

Paper: The FAIR Cookbook - the essential resource for and by FAIR doers



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Abstract

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However, first, you need to make RDF, you need to make assumptions explicit, you need to decide on meaning. Making RDF is not easy. It's not hard, just a lot of administration and scientific thinking. What did I measure? What model do I use to describe the chemistry? You know, my research job.

Moreover, not only data should be FAIR. All research output (worth communicating) should be FAIR.

In the past, Andra Waagmeester invited me to co-author a recipe that explains the [general steps of creating RDF](#). This was during the Open PHACTS project and with Carina Haupt. Writing recipes is something getting traction. They are a bit like [vignettes from the R world](#).

In the past few years the [FAIRplus project](#) created a [FAIR Cookbook](#) with recipes and I wrote a few. Actually, I still have a few to finish, for which I cannot find the time. I retrospect, I spent too much time on perfecting the recipe to finish them earlier. The FAIR Cookbook is now a professional venue with editorial board. It is fully open source and welcomes your recipes. Oh, and it is now hosted as ELIXIR service, which is great to see!

Finally, the [The FAIR Cookbook - the essential resource for and by FAIR doers paper](#) is out. Go read it :)

Screenshot of a FAIR Cookbook recipe showing the infobox at the top (with reading time, difficulty indicator (4/5 flames), the audience (PIs, ontologists, data scholars), and the author list with ORCID, affiliation, and CReDIT annotation.)

Figure 2 from the article: 'Citability of recipes and identification of and credit for authors; an example is provided.'