

Research Data Services in European University Libraries: Current Offerings and Plans for the Future

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DataONE Usability & Assessment Working Group: Assess the needs and motivations of various stakeholders for science data.
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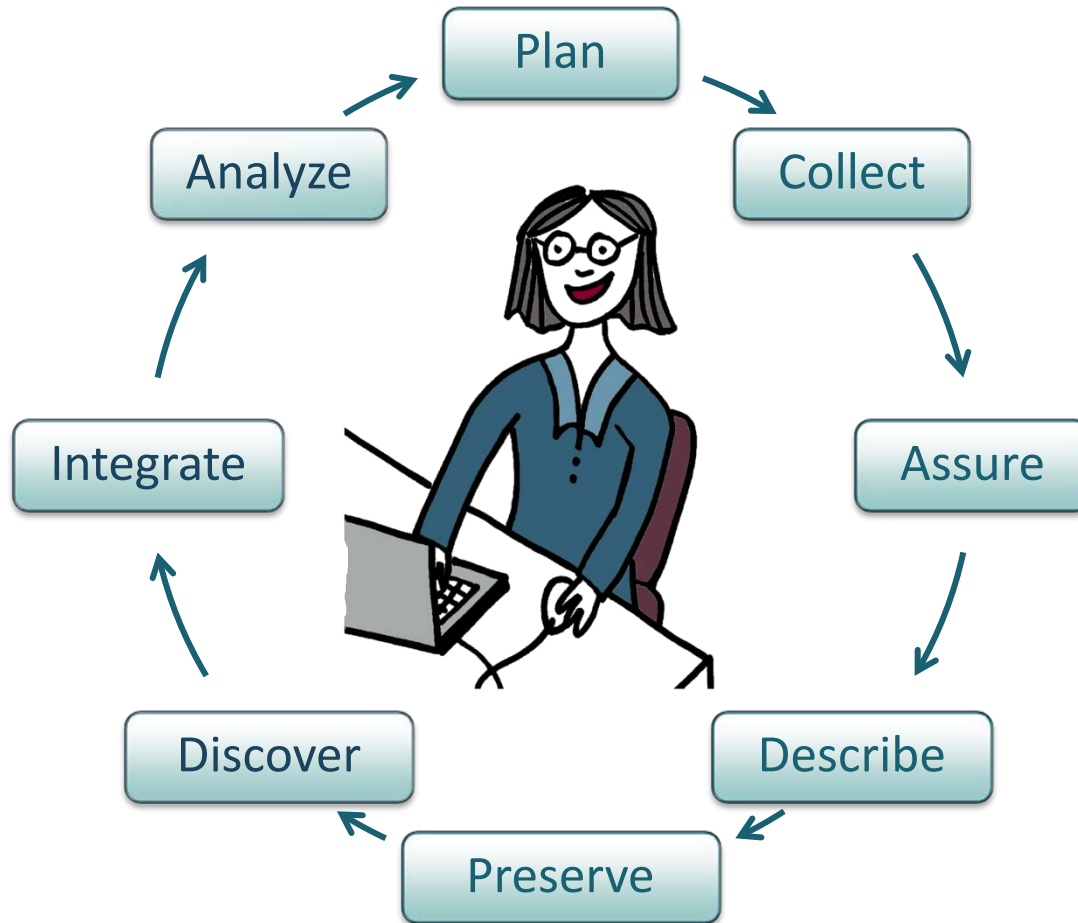


Working Group on Scientific Information Infrastructures: ...collects good practices and lessons learned in the area of research data management in libraries.

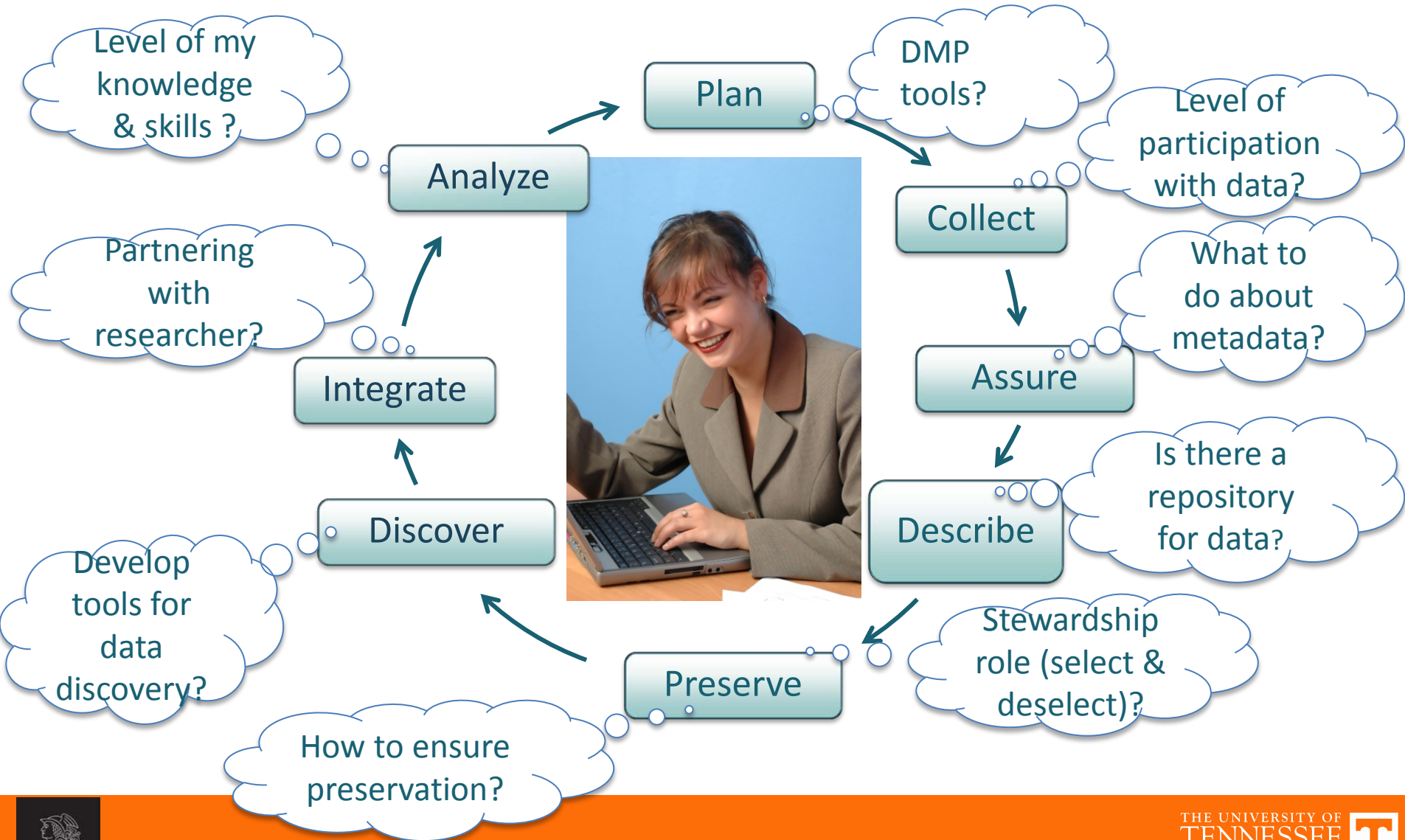
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DataONE Data Lifecycle



