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# Research Data Management

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# Objectives

1. What is data management?
2. Why is data management important?
3. How does one put data management into practice?



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**What is data  
management?**

# Types of research data

- Primary vs. secondary
- Observational
- Experimental
- Simulation
- Derived/Compiled

**What do you work  
with?**

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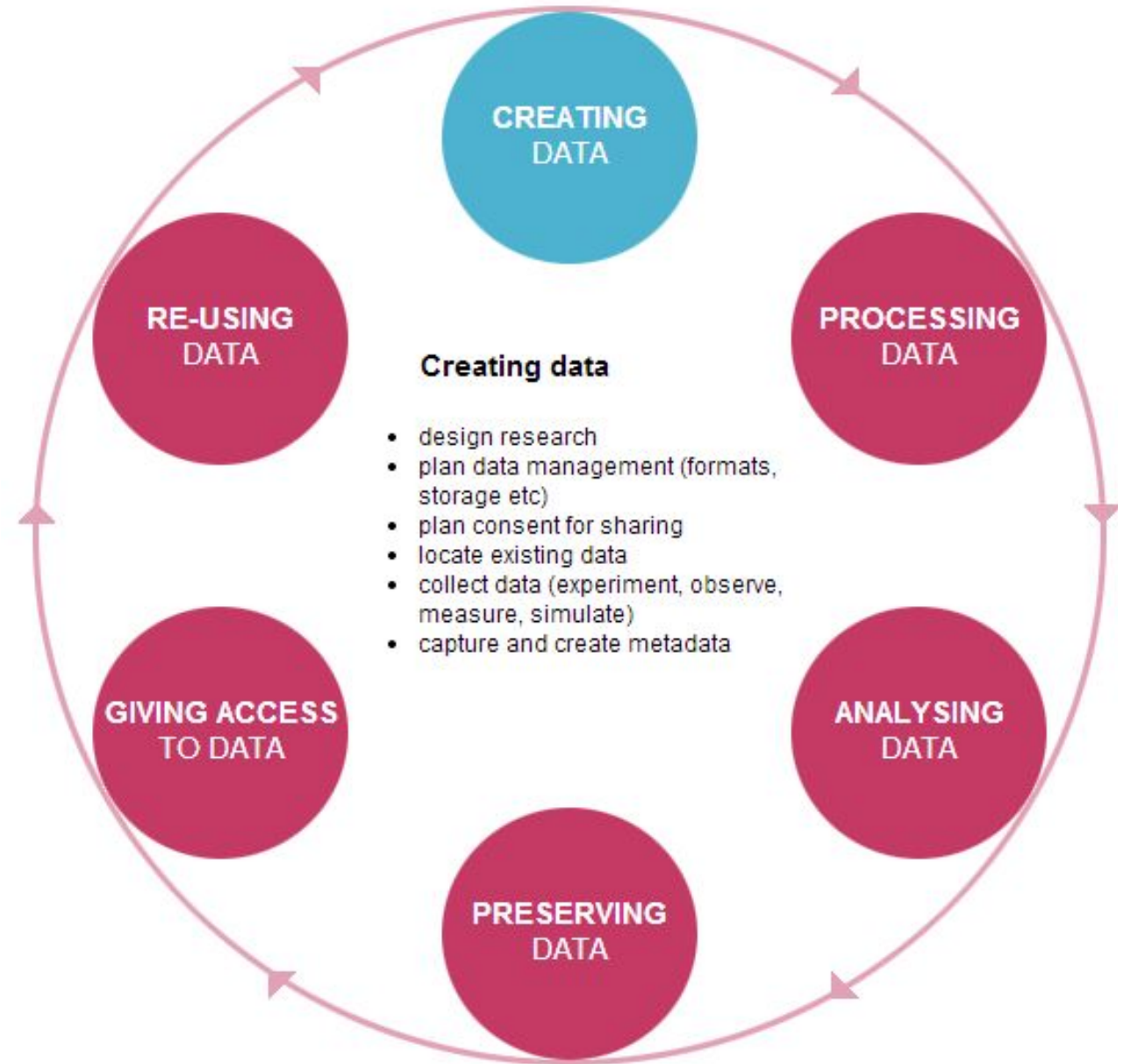
# Research data includes...

