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# Writing Good Data Management Plans

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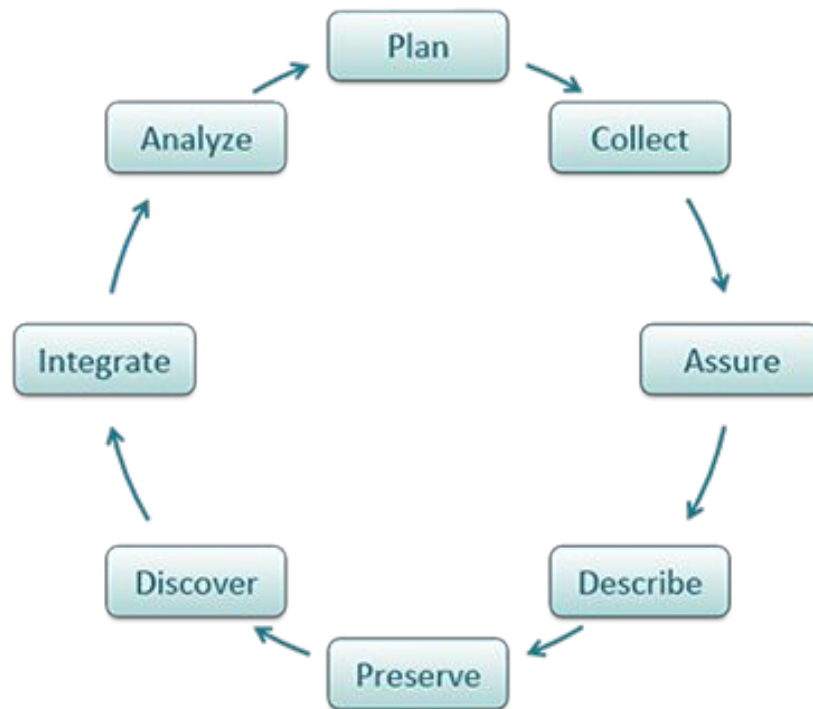
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# The Data Life Cycle





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# Why Plan?



Efficiency



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Engagement



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Stay Organized



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Funder Requirement



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Share data





# What's in a Data Management Plan?

- Study design
- Data (including format)
- Metadata
- Policies for access, sharing & reuse
- Long-term storage & data management
- Budget



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# 10 Simple Rules for Writing a Good DMP



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## Ten Simple Rules for Creating a Good Data Management Plan

William K. Michener

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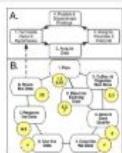
Rule 1: Determine the Research Sponsor Requirements

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Rule 3: Define How the Data Will Be Organized

Rule 4: Explain How the

### Figures



Included in the  
Following Collections

Ten Simple Rules  
Open Data



# 10 Simple Rules for Writing a Good DMP

1. Determine the research sponsor requirements
2. Identify the data to be collected
3. Define how the data will be organized
4. Explain how the data will be documented
5. Describe how quality data will be assured
6. Present a sound storage & preservation strategy
7. Define the project's data policies
8. Describe how the data will be disseminated
9. Assign roles & responsibilities
10. Prepare a realistic budget





# Determine the research sponsor requirements



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# Identify the data to be collected: types; sources; volume; and data and file formats



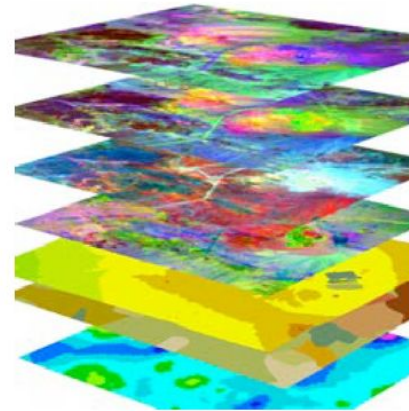
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# Define how the data will be organized



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# Explain how the data will be documented

- Dublin Core, ISO 19115, EML
- Morpho, metavist, readme.txt
- Electronic notebooks

**Data & Metadata (EML)**

**Jupyter nbviewer**

**Covariance function**  
The behavior of individual realizations from the GP is governed by the covariance function. The Matern class of functions is a flexible choice.