Library Challenges



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- **Services** can be informational or technical



Informational/Advisory RDS

- Collaboration and outreach
- Policy development and planning
- Discussing RDS with others
- Reference for finding and citing data
- Creating web guides and finding aids
- Directly participating on a project
- Consulting on DMPs and metadata
- Training co-workers on data issues

Technical RDS

- Providing tech support for RDS systems/data repositories
- Identifying datasets for deposit in repositories
- Preparing datasets for deposit
- Deselecting datasets for removal from a repository
- Creating or transforming metadata

Assessment of Stakeholders

Data Managers



Public Officials



Publishers



Scientists



Students
& Teachers



Citizen-scientists



Libraries
& Librarians

We are learning about Scientists

1st Scientist Survey (2011)

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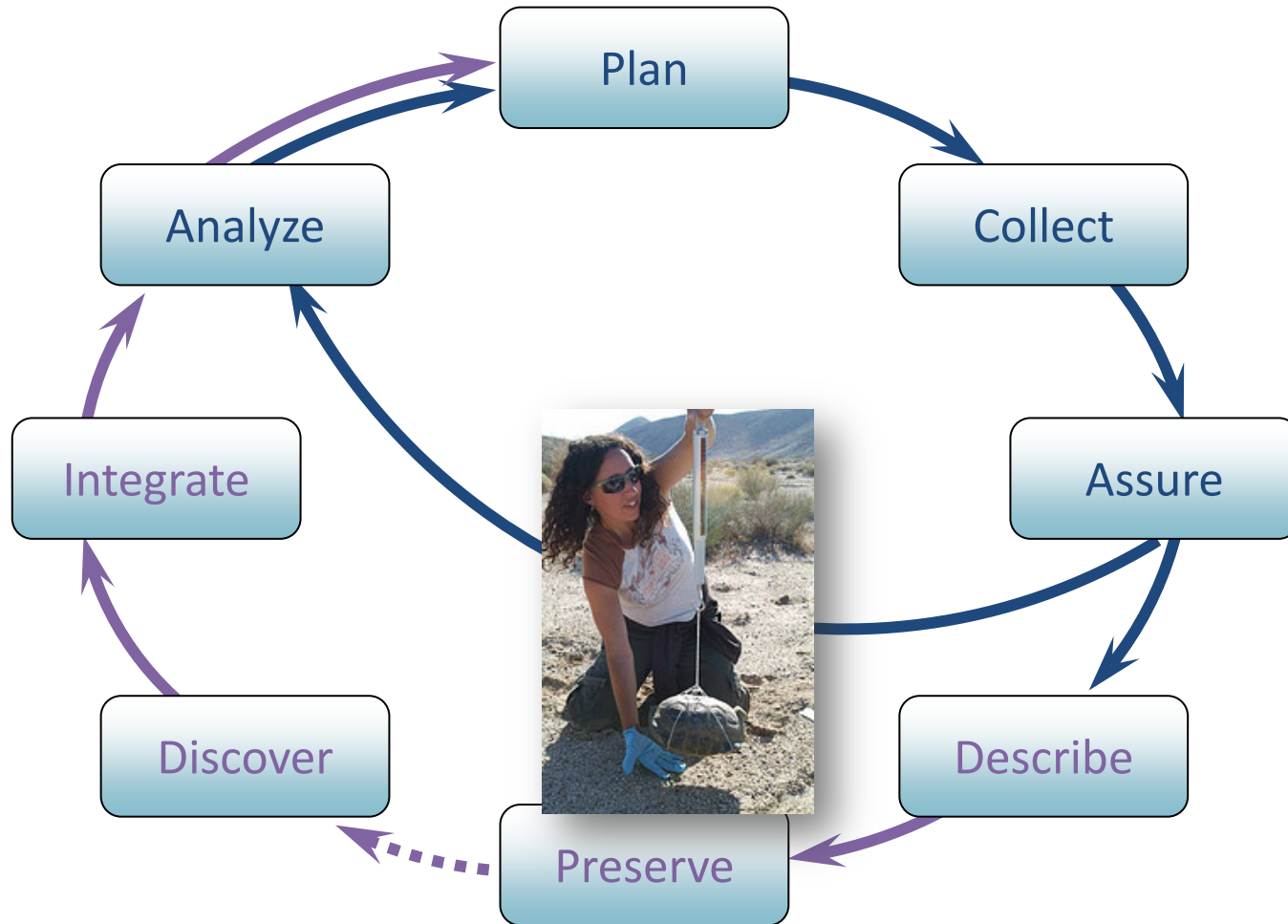
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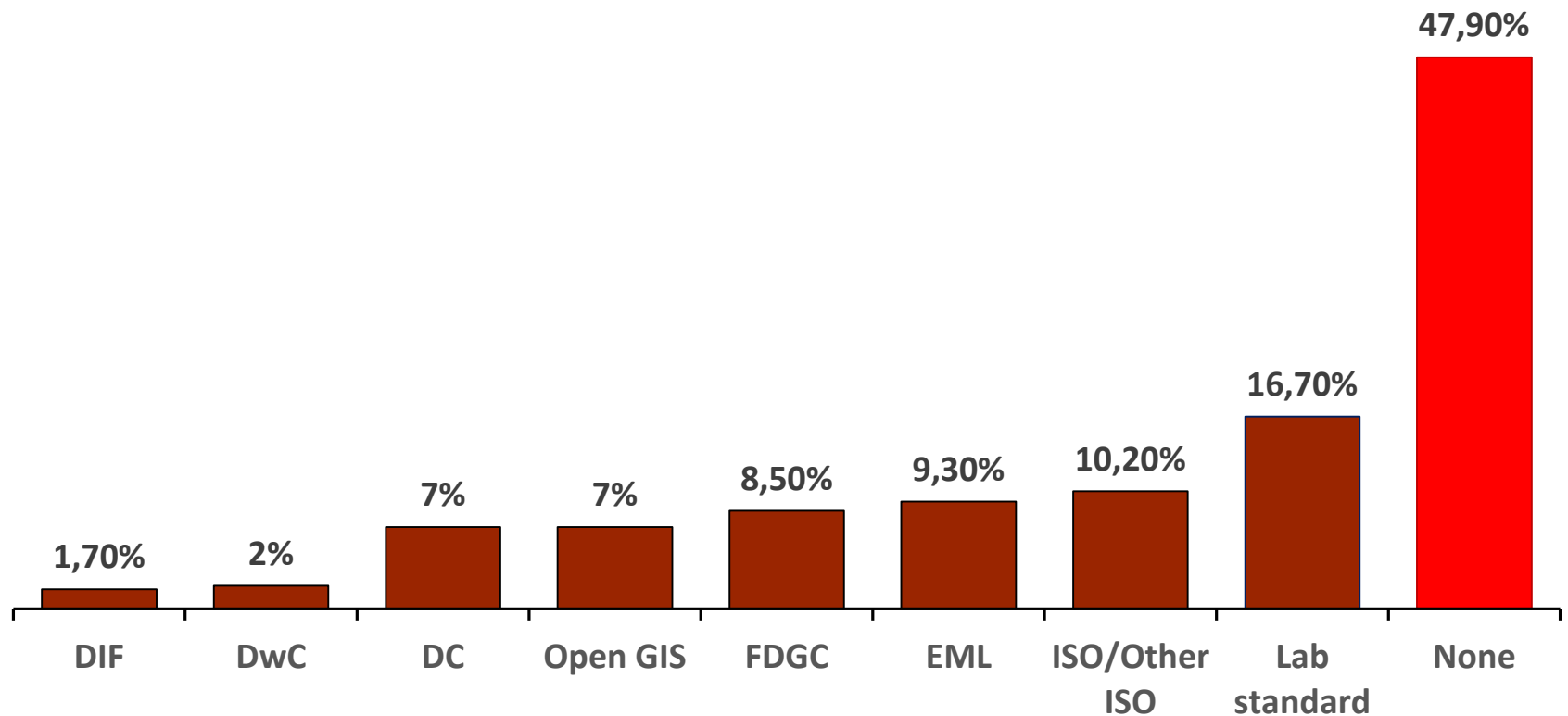
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Results of DataONE *scientists* surveys show opportunities for universities and libraries...

