

# Collaborative Data Documentation

## based on OwnCloud

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## SFB882 // "From Heterogeneities to Inequalities"

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## Research on social Inequalities:

How do heterogeneities lead to social inequalities?

And what are the social mechanisms that underlie this process?

- 19 projects, in the fields:

<b>A</b>	in individual life course (A1 - A6)
<b>B</b>	in context of organizations (B1 - B5)
<b>C</b>	beyond the nation-state (C1 - C5)
<b>Z</b>	central services (Z, MGK, <b>INF</b> )

# INF - Data and Infrastructure Project for SFB882 // aims

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## 1. Work

- Bundling of IT resources for projects and for the SFB as a whole
- Supporting of (transdisciplinary) research practice
- Adapting methods and way of working into VRE

## 2. Research Platform

- Aspects of Research Data Management
- Documentation and Archiving
- Research data re-use → replicability, secondary analysis

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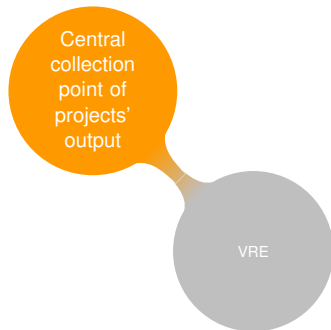


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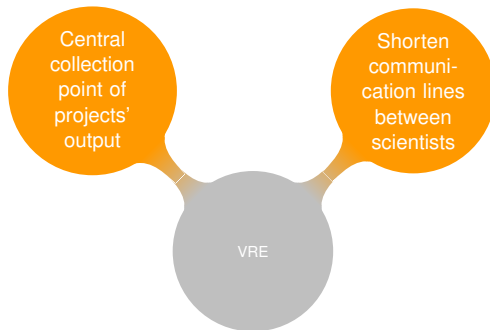


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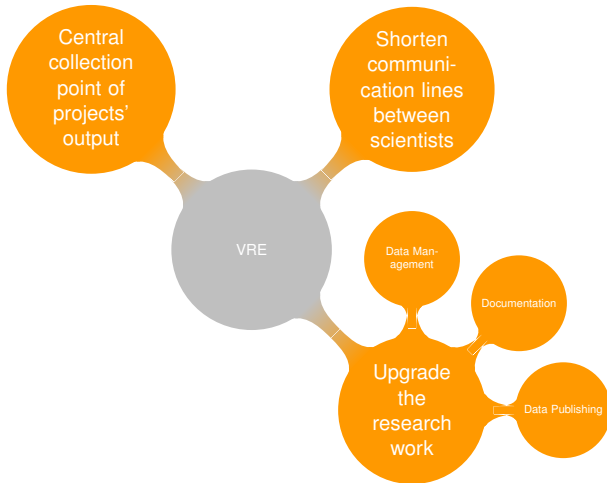


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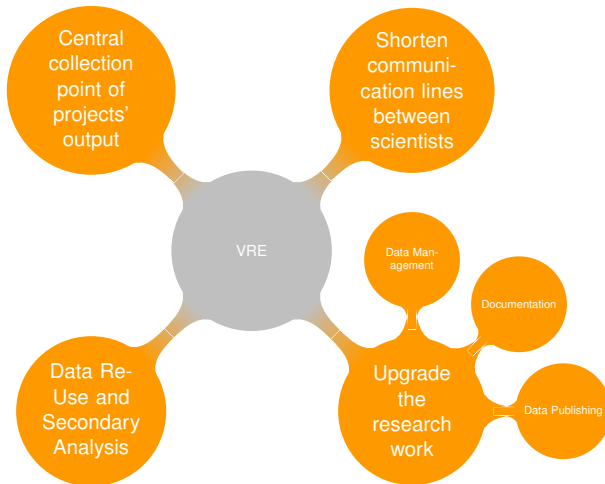


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# Documentation within a collaborative environment? // yes!

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- facilitate data re-use between projects,
- platform which includes **all** research artefacts

## Our Goals

- Benefits for standardized and interoperable documentation are almost not there
- Increase acceptance of data documentation
  - Tools: Easy-to use and easy to learn
  - Bundling already established tools into one system
  - Abstraction from technical details (metadata standards)
  - Almost no additional effort during the research work
- Semi-automatic documentation and metadata generation **during** the research work - **not after!**
- Integration and Interoperability between institutional services

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- This combination is a *nightmare* in several aspects!





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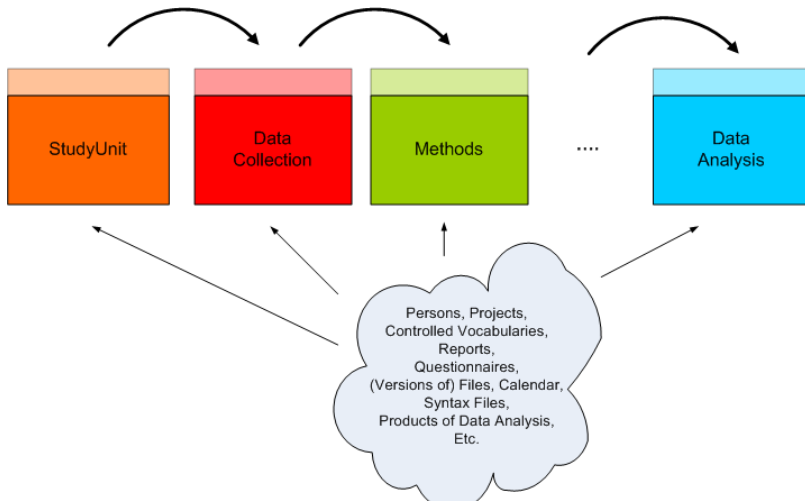
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- Our editor is embedded in a Virtual Research Environment - make use of it!
- Tap into several different sources of information to either avoid form filling altogether or at least offer some useful preselected options

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## Demo // Hands on - work in progress

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# Demo!

## Summary and Conclusions

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- VRE for SFB882 is work in progress
- Goals: support the processes of conducting research, but also ensure high-quality data documentation and long-term archiving of the project output
- Current core components:
  - Collaboration: WIKI, Calendar
  - Data Storage: File Upload, File Linkage
  - Integration of VRE to institutional services
  - Development of specific documentation workflows and advisory support
- Future Work: Export of a DDI-based data documentation



## The End // questions?

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# Thank you for your attention!

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