### Scientific Data on the Web: Now Here or Nowhere?

Wordle of *Social Life of Documents*, Brown & Duguid, 1995



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# **Scholarly Information Infrastructure**

- Cyberinfrastructure, e-Science, e-Social Science, e-Humanities, ...e-Research
- Goal: enable new forms of scholarship that are
  - information-intensive
  - data-intensive
  - distributed
  - collaborative
  - multi-disciplinary
- Means: use information technology to
  - improve access to scholarly information
  - collaborate over distance
  - access tools, services, content at distributed sites



# **Driving Forces**

### Technology push

- Data deluge from highly instrumented research
- Distributed access to content and computing resources
- Tools and services for data collection, mining
- Collaboration pull
  - Virtual organizations
  - Share distributed resources
- Social environment
  - Culture of contribution
  - Open access publishing



# Data are the glue of collaborative research

- Collaborative research
  - Data creation
  - Data sharing, reuse
- Leverage research investments
  - Replicate, verify research findings
  - Ask new questions with extant data
- Scholarly capital
  - Human capital
  - Instrumentation
  - Data



### eResearch Infrastructure: Layered Model





Slide courtesy of Stephen Griffin, NSF, and Norman Wiseman, JISC

# **Content layer**

#### Documents

- Publications: books, journals, conference papers, ...
- Semi-formal: technical reports, working papers, proposals...
- Unpublished: websites, blogs, wikis...
- Data
  - Observational
  - Computational
  - Experimental
  - Records
- Composite objects



http://www.medscape.com/content/2004/00/46/81/468129/art-mgm468129.fig1.jpg

# Value chain of information

### • Links

- Cited/citing documents
- Publications to data sources
- Data to publications in which reported
- Across boundaries
  - Repositories
  - Publisher databases
  - Disciplines
  - Countries



## The Scholarly Journal, 1665-2008

### TRANSACTIONS: GIVING SOME ACCOMPT

OF THE PRESENT Undertakings, Studies, and Labours

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Vol I. For Anno 1665, and 1666.

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### How do publications enter the value chain?

Function	Print	Digital
Legitimization Authority, quality, priority, trustworthiness	•Peer review	•Peer review
Dissemination Awareness, diffusion, publicity	<ul> <li>Publisher</li> <li>Pre-print distribution <ul> <li>Copy</li> <li>Mail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Publisher</li> <li>Pre-print distribution</li> <li>Post on Web</li> <li>Deposit</li> </ul>
Access, preservation, curation Availability, discovery, retrieval, persistence	•Library	<ul> <li>Library</li> <li>Publisher</li> <li>Repository</li> <li>Homepage</li> </ul>

# What are data?

#### Technical definition:

A reinterpretable representation of information in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing. Examples of data include a sequence of bits, a table of numbers, the characters on a page, the recording of sounds made by a person speaking, or a moon rock specimen *Reference Model for an Open Archival Information System* (2002).

Socio-technical definition:

"alleged evidence" (Buckland, 2006)



Image:http://cdiac.ornl.gov/oceans/NAtl\_map.jpg

# **Scientific data**

- Examples
  - Ecology: weather, ground water, sensor readings, historical record
  - Medicine: xrays
  - Chemistry: protein structures
  - Astronomy: spectral surveys
  - Biology: specimens
  - Physics: events, objects
  - Documentation: Lab and field notebooks, spreadsheets

- Sources
  - Generate own data
  - Acquire from collaborators, other scientists
  - Data repository



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#### **Scientific and Technical Publications**

**Sloan Digital Sky Survey** 

Scientific papers are based on analyses of, or presentations of, the SDSS data. Data Release papers describe the specific process for each data release. Technical papers describe the SDSS instrumentation, calibration, software, strategy, and targeting algorithms. Technical papers may include some SDSS data for illustrative purposes. This list represents the definitive list of SDSS papers submitted to peer-reviewed journals. Other Publications Based on SDSS Data is a list of publications in journals and astro-ph which use public SDSS data.

