



# Information Event: Open Research Data in Veterinary Medicine (ORDVET)

December 8, 2023

Vetsuisse Faculty



[https://padlet.com/ORDVET/open\\_research\\_data\\_vetsuisse](https://padlet.com/ORDVET/open_research_data_vetsuisse)

# Program

## 1<sup>st</sup> Part 10:15 – 12:30

Talk	Speaker	Time
Host	E. Dhein	
Introduction	Prof. A. Hehl	10:15-10:20
Survey results	Dr. E. Dhein	10:20-10:30
Basics ORD	Dr. M. Röhli Röthlisberger (OSS ZH)	10:30-10:50
Research data management	Dr. O. Churakova (OSS BE)	10:50-11:10
Reproducibility	Dr. E. Furrer (CRS)	11:10-11:30
Data protection	S. Marazza (CCdigitallaw, USI)	11:30-12:10
General Q&A	all	12:10-12:30

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Part 13:30 – 15:00

Talk	Speaker	Time
Host	T. Leeb	
Data sharing in genetics	Prof. T. Leeb	13:30-13:45
Swiss digital pathology initiative	Prof. I. Zlobec	13:45-14:00
Survey results	Dr. E. Dhein	14:00-14:05
Introduction BIMS	Prof. F. Guscetti	14:05-14:20
Use case BIMS	Dr. E. Dhein	14:20-14:40
General Q&A	all	14:40-15:00



# ORDVET survey - results (part 1)

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Postdoctoral researcher



# Open Research Data in Veterinary Medicine (ORDVET) project

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## Project aims:

### 1. Education

- Raise awareness for ORD practices and responsible data management at the Vetsuisse Faculty
- Building networks within and outside the Vetsuisse Faculty

### 2. Standardization of (meta)data

- Evaluation and concept development of the integration of terminology/coding system(s) in the process of (routine) diagnostics



## Survey: Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

- Online survey (1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023)
- Distributed among the employees at the Vetsuisse Faculty
- Up to 19 questions
- 212 participants (167 total answers, 45 partial answers)
- 2 parts:
  1. Open Research Data (general)
  2. Data standardization/vocabularies

## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

### General

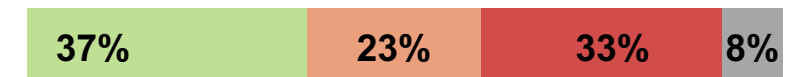
Have you ever heard of Open Research Data (ORD)



Do you have any knowledge or understanding of ORD practices?

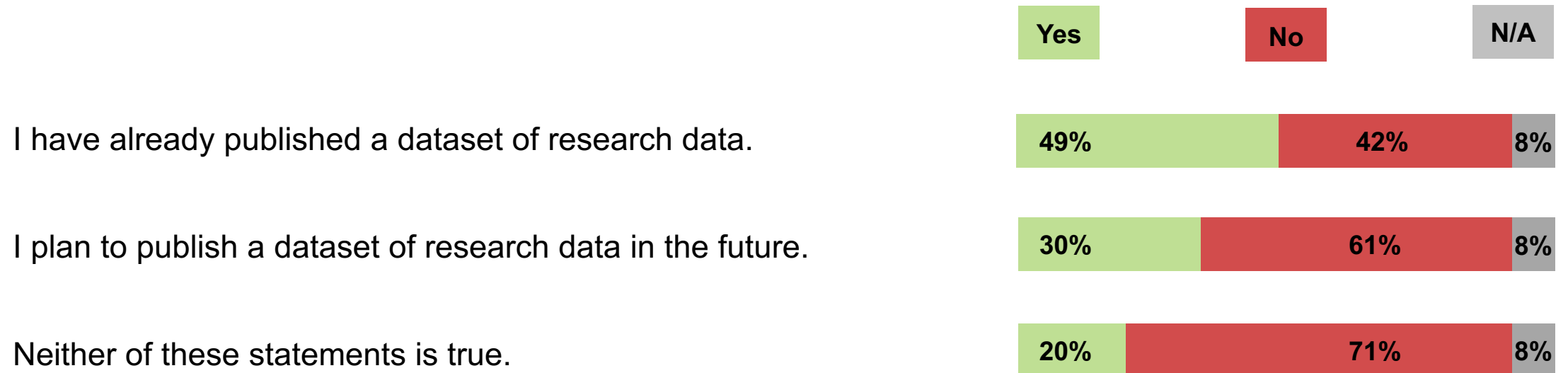


Do you have any idea about the FAIR principles?



## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

Have you ever published a dataset of research data or do you plan to do so in the future?





## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

What obstacles do you see in publishing datasets containing research data? (%)

Options	Yes	No	N/A
Data protection regulations	50	35	14
Time required	47	39	14
Copyrights	44	42	14
Lack of standards	39	47	14
Lack of appropriate infrastructure	26	59	14
Lack of incentives	24	62	14
Expenses	19	67	14
I don't see any obstacles.	8	78	14

Other: Lack of data protection, "data stealing", lack of experience (metadata and curation), "paper mills that produce fantasy papers", lack of infrastructure, conflict with pressure to publish, not clear in which repository to find what

## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

What form of support would you need to publish datasets containing research data? (%)

Options	Yes	No	N/A
Clarification about data protection regulations	52	33	15
Provision of uniform <b>standards</b>	51	34	15
Clarification about copyrights	50	35	15
Provision of suitable <b>infrastructure</b>	48	37	15

Other: Financial/technical support, information on repositories, more time for research, faculty competence center



## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

### Standards:

- University standards
- Specifications in data and file formats, data structures (minimal datasets, metadata, sensitive data)
- Repositories for specific data types
- Guidelines on nomenclature, controlled vocabulary
- Data security
- Application examples

## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

### Infrastructures:

- Suitable platform for data upload/deposition:
  - Institutional vs. discipline-specific
  - Generation of DOIs
  - Easy to use/user-friendly
  - Linked to existing systems, in conformity with established journals
  - No costs
  - Long-term storage possible
  - Large data volumes
  - Copyright and legal framework compliant
  - Flexible embargo solution
- Contact for help/support:
  - Preparation, uploading, formatting, curation, anonymizing/pseudonymizing data → Padlet: Link collection



## Status quo at the Vetsuisse Faculty

Thank you! 😊

Part two will follow at 2 pm...



# Basics in Open Research Data

Melanie Röthlisberger

Open Science Services, University Library, University of Zurich

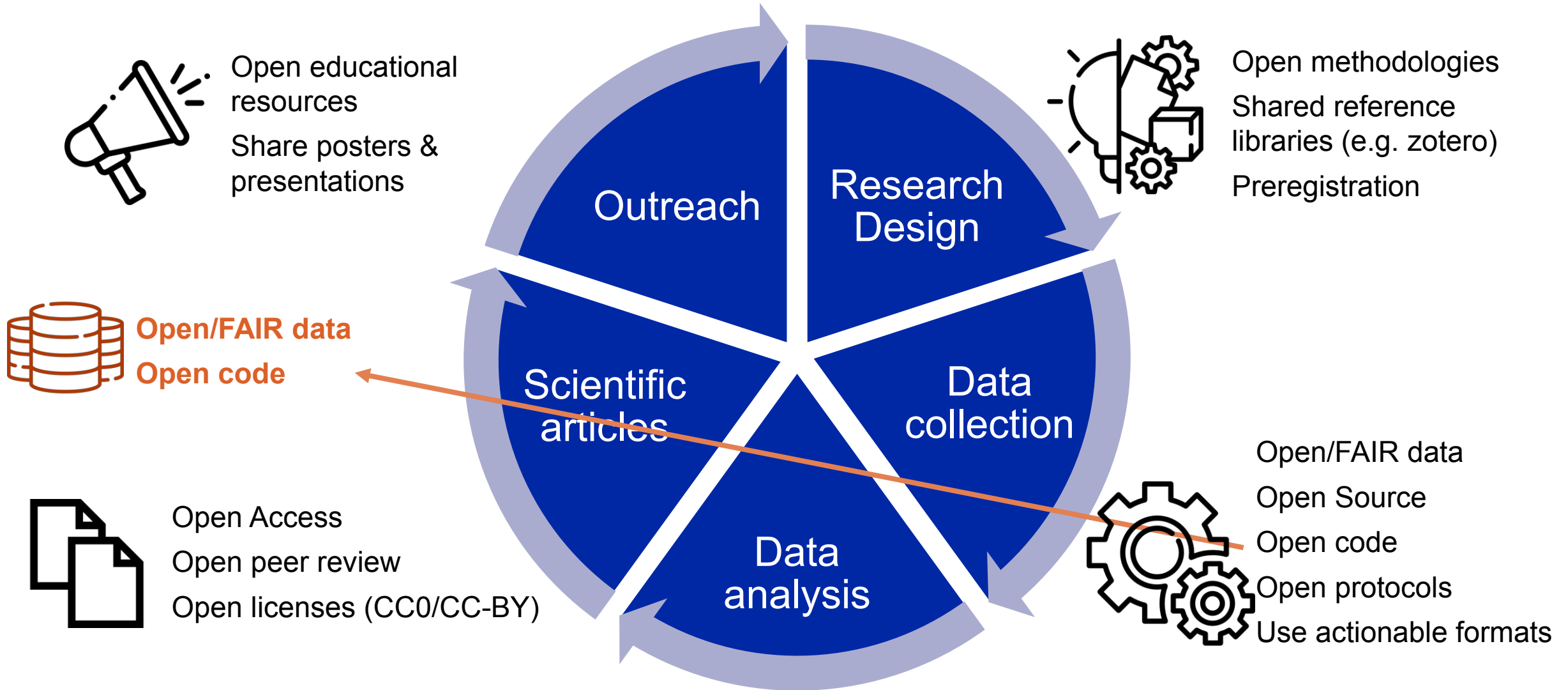
Data Expert

# Basics of Open Research Data

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## What is Open Data?

*Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike.*

The Open Data Handbook

<http://opendatahandbook.org/guide/en/what-is-open-data/>

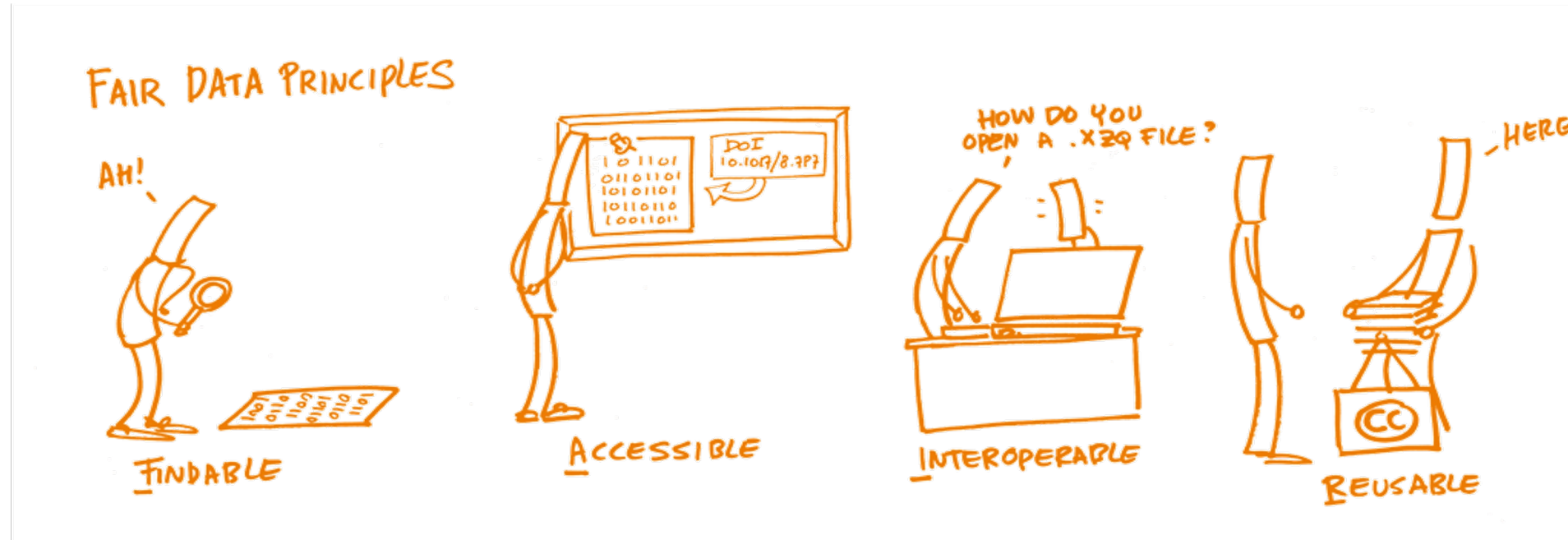
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## Reusable data



- ✓ Data documentation / metadata
- ✓ Persistent identifiers

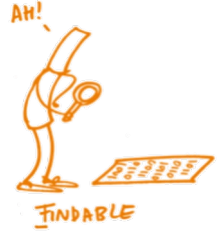
- ✓ Open metadata
- ✓ Access regulations (FAIR ≠ Open)

- ✓ Open formats
- ✓ Controlled vocabularies

- ✓ Data documentation / metadata
- ✓ licenses

Source: H. Brinken and T. Ross-Hellauer, Open Science Training Handbook (FOSTER Open Science, 2018)

# Data documentation



Bad



Better...



