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# Supporting Research Data Management at the University of California



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# Research data management (RDM)

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Effective management of scholarly research data is necessary

- To ensure integrity and accountability
- To avoid needless duplication of effort
- To enable scholarly inquiry, innovation, and advancement
- To promote public awareness and informed discourse



# *The library's role in research data management*

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The continuation of the long-standing mission to provide effective stewardship of the University's intellectual capital by its libraries, archives, and museums



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# University of California

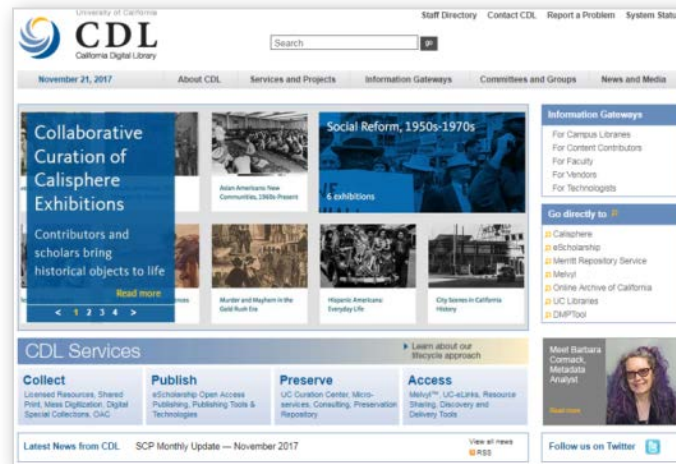
## A large and diverse research University system

- 10 campuses
  - ▶ 238,000 students;
  - ▶ 190,000 faculty and staff
  - ▶ 150 academic disciplines;
  - ▶ 900 graduate programs
- 5 medical centers
- 3 national laboratories
- \$4.97 billion (¥559 billion) in annual funded research



# California Digital Library (CDL)

Providing transformative digital library services, grounded in campus partnerships and extended through external collaborations, that amplify the impact of the libraries, scholarship, and resources of the University of California



[www.cdlib.org](http://www.cdlib.org)

# Four CDL programs

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- Bibliographic services
- Open access publishing and special collections
- Licensing and mass digitization
- Curation and preservation (UC Curation Center)



# UC Curation Center (UC3)

Providing innovative solutions for active curation and long-term preservation of the University's digital resources



[uc3.cdlib.org](http://uc3.cdlib.org)  
[www.cdlib.org/uc3](http://www.cdlib.org/uc3)



# *What do we mean by curation and preservation?*

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## *Curation*

“Maintaining, preserving and adding value to digital research data throughout its lifecycle”

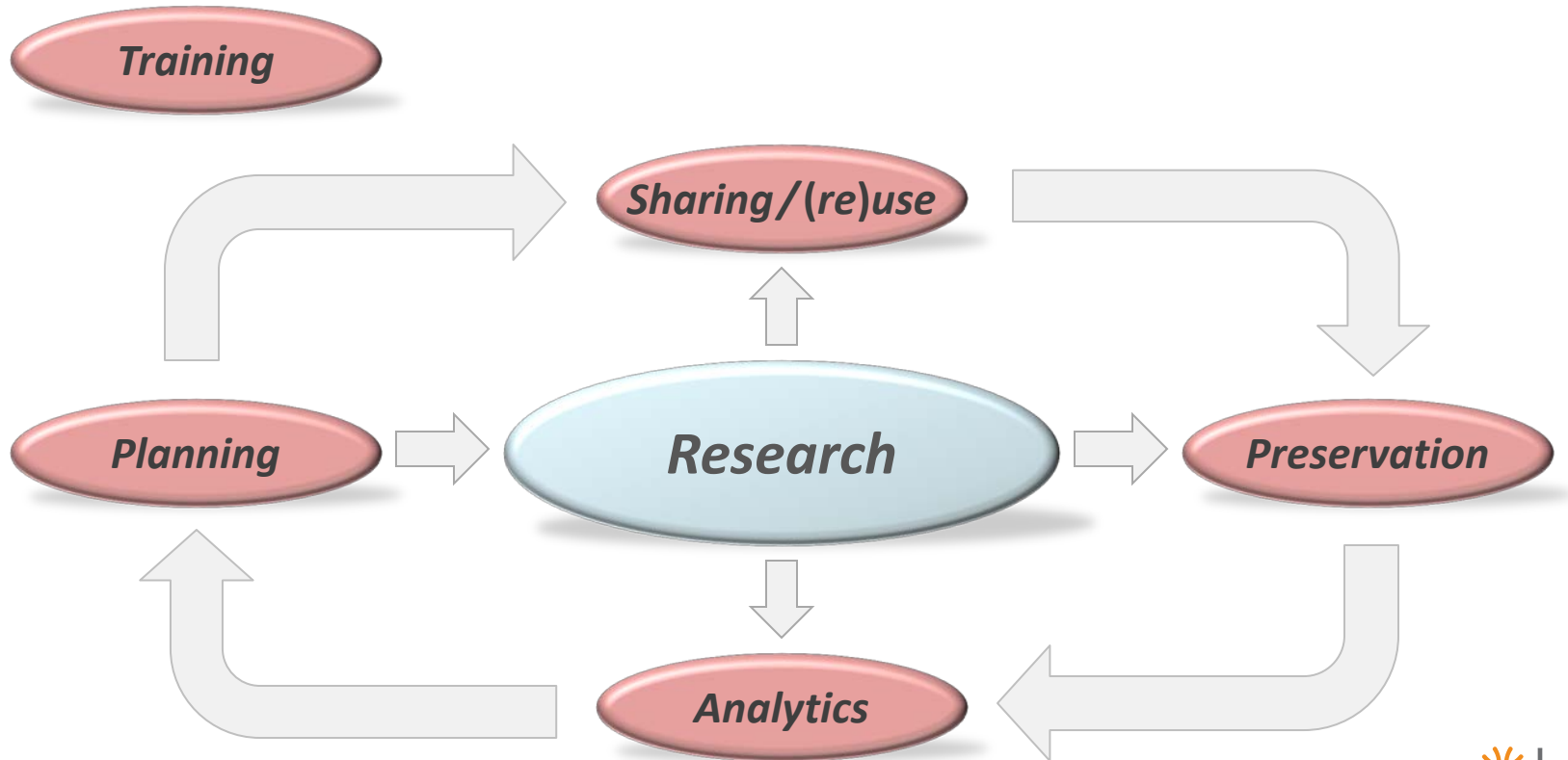
[www.dcc.ac.uk/digital-curation/what-digital-curation](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/digital-curation/what-digital-curation)

## *Preservation*

“Policies, strategies and actions that ensure access to digital content over time”