Researchers might...



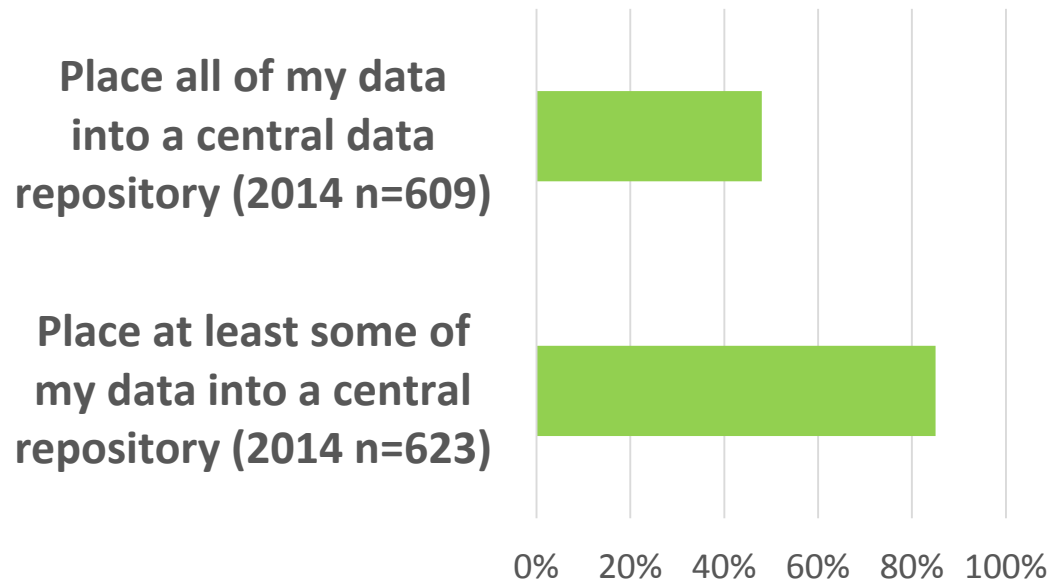
What metadata do you currently use to describe your data? (2014-2015)





Most are willing to share at least some data...