Best  
(Rich, Structured)

### Nutrition Facts\*

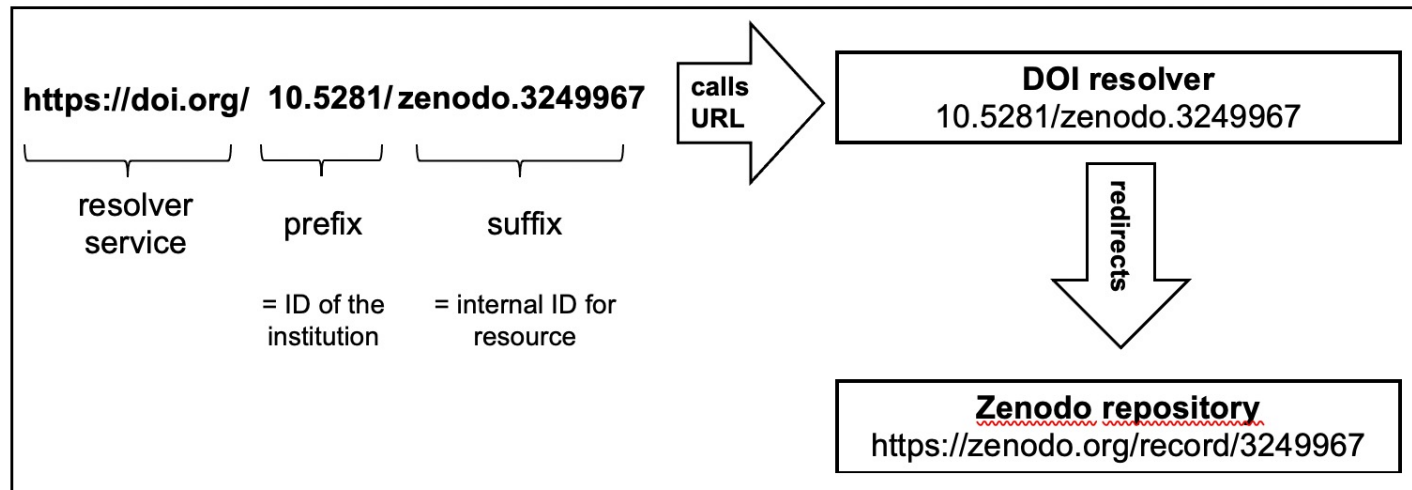
Amount Per Serving (serving size) = 1/2 cup (120mL) condensed soup

Calories 100	Dietary Fiber 2g
Fat Calories 50	Sugars 1g
Total Fat 6g	Protein 1g
Sat. Fat 1g	Potassium 60mg
Trans Fat 0g	
Polyunsat. Fat 4g	<b>% Daily Values**</b>
Monounsat. Fat 1g	Vitamin A 0%
Cholesterol 5mg	Vitamin C 0%
Sodium 870mg	Calcium 0%
Total Carb. 9g	Iron 0%

\* The nutrition information contained in this list of Nutrition Facts is based on our current data. However, because the data may change from time to time, this information may not always be identical to the nutritional label information of products on shelf.

\*\* % Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

## Persistent identifiers



### PIDs in a nutshell:

PIDs today are often expressed as **URLs**, and the registry indicates where that URL should ultimately resolve. That PID will always point to the correct item even if the item's location changes.

## Access control



### Open Access

All users can access the data without identification.



### Access for identified users

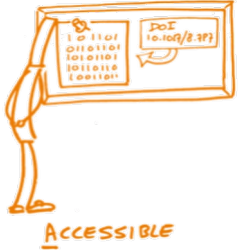
The data can only be accessed by identified users. They contain no direct identifiers but may contain indirect identifiers.



### Restricted Access

Access is restricted and can only be granted upon request. This access level is useful for the most sensitive data.

**Sensitive Data:  
"As open as possible,  
as "restricted" as necessary"**



optional embargo

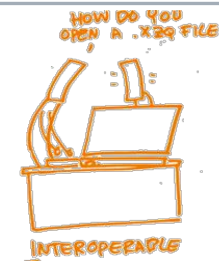
## Open file formats

Data type	Good	Acceptable	Unsuitable
Tabular data	.csv / .hdf5	.txt / .html / .tex / .por	
Tabular data with few metadata	.csv / .tab / .ods / SQL	.xml if appropriate DTD / .xlsx	.xls / .xlsb
Text	.pdf / .txt / .odt / .odm / .tex / .md / .htm / .xml	.pptx / .pdf with embedded forms / .rtf	.doc / .ppt
Code	.m / .R / .py / .iypnb / .rstudio / .rmd / NetCDF	.sdd	.mat / .rdata
Images	.tif / .tiff (uncompressed) / .png / .svg / .jpeg	.jpg / .jp2 / .tif / .tiff (compressed) / .pdf / .gif / .bmp	.indd / .ait / .psd
Audio data	.flac / .wav / .ogg	.mp3 / .mp4 / .aif	
Video data	.mp4 / .mj2 / .avi / .mkv	.ogm / .webm	.wmv / .mov
Geographical data	NetCDF, tabular GIS attribute data, .shp / .shx / .dbf / .prj / .sbx / .sbn / PostGIS / .tif / .fw / GeoJSON	.mdb / .mif	
General data	.xml / .json / .rdf		



Source: EPFL Fastguide on open file formats: [https://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/265349/files/04\\_File\\_Formats\\_EPFL\\_Library\\_RDM\\_FastGuide.pdf?ln=en](https://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/265349/files/04_File_Formats_EPFL_Library_RDM_FastGuide.pdf?ln=en)

## Controlled vocabularies



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## Copyright

Copyright protects works of intellectual (human) **creation** that are original and have **individual character**.



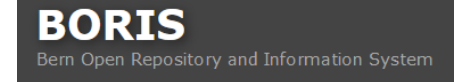
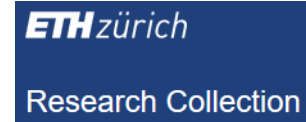
- texts
- movies
- presentations
- databases
- computer programs (software)
- photographs
- technical drawings
- interviews

By **licensing** your data, you can clearly communicate permissions to reusers of your data. A license is a **legal instrument** for a rights holder to **permit** a second party to do things that would otherwise infringe on the rights held.

## Where to share data: FAIR-compliant repositories

### institutional repositories:

E.g. SWISSUbase, ETH Research Collection



### general purpose repositories:

E.g. Zenodo, EUDAT, Dryad, Harvard Dataverse



DRYAD



Open Science Framework

### discipline-specific repositories:

Ask colleagues, or search [re3data.org](https://re3data.org). Recommended wherever possible.



### commercial repositories:

E.g. Figshare, Mendeley Data



## The ORD landscape in Switzerland

# swissuniversities

### National ORD Strategy:

- Support researchers and research communities
- Develop, promote and maintain infrastructures
- Develop skills and best practices
- Build systemic and supportive conditions



Schweizerischer  
Nationalfonds

### ORD requirements:

- store the research data they have produced
- share these data with other researchers, unless bound by legal, ethical, etc. clauses,
- deposit their data and metadata onto existing public repositories



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# UZH recommendations



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Hi

## Open Science

Aktuell • Open Science an der UZH • Open Data • Open Access • Mehr Open Science • Team und Netzwerk



We're open.  
Are You?  
[openscience.uzh.ch](https://openscience.uzh.ch)

→ More...

- Data (at least the metadata) that form the basis for a publication should be openly accessible.
- Data should be made available as early as possible, but no later than at the time of first publication.
- Data should comply with the FAIR principles and the rules of good scientific and legal practice.
- The UZH expects its researchers to use existing open data if they are available in good quality.

## Training & skills at UZH

### UB-courses for BA, MA and PhDs

Open Access  
Basics

Making your data  
FAIR

Open Data  
Basics

Data management  
planning

### Courses by the CRS

Good Research Practice  
(GRC)

5 Steps to Good Data  
Science Practice in R  
(STS)

### Courses for Postdocs and WiMi

Open Up and Share

Writing your DMP for the  
SNSF

Publishing sensitive data

## More support at UZH

- Open Research Data (UZH library): <https://www.ub.uzh.ch/de/wissenschaftlich-arbeiten/mit-daten-arbeiten.html>
- Data protection: <https://www.rud.uzh.ch/en/angebot/datenschutzrecht.html>
- Legal aspects: <https://www.rud.uzh.ch/en.html>
- Trainings by 3R Tierwohl: <https://www.tierschutz.uzh.ch/en/Training-and-education.html>

# Thank you

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# Research Data Management

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Data Steward (Medicine, Vetsuisse, Insel Hospital)



# Open Research Data

## Research Data Management Life Cycle

**Dr. habil. Olga Churakova**

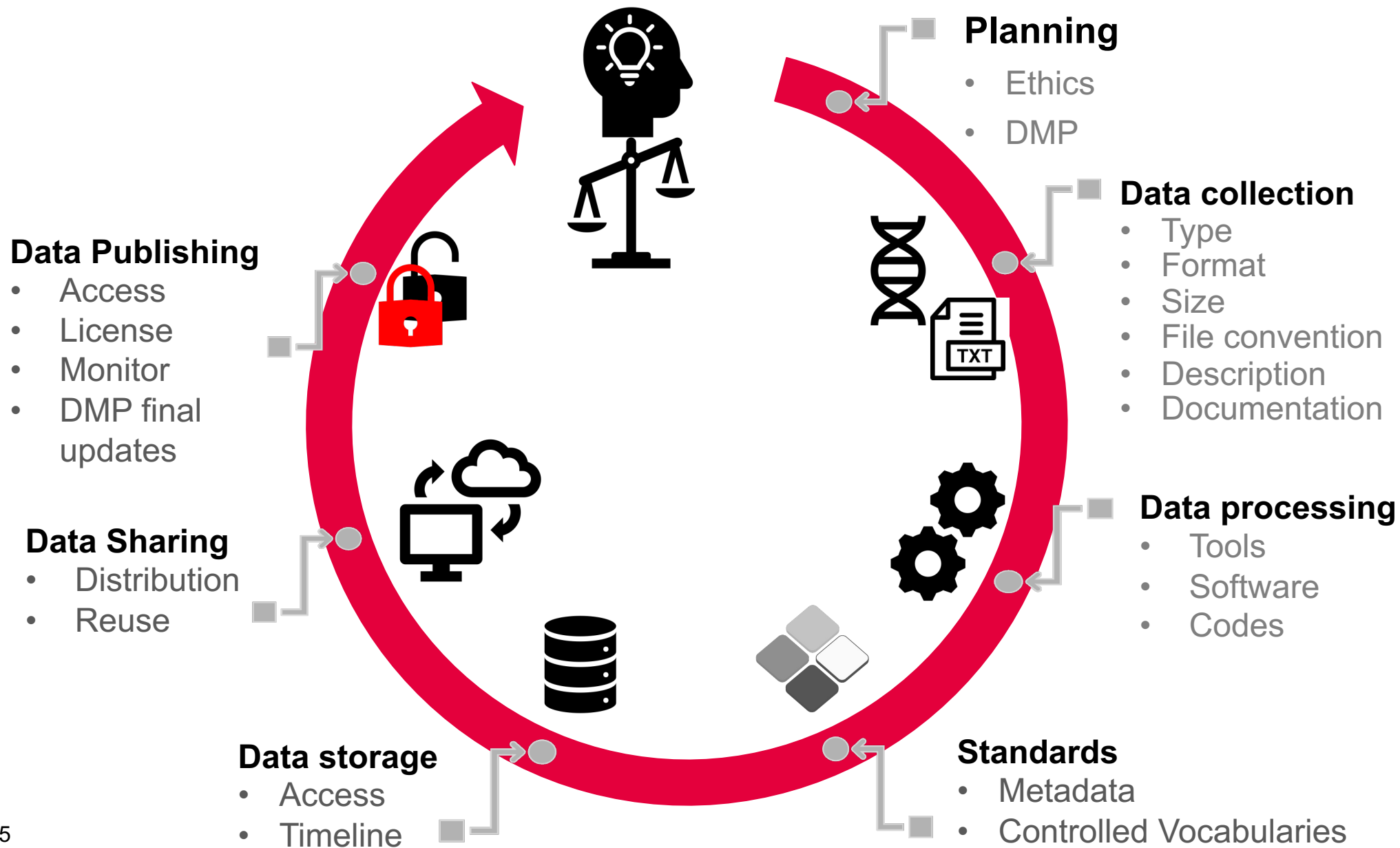
Data Steward: Medicine, Vetsuisse, Insel Hospital  
Open Science RDM, University Library of Bern



