

# DataONE Webinar Series

Open Science and Data:  
Towards Optimizing the Research  
Process

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# DataONE

*Enable new science and knowledge creation through universal access to data about life on earth and the environment that sustains it*

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### Lesson 3: Data Management Planning

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#### The Data Management Plan (DMP)

A DMP outlines what you will do with your data during and after you complete your research project. It is a formal document that lays out a plan for the present

#### Component 2: Metadata content & format

- What metadata are needed?
- How will metadata be created and/or captured?



### Lesson 2: Data Sharing

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Address data sharing throughout the data lifecycle

Describe data content, character, and process.

Deposit in a location from which it can be accessed.

Preserve in a format & on a medium made for long-term

Publish information so that others can discover it

#### Concerns about data sharing

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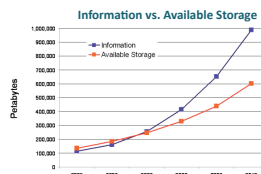
### Lesson 1: Data Management

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#### The world of data around us

The data deluge has created a surge of information that needs to be well-managed, discoverable, and accessible.

The amount of available storage is not keeping pace with the amount of data being produced.



Gantz, The Expanding Digital Universe

#### Why manage data: the researcher perspective

- Keep yourself organized ⇒ find your own files!
- Track your processes for reproducibility
- Better version control of data
- More efficient data quality control
- More backups to avoid data loss
- Format your data for reuse by yourself & others
- Document your data for understandability and reuse
- Prepare it to share it & gain credibility and recognition for your scientific efforts



Data management facilitates sharing and reuse.

#### Data Reuse Example

Researchers reused and aggregated data from several different sources to determine migration routes for specific bird species.



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#### The Case for Data Management

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| <b>If data are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-organized</li> <li>• Documented</li> <li>• Preserved</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Verified as to accuracy &amp; validity</li> </ul> | <b>The results are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality data</li> <li>• Data that is easy to share and reuse</li> <li>• Citation &amp; credibility to researcher</li> <li>• Cost savings to further science</li> </ul> |
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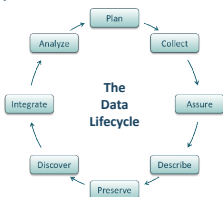
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#### The Data Lifecycle

The stages through which well-managed data passes from project inception to conclusion.



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*Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 0900 PT / 12 noon ET*

*Dr Cameron Neylon, Public Library of Science*



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# *Quick Poll*



# Open Science and Data: Towards Optimizing the Research Process



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## In the beginning: The ethos of science

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Building on the shoulders of giants

(and others, not so giant...)





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The scientific process is a mixture of

Collaboration

Communication

Competition



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Competition is not the unique motivation  
for doing science

Collaborating and sharing  
through publishing are also  
fundamental



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Sharing research results  
is one of the hallmarks  
of the Scientific Revolution

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It was not always easy!

Here is how Galileo told Kepler about Saturn's satellites:

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In case you did not get it, it means:

Altissimum planetam  
tergeminum observavi

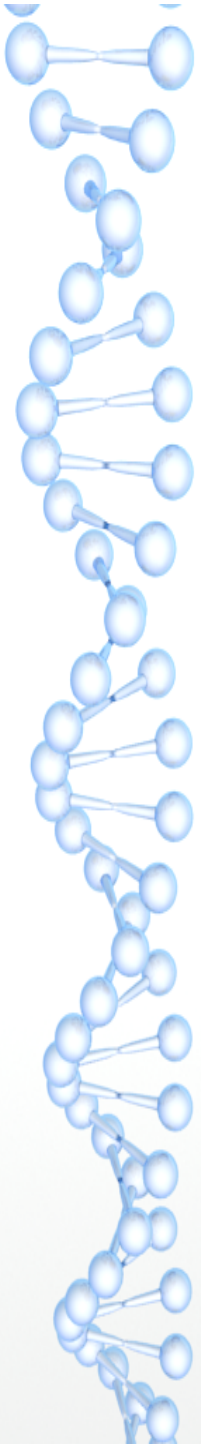
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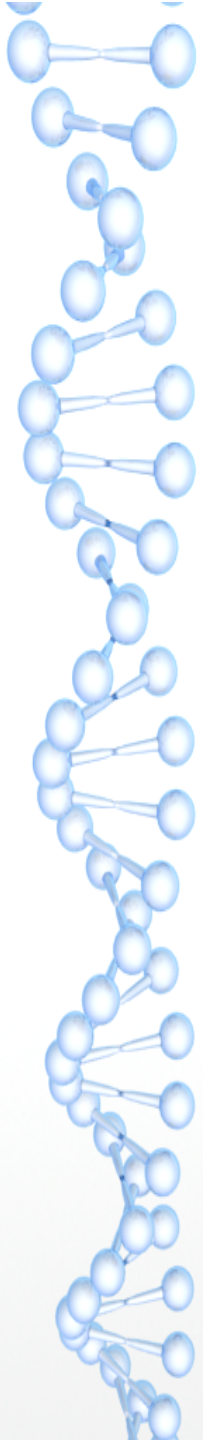
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Still having difficulties?

Well, it simply means:

I have observed the  
most distant planet to  
have a triple form





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Now, that is clearer...

Don't you agree?



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You don't agree?

