

FAIR-DS for FAIRDOM-SEEK

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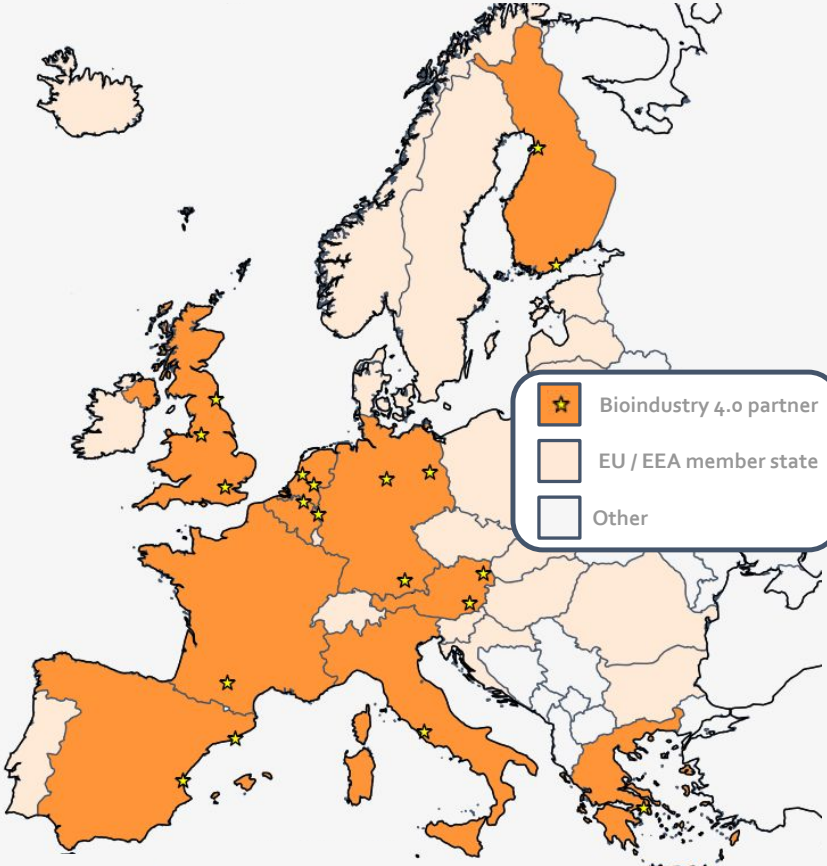
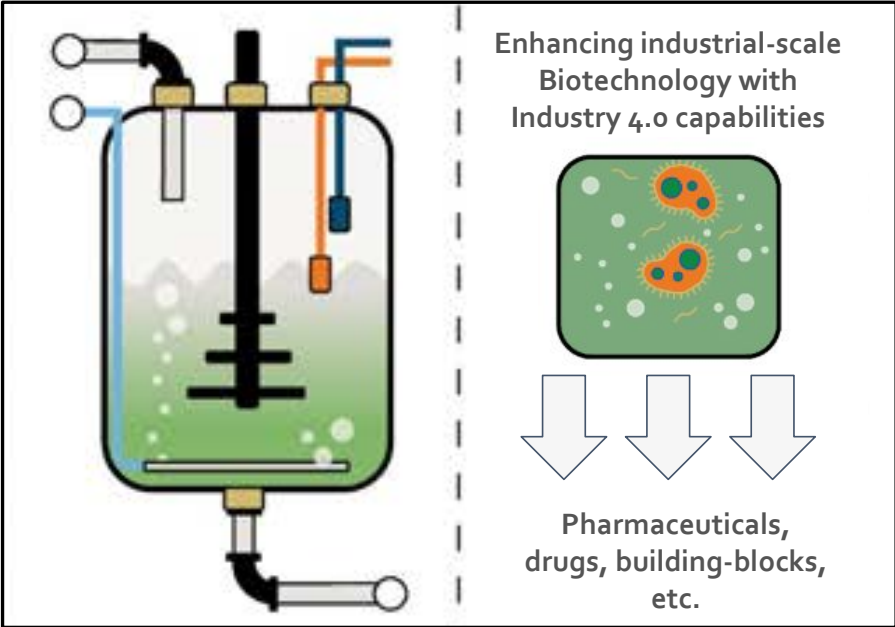
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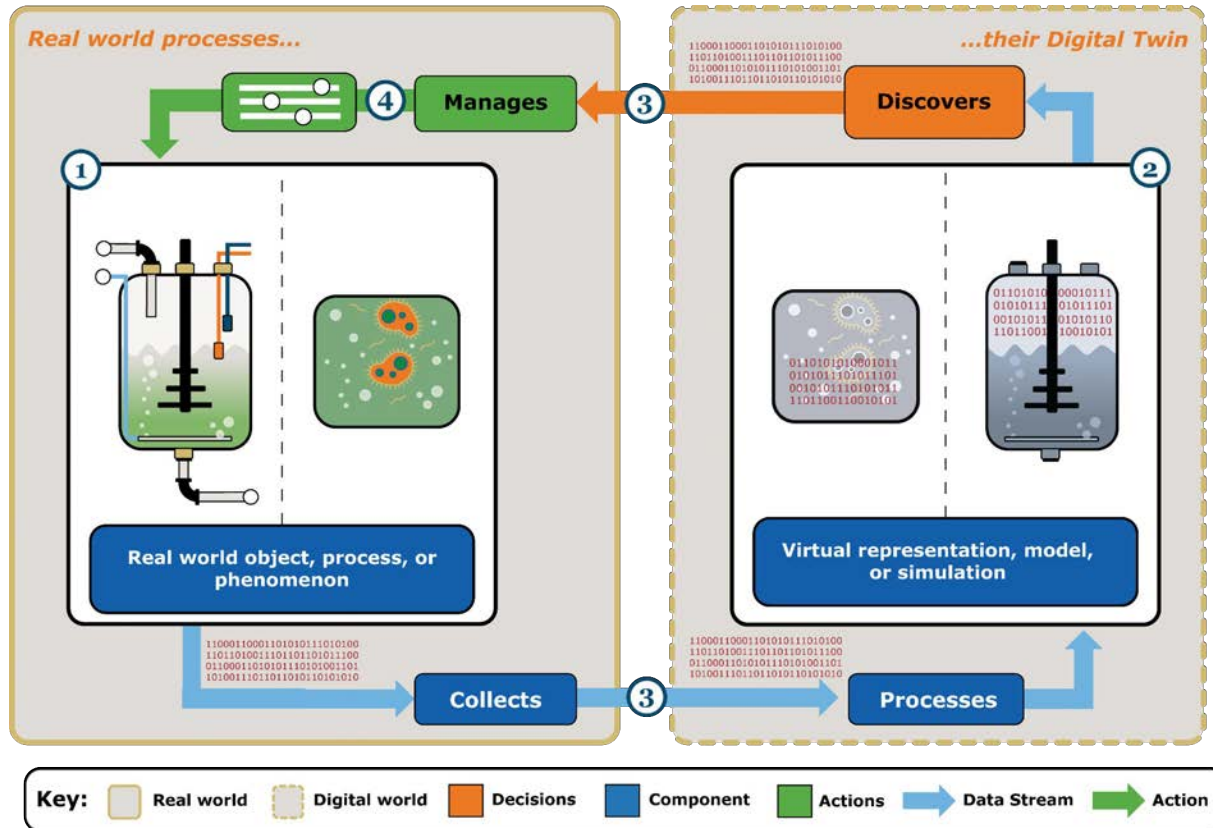
The screenshot displays the IBISBA web interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with the IBISBA logo, a search bar, and a project titled "IndPenSim Test". Below the project title are tabs for "Overview" and "Related Items", and a section for "Test project for retrieval" with metadata including a SEEK ID, public and internal web pages, and organisms. The main content area features a navigation bar with buttons for "Dashboard", "Overview", "Asset report", "Add new", and "Actions". The "Actions" dropdown menu is open, showing several options: "Manage Project", "Administer Project members", "Administer Project members roles", "Order Investigations", "Import from FAIR Data Station", and "Delete Project". An orange arrow points to the "Import from FAIR Data Station" option.