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# Research Data Management Life Cycle



# Planning: Before Data Collection



- [Code](#) of conduct for scientific integrity



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
Confédération suisse  
Confederazione Svizzera  
Confederaziun svizra

- New Federal Act on Data Protection [nFADP](#)
- Animal Welfare [Act](#)



Kanton Bern  
Canton de Berne

- Cantonal Data Protection [Act](#)

# Planning: Before Data Collection



Kanton Bern  
Canton de Berne

Systematische Sammlung (BSG) Amtliche Sammlung (BAG)

Systematik Suche Aktuelles Index

BSG 436.11 - Gesetz über die Universität (UniG)  
vom 05.09.1996, in Kraft seit: 01.01.1998

Aktuelle Version in Kraft seit: 01.01.2023 (Beschlussdatum: 08.03.2022)

Erlass Chronologische Dokumente

Alle Sprachen Link zur neuesten Ver

Ausklappen | Einklappen

- ▶ 1 Grundlagen
- ▶ 2 Angehörige der Universität
- ▶ 3 Organisation
- ▶ 4 Zusammenarbeit der Universität mit Dritten

**436.11**  
**Gesetz**  
**über die Universität**  
(UniG)

- [University of Bern Act](#)

## CONTACT

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- [Animal Welfare Office](#)

## CONTACT

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Hochschulstrasse 6  
3012 Bern  
Switzerland

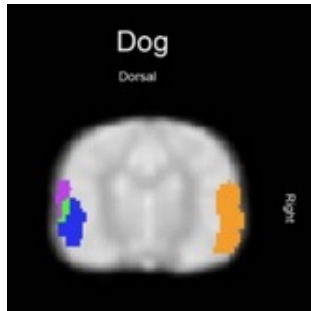
- Data Protection Officer ([DPO](#))

- [Information security and data protection \(ISDP\)](#)
- [IT-Department UniBE](#)

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# Data Collection

## Data Type and File Format



<https://doi.org/10.3390/ani12010108>



### Define data type

- Survey
- fMRI image
- Genomic data
- Video
- Voice recording



Voice Memos (4+)

Apple

★★★★★ 4.7 • 20.2K Ratings

Free



### File format

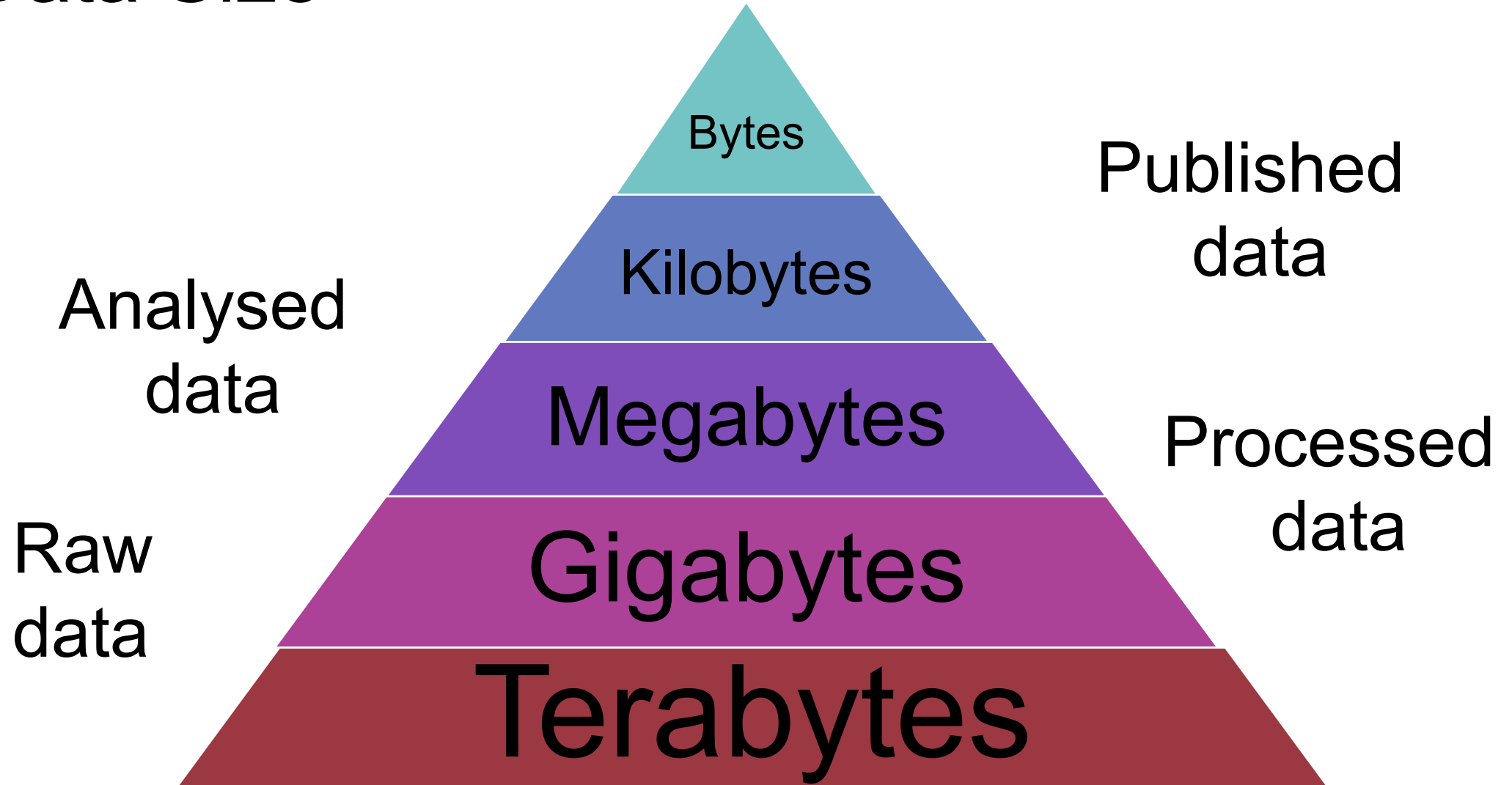
- .csv
- .nifti
- .PDF/A
- .txt
- .wav

BORIS file formats [UnIBE](#) (EN)  
[ETH](#) Zürich (EN)

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# Data Collection

## Data Size



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# Documentation

## File-level: ReadMe and Codebook



### ReadMe File:

- **Who** created the data?
- **What** is the content of the data?
- **Why** were the data developed?
- **Where** is it geographically located (coordinates)?
- **When** were the data created?
- **How** were the data developed?

[Readme\\_Template\\_EN.txt \(3KB\)](#)

### Codebook:

- Variables name
- Labels
- Codes
- Units
- Missing values

### Use:

- Tabular (rows, columns)
- Statistical data

# Documentation Tools



**Searchable**  
Protocol, sample,  
data set

**Automated**  
Report generation,  
manuscript writing,  
or inventory  
tracking



**Consistent**  
Results are accurate  
and reproducible

**Collaborative**  
Knowledge exchange  
among researchers and  
stakeholders, regulatory  
bodies, and funders



**Traceable**  
Track experiments,  
samples, protocols,  
and results



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# Documentation Tools

## Documentation tools



- Study protocols, documents exchange
- Laboratory Information Management System ([OpenBIS](#))
- <https://github.com/openbis>
- <https://github.com/>



[Recommendation on research data documentation from the Open Science Team \(PDF, 141KB\)](#)

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# Documentation Tools

## Computational Notebooks

### Jupyter Notebook



<https://github.com/>

### Open-source web application

- Create and share documents containing live code, equations, visualizations and narrative text
- Uses include:
  - Comments in scripts
  - Data cleaning and transformation
  - Numerical simulation and statistical modeling
  - Data visualization
  - Create tutorials and interactive manuals

Description from: Jupyter project, <https://jupyter.org/documentation>;

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# Metadata

## Dublin Core: Key Metadata Elements



Contributor

Title

Description

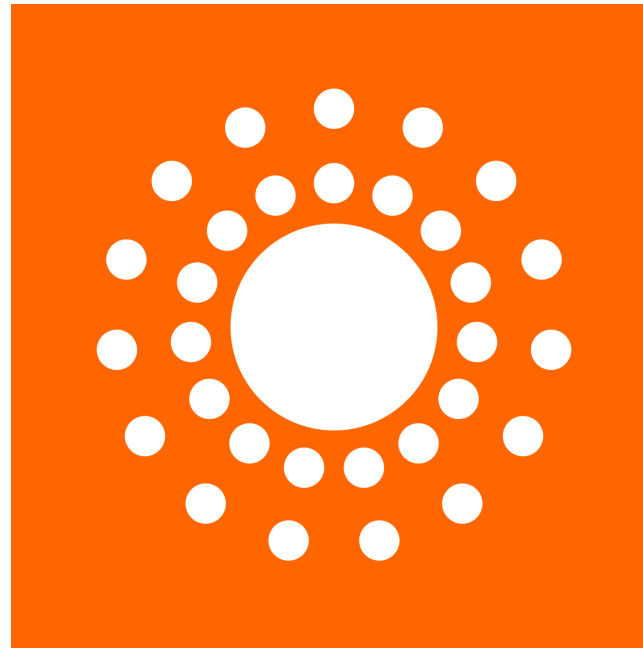
Type

Publisher

Format

Identifier

Coverage



Creator

Date

Rights

Relation

Language

Subject

Source


# Metadata



## BORIS Portal Example



Based on Dublin  
Core elements

**Title:** Daily suicides and ambient temperature data in Switzerland

**Contributor(s):** [Bär, Séverine](#)  [Vicedo Cabrera, Ana Maria](#)  [Bundo, Marvin](#)  [Müller, Thomas](#)  [de Schrijver, Evan](#) 

**Affiliations:** [Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine](#)  [Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine](#)  [Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine](#)  [Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine](#) 

**Contact:** [Vicedo Cabrera, Ana Maria](#) 

**Data Availability:** Open

**Keyword(s):** epidemiology;public health;climate

**Subject(s):** 600 - Technology > 610 - Medicine & health

**Description:** The dataset consists of daily number of suicides per Canton in Switzerland between 1995 and 2016 by age, sex and method of suicide. It also includes daily mean temperature per Canton.

**URI:** <http://hdl.handle.net/20.500.12422/71>

**DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.48620/38>

**Rights:** cc-nc

**Type:** Dataset

**Appears in Collections:** [Research Data](#)

<https://doi.org/10.48620/38>

# $u^b$ Metadata Controlled Vocabularies



"Controlled vocabularies provide a clearly defined terminology to catalog and retrieve information with control of synonyms and variant terms."  
(RDM services, KU Leuven)

- Data Curation Center (DCC) [metadata standards](#)
- FAIR standards [Animal Diseases Ontology](#)
- Veterinary Extension [SNOMED-CT](#)
- [ICD-11](#)
- [Vet-ICD-O-canine-1](#)



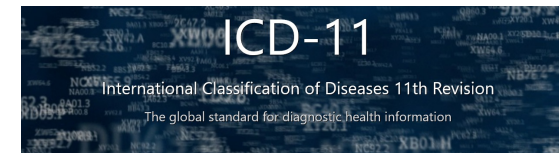
ANDO



## Animal Diseases Ontology

The Animal Diseases Ontology (ANDO) includes information on diseases of production animals and their related pathogenic agents in French and English.

