

## **Data Collection: Metadata Management**

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## What is a metadata standard?

- How does a standard make data more FAIR
- What are the ingredients required for defining a standard
- Where to find metadata standards
- Which tools can be used in connection with standards







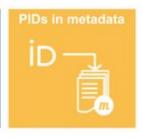












- A persistent identifier is required in the metadata
- Metadata standard compliant with repositories checklist
- Metadata fields used to identify/retrieve the data





Persistency of metadata (also when the data is not available)









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18-day pregnant females 2 yr old female 400 yr. old female adult female asexual female female (lactating) female (pregnant) female (outbred) female parent female plant

individual female lgb\*cc females mare female (worker) monosex female worker caste (female) sex: female female, other female child femal How many ways can you say "female"?

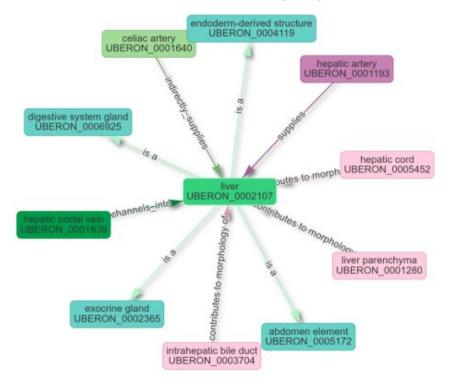
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female (note: this sample was originally provided as a \"male\" sample to us and therefore labeled this way in the brawand et al. paper and original geo submission; however, detailed data analyses carried out in the meantime clearly show that this sample stems from a female individual)"

Courtesy of N. Silvester, European Nucleotide Archive, EMBL-EBI

## **Ontologies**

**Ontology** a set of concepts and categories in a subject area or domain that shows their properties and the relations between them.



Relationship	Color	Visibility
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- Richer metadata fields enhance reusability
- Metadata should describe data provenance
- Everything needs to follow community standards
  - Alignment with repository







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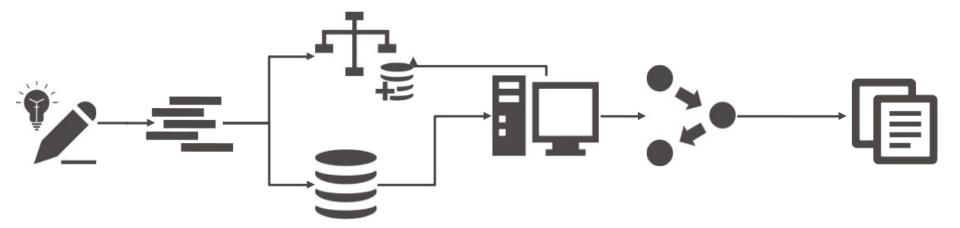
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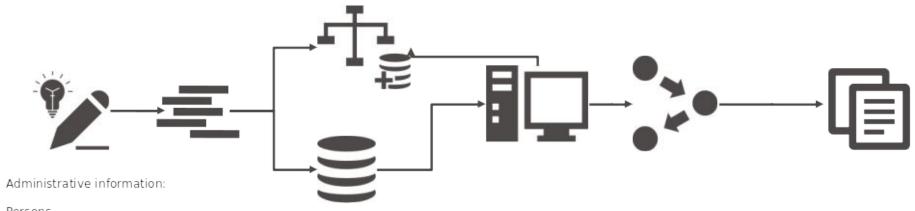
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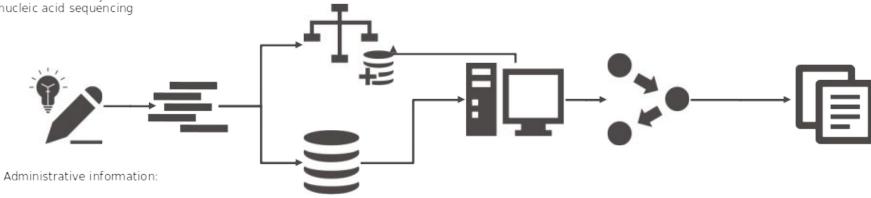
Persons Organizations Publications

protocols:

**MINSEQE** 



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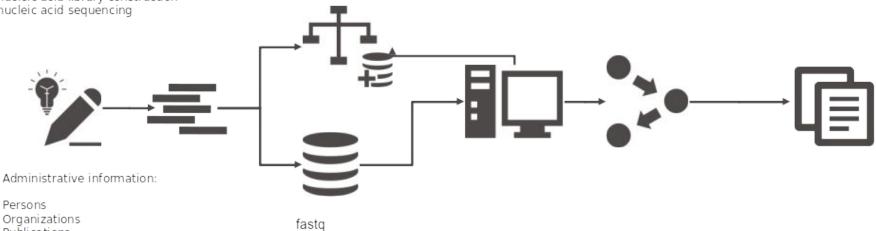
## **MINSEQE**

bam csv/tsv



protocols:

high throughput sequence alignment normalization data transformation



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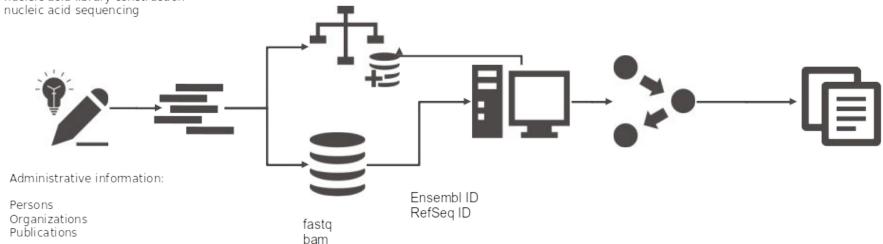
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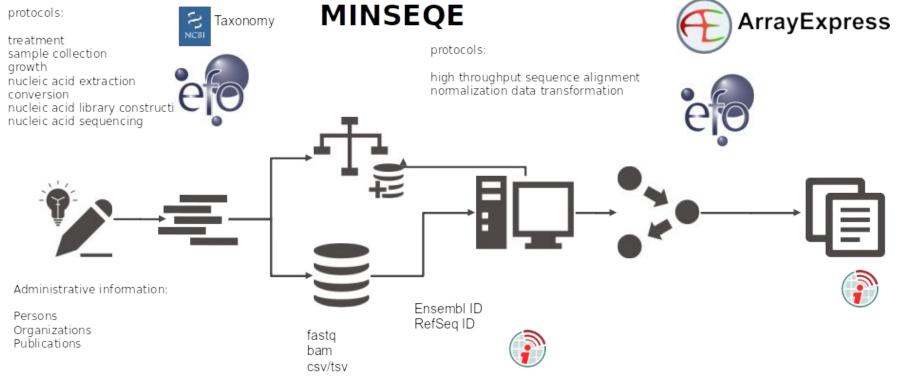
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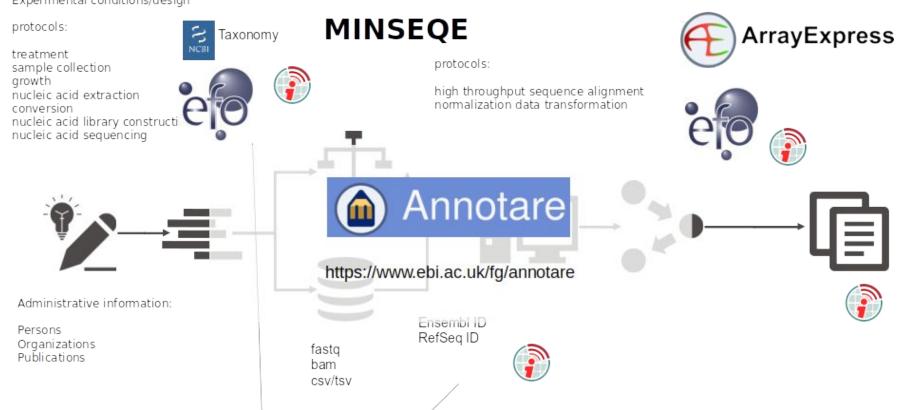
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#### Experimental conditions/design **MINSEQE** protocols: **ArrayExpress** Taxonomy treatment protocols: sample collection growth high throughput sequence alignment nucleic acid extraction normalization data transformation conversion nucleic acid library constructi nucleic acid sequencing Administrative information: Ensembl ID Persons RefSeq ID Organizations fastq Publications bam csv/tsv

Interlinking with other resources



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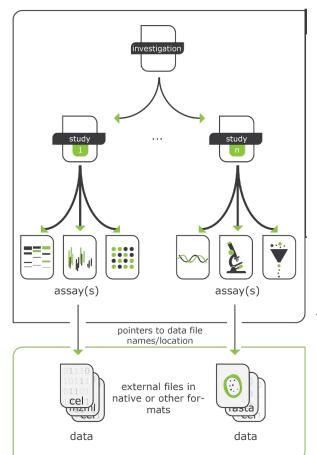
## Which metadata standard?







