



# A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing

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# Overview

## 1. Data Sharing: Open Environments

- Lots and lots of good resources

## 2. Closed Environments

- “A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing” (NSF Spoke)
  - First-phase KOS for sharing of restricted data
  - Prototyping

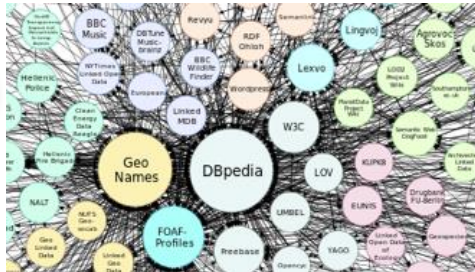
## 3. Conclusions and next steps



# Open data



Yeah!



DataONE

DFC DataNet  
FEDERATION  
CONSORTIUM

# Closed data



Intel-  
Collaborative  
Cancer Cloud  
(CCC) (Dana-Farber,  
OHSU, Ontario Institute for  
Cancer Research (OICR))



Collaborative  
Genomics Cloud  
(CGC) (colocalizing  
massive genomics  
datasets)

FICO FICO score (Fair Isaac  
Corporation)

# Data sharing barriers



| Policy  | Licensing, agreements  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complex regulations governing use of data in different domains</li> <li>■ <u>Data lifecycle – data...living thing</u><br/> <span style="color: red;">~ Do not want to lose control over data downstream</span><br/> <span style="color: red;">~ What if data is redacted?</span> </li> </ul> | <p>“Creative commons” (CC) does not address need</p>                                   | <p><b>Rights, privacy</b></p>                          |
|   | <p><b>Security</b></p>   | <p>Concerns over sensitive information (e.g., PII)</p> |
|   | <p>Technical and systematic aspects (policy, regulations, confidentiality/ rights)</p> | <p><b>Incentives</b></p>                               |
|   | <p>Why would someone go to all the effort to share their valuable data?</p>            |  |

Still, merit in sharing



No sharing without a legal agreement



Involves lawyers  
to create  
individual  
agreement!



# A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing

1. Licensing Framework / Generator
2. Data-Sharing Platform (Enforce Licenses)

- DataHub



3. Metadata (Search Licenses and Data)

- Principle: Solve the 80% case!

# <http://cci.drexel.edu/mrc/research/a-licensing-model-and-ecosystem-for-data-sharing>



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## A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing

### Project Summary

“A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing” is a spokes project led by researchers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Brown University, and Drexel University as part of the [Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub](#).

We are addressing data sharing challenges that are too frequently held up due legal matters, policies, privacy concerns, and other challenges that interl agreement.

Sharing of data sets can provide tremendous mutual benefits for industry, researchers, and nonprofit organizations. A major obstacle is that data often c restrictions on how it can be used. Beyond open data protocols, many attempts to share relevant data sets between different stakeholders in industry ; a large investment to make data sharing possible.

We are addressing these challenges by: 1) Creating a licensing model for data that facilitates sharing data that is not necessarily open or free between c Developing a prototype data sharing software platform, ShareDB that will enforce agreement terms and restrictions for the licenses developed, and (3) I relevant metadata that will accompany the datasets shared under the different licenses, making them easily searchable and interpretable.

“A Licensing Model and Ecosystem for Data Sharing” is also linked with the [Northeast Data Sharing Group](#), comprising of many different stakeholders t widely accepted and usable in many application domains (e.g., health and finance).

