Beyond the "under-desk datacentre": lessons from research data management in the UK

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In July, four of the UK leading research organisations (HEFCE, Research Councils UK, Universities UK and the Welcome Trust) launched a concordat on open research data (http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/media/news/160728/), outlining ten principles including: the importance of developing data skills; the importance of ensuring data underlying publications is accessible by publication date; the rights of data creators to reasonable first use; and the expectations of data users to acknowledge use of others'data.

This is a significant step in a long journey in both acknowledging the importance of sharing research data in research policy and practice, as well as the providing the tools and services needed to make this possible. Jisc has been working with research organisations and universities in the UK both in advocating open research data, and in creating institutional and national tools and services within the context of international research e-infrastructures.

Currently Jisc is working with UK Universities to develop a research data shared service.

This talk will outline the work Jisc has undertaken to support research data management in the UK and to encourage and support researchers not to lock data away on USB sticks or on a PC under the desk, and the lessons learnt along the way.

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