

INTRODUCTION TO AIBILI DATAVERSE REPOSITORY

AIBILI-Data Centre
Research Data Management for Open Science
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AGENDA

- Open Science & FAIR Principles
- AIBILI Dataverse Repository
- DICOM Standard









OPEN SCIENCE

"Open Science is an approach to research based on open cooperative work that emphasizes the sharing of knowledge, results and tools as early and widely as possible."

European Commission

Encourages collaboration across academia, industry, public authorities, and citizen groups.

Open Access to publications and research data is a pillar of Open Science.



FAIR PRINCIPLES



Metadata and data should be **easy to find for both humans and computers.** Machinereadable metadata are essential for automatic
discovery of datasets and services



Data should be able to integrate with other data and systems. This requires the **data** to be in a **formally defined**, **standard format that** can be used by various common analysis and storage tools.





Data should be retrievable, even if restrictions or permissions are required. This means having a clear, transparent, and standardized protocol for accessing the data





Data should be easy to reuse by others. This involves providing **clear conditions for use**, a domain-relevant data standard, and sufficiently detailed metadata to allow for meaningful reuse and replication.



FUNDING AGENCIES & OPEN SCIENCE

EUROPEAN COMISSION | HORIZON EUROPE

- Horizon Europe: HE Programme Guide
- Horizon Europe: Data Management Plan Template
- How to comply with Horizon Europe mandate for Research Data Management
- How to comply with Horizon Europe mandate for publications

FCT

- Política sobre a Disponibilização de Dados e outros Resultados de Projetos de I&D Financiados Pela FCT (2014)
- Política sobre acesso aberto a publicações científicas resultantes de investigação financiada pela FCT (2014)
- Política sobre acesso aberto a publicações científicas resultantes de investigação financiada pela FCT (2025)



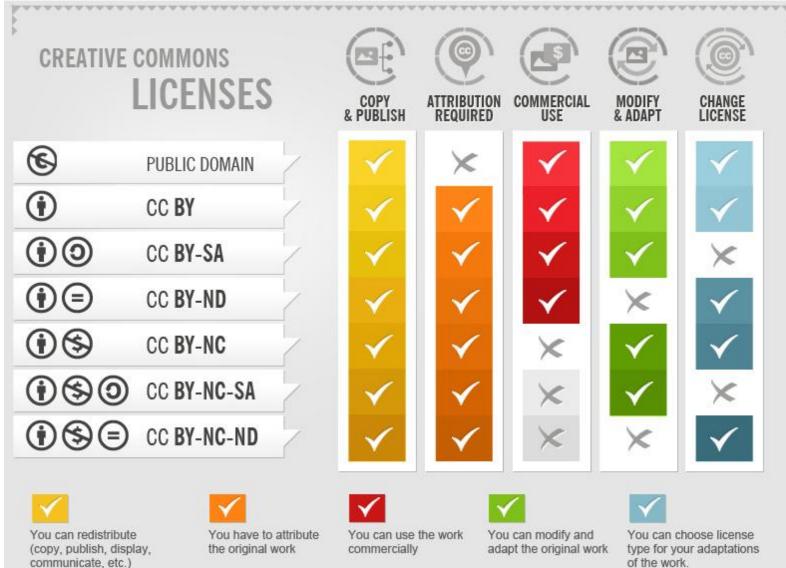
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REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN DATA IN HORIZON EUROPE AND FCT

- 1. Data Management Plan
- 2. Deposit the Research Data in a trusted Repository
- 3. Document the data for validation
- 4. Adhere to the "As Open as Possible, As Closed as Necessary" Principle



CREATIVE COMMONS



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CONSTITUTION OF RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT CENTRES

Infrastructure for research data management ensuring accessibility, preservation, and compliance with national and European Open Science standards.

The project is part of the Programa Nacional de Ciência Aberta e Dados Abertos de Investigação (PNCADAI), an initiative under the investment measure RE-C05-i08 - Ciência Mais Digital, funded by Programa Recuperação e Resiliência (PRR).