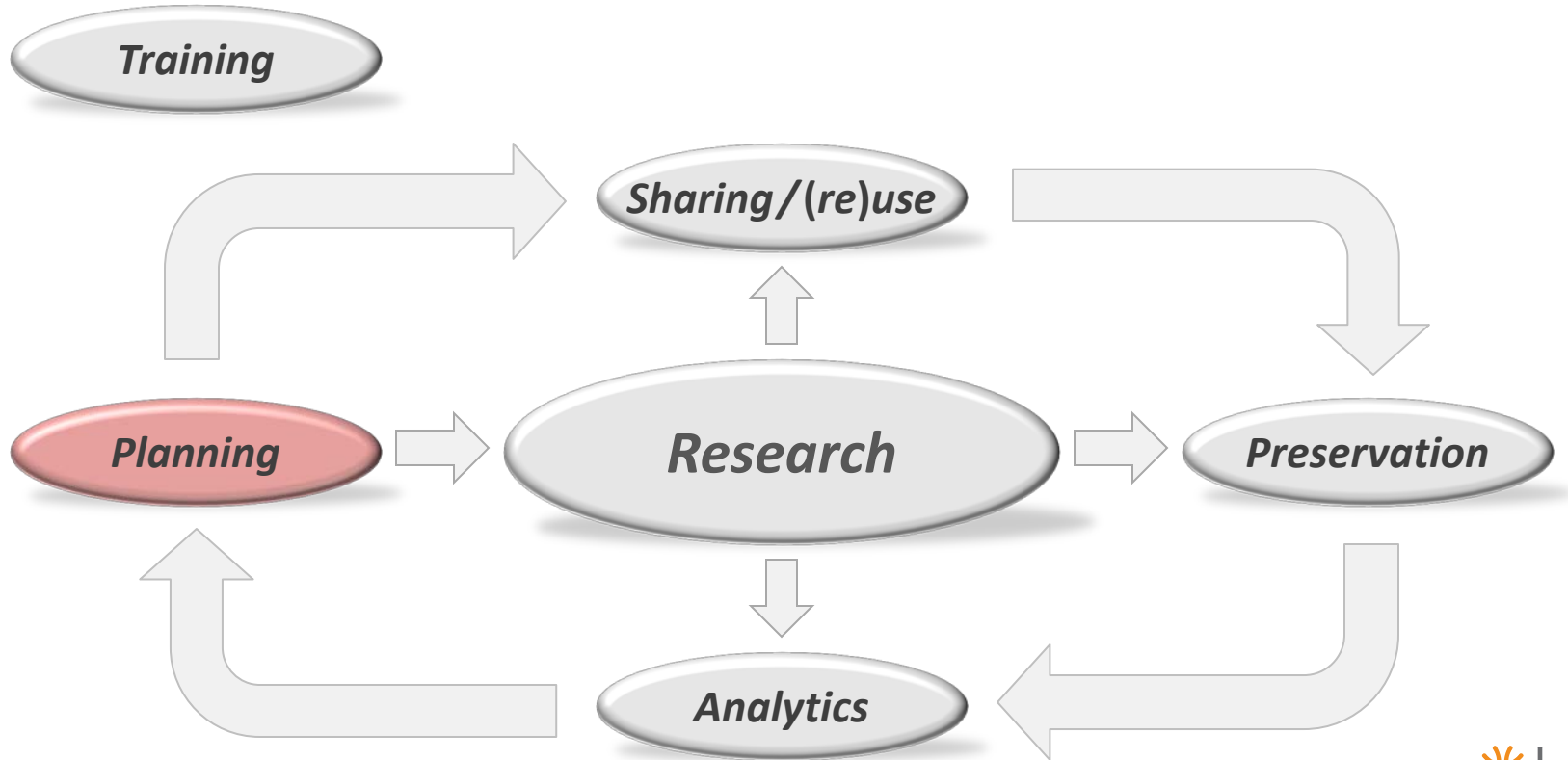
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# UC3's initiatives in research data management



# Planning

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# Planning

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Ideally, data management decisions should be planned before a research investigation starts

Formal data management plans (DMPs) are now required for funding proposals by all US federal agencies and many private foundations

- Even if not required, data management planning should be encouraged as a scholarly best practice
- It is better to be proactive, rather than reactive
- It is better to be deliberate, rather than ad hoc

# DMPTool

**DMPTool**

Home DMP Requirements Public DMPs News Help Contact Us About Log In

## Data Management Planning Tool

Create, review, and share data management plans that meet institutional and funder requirements.

[Get Started](#)

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**PUBLIC DMPS**

List of sample data management plans provided by DMPTool users.

- » UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PHYSICIAN INTEGRATION WITHIN NURSING HOMES IN POST-ACUTE CARE OUTCOMES
- » "A Microgravity-Themed Collaborative Intervention Promoting Student Selection of a STEM Career Pathway"
- » A Political Ecology of Value: A Cohort-Based Ethnography of the Environmental Turn in Nicaraguan Urban Social Policy

[View All](#)

**DMPTOOL NEWS**

Latest information about data management and the DMPTool.

- » Roll up, roll up. Get yer DMP update here!
- » NSF EAGER Grant for Actionable DMPs
- » DMPRoadmap summer camp news
- » On the right track(s) – DCC release dra...
- » RDA-DMP movings and shakings

[More News](#)

**DMPTOOL HELP**

Overview of how to use the tool, plus resources and guidance on data management.

- » Frequently Asked Questions
- » Create a DMP
- » Administer the DMPTool
- » Data management guidance
- » Community resources

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[dmptool.org](http://dmptool.org)

- *Create and share plans conforming to funder requirements*
- *Customized for public and private funders*
- *Customized with institutional resources and guidance*
- *Optional institutional review*
- *Public sample plans*

# FAIR DMP

The screenshot shows the FORCE11 website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Post Content', 'My Account', 'Edit My Profile', 'View My Profile', and 'Log out'. Below this is the FORCE11 logo and tagline 'The Future of Research Communications and e-Scholarship'. A search bar and a language dropdown set to 'English' are also visible. A main navigation menu includes 'ABOUT', 'COMMUNITY', 'GROUPS', 'RESOURCES', 'NEWS + BLOGS', 'EVENTS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'MEDIA', and 'DONATE'. The 'GROUPS' menu is active, showing a breadcrumb trail: 'FORCE11 > Groups > FAIR DMP'. On the left, a 'GROUP MENU' sidebar lists 'Group Home', 'Members', 'Links + Files', 'Google Forum', and 'Unsubscribe from group'. The main content area features a 'FAIR DMP' title and a 'Description' section. The description text reads: 'With requirements from funders for data management plans in grant applications, FORCE11 has an opportunity to help coordinate the many efforts underway around the globe to provide tools and recommendations for creating these data management plans. In alignment with FORCE11's efforts to distill commons principles and best practices governing the production of research objects so that they are FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable), we propose the FAIR-DMP (Data Management Plan Principles) Working Group. The goal will be to provide a simple set of principles, along with examples of domain-specific implementations and recommendations for best practices, that emphasizes good data management, stewardship and machine-readability for making data FAIR. Also, given FORCE11's emphasis of data citation principles, we want to ensure that researchers are producing and managing data and associated research outputs in a way that promotes and enables proper citation in the future. We have been inspired to propose this working group to address one of the five touchpoints that Phil Bourne presented in FORCE2016.' Two group leaders are listed: John Chodacki and Mercè Crosas, each with a profile picture and the title 'GROUP LEADER'.

- *Best practices for data management planning that will produce FAIR data*
- *Findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable*

[www.force11.org/group/fairdmp](http://www.force11.org/group/fairdmp)

# DMP/Roadmap

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for DMPRoadmap/roadmap. The page is titled "Home" and features the "roadmap" logo. The main content area contains a welcome message and a detailed introduction to the project, mentioning the Digital Curation Centre and UC3 team at the California Digital Library. It also includes a list of links for tracking progress, joining the developer community, and following on Twitter. On the right side, there is a "Table of Contents" with a list of links to various sections of the wiki, such as "About", "User guide", "Development roadmap", "Releases", "Get involved", "Translations", "Developer guide", "Contributing code", "API documentation", "Branding", "Administration", "Data Model", "Troubleshooting", "Upgrading from DMPOnline\_v4", "Migrating from DMPTool", "OAuth Providers", and "User Experience". At the bottom right, there are options to "Clone this wiki locally" and "Clone in Desktop".

