US RAID Pilot

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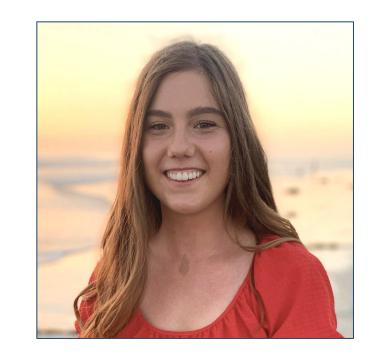
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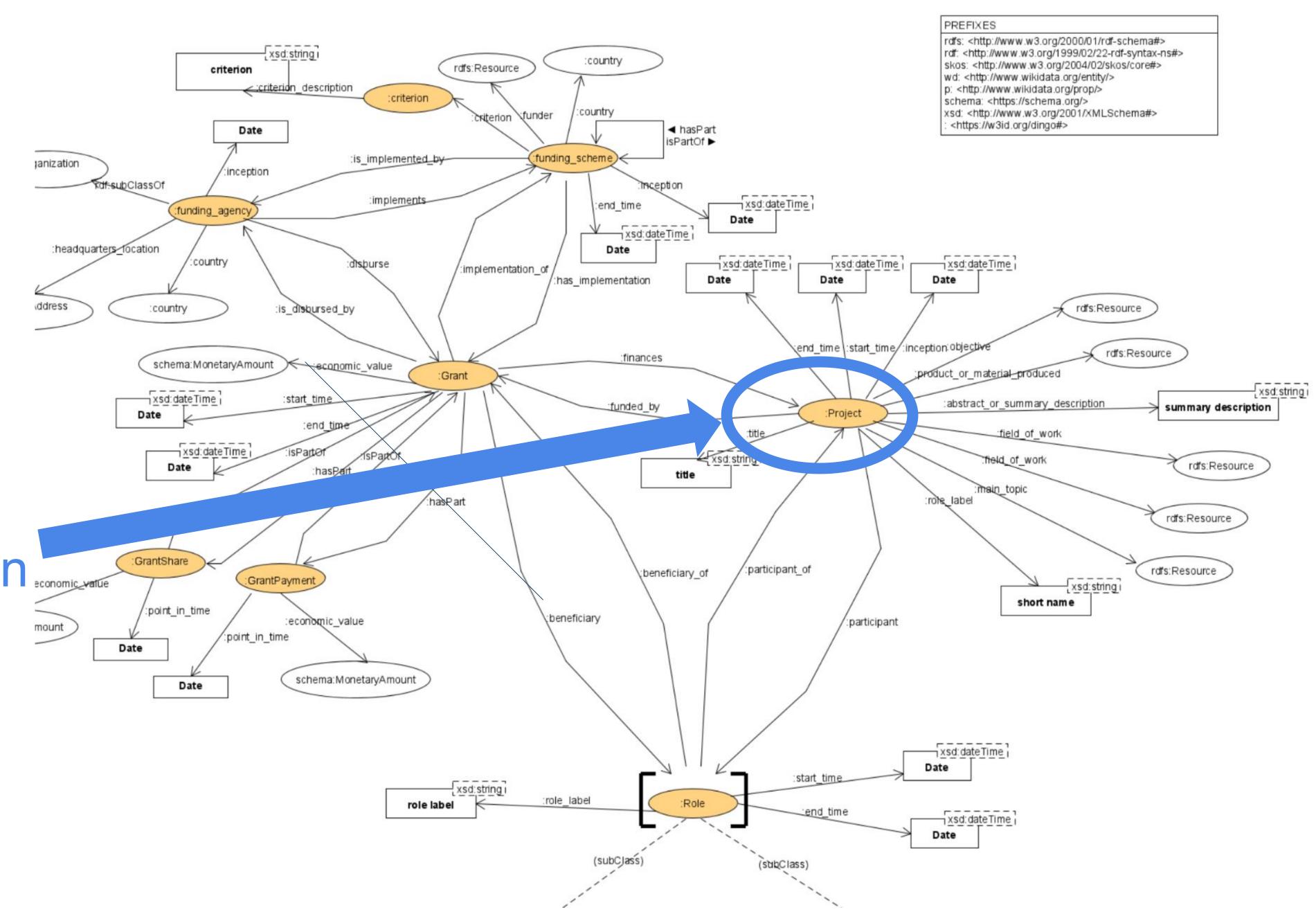
Intro to RAID

What is RAiD?