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In [34]: from pygp.gp_funcs import matern
import numpy as np
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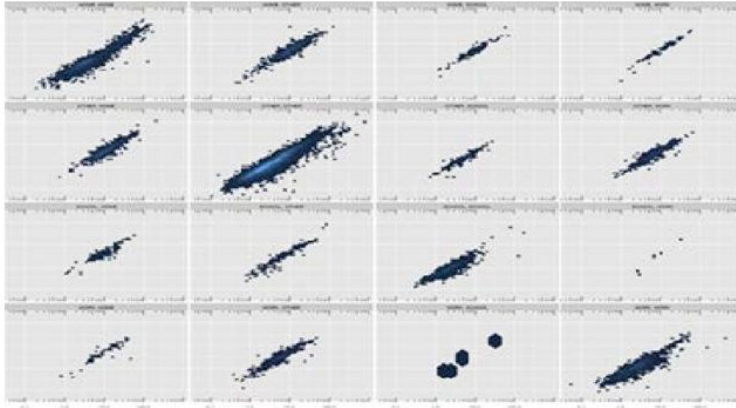
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plot(x, C(x,0).view(ndarray), 'k-')
label('C(x,0)')
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# Describe how data quality will be assured

- Training activities, instrument calibration & verification tests, double-blind data entry, statistical and visualization approaches to error detection





# Present a sound data storage & preservation strategy

- How long will the data be accessible?
- How will data be stored & protected during the project?
- How will data be preserved & made available for future use?



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REGISTRY OF RESEARCH DATA REPOSITORIES

**GitHub**





# Define the project's data policies

- Licensing and data sharing arrangements
- Human subject and other sensitive data





# Describe how the data will be disseminated

- Active, robust and preferred approaches
  - Publishing data in open repository or archive
  - Submitting the data as appendices or supplements to journal articles
  - Publishing the data, metadata, and relevant code as a “data paper”



# GitHub





# Assign roles and responsibilities

- Roles may include
  - Data collection, data entry, QA/QC, metadata creation and management, backup data preparation and submission to an archive, system administration





# Prepare a realistic budget

- Review your plan and make sure that there are lines in the budget to support the people that manage the data as well as pay for the requisite hardware & software





# Find Research Funder Requirements

- NSF
  - NSF 14-1, Grantee Standards, Section j  
([https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/gpg\\_2.jsp#IIC2j](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/gpg_2.jsp#IIC2j))
- NSF GEO
  - Directorate for Geosciences - Data Policies  
(<https://www.nsf.gov/geo/geo-data-policies/>)
- NSF Polar Programs
  - NSF 16-055 Dear Colleague Letter  
(<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16055/nsf16055.jsp>)
- Check your funder for specific requirements



# NSF Division of Polar Programs

- NSF requires submission to the Arctic Data Center within 2 years
  - AON program requires submission within 6 months
- Need to document your data well enough for reuse
- There are exceptions for sensitive data
  - Social sciences, endangered species



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  - *Plans for archiving data, samples, research products and for preservation of access*



# DMP Tools & Resources Online



**DMPTool**

<https://dmptool.org/>



<https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/>



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Create data management plans that meet institutional and funder requirements.

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### DMPTool by the Numbers



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- NIH-GDS: Genomic Data Sharing
- NIH-GEN: Generic
- NEH-ODH: Office of Digital Humanities

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## Hands-On: Create a DMP

- ❖ Login or create a DMPTool account (<https://dmptool.org/>)
- ❖ Draft your own Data Management Plan



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NSF example answer

\_\_\_\_\_ data will be collected in \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are handwritten lab notebooks, Microsoft Excel files, CSV files, R scripts, etc. Make sure to specify the collection format for each type of data detailed in your description of data.)