- Text or Word documents
  - Laboratory notebooks, field notebooks, diaries
  - Questionnaires, transcripts, codebooks
  - Audiotapes, videotapes
  - Digital objects
  - Data files and spreadsheets
  - Application input, output, and log files for analysis or simulation software
  - Methodologies and workflows
  - Standard operating procedures and protocols
  - Quality assurance/control records
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Research data management is the practice of ensuring the **integrity** of data through careful consideration of:

- Ownership
- Collection
- Storage
- Sharing

(Steneck 2007, 87)



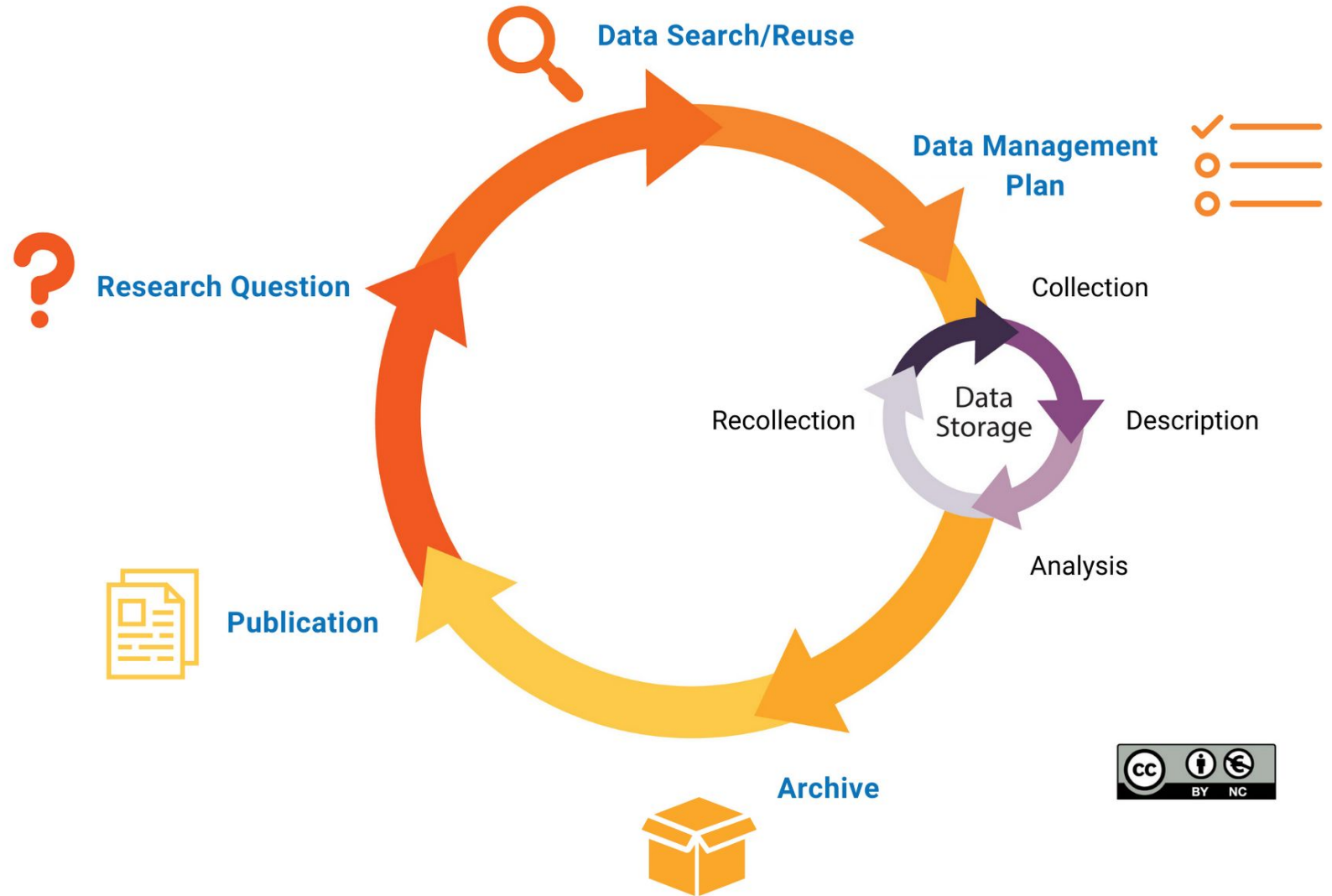
# The Research Data Management Lifecycle

What do you do with  
your data at each of  
these steps?

What is missing?

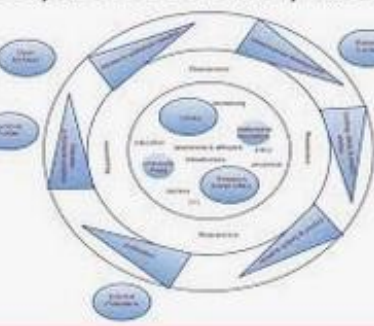
What is extra?

