

## FAIR DATA AUSTRIA

#### LET'S MAKE OUR DATA FAIR!

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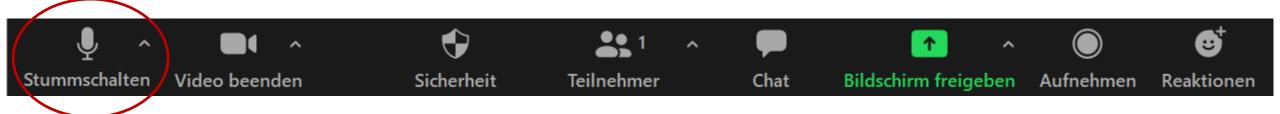
### **AGENDA**

10.00 - 10.10	Welcome and introduction	Barbara Sánchez
10.10 - 11.00	Let's make our data FAIR!	Tomasz Miksa
11.00 – 11.30	Questions & Answers	Barbara Sánchez



#### **FORMALITIES**

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Please post your questions in the chat





### LET'S MAKE OUR DATA FAIR!

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He is an expert in data management and design of research data repositories. He also chairs the DMP Common Standards working group at the Research Data Alliance that developed a recommendation on machine-actionable Data Management Plans. Dr. Miksa is a lecturer in the course Data Stewardship which is a specialization within the Data Science curriculum at TU Wien.



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# **INTRODUCTION**



# Hans Rosling and Data Science

- Talk held in 2006
- 15 years later
  - Problems exist
  - But a lot is changing



https://www.ted.com/talks/hans\_rosling\_the\_best\_stats\_you\_ve\_ever\_seen#t-1144167





# Hans Rosling

 "Because the data is hidden down in the databases. And the public is there, and the internet is there, but we have still not used it effectively."

• "There are some web pages like this,(...), but people put prices on them, stupid passwords and boring statistics.



# Hans Rosling

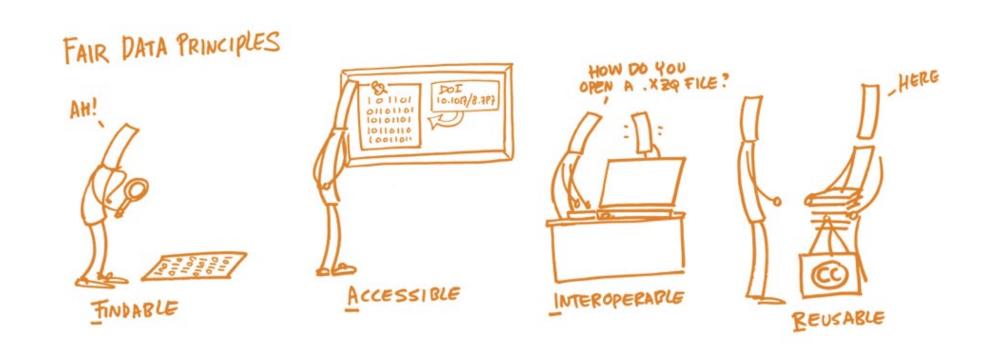
- "Some countries accept that their databases can go out on the world. But what we really need is, of course, a search function, a search function where we can copy the data up to a searchable format and get it out in the world."
- "The **publicly funded data** is down here. (...) One of the crucial points is to **make them searchable**, and then people can use the different design tools to animate it there.



### **FAIR PRINCIPLES**

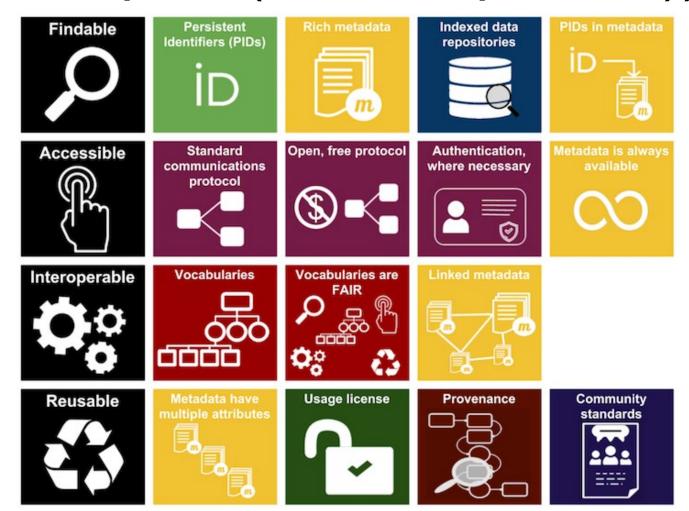


# FAIR Principles (very simplified:))





# FAIR Principles (less simplified:))





# FAIR principles

# **F**indable Accessible Interoperable Reusable



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Amended: Addendum

#### **OPEN** Comment: The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship

Received: 10 December 2015 Accepted: 12 February 2016

There is an urgent need to improve the infrastructure supporting the reuse of scholarly data. A diverse set of stakeholders-representing academia, industry, funding agencies, and scholarly publishers-have come together to design and jointly endorse a concise and measureable set of principles that we refer to as the FAIR Data Principles. The intent is that these may act as a guideline for those wishing to enhance the reusability of their data holdings. Distinct from peer initiatives that focus on the human scholar, the FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data, in addition to supporting its reuse by individuals. This Comment is the first formal publication of the FAIR Principles, and includes the rationale behind them, and some exemplar implementations in the community.

#### Supporting discovery through good data management

Good data management is not a goal in itself, but rather is the key conduit leading to knowledge discovery and innovation, and to subsequent data and knowledge integration and reuse by the community after the data publication process. Unfortunately, the existing digital ecosystem surrounding scholarly data publication prevents us from extracting maximum benefit from our research investments (e.g., ref. 1). Partially in response to this, science funders, publishers and governmental agencies are beginning to require data management and stewardship plans for data generated in publicly funded experiments. Beyond proper collection, annotation, and archival, data stewardship includes the notion of 'long-term care' of valuable digital assets, with the goal that they should be discovered and re-used for downstream investigations, either alone, or in combination with newly generated data. The outcomes from good data management and stewardship, therefore, are high quality digital publications that facilitate and simplify this ongoing process of discovery, evaluation, and reuse in downstream studies. What constitutes 'good data management' is, however, largely undefined, and is generally left as a decision for the data or repository owner. Therefore, bringing some clarity around the goals and desiderata of good data management and stewardship, and defining simple guideposts to inform those who publish and/or preserve scholarly data, would be of great utility.

