

# Data Federation

## Standards, Best Practices, and Thoughts

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### The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship

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”The FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data, in addition to supporting its reuse by individuals.”

Wilkinson et al. 2016 “The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship” Scientific Data

# The FAIR Guiding Principles

- **To be Findable:**

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a **globally unique and persistent identifier**
- F2. data are described with rich **metadata** (defined by R1 below)
- F3. metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes
- F4. (meta)data are **registered or indexed** in a searchable resource

- **To be Accessible:**

- A1. (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a **standardized communications protocol**
- A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- A1.2 the protocol allows for **an authentication and authorization** procedure, where necessary
- A2. metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

- **To be Interoperable:**

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (meta)data use **vocabularies** that follow FAIR principles
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

- **To be Reusable:**

- R1. meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant **attributes**
- R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data **usage license**
- R1.2. (meta)data are associated with detailed **provenance**
- R1.3. (meta)data meet **domain-relevant community standards**

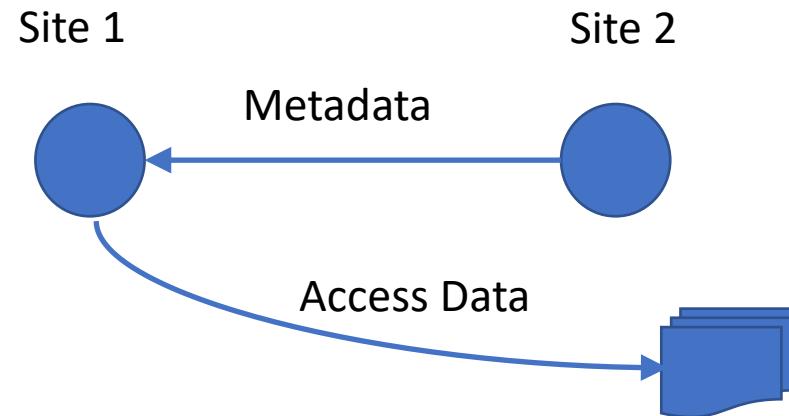
# The FAIR Guiding Principles: Key Elements

- The importance of **global persistent identifiers**
- **Metadata** is essential
- Use of open, free, **standard protocols**
- **Authentication & authorization** and clear licenses, when needed

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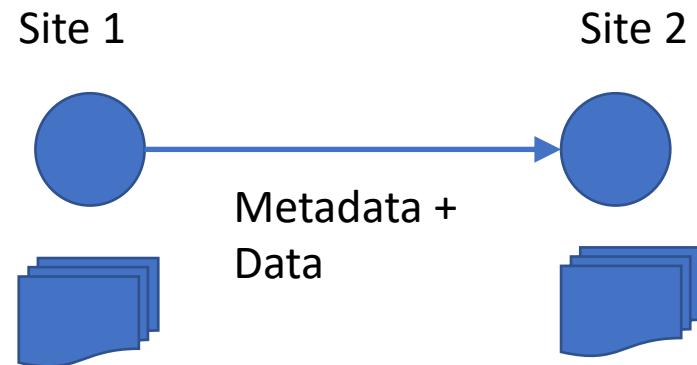
# Scenario 1: Metadata Harvesting

- Metadata is harvested from one data site to another
- Data are accessed in the original remote site



# Scenario 2: Metadata + Data are copied

- Metadata and data are copied from one data site to another
- Data are accessed locally



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# The **Dataverse®** Project

Open source research data repository software



# A software, a community, many repositories

## The Dataverse Software

<http://dataverse.org>

- Developed since **2006** at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science
- **89** contributors, most external to Harvard
- > **1000** pull requests in GitHub
- **12** releases a year
- **43** installations around the world