Well, you are right





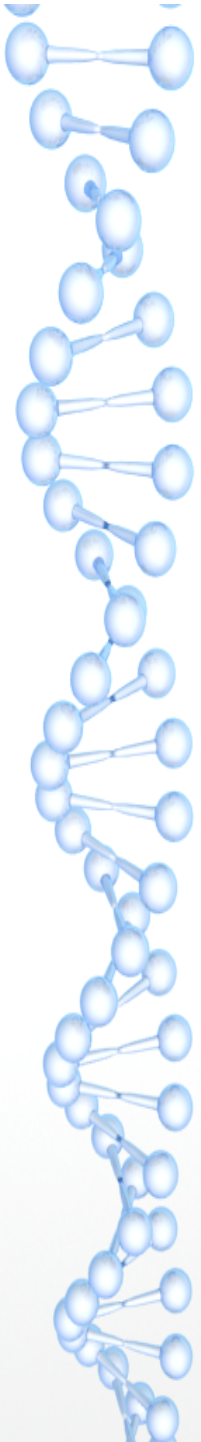
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This is the language of  
**alchemists**,  
not that of modern scientists

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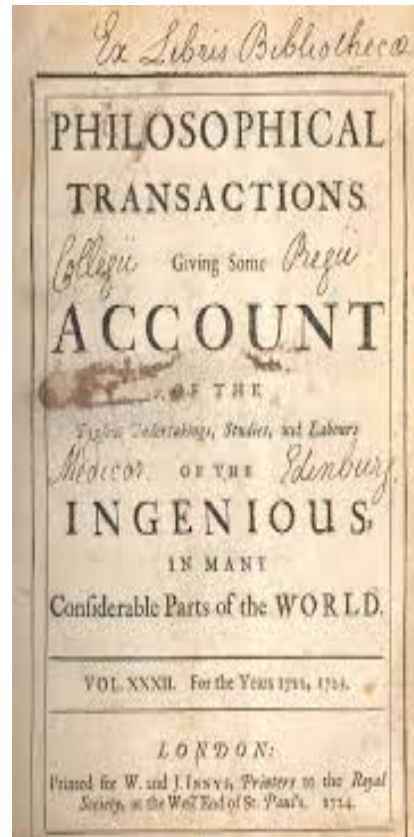
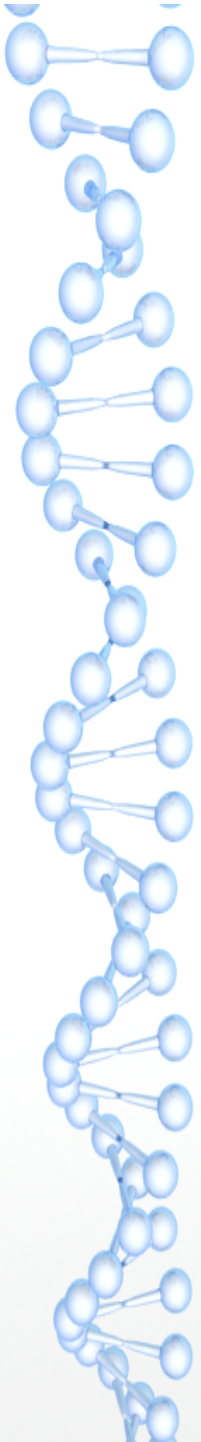
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Something better was needed

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Thus, the modern scientific **journal**

**was invented**



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Nowadays, a new revolution is breeding:

# Modelling!



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An example?

Check out this weather model  
vs. Actual observations:

<http://vimeo.com/117256684>



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Across the centuries, researchers  
have learned to share their papers

Now, they must learn to share their  
data



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# HOW?



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Two problems  
related to this question:

- Scientific ethos
- Technical problems



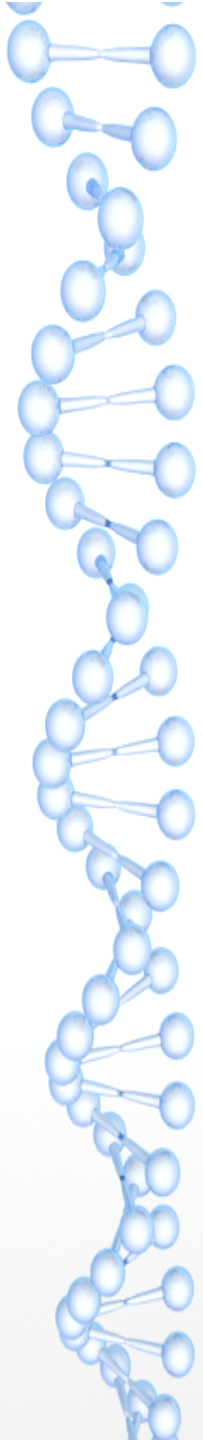
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## Scientific ethos

The need to reward sharing by  
visibility and prestige

The need to preserve  
competitive edge where it  
matters



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## Technical problems

Retrieval

Interoperability

Cross-disciplinary capacity



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First steps:

**Data sets**

**linked with published papers**

**e.g. OpenAIRE+ in Europe**



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## Second steps

Curation and metadata  
e.g. EUDAT in Europe



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Third steps

## Preservation

e.g. Lockss in the USA



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## Fourth Steps

The means to evolve:

**Standards  
procedures**





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Over all this:

A governance  
model



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**Possible models:**

**The Internet (e.g. IETF)**

**Free software**

**(e.g. Free software Foundation)**



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## In the Works

# Research Data Alliance



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## Possible dangers?

Privatization of data  
with dire consequences  
for the prospects of optimizing research  
for the common good

# Reminders

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