This article describes four foundational principles-Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability-that serve to quide data producers and publishers as they navigate around these obstacles, thereby helping to maximize the added-value gained by contemporary, formal scholarly digital publishing. Importantly, it is our intent that the principles apply not only to 'data' in the conventional sense, but also to the algorithms, tools, and workflows that led to that data. All scholarly digital research objects2-from data to analytical pipelines-benefit from application of these principles, since all components of the research process must be available to ensure transparency, reproducibility, and reusability.

There are numerous and diverse stakeholders who stand to benefit from overcoming these obstacles: researchers wanting to share, get credit, and reuse each other's data and interpretations; professional data publishers offering their services; software and tool-builders providing data analysis and processing services such as reusable workflows; funding agencies (private and public) increasingly

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#### > FAIR Principles

- > F1: (Meta) data are assigned globally unique and persistent identifiers
- > F2: Data are described with rich metadata
- > F3: Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- > F4: (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource
- > A1: (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communication protocol
- > A1.1: The protocol is open, free and universally implementable
- > A1.2: The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation where necessary
- > A2: Metadata should be

In 2016, the 'FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship' were published in Scientific Data. The authors intended to provide guidelines to improve the Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reuse of digital assets. The principles emphasise machineactionability (i.e., the capacity of computational systems to find, access, interoperate, and reuse data with none or minimal human intervention) because humans increasingly rely on computational support to deal with data as a result of the increase in volume, complexity, and creation speed of

A practical "how to" guidance to go FAIR can be found in the Three-point FAIRification Framework

#### **F**indable

The first step in (re)using data is to find them. Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers. Machine-readable metadata are essential for automatic discovery of datasets and services, so this is an essential component of the FAIRification process.

- F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

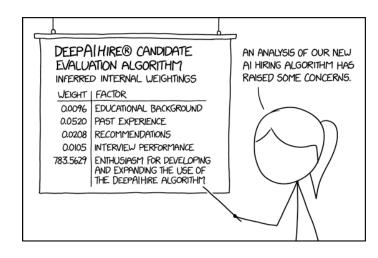
#### Accessible

Once the user finds the required data, she/he needs to know how can they be accessed, possibly including authentication and authorisation.

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### FAIR vs fair

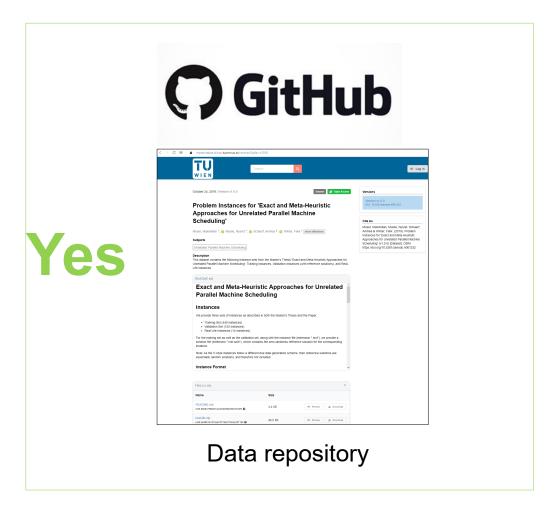
- FAIR principles =/= Algorithmic fairness
- To be FAIR
  - To apply/use FAIR principles
  - Focus on how data is managed, etc.
- To be fair
  - Evade bias
  - Focus on design and implementation

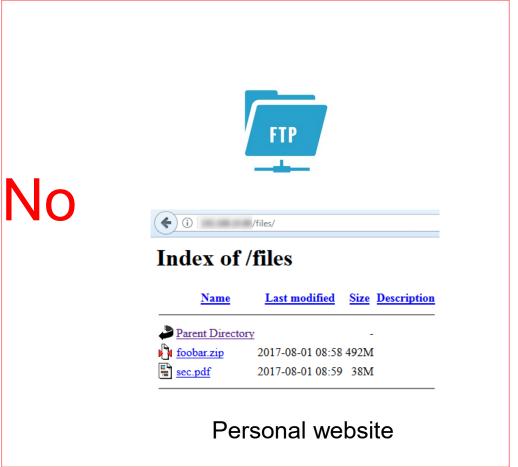


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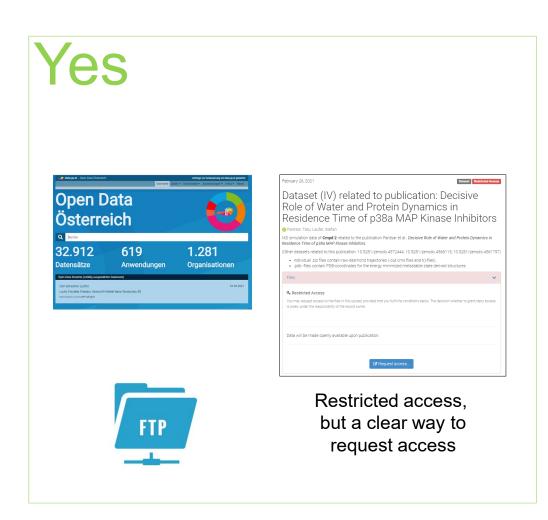
# Findable – simplified examples







# Accessible – simplified examples







# Interoperable – simplified examples

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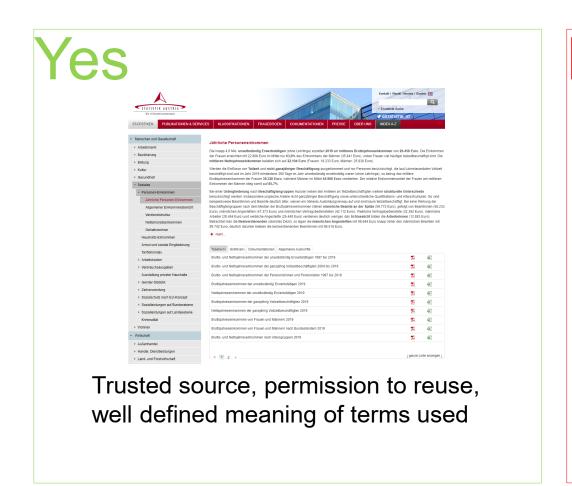
- XML following known XSD Schema
- MP3 for audio recordings

