Open Research Blitz

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Open Research is a set of principles [...] to make the outputs of research **freely accessible** and **usable**, thereby to maximise the possibility of **public benefit.**



Conceptualisation and design

Pre-registrations and pre-registered reports

Document what your plans and the changes you make to them



Analysis

Reproducible Workflow

Document your analysis and code Ensure others can run your code and get the same results



Dissemination

Open Access

Share manuscripts (preprints)

Share data and analysis code

Make research free (Open Access)

Why do Open Research?

Good for science

- More transparency (less fieldwide crises)
- Better, robust results
- Promotes equality of access to knowledge

Good for you

- More people know your work
- Get more citations
- Avoid disasters (e.g., accusations of academic fraud)

But that sounds like a hassle...

Yes, but you have to do **most of them** anyway:

- Pre-registration: Good research requires good planning
- You have to write code, analyse data, ...

You're just putting in a little extra work to:

- Organise your research/code/data
- Document your plans, steps you take in doing your research
- Make your stuff accessible

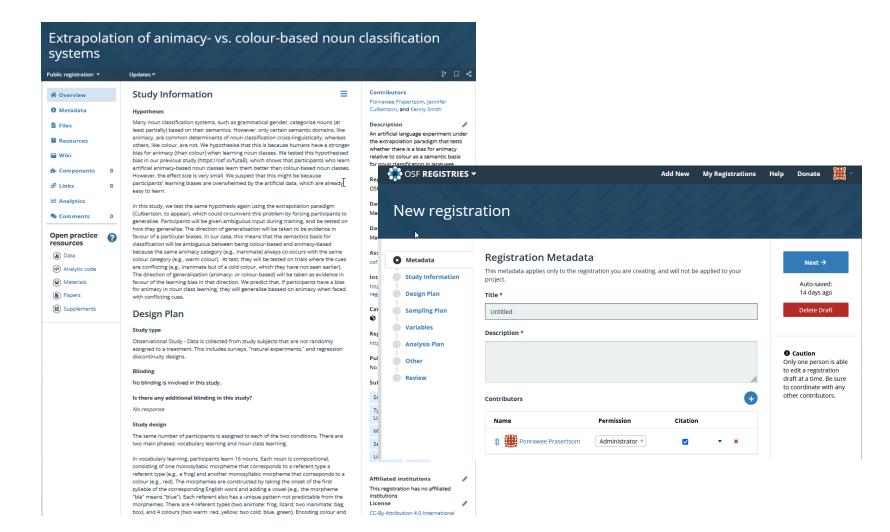
How to begin?

Well, hopefully we can help!

Pre-registration

The act of specifying your research plan before conducting the study

- State clear research hypothesis
- Outline analysis plan (ideally) prior to data collection
- In practice: Fill out a form in a pre-registration platform (e.g., OSF)
- Your pre-registration is eventually made public



Pre-registration

Does that mean you cannot change my plan?

- No! You can make updates to your pre-reg
- You can do exploratory analyses: You just have to state that they are exploratory
- Transparency is key

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Pros

- Early reviews and (inprinciple) acceptance
- (Almost) guaranteed publication
- Credibility

Cons

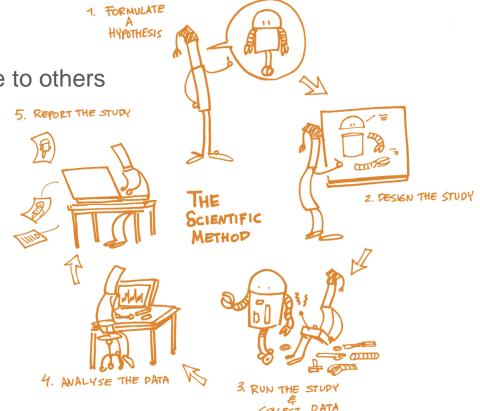
- Workload shift to the start
- Hard to do with unexplored areas
- Not adopted by many journals

Data Sharing

The act of making data/code accessible to others

Pros

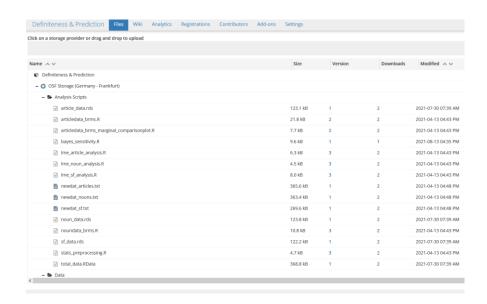
- Citation advantage
- Reproducibility
- Transparency



Data Sharing

How?: submit data and materials to independent repository e.g., OSF, Github

- Important to include metadata → comments on making data useable
 - Explaining abbreviations
 - Highlighting where to change folder names



TIP!: preparing research materials for sharing during the active research phase is easier than afterwards (McKiernan et al., 2016)

Licensing

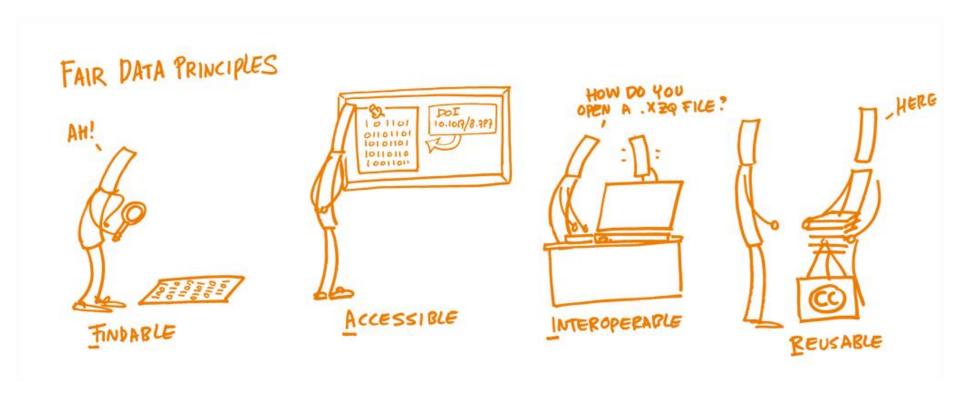
- Licenses tell others what they can (and cannot!) do with your work
- Licensing content and having access to software needed to use that content → go hand in hand

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Open Data Principles



Pre-prints and peer review

Pre-print = Versions of your paper before submission

Why would I pre-print?

