Code Resources Project - Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Code Resources Project?

Each year the question from students of "can I see past papers or code?" often arises. However, at present, no satisfactory answer to this question exists. To overcome this gap, the Code Resources Project aims to build a clear avenue where students and alumni and share their working code, coding best practices, the code from their thesis, or prior answers to formatives. This will take form of a GitHub repository whereby all on-course students are able to learn from those who came before them

How do I benefit from partaking?

You may benefit in one of two ways. If you are an on-course student you will gain access to a rich archive of papers and code which has been submitted which may provide clarity on what is potentially expected from you. If you are an alum, you will be able to give back to the OII community and support the learning of current student, an often-rewarding experience.

How do I indicate I want to join the Code Resources project?

To partake in the Code Resource Project please complete this form. By completing the form you consent to the collection and storage of your data, and that you have read the MoU and this FAQ. Your personal data will be stored on Nexus365 and deleted after 5 years or if requested earlier.

Is there a naming convention for when I submit my documents?

Yes. Please use the following naming convention which is (Year of Study, Name of Programme, Name of Course). For example (2020-21, MSc in Social Data Science, Fundamentals of Social Data Science in Python)

Should I include my name on my documents?

Ideally, yes. This will not only provide you with recognition that the work is yours, but also later down the line it will make identifying your work, either to update or delete it, easier. However, you may also remove all reference to your own name if you want to remain anonymous. We need to stress however that is it very important you **remove all references to your student number**.

Can I opt-out?

Yes. Should you decide later down the line that you want to remove your documents from the GitHub repository please email coderesources@oii.ox.ac.uk. When doing so, please provide information surrounding the details of your documents so we can quickly identify them.

How long will my data be kept?

Up to 5 years. In line with data retention laws, we believe that 5 years is a reasonable length of time to store your data. This will allow students on-course to view enough material to gather a

good understanding of the type of work that has come before them, but also short enough that, for example, outdated languages or packages are removed from the archive. In the event you want your data to be removed before less 5 years has lapsed, please email the Code Resources Team.

Are there any IP risks involved with partaking?
Maybe. Given the vast number of licenses that are available we recognise that you may prefer a copy-left (e.g. GPL) or permissive (e.g. MIT) licence, or anything in-between. As such, it is your responsibility to choose a licence which you prefer and clearly state under which licence your work falls under on your documents. If you need guidance on choosing an appropriate licence, please visit https://choosealicense.com/ or alternatively email coderesources@oii.ox.ac.uk.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?
Please contact coderesources@oii.ox.ac.uk with any questions.