

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?