

Research Data Repository Interoperability WG

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Summary of the Problem

- Exchange of digital content between repository platforms is challenging
 - Different data models, metadata, semantics, interfaces
 - Current state of the art (e.g. Dublin Core, OAI-PMH, SWORD) well adopted but limited
 - Upcoming approaches (e.g. Linked Data Platform, Resource Sync, OAI-ORE) supported by a comparable small subset of platforms



Summary of the Problem

- Some varied use cases: migration, replication, crossdomain sharing
 - Migration between same platform, but different version
 - Migration between different platforms
 - Sharing with domain and cross-domain scientists



Group Deliverables

- 1. Research Data Repository Interoperability Primer
 - 1. DOI: 10.15497/RDA00020

2. Final Recommendations



Highlights of the Recommendation

- Consensus on BagIt-based approach
- Recommend metadata location and naming scheme
- Recommend to include basic metadata in Datacite 4.0 schema
- Recommend to use machine readable profile information according to BagIt Profiles Specification



Impact of the Recommendation

- Comparably easy to adopt packaging and exchange format
- Adoption can be done by community
- Alignment of existing packaging solutions rather easy
- Support for both state-of-the-art and legacy platforms
- Provides users with a common tool to e.g. transport, exchange or backup their content
- Basis for further agreements of package content to improve interpretability of package content



Endorsements/Adopters

- First prototypes implemented for Fedora Commons, ICAT,
 Dariah Repository and KIT Data Manager
- Generic profile containing all recommended elements available
- Tools and demonstrator available:

https://github.com/RDAResearchDataRepositoryInteropWG