Data Management:  your current practices

In what type (docs, emails, databases) and formats of data files do you store your research?

Do most of the files belong to:

a)  you

b)  the lab

c)  the department

d)  UF

e)  collaborative group outside UF

Could you replace or reproduce these files if needed?

            a)  yes

            b)  some

            c)  no

Do you have lab or departmental guidelines, policies or procedures for backup, storage, sharing, documenting, etc.?

          a)  yes, I know and follow them

b)  yes, I follow them sometimes

c)  no, I don’t know or follow them

d) I’m not sure if we have any

What happens to legacy data -- files created by former students, staff, or faculty?

Where do you store files?

a)  flash drive or hard drive

b)  server space in lab/department

c)  server space at “big” UF (IR@UF, HPC)

d)  a combination

Do you (or does someone else) backup your files?

            a)  yes

            b)  some

            c)  no

Do you have enough storage space?

            a)  yes

            b)  no

Do you have data that reside solely in e-mails?

a)  yes

b)  no

If so, how do you manage these data?

Do your data management practices differ when working on your own or working in a group?

    a)  better managed when I’m working in a group

    b)  better managed when I’m working alone

    c)  about the same

Have you ever wasted time sorting out version control issues/different systems?

a)  no

b)  yes, more than 15 minutes

c)  yes, more than half a day

d)  yes, frequently

Who makes decisions about retaining data in your group?

(what to save, when to discard, etc.)

Have you recently included a data management plan in a grant application?

a)  yes

            b)  not yet

If so, have you followed or implemented the plan yet?

          a)  yes

b) yes, but we’ve modified it already

         c)  no, it’s too early

d) no, we’re ignoring the plan

Would other people understand your data -- is it documented?

            a)  yes

            b) some

            c)  no

With whom do you mostly share your data?

a)  colleagues at UF

b)  colleagues outside UF

c) colleagues both at and outside UF

d)  strangers

e) I don’t share my data

What are your concerns about sharing your data?

Does all of your digital data (raw, derived and published) need to be preserved in the long-term?

            a)  yes, all

            b)  yes, the final versions of each type

            c)  no

Where do you currently get advice and support on data management?

a) my adviser

b) others in the lab

c) others outside my lab

d) nobody

What have been your biggest challenges in managing your data?

Would you welcome departmental (or perhaps even University wide) support with digital data management?

What recommendations do you have for the future development of data management practices within the University?

Are there services/tools that you would like to see emphasized during the implementation phase of our project?

\* Note: The multiple-choice questions were designed for use with audience-response clickers. In other settings, additional responses may be appropriate or all questions may be asked as open-ended options.

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