

FAIR-Checker

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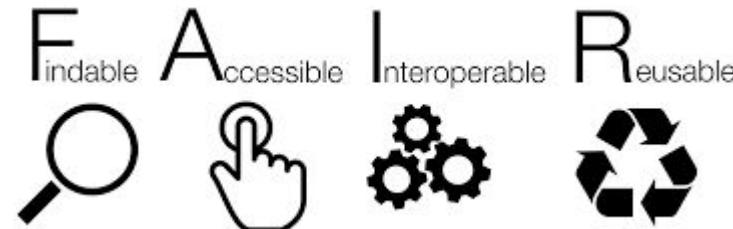
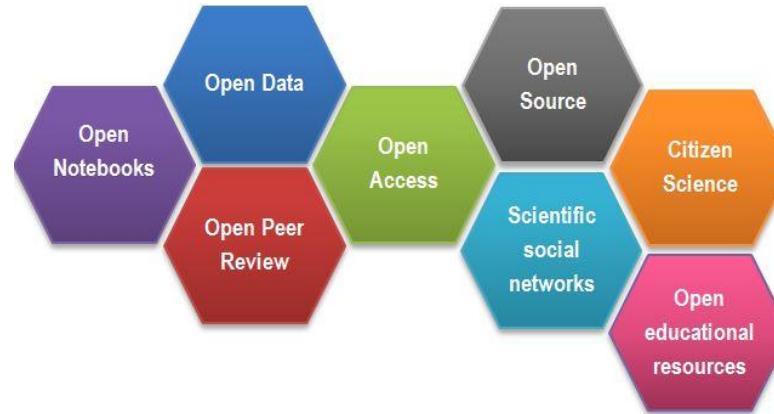
Open science and Needs

Open science allow **free** access to experimental **data** and **metadata** for anyone.

- Better reactivity to the latest breakthrough by the scientific community (e.g. COVID-19).
- Allow large scale meta-analysis for more accurate results.
- etc...

Need for standardize and structured data to ease:

- Findability
- Accessibility
- Interoperability
- Reusability



FAIR principles : how to implement guidelines ?



From Australian Research Data
Commons

<https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/sdata201618>

FAIR principles

- many guidelines ...
- ... but no recommended technologies !

How to implement the principles and go beyond checklists ?

Resource providers & developers need help, and tooling !

- I'm a **software developer**, my source code is on GitHub, but not mature enough to be part of a registry. How to check if my tool is **findable** enough ?
 - Which kind of metadata should I advertise ?
 - Which vocabulary should I use ?
 - Where should I request a permanent ID ?
- I'm a **data producer**, I published my dataset through an online repository, does it provides rich metadata ? are these metadata **interoperable** ?

FAIR-Checker summary

Issue: How to help researchers with technical tips to enhance the FAIRness of their resource -> data, softwares, workflows ?



Goal: Web tool **FAIR-Checker** - Monitoring progress in FAIRification through self-assessment of resources maturity indicators.

Based on the **FAIRMetrics** framework/API [Wilkinson, Dumontier et al., Scientific Data 6:174] to **automatically evaluate FAIR Principles** and provide hints to **progress** in the **FAIRification** process.

Existing implementations: Fair Evaluation Services

The screenshot shows the homepage of the FAIR Evaluation Services website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, EVALUATIONS, MI TESTS, COLLECTIONS, ABOUT US, a search bar labeled "Search tests and collections", and a "SEARCH" button. The main title "FAIR Evaluation Services" is displayed prominently. Below the title, a subtitle reads "Resources and guidelines to assess the FAIRness of digital resources." A green banner at the bottom left contains the message: "We are back online ! Thank you for your patience ! If you notice any unexpected failures in the tests, please report them to mark.wilkinson@upm.es". The main content area features three sections: "Import MI Tests" (with a "Get started" button), "Create collections" (with a "Get started" button), and "Evaluate resources" (with a "Get started" button). Each section has a brief description and an icon.

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Import MI Tests
Import Maturity Indicators Tests as YAML [smartAPI](#) interface annotation
[Get started](#)

Create collections
Assemble Maturity Indicators Tests into community centered collections
[Get started](#)

Evaluate resources
Evaluate resources FAIRness against Collections of Maturity Indicator Tests
[Get started](#)

Philosophy of FAIR testing

Evaluating FAIRness is a controversial issue! We (the Maturity Indicator Authoring Group) feel that these concerns can be eased through bringing more clarity regarding the "philosophy" behind FAIRness testing.