AIBILI RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT CENTRE

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Promote training sessions on best practices for research data management
- Implementing an Institutional policy for the management and sharing of research data.
- Establish an Institutional Research Data Repository AIBILI Dataverse Repository
- Management and sharing of Research Data in Open Science.
- Integration and collaboration in a national network of datastewards









AIBILI DATAVERSE REPOSITORY

Software chosen for AIBILI Dataverse Repository

- Fair Principles
- Customizable
- Interoperable
- Use by other stakeholders, both national and international
- Long-term data preservation

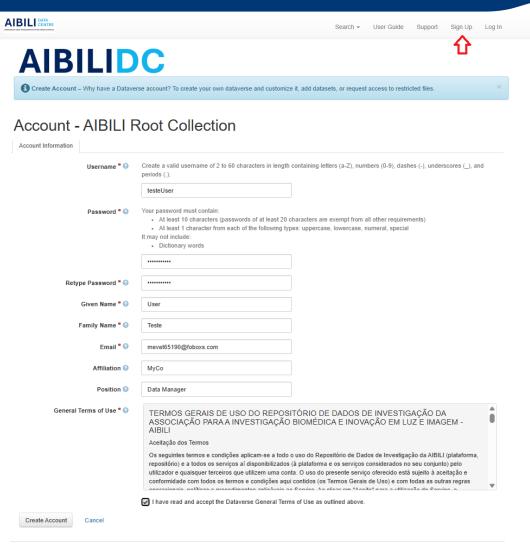






Signup process

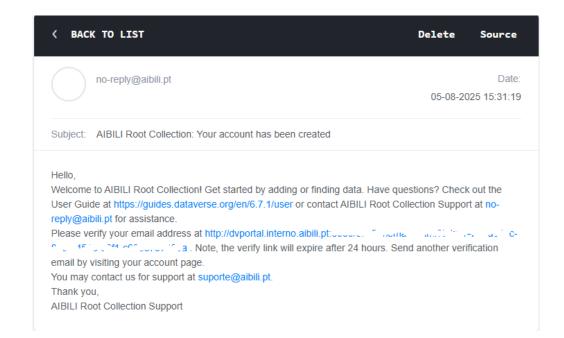
- To be able to access restricted data on AIBILI's Dataverse the user is required to sign up first .
- The user must access AIBILI's Dataverse URL (e.g.: demo site - https://dvportal.interno.aibili.pt/) and click the signup button.
- The user must fill in the shown form and click on the "Create Account" button. All starred fields are mandatory.





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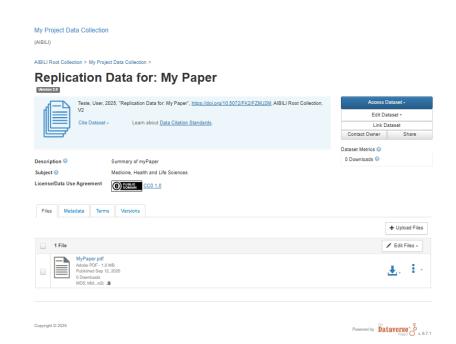
- An email will be sent to the provided email address for account verification.
- Upon clicking on the provided link, the user is redirected to AIBILI's Dataverse.





Content Access

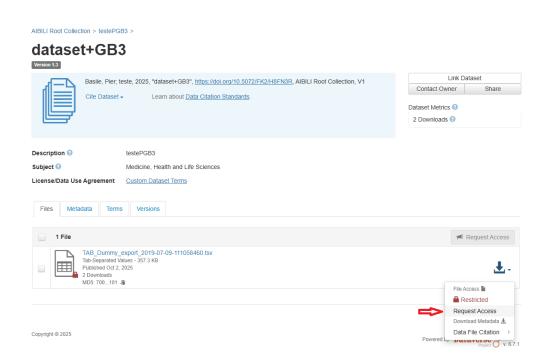
- Available collections/dataverses and datasets will be shown in the main page.
- To download a dataset, the user should select the intended dataset and click on the download icon, selecting a way to access it.





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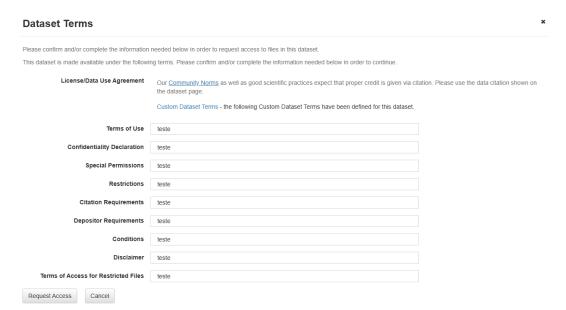
- If a dataset has restricted files an access request must be made before being able to access them.
- Only registered users can request access to restricted files.





