

Data Management

Introduction to High Performance Computing

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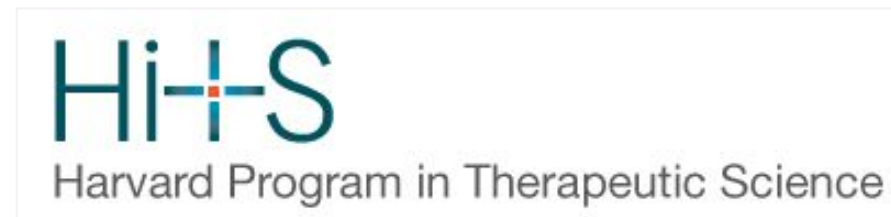
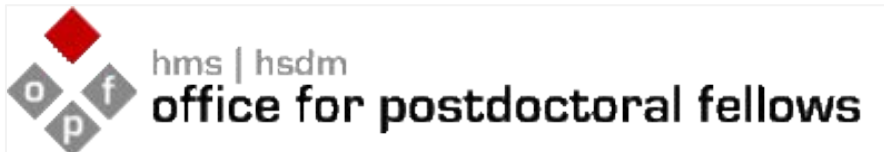


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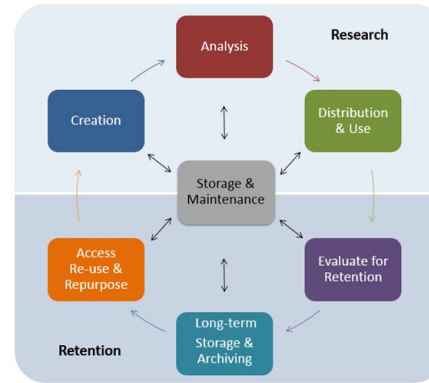
Slides: <https://datamanagement.hms.harvard.edu/class-materials>



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Early and attentive management at each step of the data lifecycle will ensure the discoverability and longevity of your research.



FEATURED ONLINE TRAINING:



An open online course aimed at a broad audience on recommended practices for managing research data. Take at your own pace, earn badges and interact with students from around the world.

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Why Manage Data?

- Running the same workflow can be labour intensive
- Manual manipulation of data files:
 - is often not captured in documentation
 - is hard to reproduce
 - is hard to troubleshoot, review, or improve
- Hard to find poorly organized, documented data
- Hard to analyze poorly recorded workflows

Why HPC?

- High Performance Computing makes workflows more efficient
 - If you work with a lot of data or you have really complex computations, scheduling scripts reduces computation time
 - Automated workflows makes you more productive and also improves the reproducibility of your work by allowing you to save and repeat them
- Using a command line interface to work with files
 - Every step can be captured in the shell script and allow reproducibility and easy troubleshooting
- Offers storage space for active data files and shared drives for sharing data between labs

Training Materials

<https://tinyurl.com/hpc-july11>

Workshop Outline

Lessons	Estimated Duration
Intro to High-Performance Computing	25 min
Intro to O2	55 min

Tying it Together

Why Data Management:

Not a prerequisite of HPC, but data should be organized in a clear and predictable manner.

Taking the time to structure your research data and filenaming conventions in a consistent and predictable manner is certainly a significant step towards getting the most out of data analysis.

Why HPC:

Allows you to reduce computation time and help make analyses more efficient. Using a cluster offers advantages such as: speed, volume, efficiency, cost, and convenience.

Automate repetitive tasks and capture small data manipulation steps that are normally not recorded to make research reproducible.

Questions?

Harvard Biomedical Data Management

Best practices & support services for research data lifecycles

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The diagram illustrates the Research Data Lifecycle as a circular process. It is divided into two main sections: 'Research' (top) and 'Retention' (bottom). The 'Research' section includes 'Creation' (blue box), 'Analysis' (red box), and 'Distribution & Use' (green box). The 'Retention' section includes 'Access Re-use & Repurpose' (orange box), 'Long-term Storage & Archiving' (teal box), and 'Evaluate for Retention' (purple box). A central grey box labeled 'Storage & Maintenance' is connected to all other stages by double-headed arrows, indicating its central role in the lifecycle.

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Upcoming Workshops / Seminars

Creating Meaningful Data: Metadata Essentials

Thursday, August 8

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Countway Library 403 Classroom

bit.ly/RDM-Summer19

Version Control for Scripts, Data & Text documents

Wednesday, August 21

1:30 – 3:00 pm

TMEC 227 Mini amphitheater

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