FAIR Evaluation Services

- Computable FAIR metrics
- Open to contributions (new metrics)
- **Technical expertise needed to interpret logs**

<https://fairsharing.github.io/FAIR-Evaluator-FrontEnd>

FAIRmetrics : FAIR-Checker

<https://fair-checker.france-bioinformatique.fr>

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<input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Data Identifier Explicitly In			



FAIRmetrics : FAIR-Checker

F1 - Unique Identifier

Status

Description

Metric to test if the metadata resource has a unique identifier. This is done by comparing the GUID to the patterns (by regexp) of known GUID schemas such as URLs and DOIs. Known schema are registered in FAIRSharing (https://fairsharing.org/standards/?q=&selected_facets=type_exact:identifier%20schema)

<https://w3id.org/fair/principles/terms/F1>

Result

Score 1

Time 0:00:04

Comment SUCCESS: Found an identifier of type 'uri'

Check

F1 - Identifier Persistence

Status

Description

Metric to test if the unique identifier of the metadata resource is likely to be persistent. Known schema are registered in FAIRSharing (https://fairsharing.org/standards/?q=&selected_facets=type_exact:identifier%20schema). For URLs that don't follow a schema in FAIRSharing we test known URL persistence schemas (purl, oclc, fdlp, purlz, w3id, ark).

<https://w3id.org/fair/principles/terms/F1>

Result

Score 0

Time 0:00:02

Comment FAILURE: The metadata GUID does not conform with any known permanent-URL system.

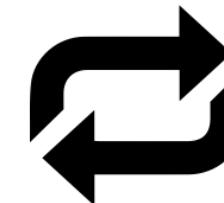
Recommendation Ensure that meta-data describing your resource use permanent and well formed identifiers (PURLs, DOIs, etc.)

Check

4. Improve the FAIRness of his
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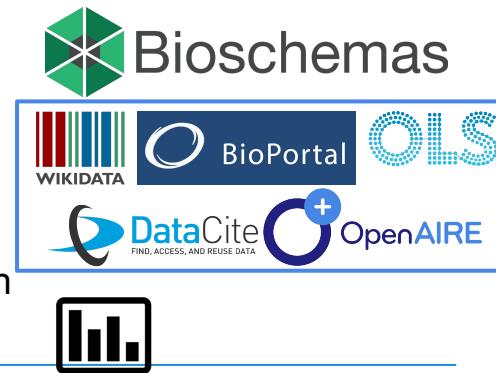


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Positioning

- Keeping autonomy while providing open access and evaluation transparency / explainability
- Python framework to **draft / extend / implement / propose new metrics**:
<https://github.com/IFB-ElixirFr/fair-checker>
 - E.g. targeting bioinformatics softwares (tools, workflows) ?
 - E.g. targeting specific community needs ?
(challenging due to domain-agnosticity of FAIR metrics)
- Focus on technical “help” for developers and resource providers with external references (e.g. FAIR Cookbook, etc)
- Ongoing work:
 - Opportunity to **rank** BioSchemas annotated resources based on information profiles (minimal / recommended / optional)
 - On **augmenting** metadata base on online Knowledge Graphs (e.g. WikiData, BioPortal, LOV, OLS, DataCite, OpenAire)
 - Aggregate **usage** statistics to monitor progress on FAIR implementation



Feedbacks and perspectives

First feedbacks from some **SDP Elixir-fr** resources:

Ergonomie	Features	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Button for reduce/expand some elements• Re-organize placement of some elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add CSV, Radarchart SVG, et table export	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FAIRMetrics caching causing problems on the dynamic side

Perspectives:

- Actually **use FAIR-Checker** as a **FAIRification** assist tool
- New **metrics** with **knowledge graph** focus (ontologies, vocabularies, etc...)
- Provide **templates/tools** to FAIRly **annotate a web page** with metadata (code snippets)
- Usage statistics

Acknowledgments

Thanks to:

- First beta-tester from Elixir-FR SDP
- IFB and Interoperability Action
- Users and future users

We need you to test, contribute on
feedbacks and github !