To talk about this new button: explain what FAIR Data Station is; and the integration of FAIR DS with FAIRDOME-SEEK. But first...

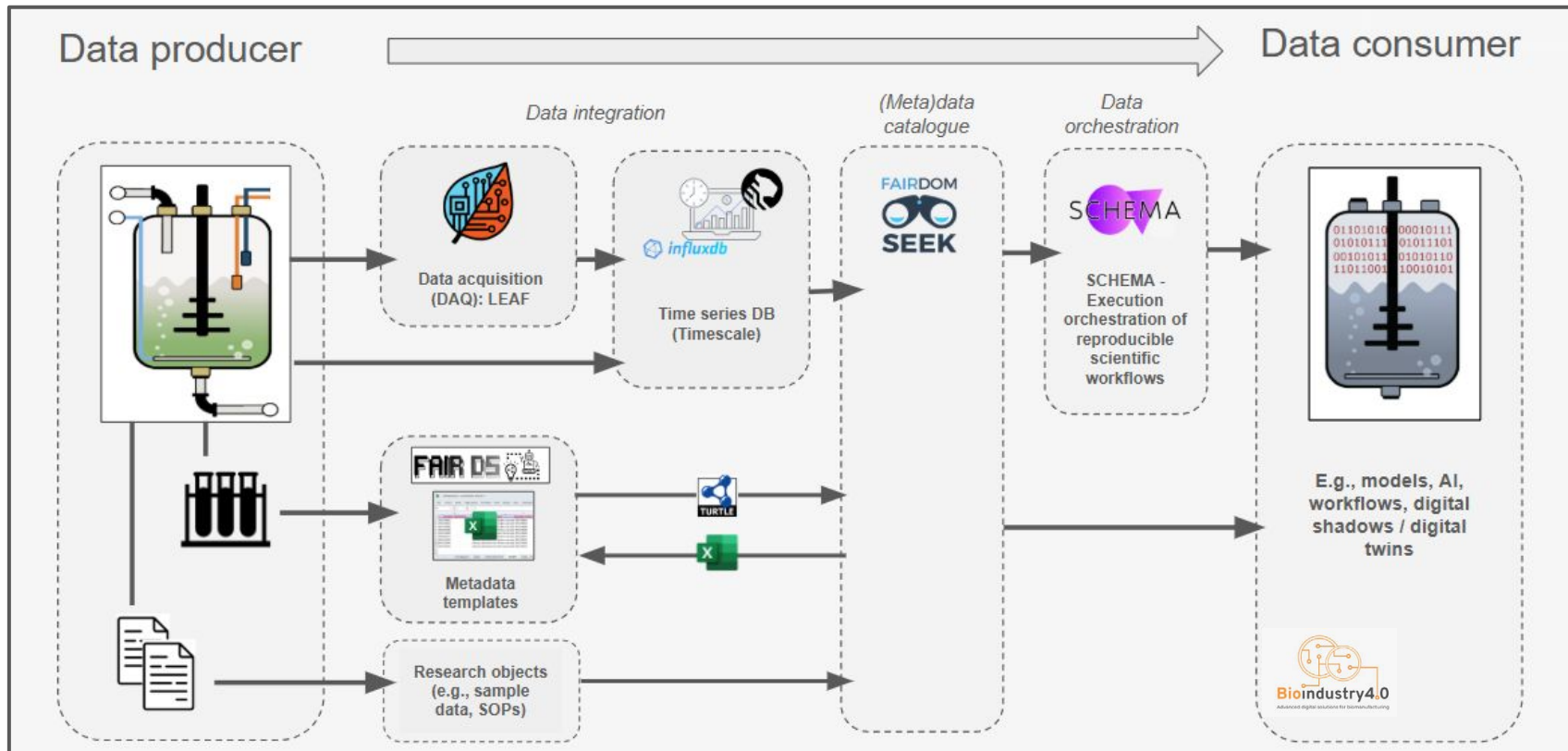
BioIndustry 4.0



Digital twin



Data Fabric



For a Digital Twin to work

- Live interaction with laboratory equipment
- Live stream of information
- **Data**
 - **Findable**
 - **Accessible**
 - **Interoperable**
 - **Reusable**



