

IIT Dataverse – General Terms of Use

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Acceptance of Terms

The following terms and conditions govern all use of the “IIT Dataverse” application and the services available therein (altogether, the “Service”). Use of the Service is offered subject to acceptance of and compliance with all the terms and conditions contained herein (the “General Terms of Use”) and all other applicable operating rules, policies and procedures of the Service. **By clicking “I accept” and/or by your use of the Service, you agree and accept all the terms in this General Terms of Use document.**

Modification of Terms

Any changes in IIT Dataverse General Terms of Use will be notified via email to Users. Your continued use of the Service following the email posting of any changes to the Agreement constitutes acceptance of those changes. The General Terms of Use will be also downloadable from the Service homepage.

Services

The Service is offered to Users employed by or affiliated to Fondazione Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia for the sole purpose of depositing and sharing research data collected, observed or generated to produce and validate original research results in line with the purposes of Fondazione Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia.

The Service is intended as a repository of research data and not as a repository for publications, publications’ drafts, pre-prints or other preparatory material to a fully edited scientific publication, which shall not be deposited unless explicitly consented in the publishing agreement with the relevant scientific publisher.

The Service provides you with the ability to upload datasets in “dataverses” (i.e., containers of datasets) created for your Research Line by IIT Dataverse Administrators (one “public dataverse” and one nested “private dataverse”).

As a **member of a Research Line**, you will have the ability to **view, download, edit, and delete unpublished datasets created by members of the same Research Line you are affiliated to**. You will also have the right to view unpublished dataverses created within the private dataverse of your Research Line.

Private dataverses

- **Content:** “Private dataverses” contain datasets to be shared with IIT colleagues for collaboration and/or to be preserved in the long-term regardless of publication.
- **Dataset permissions:** When you add a new dataset to the private dataverse, you are automatically assigned the *Curator* role on that dataset, i.e. you will have the ability to edit metadata, upload files, and edit files, edit Terms, Guestbook (if present), File Restrictions (Files Access + Use), Edit Permissions/Assign Roles on that dataset. The Service also allows you to share datasets with other IIT Users (i.e. granting permissions) by searching for their first name, last name, email address, or username (including Users of other Research Lines).

- **Dataverse permissions:** Only within private dataverses, Principal Investigators (or any users who have been delegated by the Principal Investigator) have been assigned the Curator role, i.e. they can display, organize, and distribute datasets by creating new dataverses within the private dataverse and they can manage other members' dataset permissions.
- **Publication:** dataset publication within private dataverses is prevented, because the parent dataverse has not been published. **Any attempt to publish a dataset (or a nested dataverse) from within the private dataverse will return an error message.**

Public dataverses

- **Content:** "Public dataverses" contain datasets that you aim to publish in the future.
- **Dataset permissions:** When you add a new dataset to the public dataverse, you are automatically assigned the *Contributor* role on that dataset, i.e. you will have the ability to edit metadata, upload files, and edit files, edit Terms, Guestbook (if present), and submit the dataset for review to an IIT Dataverse Administrator and/or curator.
- **Dataverse permissions:** All users have the same role and rights within the public dataverse. No users are enabled to create new dataverses within the public dataverse.
- **Publication: dataset publication will be enabled and performed by an IIT Dataverse Administrator or curator only upon request and after careful evaluation of the dataset to be published.** Dataset publication request can be forwarded via IIT Dataverse, by submitting the dataset for review. Licenses for data uploads will be evaluated with authors depending on the content and type of data files. Datasets are generally published in open access. As an alternative, restricted access can be considered. For restricted datasets, specific conditions for access can be specified in the Custom Data Usage license agreement. Dataverse's default Data Usage license agreement for all uploaded materials is Creative Commons Zero ("CC0") license. However, other licenses can be specified in a Custom Data Usage license agreement (e.g. CC-BY).

Restrictions

Access to the Service may be unavailable for short periods of time for scheduled maintenance, upgrades or benchmarking. Prior notification of these events will be provided via email.

The available IIT Dataverse storage space per Research Line is limited at the time of writing to **120 GB**. The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring that the overall quota is not exceeded. Any expansion must be requested with motivation by sending an email to rdm@iit.it. The maximum upload single file size is **2.5 GB**, including compressed archives' upload. The maximum single dataset size is **50 GB**. For bigger datasets, please get in contact with rdm@iit.it. For any dataset exceeding **4 GB**, please get in contact with rdm@iit.it to discuss optimal strategies for upload and download.