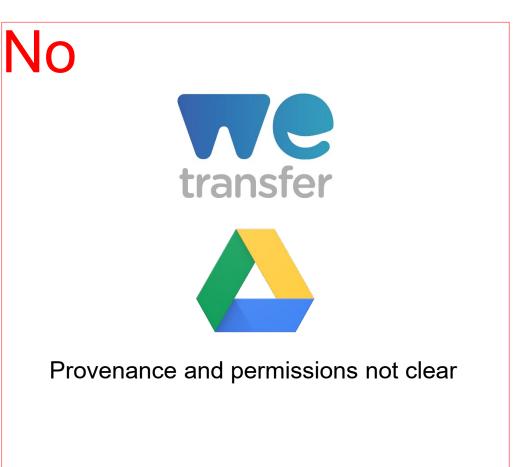
#### No

- Custom XML without any documentation
- M4P (Apple) for audio recordings



# Reusable – simplified examples







## **MACHINE-ACTIONABILITY**



# Machine actionability

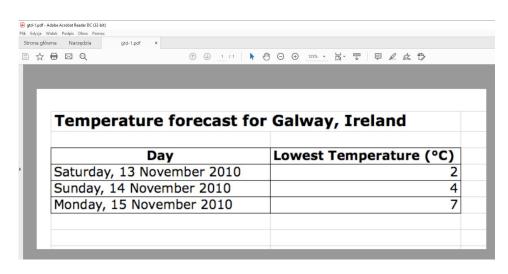
 "the capacity of computational systems to find, access, interoperate, and reuse data with none or minimal human intervention" <a href="https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles">https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles</a>

- "information that is structured in a consistent way so that machines, or computers, can be programmed against the structure." <a href="https://ddialliance.org/taxonomy/term/198">https://ddialliance.org/taxonomy/term/198</a>
- Machine-actionability is core to each of the FAIR principles

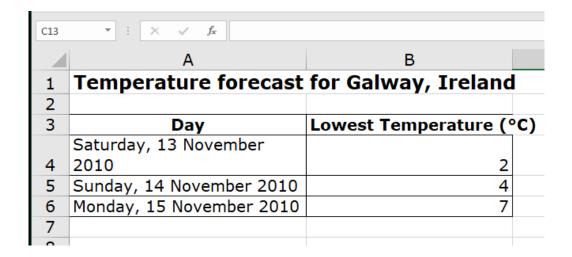


# Machine-actionability - example

#### Not machine-actionable



#### Machine-actionable









### Machine-actionability – example (Linked Open Data)

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    → owl:sameAs → dbpedia:Celsius
https://5stardata.info/en/examples/gtd-5/#temp20101113
    → meteo:celsius → "2"^^xsd:decimal
    ← is meteo:temperature of ← https://5stardata.info/en/examples/gtd-5/#forecast20101113
https://5stardata.info/en/examples/gtd-5/#temp20101114
    → meteo:celsius → "4"<sup>AAxsd:decimal</sup>

← is meteo:temperature of ← https://5stardata.info/en/examples/gtd-5/#forecast20101114

https://5stardata.info/en/examples/gtd-5/#temp20101115
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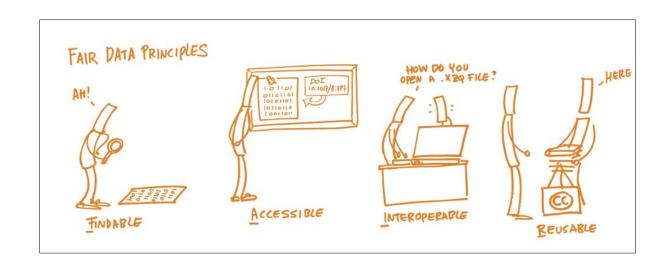
Unit definition and link to common definition

Values, types, link to forecast



# Machine-actionability

- The more machine-actionable data is, the better it is!
- FAIR
  - To people!
  - To machines!



Don't get misled by this picture!

Machine is missing in this picture!

That's why it's simplified and thus limited!

(but still useful)



### FAIR IN DETAIL



### Findable

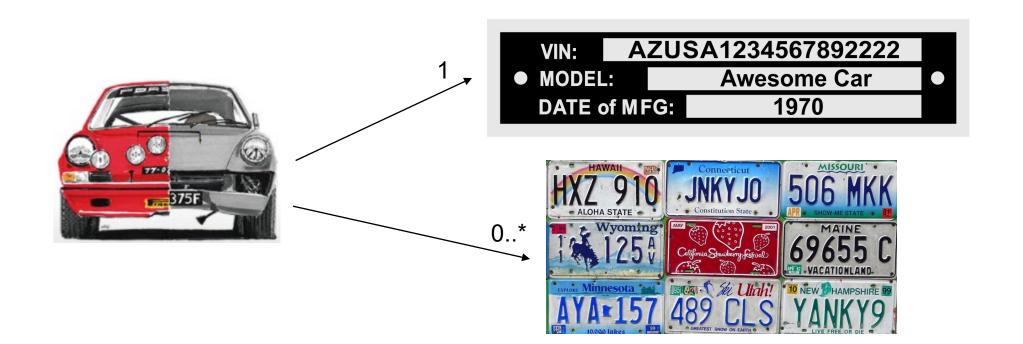
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# Persistent identifiers (F1)

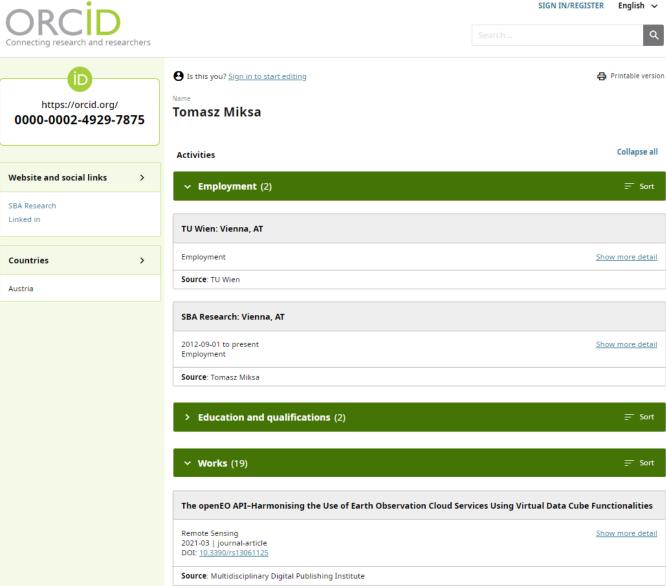
#### Example

A car has only <u>one</u> **VIN** (PID), but can have <u>many</u> **number plates** over its lifetime (URL)









### ORCID assigned to a person





#### **EDUCATION**

### Ten principles for machine-actionable data management plans

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#### CANADA

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#### Abstract

Data management plans (DMPs) are documents accompanying research proposals and project outputs. DMPs are created as free-form text and describe the data and tools employed in scientific investigations. They are often seen as an administrative exercise and not as an integral part of research practice.