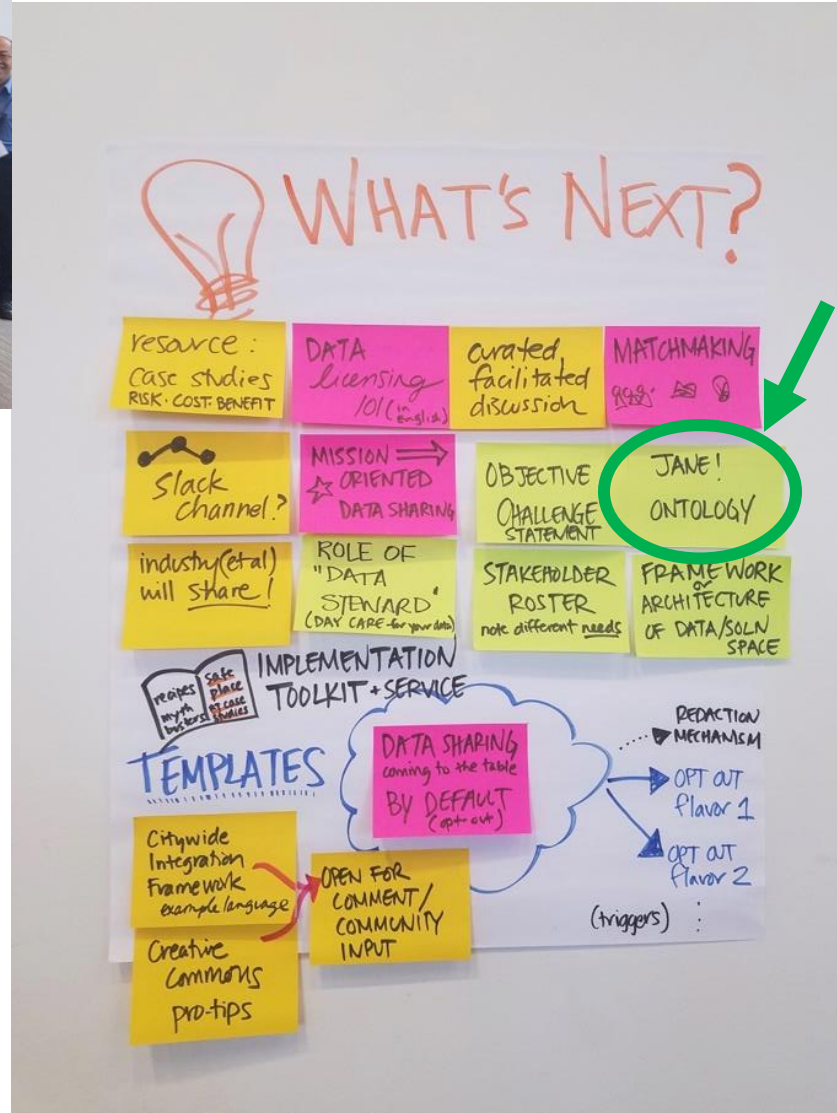




# Enabling Seamless Data Sharing in Industry and Academia (Fall 2017)

Heard from the trenches...

- **Collect agreements**
- Build a trusted platform
- Good metadata!



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HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:  
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODING, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)



WHY REINVENT THE  
WHEEL WHEN YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO?

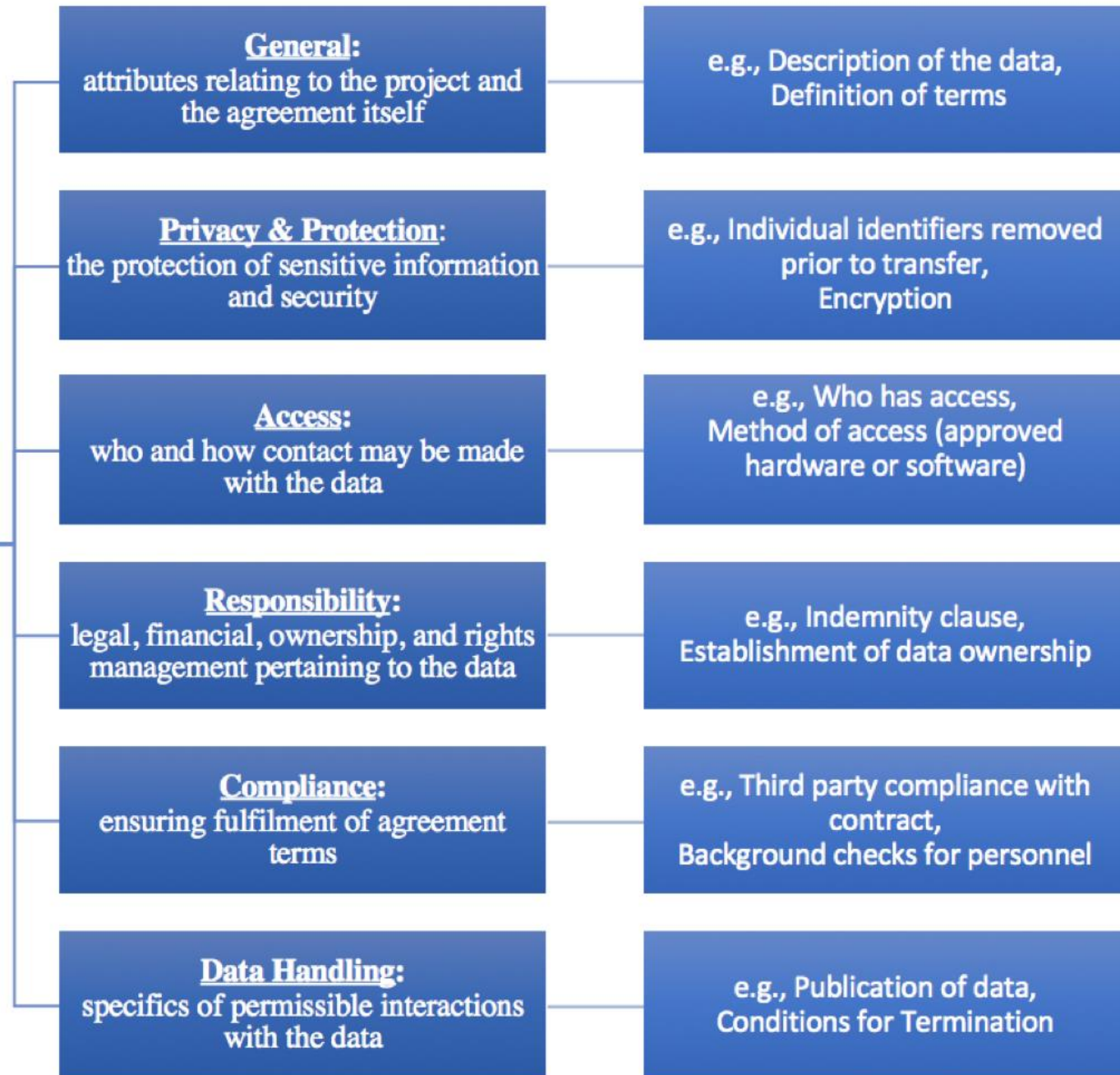


# Licenses: First Results

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## High-level Categories



# Privacy & Protection

## *Sensitive Information*

| <i>Regulations</i>  | <i>Preparing data</i>  | <i>Access</i>  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation used to define sensitive data (e.g., HIPAA, FERPA, etc.)</li> <li>• Compliance with federal/state/international data protection laws and regulations</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of confidential/special categories of information (e.g., <u>pii</u>, proprietary)</li> <li>• Individual identifiers removed/anonymized prior to transfer</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who has access to <u>pii</u>/confidential data</li> <li>• Who has access to proprietary information</li> </ul>  |
| <i>Privacy</i>  | <i>Avoiding re-identification</i>  | <i>Exceptions</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anonymization of data</li> <li>• Confidentiality and safeguarding of PII/sensitive data</li> <li>• Removal/nondisclosure of company/personnel identification in materials and publications</li> <li>• No contact with data subjects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No direct/indirect re-identification</li> <li>• Statistical cell size (how many people, in aggregated form, can be released in groups)</li> <li>• Merging data with other sets (e.g., allowed with aggregated data—not in any way that will re-identify)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptions to confidentiality</li> <li>• Conditions of proprietary information disclosure</li> <li>• Conditions of <u>pii</u> disclosure (who, what, and for what purpose?)</li> <li>• Limitations on obligations if data becomes public</li> <li>• Limitations on obligations if data is already known prior to agreement</li> <li>• Limitations on obligations if data given by 3<sup>rd</sup> party without restriction</li> </ul> |
| <i>Security</i>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing non-confidential data</li> <li>• Password protection/authentication of files</li> <li>• Encryption</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security training for involved personnel</li> <li>• Establishing infrastructure to safeguard confidential data</li> </ul>   |  |