## The ISA model



# nvestigation

- Persons
- Organizations
- Publications

## Study(s)

- Design
- Factor
- Protocol

## **A**ssay(s)

- Measurement
- Technology
- Materials
- Data

Domain-agnostic standard with typical metadata fields for a project in the life sciences

Possibility of semantic annotations



## Metadata tracking platforms

### Domain specific:

- COPO for plant sciences
- MOLGENIS for biobanking
- Omero for imaging data







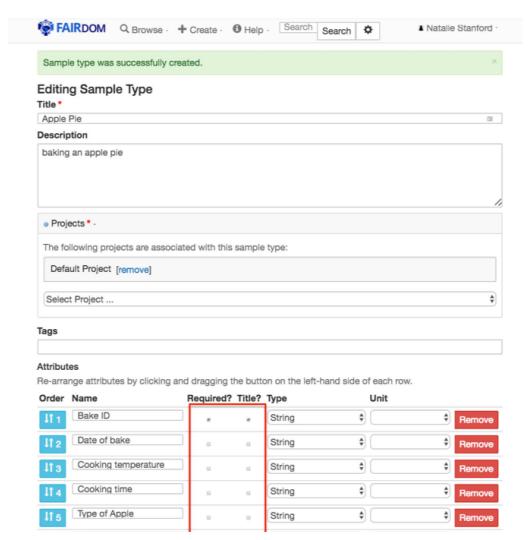
### Customisable (domain expertise required)

- Proprietary ELNs/LIMS -
  - often poor support for ontologies
- openBIS open source ELN/LIMS
- FAIRDOM SEEK





https://copo-project.org/ https://www.molgenis.org/ https://openbis.ch/ https://seek4science.org/



### **FAIRDOM SEEK**

The SEEK platform is a web-based resource for sharing heterogeneous scientific research datasets, models or simulations, processes and research outcomes. It preserves associations between them, along with information about the people and organisations involved.

National users (via Digital Life):





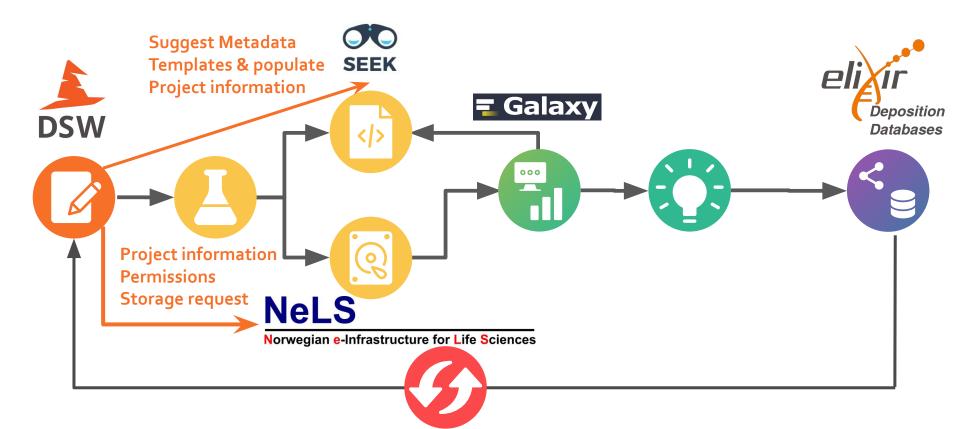
Target new users (via ELIXIR)





## Plans for further integration

K Bosl "NeLS (Norwegian e-Infrastructure for Life Sciences) tool assembly" originally presented at ELIXIR All Hands meeting 2022

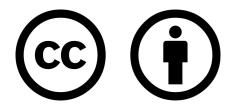


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