

Data, Software Citation and PIDs

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Aims for this morning

By lunchtime you will be able to:

- Understand the importance of persistent identifiers within research
- Cite data and software in research publications
- Understand some of the issues you may encounter
- Develop strategies to manage these citations in your own work

Housekeeping

- Please ask questions throughout the morning and be prepared to participate and answer my questions.
- Tell me to slow down if I am speaking too quickly!

CITE

THE DATA



University of Essex



UK Data Service

Introductory Exercise

What is a Persistent Identifier?

A persistent identifier is a long-lasting reference to a resource.

Persistent Identifier

An organisation has
made a commitment
to keep it alive

Globally unique string

How PIDs work?

The short description....

Generally PIDs are backed by a registry which indicates what is being identified. These can have varying levels of metadata describing the resource, both depending on the PID and the who was registering it.

Often PIDs are expressed as URLs today and the registry describes where the PID should resolve, that way even if the URL changes the PID will always point to the correct item.

What types of things have a PID?

- Journal articles
- People
- Datasets
- Software
- Organizations
- and many more.....

Why use PIDs?

- Trustworthiness
- Disambiguation
- Linking
- Making outputs FAIR




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Trustworthiness

- Threshold to become a registration agency – reputable
- Contractual requirements
- Longstanding trust

Disambiguation

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Linking

References

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https://doi.org/10.1300/Jo10v18n03_14

[Article](#) [Google Scholar](#)

Making Research FAIR

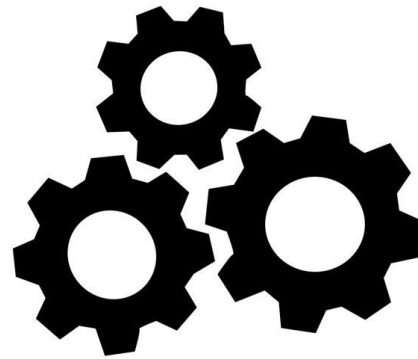
F
Findable



A
Accessible



I
Interoperable



R
Reusable



How to get a persistent identifier?



Zenodo

Institutional
Repository



Github



ORCID



Figshare

When to use a PID?

- When talking about your work, Twitter, blogs etc.
- Assign PIDs to all kinds of outputs e.g. posters, presentations etc.
- Citing others work
- Add ORCID to presentations, email signatures etc.
- Everywhere else you can think of!

Resources

- Why use PIDs? <https://www.pidforum.org/t/why-use-persistent-identifiers/714>
- PIDs for Researchers <https://www.pidforum.org/c/knowledge-hub/pids-for-researchers/34>

Have a break!

Exercise

- Read the article – at least to page 6
- Note where you think there should be a citation
- How would you cite the dataset used in this article?

Why cite resources?

- Inform reader about the original source of information
- Gives authority to your work
- Gives credit to other researchers
- Reproducibility

Format of a dataset citation

- Author
- Publication Date
- Title
- Location
- Publisher
- Also
 - Version
 - Identifier
 - Resource Type

Ball, A. & Duke, M. (2015). 'How to Cite Datasets and Link to Publications'. DCC How-to Guides. Edinburgh: Digital Curation Centre. Available online: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides>

Data Citation Synthesis
Group: Joint Declaration of
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Martone M. (ed.) San Diego
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Example Data Citations

APA

- Cool, H. E. M., & Bell, M. (2011). Excavations at St Peter's Church, Barton-upon-Humber [Data set]. [doi: 10.5284/100038989](https://doi.org/10.5284/100038989)

Chicago

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Zenodo recommended format

- Eetu Mäkelä, Simon Hengchen, & Mikko Tolonen. (2019). Tweet IDs for the #brexit tweet dataset collected for the Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon 2019 (Version v1.0) [Data set]. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3380040>

SOFTWARE CITATION PRINCIPLES

ACCESSIBILITY

Software citations should facilitate access to the software itself and to its associated metadata, documentation, data, and other materials necessary for both humans and machines to make informed use of the referenced software.



IMPORTANCE

Software should be considered a legitimate and citable product of research. Software citations should be accorded the same importance in the scholarly record as citations of other research products; they should be included in the metadata of the citing work, such as a reference list. Software should be cited on the same basis as any other research product such as a paper or a book.



UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION

A software citation should include a method for identification that is machine actionable, globally unique, interoperable, and recognized by at least a community of the corresponding domain experts, and preferably by general public researchers.



PERSISTENCE

Unique identifiers and metadata describing the software and its disposition should persist—even beyond the lifespan of the software they describe.



CREDIT AND ATTRIBUTION

Software citations should facilitate giving scholarly credit and normative, legal attribution to all contributors to the software, recognizing that a single style or mechanism of attribution may not be applicable to all software.



SPECIFICITY

Software citations should facilitate identification of, and access to, the specific version of software that was used. Software identification should be as specific as necessary, such as using version numbers, revision numbers, or variants such as platforms.



Smith AM, Katz DS, Niemeyer KE, FORCE11 Software Citation Working Group. 2016. Software citation principles. PeerJ Computer Science 2:e86

<https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj-cs.86>

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Checklist for an author

- Have I *identified the software*, including my own, which makes a significant and specialised contribution to my academic work, and therefore should be cited?
- Have I checked if the software has a *recommended citation* from the creators and used it if available? If this is to a paper, have I also cited the software directly?
- Have I *created as complete a citation as possible* if no recommended citation is given? Does it include who created the software, when it was created, the title of the software (and version if available) and where the software can be accessed (preferably via a persistent identifier to an archival repository)?
- Have I *referenced the software appropriately* in my academic work, in compliance with any citation formatting guidelines?

Chue Hong, Neil P., Allen, Alice, Gonzalez-Beltran, Alejandra, de Waard, Anita, Smith, Arfon M., Robinson, Carly, ... Pollard, Tom. (2019, October 15). Software Citation Checklist for Authors (Version 0.9.0). Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3479199>

Example Software Citations

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- Giuseppe G. A. Celano. (2017, March 27). Tokenized and sentence-splitted CT Sized Ancient Greek texts (v1.1.0) (Version v1.1.0). Zenodo.
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Potential Issues

- Embargoed/Closed Data
- Supplementary Materials
- Granularity
- Versioning
- Evolving datasets
- Bi-directional linking
- Finding a creator/copyright issues

Resources

- Ball, A. & Duke, M. (2015). 'How to Cite Datasets and Link to Publications'. DCC How-to Guides. Edinburgh: Digital Curation Centre. Available online: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides>
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What are you going to do now?

Evaluation

<https://bit.ly/2qIfekl>

Thank you!

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