- Collaboration with UK Digital Curation Centre
- Common platform consolidating DMPTool and DMPonline
- Internationalization
- [github.com/DMPRoadmap/roadmap](https://github.com/DMPRoadmap/roadmap)

[blog.dmptool.org/2017/08/17/dmproadmap-summer-camp-news/](http://blog.dmptool.org/2017/08/17/dmproadmap-summer-camp-news/)

## *maDMPs – Machine-actionable DMPs*

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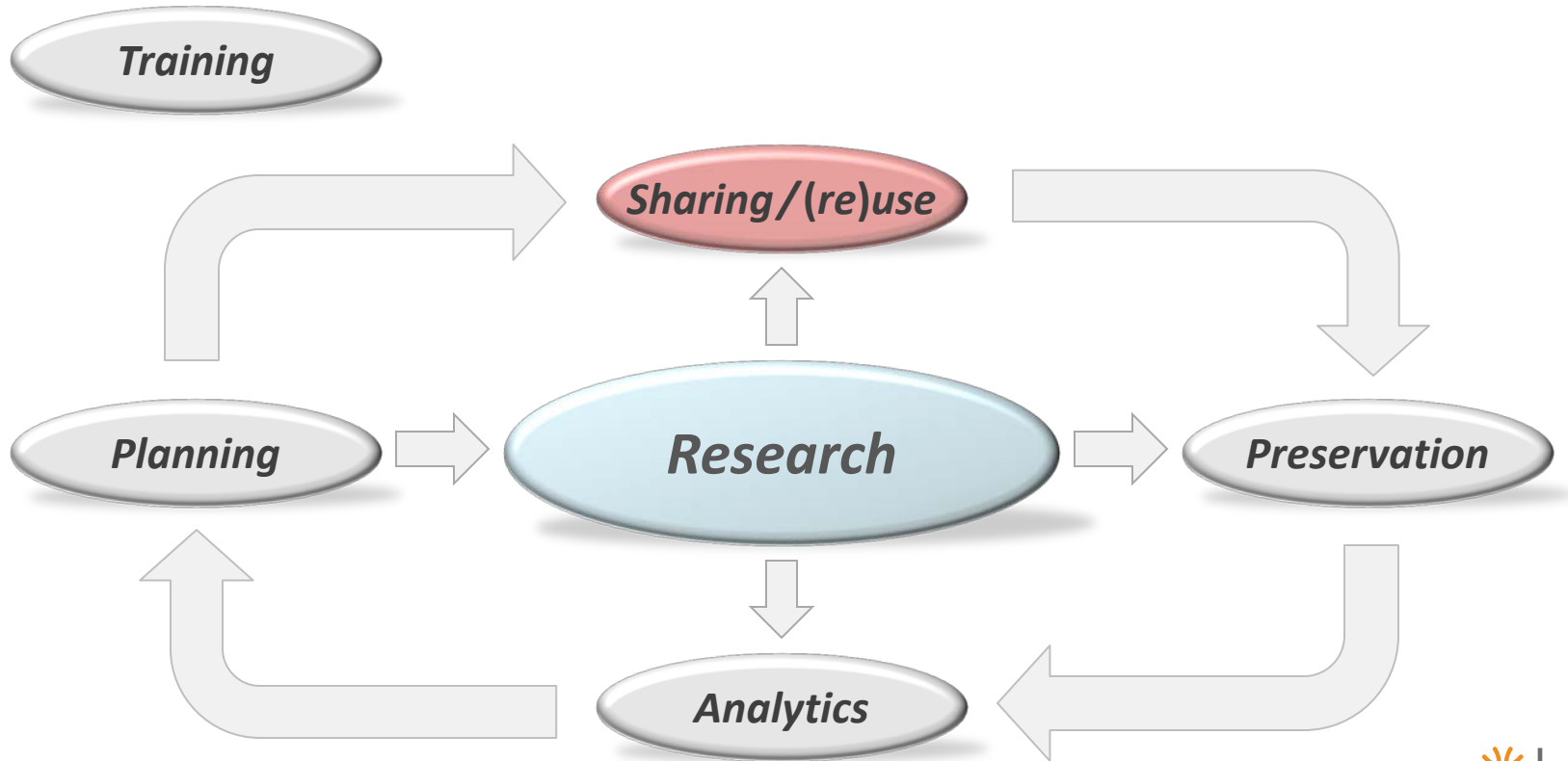
NSF-funded project to explore the transformation of DMPs from static documents into “information structured in a consistent way so that machines, or computers, can be programmed against the structure”

- *Capacity planning*
- *Compliance checking*
- *FORCE11 FAIR DMP*
- *RDA Active DMPs interest group and Common Standards working group*



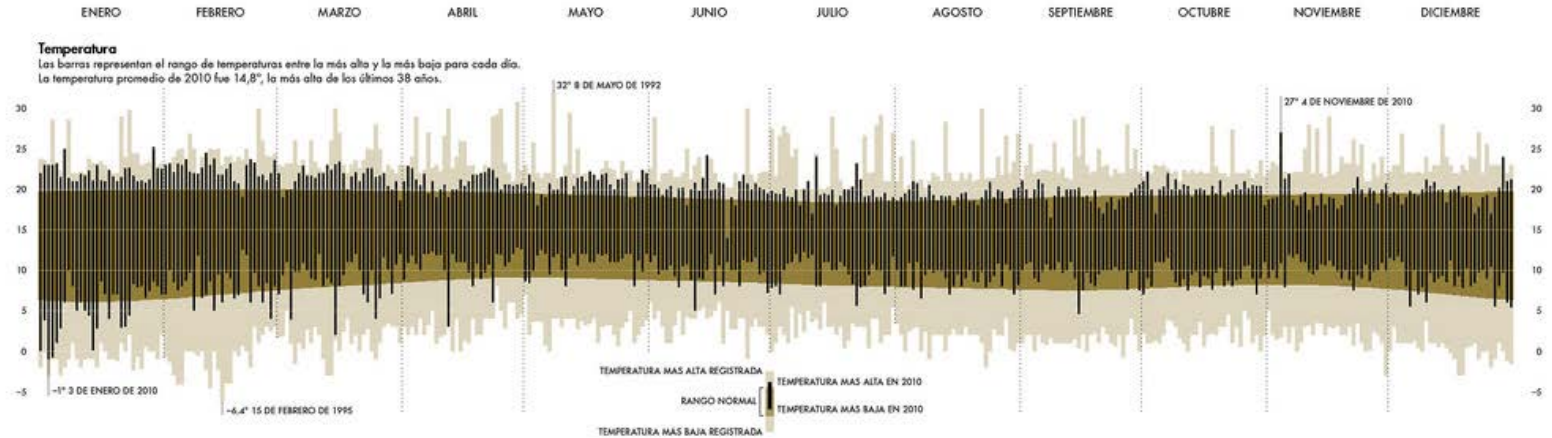
# Sharing/(re)use

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# Sharing/(re)use

Data should be published so that they are available for review, re-analysis, and the starting point for new inquiry



# *What makes data reusable?*

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- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable

# *The most significant step to making data reusable*

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Being managed by an appropriate curatorial program and system

- Minimally-curated data in a managed system can be enhanced over time
- Data that are not actively managed will become unusable sooner or later



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# Dash data publication service

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | dash

Search

Explore Data | Help | Login

An easy-to-use data publication service

"hypotheses come and go, but data remain"  
Santiago Ramón y Cajal, 1897

Search 358 datasets

Search

### Why share your data?

- Your journal requires it.  
Many publishers — including PLOS, eLife, and Springer Nature — require authors to publish the data underlying papers in a suitable preservation repository.
- Your funder requires it.  
Agencies that fund research — including all US federal agencies — are beginning to require grantees to publish data from funded projects.
- It's the right thing to do.  
By offering clear description of your data including methods and instructions for reuse, you are promoting efficiency, transparency, and reproducibility in the research community.