## The Harvard Dataverse Repository

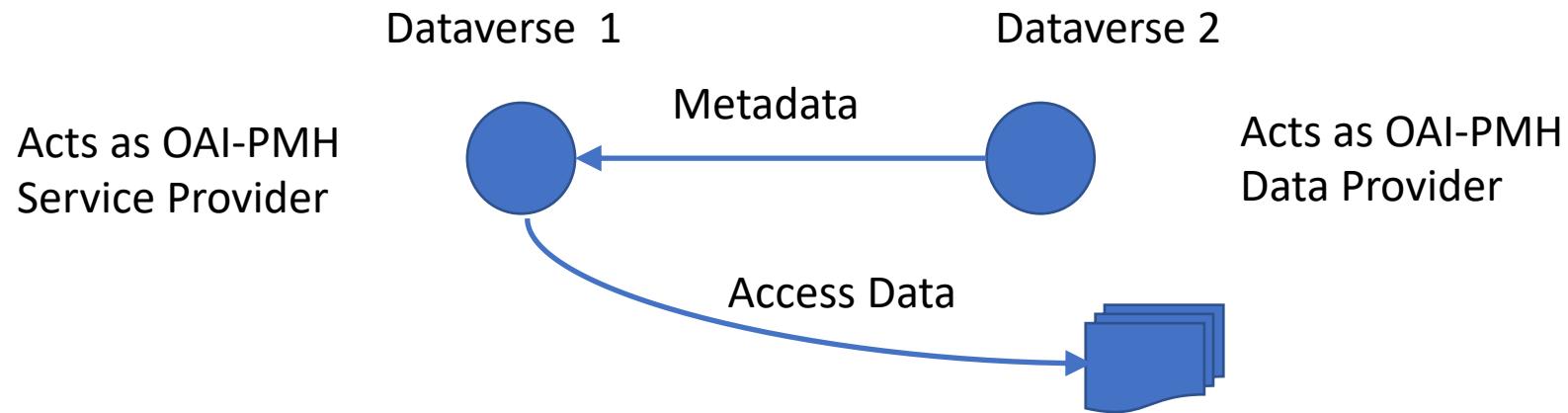
<http://dataverse.harvard.edu>

- Open to all researchers, all disciplines
- **30,000** datasets deposited
- + **50,000** datasets harvested from other Repositories
- **250** new datasets added per month
- **7 million** file downloads

# A Rich Set of Features, aligned with FAIR Principles

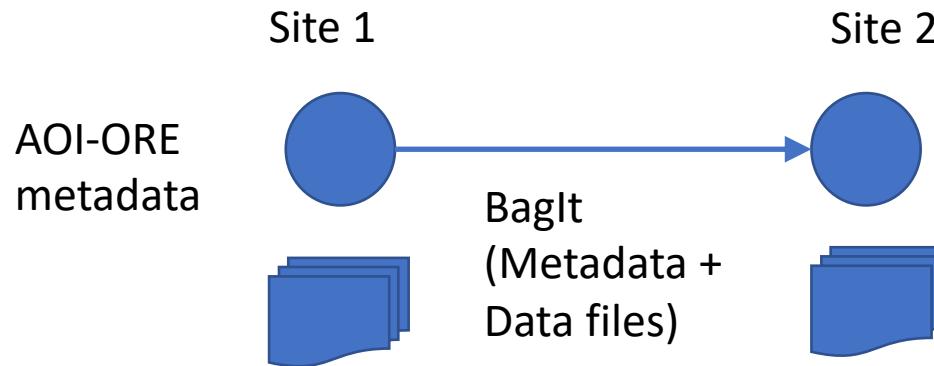
- Data citation with DOI: credit as an incentive to share data
- Metadata: find and reuse data
  - Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)
  - DataCite (+ OpenAire)
  - Dublin Core
  - Schema.org
- Versioning for dataset and files
- Tiered access to data: guestbook, terms of use and licenses, file restrictions
- APIs and Integration with data tools
- Customization and branding of your own dataverse (your collection of datasets)

# Metadata Harvesting in Dataverse



- Uses **Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH)**
- Exposes metadata standards in **XML format**:
  - Dublin Core, Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)
- Widely used for interoperability with other repositories (e.g., OpenAire)

# Copy Metadata + Data in Dataverse



- Uses **Open Archive Initiative Object Reuse and Exchange (OAI-ORE)**:
  - Standards for the description and exchange of aggregations of resources
- Describes all files in a dataset with rich metadata in **JSON-LD** (RDF based)
- Uses **BagIt** to package all files (each referenced using DOIs) + metadata in a dataset

Recently architected and developed by Jim Myers, Senior Developer, Qualitative Data Repository (QDR). DataOne also uses it.

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# DataTags Facilitate Sharing Sensitive Data Responsibly

Blue	Public			
Green	Public Accountable	Register		
Yellow	Restricted Not Sensitive	Approval Needed	Click-thru Data Use Agreement (DUA)	Encrypted transmit
Orange	Restricted Sensitive	Approval Needed	Signed DUA	Encrypted transmit Encrypted storage
Red	Restricted High Sensitive	Approval Needed	Signed DUA <b>Two-factor Auth</b>	Encrypted transmit Encrypted storage
Crimson	Restricted Max Sensitive	Approval Needed	Signed DUA Two-factor Auth	Encrypted transmit Multi-encrypted storage

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# Globus Transfer



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# ActivityPub

W3C Recommendation 23 January 2018



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“The ActivityPub protocol is a decentralized social networking protocol based upon the [[ActivityStreams](#)] 2.0 data format. It provides a client to server API for creating, updating and deleting content, as well as a federated server to server API for delivering notifications and content.”

