

# Implementing FAIR practices and metrics in Physical Sciences research communities

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# RDA & FAIR

## April 2 2 PM

- WG - ● Exposing Data Management Plans: Situating Plans in the Data Management Action | Room: Congress A (Remote Access Available)

## April 3 10 AM

- IG - ☑ Research Data Needs of the Photon and Neutron Science Community: Approaches to FAIR Data Publishing within Large-Scale Analytic Facilities |

## April 3 12 Noon

- WG - ☑ FAIR Data Maturity Model: First Face-to-face Meeting | Room: Commonwealth D (Remote Access Available)

## April 3 2:30

- BOF - Harmonizing FAIR Descriptions of Observational Data | Room: Commonwealth A2 (Remote Access Available)
- IG - ☑ RDA-SHARC (SHaring Rewards & Credit): Evaluating FAIRness Practise - Need for Integrated Ecosystem of Assessment Linked to Crediting and Rewarding Mechanisms  
Room: Congress A (Remote Access Available)

## April 3 4:30 PM

- BOF - Using Schema.org and Enriched Metadata to Enable/Boost FAIRness on Research Resources | Room: Congress C (Remote Access Available)

## April 4 9:00 AM

- BOF - Assessing FAIR Data Policy Implementation in Health Research | Room: Commonwealth A1 (Remote Access Available)

## April 4 11:00 AM

- IG - ☑ RDA/WDS Certification of Digital Repositories: Build TRUST to be FAIR - Emerging Needs of Certification in Life Sciences, Geosciences and Humanities! Room: Commonwealth D (Remote Access Available)
- IG - ☑ Preservation Tools Techniques and Policies: Researcher's Tools for Attaining Knowledge Preservation | Room: Commonwealth C (Remote Access Available)



# Recent Workshops

## [MPS FAIR Hackathon](#)(Feb 27-28 2019) NSF Award No. 1839030

- Mix of ideas, demonstrations, and hands-on sessions
- Final Report in progress re FAIR in physical science disciplines with emphasis on gap analysis to accelerate further adoption, R&D, etc.
  - What about the FAIR principles is confusing and how can they be explicated?
  - This training was great, but I also need...
  - The tools presented here were ok, but I really need...



### Resources:

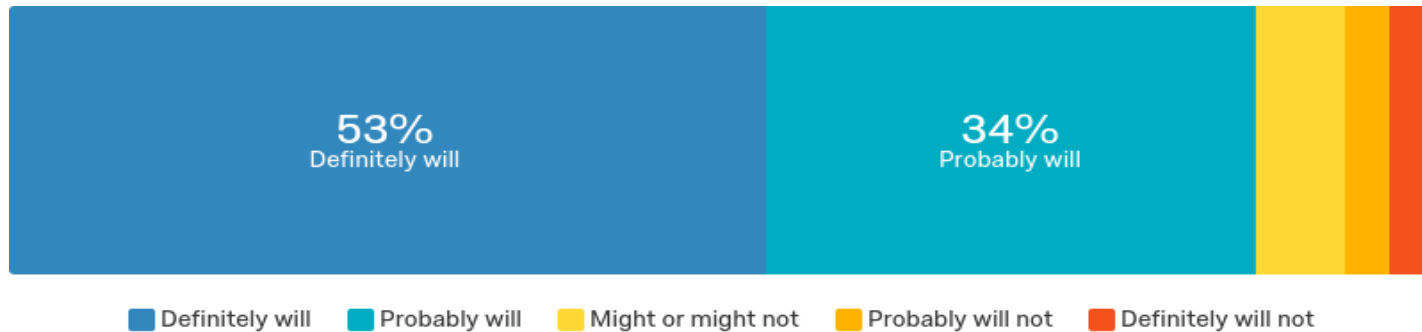
<https://mpsfair.crc.nd.edu/>  
<https://osf.io/km8db/>



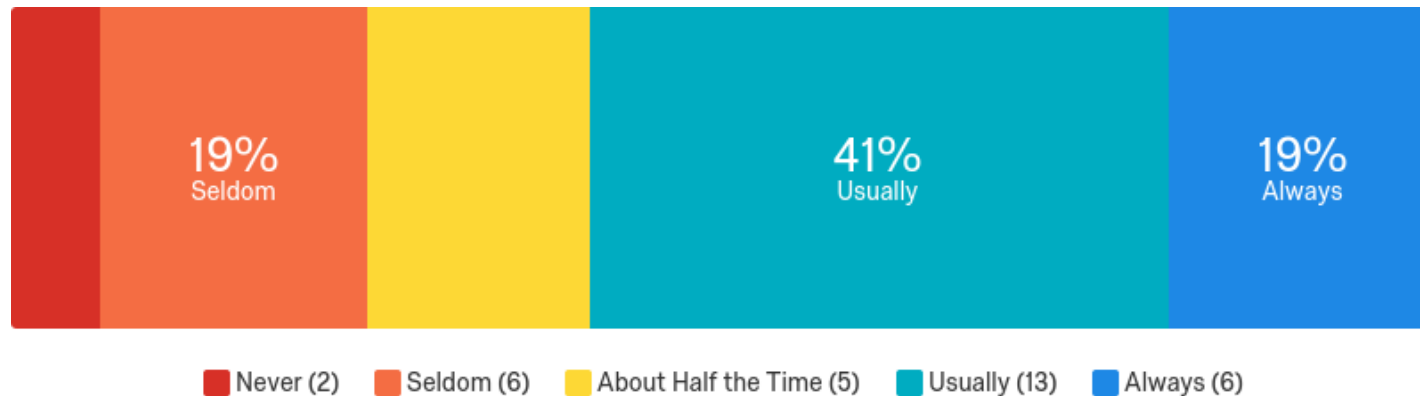
Does your Organization, Repository Provider, or disciplinary society currently offer FAIR-related training materials or training programs ?