What do you want to  
“shore up”?





# Research Cycle of Scholarly Research



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Print Version of the Data Model for Research  
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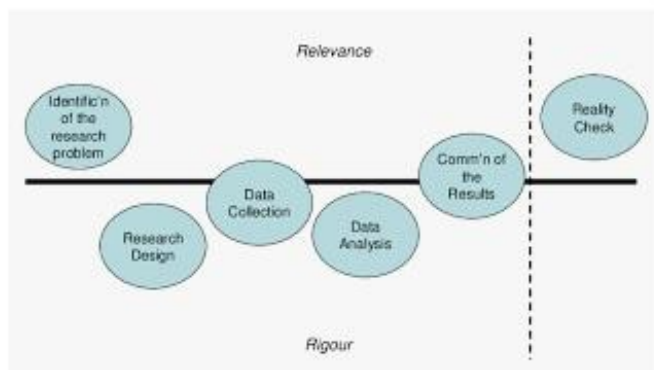
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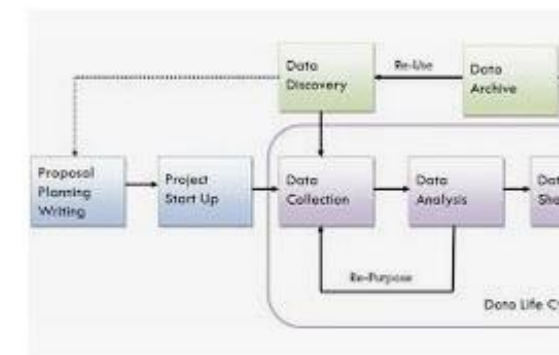
Research data life cycle - NU ...



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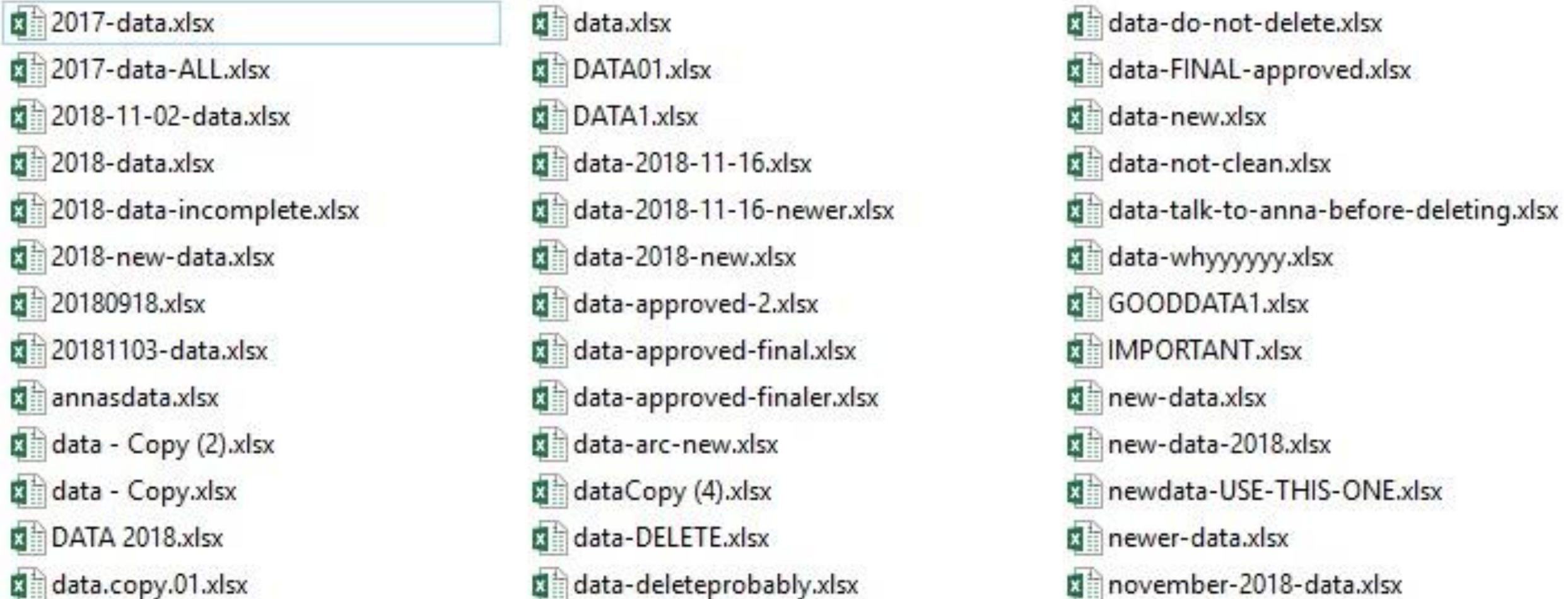