[dash.ucop.edu](https://dash.ucop.edu)

- *Self-service operation by researchers*
- *DataCite metadata schema.  
[datacite.org/meta/kernel-4.0/](https://schema.datacite.org/meta/kernel-4.0/)*
- *Overlay layer sitting on top of any standards-compliant repository*
- *Multi-tenant UI*
- *Curatorial interface*

# *Dash data publication service*

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## ■ Findable

- ▶ DOIs assigned and indexed with DataCite [www.datacite.org](http://www.datacite.org)
- ▶ Authors/contributors, title, abstract, methods, usage notes, funders, geospatial locations
- ▶ Formatted citations conforming to Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles [www.force11.org/datacitationprinciples](http://www.force11.org/datacitationprinciples)

## ■ Accessible

## ■ Interoperable

## ■ Reusable

# *Dash data publication service*

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- Findable
- Accessible
  - ▶ DOIs point to permanent dataset landing pages
  - ▶ Download data or data paper
  - ▶ Data download can be embargoed, while metadata remains accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable

# *Dash data publication service*

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- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
  - ▶ DataCite metadata [schema.datacite.org](https://schema.datacite.org)
  - ▶ Optional references to citing articles and related datasets and data packages
- Reusable



# *Dash data publication service*

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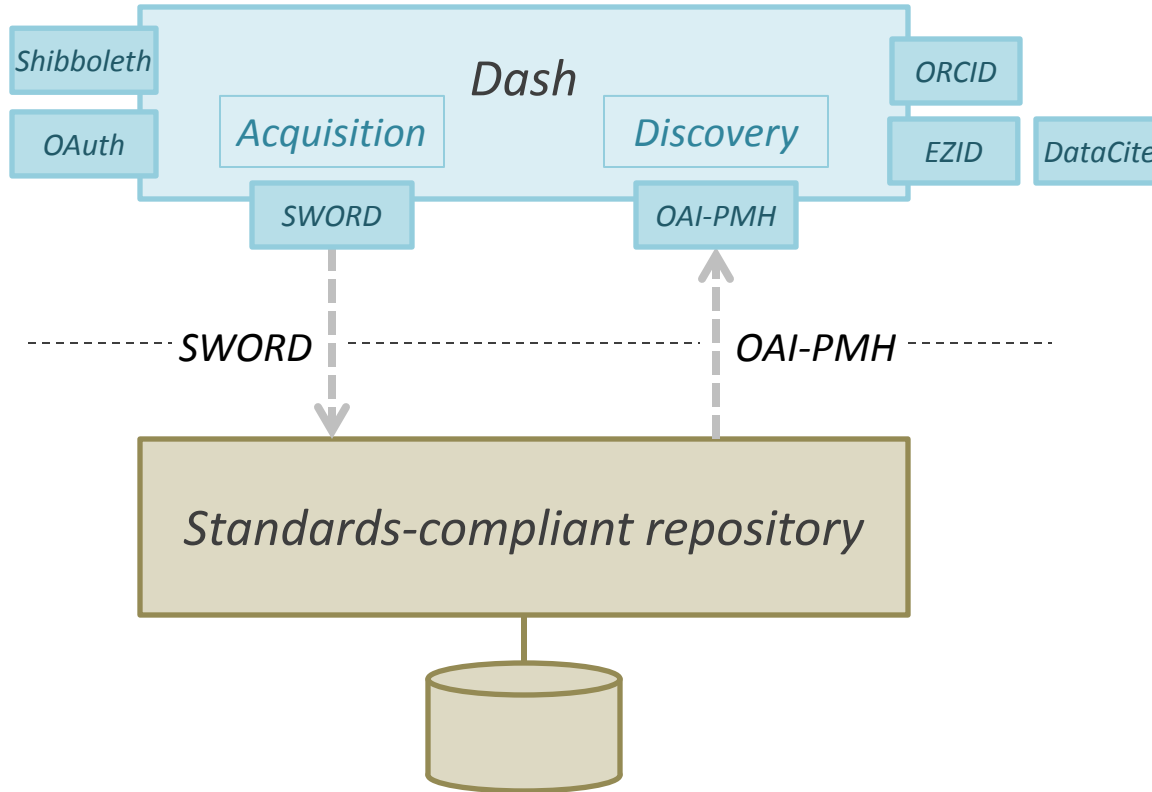
- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable
  - ▶ CC0 or CC-BY licensing
  - ▶ Complete version history

## *Additional Dash features*

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- Multi-tenant UI with institutional branding
- Login with ORCID or institutional credentials
- Upload via drag-and-drop or from external hosting sites, e.g., Box, Dropbox, Google Drive, laboratory server, etc.
- Curation interface to add value to managed data
- Usage metrics

# Dash overlay architecture



- *Ruby/Rails application*
- *Loosely coupled to an underlying repository*
- *Communication via standard protocols*
- *Can be integrated with any standards-compliant repository*

# *Adoption of Dash has been slow*

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## *Problem*

Everyone agrees on the benefit of data publication, but no one wants to do it if it means additional work

## *Solution*

Integrate data publication as a side-effect of other activities that researchers are already doing, e.g., article publication

We're working to integrate Dash into journal publication workflows

# *Sharing/(re)use*

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Sharing and reuse occurs not only through open publication, but also between collaborators, and within laboratories



[www.flickr.com/photos/uniformed\\_services\\_university/6306334990](http://www.flickr.com/photos/uniformed_services_university/6306334990)

## *Dat-in-the-Lab*

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Prototype use of the Dat peer-to-peer data sharing technology ([datproject.org](http://datproject.org)) in two University of California research laboratories

Streamlining data workflows for research and publication, and afterwards

- *Collaboration between UC3 and Code for Science & Society (CSS) [codeforscience.org](http://codeforscience.org)*

[uc3.cdlib.org/2017/09/27/moore-foundation-supports-uc3-research-data-management-project/](http://uc3.cdlib.org/2017/09/27/moore-foundation-supports-uc3-research-data-management-project/)

## *Sharing/(re)use*

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Federal government agencies and laboratories perform about 11% of all research in the US

The [data.gov](https://data.gov) open data portal provides access to over 197,000 (42 TB) government datasets

The ongoing commitment to sustain this access is unclear

# Datamirror

The screenshot shows the Datamirror website interface. At the top left is the logo with the text "DATAMIRROR". Below it is a blue navigation bar with "DATA CATALOG" on the left and "Datasets" and "Organizations" on the right. A search bar is located below the navigation bar with the text "Search datasets...". To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled "Order by:" with "Popular" selected. Below the search bar, it says "Datasets ordered by Popular". On the left side, there is a "Filter by location" section with a "Clear" button and a search box "Enter location...". Below this is a map of the United States. At the bottom left, there is a "Topics" section with "A-Z" and "1-9" buttons and a "Clear All" button. The main content area displays "152,184 datasets found". The first dataset is "National Wildlife Chemical Effects Database" from the "Department of Agriculture", with a description: "Contains bioassay records and data for chemicals analyzed and evaluated for repellency, toxicity, reproductive inhibition, and immobilization." It has an "HTML" link and a "Federal" label. The second dataset is "Clery Act Reports" from the "Department of Education", with a description: "The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is a federal statute requiring colleges and universities participating in...". It has an "HTML" link and a "Federal" label. The third dataset is "50th Percentile Rent Estimates" from the "Department of Housing and Urban Development", with a description: "Rent estimates at the 50th percentile (or median) are calculated for all Fair Market Rent areas. Fair Market Rents (FMRs) are primarily used to determine payment...". It has an "application/vnd" link and a "Federal" label. At the bottom left of the main content area, it says "There are no Topics that match this search".