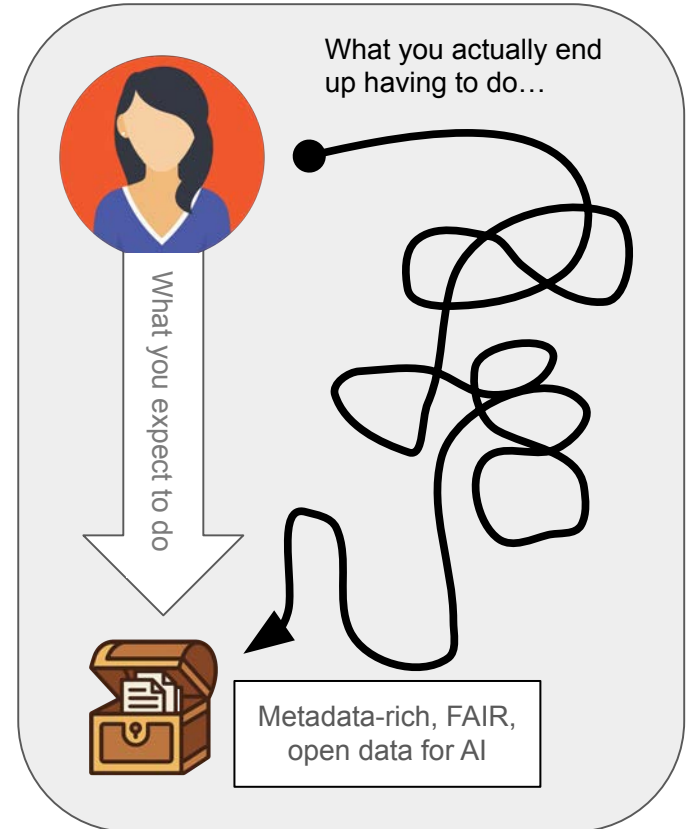
The problem: data management isn't seamless

Or 'why do I, a data producer, have to spend time...'

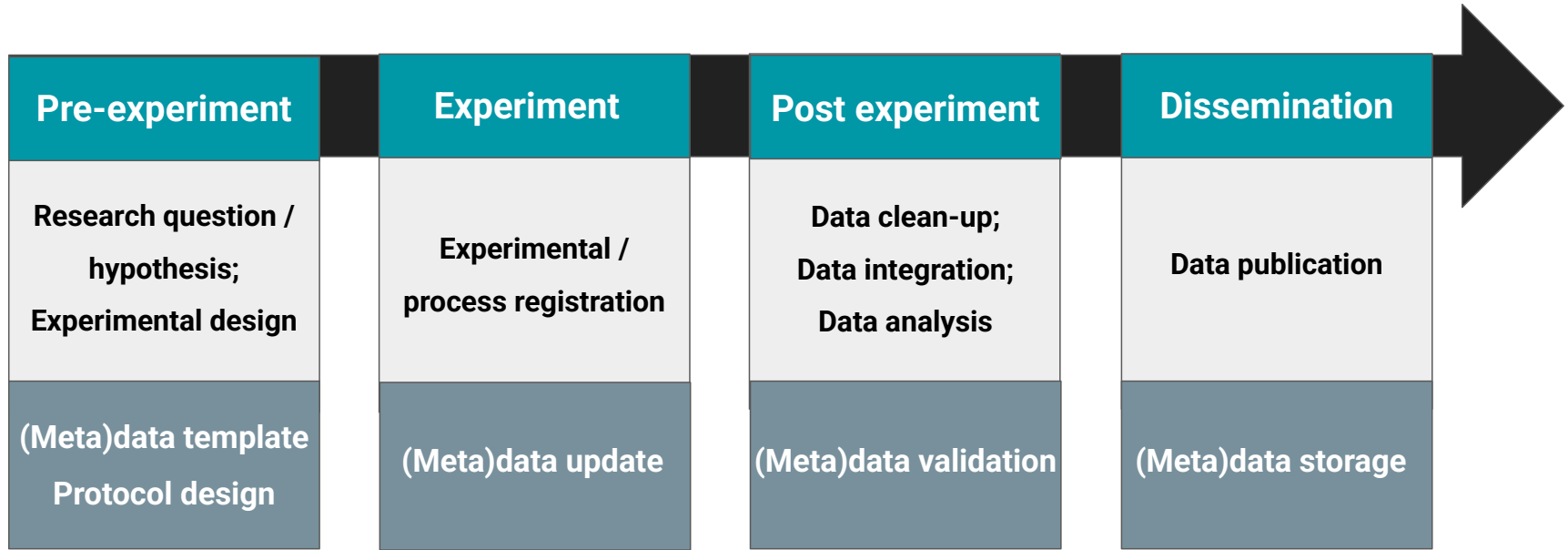
- '...cleaning data produced by my laboratory equipment.'
- '...integrating all the different datasets.'
- '...finding, formatting, standardising, uploading, and storing my data.'

I want...

- '...something accessible, easy to use, and not be bothered about FAIR'