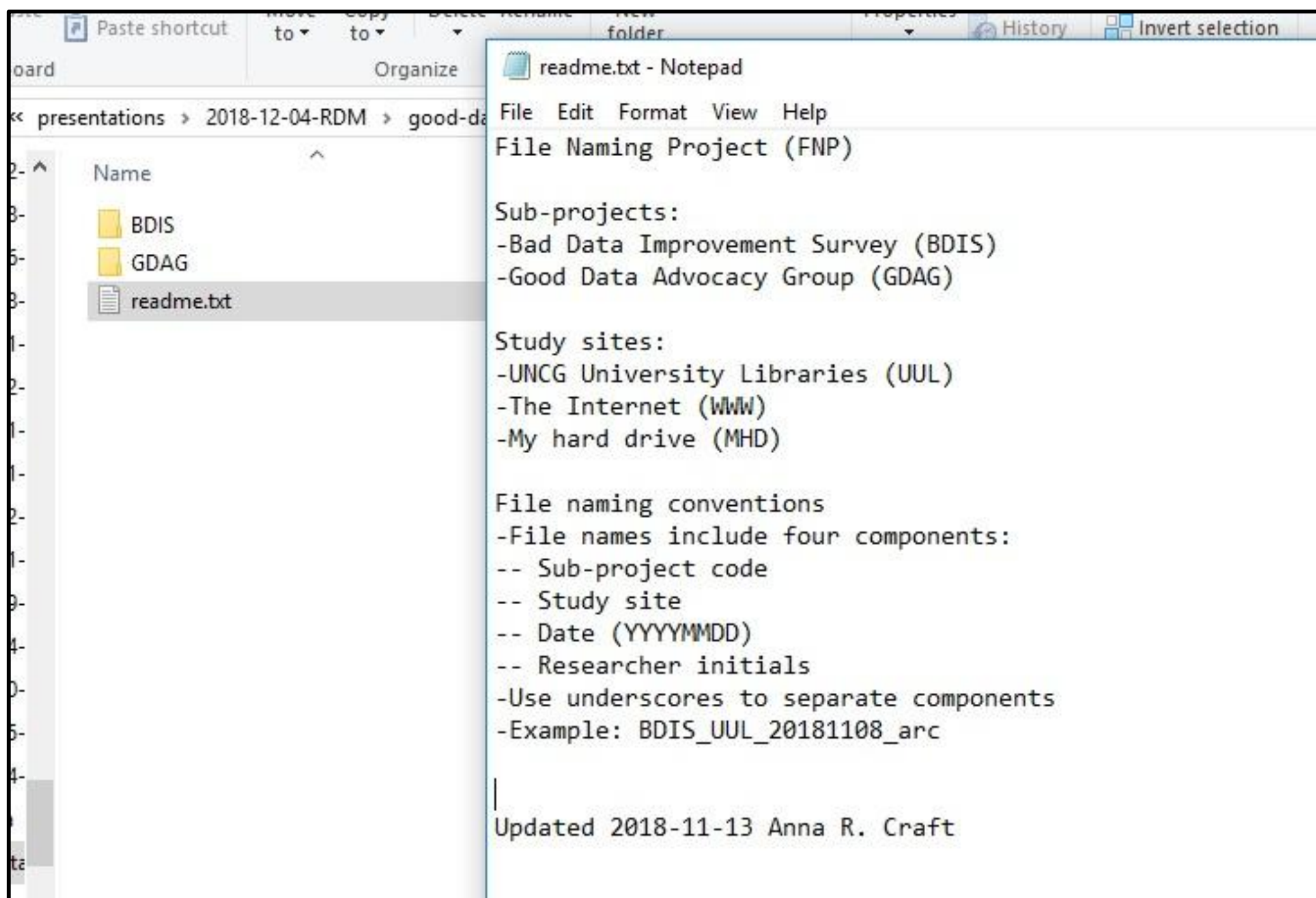
Steps in the Data Life Cycle ...