Animal Hu... Veterinary ... Disease **Animalia** one more tag



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# Standards

## Harmonised Practices



EU Data Standardisation Strategy  
[European Veterinary Big Data strategy 2022-2027](#)

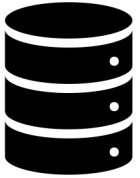


**Standards**

- 11.220 Veterinary medicine including equipment specific to veterinary medicine

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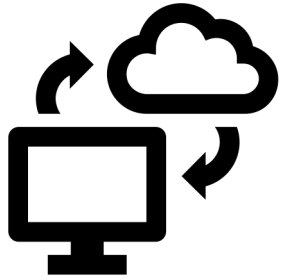
# Data storage & backup



- Back-up Campus: daily automated
- Back-up Hard drive (manual, no Internet access)
- [IT-Department UniBE](#)

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# Data sharing



[Cryptomator](#)

VeraCrypt 1.26.7

Idrix

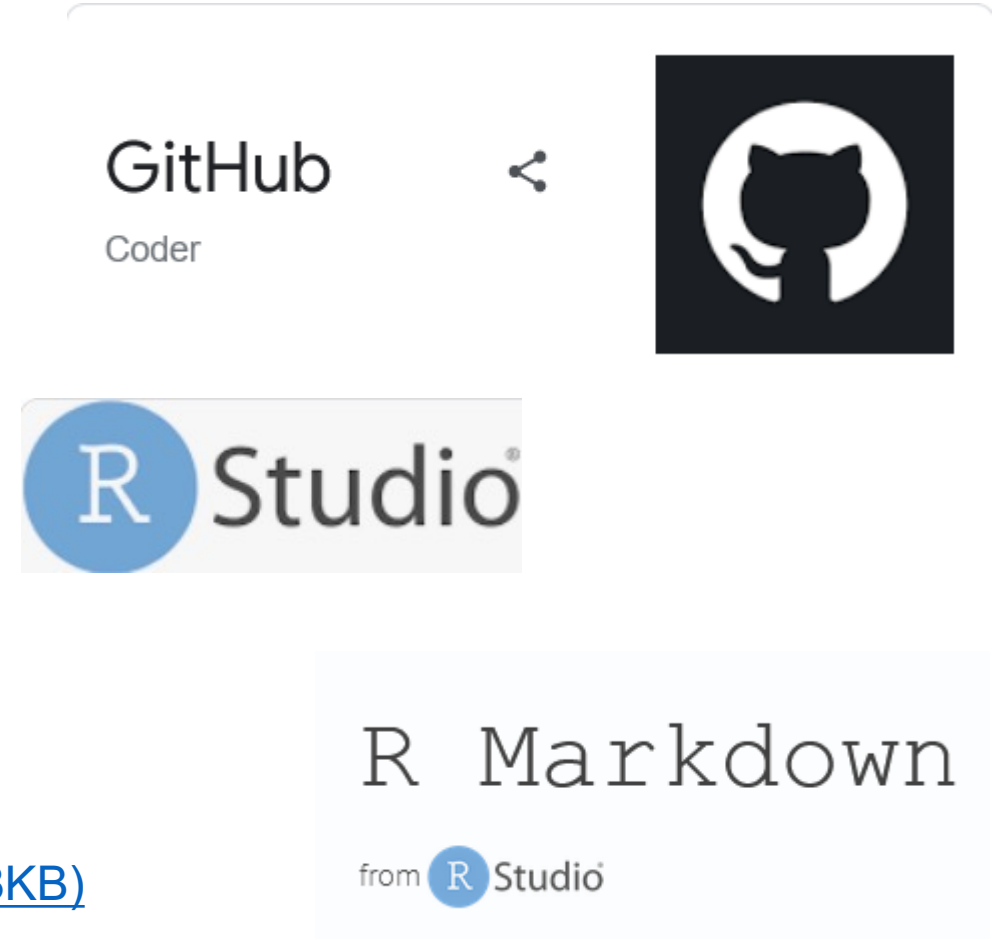
[VeraCrypt](#)



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# Data Preparation for Publishing Computer Codes and Software

- Github Link and Versions Control
- Software version used
- Details of where the software can be accessed
- Computer Scripts, Codes



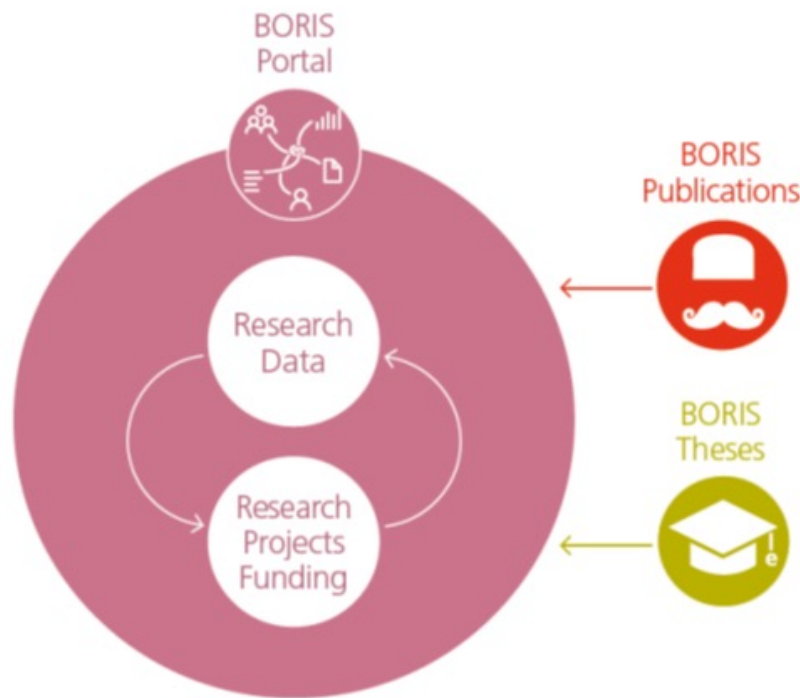
[UniBE Recommendation: Open-Source-Software \(PDF, 68KB\)](#)

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# Open Research Data Institutional Repository – Overview



## BORIS Portal Research Data Repository



- Institutional research data repository @ UniBE
- Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
- Metadata description (Dublin Core)
- Metadata stored under [CC0](#) and permanently
- Data documentation upload
- Managing data access
- Licenses
- Policy for long-term preservation (**10 years**)
- For clinical studies permitted (anonymized data only)

<https://boris-portal.unibe>

# Access, Distribution, or Reuse Considerations



Open

Open access to dataset

Embargoed

Enter date after which dataset will be released.

Restricted

Upload dataset and grant access on request.

Closed

No data upload, but meta-data should be entered to verify existence of dataset.

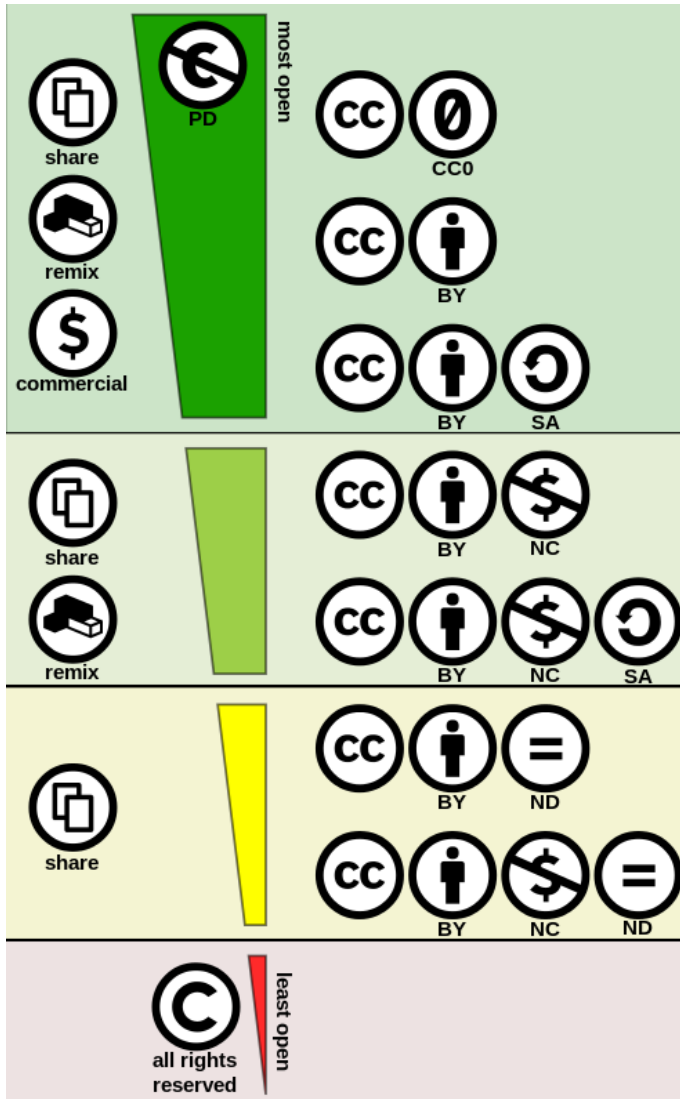


## Data Transfer and Use Agreement

- recommended for data that cannot be shared openly
- individually define re-use conditions for dataset
- share DTA along with data for others to download and sign



# Data, Computer Code, Software Publication



## To reuse data, take into account:

- Licenses
- Ownership (including joint ownership)
- Data transfer and use agreement



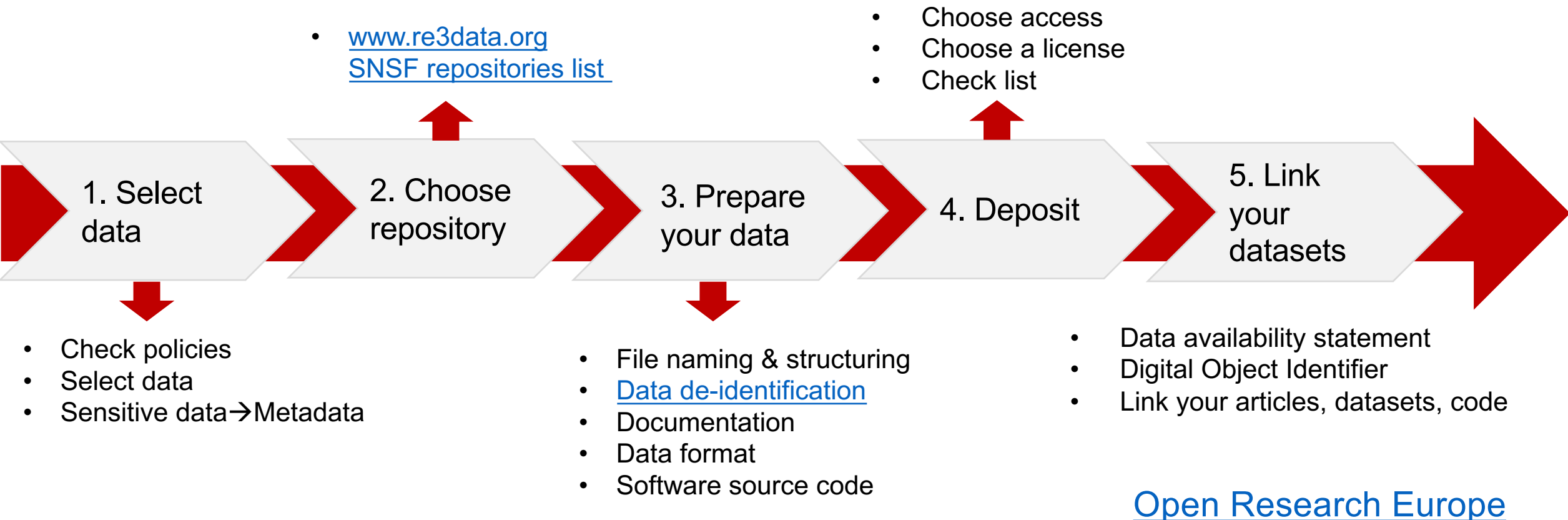
- If there are **NO** ethical, legal or contractual issues
- Metadata
- Supplementary material



- Some forms of processed data (e.g., elaborate visualisation)
- Data will be commercially exploited (patents)

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# Data Publishing Summary



# Support Training

How to publish & license research data

How to store research data

How to efficiently document research data?



