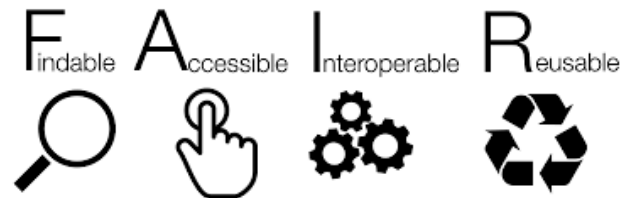


Assessing the FAIRness of Datasets in Trustworthy Digital Repositories: a 5 star scale

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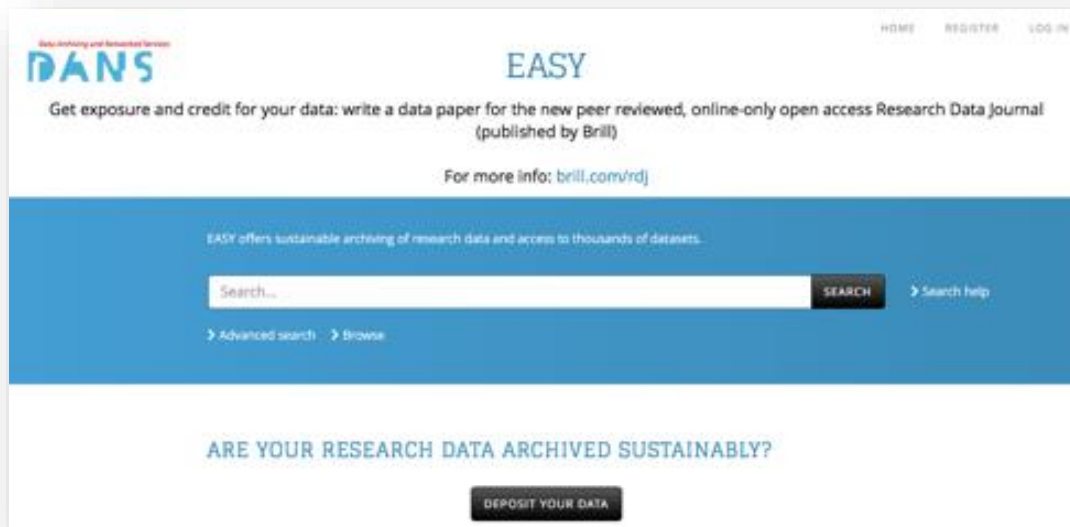
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Data Preservation in High Energy Physics

Collaboration for Data Preservation and Long Term Analysis in High Energy Physics

‘Policies and best practices for archival management’

Quality (trustworthiness) of data repositories - DSA principles
Quality (fitness for use) of datasets - FAIR principles



fitness-for-purpose...



DANS and DSA



- 2005: DANS to promote and provide permanent access to digital research resources
- Formulate quality guidelines for digital repositories including DANS
- 2006: **5 basic principles** as basis for 16 DSA guidelines
- 2009: international DSA Board
- Almost 70 seals acquired around the globe, but with a focus on Europe

The Certification Pyramid



DSA and WDS: look-a-likes

Communalities:

- Lightweight, community review

Complementarity:

- Geographical spread
- Disciplinary spread



Partnership



Goals:

- Realizing efficiencies
- Simplifying assessment options
- Stimulating more certifications
- Increasing impact on the community



Outcomes:

- Common catalogue of requirements for core repository assessment
- Common procedures for assessment
- Shared testbed for assessment

New common requirements

- Context (1)
- Organizational infrastructure (6)
- Digital object management (8)
- Technology (2)
- Additional information and applicant feedback (1)

25/08/2015

Common Requirements/V2.1



DSA-WDS Partnership Working Group Catalogue of Common Requirements

Introduction

Importance of Certification

National and international funders are increasingly likely to mandate open data and data management policies that call for the long-term storage and accessibility of data.

If we want to be able to share data, we need to store them in a trustworthy digital repository. Data created and used by scientists should be managed, curated, and archived in such a way to preserve the initial investment in collecting them. Researchers must be certain that data held in archives remain useful and meaningful into the future. Funding authorities increasingly require continued access to data produced by the projects they fund, and have made this an important element in Data Management Plans. Indeed, some funders now stipulate that the data they fund must be deposited in a trustworthy repository.

