Learning about Research Data Services

My LIS 672 Practicum Experience

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Site Supervisor: Amy Koshoffer
What is a Practicum?

- Work in a library professional setting, & get 3 course credit-hours.
- Meet people in the field and learn how they do their jobs.
- Gain experience with hands-on tasks.

My Site: UC Libraries

- Aspire to be the “intellectual commons” of the university.

- Research Support

- Workshops & Seminars
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- Science Informationist for UC
- Focuses on Research Data Services
- Data (and all research output) should be F.A.I.R.:
  - Findable
  - Accessible
  - Interoperable
  - Reusable
Good Documentation → Reusability

What did we / they do again?

Main project:
Assess how easily a non-specialist can understand datasets submitted to UC’s institutional repository.

[Image of a person looking at a laptop]

scholar@uc
The UC digital repository, part of the UC Research Hub.

Need to understand the context of each dataset (methods, idiosyncrasies....)

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ReadMe files...

...are a great help to understand the context of a dataset.

- Making a “wizard” program to auto-generate a standardized ReadMe.
  
  - Multi-part form
  - Defined sequence
  - Stitch together text input
Projects in the Works!

........ OSF (Open Science Framework)........ ORCID (Open Researcher & Contributor ID)........ Usability test