How to plan and update Data Management Plan

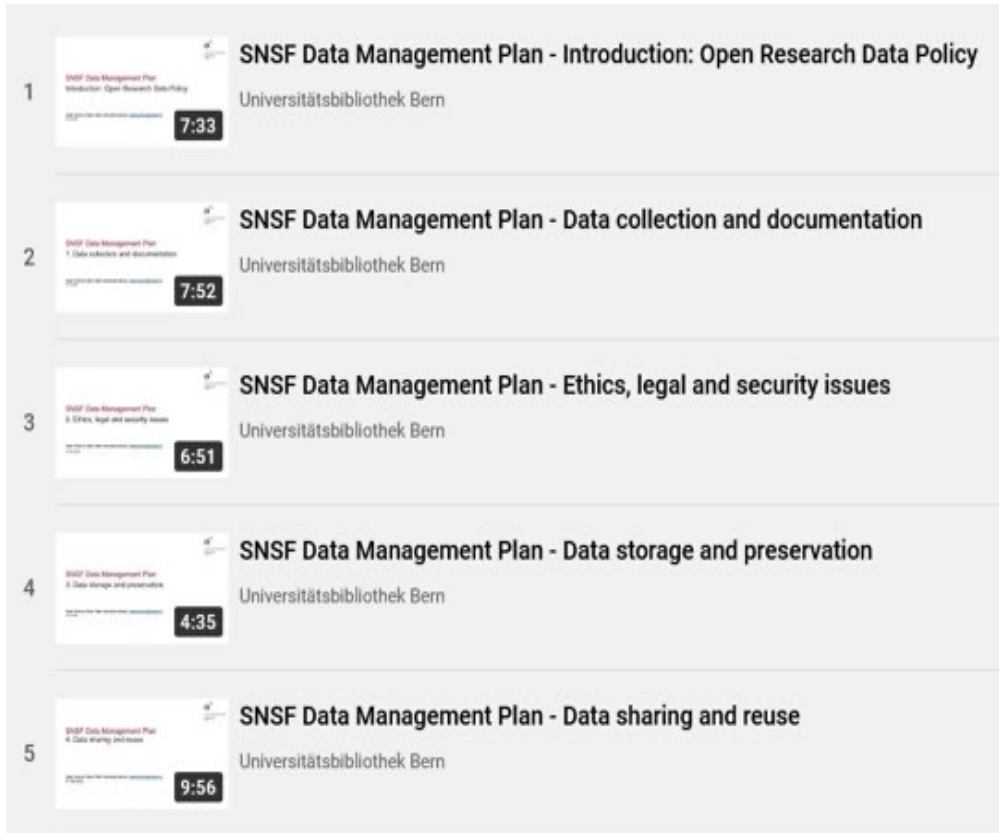
How to ethically manage research data

How to collect and organize data and files, formats, names, version control



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## Data Management Plan Review



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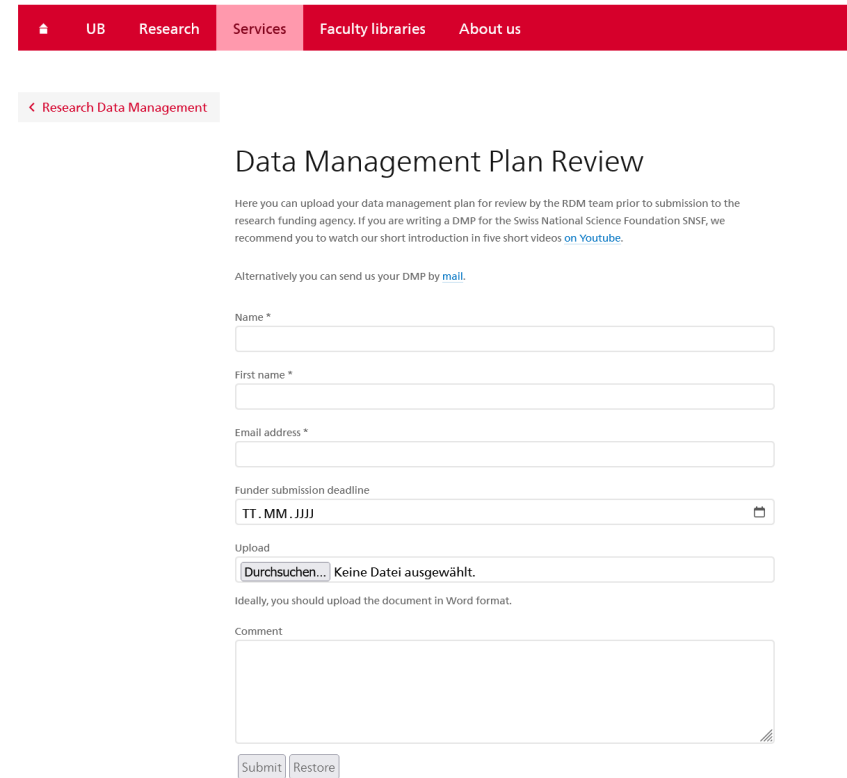
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## Reproducibility projects (CRS)

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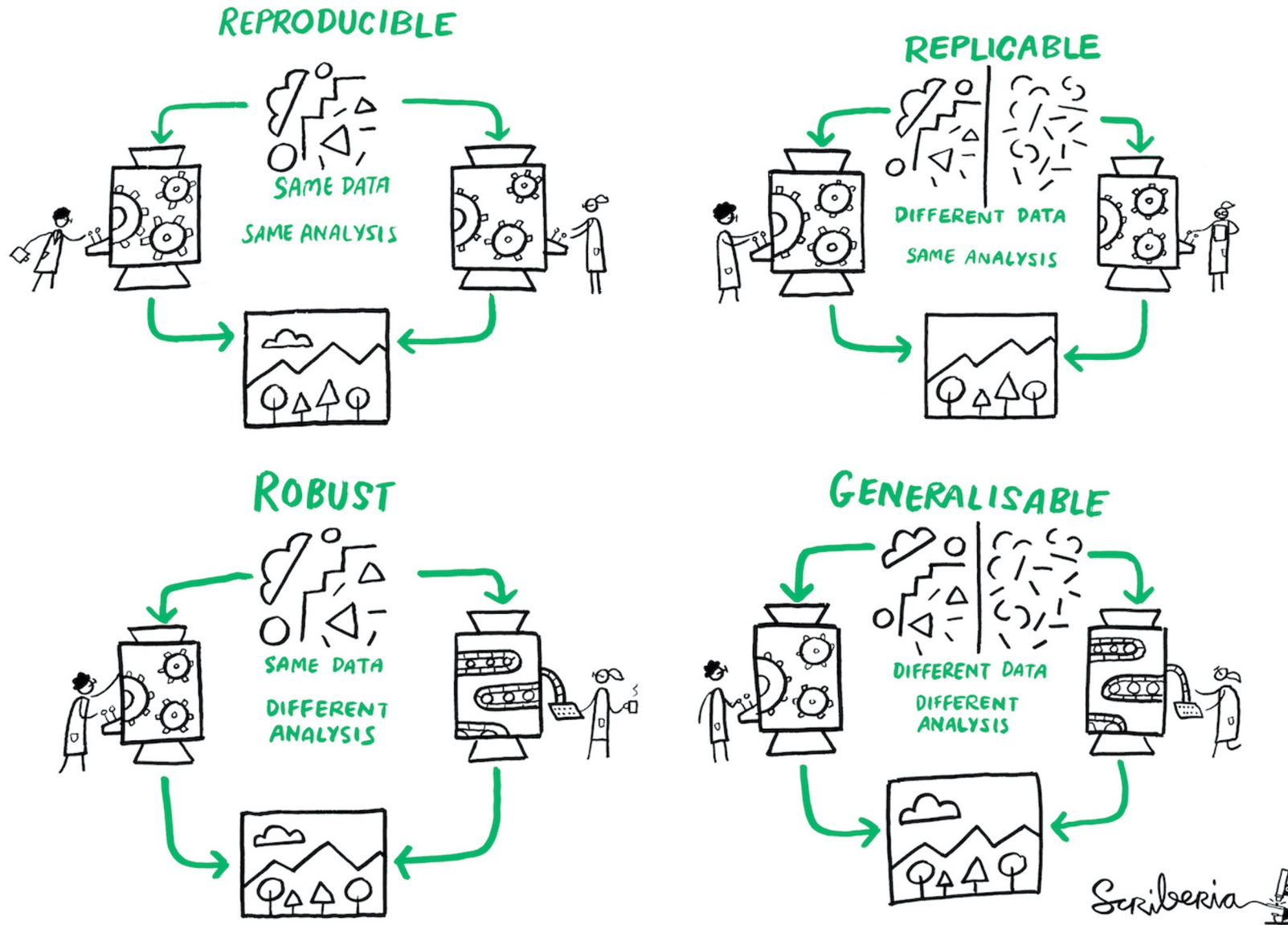
# Reproducibility - where to start?

## ORDVET Information event, December 8, 2023

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# Let's start with a definition



# Why and how?

Markowitz *Genome Biology* (2015) 16:274  
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## Five selfish reasons to work reproducibly



Florian Markowitz

### Abstract

And so, my fellow scientists: ask not what you can do for reproducibility; **ask what reproducibility can do for you!** Here, I present five reasons why working reproducibly pays off in the long run and is in the self-interest of every ambitious, career-oriented scientist.

**Keywords:** Reproducibility, Scientific career

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## Reproducibility Starts from You Today

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**THE BIGGER PICTURE** In recent years, discussions about the reproducibility of scientific experiments have bloomed everywhere but **have left researchers with either very high-level and unachievable goals or lost in a sea of recommendations.** However, there are **many small, simple steps** that any researcher can take to improve the reproducibility of their results. Crucially, improving the reproducibility of one's own research workflows offers **numerous selfish benefits:** not only making research more **efficient** (less time wasted!) but also **increasing research impact and reach.**

This article is aimed at researchers and offers several simple recommendations that can result in incremental improvements to the reproducibility of research results.



**Concept:** Basic principles of a new data science output observed and reported

# Five selfish reasons to work reproducibly

Reason 1: reproducibility helps to avoid disaster

⇒ detailed record saves time later

Reason 2: reproducibility makes it easier to write papers

⇒ update results automatically when data change

Reason 3: reproducibility helps reviewers see it your way

⇒ reviewers have access to complete analysis

Reason 4: reproducibility enables continuity of your work

⇒ continuity for collaborators and future self

Reason 5: reproducibility helps to build your reputation

⇒ honest and careful researcher

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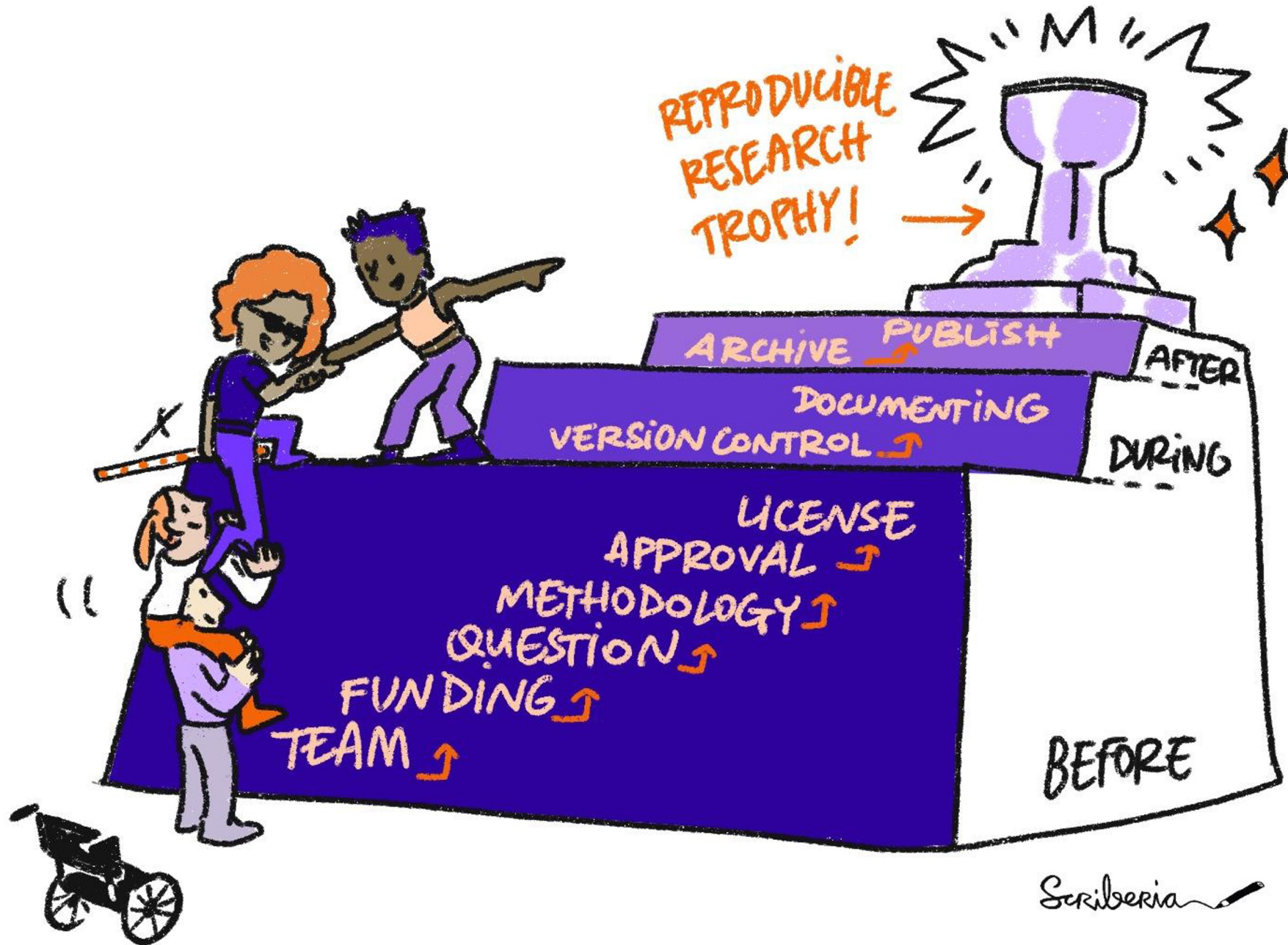
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# Reproducibility Project: Cancer Biology