Sustainability of repositories raises a number of challenging issues in different areas: organizational, technical, financial, legal, etc. Certification can be an important contribution to ensuring the reliability and durability of digital repositories and hence the potential for sharing data over a long period of time. By becoming certified, repositories can demonstrate to both their users and their funders that an independent authority has evaluated them and endorsed their trustworthiness.

Basic Certification and its Benefits

Nowadays certification standards are available at different levels, from a basic level to extended and formal levels. Even at the basic level, certification offers many benefits to a repository and its stakeholders.

Requirements (indirectly) dealing with data quality

R2. The repository maintains all applicable **licenses** covering data access and use and monitors compliance.

R3. The repository has a **continuity plan** to ensure ongoing access to and preservation of its holdings.

R4. The repository ensures, to the extent possible, that data are created, curated, accessed, and used in compliance with **disciplinary and ethical norms**.

R7. The repository guarantees the **integrity and authenticity** of the data.

Requirements (indirectly) dealing with data quality

R8. The repository accepts data and metadata based on **defined criteria to ensure relevance and understandability** for data users.

R10. The repository assumes responsibility for **long-term preservation** and manages this function in a planned and documented way.

R11. The repository has appropriate expertise to address **technical data and metadata quality** and ensures that sufficient information is available for end users to make quality-related evaluations.

R13. The repository enables users to **discover the data** and **refer to them in a persistent way** through proper citation.

R14. The repository enables reuse of the data over time, ensuring that **appropriate metadata** are available to support the understanding and use of the data.

New requirements are out now!

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RDA endorsed recommendation and European recognition

ICT technical specifications

The rules on European standardisation allow the European Commission to identify information and communication technology (ICT) technical specifications - that are not national, European or international standards - to be eligible for referencing in public procurement. This allows public authorities to make use of the full range of specifications when buying IT hardware, software and services, allowing for more competition in the field and reducing the risk of lock-in to proprietary systems.

The Commission can identify ICT technical specifications for referencing in public procurement under Article 13 of [Regulation 1025/2012](#) on European Standardisation.



Resemblance DSA – FAIR principles

DSA Principles (for data repositories)	FAIR Principles (for data sets)
data can be found on the internet	F indable
data are accessible	A ccessible
data are in a usable format	I nteroperable
data are reliable	R eusable
data can be referred to	(citable)

The resemblance is not perfect:

- usable format (DSA) is an aspect of interoperability (FAIR)
- FAIR explicitly addresses machine readability
- etc.

A certified TDR already offers a baseline data quality level

Implementing the FAIR Principles

To be Findable:

F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and eternally persistent identifier.

F2. data are described with rich metadata.

F3. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource.

F4. metadata specify the data identifier.

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 Re-usable:

R1. meta(data) have 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 their provenance.

R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards.

15 Criteria

Combine and operationalize: DSA & FAIR

- Growing demand for quality criteria for research datasets and a way to assess their fitness for use
- Combine the principles of core repository certification and FAIR
- Use the principles as quality criteria:
 - Core certification – digital repositories
 - FAIR – research data (sets)
- Operationalize the principles as an instrument to assess FAIRness of existing datasets in certified TDRs







Badges for assessing aspects of data quality and “openness”



These badges do not define good practice, they certify that a particular practice was followed.



-  BRONZE: data is openly licensed, available with no restrictions, accessible and legally reusable.
-  SILVER: satisfies the Bronze requirements, the data is documented in a machine readable format, reliable and offers ongoing support from the publisher via a dedicated communication channel.
-  GOLD: satisfies the Silver requirements, is published in an open standard machine readable format, has guaranteed regular updates, offers greater support, documentation, and includes a machine readable rights statement.
-  PLATINUM: satisfies the Gold requirements, has machine readable provenance documentation, uses unique identifiers in the data, the publisher has a communications team offering support. This is an exceptional example of an information infrastructure.