I am willing to:



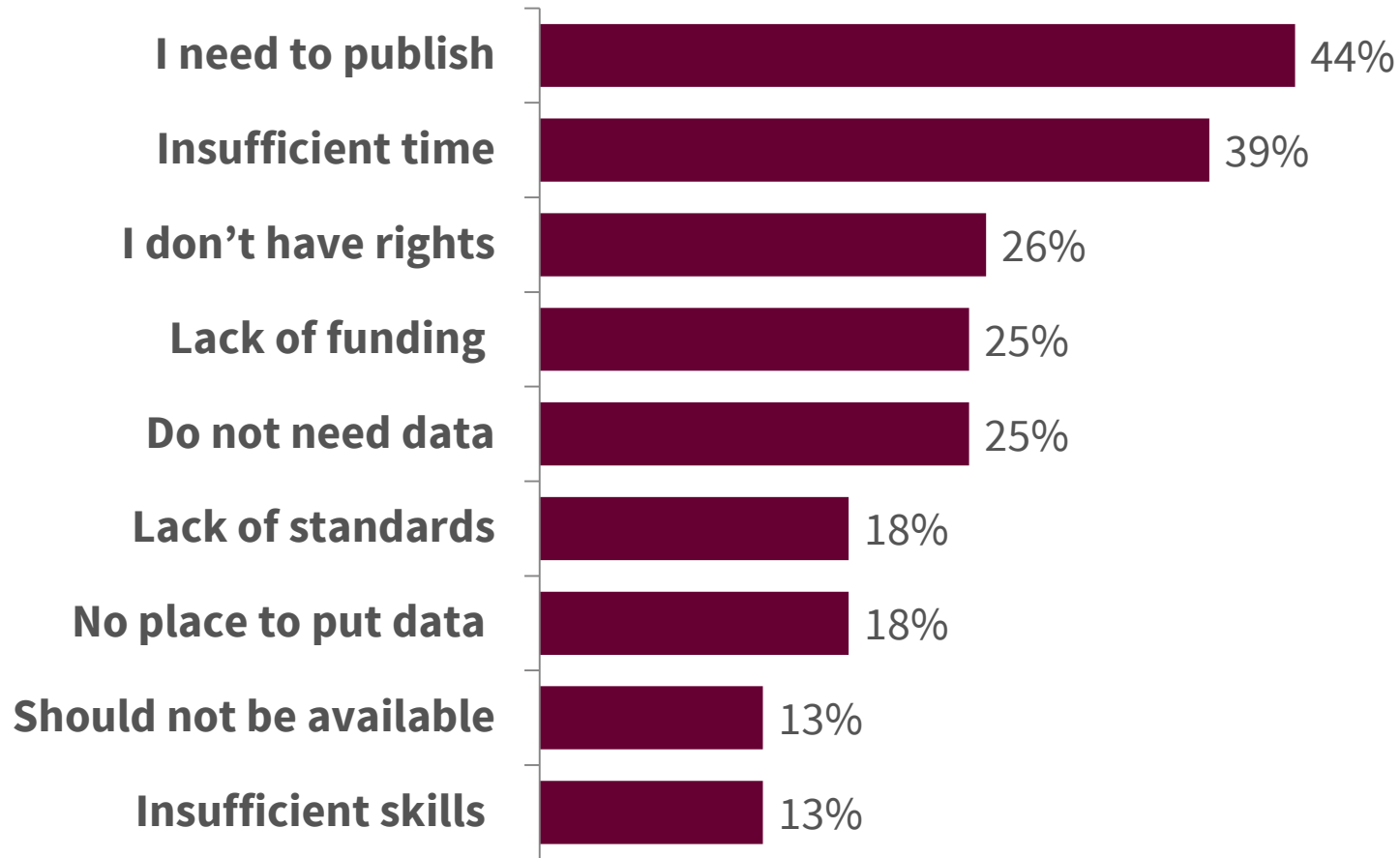


Gap between willingness to share and accessibility

- Although 80% of scientists agree “I share my data”
- Only 46% agree “Others can access my data easily”



Barriers for scientists





However, lack of access to data ...

... is a major impediment to progress in science

75% agree or strongly agree.

... has restricted my ability to answer scientific questions

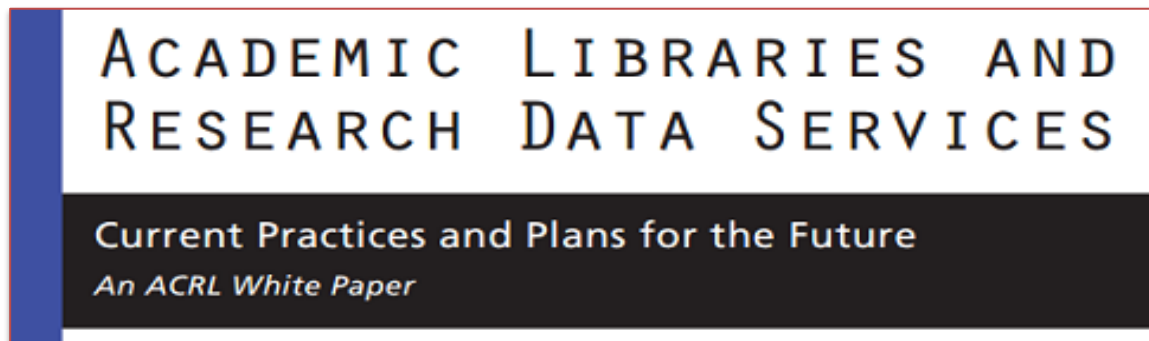
53% agree or strongly agree.

Libraries...

- Facilitate interdisciplinary work and data knowledge through collections and services
- Understand metadata
- Know how to find information about data
- In partnership with other administrative units can take a leadership role in a variety of **research data services**

European Survey Builds on Previous DataONE Library Surveys

1st Library (2012)



