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# Tutorial to manually initiate and fill the ARC (i.e. without the tools being developed)

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Please note:

1. The DataPLANT tools are **work in progress**.
2. The following is a **manual** route towards building an ARC
3. This is for test / develop purposes and **subject to change**. Do not reformat all your datasets.
4. Talk to Hajira and Dominik first.





# ARC overview and file naming

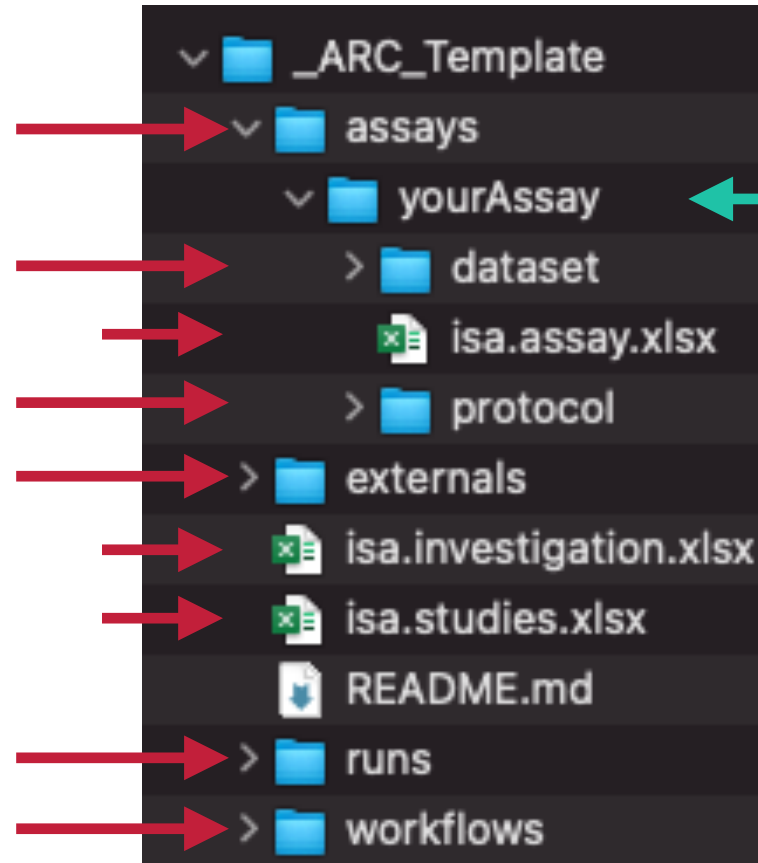
**Please do not rename**  
items with fixed names:

**isa\*.xlsx files:**

- isa.assay.xlsx
- isa.investigation.xlsx
- isa.studies.xlsx

**ARC folders:**

- assays/
- assays/\*/dataset/
- assays/\*/protocol/
- externals/
- runs/
- workflows/



**Feel free to rename**

Files and folders  
starting with your\*  
(yourAssay, yourRun, etc.)

**Feel free to add**

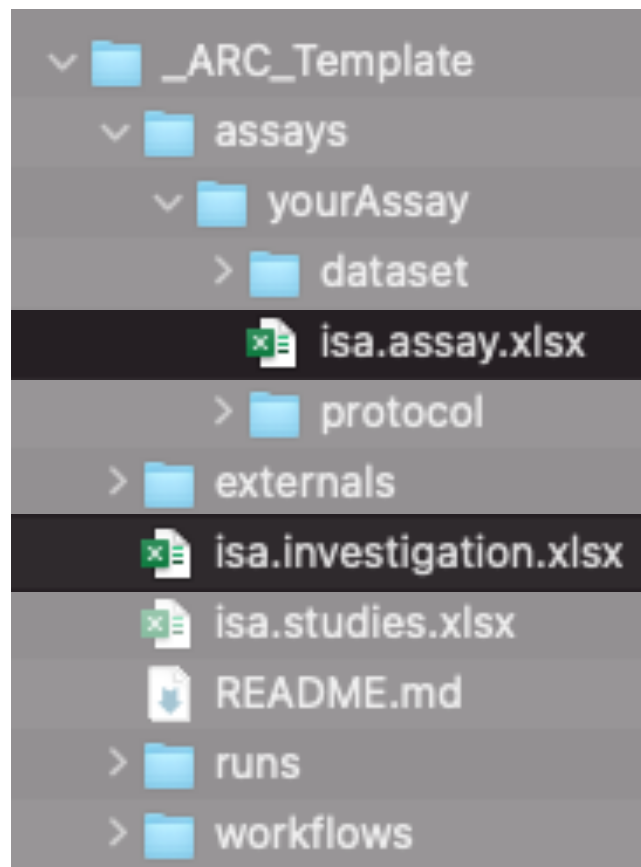
Additional files and folders  
**anywhere** within the ARC.  
Just make sure not to give them  
one of the fixed names above.