**Why is data management  
important?**

# Which file do you need:

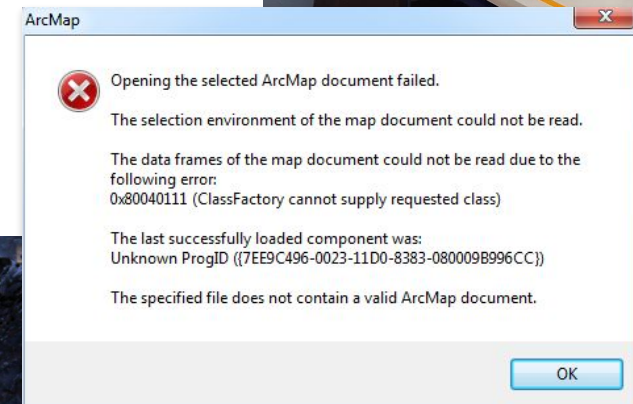
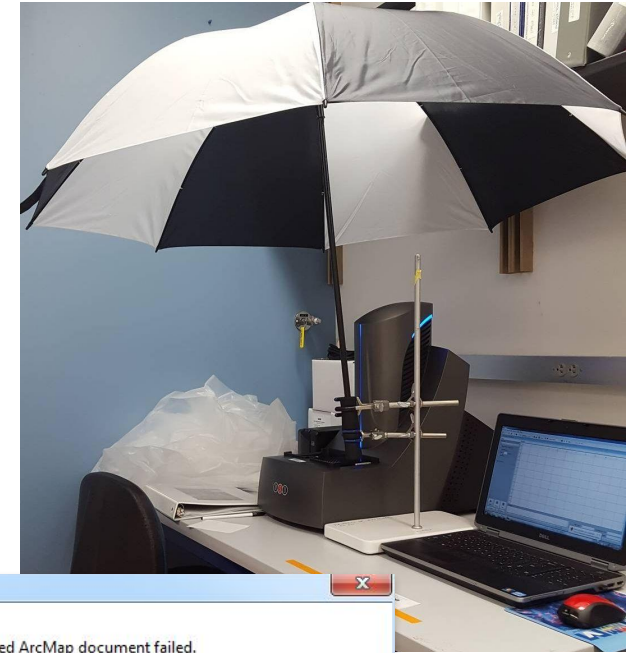




# Data management...

## Prevents data loss through:

- Loss of staffing competencies
- Loss of institutional commitment
- Changes in user expectations
- Natural disasters
- Storage failure
- Format obsolescence
- Human error
- Malicious attack



# Data management...

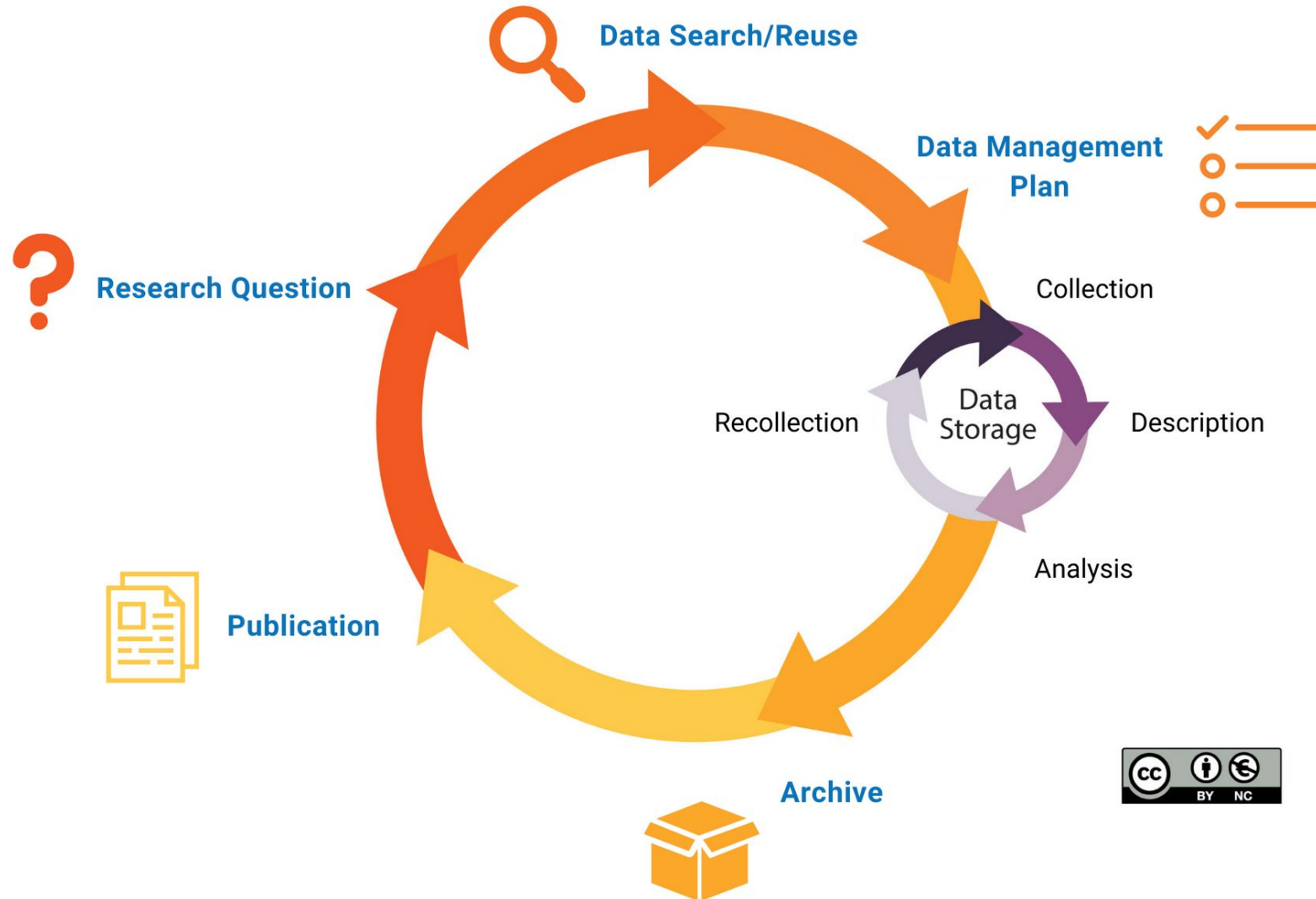
## **Facilitates publication, sharing, and preservation, which:**