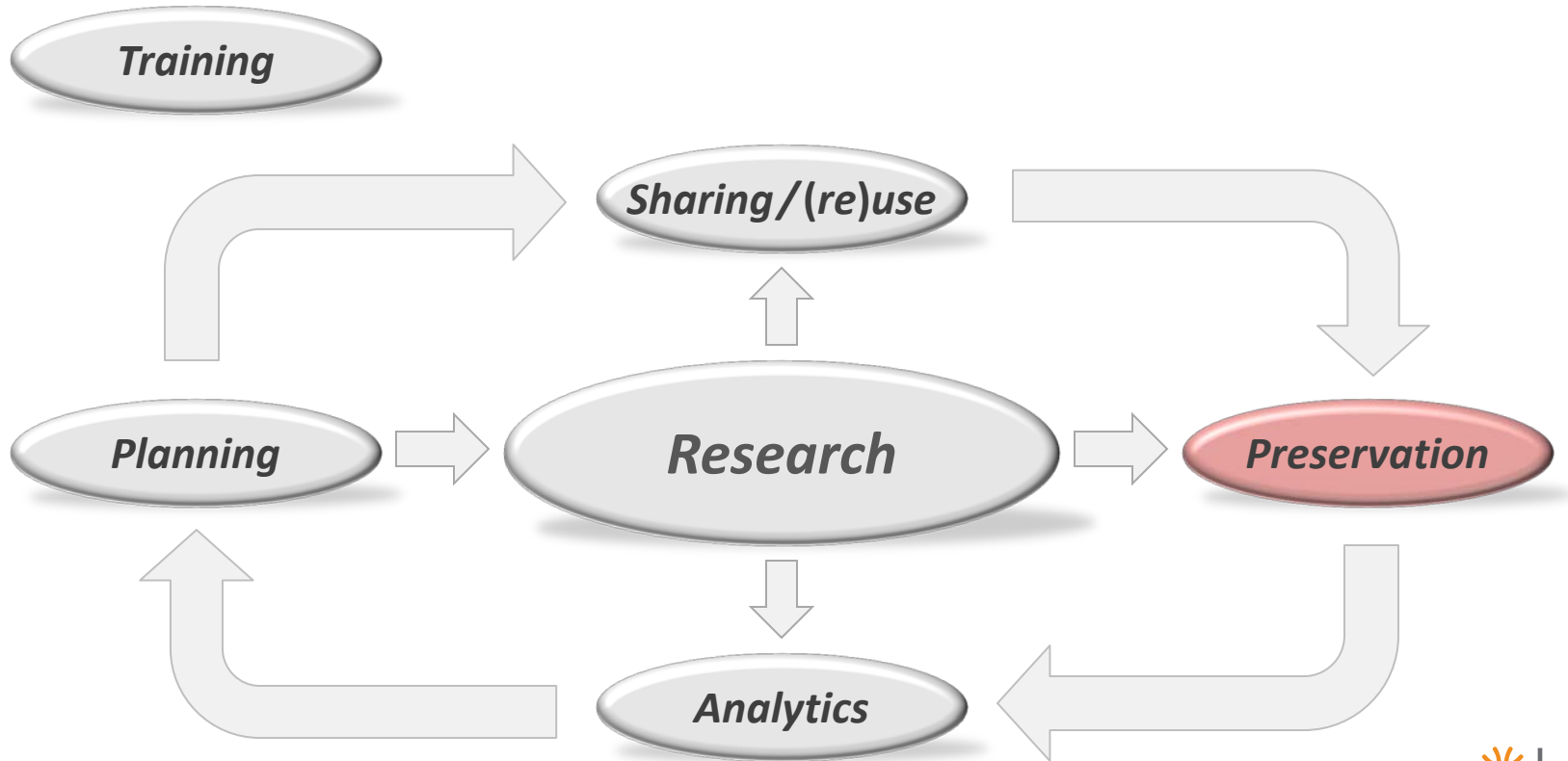
[datamirror.org](http://datamirror.org)

- *Mirror of the US federal government open data portal, [data.gov](http://data.gov)*
- *If these data are critical to the University's mission, then it is our responsibility to help steward it*



# Preservation

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# Preservation

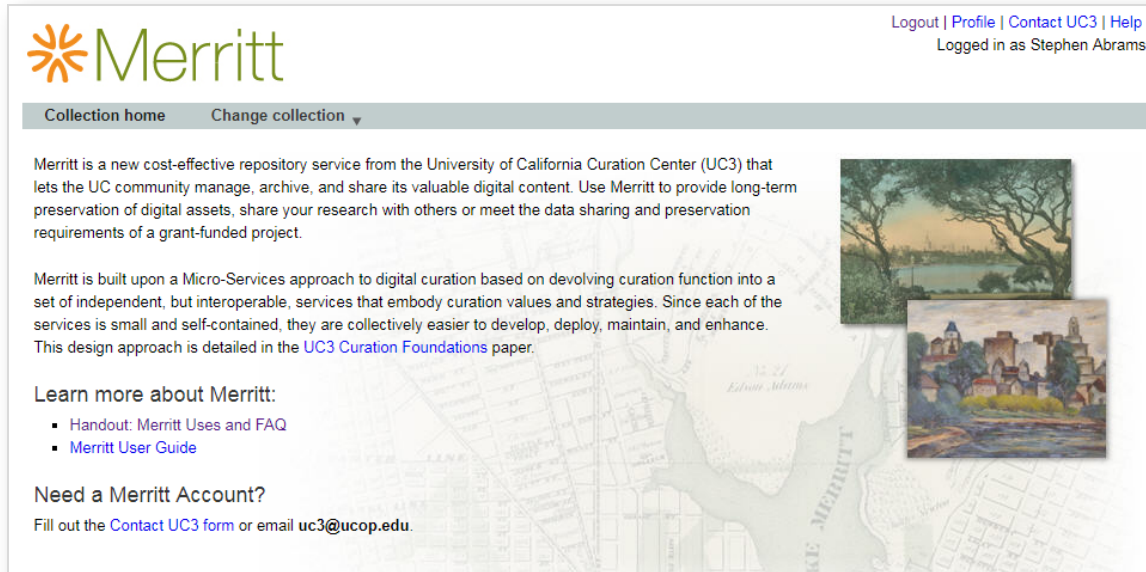
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Ensuring that data remain accessible and usable by scholars and researchers now and in the future



[commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Documents\\_on\\_shelves\\_in\\_the\\_archive\\_store\\_\(History\\_Centre\)\\_at\\_the\\_Herbert.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Documents_on_shelves_in_the_archive_store_(History_Centre)_at_the_Herbert.jpg)

# Merritt



Logout | Profile | Contact UC3 | Help  
Logged in as Stephen Abrams

Collection home Change collection ▾

Merritt is a new cost-effective repository service from the University of California Curation Center (UC3) that lets the UC community manage, archive, and share its valuable digital content. Use Merritt to provide long-term preservation of digital assets, share your research with others or meet the data sharing and preservation requirements of a grant-funded project.

Merritt is built upon a Micro-Services approach to digital curation based on devolving curation function into a set of independent, but interoperable, services that embody curation values and strategies. Since each of the services is small and self-contained, they are collectively easier to develop, deploy, maintain, and enhance. This design approach is detailed in the [UC3 Curation Foundations](#) paper.

Learn more about Merritt:

- [Handout: Merritt Uses and FAQ](#)
- [Merritt User Guide](#)

Need a Merritt Account?  
Fill out the [Contact UC3 form](#) or email [uc3@ucop.edu](mailto:uc3@ucop.edu).

- *Preservation and access*
- *All 10 campuses, 35 curatorial units, 403 collections*
- *2.7 million objects, 3.4 million versions, 40.9 million files 89.3 TB*
- *Partial cost recovery for preservation storage*

# Merritt

The screenshot displays the Merritt website interface. At the top left is the Merritt logo, a stylized sunburst. To the right are navigation links: Logout | Profile | Contact UC3 | Help, and a user status indicator: Logged in as Stephen Abrams. Below the logo is a navigation bar with 'Collection home' and 'Change collection'. The main content area is titled 'Collection: Holl and Zahawi: Tropical Forest Restoration' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Merritt > Collection: Holl and Zahawi: Tropical Forest Restoration. A table lists collection items with columns for 'Primary Id' and 'Object info'. To the right of the table are sections for 'Object Lookup' (with a search box and 'Go' button), 'Overview' (with statistics), and 'Help Topics' (with a list of links).