All data will be transferred into the following formats for processing and storage: \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are CSV files, NetCDF files, etc.)

Metadata will be collected in \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are handwritten lab notebooks, Microsoft Word files, etc.)

All metadata will be transformed from text into EML files by the Arctic Data Center online submission tool when submitting to the Arctic Data Center.

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**Guidance**

**Arctic Data Center Data Format**

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What format(s) will data and metadata be collected, processed, and stored in?

**Note:** if you plan to submit data to the Arctic Data Center please refer to the guidance in the panel on the right.

**B** *I*

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## – Roles and responsibilities (0 / 1)

1. What parties and individuals will be involved with data management in this project?
2. What will be the roles and responsibilities of each party and or individual with respect to management of the data
3. Who will be the lead or primary person responsible for ultimately ensuring compliance with the Data Management Plan?

**Note:** if you plan to submit data to the Arctic Data Center please refer to the guidance in the panel on the right.

**B** *I*    

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### NSF example answer

The following organizations and individuals will be involved with data management in this project:

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be responsible for \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are collecting data, maintaining data storage and backup systems, interfacing with data repository personnel, etc. Make sure to specify the responsibilities for each organization/individual detailed above.)

The NSF Arctic Data Center will provide data archival, preservation, access and metadata authoring services for the project.

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### Guidance

Arctic Data Center Identification Policy:  
The Arctic Data Center utilizes ORCID<sup>s</sup> (<https://orcid.org/>) to identify individuals associated with each dataset. An ORCID will be required for the primary contact of each dataset. ORCID<sup>s</sup> are not required for all associated parties but are encouraged so that proper identification and attribution can be given. Please plan on creating (when necessary) and recording ORCID<sup>s</sup> for each individual involved with your project before submitting to the Arctic Data Center.

Will any of the data and/or related materials produced need provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements? If so describe them and detail any requested exceptions from the archiving requirements set for Arctic Sciences research.

**B** *I*

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NSF example answer

\_\_\_\_\_ data are expected to need provisions for \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements. Make sure to specify all the types of data that are expected to need provisions.)

\_\_\_\_\_ data are expected to need provisions due to \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are ethical restrictions, release of indigenous knowledge, etc. Make sure to specify explanations for all expected provisions detailed above.)

Because of these expected provisions, it is expected that \_\_\_\_\_ data will need to be exempted from the archiving requirements set for Arctic Sciences research.

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- NSF Office of Polar Programs Guidelines
- Arctic Data Center Guidelines on who must submit

How do you anticipate the data for this project will be used? Consider the following:

1. Which bodies/groups are likely to be interested in the data?
2. What and who are the intended or foreseeable uses/users of the data?

**B** *I*

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NSF example answer

\_\_\_\_\_ data are expected to be used by \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are academic researchers, government agencies, non-profit organizations, etc. Make sure to specify usage expectations for each type of data detailed in your description of data.)

Other groups that may be interested in \_\_\_\_\_ data are \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples are academic researchers, government agencies, non-profit organizations, etc. Make sure to specify interest expectations for each type of data detailed in your description of data.)

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Will any permission restrictions need to be placed on the data? Consider the following:

What is the long-term strategy for maintaining, curating, and archiving the data?

**Note:** The Office of Polar Programs policy requires that metadata files, full data sets, and derived data products be deposited in a long-lived and publicly accessible archive.

**Note:** if you plan to submit data to the Arctic Data Center please refer to the guidance in the panel on the right.

**B** *I*

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NSF example answer

The data manager will follow the NSF Arctic Data Center guidelines to provide accurate and complete documentation for data preservation. The NSF Arctic Data Center will ensure that the data are curated in a relevant long-term archive and ensure data will be available after project funding has ended.

