

Introduction to Metadata Completeness



CONNECTING RESEARCH,
IDENTIFYING KNOWLEDGE

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What is metadata completeness?

- Complete metadata includes **as much relevant information as possible**
- What is “complete”? Depends on context!
- Going **beyond the mandatory fields** to add:
 - Descriptive metadata that supports discovery (findability), access, and re-use, e.g. subjects, descriptions, and rights metadata
 - Connection metadata to other entities - people, organizations, and other research outputs
- Not just what fields are completed, but how they are completed - accurate and understandable

Why metadata completeness?

- Having more complete metadata:
 - makes research outputs easier to **find**
 - clarifies conditions of **access**
 - promotes **interoperability** between systems
 - communicates the context to promote **re-use**

Speakers



- Ted Habermann, Metadata Game Changers
- Dorothea Strecker, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin