

Open Science Framework (OSF)

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Session Overview

- Introduce OSF and its role in research as a storage, collaboration, and sharing platform
- Present all project files, folders, and how the workflow will work for this course
- Discuss concepts of version control and how OSF will be used throughout this course
- Fill in sections of DMP with DMP Assistant

What is OSF?

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- An online data storage platform that supports good RDM practices and facilitates collaboration, transparency, and reproducibility in research.
- Does this by provisioning descriptive metadata, version control, access restrictions, persistent identifiers, and regional cloud storage options.
- Has built-in connections to various other research platforms to act as a centralized hub for research projects.

Getting Started

- You will hopefully have already set up an account with OSF, but if not, follow instructions on session webpage.
- For this course there is a template set up for you to fork (copy), which can be found on the session webpage: insert link

Why Use OSF?



Version Control

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- A system to keep track of your files as they undergo transitions throughout collection, analysis, reporting, and storage.
- The goal of version control is to provide a light audit trail to be able to discern:
 - What changed
 - When it changed
 - How it changed
 - Who changed it

Types of Version Control

- Manual version control
 - Accomplished using file naming conventions
 - Most common systems include:
 - Adding a version after a file name (ie. _v01, _v02, etc.)
 - Adding editor initials after a file name (ie. _NR, ie. _BN)
 - We will be covering file naming conventions more in the next block stay tuned!

Types of Version Control

Automated version control

- Computing applications that employ metadata to capture similar information to that of manual naming systems
- Some systems can be quite complex and don't lend themselves well to every type of project/workflow
- For this course, well be using the automated version control system in OSF

Getting Started

- The steps that we'll be covering in this session include:
 - General introduction
 - Setting storage preferences
 - Forking the project template
 - Naming your project
 - Adding a description
 - Adding collaborators
 - Working with the wiki
 - Reviewing file organization
 - Downloading files
 - Uploading/version controlling files

Let's Go!



Screenshots to demo OSF

Live demo that is subject to issues

Questions?