URL of the demo:

- <https://fair-checker.france-bioinformatique.fr>

URL of the github:

- <https://github.com/IFB-ElixirFr/fair-checker>

URL for feedback-issues:

- <https://github.com/IFB-ElixirFr/fair-checker/issues>



Backup slides

Premiers retours et développements à venir

Premiers retours de certaines ressources du **SDP Elixir-fr**

- Besoin d'export CSV, et SVG pour le RadarChart et le tableau
- Intuitif
- Ajouter bouton réduire/agrandir pour certains éléments
- Besoin de réorganiser l'emplacement de certains éléments
- Mise en cache côté FAIRMetrics (rend l'utilisation de FAIRChecker moins dynamique/itératif)

Développements à venir:

- Amélioration de l'ergonomie de l'interface
- Amélioration des recommandations avec exemples de code
- Ajout de nouvelles features (export de résultats)
- Implémentation de métriques supplémentaires/étendre celles existantes
- Augmentation du graphe de connaissance avec requêtes SPARQL
- Statistiques d'utilisation de FAIR-Checker
- Travail avec FAIRMetrics pour la mise en cache

Why FAIR-Checker ?

- Propose a (simple) web interface for developers to interact with “FAIR Evaluation Services” APIs and **make progress on FAIRification** (iterative testing) through **recommendations** and **technical implementation examples** (e.g. FAIR Cookbook, etc)
- Evaluate **semantic web technologies** (RDF, SPARQL, SHACL) for Findability, Interoperability and some of Reusability principles (e.g. provenance)
- Implement, extend metrics, and **contribute** to FAIR evaluation initiatives