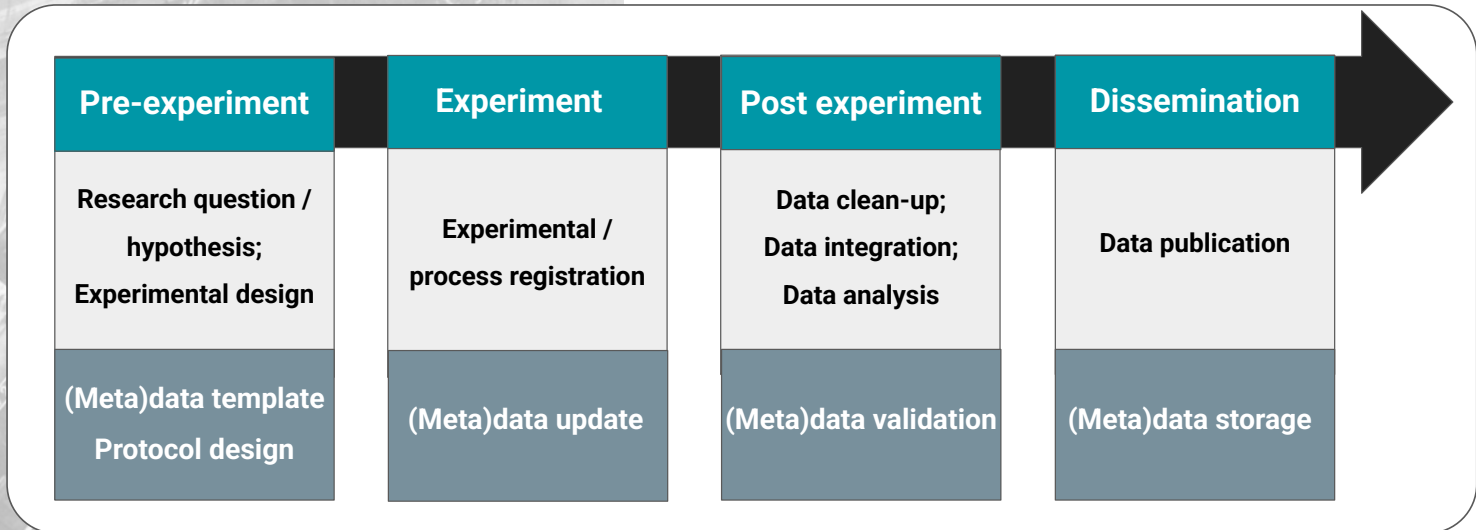
FAIR by design approach



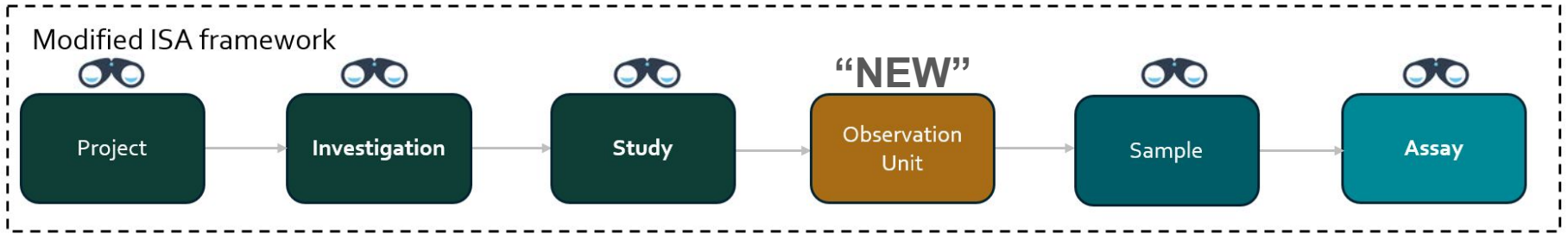
'FAIR by design' means recording, storing, and validating (meta)data as you go to facilitate the researcher rather than **'FAIR for publication'**, i.e., just before dissemination (for someone else).

FAIR by 'accident'

Ideally we want it so that users 'accidentally' make their data FAIR from the outset with each step continuing this trend.



Data structure



Research context



Research context
and/or hypothesis



Unit of research (e.g.,
control vs
contaminated sites)