# Filling the ARC - Stage 1: metadata

**Add project metadata**  
to “isa.investigation”



**Describe your dataset(s)**

in “isa.assay.xlsx”

**Note:** Ask your data stewards  
for a metadata template that is  
suitable with your assay



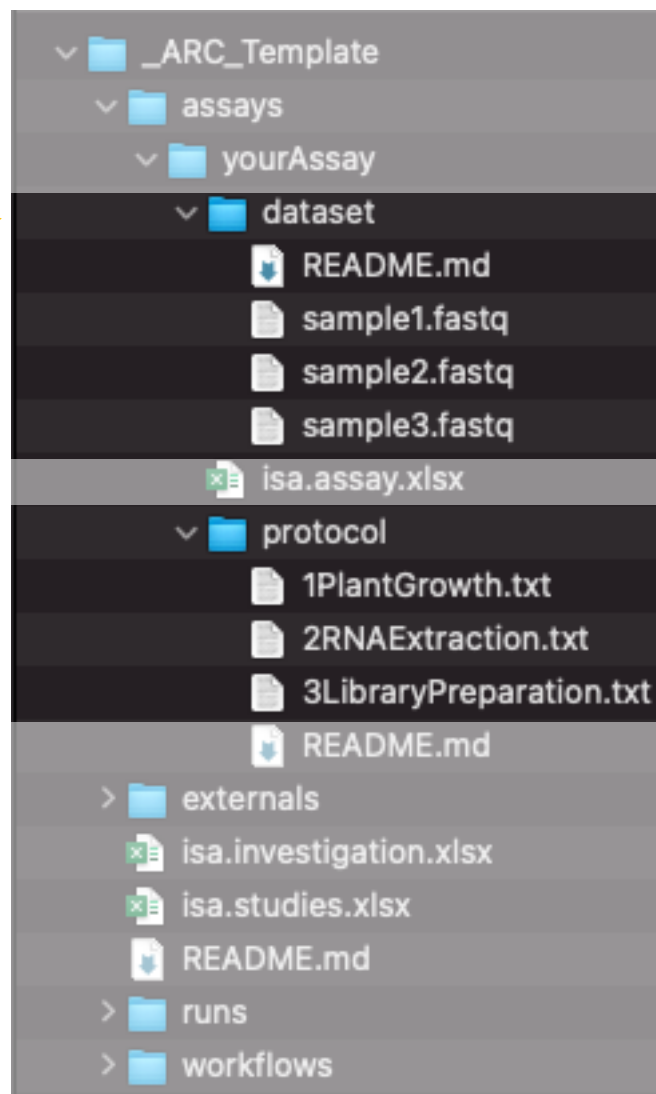


# Filling the ARC - Stage 2: raw data and protocols

## Add raw data files

to “dataset/”

**Note:** The names of the raw data files are listed in



## Add laboratory protocols

to “protocol/”

**Note:** Add all protocols required to reproduce the raw data files stored in “dataset/”. These can be free-text protocols (e.g. coming from an electronic lab notebook) just as you would add them to your paper’s “materials & methods” section.





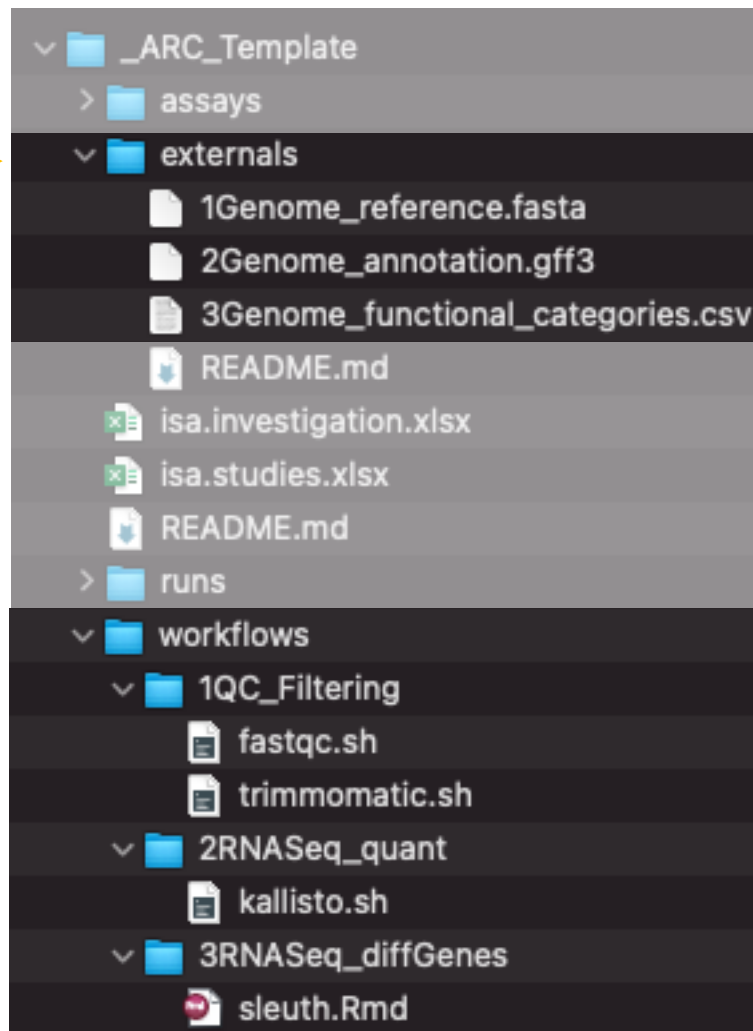
# Filling the ARC - Stage 3: external data and analyses

## Add external data

to “externals/”

**Note:** This is additional data required for your analyses that typically originates from other projects / publications / databases.

**Pro tipp:** describe the origin, source and date or version of each file in the README.md



## Add your analyses

to “workflows/”

**Note:** these are computations to process your data. Although typically scripts or code, feel free to add (descriptions of) alternative analyses.

... to be continued



- CEPLAS
  - Homepage: <https://www.ceplas.eu/en/research/data-science-and-data-management/>
  - GitHub: <https://github.com/CEPLAS-FAIRidise>
- DataPLANT
  - Homepage: <https://nfdi4plants.de>

