DIY Research Data Management Training Kit for Librarians: Questions for reflective writing and group discussion

MANTRA Unit 6: Storage and security

1) Can you provide examples where researchers in your user community have lost research data and/or when you have lost digital files yourself? How was the data lost and could it have been prevented?

2) What are the principal reasons why researchers should back up their data files?

3) What reasons might there be for researchers not to use networked drives to back up research data?

4) What are the pros and cons of portable storage devices?

5) Do you use a cloud-based storage service? Why or why not?

6) What methods could you use to manage sensitive data?