Research Activity Identifier (RAiD) is a persistent identifier (PID) and global registry for research projects, designed to store, update, share, and link project information.

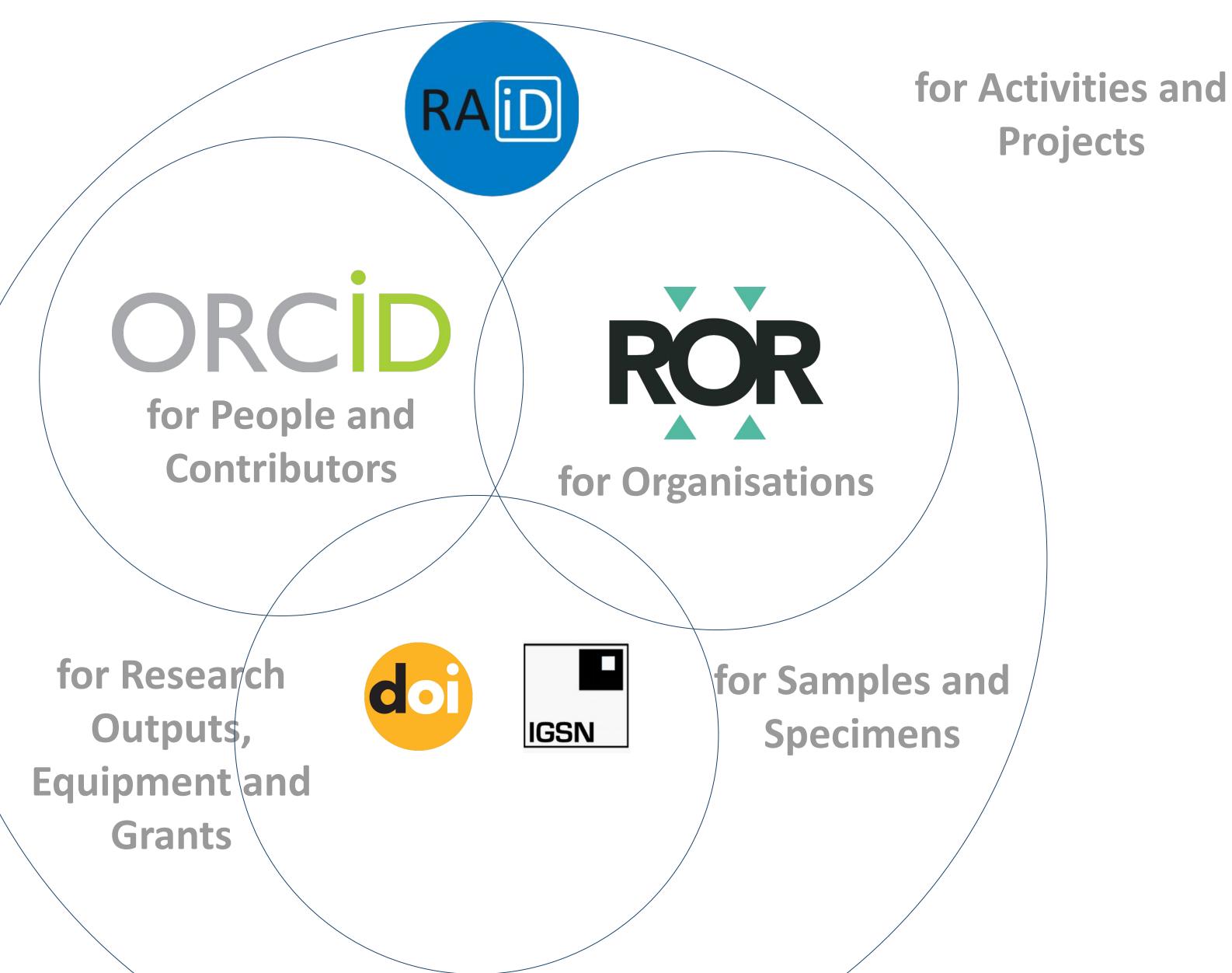
RAiDs focus on the **project** as the central object, to connect research components and relevant entities via other PIDs over time, even as they change

RAiD is an ISO standard (ISO 23527:2022), published in 2022 and developed by the Australian Research Data Commons.