There is now widespread recognition that the DMP can have more thematic, machine-actionable richness with added value for all stakeholders: researchers, funders, repository managers, research administrators, data librarians, and others. The research community is moving toward a shared goal of making DMPs machine-actionable to improve the experience for all involved by exchanging information across research tools and systems and embedding DMPs in existing workflows. This will enable parts of the DMP to be automatically generated and shared, thus reducing administrative burdens and improving the quality of information within a DMP.

This paper presents 10 principles to put machine-actionable DMPs (maDMPs) into practice and realize their benefits. The principles contain specific actions that various stakeholders are already undertaking or should undertake in order to work together across research communities to achieve the larger aims of the principles themselves. We describe existing initiatives to highlight how much progress has already been made toward achieving the goals of maDMPs as well as a call to action for those who wish to get involved.

#### Introduction

Data management plans (DMPs) are documents accompanying research proposals. They describe the data that are used and produced during the course of research activities, where the data will be archived, which licenses and constraints apply, and to whom credit should be given. DMPs are awareness tools to help researchers manage their data and ensure that it will be of high quality, accessible, and reusable after the project has ended. DMPs are typically created manually, mostly by researchers using checklists and online questionnaires. They are required by funding bodies and institutions all over the world, e.g., the National Science

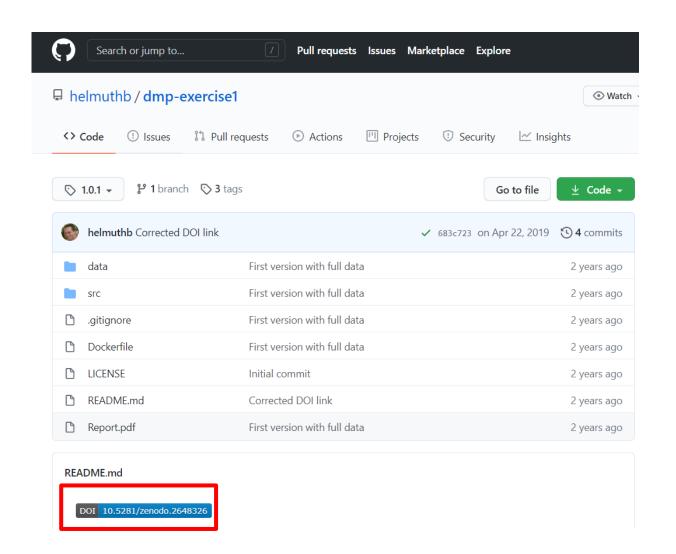
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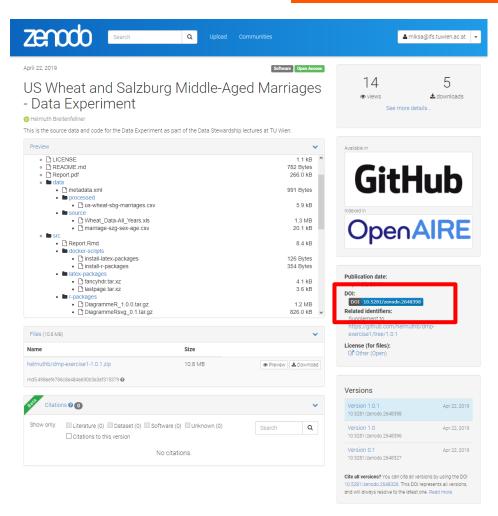
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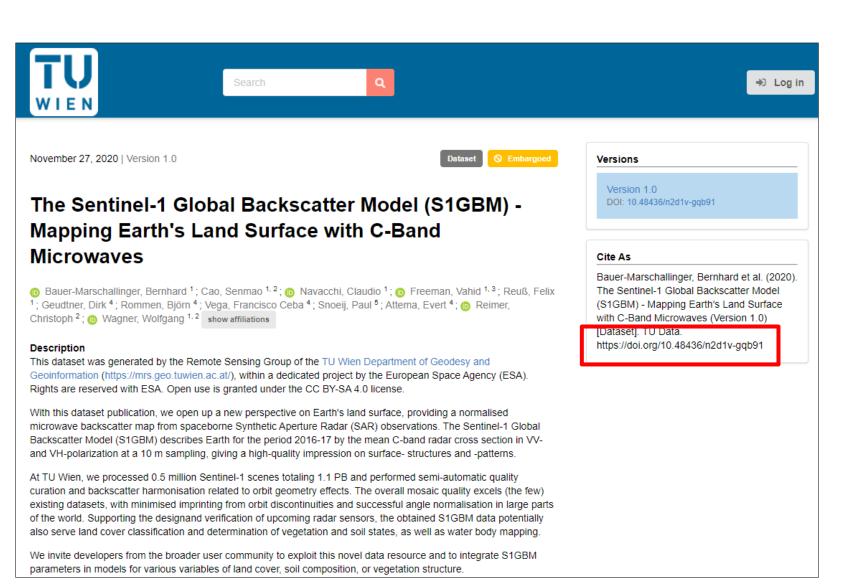