- Research is "out there" faster
- Accessible and available for everyone
- Can link citations from pre-prints and journal publications in Google Scholar!

Pre-prints and peer review

Pre-prints can be uploaded to repositories:

- arXiv
- PsyArXiv
- OSF preprints

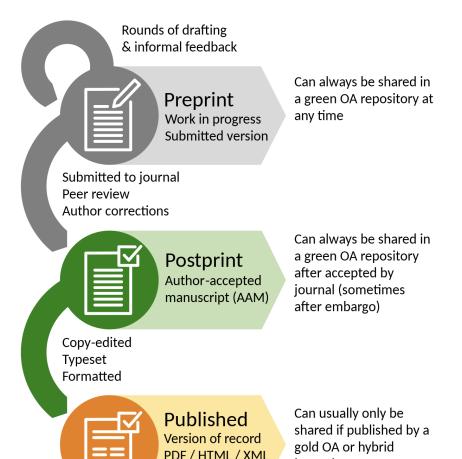






Publishing Open Access

- OA = Can be read for free
- Green OA = Your manuscripts
 are free (maybe after some time)
- Gold OA = Your published version is free (but there may be processing charges)
- "Diamond" OA = Gold OA with no charges



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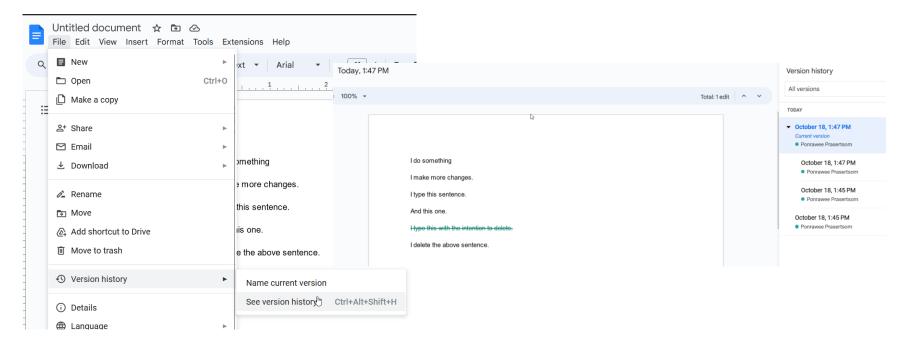
- Authors publishing in open access journals retain their rights to the manuscript and materials
- OA journals also have a peer review process

Publish OA at no extra cost (UoE-sponsored)

- Checkout Read & Publish Journals page on UoE website
- https://www.ed.ac.uk/information-services/research-support/publishresearch/open-access/read-and-publish-journals

- When working on a project, you may want to keep different versions of your project (i.e., a history of changes).
- Having different versions means your work process is more
 transparent = More people understand your work & decisions better

Example of simple version control: Google Docs

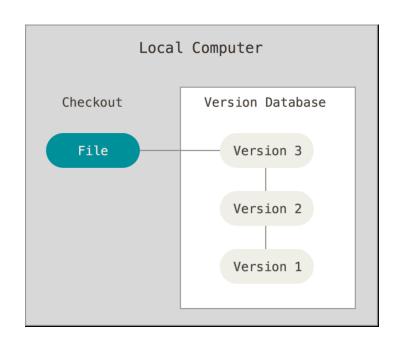




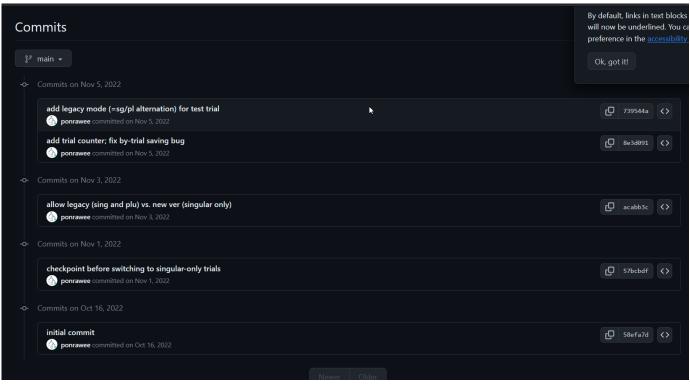
Imagine that you can do the same thing, but with all the files related to your project.

- Documentation throughout research cycle
- Allows others to follow your research process → replication
- Creates transparency

Make a mistake? Go back in time!







Where to go from here?

"... openness is not 'all-or-nothing" McKiernan et al. (2016)

- Better to think of as a continuum of practices
- Getting started with one practice is better than none at all!

https://pplsopenresearch.github.io/



Bookmark our website! A lot of resources and useful links

Appointment

- We offer a one-to-one drop-in meeting for your open research needs!
- If you have any problem when incorporating open research practices in your work, please drop by.
- Book a slot on our website (click Book us!):
 https://pplsopenresearch.github.io/

Future Workshops (tentative dates)

Pre-registration workshop – 1st November

Hands-on practical help with pre-registering experimental analyses



Github workshop – 15th November

How to start version control and making your data accessible





Thank you!

We would really appreciate your feedback!

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