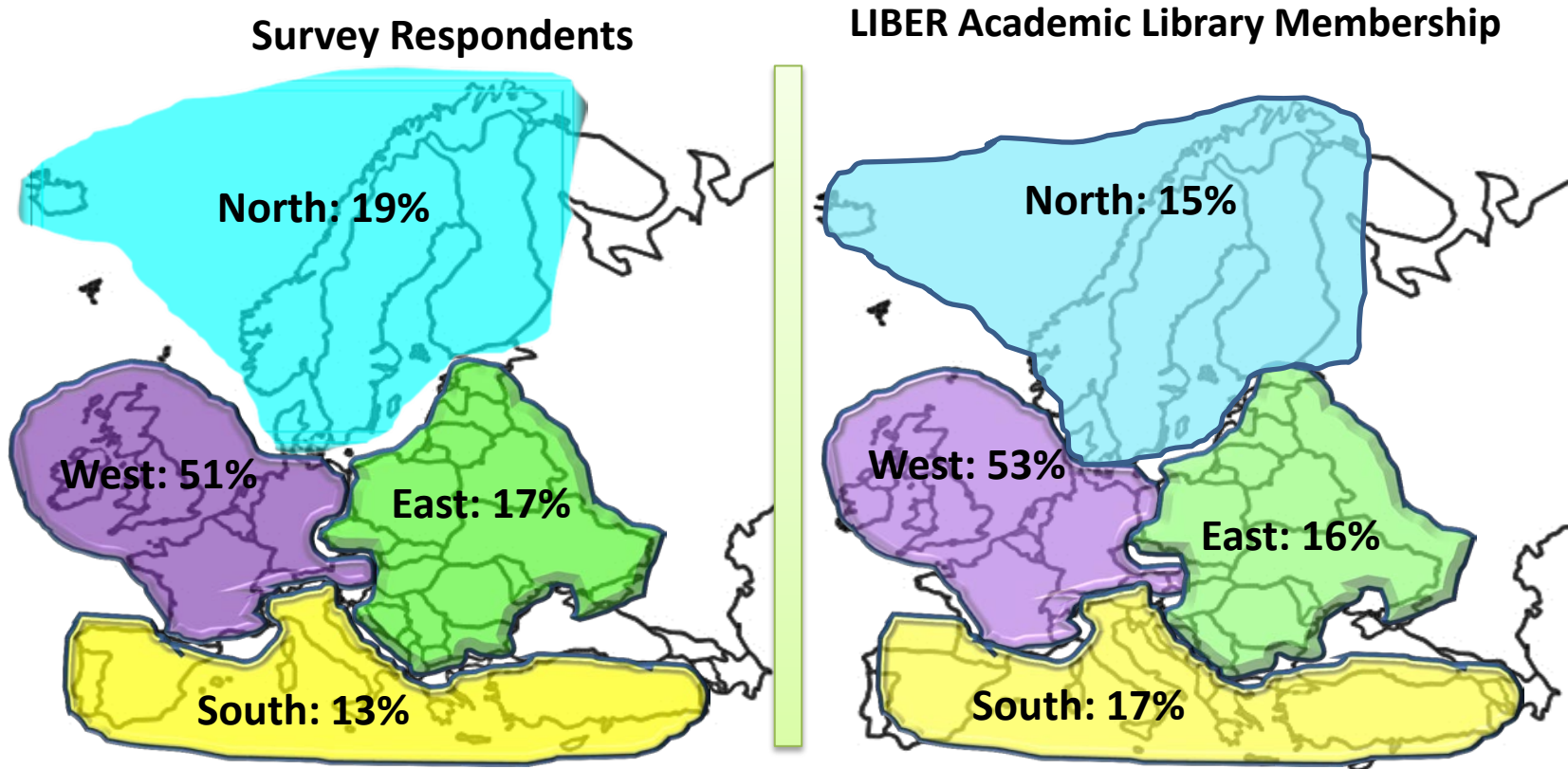
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2nd Library (2015)



Citations: 11
1,518 downloads
(published Dec 2015)

