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**Data & Software roles of the future:**  
**Data stewardship and the Digital Competence Centre at TU Delft**  
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# DATA & SOFTWARE ROLES OF THE FUTURE: DATA STEWARDSHIP AND THE DIGITAL COMPETENCE CENTRE AT TU DELFT

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# WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT GOOD DATA MANAGEMENT?

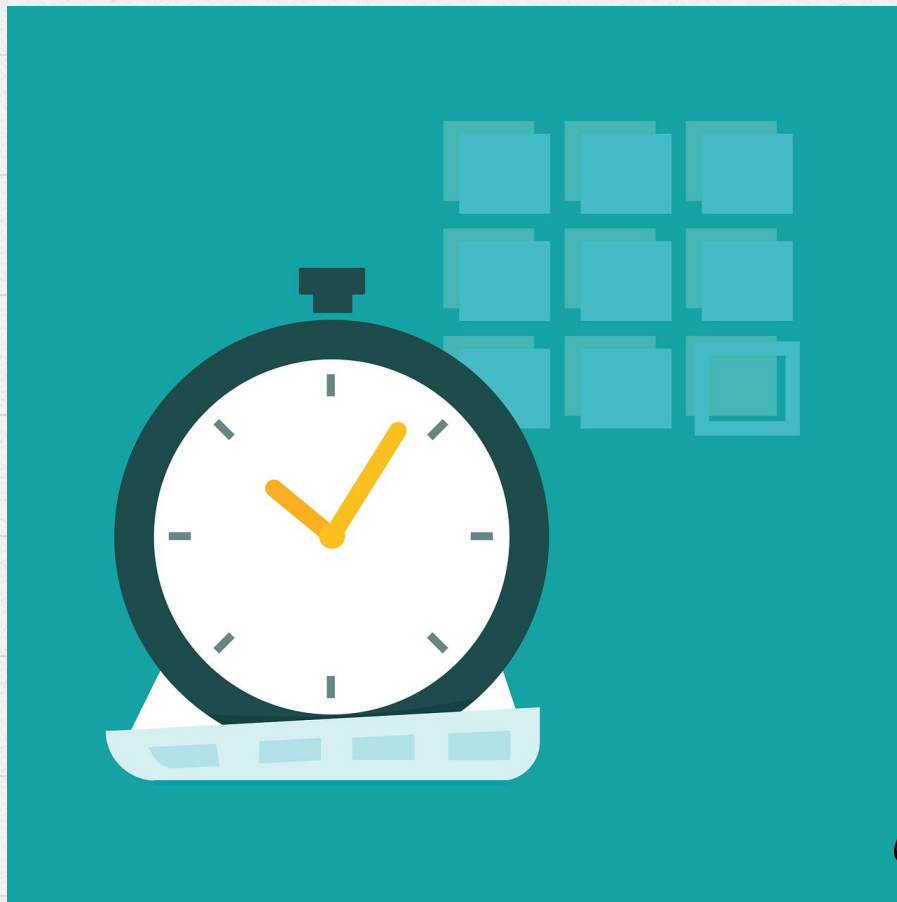


# THERE ARE NUMEROUS BENEFITS!

- ✗ Time saved (less time struggling => more time on research)
- ✗ Increased research reproducibility, less errors
- ✗ Easier to patent
- ✗ More visibility, impact, citations
- ✗ More trust
- ✗ Compliance, no data loss













BUT GOOD DATA MANAGEMENT IS NOT YET  
COMMON PRACTICE

SURVEY OF 4,500 RESEARCHERS IN 2020

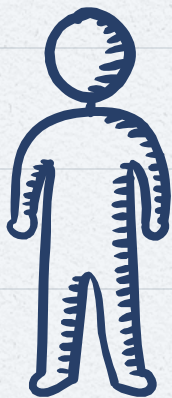
24% ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE FAIR PRINCIPLES







# RESEARCHERS SHOULD NOT BE DOING THIS ALONE.



Researching  
Teaching  
Supervising  
Applying for grants  
Reading papers  
Writing papers  
Going to conferences  
Networking...

