Commentary on MarkyMarc's annotation

https://hyp.is/lSCiyFiIEeijnbMIODYc7w/wcm notebook-history.html

The annotation in question was made within Caleb McDaniel's article *Open Notebook History*. In the article, McDaniel mentions two types of people who "open" their research to others, the first does so prior to the project's completion while the second only does afterwards. Here he makes the argument that the second type most likely wait simply to ensure the prevention of theft of their data before it can be published, plagiary which he describes as "taking a short cut".
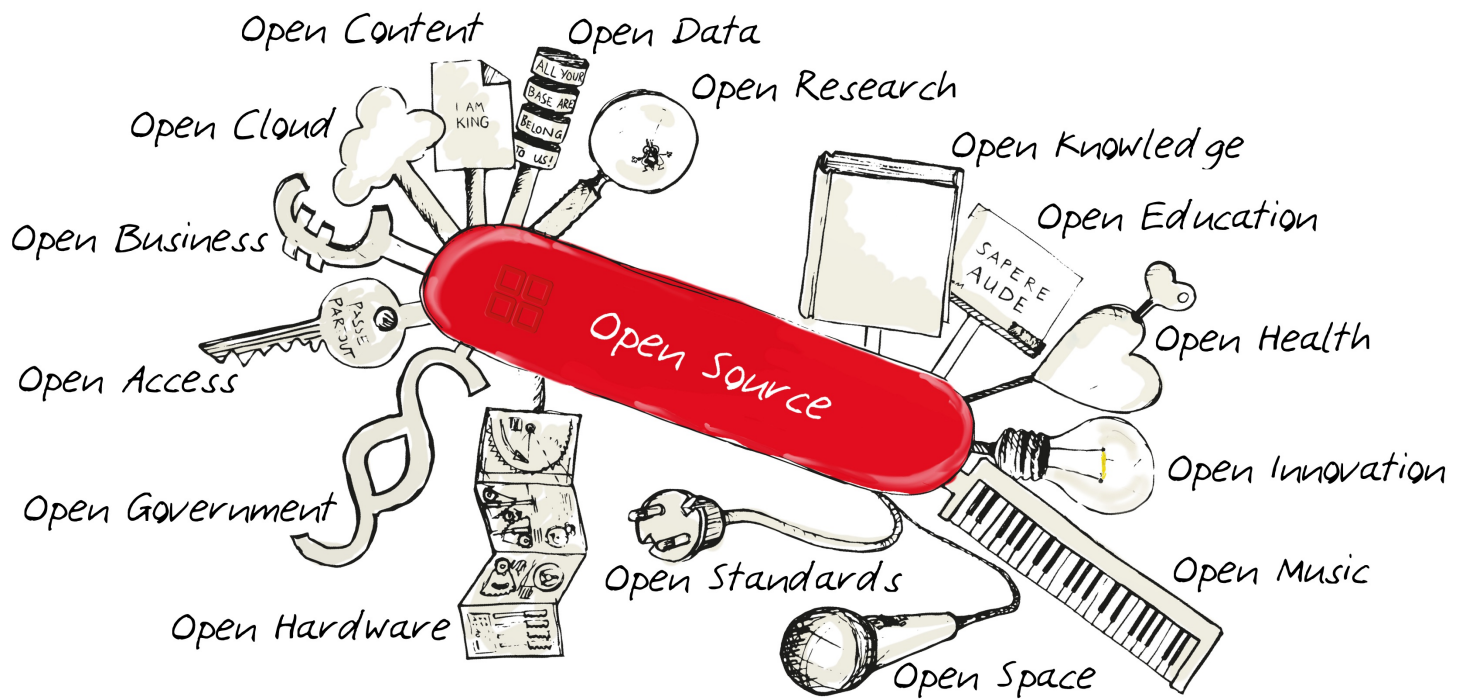
I chose this annotation because I concur with his concerns. A point which I have stated in various places throughout this module's set of exercises, as well as in many my own annotations, is that I do not think it very wise to publicly make available one's research data prior to publication. It should be noted that shannondorislee did comment in opposition to MarkyMarc's original post by claiming that "the benefits outweigh the disadvantages". She argues that opening one's work allows for an increased level of collaboration, another point which I have also stated myself during the module. This point is certainly true, as the person reviewing the work may very well theorise new hypothesis concerning the work which the researcher himself did not. These theories could then be used to alter or adapt the project's goal. However, in my mind, this only remains true so long as the reviewer does not, nor ever will, harbor desires to make the

work his own nor wish to see the researcher fail out of competitive jealousy. Yes, *most* people would never dream of committing plagiary, but that does not mean that *none* will. This is especially true when the research is provided through public domains, and thus accessible by complete strangers.

No one can deny that plagiarism does exist in modern day academia. In such a competitive society, the basest instinct to protect one's research until it can be one hundred percent proven as yours and yours alone, just seems like common sense to me. So, while I one hundred percent support the sharing one's notes in their entirety *after* the project is done (in fact I would argue that it may be the researcher's *duty* to do so), I would advise strong caution against trusting others with the information.

I have linked the urls of four websites which look further into Open Access, and what it may mean for academia. Depsite this, my skepticism revolving around the secifically early release of research remains. Honestly, I think it will take quite a bit of debate to convince me otherwise.

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Additional Open Access Information

Websites

http://library.stonybrook.edu/scholarly-communication/open-access/

https://vimeo.com/33610691

https://www.jisc.ac.uk/blog/moving-open-access-into-action-21-oct-2016

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