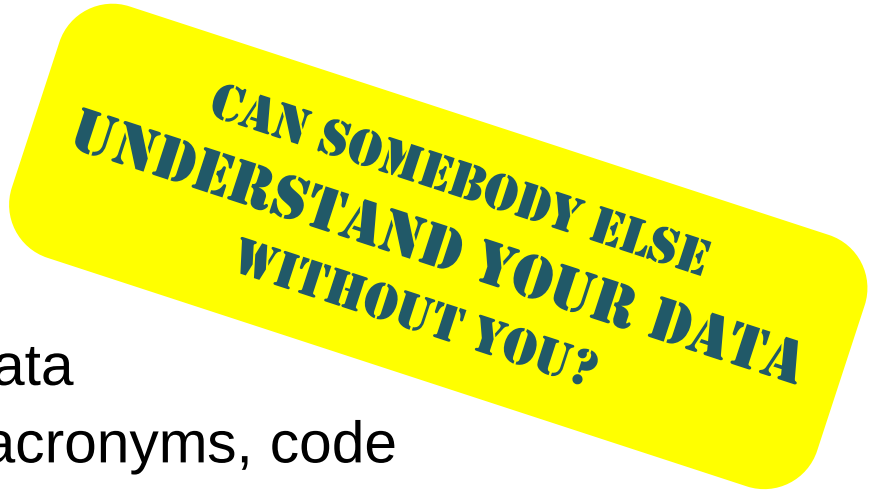
Used random number generator to modify original field data

Aug 22 2017

At my office Windows PC

To be used in training workshop

- Include:
  - **Description** of the item
  - **Methodology**
  - **Units** of measurement
  - **References** to related data
  - **Definitions of** jargons, acronyms, code
  - **Technical information** about the file



“Metadata describe objects in a structured and standardised way…”

Many existing metadata standards, e.g.:

Dublin Core Metadata Element Set (15 optional elements)

ID:	identifier
Technical Data:	format, type, language
Content:	title, subject, coverage, description
Persons & Permissions:	creator, publisher, contributor, rights
Provenance:	source, relation
Life cycle:	date

Can be extended to 55 elements (DCMI Metadata Terms):

abstract, accessRights, accrualMethod, accrualPeriodicity, accrualPolicy, alternative, audience, available, bibliographicCitation, conformsTo, created, dateAccepted, dateCopyrighted, dateSubmitted, educationLevel, extent, hasFormat, hasPart, hasVersion, instructionalMethod, isFormatOf, isPartOf, isReferencedBy, isReplacedBy, isRequiredBy, issued, isVersionOf, license, mediator, medium, modified, provenance, references, replaces, requires, rightsHolder, spatial, tableOfContents, temporal, valid

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Some metadata standards for neurosciences

- MIBBI - Minimum Information for Biological and Biomedical Investigations
  - set of guidelines for reporting data derived by relevant methods in biosciences. If followed, it ensures that the data can be easily verified, analysed and clearly interpreted by the wider scientific community.
- MINI - Minimum Information about a Neuroscience Investigation
  - minimum information required to report the use of electrophysiology in a neuroscience study, for submission to the CARMEN system
- ISA-Tab - Investigation/Study/Assay (ISA) tab-delimited (TAB) format
  - general purpose framework with which to collect and communicate complex metadata (i.e. sample characteristics, technologies used, type of measurements made) from 'omics-based' experiments employing a combination of technologies.
- Genome Metadata
  - consists of 61 different metadata fields (attributes), organized into seven categories: Organism Info, Isolate Info, Host Info, Sequence Info, Phenotype Info, Project Info, and Others.

Organization & Documentation: Best practice

- **Plan before you start**
  - Organize your folders & files
  - **D**efine, **D**iscuss and **D**ocument naming conventions
- **Explain your data**
  - Use standards if possible, do not re-invent
  - If standards are too complex or not complex enough then try to customize on the basis of them.
- **Discuss your approach** with your colleagues
- **Be specific and consistent**
  - Don’t alter the past, but document changes in your RDM practice

➢ *Somebody else should be able to **find and understand your research data without you –** ideally even years later*

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Data sharing and legal aspects

