# Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

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A **digital object identifier** (**DOI**) is a character string (a "digital identifier") used to uniquely identify an object such as an electronic document or data set.

The DOI references a metadata set yielding (among other information) its creation date and the URL of the object.

If the URL of the object is changed, the metadata has to be updated accordingly; the DOI persistently points to ist object.

DOI is specified in ISO 26324.

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DOI is *Digital Identifier* of an *Object* (not "Identifier of a Digital Object")

Object = any entity (thing: physical (e. g. publication), digital (e. g. data set), or abstract).

#### Formerly:

DOI concentrated on publications, now it covers any topic.

The International DOI Foundation (IDF) (operates and governs DOIs, <a href="http://www.doi.org/">http://www.doi.org/</a>) exists since 1998.

In 2013, more than 84 Million DOIs have been assigned so far.

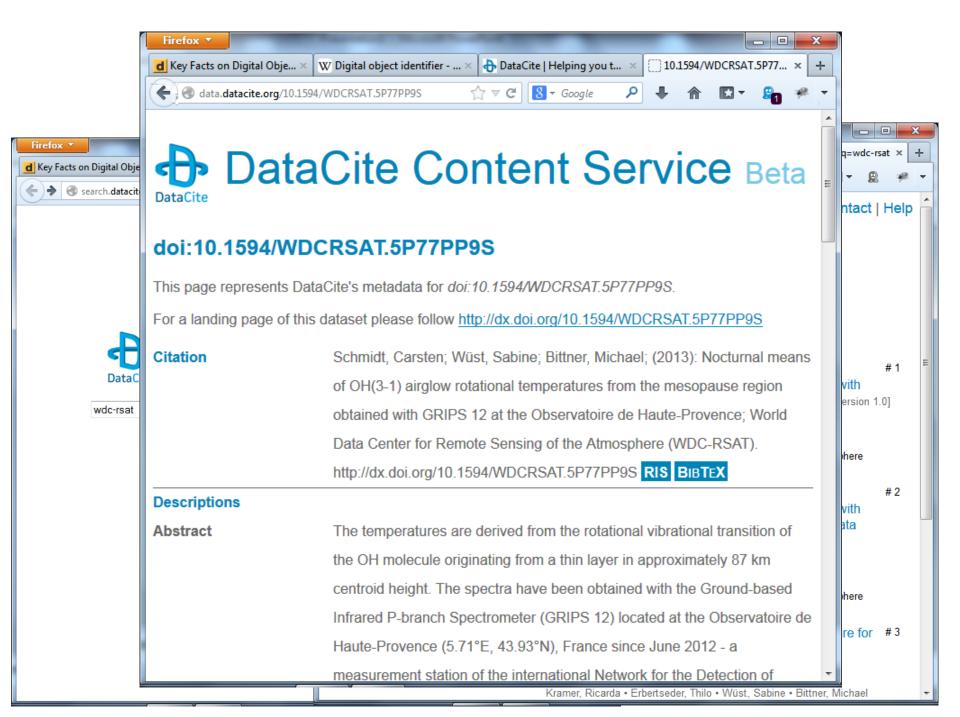
### Working with DOIs

DOIs are managed by the International DOI Foundation (IDF) (operating and governing organisation): <a href="http://www.doi.org/">http://www.doi.org/</a>

DOIs are obtained from DOI Registration Agencies.

In case of WDC-RSAT:

The DOI Registration Agency is "Technische Informationsbibliothek Hannover, Germany" (TIB).



## Working with DOI

DOI is *doi:10.1594/WDCRSAT.5P77PP9S*.

For a landing page of this dataset please follow

http://dx.doi.org/10.1594/WDCRSAT.5P77PP9S

ID of Registration Agency (TIB Hannover)

**WDC-Dataset ID** 

### Summary

- DOI registration is regulated by the Registration Agency. In our case (TIB Hannover), the registration of DOIs is free of charge.
- A specific dataset (observations + specific post-processing) becomes uniquely identifiable through DOI.
- A specific (e. g. post-processed) data set becomes a citable scientific publication when being identifiable through DOI. This helps supporting scientists who are strongly involved into dedicated aspects of a retrieval or data processing scheme and who did not manage to write a publication on this particular method.