Contaminated
site

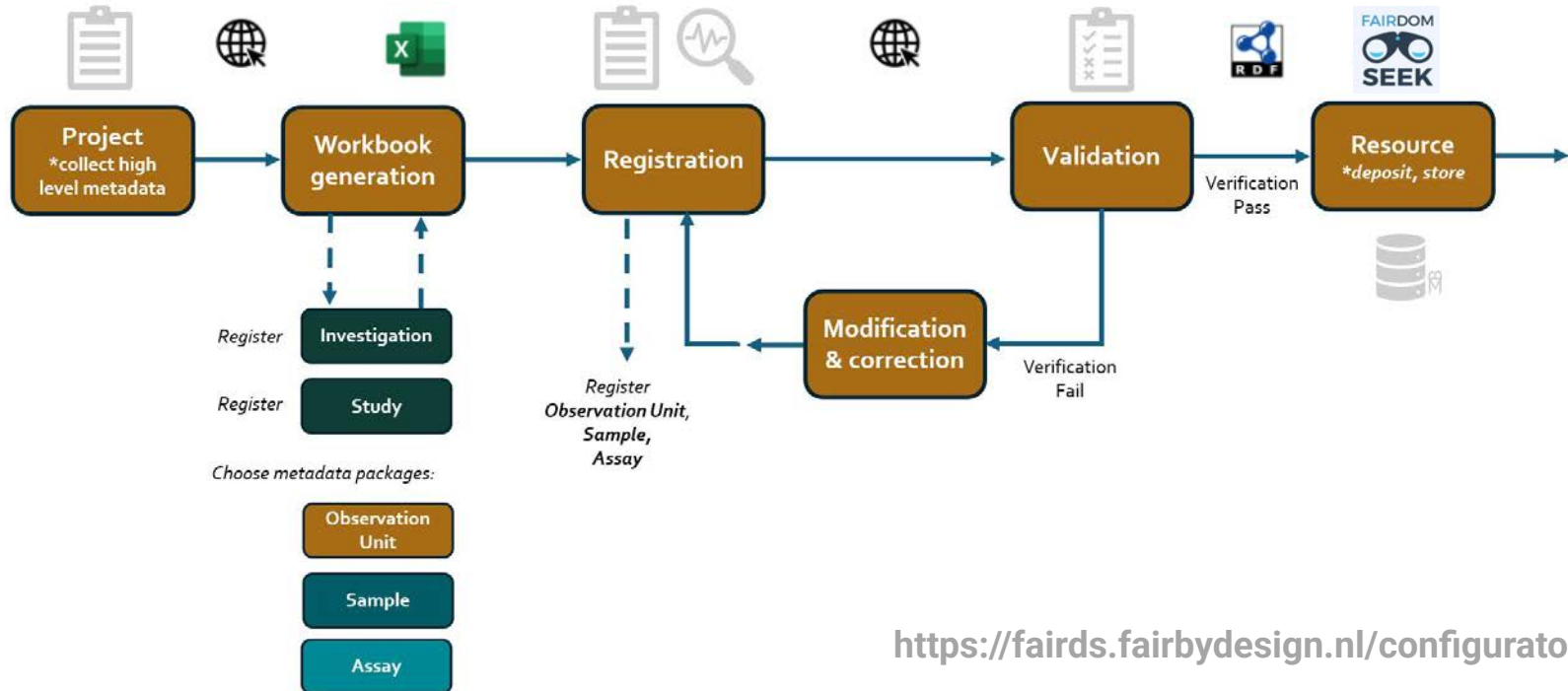


Soil sample



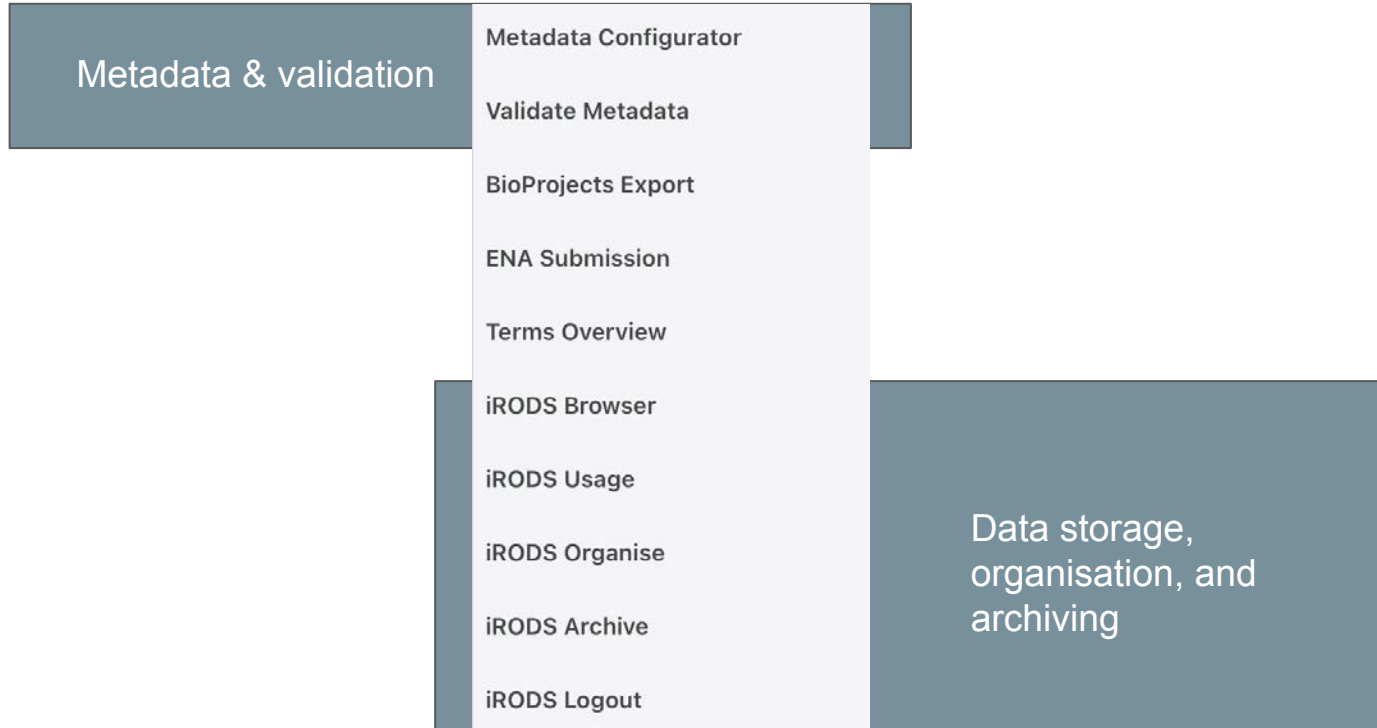
Analysis (e.g.,
microbial
diversity)

FAIR Data Station process



<https://fairds.fairbydesign.nl/configurator>

Features implemented



Metadata configurator: Investigation, Study

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `fairds.fairbydesign.nl`. The page title is "Metadata Configurator". The left sidebar contains the following navigation items: "About", "Metadata Configurator" (highlighted), "Validate Metadata", "BioProjects Export", "ENA Submission", "Terms Overview", "iRODS Browser", "iRODS Usage", "iRODS Organise", "iRODS Archive", and "iRODS Logout". At the bottom of the sidebar, it says "© 2025 UNLOCK", "Download · Source · Help", and "v1.0.230-dev".

The main content area is titled "Step 1 of 3. Project specific metadata". It contains a section "Investigation Information" with the following fields:

- Investigation identifier:** This is a unique code that distinctly labels and tracks a specific scientific investigation. Example: `e.g. NWO_UNLOCK`
- Investigation Title:** Human-readable string summarising the investigation. Example: `e.g. Synergies between biological and ozonisation processes for micropollutant removal`
- Investigation Description:** Human-readable text describing the investigation in more detail. Example: `e.g. investigation into optimizing micropollutant removal from wastewater treatment plant effluent using biological treatment and ozonation`

Below these are personal details fields:

First name	<input type="text"/>	Last name	<input type="text"/>
E-mail	<input type="text"/>	ORCID	<input type="text"/>
Organization	<input type="text"/>	Department	<input type="text"/>
Role	<input type="text"/>		

At the bottom of the form, it says "Add persons involved in this investigation." A system tray notification in the bottom right corner shows "Memory:260/1024MB (25%)".

Observation unit / Sample / Assay > Packages!

> Observation Unit Information

> Sample Information

Metadata of a biological sample taken from an observation unit.
ENA packages have been incorporated. For more information see: <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/browser/checklists>

Record experiments

Export Remove

air

Select a package

- Package
- Filter
- default
- air
- host associated
- human associated
- human gut
- human oral
- human skin
- human vaginal
- microbial metagenome
- biofilm
- plant associated
- sediment
- soil

Home Insert Draw Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Automate

collection date

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	sample identifier	sample description	sample name	ncbi taxonomy id	scientific name	biosafety level	observation unit identifier	collection date	aphic location (country)
2	RE002_100	RE002_Baseline	RE002_100	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	01/12/2024	Netherlands
3	RE002_201	RE002_Intervention_1_week1	RE002_201	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	19/01/2024	Netherlands
4	RE002_202	RE002_Intervention_1_week2	RE002_202	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	26/01/2024	Netherlands
5	RE002_300	RE002_Washout	RE002_300	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	09/02/2024	Netherlands
6	RE002_401	RE002_Intervention_2_week1	RE002_401	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	16/02/2024	Netherlands
7	RE002_402	RE002_Intervention_2_week2	RE002_402	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE002	26/02/2024	Netherlands
8	RE004_100	RE004_Baseline	RE004_100	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	12/01/2024	Netherlands
9	RE004_201	RE004_Intervention_1_week1	RE004_201	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	19/01/2024	Netherlands
10	RE004_202	RE004_Intervention_1_week2	RE004_202	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	26/01/2024	Netherlands
11	RE004_300	RE004_Washout	RE004_300	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	09/02/2024	Netherlands
12	RE004_401	RE004_Intervention_2_week1	RE004_401	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	16/02/2024	Netherlands
13	RE004_402	RE004_Intervention_2_week2	RE004_402	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE004	23/02/2024	Netherlands
14	RE005_100	RE005_Baseline	RE005_100	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	14/01/2024	Netherlands
15	RE005_201	RE005_Intervention_1_week1	RE005_201	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	18/01/2024	Netherlands
16	RE005_202	RE005_Intervention_1_week2	RE005_202	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	28/01/2024	Netherlands
17	RE005_300	RE005_Washout	RE005_300	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	02/12/2024	Netherlands
18	RE005_401	RE005_Intervention_2_week1	RE005_401	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	16/02/2024	Netherlands
19	RE005_402	RE005_Intervention_2_week2	RE005_402	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE005	25/02/2024	Netherlands
20	RE006_100	RE006_Baseline	RE006_100	408170	human gut metagenome	1	RE006	11/01/2024	Netherlands

Ready Accessibility: Investigate

Investigation help Study ObservationUnit Sample - human gut Assay - Illumina +

91%

Metadata lookup service

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FAIR DS Metadata lookup service. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options and a main content area with a table of terms and a detailed view for a selected term.