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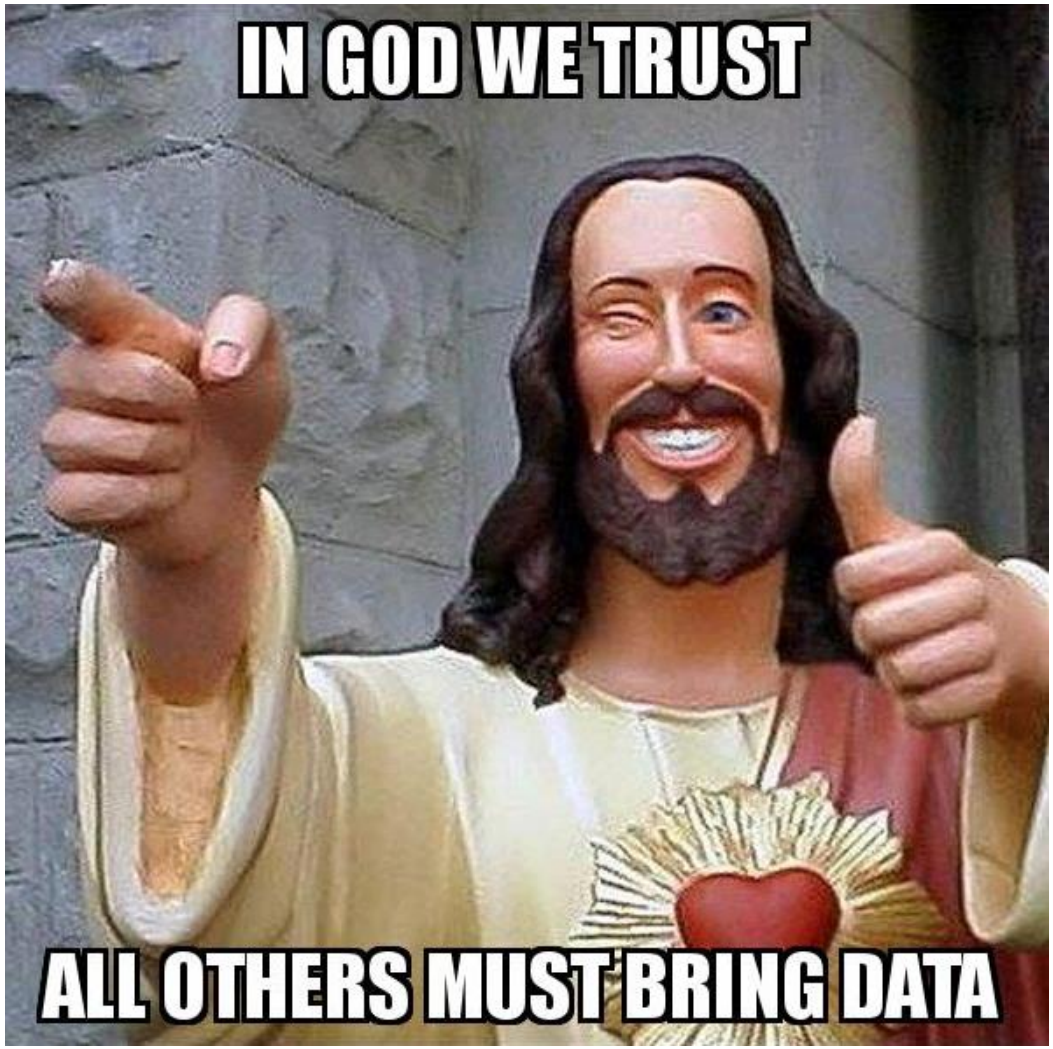
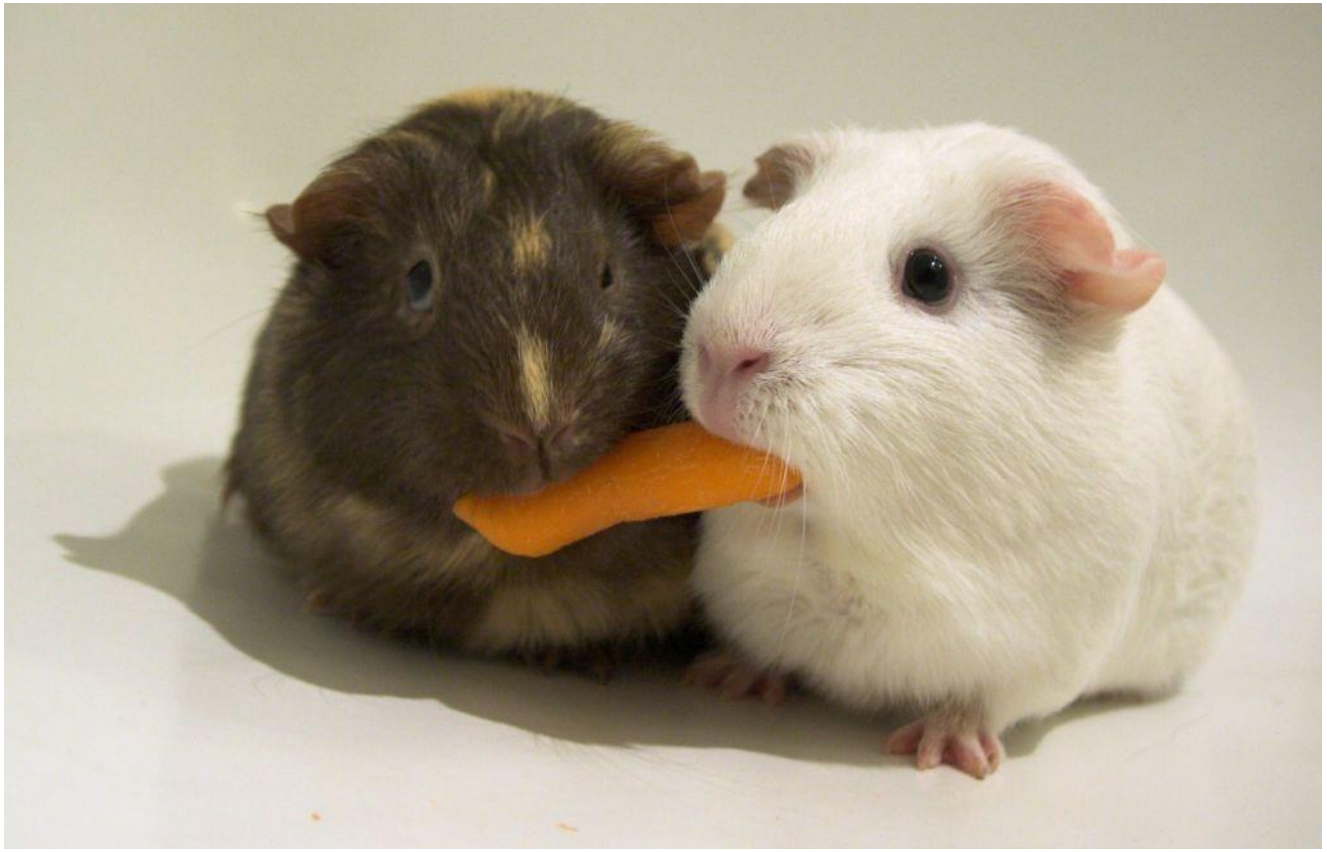
Data sharing - motivation