- **Privacy & Protection**

- Security**

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- Encryption ⑦Encryption
- Security training for involved personnel ⑦Personnel Security Training
- Establishing infrastructure to safeguard confidential data ⑦Establishing Infrastructure

- **Data Handling**

- Use**

- Each data field/elements to be accessed ⑦Fields Accessed
- Use of data: only for project-specific/research, or analytical use ⑦  
Research Use Only
- Documenting all projects using the data ⑦Projects involved
- Modification of data ⑦Modification
- Compliance with data updates (e.g., changes, removal, corrections) ⑦  
Data Updates
- Sharing data ⑦Data Sharing

# NLTK – parsing terms

- Set maximum keywords length: 5  
List top 1/5 of all the keywords

## Result:

Keyword: research studies involving human subjects ,  
score: 20.4583333333

Keyword: district assigned student identification numbers ,  
score: 18.8387650086

Keyword: includes personally identifiable student information ,  
score: 17.6168132942

Keyword: district initiated data research projects , score: 14.8577044025

Keyword: support effective instructional practices , score: 13.0

Keyword: personally identifiable information shared ,  
score: 11.3440860215

Keyword: disclose personally identifiable information ,  
score: 11.1440860215

Keyword: policy initiatives focused , score: 9.0

Keyword: informing education policies , score: 9.0

# Sample 32 agreements

|             | -5         | -4            | -3          | -2          | -1      | 0       | 1               | 2           | 3           | 4            | 5              |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|             |            |               |             | educational | right   | privacy | act             | health      | insurance   | portability  | accountability |
| applicable  | federal    | law           | regulation  | protecting  | privacy | privacy | citizen         | including   | family      |              |                |
|             | license    | agreement     | authorized  | protect     | privacy | privacy | individual      | subject     | nd          | study        |                |
|             |            |               |             | applicable  | privacy | privacy | law             |             |             |              |                |
| consistent  | federal    | family        | educational | right       | privacy | privacy | act             | department  | designates  | education    | alliance       |
| subject     | federal    | family        | educational | right       | privacy | privacy | act             | authorized  |             |              |                |
| education   | record     | covered       | family      | educational | privacy | privacy | act             | amended     |             |              |                |
| recipient   | agent      | subcontractor | violation   | agreement   | privacy | privacy | rule            | security    | rule        | implementing | regulation     |
| comply      | applicable | state         | local       | security    | privacy | privacy | law             | extent      | protective  | individual   | privacy        |
|             |            | data          | security    | protection  | privacy | privacy |                 |             |             |              |                |
| information | identified | family        | educational | right       | privacy | privacy | act             |             |             |              |                |
|             |            | de            | identified  | applicable  | privacy | privacy | law             |             |             |              |                |
|             |            |               |             | applicable  | privacy | privacy | law             | permit      | data        | provider     | provide        |
|             |            |               |             | federal     | privacy | privacy | act             | requirement | apply       | agreement    | entered        |
| shared      | state      | subjected     | applicable  | requirement | privacy | privacy | confidentiality |             |             |              |                |
| resolved    | permit     | covered       | entity      | comply      | privacy | privacy | rule            |             |             |              |                |
| time        | covered    | entity        | comply      | requirement | privacy | privacy | rule            | hipaa       |             |              |                |
|             |            | reference     | agreement   | section     | privacy | privacy | rule            | mean        | section     | amended      | renumbered     |
|             |            |               |             |             | privacy | privacy | rule            | extent      | information | created      | received       |
|             |            |               |             |             | privacy | privacy | rule            | standard    | privacy     | individually | identifiable   |
|             |            |               |             |             | privacy | privacy | rule            | include     | person      | qualifies    | personal       |
| tern        | defined    | agreement     | meaning     | term        | privacy | privacy | rule            |             |             |              |                |
| set         | accordance | term          | agreement   | hipaa       | privacy | privacy | security        | rule        |             |              |                |
| hipaa       | regulation | promulgated   | thereunder  | governing   | privacy | privacy | security        | health      | information |              |                |