LIBER Survey of European Academic Research Libraries: 2016-2017

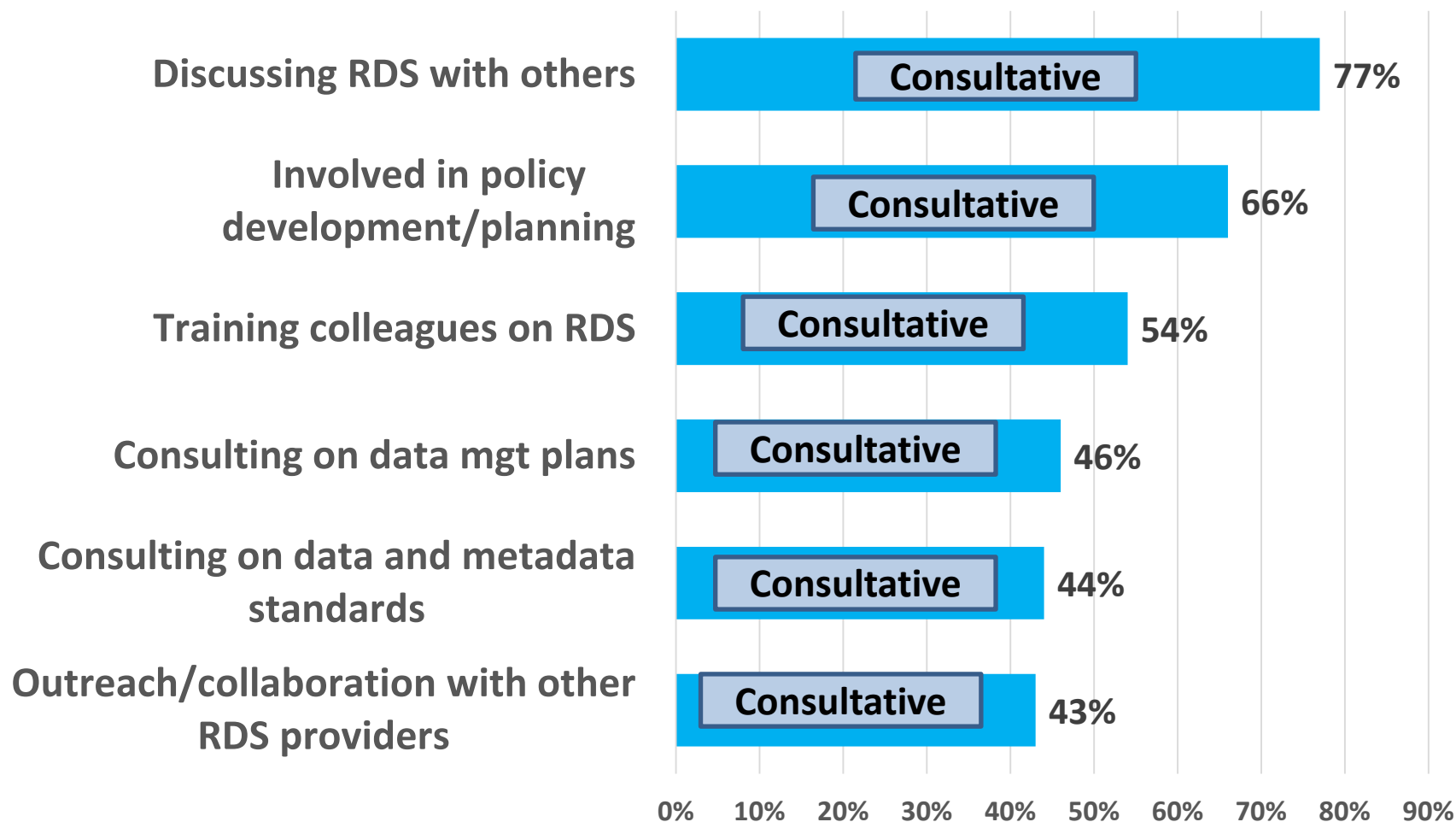


Key Findings

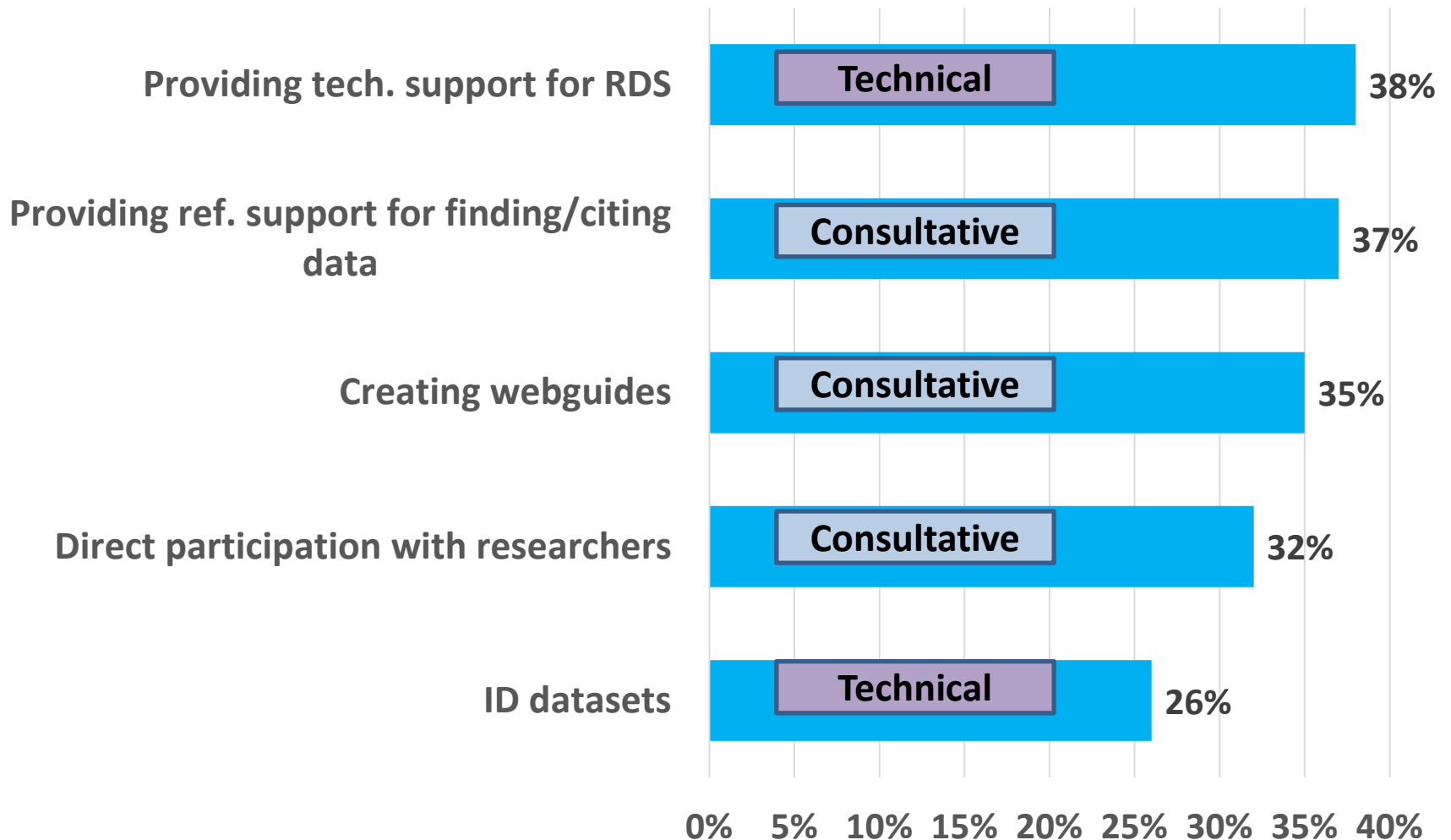
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2. Consultative RDS are most common (fewer libraries offer technical RDS)
3. Libraries use a variety of strategies for developing staff skills

