

MaDAM - A Pilot Data Management Infrastructure for Biomedical Researchers at The University of Manchester

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Contribution

MaDAM

- General & Local Context
 - Project Approach
- Pre-MaDAM Situation
- What does MaDAM provide?
 - Researcher Benefits
 - What's to come?

MaDAM Context – Funder retention policies, FOI,
Increasing pressure from publishers/funders to share



MaDAM Context - Institutional Repository eScholar - launched 2009



MaDAM Context - Manchester Informatics - University addressing the problem via “SAC”



MaDAM Context

£ JISC-Funded “MaDAM” Project runs to June 2011

£ University Contributed £120K plus staff time



MaDAM Approach – Researcher-need led, initial discussions, prototypes, workshops



Pre-MaDAM - Inconsistent ad hoc data management solutions available within the user community



Pre-MaDAM – Users report multiple copies of data, difficult to track down the right version



Pre-MaDAM – Lab books used for metadata with associated search difficulties



Pre-MaDAM – Much use of portable devices for transfer, storage and sharing



Pre-MaDAM – “Failed” experiment data often retained, but rarely revisited



Pre-MaDAM – Backup policies not always in place



Pre-MaDAM – Decentralised and fragmented storage



Pre-MaDAM – Limited means of disseminating data



Pre-MaDAM – No archiving policies to support long-term curation



MaDAM Pilot: Research Data Management

Project/"Folder" Data

Context Sensitive Actions

PLUS Procedural Support!

Web Explorer

Bulk Downloads

"Folder" Contents

Explorer

- Project A
- Project C
- Geospatial Project
- End of Season Simulation
- Biv
- Ski
- Fin2b
- Fin2c
- Fin2d
- Fin2e
- Submission A

Quick File Upload

Browse...

Project

Create Project

Project Details

Project Template

Create

- Create Folder
- Create Experiment
- Create Publication

Folder Actions

- Create Note
- Email Folder Link
- Bookmark Folder
- Page Help
- Create Shortcut
- Move Folder
- Add Dataset

Notes

- Clean Instrumen..

Fin2a

Delete Update

Name

Fin2a

Expt using Diazo dye for Protein X

Attributes

Instrument Instrument A

Method Method A

Create Date 28-MAY-2010

Status Available

Folders

Type	Name	Date Created	Status	Owner
Folder	Raw Data	28-MAY-2010	Available	Simon Collins
Folder	Analysis	28-MAY-2010	Available	Simon Collins

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Files in Folder

Delete

Select	Name	Created On	Size / MB	Version
<input type="checkbox"/>	Analysis Overview.doc	01-JUN-2010	0.02	1

MaDAM provides: support in the parts of the workflow users are interested in



MaDAM provides: trusted secure storage to reduce risks of data loss



MaDAM provides: a mechanism to make metadata visible and searchable



MaDAM provides: easier, more secure owner-controlled data sharing



MaDAM provides: an end to redundancy by making existing resources easier to discover



MaDAM provides: (via eScholar) media format accessibility for long-term reuse



MaDAM provides: compliance with legal and funder obligations




MaDAM benefits for users:



I can put my hands
straight on my data,
through one
application

MaDAM benefits for users:



I can easily share & find data within my research group

MaDAM benefits for users:



I have support in
data management
planning

MaDAM benefits for users:

I can publish my data, under my control, with the wider community



MaDAM benefits for users:



I'm not repeating
experiments
unnecessarily

MaDAM benefits for users:



I'm freed up from
some of my data
management duties
to concentrate on
my research

Institutional Benefits:

1. Researcher time spent on research
2. “Bulk-buying” across the Institution leads to cost benefits in storage (MaDAM moving towards UoM Virtualised Storage system) and an ability to buy storage on demand.
3. Energy/equipment efficiency through centralisation



Institutional Benefits:

4. Easier costing for data management needs in proposals
5. Enhanced Reputation for the University
6. Easier compliance with funder & legal obligations



National Future:

1. Funders data management requirements to become stricter
2. Search across subject and institutional repositories
3. Academic ratings associated with data?



Local Future:



Library to run up the service

Funded via grants (?)

Transitional Project

Future Enhancements:

Data Plan Creation (later talk)
Capture, Sharing, Creation

Many Thanks!

<http://www.merc.ac.uk/?q=MaDAM>

<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/projects/madam>