Primary Id	Object info
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5md3vvs</a>	Karen Holl. <b>Litterfall data 2016</b> (Nov 2017)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5dk03kt</a>	Karen Holl. <b>Tree recruits 2015</b> (29 Sept 2016)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5jb0vc2</a>	Ellen Holste. <b>Holste, Mycorrhizae</b> , (29 Sept 2016)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5dg1czd</a>	Holl & Cole. <b>Leaf Litter Insect Data 2012</b> (11 Aug 2016)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5p88rbz</a>	J. Leighton Reid. <b>Epiphyte data 2015</b> (February 2016)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m50k3pw9</a>	David Morales. <b>Surrounding forest cover 2005</b>
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5z04pcs</a>	K. Holl. <b>Seed rain data 2012-2013</b> (12 Nov 2014)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5gf107q</a>	Holl, Karen. <b>Forest Survey Data 2012-2013</b> (2013-09-13)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5j4029k</a>	Karen Holl. <b>Tree recruits - 2007-2013</b> (24 January 2014)
<a href="#">ark:/13030/m5mk6jms</a>	J. Leighton Reid. <b>Bird data 2009-2011</b> (7 October 2013)

**Object Lookup**  
Search object author, title, date or identifier.

**Overview**  
object count: 14  
version count: 26  
file count: 282  
total size: 4.7 MB

**Help Topics**

- [About Merritt](#)
- [Adding Objects](#)
- [Retrieving Objects](#)
- [Merritt and metadata](#)
- [Using a manifest](#)
- [Editing objects](#)
- [Glossary](#)
- [Sample data](#)

■ Currently used primarily for cultural heritage material

■ But with growing data collections, including all Dash datasets

■ Integrated with the DataONE network [www.dataone.org](http://www.dataone.org)

■ CoreTrustSeal self-audit underway [www.coretrustseal.org](http://www.coretrustseal.org)

## *Preservation at the network level*

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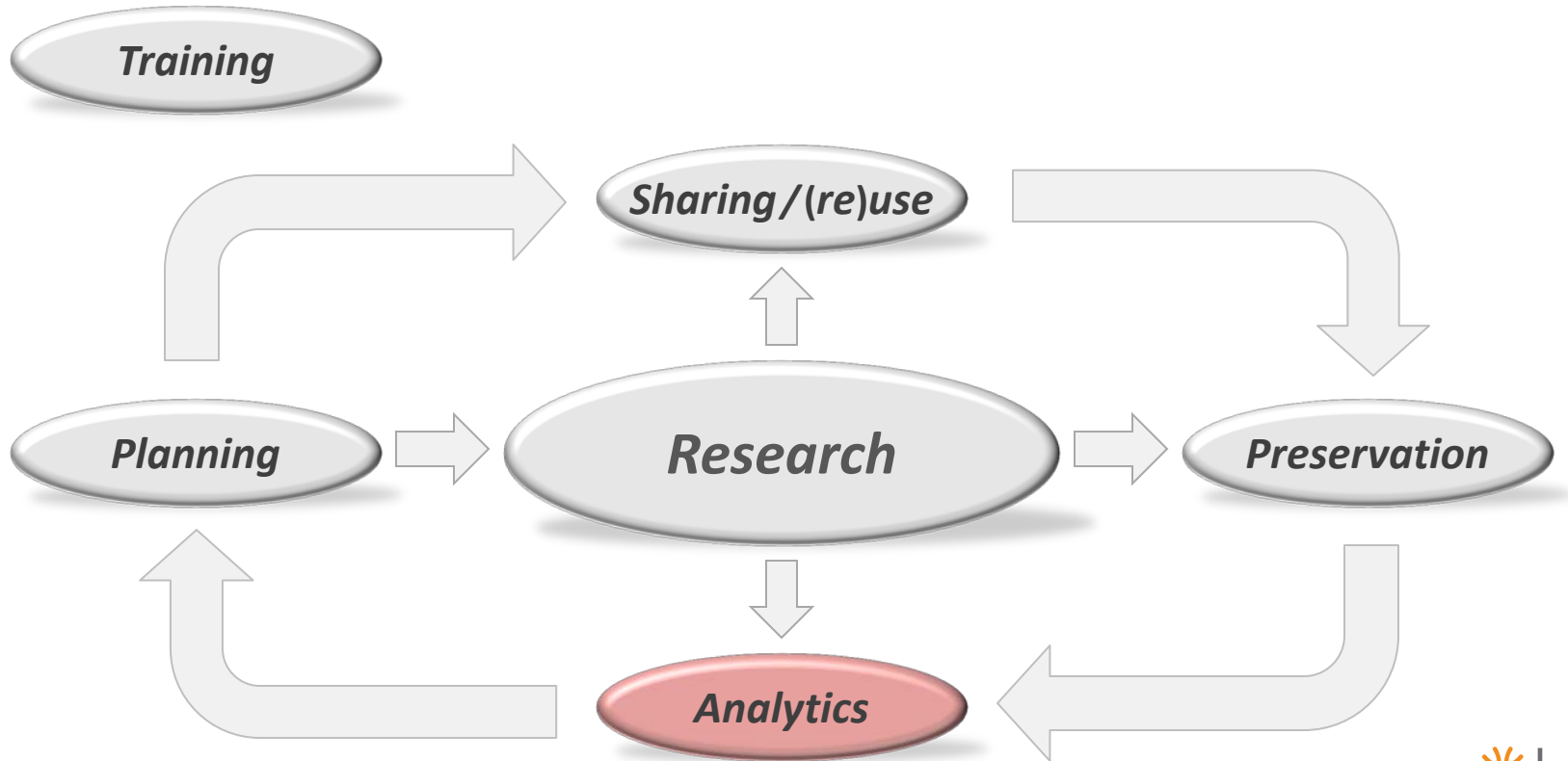
Digital Preservation Network (DPN) – additional storage replication  
[dpn.org](http://dpn.org)

HathiTrust – mass digitization of serials and monographs  
[www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org)

International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) – web archives  
[netpreserve.org](http://netpreserve.org)

National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) – advocacy  
[ndsa.org](http://ndsa.org)

# Analytics



# Analytics

If data are to be considered first-class research outputs alongside traditional publications, it is important to quantify their impact

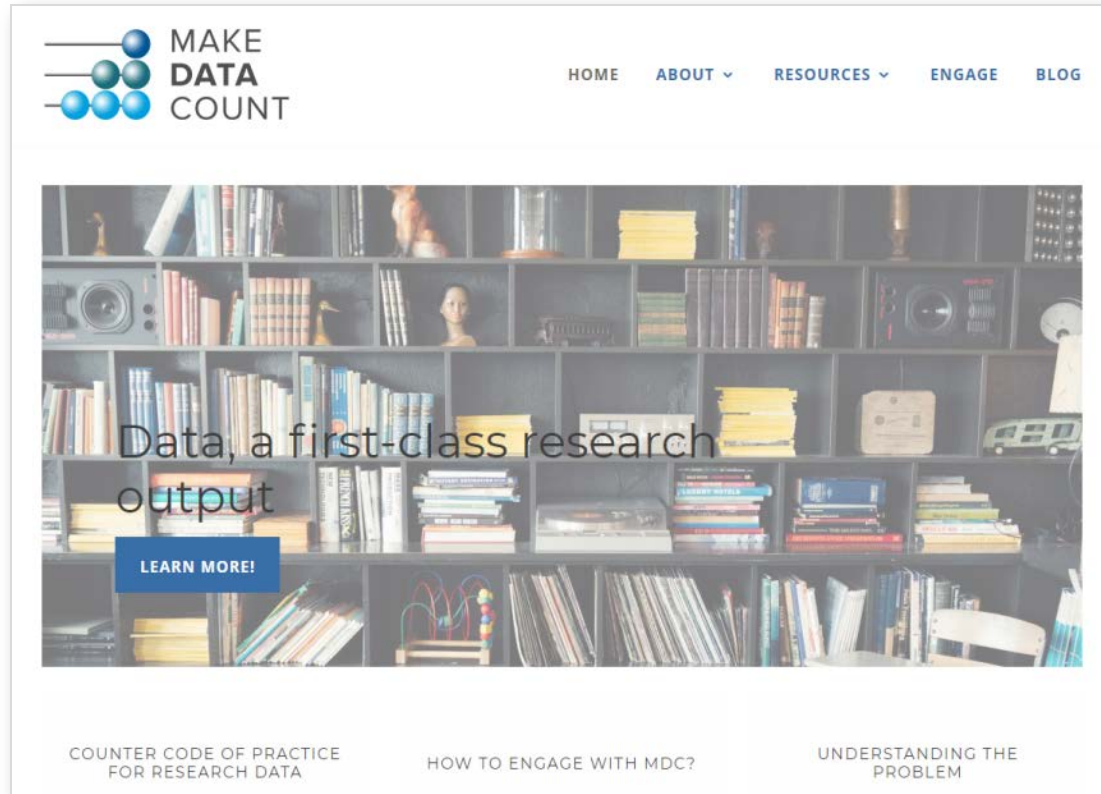
We need an infrastructure for tracking and reporting usage similar to that in place for the published literature

