

# **FAIR-BioRS: Actionable Guidelines for Making Biomedical Research Software FAIR**

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# What Are Research Software?

Any software created during the research process  
or for a research purpose



**Newsflash:** It is important to make research software reusable!

# How to Make Research Software Reusable??

**FAIR** (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) Principles



FAIR Data Principles  
(2016)



FAIR Principles for Research  
Software a.k.a. FAIR4RS  
Principles (2022)

# Challenges

The FAIR4RS principles do **not provide actionable instructions**

Principle F1: Software is assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier



What identifier? How to get one?

# Our Solution

## FAIR Biomedical Research Software (FAIR-BioRS) Guidelines

Minimal, actionable guidelines for complying  
with each of the FAIR4RS principles



Literature  
review



Our  
assessment



External  
feedback

# FAIR-BioRS Guidelines



Full guidelines: [github.com/fair-biors](https://github.com/fair-biors)



Each step of the guidelines include clear instructions, specific suggestions, and links to supporting resources



A crosswalk is available between FAIR4RS and FAIR-BioRS

# What's Up With These Guidelines?



Community  
outreach

Conferences, presentations,  
etc.



Peer-reviewed  
publication

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Official NIH  
guidelines?

Include FAIR-BioRS guidelines  
in the NIH best practices for  
sharing research software

# Cool, what's next?

We need community support!

Let's make biomedical research software FAIR together



Like the guidelines?  
Use them!



Don't like the guidelines?  
Help improve them!



[github.com/fair-biors](https://github.com/fair-biors)



# Thank you!



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all resources here