*Doing excellent data and software management?*



# TU DELFT CASE STUDY







**TU Delft = Delft  
University of  
Technology**

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=1922415>









# STARTING POINT

Central Data Support team: repository, training, advocacy, website, tools policy...



CENTRAL SUPPORT IS NOT ENOUGH!



WE DON'T EVEN FIND THESE SERVICES...  
WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM



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All data stewards  
appointed as permanent  
members of faculty

More data stewards  
appointed

Job profile for data  
stewards





# PROBLEM: INSUFFICIENT CAPACITY



# DIGITAL COMPETENCE CENTRE PILOT (STARTED SEPTEMBER 2020)

HANDS-ON SUPPORT WITH DATA AND SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT:  
LEARNING BY DOING





# DIGITAL COMPETENCE CENTRE (DCC)

## ➡ INITIATIVE OF THE LIBRARY, ICT AND HPC

(FUNDED BY THE OPEN SCIENCE PROGRAMME AND A GRANT FROM THE DUTCH FUNDING AGENCY)

- 2 DATA MANAGERS
- 4 RESEARCH SOFTWARE ENGINEERS (RSEs)
- 1 HPC CONSULTANT, 1 COORDINATOR

➡ EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH RESEARCH GROUPS FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS, 2 DAYS/WEEK





# PLUS: MORE SUPPORT HIRED AT FACULTIES

➡ DATA MANAGERS & RSEs AT DEPARTMENTAL/RESEARCH GROUP LEVEL





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## TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO HEROES?

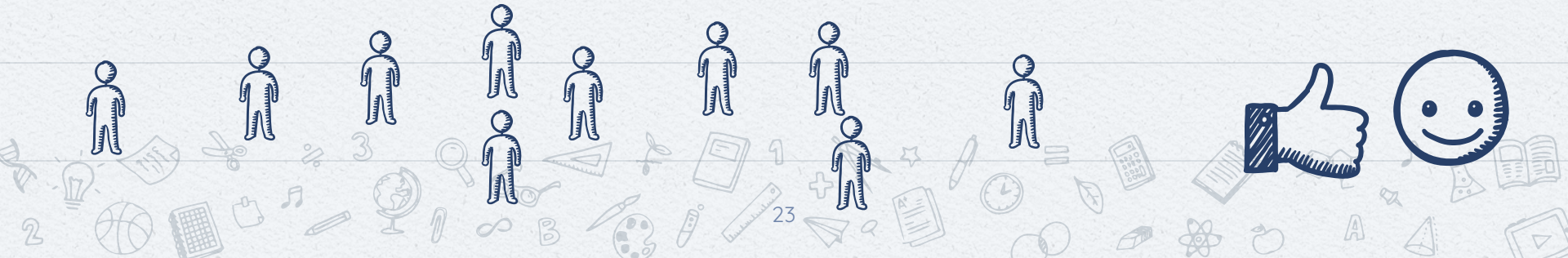




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## → TEAM SCIENCE:

- MOST EFFECTIVE TEAMS COMBINE VARIOUS TYPES OF PROFESSIONALS AND SKILLS





# THREE LEVELS OF DATA SUPPORT @TU DELFT

## Central Support

Repository  
Training  
Communications

=> Central  
(library) funding

## Faculty level support

Data Stewards  
  
Data Managers,  
RSEs

=> Faculty &  
research group  
budget

## DCC support

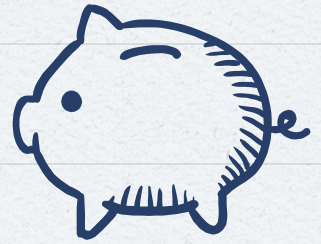
Data Managers  
  
Research Software  
Engineers

=> Central &  
*grant-based*  
*funding*

+ National collaboration (4TU.ResearchData)



INVEST IN DATA  
STEWARDSHIP  
IT WILL PAY BACK







# THANKS!

**Any questions?**

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