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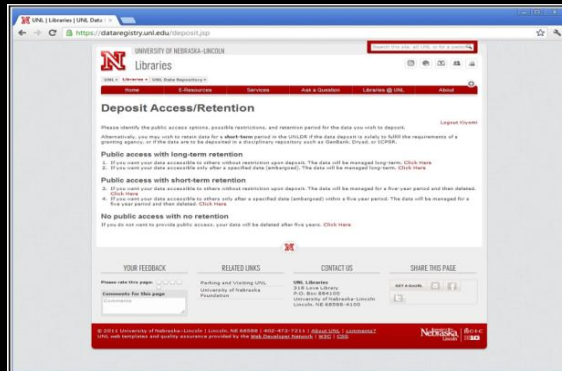
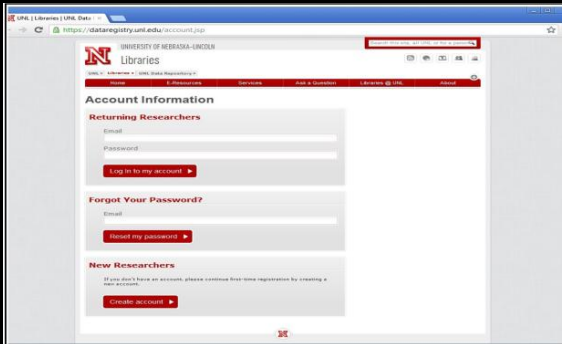
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Preserving the Present to Inform the Future: Issues in Data Preservation and Access

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries data curation committee has worked to educate Library staff about data curation and to highlight strategic opportunities for library engagement on data curation matters. The UNL Libraries have become central to the support of data archiving on campus by designing the interface for the UNL Data Repository. Additionally, the committee established a new data policy for campus that not only builds awareness about the importance of archiving data but promotes open access.

UNL's Data Store Interface



Metadata

Metadata is critical to describe, organize, validate, and retrieve data. Please fill out the following information.

Metadata

Title

Alternative Title

Creator(s)

EX: Primary Investigator

Additional Creator(s)

Researchers or others who contribute to data creation

Organization

Person or organization associated with project or grant EX: Lab, Research team, Department

Sponsor

Funding Agency EX: NSF

Description

Description of the data or the study in which the data were generated: methodology

Data Types

The nature or genre of the data. EX: collection, dataset, image, software, text

Data Format

The file format, physical medium, or dimensions of the data. EX: 1.STB, 260 minutes

Data Source

Primary source from which the data are derived. EX: "2010 census"

Language

The language of the data and/or documentation

Keywords

Keywords, subject of the research

Identifier

Unambiguous reference to the data; unique identifiers. EX: URL, DOI, PubMed #, Grant Number

Version

The version or the edition of the data

Add deposit

Internal Policy

2. Plagiarism and Copyright Violation Policy

Given the terms of the UNL Data Repository (UNLDR) deposit agreement, the depositor agrees that s/he is the creator of the data and has the authority to decide on its retention and dissemination.

Should the UNLDR administrators receive a complaint of plagiarism (a violation of the academic code) or of copyright infringement (a legal violation), the complaint will be forwarded to the appropriate decision-making authority (e.g., Department, Graduate School, University committee). If the deciding authority confirms that the complaint is valid, the data will be removed from the UNLDR.

The UNLDR will retain a record of the dataset, along with the reason for its removal.

- A. Memorandum on Copyright Law and Compliance, May 23, 2007 <http://nebraska.edu/docs/policies/MemorandumonCopyrightLawandCompliance.pdf>
- B. UNL Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct, December 2, 2010 <http://www.unl.edu/asenate/researchmisconductpolicy.pdf>
- C. Research responsibility <http://research.unl.edu/orr/rcr.shtml>
- D. Faculty Senate - Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee <http://www.unl.edu/asenate/committees/ARRCpage.html>

Outreach

**Need a Data Management Plan?
UNL Libraries can help!**

<http://libraries.unl.edu/datacuration#datamanagement>



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