Quote from: William E. Demming (1900-1993)

… but active, open, free sharing?



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Why share?

Reputation

- Get credit for high quality research
- Increased understanding of your methods
- Allows work to be verified by others
- Recognition for contribution to research community

Funding

- Making data and/or publications available may be a requirement of your funding body
- It may make your funding proposal more attractive when sharing data is not essential

Why share?

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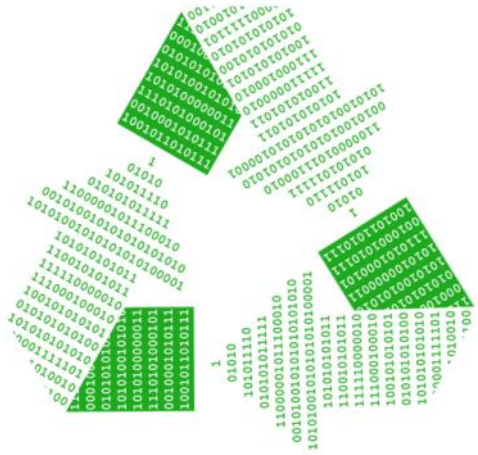
Impact

- Sharing makes your data:
  - easier to find
  - easier to access
- Open data/publications leads to increased citations

Reuse

- Starting point for a complementary study
- Test data for new software and algorithms
- Teaching purposes
- Contexts not currently envisioned
- Useful in completely different fields



Data sharing – concerns

- Stockpiling for bad times
- No one likes polishing
- Dirt behind the scenes
- Atmosphere of fear
- Small fishes & unicorns

Self-use
No documentation
Work in progress
Theft and misuse
Un-importance

Value over time?
Embargo!
Do it for yourself!
„Working data set“
Trust law & science
Future is unpredictable

Data sharing - credits?