- Increases the impact and visibility of research
- Promotes innovation and potential new data uses
- Leads to new collaborations between data users and creators
- Maximizes transparency and accountability
- Encourages improvement and validation of research methods
- Reduces cost of duplicating or re-collecting data
- Provides important resources for education and training



**How do I “do” data  
management?**

# The Research Data Management Lifecycle



Adapted from the Research Data Management Lifecycle (diagram), Data Management LibGuide, University of California, Santa Cruz, viewed 26th July 2019 <http://guides.library.ucsc.edu/datamanagement>

# Data management plan (DMP)

- Formal, written document
- Outlines what you will do with your data during and after research
- Helps to ensure your data are secure and available for immediate use and future re-use
- Required by most funding agencies before or after research



# Components of a DMP

- Information about all data and data formats (“Data Inventory”)
- Metadata content and format
- Policies for access, sharing, and re-use
- Long-term preservation or archiving
- Budget considerations

# Data Inventory

- Description of data to be produced
- How will data be acquired?
- How will data be processed?
- What are the file formats?
- How do you ensure quality assurance and control during collection?
- What existing data will you use?
- How will data be managed in the short term?



# Metadata content and format

- What metadata are needed to make your data understandable in the long-term?
- How will the metadata be created?
- What format or standards will be used for the metadata?