# Use Case: SBGrid Data



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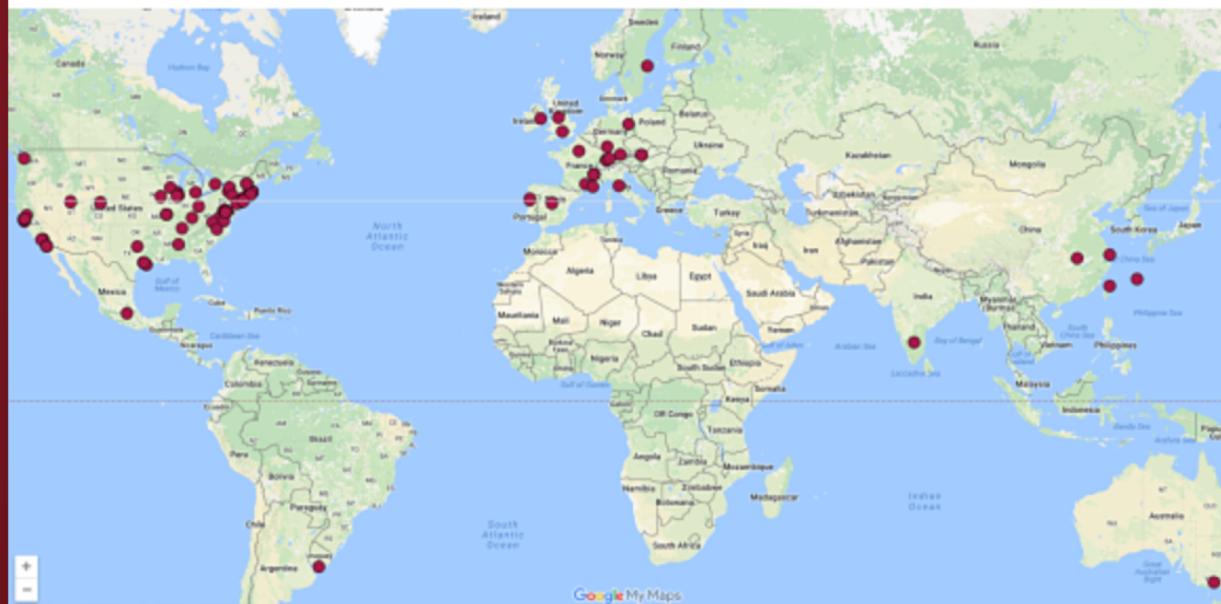
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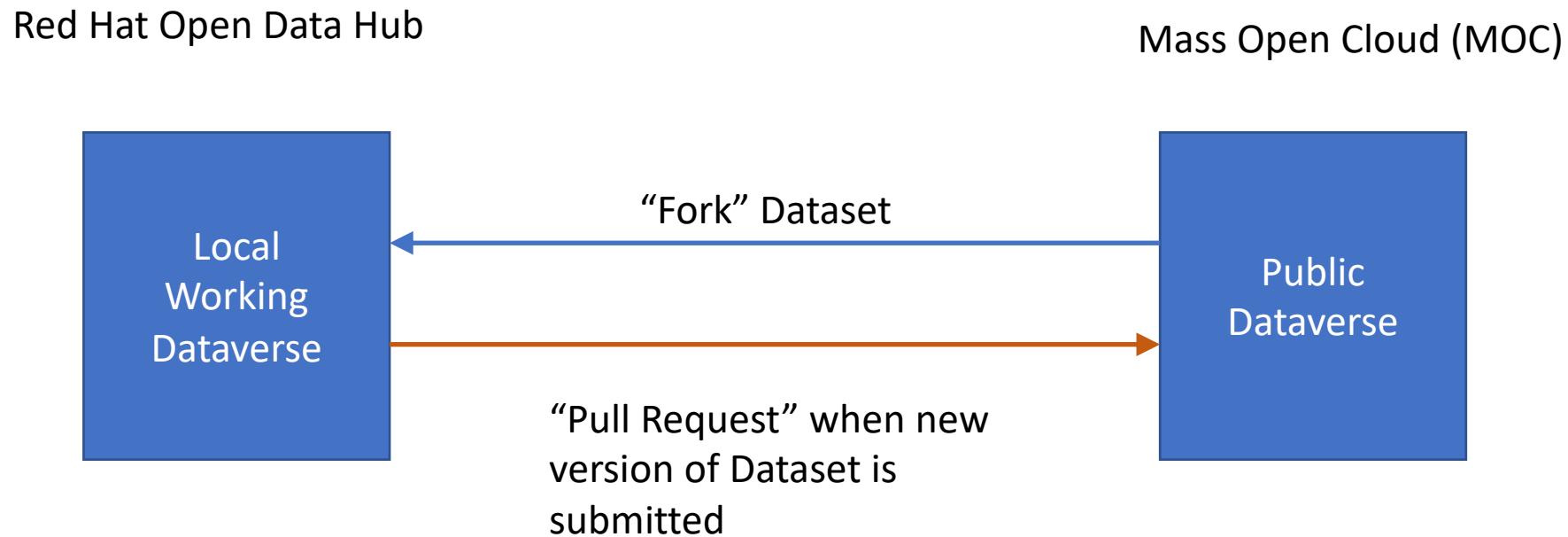
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# Use Case: Dataverse, MOC, Open Data Hub



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