- Well documented research data

  helps your own (future) research
- Shared data may serve as

  facilitator for cooperation
- Increased accessibility and usability

  enable reuse and citations
- Public and open access

  extend the range of your data and research

Responsibilities

- Funders

Recommendations for Secure Storage and Availability of Digital Primary Research Data

5. *If possible, each scientist or academic makes his or her primary research data freely available on a transregional level.*

- Institutions

Research data policy of the Georg-August University Goettingen (incl. UMG)

1. The University promotes and supports open access to research data.

- Public
  - Results from publicly funded research should be public. If this holds true for publications, why not for research data?
- Science
  - Evolving science

Data sharing – real barriers

- Place
  - no sharing tradition
  - no repository
  - no expertise
- Funds
  - no money
- Rights
  - no carte blanche

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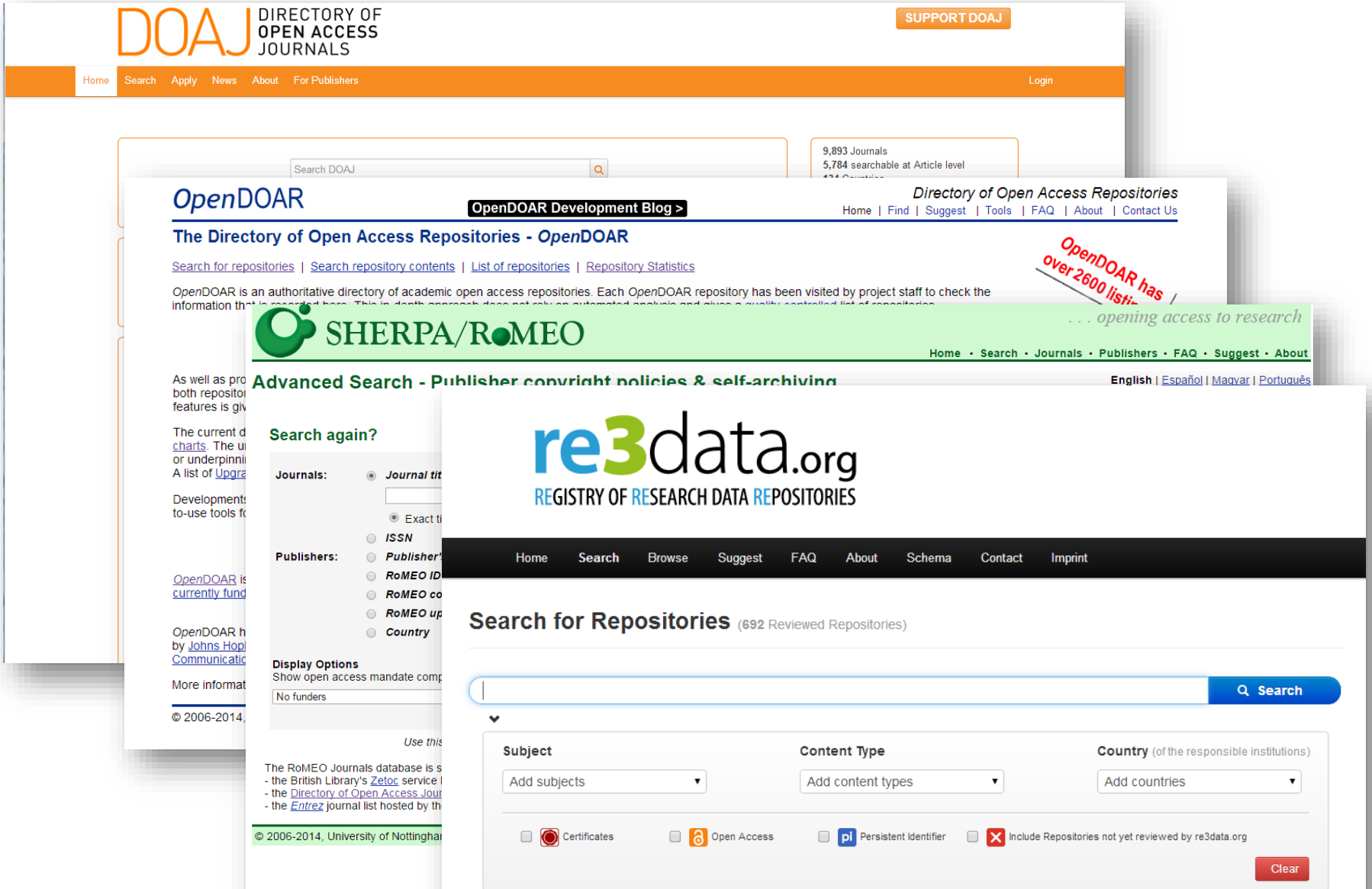
Modes of Sharing