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### Guidance

Arctic Data Center Data Preservation Policy: The Arctic Data Center ensures the long-term preservation of the data entrusted to the repository. The guiding principles for the preservation plan follow:

1. Preserve the bits
2. Open science, open standards
3. Replicate data and metadata
4. Strong versioning
5. Frequent auditing
6. A wind down plan



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- Private: visible to me, specified collaborators and administrators at my organization
- Organizational: anyone at my organization can view
- Public: anyone can view

## Manage collaborators

Invite specific people to read, edit, or administer your plan. Invitees will receive an email notification that they have access to this plan.

Email address	Permissions
meyer@nceas.ucsb.edu	Owner

## Invite collaborators

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## PDF formatting

### Font

Face

Arial, Helvetica, Sans-Serif

Size (pt)

10

### Margin (mm)

Top

25

Bottom

20

Left

12

Right

12

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"A Microgravity-Themed Collaborative Intervention Promoting Student Selection of a STEM Career Pathway"	NSF-EHR: Education and Human Resources	Baylor University	Stacey Smith	<a href="#">PDF</a>
A Framework for Adaptive Sampling of Social Science Research Data Using the Twitter API: Understanding Social Media Communication During Crisis Events	NSF-SBE: Social, Behavioral, Economic Sciences	University of California, Davis (UCD)	Carl Stahmer	<a href="#">PDF</a>
A Political Ecology of Value: A Cohort-Based Ethnography of the Environmental Turn in Nicaraguan Urban Social Policy	NSF-SBE: Social, Behavioral, Economic Sciences	Non Partner Institution	Josh Fisher	<a href="#">PDF</a>
A unified approach to preserving cultural software objects and their development histories	NEH-ODH: Office of Digital Humanities	University of California, Office of the President (UCOP)	DMP dmpcurator	<a href="#">PDF</a>
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analysis of Brazilian financial investment funds CVM - Escola Politécnica - PPGEE - PCS	Department of Energy (DOE): Generic	Non Partner Institution	Antonio Newton Licciardi Jr	<a href="#">PDF</a>
AR or HAI Data Management Plan	NSF-EAR: Earth Sciences	Emory University	Scott Fridkin	<a href="#">PDF</a>
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### Release notes: Templates and more

Posted on June 1, 2018 by [stephaniesimms](#)

The Roadmap development team just finished a huge chunk of work that we rolled out to DMPTool users this week. Prior to launching the new version of the tool we focused on optimizing the primary user side: creating DMPs. With this new release, we've made significant improvements to the administrative side, specifically to overhaul the way admins create and version templates.

In the midst of this major refactoring effort, we did some additional maintenance, upgrades, and accepted the first new feature contribution from our French partners at DMP OPIDoR (many thanks to Benjamin and Quentin!). The full [release notes](#) are available on GitHub. Most of the magic takes place behind the scenes, but keep reading for a summary of changes that affect the user interface.

- **Templates:** You'll notice some subtle changes as you create, edit, and update templates and customizations for funder templates. Previously, any changes you made to a template would trigger a new version. Now you can make changes to template details (Title, Description, update broken links) without versioning. Any structural changes, such as adding a new question or example answer or adding customized guidance to a funder template will create a new version. In the main templates table you will see a red editing icon (screenshot below) if you've made changes that created a new version. The icon includes a tooltip that alerts you to publish your changes (in the Actions menu) in order to make them available to users. You can always "Unpublish" templates and customizations at any time. You will only see the option to "Remove" (i.e. from the table/from view) a template that has not been used to create any plans (e.g. test templates) or a customization that has not been previously published. Detailed instructions are available in the [Help for Administrators](#).





## Summary

- Good data management plans will save you time and effort overall
- Data management plans are not static - revise as you do your research project
- Take advantage of DMP resources to create your plan
- The Arctic Data Center is available to assist with your DMP development



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