



Exploring Metaphors for Making Data Broadly Available.

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As international attention to scientific data continues to grow in today's born digital and Internet age, we take the opportunity to re-visit long-standing approaches to managing data and to critically examine some proposed new capabilities. In this presentation we build on our preliminary exploration of multiple metaphors co-existing in support of a healthy data ecosystem, and discuss what we see as key data ecosystem attributes embedded in modern approaches to data management across the broad spectrum of geoscientific data and geoscientists. We conclude with a set of suggestions and actions to engage the world wide data and information science community to advance such a discussion.