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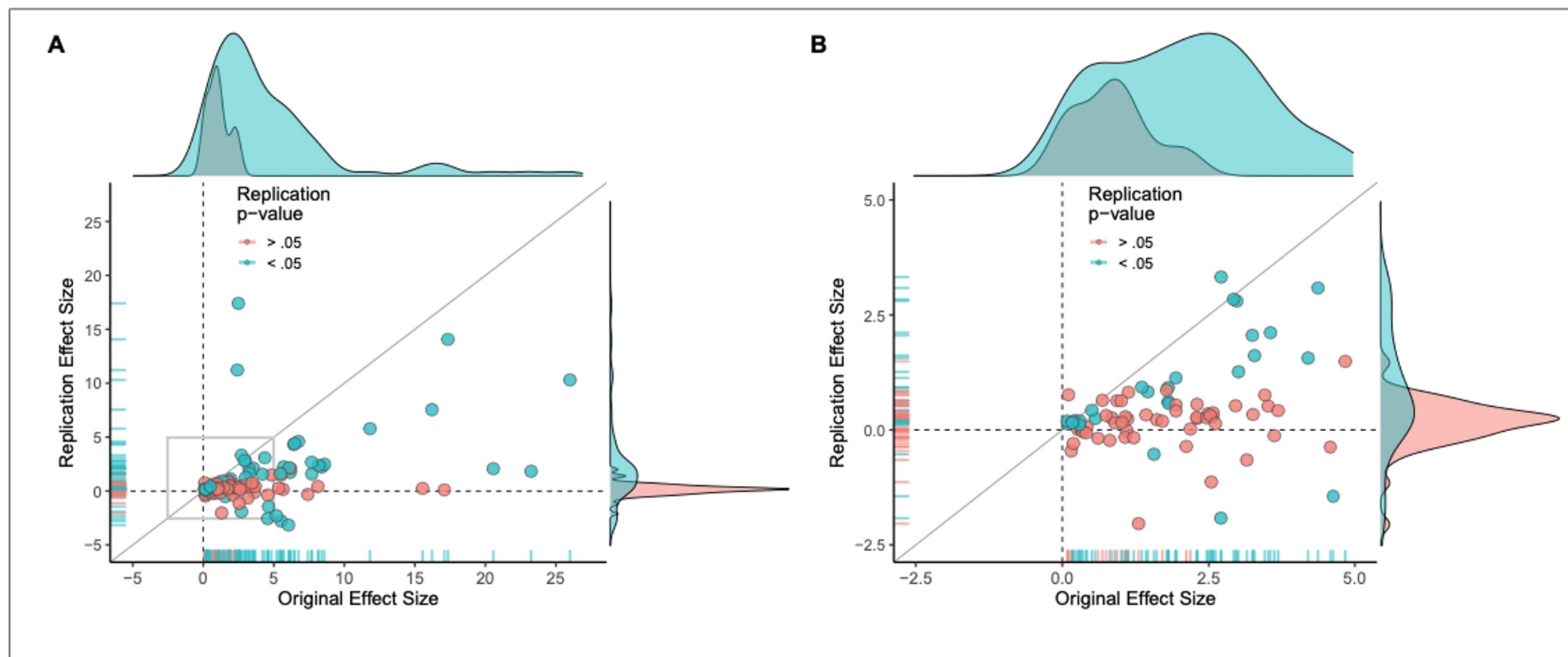
# Overview RP:CB

- Acquire evidence about the replication of preclinical research in cancer biology by repeating selected experiments from 53 high-impact papers published 2010-2012\*
- Selection: 400 most cited papers from both Scopus and Web of Science using a specific search string for 2010, 2011, and 2012 (Errington, 2014)
- Due to challenges: project only completed 50/193 planned experiments to repeat (26%)

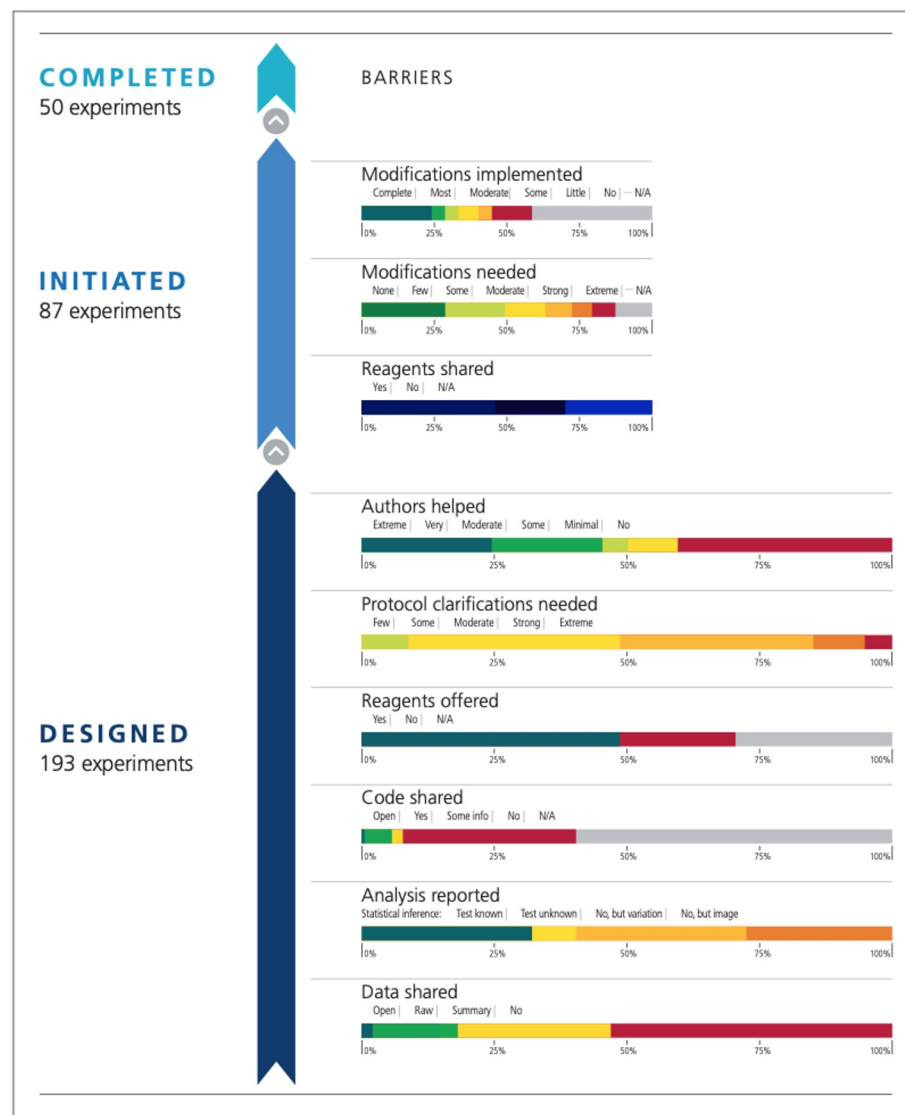
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Three papers in the e-life collection

- Investigating the replicability of preclinical cancer biology
- Reproducibility in Cancer Biology: Challenges for assessing replicability in preclinical cancer biology
- Experiments from unfinished Registered Reports in the Reproducibility Project: Cancer Biology



**Figure 2.** Replication effect sizes compared with original effect sizes. **(A)** Graph in which each circle represents an effect for which an SMD effect size could be computed for both the original effect and the replication ( $n = 110$ ). Blue circles indicate effects for which  $p < 0.05$  in the replication, and red circles indicate  $p > 0.05$ . Two effects for which the original effects size was  $>80$  are not shown. The median effect size in the replications was 85% smaller than the median effect size in the original experiments, and 97% of replication effect sizes were smaller than original effect sizes (below the gray diagonal line). **(B)** An expanded view of panel A for effect sizes  $< 5$  (gray outline in panel A). SMD: standardized mean difference.



**Figure 1.** Barriers to conducting replications – by experiment. During the design phase of the project the 193 experiments selected for replication were coded according to six criteria: availability and sharing of data; reporting of statistical analysis (i.e., did the paper describe the tests used in statistical analysis?; if such tests were not used, did the paper report on biological variation (e.g., graph reporting error bars) or representative images?); availability and sharing of analytic code; did the original authors offer to share key reagents?; what level of protocol clarifications were needed from the original authors?; how helpful were the responses to those requests? The 29 Registered Reports published by the project included protocols for 87 experiments, and these experiments were coded according to three criteria: were reagents shared by the original authors?; did the replication authors have to make modifications to the protocol?; were these modifications implemented? A total of 50 experiments were completed.

# Center for Reproducible Science CRS@UZH

**Improve overall reproducibility and quality of empirical research**



- Good research practice courses
- Workshops
- Lectures

**Promote original research in reproducibility and methodology**



- Methodology related to reproducibility
- Replication studies
- Meta-research



# ReproducibiliTea

Journal club dedicated to topics related to **reproducibility, statistics in data analysis, open science, research quality and good research practices** across fields, biomedicine, social sciences, computer science. etc.

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- establishing appropriate training activities
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# Program

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- Who **owns** data?
- Privacy** and **Data protection**
- When do I need to consider **Data protection laws**?
- What are **personal**, **sensitive** and **anonymised data**?
- How do I **lawfully process** personal data?
- What is an **informed consent** and when is it needed?