FAIR DS

Private localhost

Terms

Filter sheet name	Filter package name	Filter field name	Filter example	Filter description
observationunit	default	observation unit identifier	S1005TX	Identifier corresponding to th...
observationunit	default	observation unit name	Negative control	Name of the entity being obs...
observationunit	default	observation unit description	NucleaseFreeWater+PCRCo...	Description of the entity bein...
observationunit	default	study identifier	BO3B-BR1	Identifier corresponding to th...
observationunit	person	date of birth	2018-05-14 00:00:00	Date of birth of subject the s...
observationunit	person	place of birth	Wageningen	Place of birth of subject the ...
observationunit	person	sex	female	Gender or sex of the person.
observationunit	miappe	observation unit type	plot	Type of observation unit in te...
observationunit	miappe	observation unit external id	Biosamples:SAMEA4202911	Identifier for the observation ...
observationunit	miappe	spatial distribution	latitude: 52.341, longitude: 5.2	Type and value of a spatial e...

Term

Label: date of birth

Requirement: RECOMMENDED

Definition: Date of birth of subject the sample was derived from.

Syntax: {date}

Package Identifier: PACKAGEID

Package Name: person

Example: 2018-05-14 00:00:00

URL: http://fairbydesign.nl/ontology/date_of_birth

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dev


Memory: 323/9216MB (3)

Metadata validation

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'localhost' and a private tab. The page title is 'Ingestion engine' and the FAIR DS logo is visible in the top left. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: 'About', 'Metadata Configurator', 'Validate Metadata' (highlighted), 'BioProjects Export', 'ENA Submission', 'Terms Overview', 'Organise Data', and 'iRODS Login'. The main content area features an 'Upload Files...' button and a message: 'Upload a FAIR Data Station compatible excel file in .xlsx format'. Below this, a file named 'ValidationDemo.xlsx' is listed. A 'Description' section is highlighted with a red border and contains the following text:

=====
Your dataset did not pass the validation...
When it is unclear please provide the following message to your data steward:

Analysing investigation information with a total of 2 rows
Analysing study information with a total of 2 rows
Analysing observation unit sheet with a total of 5 rows
The value "missing" of "collection date" in the "sample" sheet which is obligatory does not match the pattern of (date) regex (d(4)-d(2)-d(2)?(?: T)00:00:00)?(unknown|restricted access) such as in example "2018-05-14 00:00:00"
An exact length (4) is set for collection date
Please validate your mappings in the excel file

=====


At the bottom left, there is a footer with '© 2025 UNLOCK', 'Download', 'Source', and 'Help dev'. At the bottom right, a system tray shows 'Memory:342/9216MB (3)'.

Metadata validation

The screenshot displays the FAIR DS Ingestion engine web interface. The browser window shows a private tab on localhost. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options: About, Metadata Configurator, Validate Metadata (highlighted), BioProjects Export, ENA Submission, Terms Overview, Organise Data, and iRODS Login. The main content area shows an 'Upload Files...' button with an upload icon and the instruction 'Upload a FAIR Data Station compatible excel file in .xlsx format'. Below this, the filename 'RCT_Restructure_metadata.xlsx' is listed. A 'Description' section contains the following text:

Analysing investigation information with a total of 5 rows
Analysing study information with a total of 2 rows
Analysing observation unit sheet with a total of 42 rows
Finished processing Sample - human gut sheet
Processing Assay - illumina sheet with a total of 246 rows
Finished parsing Assay - illumina sheet
Validating RDF file: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/validation/RCT_Restructure_metadata.ttl
Get investigation identifier
Base investigation path: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure
Investigation folder does not exist, trying to create: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure

Successfully parsed the excel sheet
Excel file copied to: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/metadata/RCT_Restructure_metadata.xlsx
Turtle file copied to: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/metadata/RCT_Restructure_metadata.ttl
Data folder created: /Users/koehe006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/data
Validation successful, user not logged in.
Result file not uploaded to the data storage facility

Validation appeared to be successful.

At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'DOWNLOAD RDF' button. A large 'Success!!' text is overlaid on the bottom center of the screenshot. The footer of the page includes '© 2025 UNLOCK', 'Download · Source · Help', and 'dev'. A system tray notification in the bottom right corner shows 'Memory: 342/9216MB (3%)'.

Metadata validation

The screenshot displays the FAIR DS Ingestion engine interface. The main content area shows the validation results for the file `RCT_Restructure_metadata.xlsx`. The description includes the following text:

Analysing investigation information with a total of 5 rows
Analysing study information with a total of 2 rows
Analysing observation unit sheet with a total of 42 rows
Finished processing Sample - human gut sheet
Processing Assay - illumina sheet with a total of 246 rows
Finished parsing Assay - illumina sheet
Validating RDF file: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/validation/RCT_Restructure_metadata.ttl`
Get investigation identifier
Base investigation path: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure`
Investigation folder does not exist, trying to create: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure`

Successfully parsed the excel sheet
Excel file copied to: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/metadata/RCT_Restructure_metadata.xlsx`
Turtle file copied to: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/metadata/RCT_Restructure_metadata.ttl`
Data folder created: `/Users/koeho006/fairds_storage/isa/rct_restructure/data`
Validation successful, user not logged in.
Result file not uploaded to the data storage facility

