

# Research Data Services at London's Global University

UCL Research Data Services
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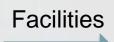


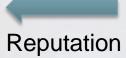


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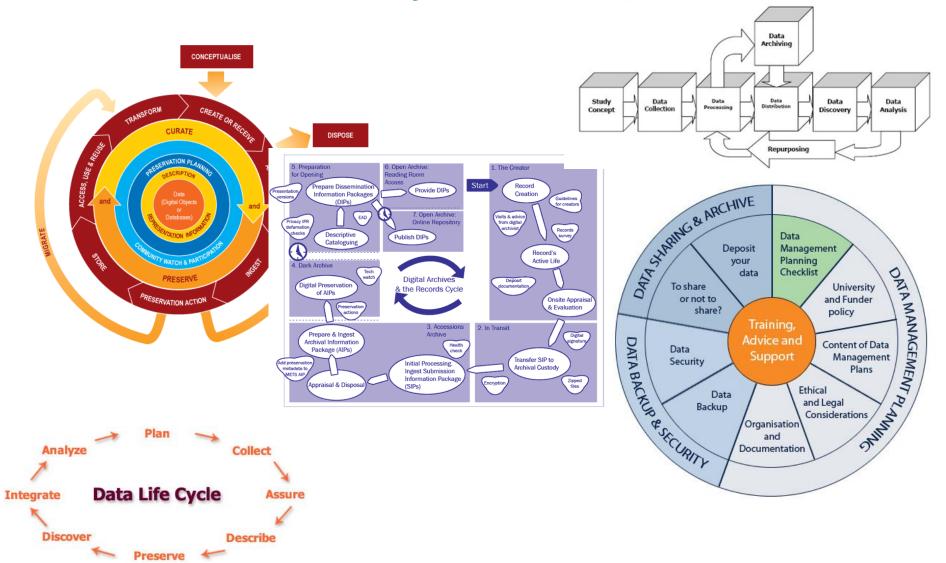


Reputation

Professional Impact



#### What do we mean by RDM?









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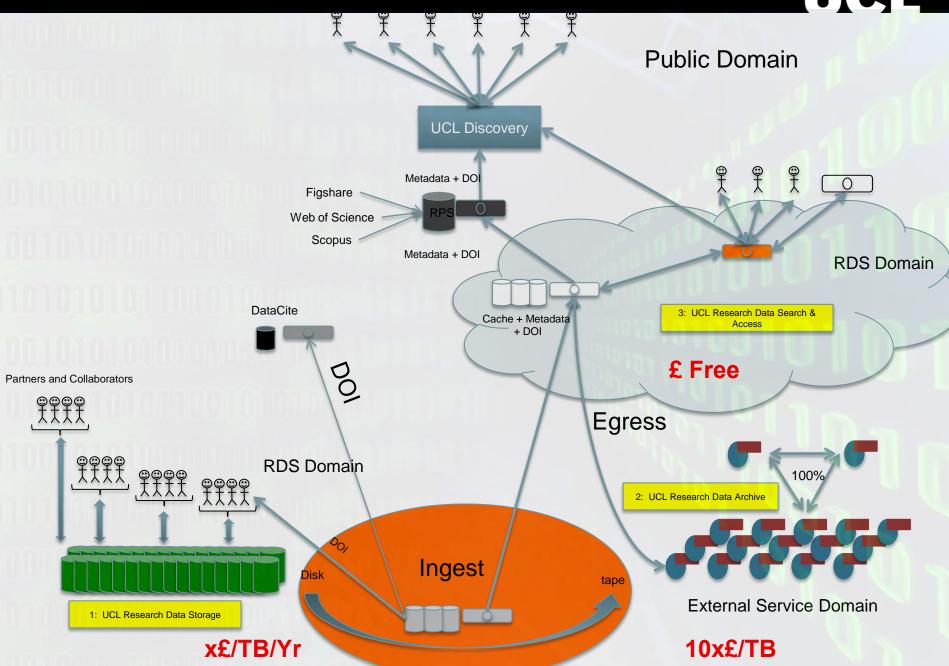


ABOUT DATA RESEARCH			
Data			
Countries	Topics	Indicators	











- Responsibility
- Compliance

- Good Practice
- Incentive

**Information Services Division** 



UCL Research Data & Network Services

**UCL Research Data Policy** 



It is the policy of UCL that its members can fulfil the requirements of good research practice by enabling them to manage research data in a manner that maximises data impact and acknowledges data value as primary research output by its members.





It is the policy of UCL that responsibility for managing and preserving research data is shared between all members of the College.





It is the policy of UCL that following primary use (e.g. publication) or when research data is archived for long term preservation, these data will be made available in the most open manner appropriate.

Unless covered by third party contractual agreements, legislative obligations or provisions regarding ownership, UCL research data will be provided using a <u>Creative Commons CCO waiver</u>; supported by data citation guidelines similar to existing publishing conventions. This will ensure that re-used data are unambiguously identifiable and that appropriate credit and attribution is made.





It is the policy of UCL that clear lines of responsibility are established so that research data generated at UCL will always have an owner, responsible for preserving research data.





#### 1st Challenge: Service provision NOT project

- Live
  - Mutable
  - Attend to critical requirement
  - Private



- Archive
  - Immutable
  - Exploitable
  - Extend/ Transfer of responsibility





#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Challenge: Expensive kit / Expensive Skills

- Enterprise grade
  - Scaling ill-defined
  - Retention not clear
- Skills shortage
  - Plan for data management
  - Information management
  - Guidance, training and propagation



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Challenge: Most benefit at the end

- Research Data a first class output
  - Required the equivalent of APC
- Findable and reusable
  - Requires data and information management skills
- Licensing unclear and overly complex
  - Over provisioning of licensing info
  - Over reliance on legal counsel

>Challenge: Difficult business case





http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research-it-services/our-work/research-data-service



#### **Approach**

- Removal of burden
  - > From UCL researchers
  - > From third party clients
- Compliance / Policy alignment
  - > Publisher policy
  - Funder/government policy
    - ➤ UCL policy
- Incentive framework
  - Citable, traceable objects
  - Encouraging re-use and attribution

Infrastructure change AND Culture change

But there is more than ONE way to do this





nature publishing group







#### Goal:

- Data generated by UCL Researchers to be a first class research object
- Data represented in the same manner as publications...and 'at least' as accessible
- Data persists for the period for which is it most useful.



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