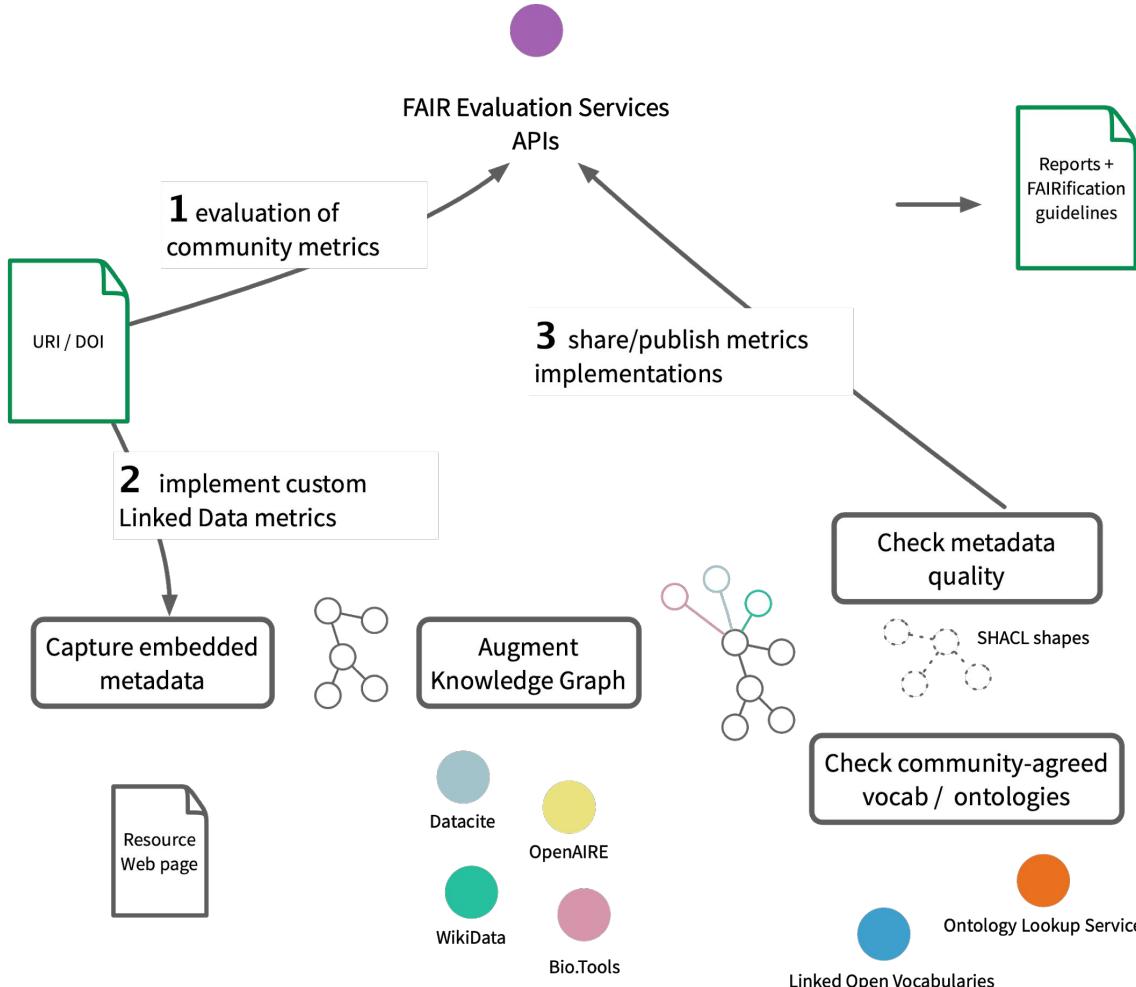
URIs to identify things on the web

RDF to link things on the web
→ graphs

OWL / RDFS to represent knowledge
→ ontologies / vocabularies

SPARQL to query knowledge graphs

SHACL to create graphs shapesconstraint



Custom LD metrics (1): checking FAIR vocabularies

I2: (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow the FAIR principles

F4: (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

Informing on semantic **concepts** and **relations** in metadata.

Querying online registries to check that ontologies / vocabularies are “recognized”:

- **LOV, Linked Open Vocabularies** (general purpose, SPARQL endpoint)
- **OLS, Ontology Lookup Service** (life sciences, REST API)
- *BioPortal (life sciences) SPARQL + REST, access controlled (API-key)*

```
ns1:rsat_peak-motifs a ns2:SoftwareApplication ;  
ns2:additionalType "Web service" ;  
ns2:citation "pubmed:21715389" ;  
ns2:description "A workflow combining a series of time- and memory-efficient motif analysis tools to extract motifs from full-size collections of peaks as generated by ChIP-seq, ChIP-chip or other ChIP-X technologies." ;  
ns2:name "RSAT peak-motifs" ;
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Classes	Properties
http://schema.org/SoftwareApplication	LOV
	http://ogp.me/ns#description
	http://ogp.me/ns#image
	http://ogp.me/ns#title
	http://schema.org/additionalType
	http://schema.org/citation
	http://schema.org/description
	http://schema.org/name
	http://schema.org/operatingSystem
	http://schema.org/url
	http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type
	https://bio.tools/ontology/primaryContact

Custom LD metrics (2): checking metadata quality

R1.3: (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

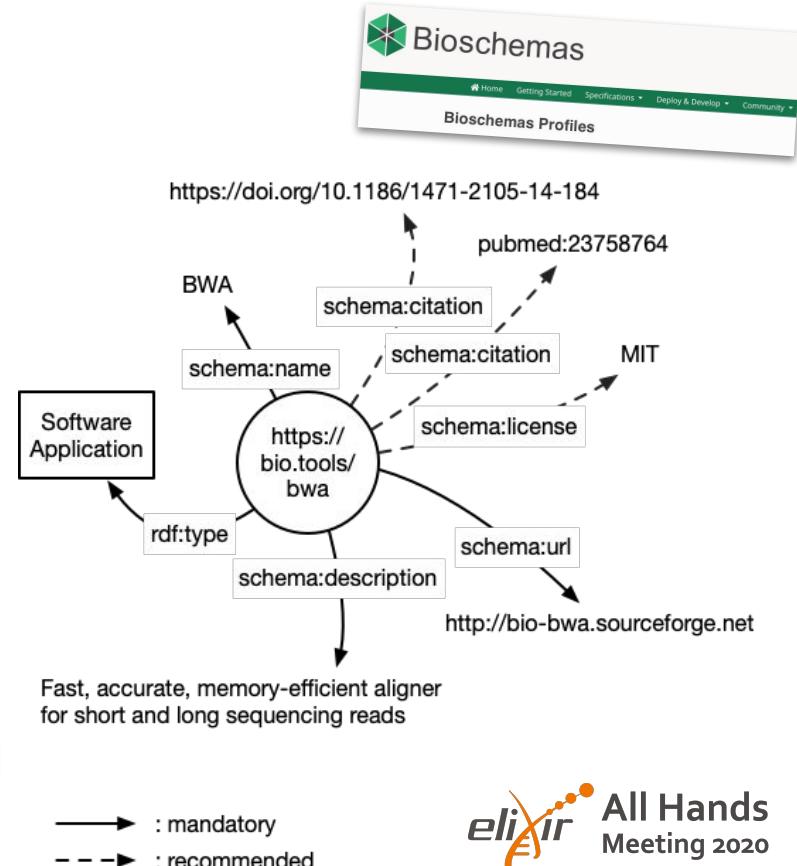
SHACL : RDF Shape Constraint Language

- Declare constraints/rules for knowledge graphs
- Matched against **domain-specific** node or edge types (tools, workflows, datasets, articles, etc.)

Template engine to generate SHACL shapes

Results of the shape validation constitute a knowledge graph:

- Queries to filter severity (warnings or errors)
- Queries to produce user-oriented messages and provide **recommendation**



Faits marquants 2019-2020

- **Pourquoi c'est important !** (cf plan sciences ouvertes CNRS ? autre)
- **Challenge de l'interopérabilité** : action transverse / disséminée dans les plateformes / dans les communautés
- Bilan actions 2019 - 2020

Développement d'outils + Animation communauté FR + Animation Elixir

@Cyril @David S. @David L. @Eric P.

- Montrer que l'action est vivante (combien de réunion, combien de personnes, représentativité des communautés FR)
- **Participation active au catalogue** (décembre-février + septembre = 4 mois) : import de données suivant le schéma le nouveau schéma de la BDD (outils, plateformes, compétences, training, etc.). Déploiement du catalogue Docker + VM cloud IFB.
- [X] **FAIR Checker** short comm au All Hands, mise en ligne d'une version demo, travail sur les recommandations
Enregistré sur FAIRassist.org
- [X] Participation au **BioHackathon** : EDAM / profils d'information pour Bio.Tools / Orphanet /Orphadata (**bioschemas** / schema.org (findability)) + Interop entre TeSS et Bio.Tools via Bioschemas.
- [X] **Bio.Tools** : export contenu en Bioschemas sur GitHub (Elixir Tools Ecosystem) hackathon plateforme tool + Annotathon bio.tools
- [] RIR : Waves / AgroLD / AgroPortal
- [] F2F Elixir InteropPlatform orienté COVID-19
- Covid 19 biohackathon → “workflow hub” provenance / RO-crate ([VIPER](#)) workflow)
- AG IFB 26/11/2019, questionnaire FAIR, prêt mais à lancer ! mais l'IFB pour tous

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Premiers retours et développements à venir

Premiers contacts avec ressources du SDP

TODO

Hervé / instalable / outil disponible pour la communauté (au delà IFB)

Ergonomie interface utilisateur (Nicolas / Suzanne)

Statistiques / évolution de la FAIRification des ressources ..

Nouvelles métriques

Use case Data Brokering

Recommendation techniques

Objectifs de l'action pour 2020-2021

- Projet 2020 - 2021
 - FAIR checker : message "**communauté IFB ou autre, on cherche des utilisateurs, contacter Thomas !!**"
 - utiliser FAIR checker comme outil d'assistance à la fair-ification
 - Nouvelles métriques transparentes et efficaces
 - Focus sur les knowledge graphs (ontologies, vocabulaires, etc.)
 - template / outils pour l'annotation de pages (code snippets for developers)
 - Statistiques
 - Soutien aux communautés (plantes / mer / santé (catalogue use case COVID-19? autre ?))
 - Représentant par communauté
 - besoin IS Bioschemas plantes
 - Projets pilotes
 - ? participation aux communautés structurées (IFB)
 - Actions concertées avec la plateforme tools (workflows et provenance ?)
 - Actions en direction des DMPs en lien avec projet PIA3 et ANR Flash OpenScience
 - Animation BioSchemas (Tools/Workflows)
 - Développer l'impact de l'"interop" au sens large pour les **sciences ouvertes**
 - **Levier = projets DMPs en cours (maDMP) / DMP (Elixir Converge)**
 - Questionnaire pratiques FAIR : Action coordonnée OpenScience / F. Delamotte / J.-F. Dufayard / P. Lieby
 - Use case Data brokering
 - Bien se phaser avec Elixir : EIP / SDP / RIR
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FAIR-Checker technologies

Programming language:

- Python 3



Web Framework:

- Flask
- Use of socket-io for async handling



Environment/deployment:

- Docker



Web server:

- Gunicorn + Nginx