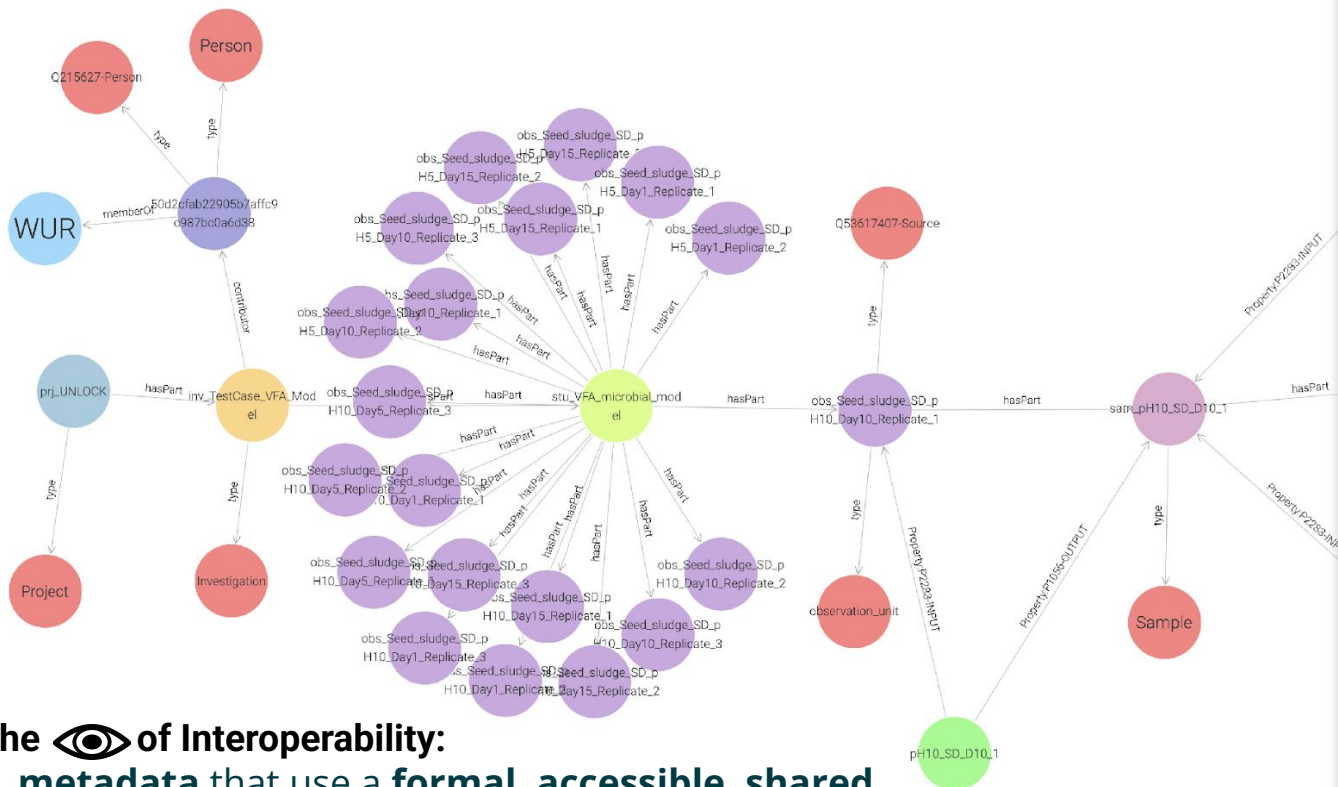
Validation appeared to be successful.

The interface also features a sidebar with navigation options, a bottom navigation bar with buttons for 'Asset report', 'Add new', and 'Actions', and a 'DOWNLOAD RDF' button. A callout box highlights the 'Actions' dropdown menu, which contains the following options:

- Manage Project
- Administer Project members
- Administer Project members roles
- Order Investigations
- Import from FAIR Data Station
- Delete Project

this new button!

So what is this “RDF” File?



[obs_Seed_sludge_SD_pH10_Day10_Replicate_1](#)

obs_Seed_sludge_SD_pH10_Day10_Replicate_1

Types:

ppeo:observation_unit

wd:Q53617407:Source

RDF Rank:

0

Search instance properties

schema:description

Inoculum type - Small granular, large granular and slurry

Seed_sludge, initial pH - without control, 5, 8, 10, retention time 1, 5, 10, 15 days and replicate 1, 2, 24

schema:identifier

Seed_sludge_SD_pH10_Day10_Replicate_1

base:inoculum_source

SlurrySeedSludge

base:pH

10 xsd:integer

base:replicate

1 xsd:integer

base:sludge_retention_time

10 days

schema:name

Inoculum type, initial pH, retention time and replicate

The  of Interoperability:

... metadata that use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation

Why FAIRDOM-SEEK?

- an open-source web platform designed to share heterogeneous scientific research assets, processes, and outcomes
- a metadata catalogue making your data findable and accessible
- can store small datasets or link to larger datasets (e.g., zenodo)
- **New: Validated *FAIR data station files* can be uploaded for quick population**



FAIRDOMHub: The better way to manage your data

Free and open platform for easier research data management



Organise & Structure

Organise documents and data to easily manage your research project



Manage access

There is a lot of flexibility and control over who can see, download or edit your items



Standardise research data

Use available standards to describe your dataset and make it ready for publication



Publish & Share data

Publish your data and link them to your scientific article

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Ability to record many different types of information

- Follows ISA and more!
- Mostly for individual recording of information
- High control on information
- Flexible on user input

What if you want to record a multitude of standardised observation units, assays, samples in one go?

Extended metadata

Select

Study *

Not specified

Assay position

Assay type [New assay type](#)

Experimental Assay Type

Technology type [New technology type](#)

Technology Type

Organisms

The following Organism and cell types/tissues are involved in this Assay:

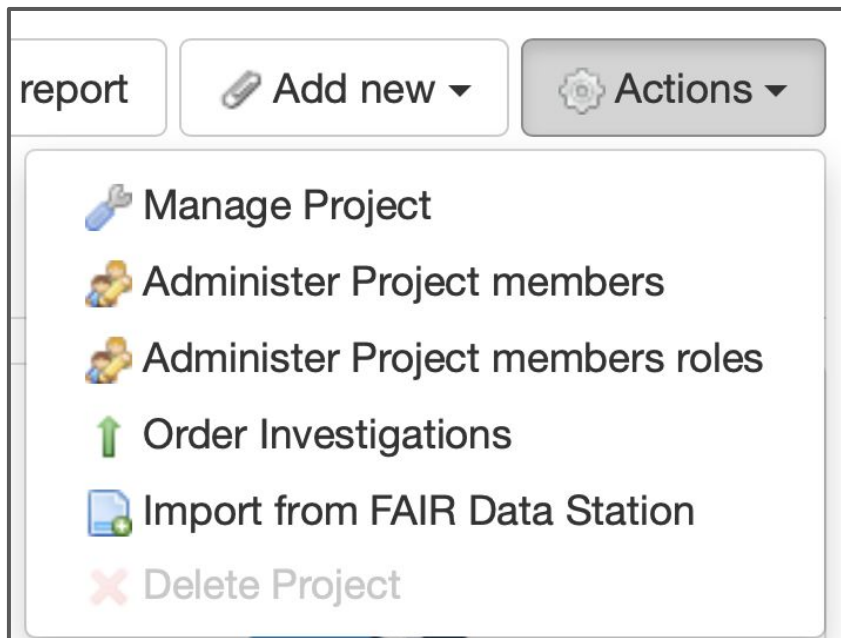
No organisms

Step 1 - Choose an organism

Select Organism ...