DOI assigned to code





#### DOI assigned to data

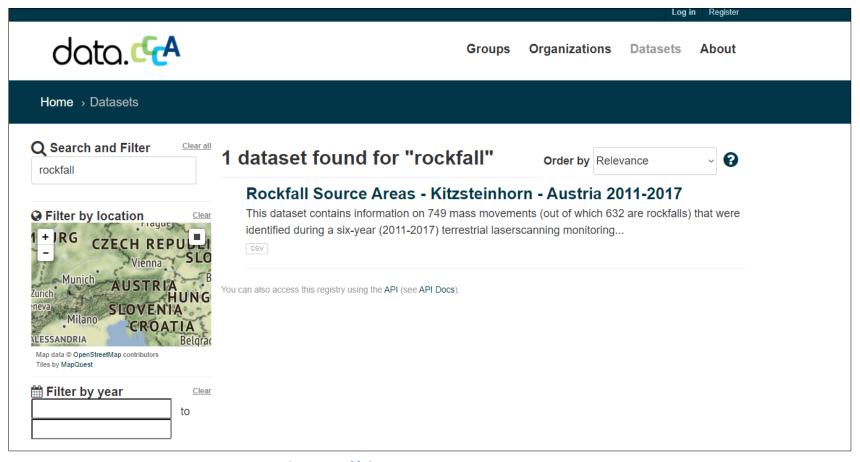


### Findable

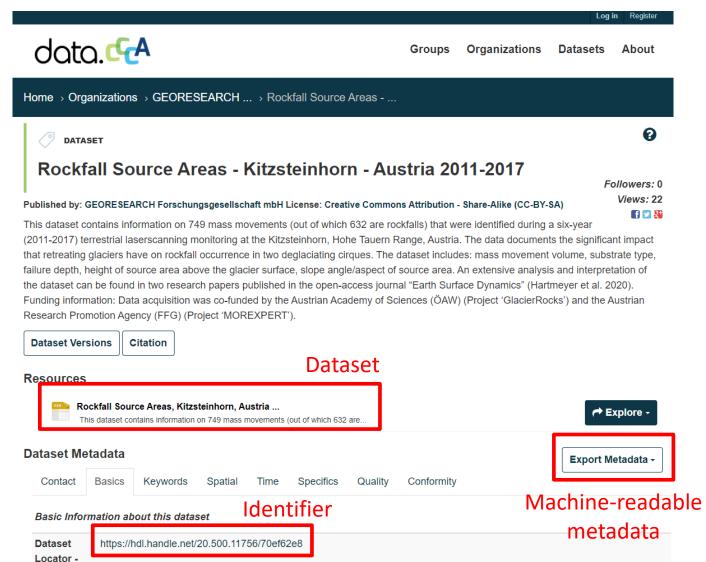
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# F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource



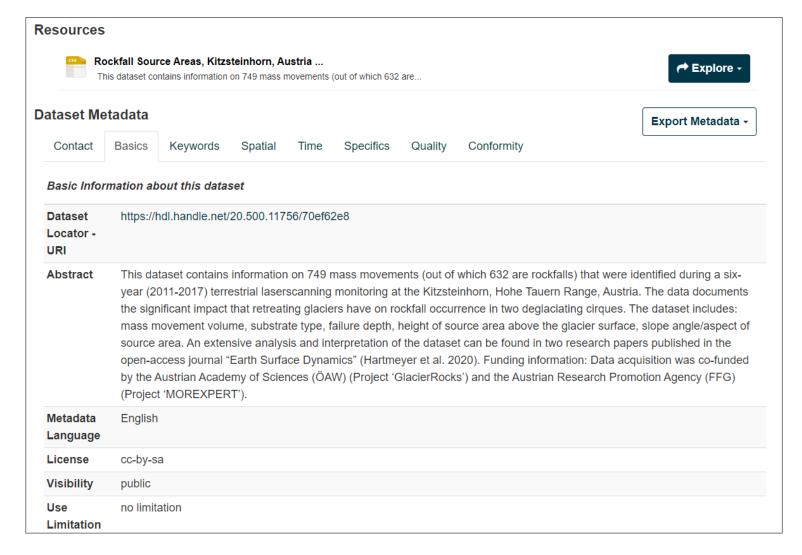




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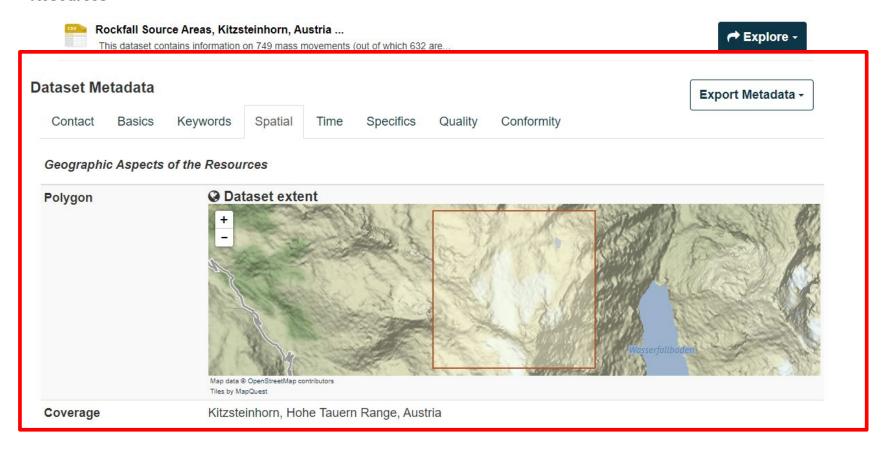
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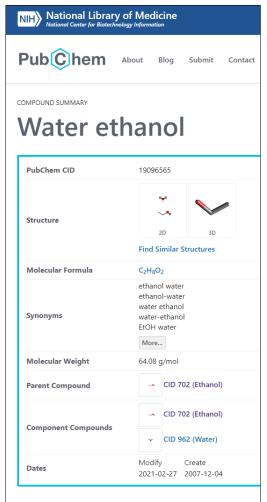
### F2. Data are described with rich metadata

#### Resources



### Metadata - Chemistry







3.1 Computed Properties		
Property Name	Property Value	
Molecular Weight	64.08 g/mol	
Hydrogen Bond Donor Count	2	
Hydrogen Bond Acceptor Count	2	
Rotatable Bond Count	0	
Exact Mass	64.052429 g/mol	
Monoisotopic Mass	64.052429 g/mol	
Topological Polar Surface Area	21.2 Ų	
Heavy Atom Count	4	
Formal Charge	0	
Complexity	2.8	
sotope Atom Count	0	
Defined Atom Stereocenter Count	0	
Undefined Atom Stereocenter Count	0	
Defined Bond Stereocenter Count	0	
Undefined Bond Stereocenter Count	0	
Covalently-Bonded Unit Count	2	
Compound Is Canonicalized	Yes	



### Accesible

- A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol
  - A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
  - A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
- A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available



# A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable

- "Anyone with a computer and an internet connection can access at least the metadata"
- HTTP
  - Open specification of the protocol is known to everyone
  - Free no need to pay to "use Internet"
- Proprietary protocols
  - evade

OSI model		
Layer	Name	Example protocols
7	Application Layer	HTTP, FTP, DNS, SNMP, Telnet
6	Presentation Layer	SSL, TLS
5	Session Layer	NetBIOS, PPTP
4	Transport Layer	TCP, UDP
3	Network Layer	IP, ARP, ICMP, IPSec
2	Data Link Layer	PPP, ATM, Ethernet
1	Physical Layer	Ethernet, USB, Bluetooth, IEEE802.11

