

Defining procedures and services to enforce data provenance for thematic communities and beyond

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Introduction

In the context of the **EOSC-Pillar** project, Work Package 6 (EOSC in action: Use cases and community-driven *pilots*) delivers use cases to analyze different tools and services used for the "FAIRification". Among them, Use Case 1 (Defining procedures and services to enforce data provenance for thematic communities and beyond) aims at elaborating cross-domain, FAIR-oriented procedures and recommendations to enforce data provenance in two scientific domains: Materials Science/Nanoscience and Climate Science.

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Due to the increasing complexity of data analysis workflows, **provenance management** is a key component to support the re-use of scientific data. The **W3C PROV** standard is considered for tracking processes and responsibilities as well as describing provenance structures within complex experiments and large workflows.





The **PROV Family of Documents** defines a data model (**PROV-DM**) along with the corresponding serializations (**PROV-N**, as a notation aimed at human consumption, **PROV-O** as the ontology for mapping the PROV data model to RDF, **PROV-XML** as XML schema for the PROV data model) to enable the inter-operable interchange of provenance information in heterogeneous environments.

Materials science/ Nanoscience case study

Main objective

Provide guidelines and recommendations on how to manage the important aspect of data provenance for the wide community of the NFFA-Europe PILOT project (NEP).

Description

Development of data management practices and services for making **FAIR** compliant a scientific archive of Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM) images.

The web service workflow on the TriDAS website



Climate Science case study

Motivation

Climate research makes use of lots of data coming from the modelling and observational climate communities. In this domain, provenance management plays a key role both for **numerical** end-to-end simulations at data center level and in the inner data analytics workflows.

Main objective

- Address **provenance tracking** at two different levels:
- + understand the whole end-to-end scientific workflow including a proper reference to input and output datasets via PIDs (first-level);
- drill-down into specific first-level tasks (workflows of hundreds or thousands analytics) operators) to get more detailed information (second-level).



Results

- + Application of the W3C PROV standard to describe provenance metadata
- Provision of services and tools designed to improve the value of the STM dataset
- **†** Implementation of different aspects of **FAIR principles**

Conclusion

The proposed approach enables shareability and re-usability of workflows and results across the community. This allows an assessment of the quality, reliability and trustworthiness of the data, thus promoting **Open Science** and fostering new opportunities for **research & collaborations**.

More details



UC1 page on the EOSC-Pillar website: https://www.eosc-pillar.eu/use-cases/defining-procedures-s



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UC6.1 Factsheet: https://zenodo.org/record/6725047#.YzsITdjP1nl



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