1) LIBER academic libraries offer a range of Research Data Services

RDS offered by most libraries currently

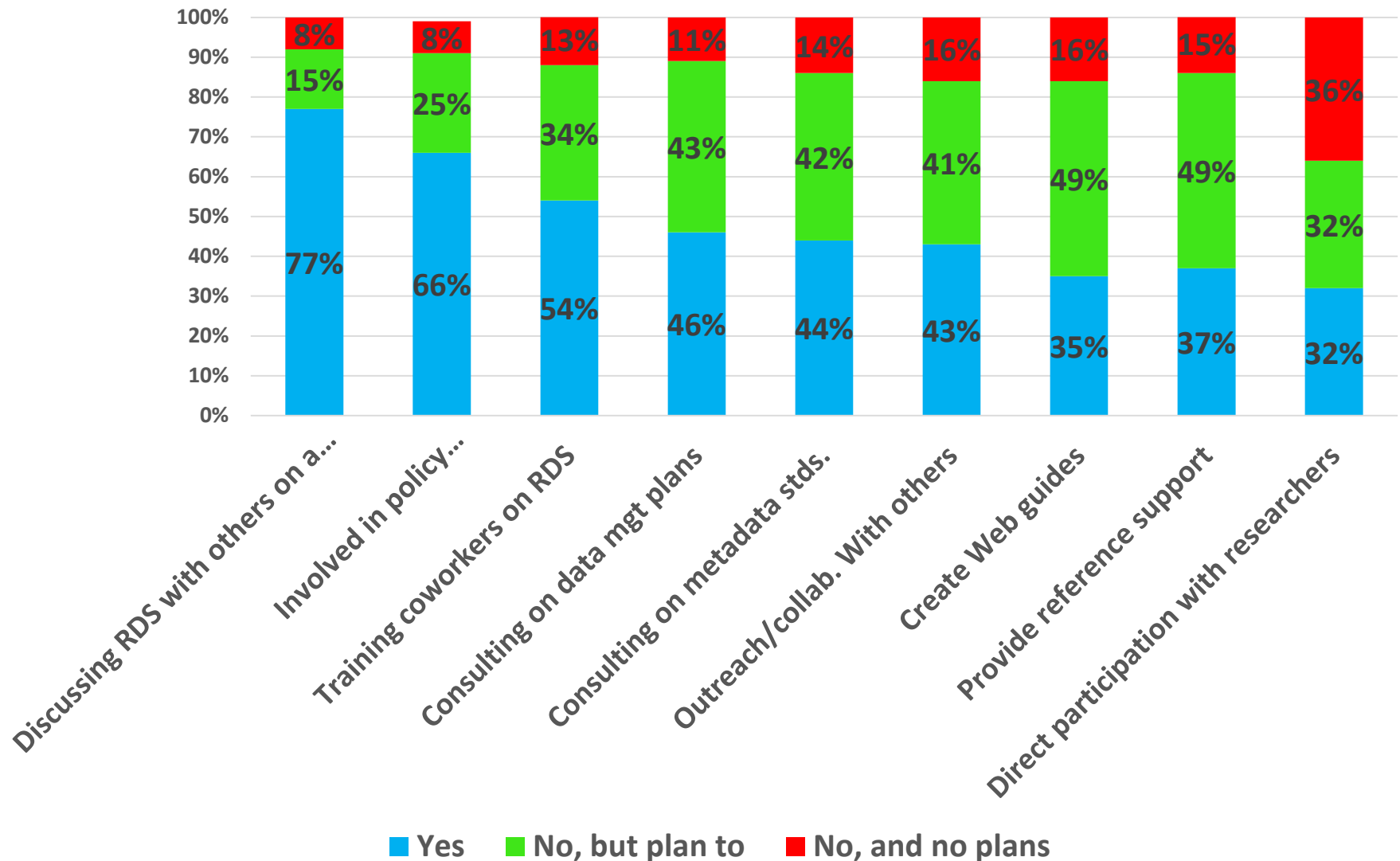


RDS offered continued

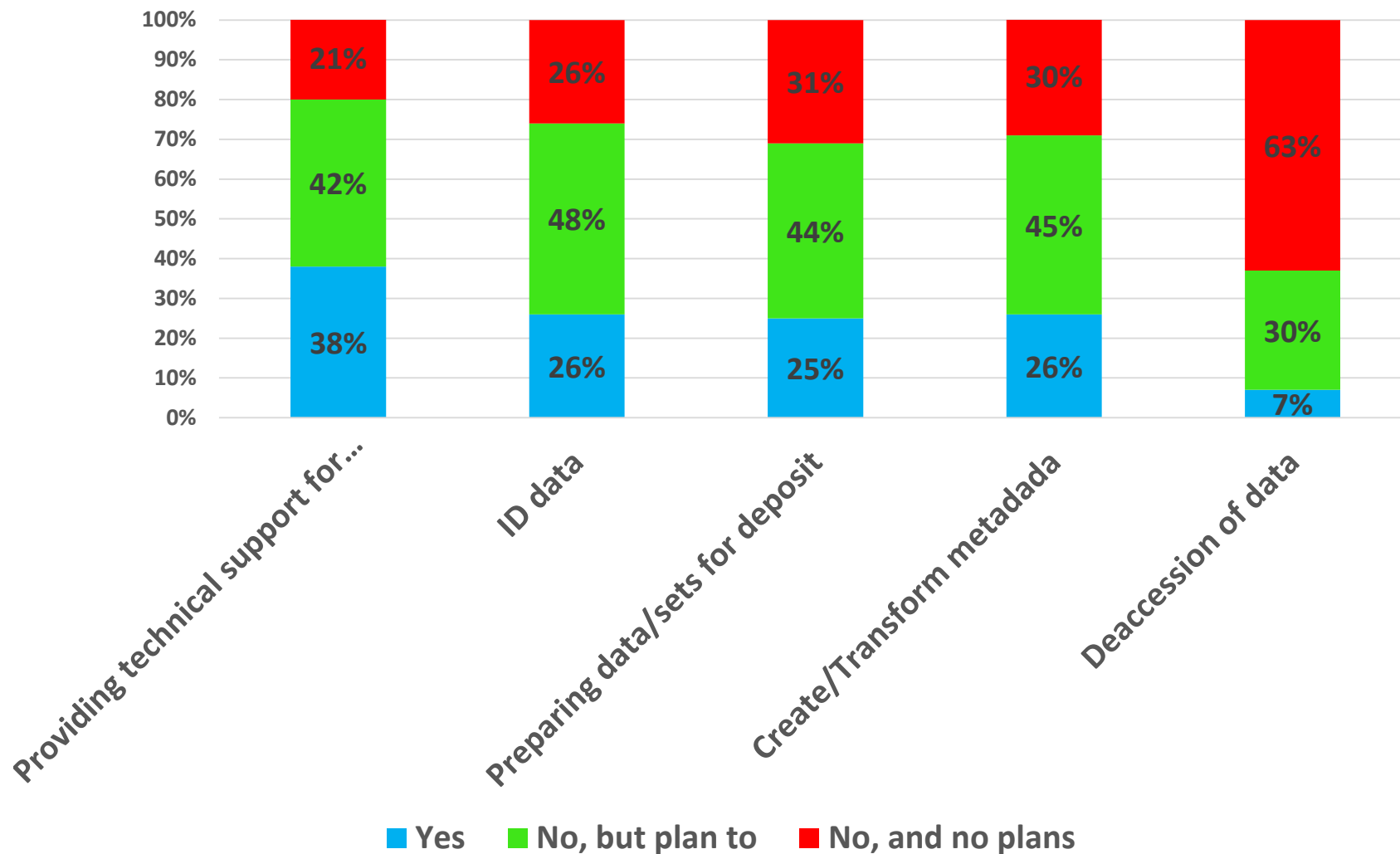


2) Consultative are more commonly offered than technical RDS

Currently offered and future plans for consultative-type services



Currently offered and future plans for technical-type services



We also know...