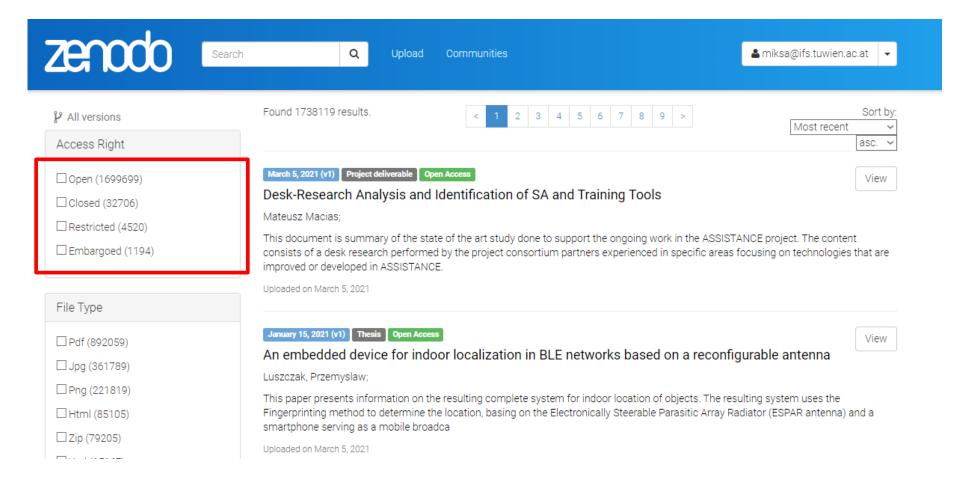


## A1.2 protocol allows for authentication and authorisation

- Protected and private data can be FAIR
- Possible types of access
  - Open everyone has access
  - Shared or restricted only a selected/ invited group of people can access
  - Closed only the owner has access

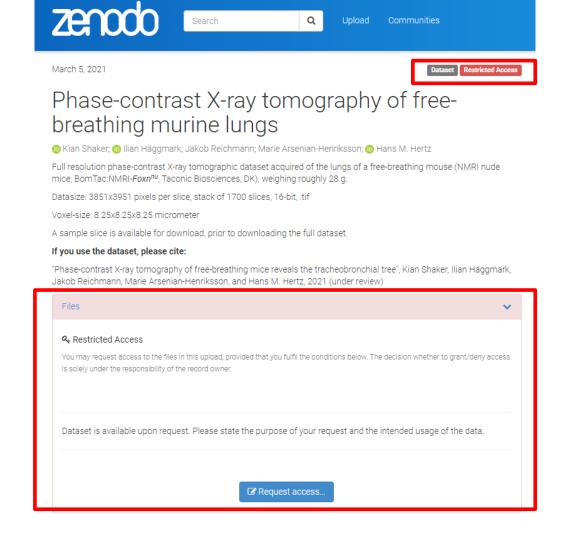


### Accessible - example





### Accessible - example





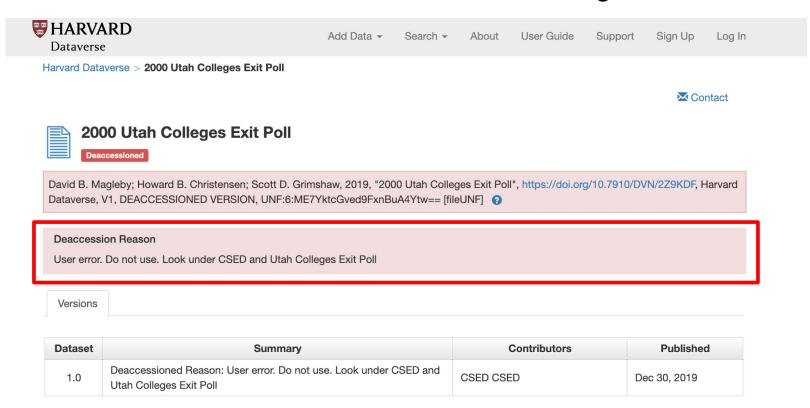
### Accessible (A1) - comments

- FAIR data =/= open data!
  - Common misconception stemming from A1.1 (open protocol)
  - FAIR data can be open data, but it has nothing to do with A1
- Access can/should be realized over APIs
  - SPARQL endpoints
  - HTTP APIs
  - Client libraries
- Access is not only "click to download"



## Tombstone pages (A2)

Metadata is accessible, even when the data is no longer available





### Interoperable

- 11. (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



# Language for knowledge representation (I1)

- "Data that should be readable for machines without the need for specialised or ad hoc algorithms, translators, or mappings"
- Use:
  - Common formats
    - RDF, JSON (+schema),
    - CSV (+ good README)
  - Well defined/described data models
  - Known representations
    - e.g. InChi Key: IDGUHHHQCWSQLU-UHFFFAOYSA-N



### Vocabularies

- Help evade ambiguities
- "My plane lands in London..." where exactly?



Controlled vocabularies: IATA and ICAO



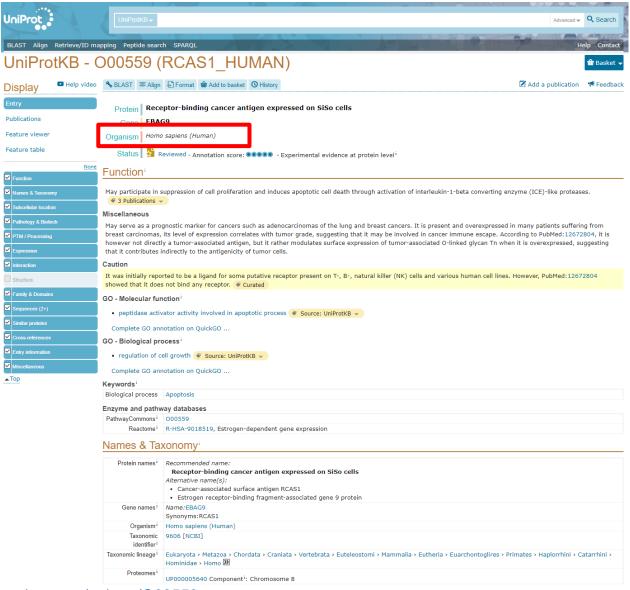
### Vocabularies

- Less time/money spent on data cleaning
  - Different languages
  - Spelling mistakes
  - Abbreviations
  - Capital letters

