

Data Discoverability for Repositories

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The Discoverability of Repository Data

The Premise

- **Most Repositories started out in the Pre-historic Digital Ages**
 - Data was collected in analog mode at first
 - Repository mandates have been to (i) curate and (ii) disseminate samples, only recently we started to move into the digital realm
- **It is time to put Data Discoverability on the Front Burner (!)**
 - To help scientists, students and teachers to find their way to all cores and rocks we store in our repositories
 - To make certain analytical data, imagery and core/rock curatorial metadata are intimately linked, as well as the resulting science data appearing in the peer-reviewed journal publications



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Two Different Perspectives

OSU-MGR

- Co-director for Rock Storage and Data Management since 2010
- Current collection since 1971 (NSF Marine Geology and Geophysics)
- Added NOAA R/V Okeanos Explorer ROV rock collection in 2015
- Adding Antarctic Core Collection in 2018 taking over from Florida State University (NSF Polar Programs)

MagIC Database

- PI for the International Magnetism Information Consortium (MagIC)
- Promoting information technology infrastructures for the international paleomagnetic, geomagnetic and rock magnetic community
- Typical “sample-based” database requiring web linkage to repositories
- NSF-funded since 2003



The Discoverability of Repository Data Need of Linkage from other Databases

<https://www2.earthref.org/MagIC>

The screenshot shows the MagIC website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MagIC logo and the text 'Magnetics Information Consortium (MagIC) Promoting information technology infrastructures for the international paleomagnetic, geomagnetic and rock magnetic community.' Below this, there are statistics for 'Contributions 4,146', 'Locations 10,103', 'Sites 147,655', 'Samples 42,098', and 'Specimens 47,077'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search MagIC' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Settings', 'Summaries 4,146', 'Map 4,115', and '+ Custom View'. The main content area displays a list of publications, each with a 'Download' button, a brief description, and a map. The first publication is 'Fleck et al. (2014) v. 1 40Ar/39Ar geochronology, paleomagnetism, and evolution of the Boring volcanic field, Oregon and Washington, USA'. The second is 'Ben-Yosef et al. (2017) v. 2 Six centuries of geomagnetic intensity variations recorded by royal Judean stamped jar handles'. The third is 'Kono (1971) v. 8 Intensity of the Earth's Magnetic Field in Geological Time'. The left sidebar contains filters for 'Sort By' (Relevance, Upload Date, Age) and 'Filter By' (Contributor, External DB, Location Type, Geologic Type, Geologic Class, Lithology, Method Code).

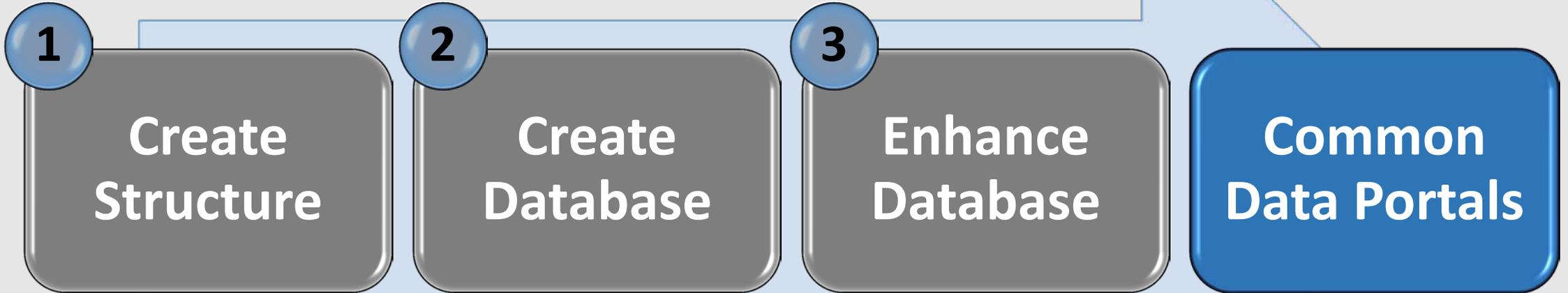
MagIC Database

- Has peer-reviewed magnetics data from 4,000+ publications
- Data from 10,000+ locations and 147,000+ sampling sites
- More than 4 million measurements
- All data is contributor uploaded within browsers using community-defined data models
- Not linked to other online resources