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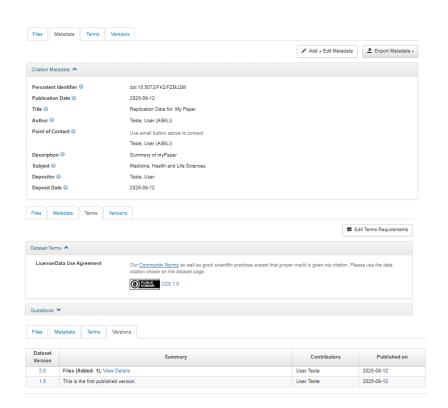
• The license and terms of use for the specific file/dataset are shown on the request form and must be complied with in its use.





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 From the dataset page, apart from downloading, it is also possible to view the dataset's metadata, its license and terms of use and its versioning.

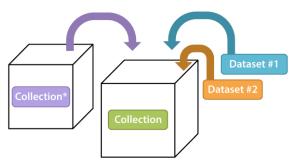




Content Access

- A dataverse is a collection of data/datsets and can contain multiple
 (sub)dataverses
 and datasets (https://guides.dataverse.org/en/5.11.1/user/dataverse-management.html)
- A dataset is a "container" of files/documents/code and its metadata. (https://guides.dataverse.org/en/5.11.1/user/dataset-management.html)

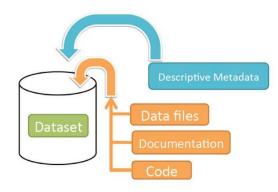
Schematic Diagram of a **Collection** in Dataverse Software 5.0



Container for your Datasets and/or Collections*

* Collections can contain other Collections

Schematic Diagram of a Dataset in Dataverse 4.0



Container for your data, documentation, and code.



DICOM Standard

Introduction to DICOM Standard

DICOM

DICOM stands for Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine.

https://www.dicomstandard.org/



Importance of DICOM Format

The DICOM format ensures **standardized management**, **sharing**, **and interoperability** of medical imaging data.



EU (2023) and FDA (2018) - non-binding Guidance

Listed among **core technological standards** for imaging data, referenced in **CDISC standards** (widely accepted by the FDA) to ensure interoperability with imaging systems.

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The DICOM Standard

DICOM Standard Overview

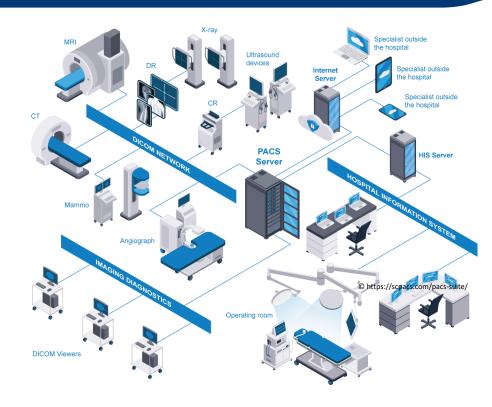
DICOM is the global standard for storing and transmitting medical images and related information securely and efficiently.

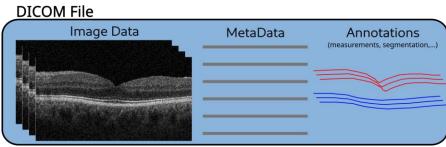
Anonymization for Privacy

Includes **anonymization options** crucial for research **compliance** and protecting patient privacy.

DICOM File Components

A typical DICOM file contains image data and extensive metadata including patient demographics, imaging parameters and annotations.







Why use DICOM in this project

Agnostic to Imaging Modalities

Supports a wide range of imaging modalities (OCT, X-Ray, PET, ...)

DICOM in Ophthalmology

DICOM standard supports imaging data from SD-OCT and CFP modalities.

DICOM Tags for Imaging

Specific **DICOM tags** categorize **ophthalmic images by modality and image type** for efficient retrieval and management.