# Data **ownership**: who owns data?

## What categories of data do we know?

- **Non-personal / commercial data**
  - Not protected as such by law
- **Personal data / personal sensitive data**
  - Protection of privacy in the digital environment



## What categories of data do we know?

- **Human data** (data resulting from emails, spreadsheets, presentations, images, ect.)
  - Intellectual property rights (copyright) over original expression
- **Machine-generated data** (data automatically generated by a computer process, application or other mechanism)
  - Not protected

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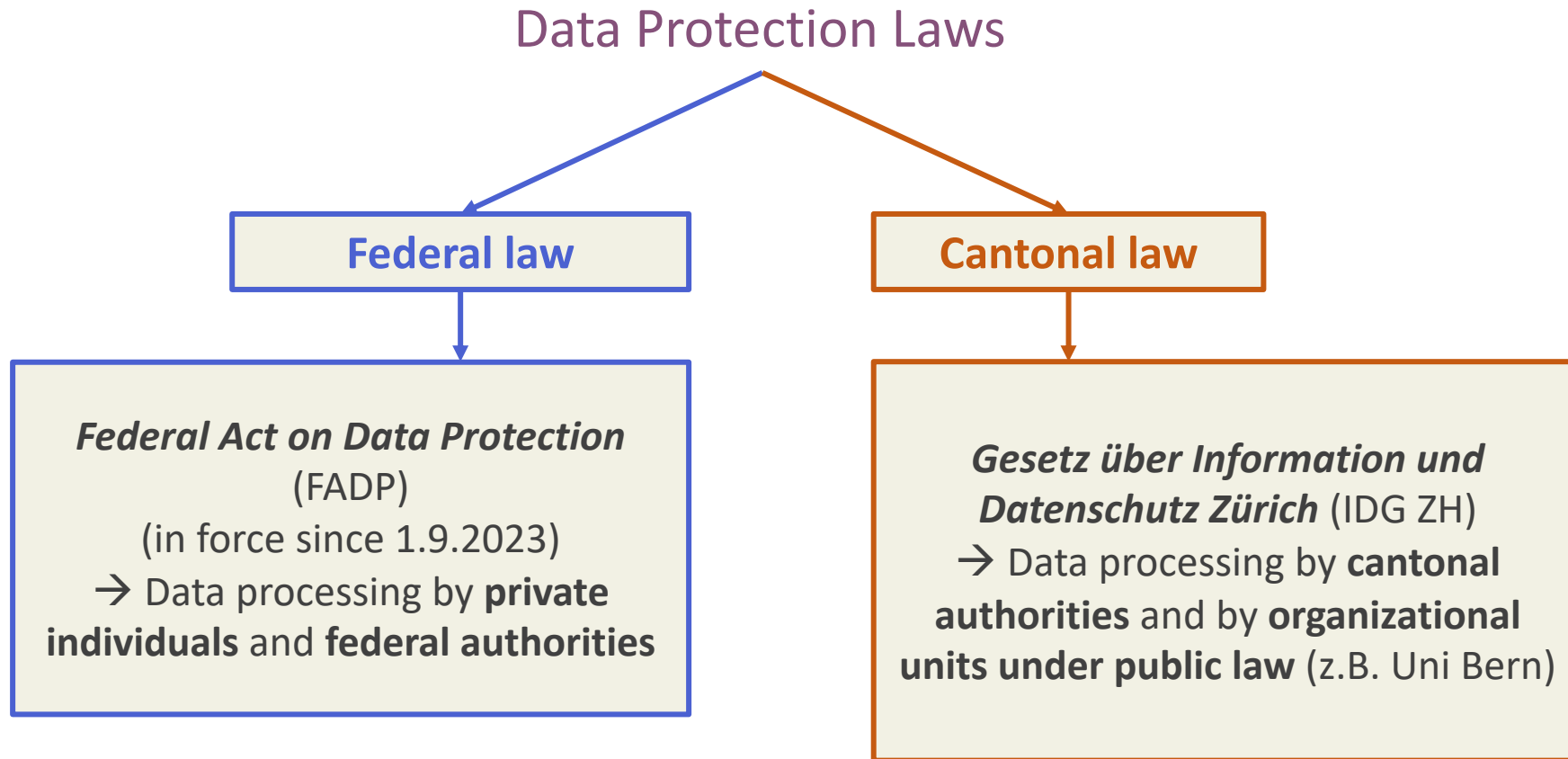
- **Compilation or aggregation of data**
  - Might be protected by copyright
    - If originality in **selection** or **arrangement** of the data or materials
    - But copyright protection is limited to the particular selection or arrangement.
  - EU: *sui generis* protection aimed at rewarding investment (Directive 96/9/EC)

## Data ownership

- There is no ownership as such over data.
- It is possible to agree privately on the use of data, considering the respective legal obligations.

# Privacy and Personal data

## Swiss legal acts



## Swiss legal acts

Specific data protection articles  
(Special laws)

**Federal laws**

**Cantonal laws**

E.g. *Federal Act on Research involving Human Beings HRA*,  
*Federal Act on Health Insurance*

E.g. (Cantonal) *Police Act*

# Personal data

**Personal data**

**Sensitive** personal data

**Non-sensitive** personal data



Personal data



Non-sensitive personal data

**Personal data:** any information relating to an **identified** or **identifiable** natural **person**

Personal data



**Sensitive** personal data

Information about:

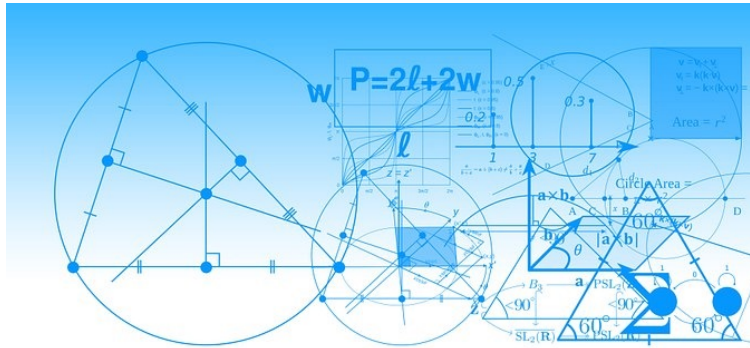
- Religious, philosophical, political or trade union-related views or activities;
- Health, the private sphere or affiliation to a race or ethnicity;
- Administrative and criminal proceedings or sanctions;
- Social assistance measures;
- Genetic data;
- Biometric data that uniquely identifies a natural person.

## Personal data



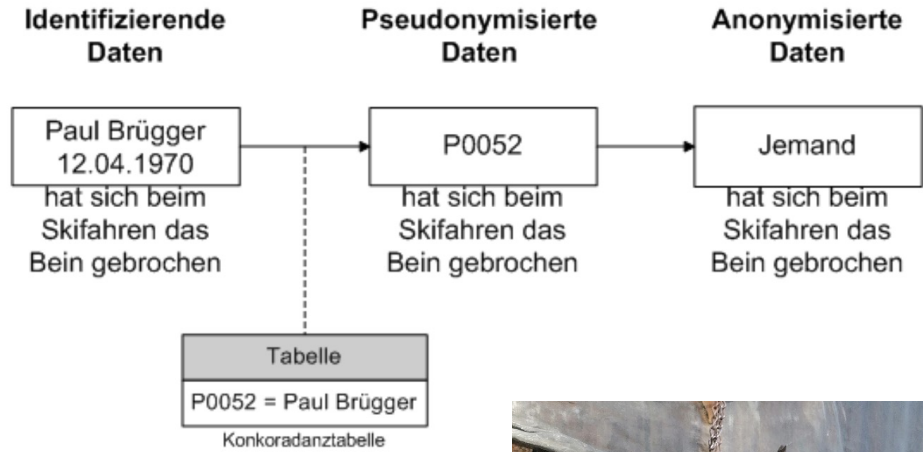
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- Last name
- Address
- Phone / fax
- E-Mail
- Customer number

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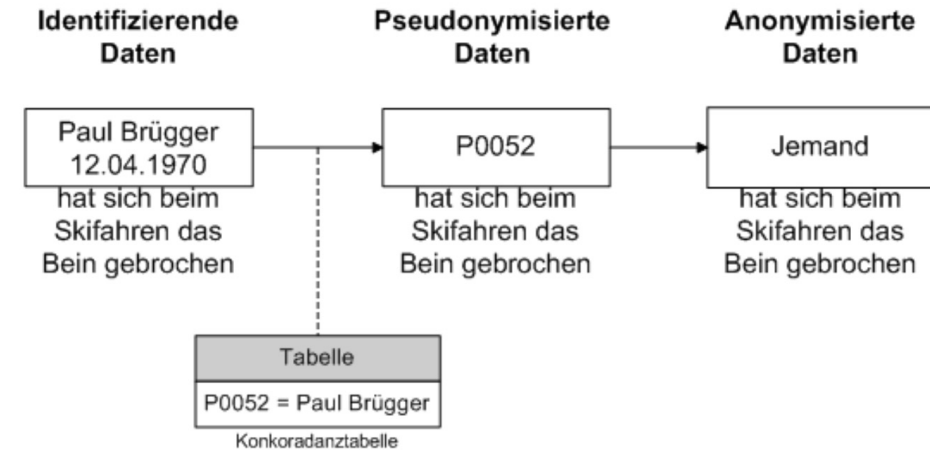


- Facts of nature
- Calculations
- Anonymised data

→ Data protection laws do NOT apply!



## Anonymised vs. pseudonymized data



- **Anonymised** data
  - identification of individual persons is **impossible** or possible only with disproportionate effort.
- **Pseudonymised** data
  - identification of individual persons is **possible** with the use of a **key** or a **set of rules** to conceal identifying data.

# Processing personal data

## Processing personal Data

**any handling** of personal data, irrespective of the means and procedures used, in particular the **collection, storage**, keeping, **use, modification, disclosure**, archiving, deletion or destruction of data;

## Data protection legislation

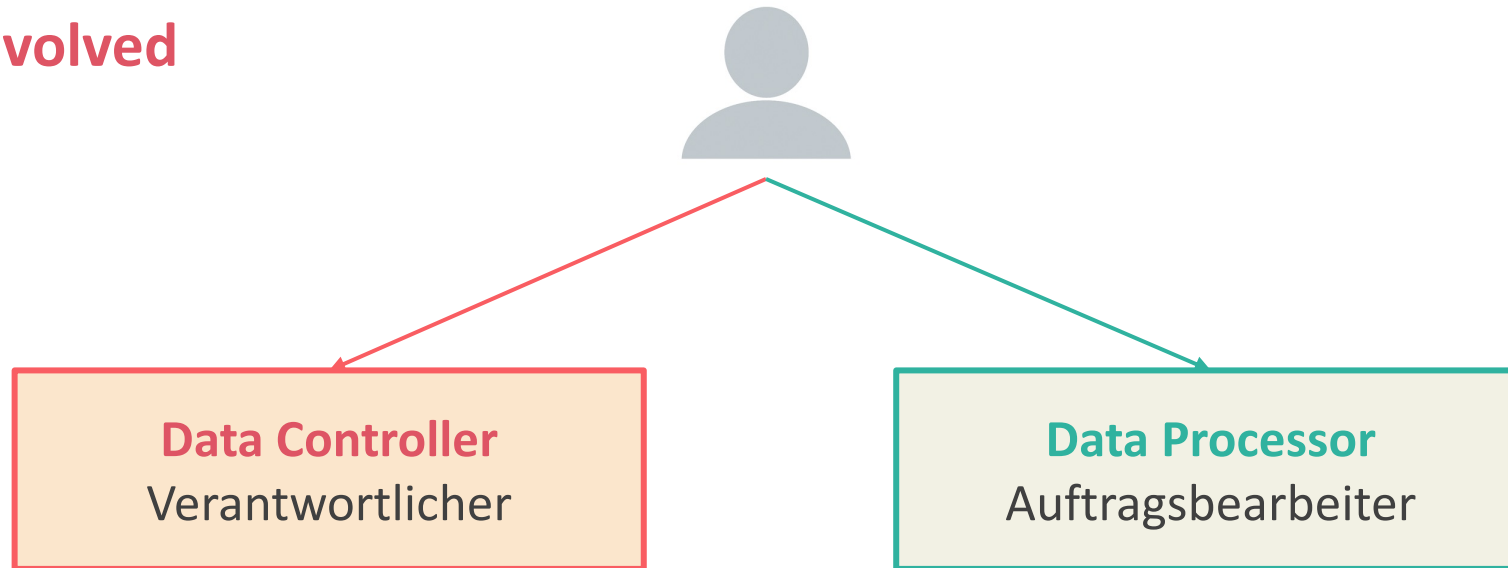
- Protects the **privacy of individuals** by protecting their data;
- Protects the data of all **living individuals** regardless of their relationship to the data processor → e.g. employee, student, website visitor, supplier, job applicant;
- Protection goes beyond maintaining confidentiality