Beč (Croatian, Serbian, older Bulgarian), Beç (older Turkish)\*, Bech or Vidnya (Romani), Bécs (Hungarian)\*, Bin / Pin - 빈 (Korean), Dunaj (Slovene)\*, Fienna (Welsh), Vedunia (Celtic), Vena - Вена (Russian), Vídeň (Czech)\*, Videň / Videň (Ukrainian)\*, Viedeň (Slovak), Viên (Vietnamese), Viena / Vijena/ Виена (Belarusian, Bulgarian, Macedonian), Viena (Catalan\*, Lithuanian, Portuguese\*, Romanian\*, Spanish\*, Tagalog\*), Vienna (Italian)\*, Vienne (French)\*, Viénni - Βιέννη (Greek), Vieno (Esperanto), Viin (Estonian), Vin - וינה (Yiddish), Vín (Irish, Icelandic), Vina - יונה (Hebrew), Vínarborg (Icelandic variant), Vindobona (Latin), Vīne (Latvian)\*, Viyana (Turkish)\*, Vjenë (Albanian), Vjenna (Maltese), Vyana (Azeri), Wean (local Viennese, Austrian and Bavarian dialects)\*, Weiyena - 維也納 (Chinese)\*, Wene (Afrikaans), Wenen (Dutch)\*, Wiedeń (Polish)\*, Wien (Danish\*, Finnish\*, German\*, Norwegian\*, Swedish\*), Wīn - ウィーン (Japanese)\*, Wina (Indonesian), (Persian)

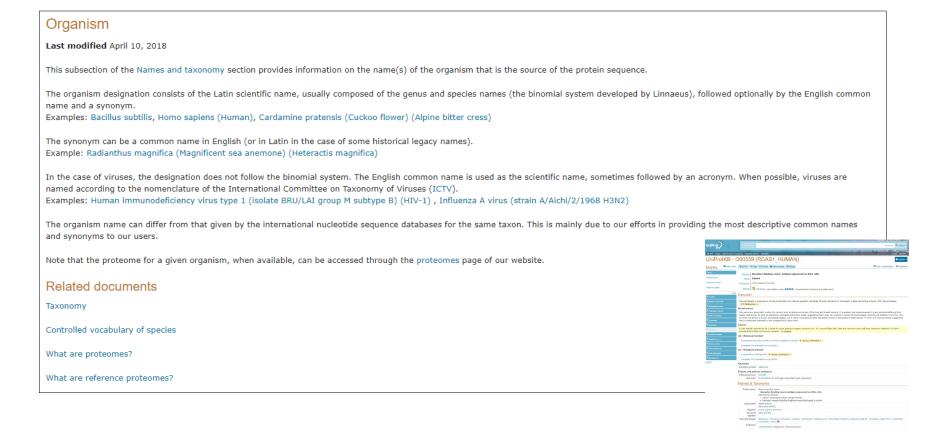
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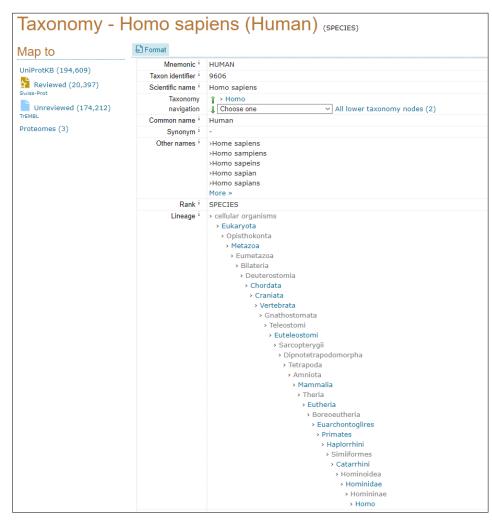
### Vocabularies (I2)

Each metadata field has its definition





## Vocabularies (I2)

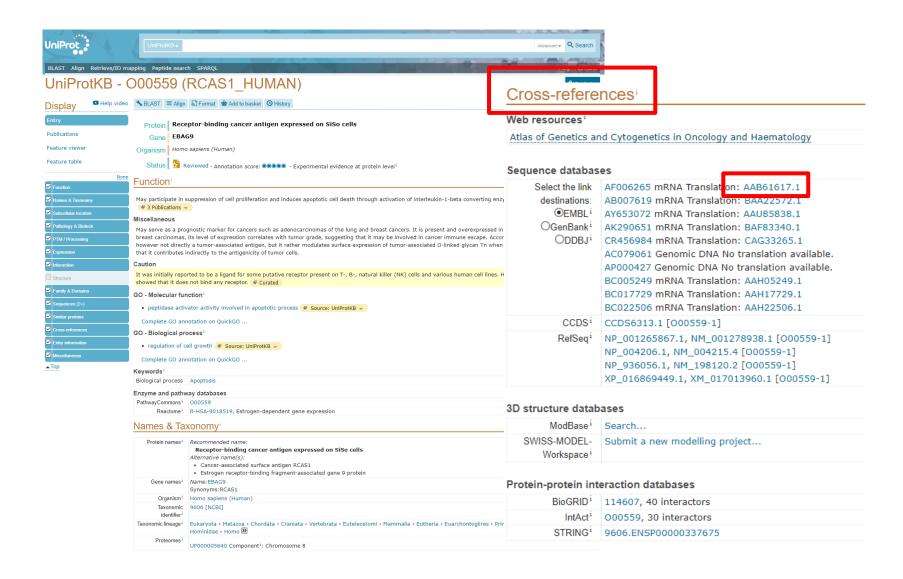


Each metadata **value** comes from a controlled vocabulary – no free form answers.



### Qualified References (I3)







### Reusable

- R1. (Meta)data are richly described with 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 detailed provenance
  - R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

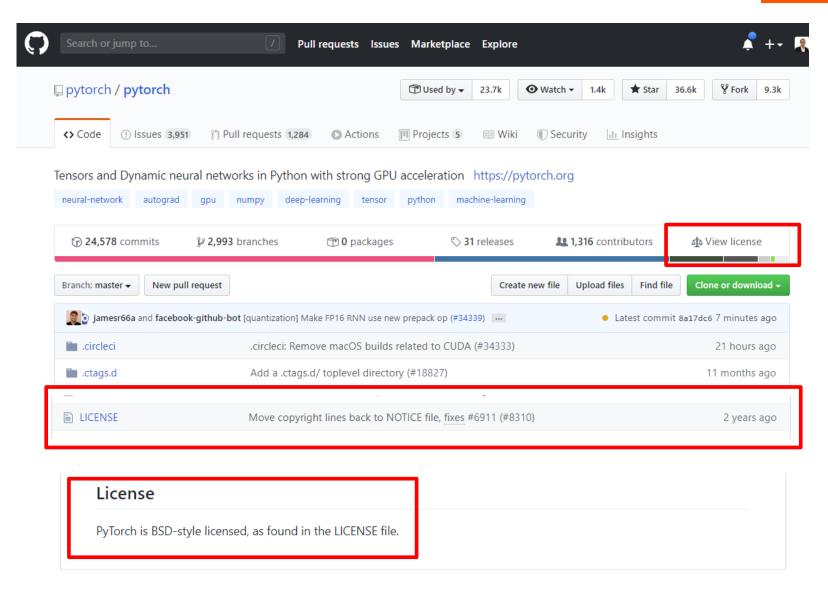


## R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license

- Public repository on GitHub
  - May suggest that authors are willing to share code
- No license
  - no possibility for reuse
  - can only by viewed (only because terms of use enforce that)
- Code without a license is like an object in a museum
  - You can watch and admire it, but you cannot touch it!