Transfer Way	**Access Mode**	**Use Condition**
peer-to-peer	restricted	none
webspace	on demand	agreement
repository	embargo	licence
	open	

Finding OA journals and repositories



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- Intellectual Property (Geistiges Eigentum)
- Copyright (Urheberrecht)
- Copyright transfer (Nutzungsrecht)
- Fair Use / Fair Dealing (Schranken UrhG)
- Licence
- Copyleft
- Information privacy (Datenschutz)

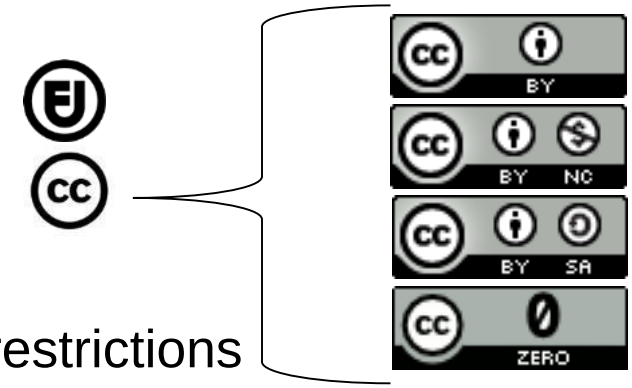
Intellectual property law

Touched rights

- Copyright
- Trade secret
- Patent
- Data privacy

Strategies

- Fair use
- Contracts and licences
- Clarifying terms of use
- Removing or limiting rights restrictions
- Anonymising your data



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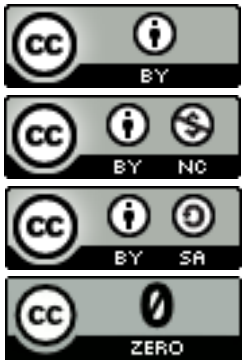
Data on Humans

- Confidential Data
  - are given in confidence
- Personal Data
  - identify a person
- Sensitive Data
  - can compromise a person:
    racial/ethnic origin; political opinions;
    religious/philosophical beliefs; or other beliefs of a similar nature; trade-union membership; physical/mental health/condition; sexual life

Licences



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Some services on Campus

Name	Provided by	Purpose / Comments
Sharepoint	GWDG	Collaboration, Sharing of documents, lists, calendars, ...
Etherpad	GWDG	Collaborative notepad editing
Electronic lab notebook	UMG	(Re-)Organizable, searchable and Backupable research documentation
Biophysical Software	GWDG	analysis and sequencing software like MASCOT (proteome research), Delta2D (2D-Analysis of gel electrophoresis), GeneiousPro (sequential analysis) or for Next Generation Sequencing
Open Access Publication Fund	SUB	complete coverage for up to €2.000,- for publication in OA journal
Videoconferencing	GWDG via DFN	including option to join via phone call

GWDG services

SERVICES

Storage Services
- File Service
- Data Archiving
- Backup
- GWDG Cloud Share
- Cryptshare
- GWDG ownCloud
- GWDG Crash Plan PROe

E-Mail and Collaboration Services
- E-Mail-Service (MS Exchange 2010)
- Spam and Virus Filtering
- Mailing Lists
- MS Sharepoint
- Managed Services
- Project Management Service
- Etherpad

Server Services
- Virtual Server
- Hosting/Housing of Servers
- Web Hosting
- GWDG Cloud Server
- FTP-Server

Network Servies
- System Monitoring
- IP Address Management System
- Cable und Route Management System
- Setting up eduroam
- Integration into the Active Dirctory
- User Management with OpenLDAP
- Client Management

Application Services
- Persistent Identifier (PID)
- High Performance Computing
- Library Service Aleph
- Database Service Oracle
- Application and Registration Services
- Bioinformatics Programs
- Statistics Programs
- Online Surveys
- Plagiarism Detection
- Database Service MySQL

IT Security Services
- Vulnerability Scans on Network-attached Equipment
- Public-Key- Infrastruktur (PKI)
- Authentication and Authorization Infrastructure (AAI)
- Virus Protection (Sophos Update Service)

General Services
- Software and Licence Management
- Courses
- Videoconferencing
- Computer Lending Pool
- Identity Management
- Print & Scan Services

IT Consulting Services
- Establishing Directory Services (AD, LDAP)
- IT Security
- Planning of Data Transmission Networks
- Apple Support Centre
- Scientific Data Management
- Hardware Purchase

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Wrap up: Best Practices

- **Plan your RDM before you start**
- **Discuss your approach**
- **Backup your data**
- **Explain your data**
- **Share your data**

Thank you!

Questions?

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