Missing, not represented in PID network graph

Image from https://dcodings.github.io/DINGO/ DINGO: a knowledge graph ontology for projects and grants (with ontology mappings) D. Chialva et. al.



What is a research project?

A "project" is defined as a temporary endeavor with a defined scope aimed at advancing knowledge or achieving specific goals over a limited period, distinct from a grant (which is funding) or an organization

However,

We do not want to be prescriptive - tell us your use case

https://raid.org/10.12345/j6k28

(ID)

Title (primary) Lorem Ipsum Project

Title (acronym) LIP

RAiD is (largely) a container for other PIDs

Start date 2023-01-30

Description (short) Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.

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Principle investigator orcid.org/0000-0002-3843-0000

Role https://credit.niso.org/contributor-roles/conceptualization/



Role https://credit.niso.org/contributor-roles/data-curation/



Lead organisation ror.org/00rqy9422

Partner organisation ror.org/03b94tp07



Grant https://doi.org/10.8948/908234D93EAF

Dataset https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.726855

Article https://doi.org/10.1038/nphys1170



Sample https://doi.org/10.60510/awfwi02135

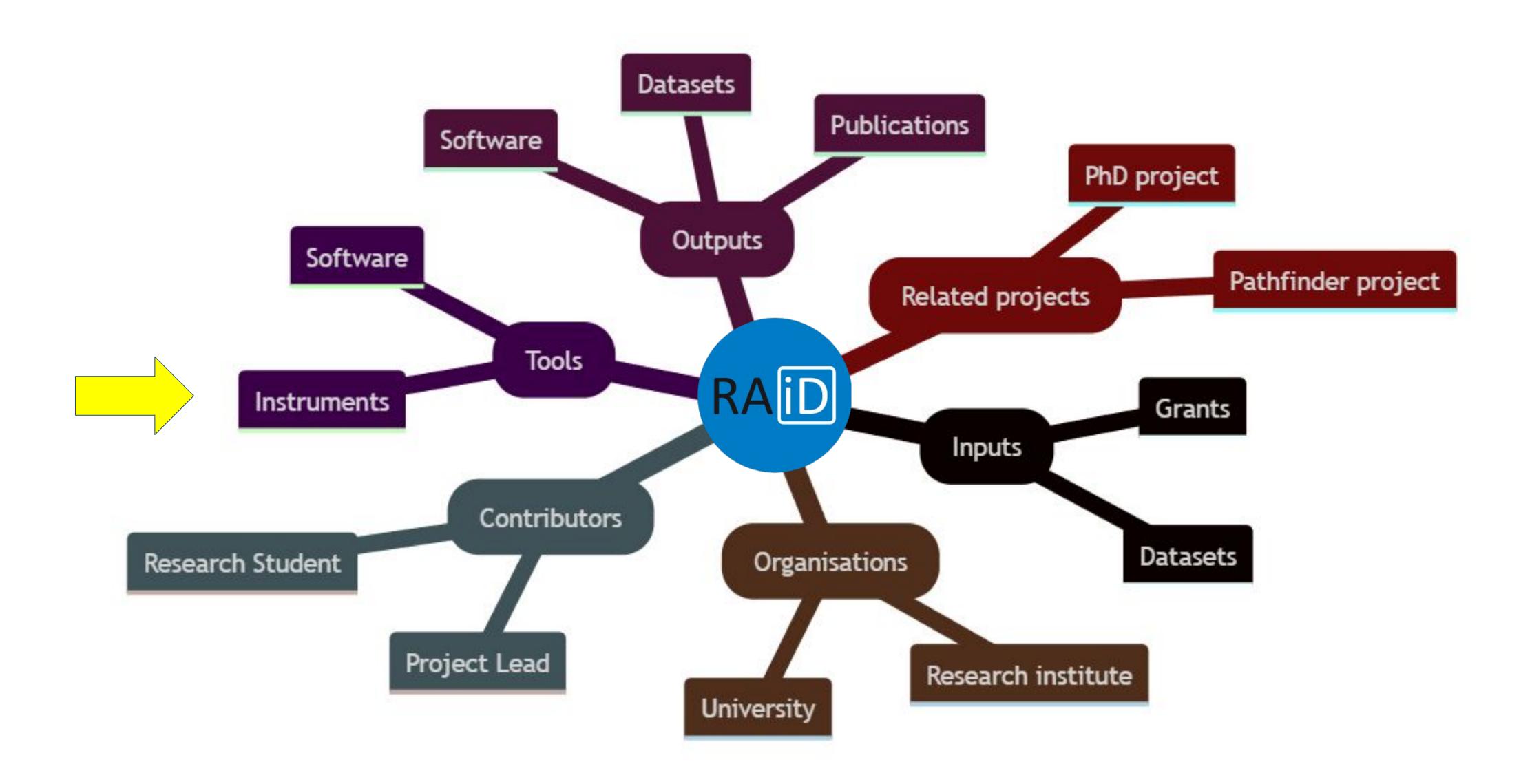


Alternate Identifier 134323205 (Local CRIS ID)

Alternate URL https://osf.io/j4ck9/ (OSF Project)

Sub-project https://raid.org/10.3010/401XQPOI

What does a RAiD metadata record look like?



Benefits of RAiD

IMMEDIATE:

Unique Identification