Sentence with highest scores:

|            |            |            |         |              |              |
|------------|------------|------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| privacy    | protection | set        |         |              |              |
| applicable | privacy    | law        |         |              |              |
| privacy    | rule       | standard   | privacy | individually | identifiable |
| definition | set        | privacy    | rule    |              |              |
| data       | security   | protection | privacy |              |              |



Frequency from the most to the least:



# Goal: Licensing Framework

**Standard terms that researchers, lawyers, and compliance teams conform with**

- Controlled access
- Tracking of access
- Usage rights (e.g., publication, copying)
- Duration of use
- Warrantees of correctness/completeness/availability
- Other requirements

# Is this possible: Technology $\bowtie$ Sharing Agreements

## Technical

Access control & rights management

## **Expiration**

Logging & auditing

Provenance/Fingerprinting

De-identification

“Noising”

Aggregation

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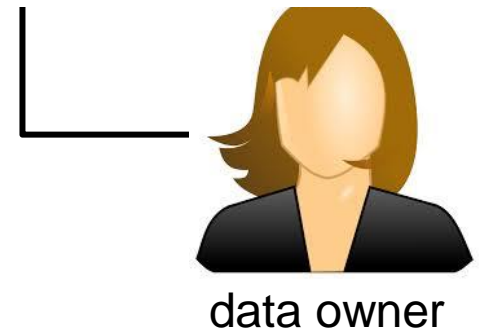
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# HIPAA: Interactive DE-identification

| Id  | Name          | Street             | City      | State      | P-Code     | Age  |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------|
| 1   | J Smith       | 123 University Ave | Seattle   | Washington | 98106      | 42   |
| 2   | Mary Jones    | 245 3rd St         | Redmond   | WA         | 98052-1234 | 30   |
| 3   | Bob Wilson    | 345 Broadway       | Seattle   | Washington | 98101      | 19   |
| 4   | M Jones       | 245 Third Street   | Redmond   | NULL       | 98052      | 299  |
| 5   | Robert Wilson | 345 Broadway St    | Seattle   | WA         | 98101      | 19   |
| 6   | James Smith   | 123 Univ Ave       | Seattle   | WA         | NULL       | 41   |
| 7   | JWidom        | 123 University Ave | Palo Alto | CA         | 94305      | NULL |
| ... | ...           | ...                | ...       | ...        | ...        | ...  |



## Create New License

### General

Owner:

health data research org

License Name:

new ferpa removed

### Privacy and Protection

#### Regulations

- HIPAA
- FERPA

#### Privacy

- PII Anonymized or Removed
- PII Anonymized
- PII Removed

#### Exceptions

#### Reidentification

- Use K-Anonymity

**K-size**

Bucket Size for K



Create

# test hipaa 3



Patient Visitation Statistics

View Details

Base Tables +

|                     |                   |   |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| test                | License applied ✓ | Apply To Table  |
| test_license_view_8 |                   |   |

## Collaborators

-  user1
-  user2

### Add Collaborators

Permissions for repo database tables:

- select
- update
- insert
- delete
- truncate
- references
- trigger

Permissions for repo files:

- read
- write

Add

## Remove Column ✕

Remove column:

**name**

[Remove column](#)

[Close](#)

|        |    |    |        |             |    |
|--------|----|----|--------|-------------|----|
| daniel | NY | 25 | 20000  | food server | 0  |
| jane   | CA | 20 | 100000 | counselor   | 10 |

[Enter](#)



again

License not applied ✖

Apply To Table

changed

License not applied ✖

Apply To Table

## Collaboratos

✖ user1

✖ user2

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# Conclusions and next steps

- Work underway, a lot of heavy lifting...
  - Mining licenses shows great diversity, but similarities
  - Metadata expertise
- Infrastructure to build on assisted with prototyping
- Continue to collect licenses
- Community building and connecting, RDA – Research Data Alliance

