Data Management: Practicalities - Introduction

This core data management section deals with everyday practicalities of stewarding your data through the data lifecycle. The overarching theme is that systematic data management can make results defensible and extend the life of research data, creating greater value from the original work.

By looking at examples, we'll highlight the value of double checking your data's credibility before beginning your full research analysis. We'll talk about planning data collection, principles for good data handling, as well as best practice for data storage and sharing. As a key component, we explore data management plans, their purpose and thse need to keep them as living documents. And along the way we'll offer practical tips to produce organised and documented datasets, including metadata, which makes working with data easier for you and others.