- Kratz and Strasser (2015), “Making data count,” *Scientific Data* 2  
[dx.doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2015.39](https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2015.39)



[blog.sciencedirect.com/topics/altmetrics](http://blog.sciencedirect.com/topics/altmetrics)

# Make Data Count (MDC)



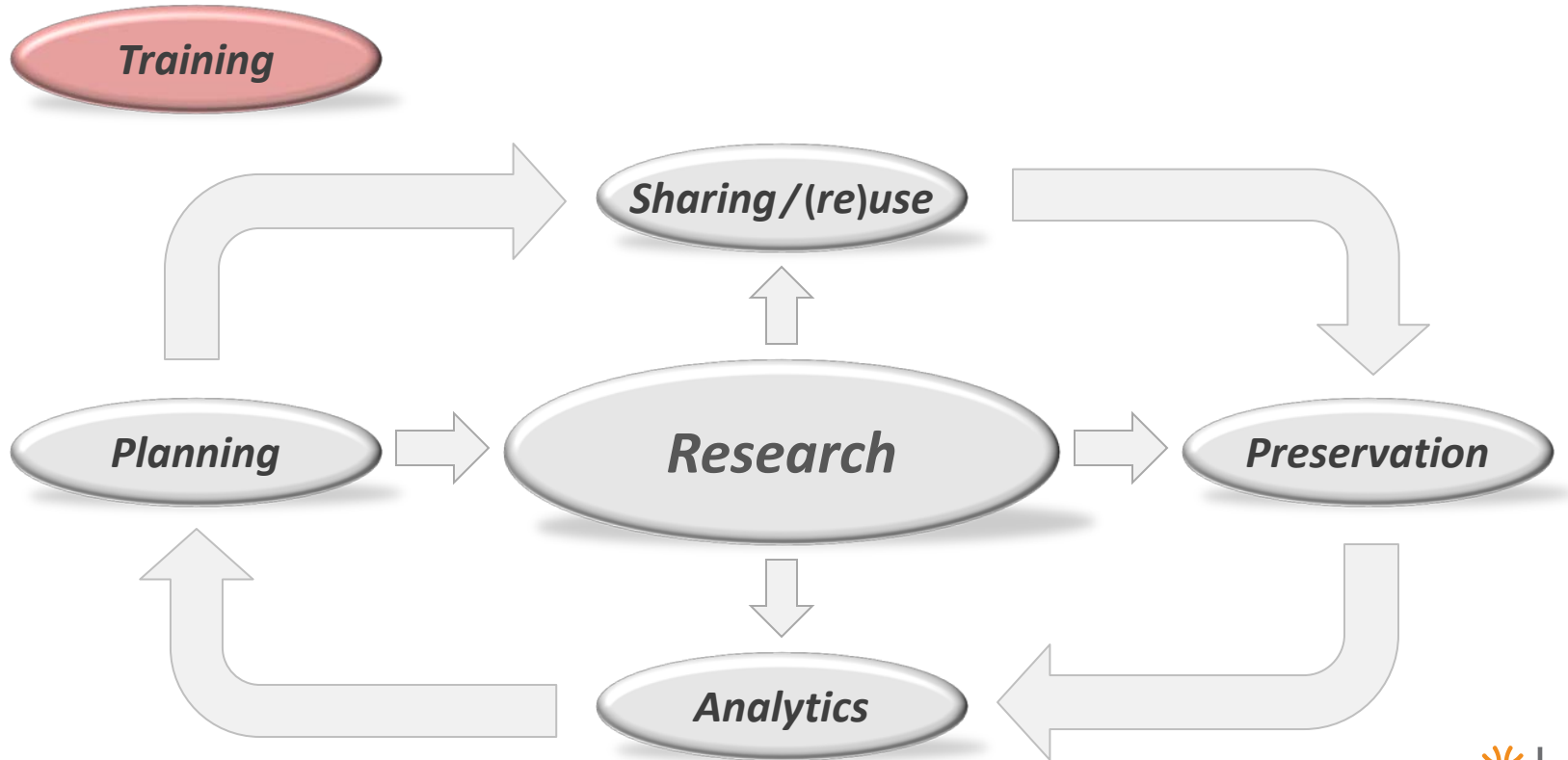
- *Collaboration between UC3, DataONE, and DataCite*
- *COUNTER code of practice for data-level metrics (DLM)*  
[www.projectcounter.org](http://www.projectcounter.org)
- *Extending DataCite/ Crossref EventData to support DLM*  
[www.datacite.org/eventdata.html](http://www.datacite.org/eventdata.html)

[makedatacount.org](http://makedatacount.org)



# Data literacy training

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## *Data literacy training*

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
Most scholars and researchers have never received any data literacy training

They do not view the library as the natural place to turn for advice and guidance



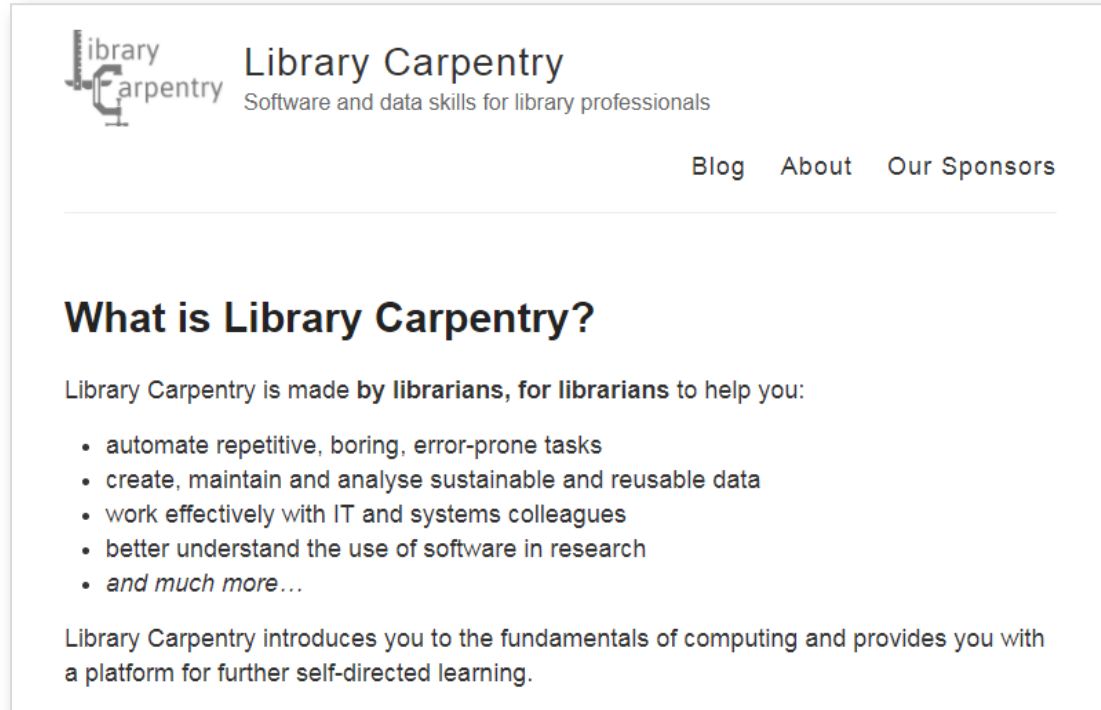
[www.flickr.com/photos/rosengrant/3847862890](http://www.flickr.com/photos/rosengrant/3847862890)