Where is this FAIR Data Station?

At project level (when enabled)



A screenshot of a software interface showing a dropdown menu. The menu is titled 'report' and contains several items:

- report
- Add new ▾
- Actions ▾

The 'Actions' dropdown menu is open and contains the following items:

- Manage Project
- Administer Project members
- Administer Project members roles
- Order Investigations
- Import from FAIR Data Station
- Delete Project



A screenshot of a dropdown menu showing the following items:

- Order Studies
- Update from FAIR Data Station
- Delete Investigation

Import ISA from FAIR Data Station for Project ...

New import

FAIR Data Station turtle (.ttl) metadata file to upload

Choose File no file selected

Validated “RDF” file

Sharing permissions

The following sharing permissions will be applied to all the items created. It is possible to change them individually after they have been created.

Note that **Download** is shown but only applicable to some types. Where not applicable, then **View** will be applied.

	No Access	View	Download	Edit	Manage
 Public	✗	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 jaspers test environment	✗	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Global permissions

 Share with a Person

 Share with a Project / Institution

Submit

or

Cancel

Result of the FAIR Data Station

The screenshot shows the FAIR Data Station interface for the 'Industrial pencillin simulator' dataset. The page includes a search bar, navigation tabs for 'Overview' and 'Related Items', and a detailed description of the simulation. A sidebar on the left displays a hierarchical tree view of the dataset's contents, including various assay types and data files. The main content area provides a description of the simulation, its development, and its application in biotechnology. A 'Selected' section at the bottom highlights the chosen dataset file.

This close-up view shows the details for the selected dataset, 'IndPenSim_V3_Batch_1.csv.gz', Version 1. It features a 'Dataset:' header, a 'file' type indicator, and a 'Selected:' section. The 'Selected:' section includes the dataset name, a description, and the FAIR URL. Navigation options like 'Tree', 'Split', 'Graph', and 'Fullscreen' are visible on the right side of the panel.

External datasets

Updates?

A vertical list of actions is shown, including 'Order Studies', 'Update from FAIR Data Station' (highlighted with a green icon), and 'Delete Investigation' (highlighted with a red 'X' icon).

Beyond the browser / API

Using the FAIR Data Station:

- Registry of 100+ samples, assays, etc.. becomes easier
- Enforced consistency of term requirements (even outside SEEK)
- When made public
 - **Ease of cross data retrieval using SPARQL**



Current query interface (did you know it exists?)

SPARQL Query Editor About Tables ▾ Conductor Permalink

Extensions: [cxml](#) [save to dav](#) [sponge](#) **User: SPARQL**

Default Data Set Name (Graph IRI)

Query Text

```
select distinct ?Concept where {[] a ?Concept} LIMIT 100
```

Results Format HTML ▾

[Execute Query](#) [Reset](#)

Execution timeout 0 ▾ milliseconds

Options

- Strict checking of void variables
- Log debug info at the end of output (has no effect on some queries and output formats)
- Generate SPARQL compilation report (instead of executing the query)

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[Virtuoso](#) version 07.20.3240 (ffed4676d) on Linux (x86_64-ubuntu_focal-linux-gnu) Single Server Edition (377 GB total memory, 278 MB memory in use)

SPARQL Query Interface

Query the SEEK knowledge graph using SPARQL

In development
(Planned for 1.18.0)

SPARQL Query:

Enter your SPARQL query here...

Example:

```
SELECT ?subject ?predicate ?object
WHERE {
  ?subject ?predicate ?object .
}
LIMIT 10
```

Query box

Output Format: Table TSV / XML / JSON

Execute Query

Clear

Example Queries

Filter example queries...

Examples

List All Programs Beginner

List all programs in the knowledge graph

```
PREFIX jerm: <http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMontology#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?program
WHERE {
  ?program a jerm:Program .
}
LIMIT 10
```

Use this query

List All Projects Beginner

List all projects in the knowledge graph

```
PREFIX jerm: <http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMontology#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?project
WHERE {
  ?project a jerm:Project .
}
LIMIT 10
```

Use this query

SPARQL Query Interface

Query the SEEK knowledge graph using SPARQL

SPARQL Query:

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?datafile ?title
WHERE {
  ?datafile a <http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#Data> .
  ?datafile <http://purl.org/dc/terms/title> ?title .
}
LIMIT 20
```

Query box

Output Format:

Results

Execute Query

Clear

Query Results (2 results)

Datafile	Title
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	Metabolite concentrations during reconstituted enzyme incubation
http://localhost:3000/data_files/2	Model simulation and Exp data for reconstituted system

Example Queries

Filter example queries...

SPARQL Query:

```
DESCRIBE <http://localhost:3000/data_files/1>
```

DESCRIBE query

Output Format: TableExecute QueryClear🕒 Query Results (21 results)

S	P	O
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://purl.org/dc/terms/title	Metabolite concentrations during reconstituted enzyme incubation
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#des...	The purified enzymes, PGK, GAPDH, TPI and FBPAase were incubated at 70 C en conversion of 3PG to F6P was followed.
http://localhost:3000/assays/2	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#has...	http://localhost:3000/data_files/1
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://purl.org/dc/terms/modified	2025-08-27T19:03:44.054Z
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#has...	http://localhost:3000/people/1
http://localhost:3000/assays/1	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#has...	http://localhost:3000/data_files/1
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#isPa...	http://localhost:3000/assays/1
http://localhost:3000/data_files/1	http://jermontology.org/ontology/JERMOntology#isPa...	http://localhost:3000/assays/2

**Acquires all information
about this assay**

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