DANS’ online services:

EASY
- Your research data sustained online in 7 steps
- You decide your data’s accessibility
- Quoting data with a persistent identifier
- Finding and reusing research data
- Support from our data managers
easy.dans.knaw.nl

DataverseNL
- Easy temporary data storage during research
- Easy data sharing with other researchers
- Own online environment managed by institution
- Collaborative partnership between multiple institutions
dataverse.nl

NARCIS
- Search for publications and research data in the Netherlands via 1 portal
- Information on researchers, projects and institutions
- Manage your own researcher profile page
- Statistics for institutions
narcis.nl

Additional information

Please find further information on DANS’ services and conditions attached to these services on dans.knaw.nl or contact us.
How long will your data exist?

Scientific research yields facts: data. Other researchers would also like to use this data, for follow-up research or verification. Data carriers (such as hard drives) become unusable over time, and file formats age in the long term. To retain research data for the future, data should be sustained stored and maintained.

Do you have research data you want to preserve for the long term, or that you wish to share with others? Are you looking for data from other research, or on researchers or projects? Do you have any questions about data management? Then you can turn to DANS.

Driven by data

DANS (Data Archiving and Networked Services) was founded in 2005 to promote sustained access to digital research data. The oldest data found at DANS date from 1964. DANS is an institute of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (KNAW; Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) and the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research).

DANS provides three online services for sustained archiving and reusing research data: EASY, DataverseNL, and NARCIS. The institute furthermore provides training & consultancy in research data management and certification of archives, and carries out research on sustained access to digital information.

EASY is an online archiving system with tens of thousands of datasets from research completed by researchers and institutes. You can deposit your data in EASY; institutes can opt for automated deposits. You can also via EASY search for, download and reuse datasets of other researchers. EASY is certified according to the Data Seal of Approval accreditation. Most datasets are openly accessible. easy.dans.knaw.nl

With DataverseNL, researchers can store, share and register research data online, both during research and for up to 10 years afterwards. DataverseNL is jointly offered by participating institutes and DANS. DataverseNL is built upon a scientific platform developed by Harvard University. The platform is used worldwide. DataverseNL was installed at the University Utrecht in 2010, after which it quickly developed into a shared service of multiple institutes. Data management is in the hands of the institutes. DANS has been managing the network since 2014. dataverse.nl

NARCIS is the national portal for those searching for scientific information, including (open access) publications from repositories of all Dutch universities, KNAW, NWO and various scientific institutes and datasets from various data archives. NARCIS provides descriptions of research projects, experts and research groups in the Netherlands. DANS closely collaborates with connected universities and other institutions, to make and keep NARCIS as actual and complete as possible. narcis.nl

Collaborating and sharing knowledge

To achieve maximum results and share knowledge, DANS often collaborates, domestically via Research Data Netherlands (RDNL) and the Nationale Coalition Digitale Duurzaamheid (NCD2; Netherlands Coalition of Digital Preservation). These are collaborative partnerships, in which partners combine forces in the field of sustained data archiving. E-data & Research magazine is a fine product of national collaboration. DANS furthermore participates in many projects at national, European and global levels, contributing to the DANS mission.

Seal for digital archives

Data deposited at DANS are stored according to the Data Seal of Approval (DSA) guidelines. This international seal has been developed to ensure that archived data also remain findable, usable and quotable in the future. The seal of approval is awarded to data storage facilities that meet certain criteria on quality, sustainability and accessibility. DANS promotes archives certification and was the initiator behind DSA. datasealofapproval.org