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From RAiDs to Riches: how a local project ID got big global ideas

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In 2017, RAiD was a budding new concept and the early beginnings of a technical system for identifying and tracking research projects. The idea of RAiD as a project identifier itself came out of a project - an Australian project to better track the research data lifecycle which put research projects at centre stage. Today, RAiD is an ISO standard for Project Identifiers (23527:2022) with a global Registration Authority (Australian Research Data Commons) operating the RAiD system and partners setting up Registration Agencies for RAiD capability at SURF in the Netherlands (for the whole of Europe; as a component of EOSC infrastructure) and in the USA (as an NSF funded grant led by the San Diego Supercomputer Center). DataCite, the global DOI Registration Agency, issues the identifier component of RAiD through a collaboration with ARDC. The need for RAiD is growing: it is the fourth priority identifier listed in National PID Strategies (after ORCID, DOI and ROR) according to the work of the RDA National PID Strategies Interest Group. Recommendations to use RAiD are emerging internationally (e.g. the Czech R&D Council recommends use of RAiDs) and it is being used in related emerging infrastructures (e.g., the Africa PID Alliance is seeking to interoperate RAiD with its DocID system).

In this session, we propose a panel of lighting talks from international speakers involved in RAiD development and adoption to tell the RAiDs to Riches story of a little project ID with big global ideas. We will explore why RAiDs are important infrastructure in tracking data intensive research; facilitating responsible research reassessment; contributing to open research information; how they fill a key gap in the PID landscape; and what the future might hold for RAiD adoption and use globally. We will give examples of using the new data from RAiD to model impact as well as research networks. Through Q&A and discussion, we will address questions from the community, and take in feedback to improve future outreach.

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