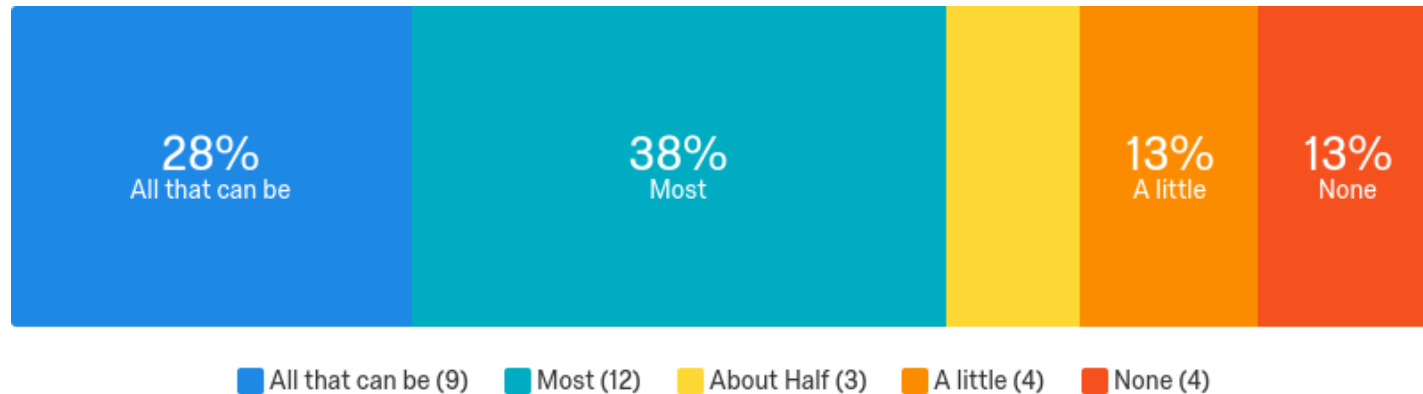
Do you anticipate publishing or sharing your own data or code over the next five years?



In the past, how often have you made your research data free to access, reuse, repurpose, and redistribute?



Is any of your data or code published or shared now on a repository or website?



# Gaps and Hoped for Solutions

- Need (more) Tools to make the FAIRifying more automated & easy to accomplish
- Schema specific metadata quality and disciplinary specific FAIRness indicators
- More training
  - FAIRifying RDM Training repositories of re-usable training materials: e.g. (Data Management training clearinghouse)
  - interest in ontology modeling
  - To effect cultural change, also need to provide training for funder reviewers & evaluators as well as publication reviewers / editors.
- Enhanced hooks/specs (scientific annotation tech & practice maturing)
- Collection level metrics
- Metrics that identify ways to improve FAIRness



# Community, Cost/Benefit, Sustainability

Important element of  
culture change is  
developing a  
"Community of  
Practice"  
-MPS Hackathon  
Group Notes

Should also include a  
cost / benefit analysis of  
FAIRifying data,  
particularly early in  
research / data lifecycle  
and workflow processes.

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administrational, economic and  
technological efforts to turn  
technology into an infrastructure  
accessible for all

Strawn & Wittenburg in *Common  
Patterns in Revolutionary  
Infrastructures and Data*

We need strategies for scaling and  
sustaining community practice.  
- FAIR PUBLISHING  
GUIDELINES FOR  
SPECTRAL DATA AND  
CHEMICAL STRUCTURES  
Workshop Desc

In the end, our research study, like most  
analyses, is just a drop in the huge bucket of  
information learned from the LHC. Its details  
should not obscure the larger question: ***how  
shall we, as a community, maintain  
the LHC data set so that it can  
continue to provide information  
across the decades?***

[@MattStrassler](https://twitter.com/MattStrassler)



# FAIR Metrics

Researchers' concern for being quantified in "yet another oversimplistic but reportable way" for tenure & promotion or for documenting comparative departmental "success"

Understanding/implementing FAIR reporting or metrics along an aspirational continuum could be problematic and fraught with tension for repositories who manage heterogeneous data sets and expose "FAIRness" scores



# George Strawn and Futures . . .

The Internet changed how science and society function; FAIR Data may bring on a science revolution of the same magnitude as the science revolution of the 17th century (by enabling reuse of all science outputs —not just articles)

George Strawn, MPS FAIR Hackathon Address

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