#### Scientific Publications

Title	First Author	astro-ph	Journal
A MaxBCG Catalog of 12,875 Galaxy Clusters from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey	B. Koester	0701268	ApJ accepted
Luminosity dependence of the spatial and velocity distributions of galaxies: Semi-analytic models versus the Sloan Digital Sky Survey	C. Li	0701218	MNRAS submitted
Clustering Analyses of 300,000 Photometrically Classified QuasarsII. The Excess on Very Small Scales	A. Myers	0612191	ApJ accepted
Clustering Analyses of 300,000 Photometrically Classified QuasarsI. Luminosity and Redshift Evolution in Quasar Bias	A. Myers	0612190	ApJ accepted
Environment-Dependence of Properties of Galaxies in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey	C. Park	0611610	ApJ accepted
Internal and Collective Properties of Galaxies in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey	Y. Choi	0611607	ApJ accepted
The UV Properties of SDSS Selected Quasars	G. Trammell	0611549	AJ accepted
The Peculiar SN 2005hk: Do Some Type la Supernovae Explode as Deflagrations?	M. M. Phillips	0611295	PASP submitted
SDSS J1029+2623: A Gravitationally Lensed Quasar with an Image Separation of 22.5 Arcseconds	N. Inada	0611275	ApJL 653:97 (2006)
Topology of Structure in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: Model Testing	J. Gott	0610762	ApJ submitted
Broad Absorption Line Variability in Repeat Quasar Observations from the SDSS	B. Lundgren	0610656	ApJ submitted
Low-Mass Dwarf Template Spectra from the SDSS	J. Bochanski	0610639	AJ 133:531 (2007)
The Clustering of Galaxy Groups: Dependence on Mass and other Properties	A. Berlind	0610524	ApJ submitted
3.6-7.9 um Photometry of L and T Dwarfs and the Prevalence of Vertical Mixing in their Atmospheres	S. Leggett	0610214	ApJ accepted
Galaxy Colour, Morphology, and Environment in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey	N. Ball	0610171	MNRAS submitted
A New Survey for Giant Arcs	J. Hennawi	0610061	AJ submitted
Using the Galactic Dynamics of M7 Dwarfs to Infer the Evolution of their Magnetic Activity	A. West	0609001	AJ 132:2507 (2006)
Model Atmosphere Analysis of the Weakly Magnetic DZ White Dwarf G165-7	P. Dufour	0608065	ApJ 651:1112 (2006)
Cluster Lensing in the SDSS I: Weak Lensing Profiles	E. Sheldon		ApJ submitted

# **Social Scientific Data**

- Examples
  - Opinion polls
  - Surveys, interviews
  - Mass media
  - Laboratory Experiments
  - Field experiments
  - Demographic records
  - Census records
  - Voting records
  - Economic indicators

- Sources
  - Generate own data
  - Acquire from other scholars
  - Data repositories: Social Surveys
  - Government records
  - Corporate records





Data



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#### About the UK Data Archive

The UK Data Archive (UKDA) is a centre of expertise in data acquisition, preservation, dissemination and promotion and is cura of the largest collection of digital data in the social sciences and humanities in the UK. It is funded by the Economic and So Research Council (ESRC), the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) of the Higher Education Funding Councils and <u>University of Essex</u>. Founded in 1967, it now houses several thousand datasets of interest to researchers in all sectors and fr many different disciplines.

R&D

The UKDA is a member of the Council of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA), and the International Association Social Science Information Service and Technology (IASSIST) through which it plays a lead role in international collaborar projects on issues such as data sharing, metadata and social science thesauri. UKDA is also a member institution of the national social science and historical data archive, ICPSR in Michigan and the International Federation of Data Archives (IFDO).

The UKDA provides resource discovery and support for secondary use of quantitative and qualitative data in research, teach and learning. As a lead partner of the <u>Economic and Social Data Service</u> (ESDS), the UKDA is responsible for:

- overall integration and management of the ESDS
- · access and preservation, focusing on the central activities of data acquisition, processing, preservation and dissemination
- ESDS Qualidata, a specialist service for a range of qualitative datasets
- ESDS Longitudinal, undertaken jointly with the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER)

and supports:

- ESDS International, working with Manchester Information and Associated Services (MIMAS), providing access international micro data
- ESDS Government, working with the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR), facilitating access large-scale government datasets

The UKDA also provides preservation services for other data organisations, supports the National Centre for e-Social Scie (<u>NCeSS</u>) and facilitates international data exchange through agreements with other national archives. The UKDA hosts <u>Atheses</u>, one of the five Centres of the Arts and Humanities Data Service, and the <u>Census Registration Service</u>, facilitating accepted to the census data resources for UK higher and further education.

# Humanities data

- Examples
  - Newspapers
  - Photographs
  - Letters
  - Diaries
  - Books
  - Articles
  - Birth, death, marriage records
  - Church records
  - Court records
  - School and college yearbooks
  - Maps...

http://ecai.org/silkroad/cultures/index.html

- Sources
  - Search libraries, archives, public records
  - Acquire from other scholars
  - Data repositories: Beazley, Arts & Humanities Data Service (UK)
  - Corporate records, mass media



ECAI Silk Road Atlas

#### Empires

Routes

#### Cultures

The peoples of Eurasia encompass many language families and practice many of the world's religions. Their practices, foods, material cultures and built environments reflect the diversity of the climatic and topographic conditions that they live in. Political events tend to highlight the conflicts among cultures, classes, and religions that exist, even in a very small area. Yet practices and artifacts also move and become shared across great distances. The Mongolian stirrup changed the face of medieval warfare as much as the airplane did for the twentieth century. The concept of monotheism moved east and west from its earliest home in West Asia.

This site showcases masical cultures as an example of the dialectic between local and global experience that typified the Silk Road. Particular instruments and sounds were often very local, but bowed, dnummed and other instruments, and particular sounds and genres, crossed great distances, centuries before they were aided by the modern technologies that we take for granted.

Instruments - Interactive Java TimeMap Map showing regional influence of musical culture - Silk Road.

Religion - Interactive Java TimeMap A worldwide mapping of religious adherence.

Musical Instruments of the Silk Road Showcases the musical instruments of the Silk Road.

Images from the Huntington Archive of Buddhist and Related Art



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Roman Forum, Western End, ca. 400AD, copyright Regents of the University of California

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### How do data enter the value chain?

Function	Reported in a publication	Contributed to a data repository
Legitimization Authority, quality, priority, trustworthiness	<ul> <li>Peer review in context</li> <li>Quality of method</li> <li>Evidence for conclusions</li> <li>Verify, reanalyze?</li> <li>Author reputation</li> </ul>	•Peer review •Quality of metadata, documentation •"test drive" the data
<b>Dissemination</b> Awareness, diffusion, publicity	<ul> <li>Description in a publication</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repository publisher</li> </ul>
Access, preservation, curation Availability, discovery, retrieval, persistence	<ul> <li>Request to author</li> <li>Author maintains own data</li> <li>Author directs requestor to data source</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repository <ul> <li>Immediate access</li> <li>Embargo period</li> </ul> </li> <li>Curation responsibility</li> </ul>

### **Center for Embedded Networked Sensing**

- NSF Science & Technology Center 2002-
- Goal of CENS
  - "We envision a world where researchers, students, industry and government routinely use distributed sensor and actuator networks to understand and control both natural and artificial systems."
- CENS community
  - Some 280+ researchers across 5 research institutions
  - Technological research areas
    - Systems
    - Multi-scaled Actuated Sensing
    - Sensors
    - Statistics and Data Practice



# **CENS Objective & Application Areas**

Seismic

Contaminant transport

- Create programmable,
   distributed, multi-modal, multiscale, multi-use observatories to
   address compelling science and
   engineering issues
- ...and reveal the previously unobservable.
- From the natural to the built environment...
- From ecosystems to human systems... Urban



Terrestrial

Aquatic

### Field Deployment of Embedded Sensor Networks



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# What are CENS Data?

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# Fulfilling the Data Life Cycle



Fostering Learning in the Networked World: The Cyberlearning Opportunity and Challenge



A 21st Century Agenda for the National Science Foundation

Report of the NSF Task Force on Cyberlearning July 2008

# What Is Cyberlearning?

- The use of *networked* computing and communications technologies to support learning
- Interactions among communities of learners across space and time

Continuing

• Customized interaction with diverse materials, on any topic, at any age

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# Why Is Cyberlearning Important?

- Leverages learning through
  - Communication technologies
  - Students' technology skills
- Extends capacity of educational institutions into life-long learning opportunities
  - Increases public understanding of science
  - Prepares citizens for complex, evolving, global challenges

### Recession

**Global Warming** 

War



Poverty

# Why Cyberlearning Now?



http://www.kaputcenter.umassd.edu/downloads/products/technical\_reports/tr1\_1.pdf

iLab Inverted Pendulum: Mark Schulz, iLab

## **Task Force Charge**



## Enable Students to Use Data

- Strategy: Transforming STEM disciplines and K–12 education
  - New ways of looking at and understanding content
  - Preparing students for "computational thinking"
- Opportunity: Teaching students and teachers how to harness large amounts of data
  - Scientific research

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Responsible use of data



Astronomer Caroline Zunckel uses the galaxyzoo.org website to classify a spiral galaxy. Credit : www.galaxy.coo.org

## **Task Force Recommendations**

- 1. Build a vibrant cyberlearning field
- 2. Instill a "platform perspective"
- 3. Emphasize the transformative power of technology
- 4. Promote open educational resources
- 5. Sustain NSF-sponsored projects

### Scholarly Infrastructure for Data

- Scholars' concerns
- Public's concerns
- Librarians' concerns



# Scholars' incentives to share data

- Open science
- Collaboration
- Reciprocity
- Recognition
- Coercion



# Incentives not to share



- Rewards for publication, not for data management
- Effort to document data
- Competition, priority of claims
- Intellectual property
  - control of own resources
  - access to resources controlled by others

## Infrastructure for data: Scholars' concerns

- Agreements among research partners
  - Ownership, access, use, reuse of data
  - Release of data to others
- Agreements within disciplines
  - Syntax and semantics of data
  - Embargoes, ownership, release
- Agreements between disciplines
  - Syntax and semantics of data
  - Embargoes, ownership, release
- Technology and policy to facilitate
  - Use and reuse of data
  - Discovery and reuse of data



# Infrastructure for data: Public's concerns

- How to obtain data from publicly funded research?
  - Preserved, curated
  - Made available for reuse
- How to set policy for research funding agencies?
  - Data management plans in proposals
  - Deposit of
    - Research reports
    - Datasets
- How open is open access?
  - Deposit rules?
  - Licensing?
  - Embargo rules?
  - Fees for labor to release?







The Nation's Medical Research Agency

# Infrastructure for data: Librarians' concerns

- Scalable and sustainable infrastructure
  - Unfunded mandates
  - Short term vs. long term solutions
- Campus responsibilities
  - Expertise for data management planning
  - Responsibility for orphaned data
- Open access
  - Barriers to deposit
  - Publications vs. data
  - Open data
- Data from course management systems
  - Pedagogical content
  - Learner data
  - Open textbooks

Policy/technology conflicts

 Computation vs. curation
 Library support for virtual organizations



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