

What is Data Citation?

“The practice of providing a reference to data in the same way as researchers routinely provide a bibliographic reference to printed resources.”

“A key practice underpinning the recognition of data as a primary research output rather than as a by-product of research.”

— Australian National Data Service

What is a persistent identifier?

A unique web-compatible alphanumeric code that points to a resource to be preserved for the future.

EXAMPLES

DOI: Digital Object Identifier

ARK: Archival Resource Key

UUID: Universally Unique Identifier

ORCID: Open Researcher & Contributor ID

A few of the benefits of data citation

- Facilitates discovery of links between data and publications, making it easier to validate and build upon previous work
- Ensures proper credit is given when others use your data
- Makes it possible to estimate dataset impact based on the number of citations
- Links datasets to related methodology in articles
- Makes it easier to discover existing data relevant to a particular research question

Data Citation Principles

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| • Importance | • Persistence |
| • Credit & Attribution | • Specificity/Verifiability |
| • Evidence | • Interoperability/Flexibility |
| • Unique Identification | |
| • Access | |

<https://www.force11.org/datacitation>

Collaborating to support data citation requires the participation of lots of people

Data authors	Data users
Data managers	Data publishers
Journal publishers	Data repositories
Professional orgs	

How to cite data -- what to include

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| • Author/PI/creator | • Archive/distributor |
| • Release/pub. date | • Access date & time |
| • Title | • Subset of data used |
| • Unique identifier | • Editor/contributor |
| • Version number | • Publication place |
| • Data format | • Data w/in larger work |
| • 3rd party producer | |

Example data citation formats

DataCite:

Creator (Publication Year): Title. Publisher. Identifier

Dryad:

Author (Date of Article Publication) Data from: article name. Dryad Digital Repository. doi: DOI number.

How to get a DOI for your data

Contact a DataCite-registered organization or institution that can create DOIs, such as:

- DataCite Canada
- California Digital Library's EZID service
- Australian National Data Service (ANDS) Cite My Data Service

Create a citation profile that includes metadata like:

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| • Creator | • Publisher |
| • Title | • Date |



Best practices to support data citation

- Use applications that support metadata creation
- Use standardized keywords
- Use persistent identifiers
- Work with publishers and repositories to archive data during the publication process
- Encourage others to cite data and make their own data available for reuse

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