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How I try to make my research data FAIR: Experience from a Data Scientist working in Law & Tech

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The importance of the FAIR principles has been widely discussed recently in the global, national and UM research communities. In this discussion, there has been much emphasis on the role of organisations and communities in making it easier for employees and members to improve the FAIRness of data. However, perhaps less discussed, is what concrete steps an individual researcher can take today to improve the FAIRness of data they produce. A core activity in implementing FAIR on research data is to create and publish machine-readable metadata descriptions for them. The manner in which we create, publish and maintain these metadata descriptions goes a long way to improving the FAIRness of the underlying data. In this talk, I will share steps that I personally take to generate and publish these descriptions for my research data. I will also discuss gaps for improvement in my process and challenges I face with this task.