

Interpreting Local Data Policies in Practice

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Researchers are facing new requirements to manage, curate, and share their data. As a result, it is important that they understand the various intellectual property policies that govern their data. However researchers have little awareness that these policies exist, what they contain, and what the implications are for data sharing. When researchers are aware of existing policies, their understanding is often unclear and incomplete, a situation exacerbated by the data policies provided at the institutional level (Briney, Goben, Zilinski, 2015).

As librarians embedded in the Data Center Hub project at Purdue University, we developed a comprehensive data policy for the project that is compliant with the requirements of the sponsor and with those of the university while satisfying researchers' expectations for making their data available.

In this presentation we report on the challenges of developing this data policy. Data Center Hub (<http://www.datacenterhub.org>) is a data curation and discovery platform based on HubZero (<http://www.hubzero.org>) and intended to serve structural engineering data and related digital objects to a community of engineers nationwide.

In developing the data policy for Data Center Hub, we encountered three types of challenges: understanding the university data policies, resolving discrepancies between researchers' expectations and university guidelines, and clarifying confusion in infrastructure implementation. We discuss how applicable policies for our platform were numerous and don't stack well; and we show how a partnership with university legal counsel's office was key in implementing the policy.

Reference: Briney, K., Goben, A., & Zilinski, L. (2015). Do You Have an Institutional Data Policy? A Review of the Current Landscape of Library Data Services and Institutional Data Policies. *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication (JLSC)*, 3(2), 1-25.