### License (R1.1)







# R1.2 (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance

- Provenance
  - Describes origin of data
  - Who? What? When? How?
- Supports evaluation and can build trust in data
  - 'Officially, North Korea claims to have identified zero cases of COVID-19 inside its territory' <a href="https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/20/807027901/north-korea-claims-zero-cas">https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/20/807027901/north-korea-claims-zero-cas</a>

coronavirus-infection-but-experts-are-skeptical?t=1615196582563



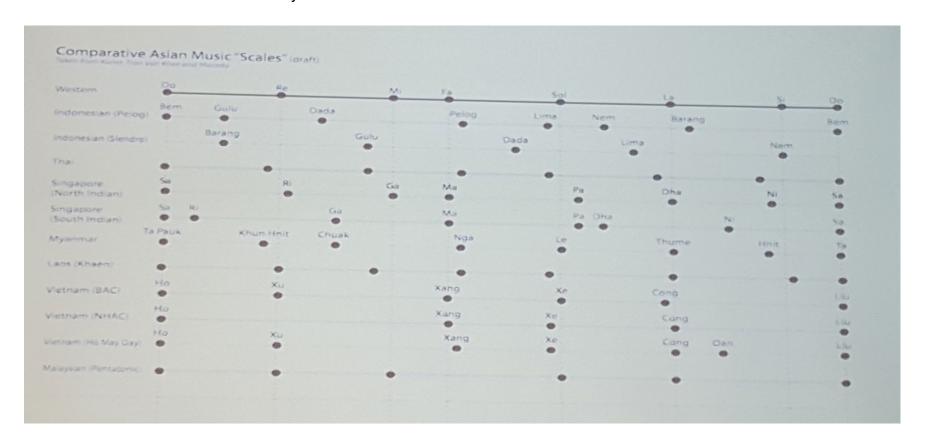


- Who is the "community"?
- What is the "standard"?
  - · English vs other languages
- Metadata
  - Domain independent
    - e.g. Dublin Core
  - Domain specific
    - e.g. EXIF for images
- Sometimes no common standard exist
  - Good documentation and README
- There is no universal guideline it always depends!

Camera manufacturer	Canon
Camera model	Canon EOS 1200D
Author	Praveen. P
Exposure time	1/60 sec (0.016666666666667)
F-number	f/11
ISO speed rating	200
Date and time of data generation	22:29, 22 November 2018
Lens focal length	41 mm
Show extended details	



- Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Si Do
  - Does not have to be a standard for everyone!





- Follow standards and domain specific conventions
- Examples
  - Sharing COBOL code
    - with Data Science students?
    - with mainframe operators?

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INSPECT FUNCTION REVERSE(STR-1)

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COMPUTE WS-LEN1 FOR LEADING SPACES.

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DISPLAY WS-LEN.

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MOVE 1 TO I.

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MOVE WS-LEN TO J.

PERFORM REV-PARA WS-LEN TIMES.

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DISPLAY STR-1.

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DISPLAY STR-1.

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REV-PARA.

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REV-PARA.

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MOVE STR-1(J:1) TO STR-2(I:1).

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SUBTRACT 1 FROM J.

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EXIT.
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- Good documentation supports reuse
  - Removes ambiguities (especially where there are no common controlled vocabularies or others standards)
- Example
  - Confirmed cases of COVID-19: testing date vs reporting date

Indicators	Definition	
Tests	Cumulative number of tests carried out for SARS-CoV-2, from 27 February 2020 up to and including the reporting date.  Responsible for data consolidation: Office of the respective federal state government (Land), data status: morning of the reporting day.	
Laboratory- confirmed cases	Cumulative number of laboratory-confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection (sum of "Active cases", "Recovered cases" and "Deceased cases") with laboratory diagnosis date since 27.02.2020 up to and including the reporting date.	
Active cases	Cumulative number of laboratory-confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection with laboratory diagnosis date from 27.02.2020 up to and including the reporting date, which have not been classified as "recovered" or "deceased" on the reporting date.	
Recovered cases	Cumulative number of laboratory-confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection with laboratory diagnosis date from 27.02.2020 up to and including the report date, which are classified as "recovered" on the report date.  Definition of "recovered" (since 9 July): in the case of home care, 10-day home isolation after the onset of symptoms or laboratory diagnosis; in case of severe disease progression, the earliest 10 days after onset of symptoms, at least 48 hours without symptoms AND the following result by RT-PCR according to the Charité protocol: no nucleic acid detection of beta-coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 at a Ct value of more than 30. Further details can be found in the recommendation for the release of COVID-19 cases, recommendation for the release of COVID-19 cases, recommendation for the release of COVID-19 cases.	
Deceased cases	Cumulative number of laboratory-confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection with a laboratory diagnosis date from 27.02.2020 up to and including the report date, which are classified as "deceased" on the report date.	



### **SUMMARY**



### Summary

- There is no silver bullet that makes data FAIR immediately!
- Making data FAIR is a shared process and a joint responsibility
  - Infrastructure operators and management
    - Provide infrastructure, e.g. PIDs, repositories, etc.
  - Research communities
    - Define common vocabularies, standards, models, etc.
  - Individual researchers
    - Use systems and standards, prepare documentation, manage the data
- Machine-actionability of information is essential





#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### REPOSITORIES FOR RESEARCH DATA (INVENIO RDM)

https://forschungsdaten.at/en/fair-data-austria/materials/research-data-repositories/

18th November 2021, 10:00-11:30, online

#### DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS AT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

https://forschungsdaten.at/en/fair-data-austria/materials/data-management-plans-dmps-at-technical-universities/

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 10:00-11:30, online

#### **INTRODUCTION TO GIT**

https://forschungsdaten.at/en/fair-data-austria/materials/introduction-to-git/

7th December 2021, 10:00-11:30, online





## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & ATTENTION!