Welcome to the

Research Data Management Service Group's
November 2022 Newsletter
Comprehensive Data Management Planning & Services

The Research Data Management Service Group (RDMSG) is a collaborative, campus-wide organization that assists with data management and sharing plans, applying best practices for managing data, and finding data management services at any stage of the research process.

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Spotlight: readme files

Use case 1: you need to access data and code that you last worked on 5 years ago. Are you sure that you still remember how, when and where you obtained the data? Who your collaborators were? Which files represent the final version? Wouldn't it be better to leave your later self a note?

Use case 2: you download a published data set for your research. The ZIP archive contains 200 data files in five different formats. Wouldn't it be helpful if the ZIP archive would also contain a document describing the different data files, the conditions for re-use, and how to cite the data?

In both cases a **readme file** is the solution. A **readme file** provides information about a data file and is intended to help ensure that the data can be correctly interpreted, by yourself at a later date or by others when sharing or publishing data. Store it in the top level directory of the data set (or code) that it describes.
Need a template? Download one and adapt it for your own data. For best practices on readme files visit the RDMSG website.

Webinars | Conferences | Trainings

Hosted at Cornell

Cornell Center for Social Sciences workshops
- Web Scraping: Collecting and Exporting | Nov. 10 | 2:00-4:00 pm
- Preparing Your Data for Archiving and Choosing a Repository | Nov. 14 | 1:00-2:00 pm
- Intermediate Stata | Nov. 14 | 3:00-4:30 pm

Research Computing Seminar Series at Cornell Center for Advanced Computing (CAC)

- Thursday, Nov. 17: Displaying Scientific Data with Tableau

[Scientific Computing Training Series](#)
Held via Zoom
Cornell's Center for Advanced Computing and Weill Cornell Medicine Scientific Computing, ITS, and Clinical and Translational Science Center are launching a new Scientific Computing Training Series. The Zoom-based training is available for free to all workforce members and students of Cornell, WCM, WCM-Q, and Cornell Tech. Upcoming classes include:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15: Introduction to Jupyter Lab for Python
- Tuesday, Dec. 6: Introduction to Python
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: Linux for Researchers

November 2022 OSP ROUNDTABLE - The New NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy Requirements
This month's [OSP roundtable](#) will be a discussion of the new NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy requirements, which will go into effect on January 25, 2023. The roundtable will be on November 17, 9:30-10:30, on [Zoom](#), and the recording will be [made available afterwards](#).

RDMSG data management instruction upon request
The RDMSG does instruction upon request! We are happy to come into your classes and teach data lifecycle topics. To learn more, please review the [RDMSG menu of subject offerings](#) and [contact the RDMSG directly](#).

Hosted elsewhere

Save the date for the 2023 ICPSR Summer Program!
In 2023, the ICPSR Summer Program's "stats nerd camp" will be offered in two three-week sessions!
First Session: Monday, June 19-Friday, July 7, 2023
Second Session: Monday, July 17-Friday, August 4, 2023
The 2023 three-week sessions will feature the same breadth of content—intro to advanced courses in a range of techniques and methodologies—taught in the same number of contact hours as previous years. Check out the [2022 schedule](#) for an idea of past courses.

Schedule a Consultation

[RDMSG consultants](#) are available year-round to answer questions and help with data-related problems. We can meet via Zoom, email, or phone. Send a request to rdmsg-help@cornell.edu to arrange a consultation at a time that works for you.

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