Open Project Management
from an "open" perspective

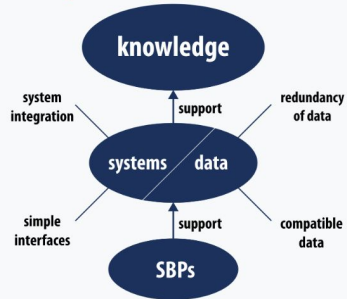**Instructor: Dr. Bradly Alicea**

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Lecture 6

Great Interest in Making Working Open Part of a Skillset

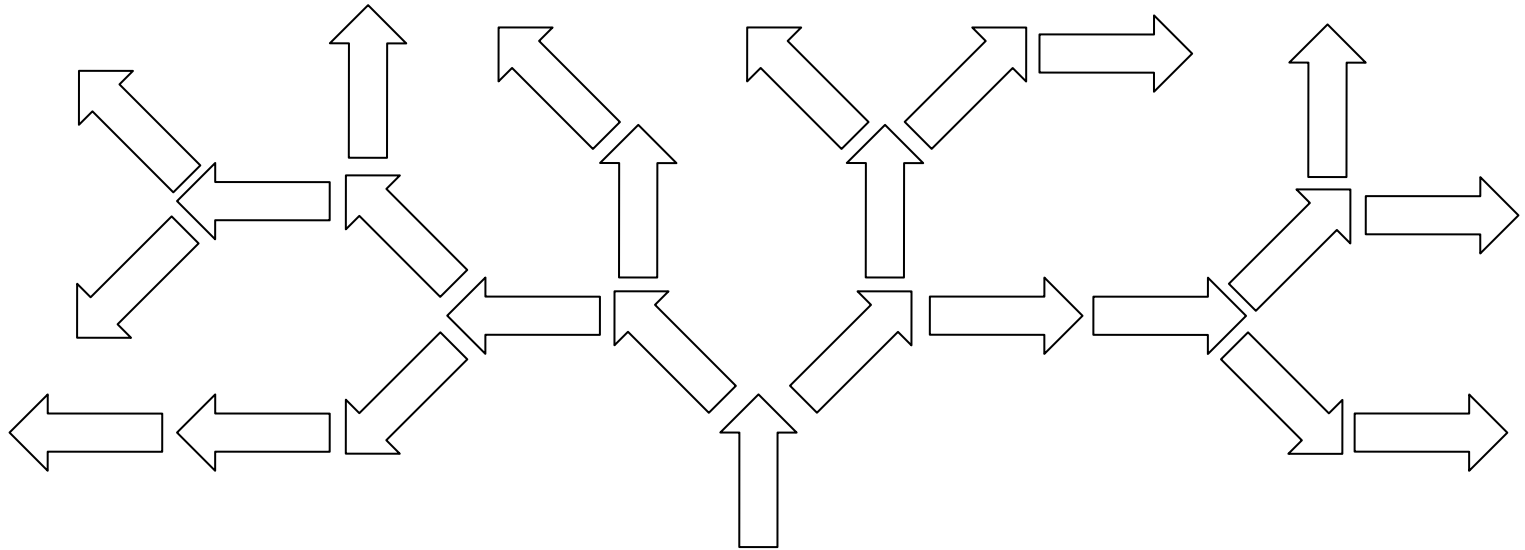**FAIR** (findable, accessible, interoperable, reproducible) standards

Open Government Initiative (White House)

Neuromatch Academy virtual summer school for Neuroscience and Deep Learning

Entrepreneurship from Home

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Review Unit 1

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Five pillars of open working
(freely available source, copyleft licensing, free distribution/remix, tech neutral, versions).

Distinct productivity model (vs. proprietary).

Project genealogies (forks beget forks).

Role of social capital
(trust, positive social attention, innovation, reciprocity, altruism).

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Collaboration in practice

- Distributed collaboration and its challenges (geography, workstyles, differential skills).

- Managing distributed research groups (Orthogonal Research and Educational Lab, Active Inference Institute).

Working Open: Collaboration (con't)

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- Notetaking, video, and tool coordination.

- Interdisciplinary, facilitation, and flexibility (reconfigure).

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Functions of version-control

- Tracking contributions and document changes.

- Organization (into repositories and directories).

- Traceability (diffs, history, contributor activity, linked to issues).

- Cloning and releases (technology-neutral distribution).

Working Open: Governance

Technology mediated

- Authority control.

- Argumentation.

- First principles (Wikipedia example).

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Policy creation

- Conduct and statements of values.

- Organization-wide specific aims.

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- New tools (generative models, video conferencing, Github).

- New rules and legal regimes (new licenses and community standards).

- Opportunities for new project directions (modifies roadmap).

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Working Open with Data

- Transparency vs. security (stakeholder relations, formal data strategy).

- Standards (FAIR, GDPR).

- Formats (csv, json, Markup documents, etc).

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Docs and Pipeline for Docs

- How to implement.

- Documentation as representations of community organization and interest.

- Pros and cons of Markdown and other methods.

Questions?

Quiz #1

https://github.com/OREL-group/Project-Management/blob/main/Quiz%201/README.md