Transparency

Interoperability

Supports Open Science

WITH USE:

Efficiency

Reporting

Consistency

Connected Ecosystem



Research infrastructure providers

Organisations that provide research infrastructure or services such as imaging, HPC, or specialised softare for researchers (and want to track outcomes from this usage)



Funders

Organisations that fund research or research infrastructure (and want to track the outcomes and impact of this funding)



Research organisations

Organisations wishing to identify and track project inputs and outputs (e.g. contributors, collaborators, data sets, samples, instruments, tools, grants, events, grey literature, journal publications, and all associated PIDs)



Researchers

Researchers and research teams wishing to track and share information about their projects



Other PID providers

Other PID providers that want to integrate project PIDs or leverage proect matadata to help build research graphs

How is RAiD different?

Project-specific metadata schema

Multi-party administration

Dynamic (versioned) metadata record

Auto-generated landing page

Extensible and customizable

Community development and support

What is RAiD's potential?

Average number of active research projects in any given year (estimate):

- United Kingdom = 50k projects
- Australia = 21k projects
- United States = 625k projects
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) = 1.5M projects

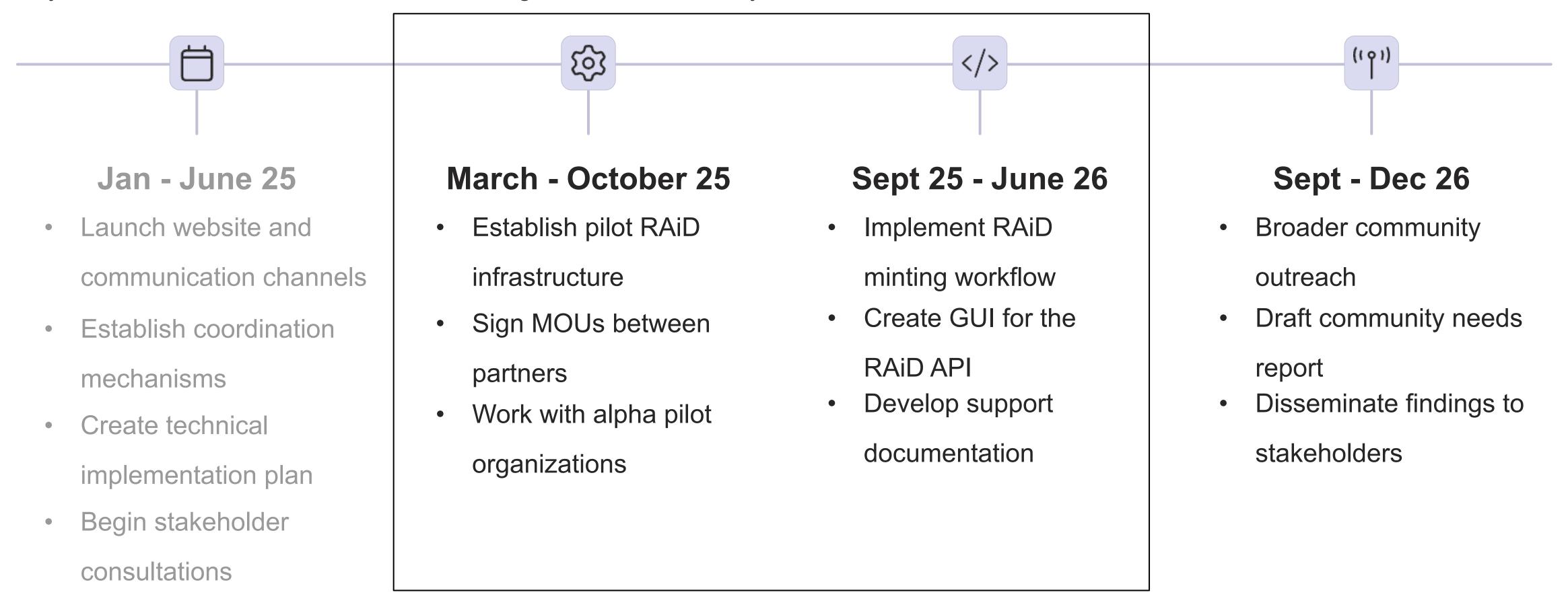
In Australia, elimination of double-entry of project metadata could save approximately:

- 2.9k person-days per year
- AUD \$2.7M per year
- If used in conjunction with PIDs for grants and publications, RAiD could save (estimate):
 - 37.9k person-days per year
 - AUD \$23.8M per year

US RAID Pilot Overview

US RAiD Implementation Timeline

Key activities and milestones for establishing the US RAiD ecosystem



Ongoing activities: Tracking metrics, documenting use cases, and building awareness through presentations and outreach

Business Model Considerations

US PID Communities Supported by Lyrasis



ORCID US Community

- Launched 2018
- Tiered fee structure based on total annual operating budget
- All member orgs get access to 5 premium ORCID API keys



Lyrasis DataCite US

- Launched 2021
- Tiered fee structure based on number of DOIs registered annually
- All participating organizations get access to as many DOIs as they need

RAiD Use Cases Examples

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

- Actively engaged in large-scale research projects
- Already use ORCID iDs for researchers & DataCite DOIs for research outputs
- Interested in using RAiD to connect overarching projects with the resources and entities involved to gain a more structured, unified view of ORNL's diverse research portfolio
- Benefits of RAiD:
 - Improve visibility for sponsors
 - Align researcher skills with active projects
 - Enhance resource management and reduce duplication

NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)

- Supports research with specialized assets (Radar systems, solar observatories, etc.)
- Assigns DataCite DOIs to datasets & outputs, using ORCID for researchers
- Benefits of RAiD:

Bundle related research entities (grants, datasets, software, instruments)

Track full projects and their evolving components

Improve visibility of high-value but under-cited assets (e.g., aircraft, instruments)

Leveraging RAiD to Aggregate Research Ecosystems

Examples of what RAiD stakeholders can collect by implementing RAiD and leveraging other PIDs in use.



Researchers (ORCID)

Principal investigators and research teams

- Faculty members
- Graduate students
- External collaborators



Publications (DOI)

Research outputs with unified identification

- Journal articles
- Conference papers
- Preprints



Data Resources (DOI, RRID)

Interlinked datasets and repositories

- Raw data
- Processed datasets
- Repositories like Metabolomics Workbench



Analysis Clusters & Specialized Facilities (RRID)

Computational resources supporting research

- National supercomputing centers
- Electron Microscopes
- Cloud computing platforms



Organizations (ROR)

Institutions supporting the research ecosystem

- Universities
- Funding agencies
- Industry partners

RAiD identifiers connect all these elements, including instruments, transforming fragmented research artifacts into a cohesive, discoverable ecosystem.

Pilot Use Cases & Next Steps

Pilot Use Cases - Next Steps

- 1. Determine initial RAiD use cases:
 - Registering RAiDs for projects
 - Including RAiDs in your workflows
- 2. Share & Document your RAiD use cases
- 3. Test RAiD registration process & provide feedback
- 4. Provide feedback on documentation & business model
- 5. Share insights & experience



Learn More

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https://lyrasis.org/us-raid-pilot/

Pilot Interest Form:

https://forms.gle/yQNNPiMdav3G5L2D8

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