Recommendation M0

Recommendation to use stable PID systems to refer to frequently used redundant metadata wherever possible

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Status:

Motivation for this Recommendation:

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Binding Convention:

	mandatory	conditional	optional
Helmholtz FAIR Principle			

Precondition for Implementation:

Related Recommendations

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Dependent:

Other: none

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Content

1. Explanation of the Background and Benefits of the Recommendation

About

Defintion of PIDs

- A persistent identifier (PI or PID) is a long-lasting reference to a document, file, web page, or other object (from Wikipedia).
- PID registers typically store core metadata with the PID
- PIDs are used in data infrastructures to link to common information
- Harmonizing the use of PIDs may improve interoperability of datasets between data repositories

Criteria for the evaluation of PID Systems

- 1. PID is globally unambiguously registerable
- 2. PIDs are widely used, e.g. recommended by national and international organizations
- 3. PID registrar has transparent governance
- 4. Handle system has stable funding
- 5. PID system is reliably available and maintained
- 6. PIDs have an adequate metadata set
- 7. PID registration is open to all (vs. paying users only)
- 8. PID is machine readable via API
- 9. Further developments are downward compatible (with previous updates, content and technical)
- 10. Also: What other PID systems capture the same types of data?

<u>History and structure</u>

Current Use of ...

Motivation

2. Possible alternative solutions

3. Consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of implementing the recommendation

(quality of content, limitations, interoperability, sustainability: expected future dissemination / technical availability / funding)

4. The Recommendation

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- 5. Naming of communities that have already implemented the recommendation
- 6. Documentation of the test to validate correct implementation
- 7. Examples of Instances
- 8. Further Information

References

Relevant Community Recommendations

9. History of this document

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