Clinical and Research Benefits

Understanding DICOM nuances aids clinicians and researchers in **accurate data interpretation** and integration into records.

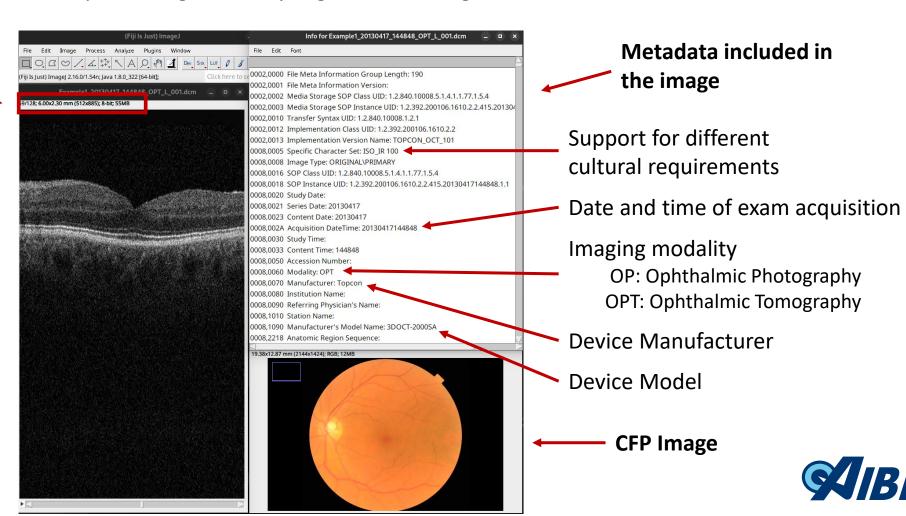


Free open source DICOM Viewers for SD-OCT and CFP

• FIJI (FIJI Is Just ImageJ) - https://imagej.net/ public domain software for processing and analysing scientific images.

Image pixel and metric dimensions

Structural OCT B-Scan (multi-frame images)

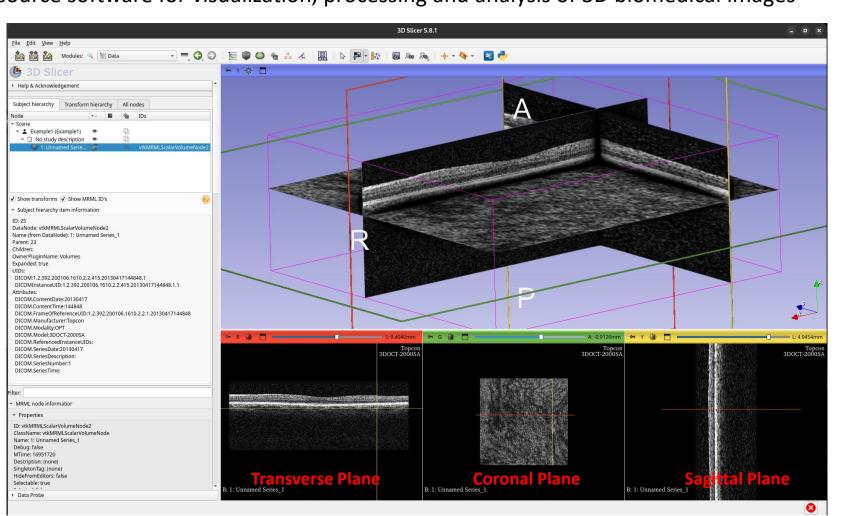


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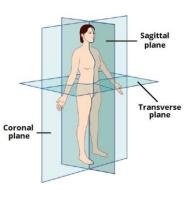
• 3D Slicer - https://www.slicer.org/
Free open-source software for visualization, processing and analysis of 3D biomedical images

Hierarchical _____ structure for data organization

Image metadata



3D volume rendering





Dataverse and DICOM integration

FAIR Principles Support

Dataverse supports FAIR principles with structured metadata, enhancing research data management and accessibility.

Dataverse API for file management

Dataverse offers an API (application programming interface) for file and metadata management.

Integration Challenges

Mapping **DICOM metadata to Dataverse** fields is complex due to **structural differences** and file format compatibility issues.

Solution Approaches

Using metadata extractors and linking DICOM files with structured records improves discoverability and sharing.





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