

ACEP Data Catalog User Guides

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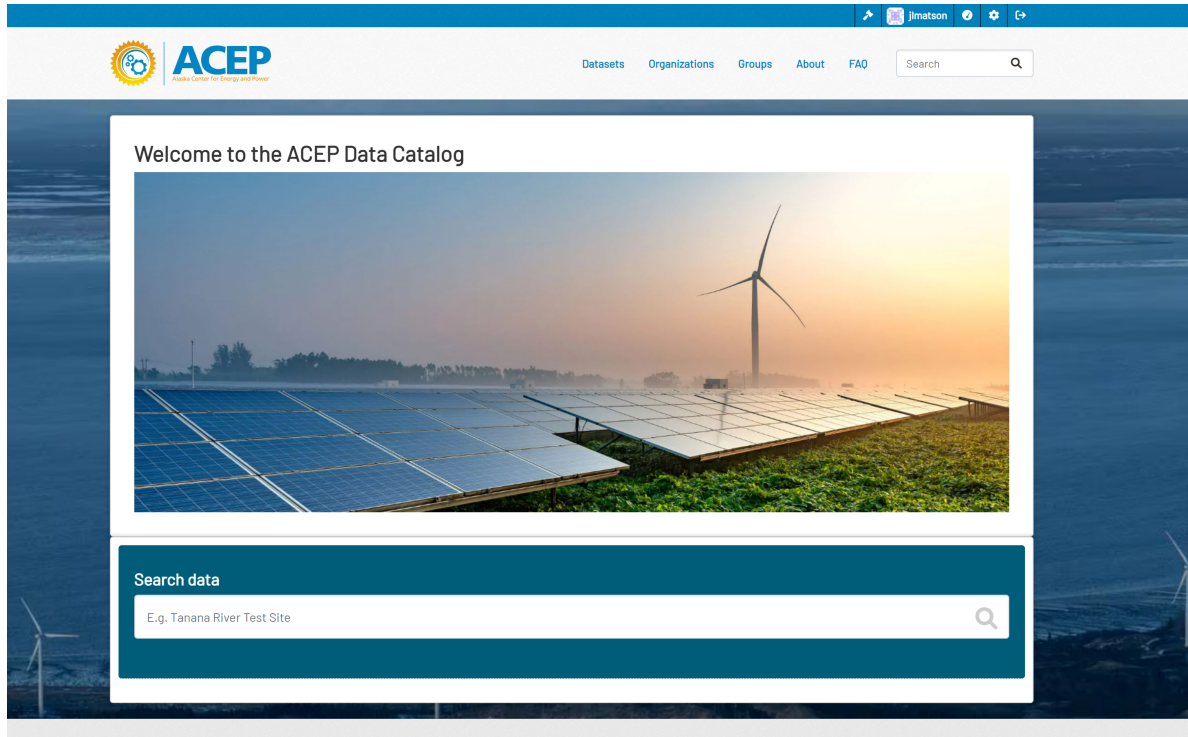
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Welcome

Welcome to the ACEP Data Catalog documentation, this is how to use it

1 Getting Started

Here are some instructions for how to navigate the data catalog.



Making an Account

1. Click the **Register** button in the upper right corner.
2. Fill out your information, using your UA email if you have one.
3. In order to see the Internal Use datasets or post datasets, you will need permission granted. If you are an ACEP employee, contact Liz or another admin.

Searching for Datasets

There are multiple ways to search for datasets

Submitting a Comment/Complaint

If you find a problem with a dataset or have a comment or suggestion for the data catalog, please contact the ACEP data team at uaf-acep-dcm-support@alaska.edu.

2 Researcher

This is some things researcher's posting stuff should know

Posting a Dataset

Tagging a Dataset

Editing/Deleting a Dataset

Adding a Dataset to a Group

Creating a New Group

3 Admin

Here is some stuff admins should know how to do.

Giving User Permissions

Reviewing a Dataset

Deleting Datasets/Groups/Organizations

Restoring a Deleted User

For Developers

Documentation of the development of the ACEP Data Catalog.

For more information and guides, visit the official [CKAN Documentation](#)

Extensions

Currently Installed

ckanext-customtheme

Author: Jenae Matson

Purpose: Add custom theming and features for the CKAN instance, including

- ACEP logos, colors, and fonts
- Home page layout, images, and featured dataset
- Changed font weight of Register button
- Added tags to search page display
- HTML file for About page text
- Removed social media links from dataset/resources pages
- Added support contact info to dataset sidebar
- Added default blank option to add-to-group dropdown menu

ckanext-faqpage

Author: Jenae Matson

Purpose: Create an FAQ page linked in the masthead with collapsible boxes for questions and answers.

ckanext-restrictpublish

Author: Jenae Matson

Purpose: Restrict the ability to ochange the visibility of a dataset to admins only. Datasets posted by editors default to private.

ckanext-geoview

Link: <https://github.com/ckan/ckanext-geoview>

Purpose: Created resource views for geojson and other geo-data file types. We have implemented the OpenLayers Viewer.

ckanext-package-group-permissions

Link: <https://github.com/salsadigitalauorg/ckanext-package-group-permissions>

Purpose: Allows all editors and admins to add datasets to any group, without having to be added as members to each group.

Modifications: This extension was created and works with CKAN 2.9. This instance is version 2.10, so the extension requires some small modifications to work. In the file `plugin.py`, change the following

ckanext-scheming

Link: <https://github.com/ckan/ckanext-scheming>

Purpose: Allows for the creation of alternate metadata templates (schemas) defined by `.yaml` or `.json` files.

Adding Alternate Schemas with ckanext-scheming

1. Create a `.yaml` or `.json` file in the folder `ckanext-scheming/ckanext/scheming` to define the metadata schema. See extension documentatoin for more information and examples.
2. In `ckan.ini`, add your schema to the `scheming.dataset_schemas` config option.

```
def member_create(self, next_auth, context, data_dict):
    """
    This code is largely borrowed from /src/ckan/ckan/logic/auth/create.py
    With a modification to allow users to add datasets to any group
    :param context:
    :param data_dict:
    :return:
    """
    authorized = False
    if context.get('controller') in ['package', 'dataset'] and context.get('action') in ['gr
```

```

authorized = helpers.user_has_admin_access(include_editor_access=True)

if not authorized:
    # Fallback to the default CKAN behaviour
    return next_auth(context, data_dict)
else:
    return {'success': True}

```

3. The new dataset creation form is located at a url defined by the schema type name. For example, the creation form for datasets of type `arctic-dataset` is located at `/arctic-dataset/new`. You can define a new Add Dataset button using this new url.

Attempted Extensions

ckanext-spatial

Link: <https://github.com/ckan/ckanext-spatial>

Purpose: This extension adds the ability to search for datasets on a map widget, as well as a dataset extent map widget on the dataset page, provided correct geospatial metadata.

Problems: This extension is not currently installed due to the following,

- Configuring map tiles for ckanext-spatial caused the map tiles for ckanext-geoview to disappear.
- Datasets with the required spatial metadata were not searchable on the map search widget, although the dataset extent widget worked correctly.