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STEP 1: CREATE STRUCTURE

1

Collate
Cruise
Reports and
Analog Data

2

Translate
into PDF Files
and Excel
Spreadsheets

3

Assign IGSN
Numbers and
QR-Codes to
All Assets

4

Create File
Structure
using IGSN
Hierarchy

5

Translate
into an
Online File
Structure

6

Use Google
Fusion Tables
and Google
Maps



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STEP 2: CREATE DATABASE

1

Translate
Fusion Tables
into
MongoDB

2

Index All
Assets Stored
in the Online
File Structure

3

Allow Full
Filtering
based on File
Contents

4

Allow Adding
New Data
without
Issues



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STEP 3: ENHANCE DATABASE

1

Build Web Services and API for Data Sharing

2

Allow Inter-operability between All Repositories

3

Allow Inter-operability with Other Databases

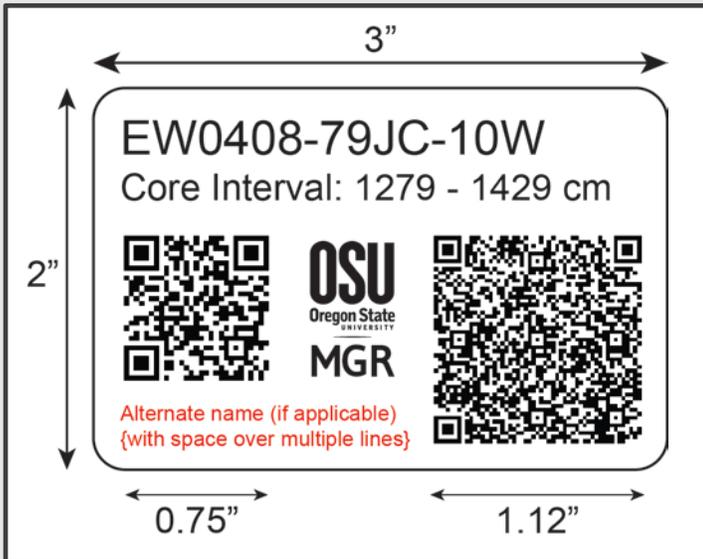
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Share Tools Built Upon Repository Databases



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Using Long Syntax IGSN (n<32) with Build-in Hierarchy from Expeditions to Cores to Sections to Subsamples

(or from Expeditions to Dredges to Subsamples)

IGSN: OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W



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Material: Marine Sediment Core
Type: Section Working Half

Parent Core:

Material: Marine Sediment Core
Core Name: EW0408-79JC
Core Type: Jumbo Piston Core
Core Length: 1724 cm
Total Sections: 12
Latitude: 59.5357°
Longitude: -141.7609°
Water Depth: 158 m
Research Vessel: Maurice Ewing
Date of Collection: 2004-09-15
Cruise PI: Alan Mix
Cruise PI Institution: Oregon State University
Cruise PI Email: amix@coas.oregonstate.edu
Alt. Cruise Name:
Alt. Core Name:
Location: OSU Marine Geology Repository: (93.1.3.2)
Location Contact: corelab@coas.oregonstate.edu

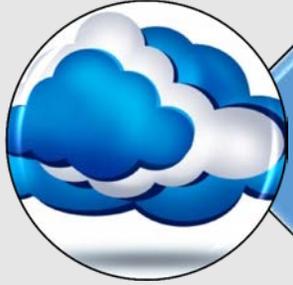
Section Info:

Section: 10
Section Half: Working
Section Interval: 1279 - 1429 cm
Notes:

Data Available:

Coring Data Sheet: <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/CoringDatasheet>
Core Description: <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/CoreDescription>
Line Scan Image: <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/Image>
MST Data: <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/MSTData>
XRF Data:
CT Scan Data:
Link to NGDC: <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geosamples/cruise.jsp?cru=EW0408&inst=OSU&shp=Maurice%20Ewing>
Link to Publications: <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/Publications>

- Website data is accessible using IGSN in URLs:
 - <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W>
 - <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/Image>
 - <http://osu-mgr.org/OSU-EW0408-79JC-10W/MSTData>



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Common Data Portals and Data Discoverability

- **Having our repository collections being part of the “cloud” and Common Data Portals requires that each facility has its own “digital house” in order**
- **Only at that stage will we achieve the needed Online Data Discoverability that enables scientists, students and educators to more effectively use our repositories and our data holdings in their research and teaching**



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