By posting User Uploads, you make the following representations and warranties:

- User Uploads do **not** contain any **personal data**. The User understands that IIT Dataverse is not intended for the processing of personal data. Therefore, the User shall use the IIT Dataverse for the sole purpose of depositing research data collected, observed or generated to produce and validate original research results not involving personal data (see Appendix A - Definitions).
- User Uploads do **not** contain any **High-Risk data** (see Appendix A - Definitions).

- User Uploads contain datasets that have been curated and selected for long-term preservation according to criteria including but not limited to: uniqueness and non-replicability; potential for re-distribution and reusability; scientific and/or economical value; presence of thorough documentation; data supporting published scientific articles.
- User Uploads shall not be in general unlawful and in particular shall not infringe any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright, right of publicity or other right of any other person or entity. In case you deem that a User Upload is in violation of the above point, you shall immediately notify the occurrence to the Dataverse Administrators.
- You further agree not to publish a dataset without having filled in the corresponding [Dataset Publication request form](#) upon request by IIT Dataverse Curators with up-to-date and true information and having followed the instructions contained therein.

Notification

In having an account on the Service, you acknowledge that:

- Your account details (including first name, last name, email address, and username) are searchable by other Users;
- Your first name, last name, and affiliation will be displayed on the Service in connection with your User Uploads.

Downloading User Submissions

IIT Dataverse collects and stores Download Data from each download for all users (both registered Users and Guests), which can then be downloaded and accessed by the depositor. Downloaders must be registered Users or Guests that agree to the CC0 waiver or the Custom Data Usage license agreement for a dataset in order to take advantage of the Service, including downloading any materials or datasets.

Downloaders represent that, in downloading any material from IIT Dataverse, they:

- will abide by the applicable Data Usage license agreement attached to the dataset;
- acknowledge that their account information (for Users) or temporary site identification information (for Guests) may be recorded upon download, which can then be viewed by the owner of the User Upload; and
- have done their due diligence in ensuring that they do not download and use any datasets or other materials where prohibited by applicable law.

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Appendix A - Definitions

Account – A User-controlled means of access to IIT Dataverse that is protected by Institutional username and password, with which Users can obtain access to IIT Dataverse’s uploading and downloading functionalities.

Contributor – Any User on the IIT Dataverse application that has the right to create datasets, edit metadata, upload and edit files, and submit datasets for review before publication.

Curator – Any User on the IIT Dataverse application that has the right to organize, shape, or otherwise edit the state, status, configuration, or content of any datasets or dataverses.

Dataset – A study, experiment, set of observations, or publication that is uploaded by a User. A dataset can comprise a single file or multiple files.

Dataverse – A virtual container with which to store research data studies (including datasets and other dataverses) that can be customized and managed by its owner.

Download Data – Information collected whenever a dataset is downloaded, including but not limited to user account name, time of download, and downloaded file name.

High-Risk data – High-risk data are defined in IIT Information Security Policy and examples are reported at <https://intranet.iit.it/offices/information-and-communication-technology/cyber-security/risk-classification>.

IIT Dataverse – The repository application server as a whole, including all Services, Content, and related features.

Metadata – Accompanying information, either in a separate file or otherwise included in the dataset materials, about a particular dataset or dataverse, including but not limited to Author’s name, publishing date, title of data contents, description of contents, and other such related information.

Personal data – Personal data are any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (‘data subject’); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person;

Publish – A function available for User Uploads by which Users can make their dataverse and/or their dataset containing data files publicly available and publicly searchable on the IIT Dataverse application search engine and third-party search engines (e.g., Google Search or Bing Search).

Registration Information – Information required for each account in IIT Dataverse, including name, email, and role in IIT. This information is automatically transferred to IIT Dataverse from other IIT information systems at the time of first login.

Unpublished Dataset – An uploaded dataset that has not yet been made available to the public and is viewable only to the depositor or other users to whom the depositor has granted access.

Unregistered guest – Any user browsing IIT Dataverse site and/or downloading/requesting access to published datasets without the need to register on IIT Dataverse. Unregistered guests cannot upload data in IIT Dataverse.

Use of Service – Any access to, use of, or other action involving the IIT Dataverse application's functions, services, resources, and repository of datasets, including but not limited to any uploading, posting, submitting, storing, searching for, downloading, distributing, facilitating distributions, and otherwise utilizing any Content found on the IIT Dataverse application.

User – Any individual who owns and/or controls a registered account on IIT Dataverse.

User Uploads – Any uploaded, submitted, disclosed, distributed, or otherwise posted content by a User, including but not limited to new dataverses, new datasets, metadata information, Custom Data Usage license agreements, descriptive information for dataset download pages, user guides, and other contributions.