# Self-assessment maturity guide

Practice Maturity 				
Planning for data	When it comes to my data, I have an informal "way of doing things" but not a formal plan.	I have a formal DMP document that outlines how I plan collect, manage, and save my data.	I have an active data management plan that is revisited throughout my project's lifecycle.	My data management plan is the hub of all of my research activity.
Saving data	I save my data only on my local machine(s).	I save my data on an external hard drive, server, or in the cloud.	I save my data in multiple locations.	
Organizing data	I have identified the data I need to keep organized, including data types, sources, and file formats.	I apply consistent naming and structuring schemes to all of the files associated with my data.	I apply community or discipline-specific schemes when naming and structuring my files.	I work to ensure my data exists in a form that is interoperable and suitable for long term preservation.
Preparing data	I format my data consistently. I use the same units and formats across variables.	I document the format and structure of my data in a data dictionary, codebook, or readme.	I describe my data using a discipline-appropriate metadata schema.	Because of my well-defined organizational practices, my data is <i>already</i> prepared for analysis.
Analyzing data	I keep notes on the parameters, procedures, and protocols applied throughout my data analysis workflow.	I maintain a lab notebook that documents the specifics of my analysis workflow as well as my decision making process.	My protocol, lab notebook, or analysis workflow is collocated with the results of my analyses.	
Sharing data	I communicate my data via tables and figures in a poster, presentation, or paper.	Any description of my data includes either a data availability statement or my data as a supplementary material.	I deposit my data in a database, repository, or system that provides a persistent identifier.	
Ad hoc, Non-reproducible 				
Optimized, Standardized				

- *Intended to assess individual researchers, not institutions*
- *Informative, not prescriptive*

# Library carpentry



The screenshot shows the Library Carpentry website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of the words 'library' and 'Carpentry' stacked vertically, with a stylized 'C' that incorporates a book icon. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Library Carpentry' in a large font, followed by 'Software and data skills for library professionals' in a smaller font. Below this, there are three navigation links: 'Blog', 'About', and 'Our Sponsors'. A horizontal line separates the header from the main content area. The main heading is 'What is Library Carpentry?'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Library Carpentry is made by librarians, for librarians to help you:'. This is followed by a bulleted list of four items: '• automate repetitive, boring, error-prone tasks', '• create, maintain and analyse sustainable and reusable data', '• work effectively with IT and systems colleagues', and '• better understand the use of software in research'. The final bullet point is '• and much more...'. Below the list, another paragraph reads: 'Library Carpentry introduces you to the fundamentals of computing and provides you with a platform for further self-directed learning.'

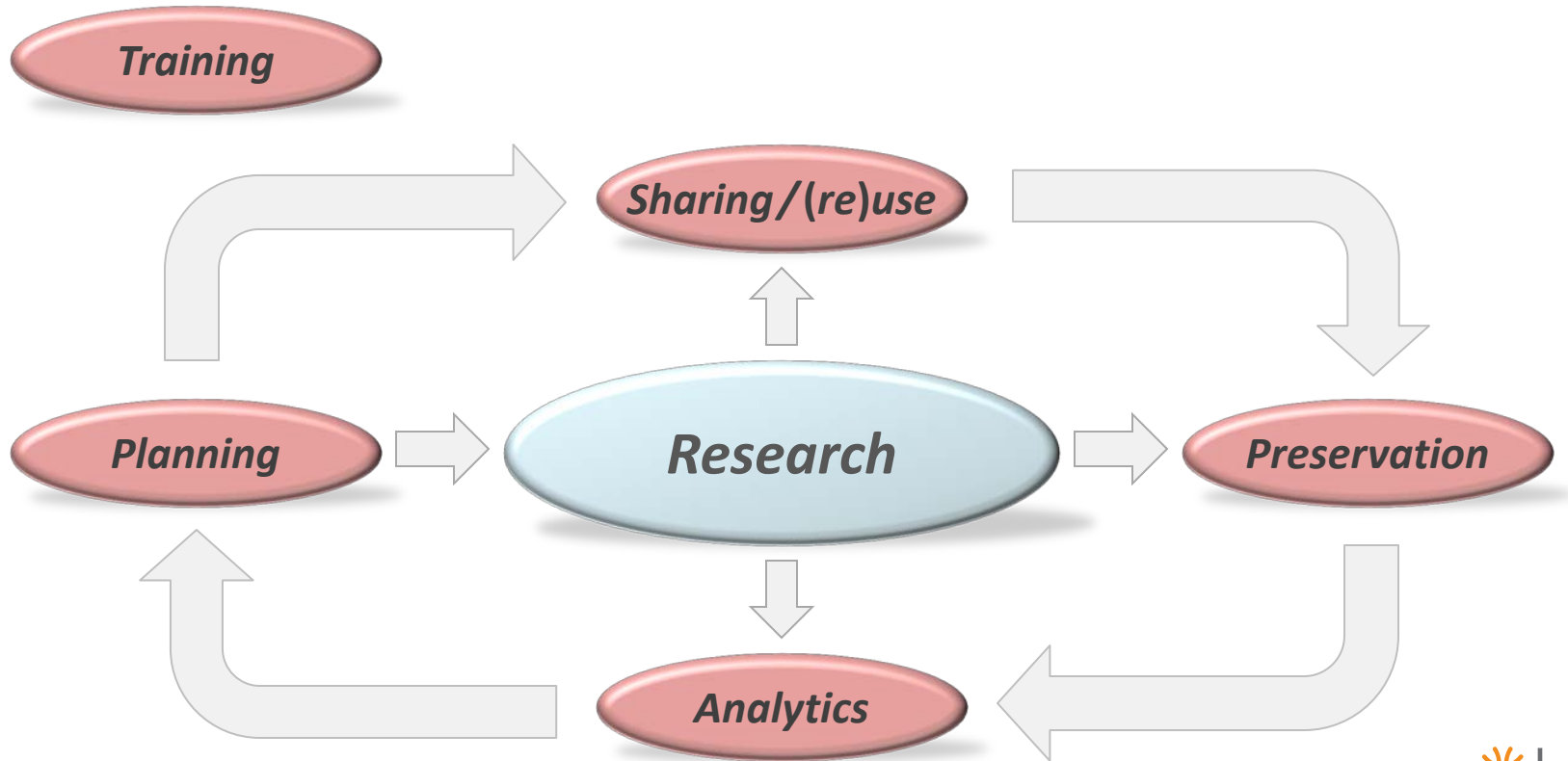
- *Increase awareness, develop new training modules, and coordinate national activities*

[librarycarpentry.github.io](https://librarycarpentry.github.io)

[uc3.cdlib.org/2017/11/06/skills-training-for-librarians-expanding-library-carpentry/](https://uc3.cdlib.org/2017/11/06/skills-training-for-librarians-expanding-library-carpentry/)

# Supporting research data management

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# *Supporting research data management*

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