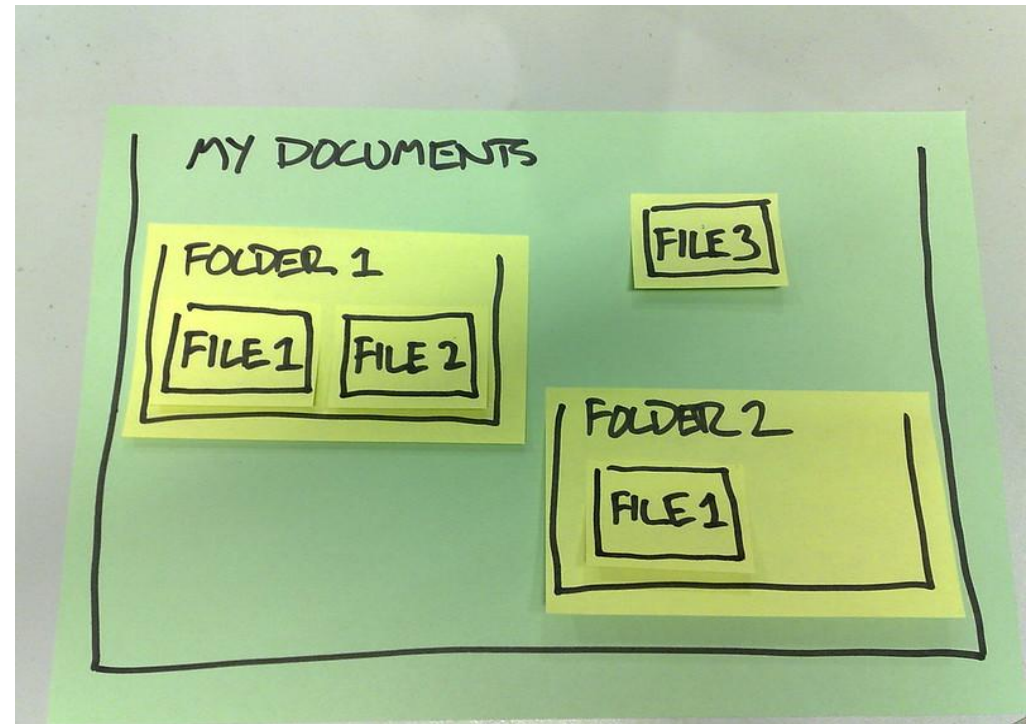


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# Policies for access, sharing, and re-use

- How will the data be shared?
- Are there ethical or privacy issues with sharing the data?
- Are there existing or potential intellectual property & copyright issues?
- What are potential future uses for the data?
- Who will be able to access and use the data?
- Will users need to submit a use agreement?
- What is a preferred citation for the data?

# Long-term preservation or archiving

- What data will be preserved for the long term?
- How long will the data need to be kept and made available?
- What data formats (& transformations) are needed to archive?
- Who will be responsible for archiving & maintaining the data?



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# Budget considerations

- What are the anticipated costs for short-term storage, maintenance, and long term archiving?
- Will you need to pay for training, equipment, and/or staff?
- Will you need to pay for data preparation or cleaning?
- Who will pay for those costs?



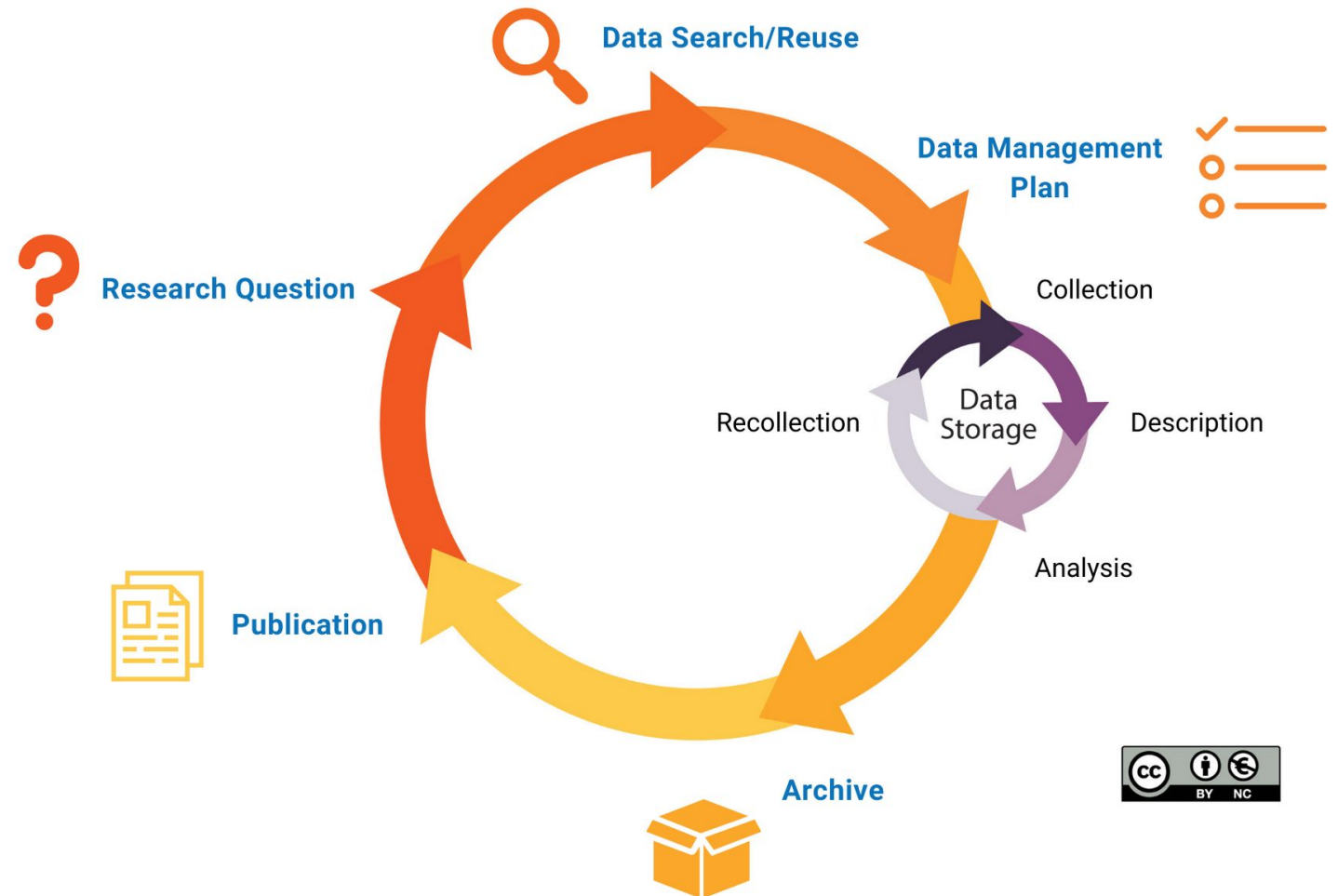
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What would a DMP help you with the most?