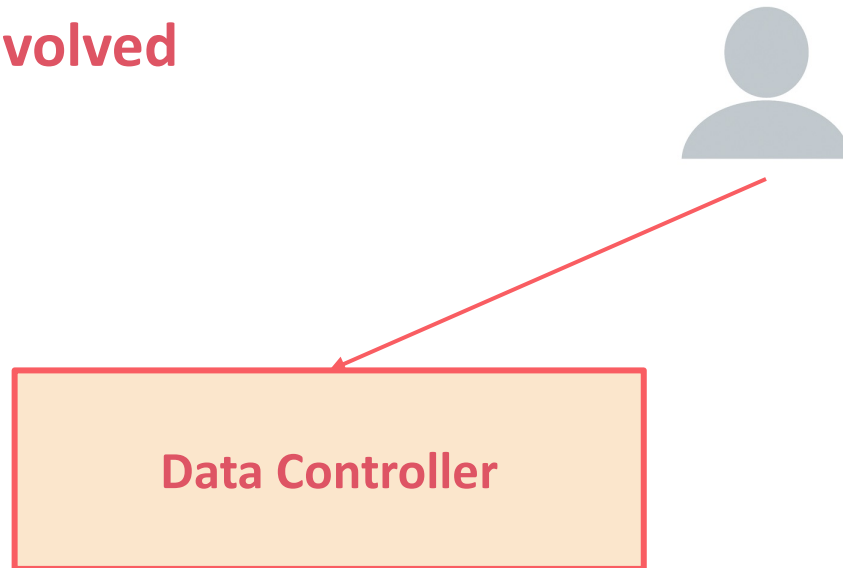
## Data protection legislation

- Provides for obligations to be imposed on data controller and data processor  
(**privacy by default** and **privacy by design**)
- The data must be protected by **organizational** and **security measures** that are appropriate to the risk

**Actors involved**



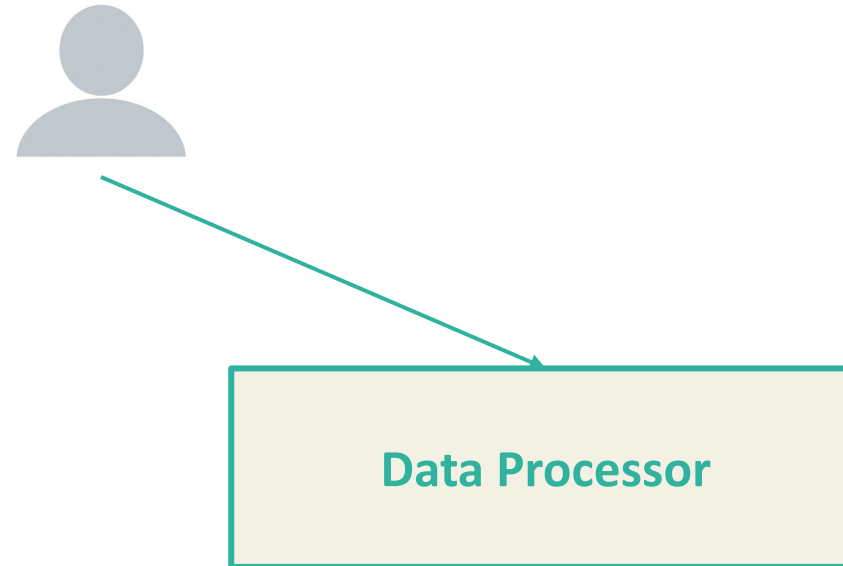
## Actors involved



A private person who or federal body which, alone or jointly with others, **determines the purpose and the means** of processing personal data.

The controller must ensure that the data controller is able to guarantee **data security** and has the **duty to inform** data subjects about the processing of personal data.  
(e.g. UZH or the project manager of a specific project)

## Actors involved



A private person or federal body that **processes** personal data **on behalf of the controller** (e.g. the veterinarian who collects data from clients and the researcher who uses the data in the context of research.)

# Duty to inform and informed consent

## A legitimate ground is necessary to process personal data

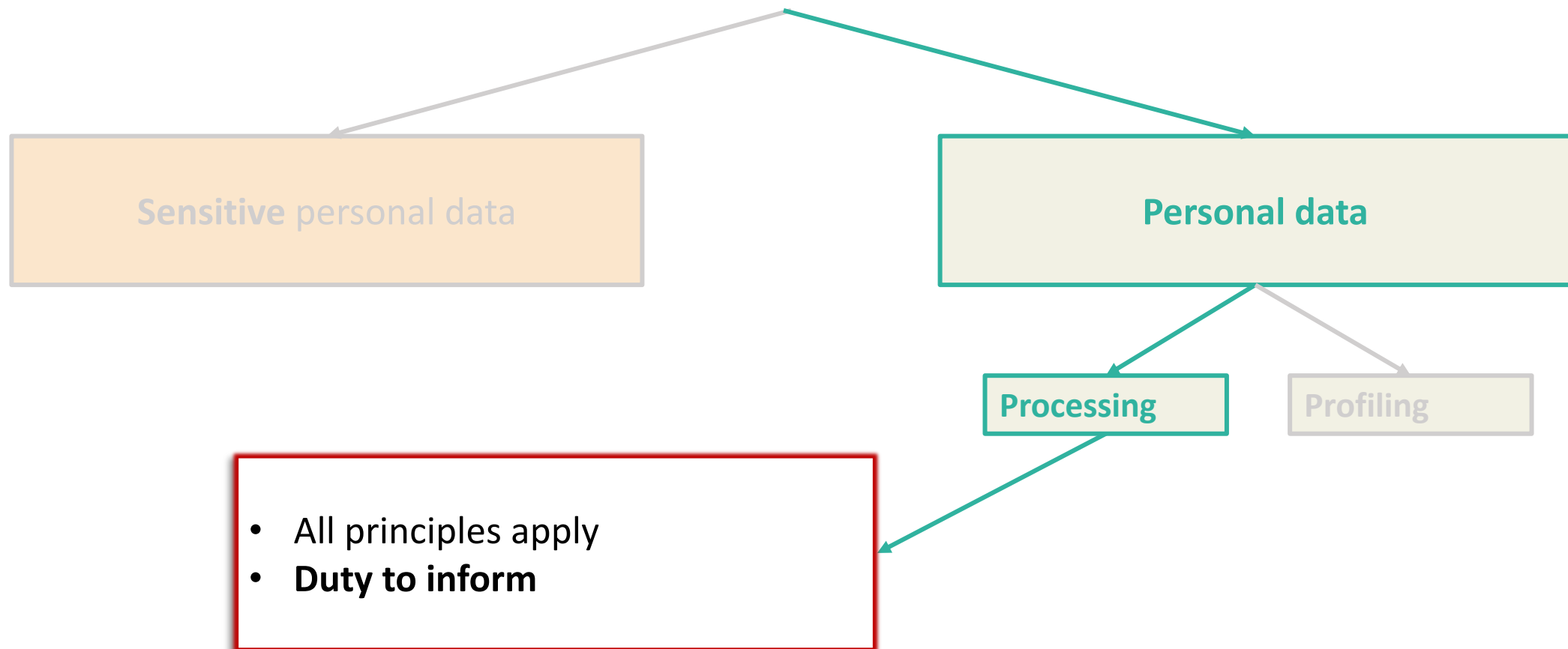
→ **Legal basis** (law)

→ **Consent**

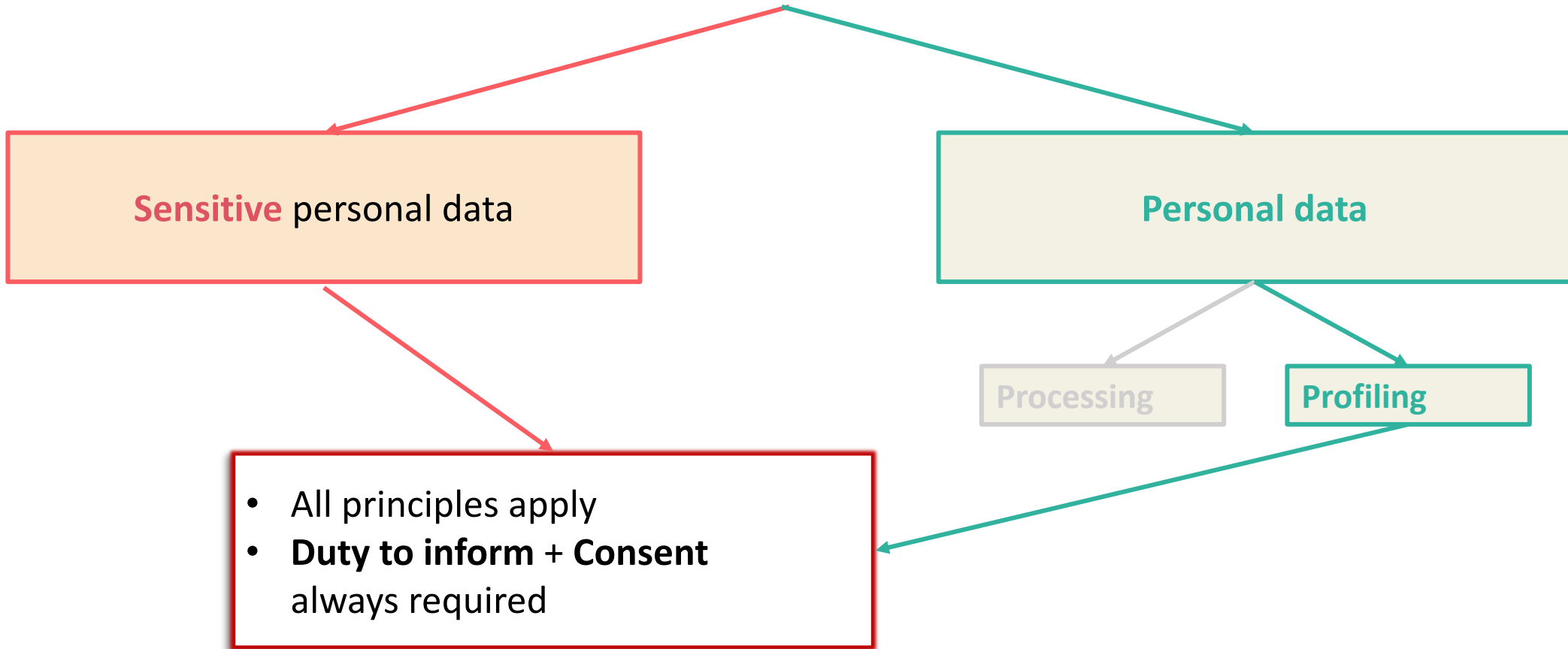
→ **Overriding public or private interest**

→ The person has published their personal data themselves and does not object to its use.

## Processing by private persons



Processing by private persons





Processing by public authority

**Sensitive** personal data

**Personal data**



- All principles apply
- **Law or consent**

### Data subject's rights

- Duty to inform
- Right of access
- Right to object to the use of personal data

## Duty to inform

- No formal requirement, but "in an appropriate manner" (on a website? correspondence?) and you must be able to provide proof!
- At least the following information:
  - the **identity of the data controller**;
  - the **purpose** of the data processing;
  - the categories of data **recipients** (Art. 9 FDPA, e.g. cloud), if data transfer is planned;
  - When will personal data be **deleted** or anonymised.



## Principles

- Personal data must be processed **lawfully**.  
→ There is either a law or consent.
- Processing must be carried out in **good faith**.  
→ If I provide information about the way in which I intend to use data, I must tell the truth.
- The processing must be **proportionate**.  
→ I only collect the data that I need for the respective purpose.

## Principles

- Personal data may only be processed for a **specific purpose**.  
→ I can only use the data for the purpose for which I collected it.
- The data processor must be **transparent**.  
→ Information obligation = privacy policy
- If the data processor processes data, they must take all necessary **security measures**...  
→ ...to prevent data from being lost or someone breaking into the system and stealing it.

**Thank you for your attention!**

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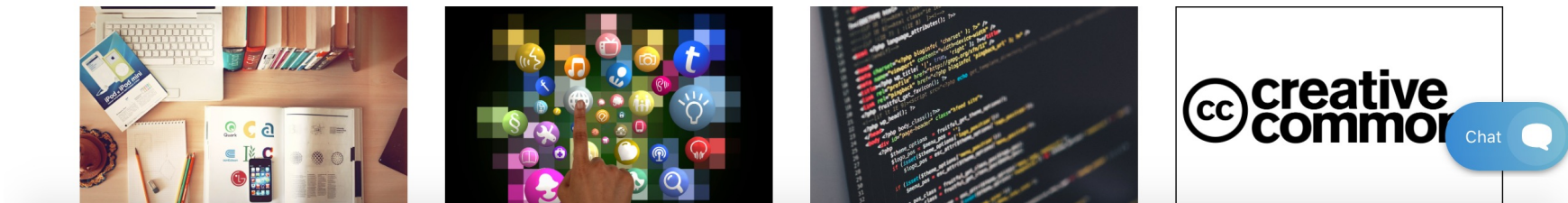
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## Questions & Answers

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