Qualitative data reuse decision tree

as open as possible, as closed as necessary

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Does your data contain personal data?

Yes

No

Can you anonymize the data without considerable loss of information?

Yes

No

Did you adequately include data sharing in your informed consent?

Yes

No

In your informed consent, did you limit the promised potential reuse of the data to specific purposes or people?

No

Yes

ARCHIVE OPEN ACCESS

ARCHIVE RESTRICTED ACCESS

Does your data contain sensitive information and / or are you legally restricted in sharing the data (e.g. copyright, sensitive business information)

No

Yes

Are you able to allow other researchers to reinterpret and/or analyse your data while remaining in full control of your data?

Yes

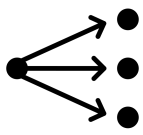
No

Consider both these options, while also publishing as much documentation, materials, and metadata as possible:

SECURE ENVIRONMENT

DECENTRALISED REANALYSIS

PUBLISH METADATA AND DOCUMENTATION ONLY



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ARCHIVE OPEN ACCESS Your data is not sensitive, and if your dataset contains personal data you have informed consent that allows the open sharing of data, or the personal data can be anonymised adequately.

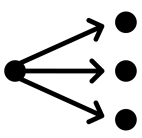
Consider to archive your data open access in trustworthy digital repository like the DANS Data Station SSH. CC0 license is recommended. Include metadata and documentation to improve the reusability.

ARCHIVE RESTRICTED ACCESS Your data contains personal information that you are not allowed to share open access, but your informed consent allows data sharing with specific conditions.

Consider to archive your data in trustworthy digital repository that allows restricted access, like the DANS Data Station SSH. Include metadata and documentation to improve the reusability. Establish a Data Access Protocol to accept or reject requests.

SECURE ENVIRONMENT Your data is sensitive and/or contains personal data and you don't have informed consent to share it. Consider using secure environments where the data remains under your control.

Publish project documentation and metadata about your data to make it findable.



DECENTRALISED REANALYSIS Your data is sensitive and/or contains personal data and you don't have informed consent to share it. Consider offering your data for decentralised reanalysis, where you reanalyse your data based on analysis protocols from other researchers.

Publish project documentation and metadata about your data to make it findable.

PUBLISH METADATA AND DOCUMENTATION ONLY Your data is sensitive and/or contains personal data and you don't have informed consent to share it. Secure environments or decentralised reanalysis are not possible for you.

Publish project documentation and metadata about your project to make it findable.

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