LA-SiGMA: Data Management Plan

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Discussion: NSF's Data Management Plan Requirement

- In their revised *Grant Proposal Guide,* the NSF mandates that all proposals submitted after January 11, 2011 include a short — no more than two-page — supplementary document detailing the Data Management Plan (DMP) for the proposed project.
- Data must be preserved for at least three years beyond the end of the award.

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The FOURTH PARADIGM

DATA-INTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

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Possibilities:

1. Commercial
   - The Princeton Plan[1]
     - 'Pay Once, Store Forever (POSF)'
     - Expensive. $5K/terabtye, *i.e.,* ridiculous
   - Digital Commons[2]
     - UNO is a customer now.
2. Institutional repositories, *i.e.,* libraries
   - Institutions then supply 'boiler-plate' for the NSF proposals.
   - Institutional processes address any-and-all curation and metadata issues.
   - Scale of institutional storage will be a severe challenge.

[1] http://dspace.princeton.edu/jspui/handle/88435/dsp01w6634361k

[2] http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/

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Questions distinct to LA-SiGMA

1. What constitutes satisfactory data *curation?*
   - Include all data underpinnning conclusions of a final paper/report, not data obtained following crazy tangents.
   - All directories should have a README, explaining files there.
   - Required third-party and proprietary software should be identified, but need not be provided.
   - Makefiles for processing/compiling of locally derived code.
   - Tar, identify, make web-accessible to interested external researchers. No baby-sitting expected/required.
2. Must archive X terabtyes/year/researcher. X = ? (10)
3. Do we need a multi-university solution?

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