- ★ make your stuff available on the Web (whatever format) under an open license¹
- ★★ make it available as structured data (e.g., Excel instead of image scan of a table)²
- ★★★ make it available in a non-proprietary open format (e.g., CSV as well as of Excel)³
- ★★★★ use URIs to denote things, so that people can point at your stuff⁴
- ★★★★★ link your data to other data to provide context⁵

[5-star deployment scheme](#) for Open Data

Sources: Open data institute (UK), Centre for open science (US), Tim-Berners Lee

Different implementations of FAIR

Creation



Requirements for new data creation



RISK ALERT



Assessment



Establishing the profile for existing data

Transformation



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

FAIR badge scheme



2 User Reviews
1 Archivist Assessment
24 Downloads

- First Badge System based on the FAIR principles: proxy for data quality assessment
- Operationalise the original principles to ensure no interactions among dimensions to ease scoring
- Consider Reusability as the resultant of the other three:
 - the average FAIRness as an indicator of data quality
 - $(F+A+I)/3=R$
- Manual and automatic scoring

First we attempted to operationalise R – Reusable as well... but we changed our mind

Reusable – is it a separate dimension? Partly subjective: it depends on what you want to use the data for!

Idea for operationalization	Solution
R1. <u>plurality of accurate and relevant attributes</u>	≈ F2: “data are described with <u>rich metadata</u> ” → F
R1.1. <u>clear and accessible data usage license</u>	→ A
R1.2. <u>provenance</u> (for replication and reuse)	→ F
R1.3. <u>meet domain-relevant community standards</u>	→ I
Data is in a TDR – unsustained data will not remain usable	Aspect of Repository → Data Seal of Approval
Explication on how data was or can be used is available	→ F
Data is automatically usable by machines	→ I

Findable (defined by metadata (PID included) and documentation)

1. No PID nor metadata/documentation
2. PID without or with insufficient metadata
3. Sufficient/limited metadata without PID
4. PID with sufficient metadata
5. Extensive metadata and rich additional documentation available



Accessible (defined by presence of user license)

1. Metadata nor data are accessible
2. Metadata are accessible but data is not accessible (no clear terms of reuse in license)
3. User restrictions apply (i.e. privacy, commercial interests, embargo period)
4. Public access (after registration)
5. Open access unrestricted

Interoperable (defined by data format)

1. Proprietary (privately owned), non-open format data
2. Proprietary format, accepted by Certified Trustworthy Data Repository
3. Non-proprietary, open format = 'preferred format'
4. As well as in the preferred format, data is standardised using a standard vocabulary format (for the research field to which the data pertain)
5. Data additionally linked to other data to provide context

Creating a FAIR data assessment tool

The image displays four sequential screenshots of a web-based FAIR data assessment tool, connected by red arrows indicating the flow of the process.

Screen 1: Reviewer and dataset details
Please enter the PID of the dataset you are going to review:

Enter the name of the reviewer (this is just for the pilot version)

Date of review
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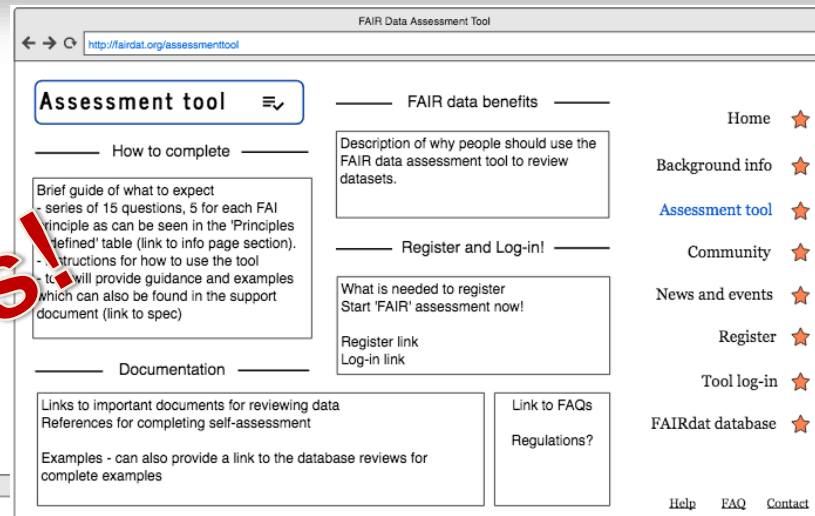
Screen 2: URI or PID
Does the dataset have a URI or PID (persistent identifier)?
 Yes
 No
Click [here](#) for examples and guidance on how to answer this question.
Next