What do you want to “shore up”?

## The Research Data Management Lifecycle



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# DMP requirements

Funding Agency	Types of Data	Contextual Details/Metadata	Storage, Backup and Security	Provisions for Protection/Privacy	Policies for Re-Use	Policies for Access and Sharing	Plans for Archiving and Preservation of Access
NSF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">NIH</a>		Partial		X	X	X	
<a href="#">CDC</a>		Partial		X		X	
NEH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">IMLS</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

# DMP (and RDM) best practices

- Think in terms of the lifecycle of your data.
- Check the UNCG RDM guide or other guides.
- Ask for help!
- Use DMPTool (<https://dmptool.org>).

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## Data Services: Research Data Management: Home

Guide to assist with the research data management process

[Home](#) [Why Data Management?](#) [Creating a data management plan](#) [Data storage](#) [Sharing & archiving your data](#) [Finding Data](#)

### Tool of the Week

- [Research Data Management Toolkit](#)  
Have you ever felt lost when looking for material on Research Data Management? This toolkit aims to support you by signposting resources from a wide range of websites and organisations, sorted by topic and audience. UK focused but some helpful general guidance.
- [Periodic Table of Digital Research Resources](#)  
Looking for tools to support your research? Try the periodic table to find suggestions.

### UNCG Contacts

- [Office of Sponsored Programs](#)  
Contact for assistance with the submission of proposals to the major grant funding agencies. The office will provide assistance writing a DMP based on your funding agency's requirements.
- [Information Technology Services](#)  
Contact for assistance with data storage through UNCG's network or the cloud storage solution, Box.
- [School of Health and Human Sciences](#)  
For HHS faculty only. Contact for assistance in pre-award proposal development, including DMPs.
- [School of Nursing](#)  
For Nursing faculty only. Provides assistance in pre-award grant applications.
- [Library/Faculty Digital Initiatives Partnerships](#)  
Have a larger digital project in mind? Digital Initiatives might be just the place for you!
- [Library Liaisons](#)  
Your library liaison can provide general guidance on data management specific to your field.
- [Research Computing Services at UNCG](#)

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### Welcome to the Research Data Management Guide!

Data management is the process of managing your data before, during, and after a research project. The effective management of your data ensures that your research is secure, promotes the reuse of your data by other researchers, and assures compliance with federal guidelines.

Research data can be produced through any systematic collection of information for the purpose of analysis. We tend to think of numeric data, but research data can take many different forms, including images, video, sound files, or textual data.


This guide lists resources available at UNCG for managing your data. If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact [Jo Klein, GIS & Data Visualization Librarian](mailto:ejklein@uncg.edu) ([ejklein@uncg.edu](mailto:ejklein@uncg.edu)). You can also [make an appointment for a consultation](#).

- [Top Resources Handout](#)

Have research data questions? Check out [DataQ](#), a platform for asking questions related to research data management.

For information about acquiring data sets for secondary data analysis, please see the [Data Services: Finding Data guide](#).


### RDM Presentation



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# Guides and resources: RDM

- [Best practices for file naming | Stanford Libraries](#)
- [Data Management for Researchers](#) (ebook)
- [Further Reading on Data Management Issues | ICPSR](#)
- [Managing Scientific Information and Research Data \(ch. 8 & 9\)](#) (ebook)
- [NNLM RD3: Resources for Data-Driven Discovery](#)
- [ORI Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research](#) (report)
- [Research Data | University of Michigan](#)
- [Research Data Management | UNCG](#)
- [Research Data Management Toolkit | Jisc](#)
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