Screen 3: Proprietary/acceptable
Is the dataset in a proprietary format? (including the 'acceptable' proprietary format)
 Yes
 No
Click [here](#) for examples and guidance on how to answer this question (see also [2](#)).
Next

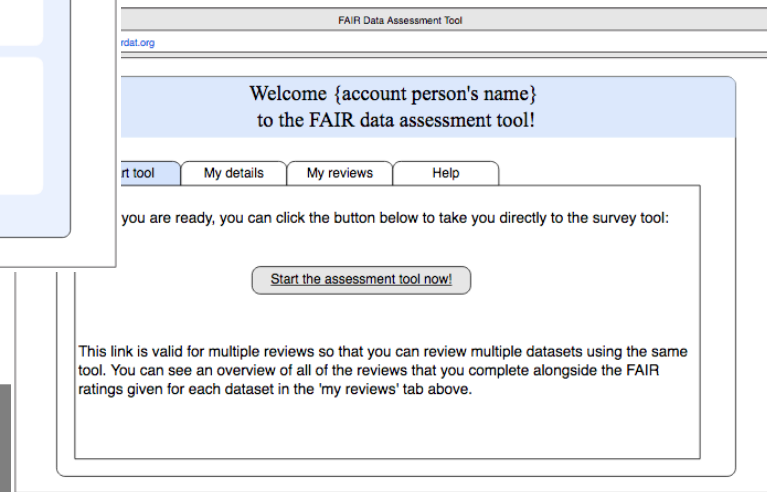
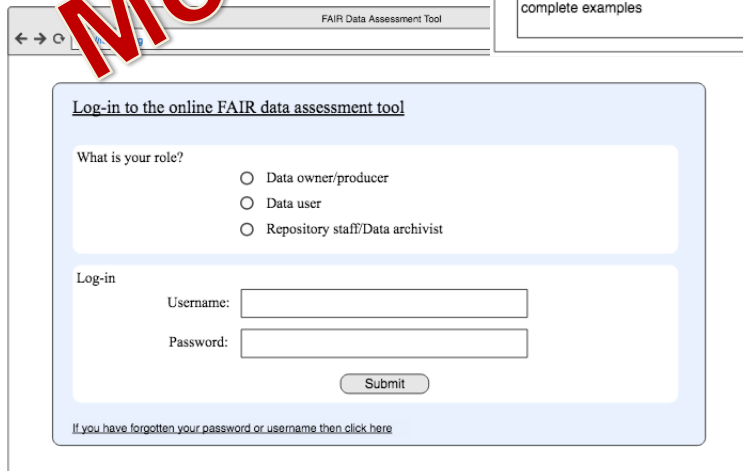
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Website FAIRDAT

Neutral, Independent
Analogous to DSA website



To contain FAIR data assessments from any repository or website, linking to the location of the data set via (persistent) identifier The repository can show the resultant badge, linking back to the FAIRDAT website



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Display FAIR badges in any repository (Zenodo, Dataverse, Mendeley Data, figshare, B2SAFE, ...)

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Creators: Krol- Karsten, T.N. (MUG Ingenieursbureau) Access: Open (registered users)
Submitted: 2016-07-11

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Mockups!

Can FAIR Data Assessment be automatic?

	Criterion	Automatic? Y/N/Semi	Subjective? Y/N/Semi	Comments
F1	No PID / No Metadata	Y	N	
F2	PID / Insuff. Metadata	S	S	Insufficient metadata is subjective
F3	No PID / Suff. Metadata	S	S	Sufficient metadata is subjective
F4	PID / Sufficient Metadata	S	S	Sufficient metadata is subjective
F5	PID / Rich Metadata	S	S	Rich metadata is subjective
A1	No License / No Access	Y	N	
A2	Metadata Accessible	Y	N	
A3	User Restrictions	Y	N	
A4	Public Access	Y	N	
A5	Open Access	Y	N	
I1	Proprietary Format	S	N	Depends on list of proprietary formats
I2	Accepted Format	S	S	Depends on list of accepted formats
I3	Archival Format	S	S	Depends on list of archival formats
I4	+ Harmonized	N	S	Depends on domain vocabularies
I5	+ Linked	S	N	Depends on semantic methods used

Thank you for listening!



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