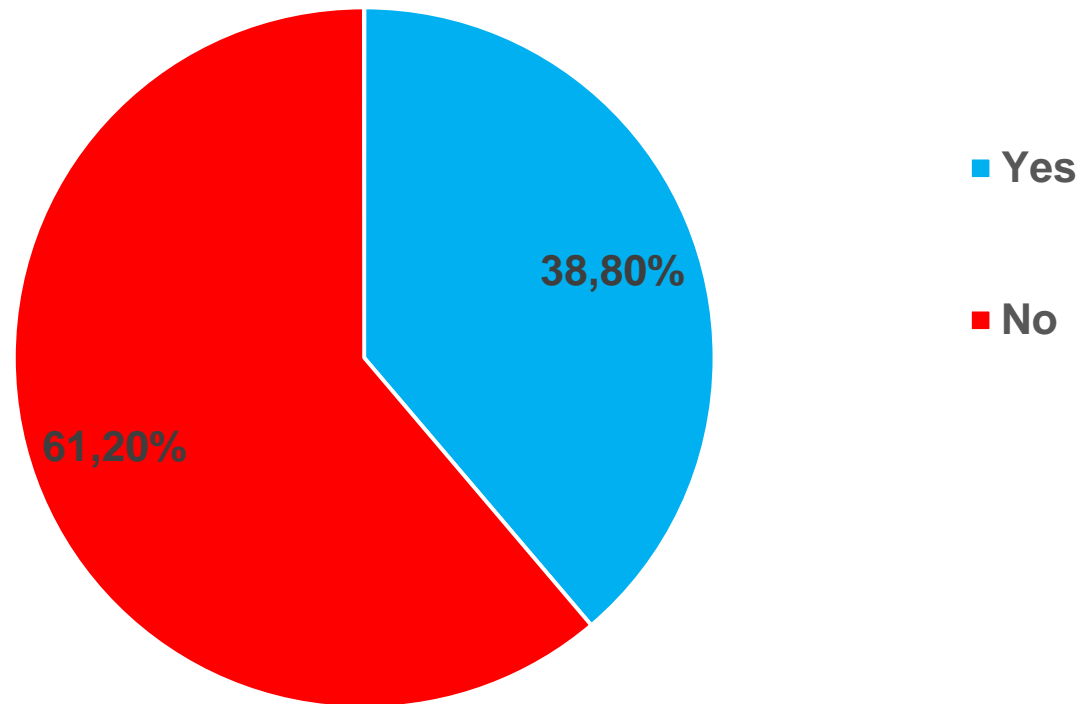
- There is great variation between libraries
- Some universities and some countries within a region are ahead in RDS



3) Libraries have a variety of strategies for developing staff skills

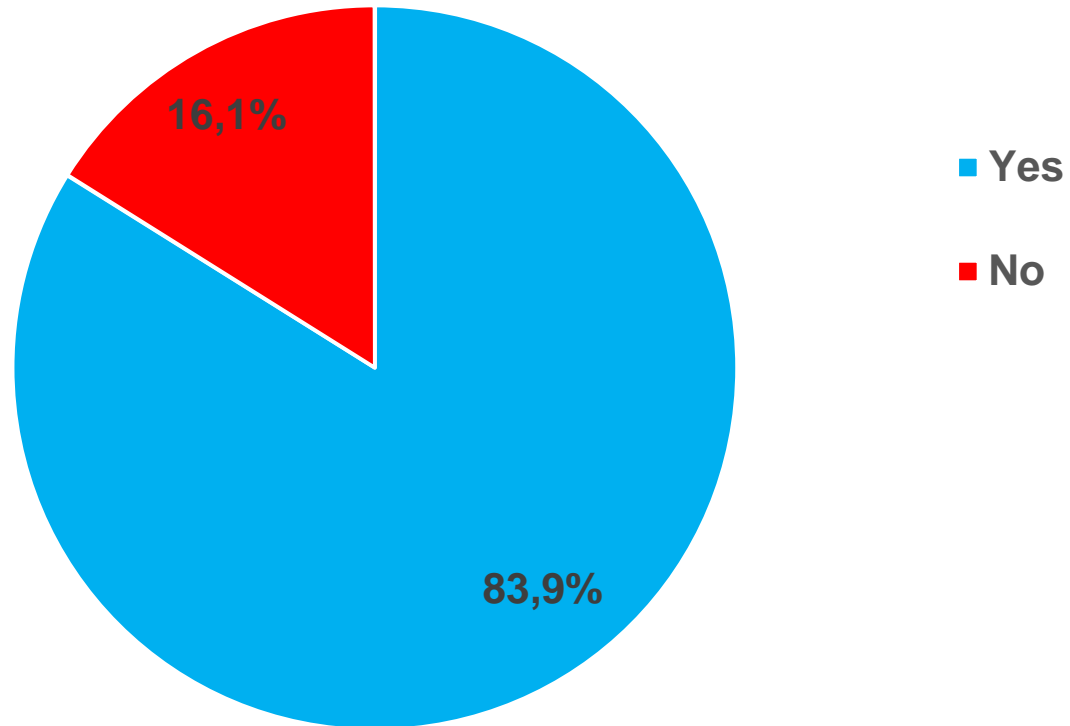


Have you hired staff for RDS in the last 12 months?



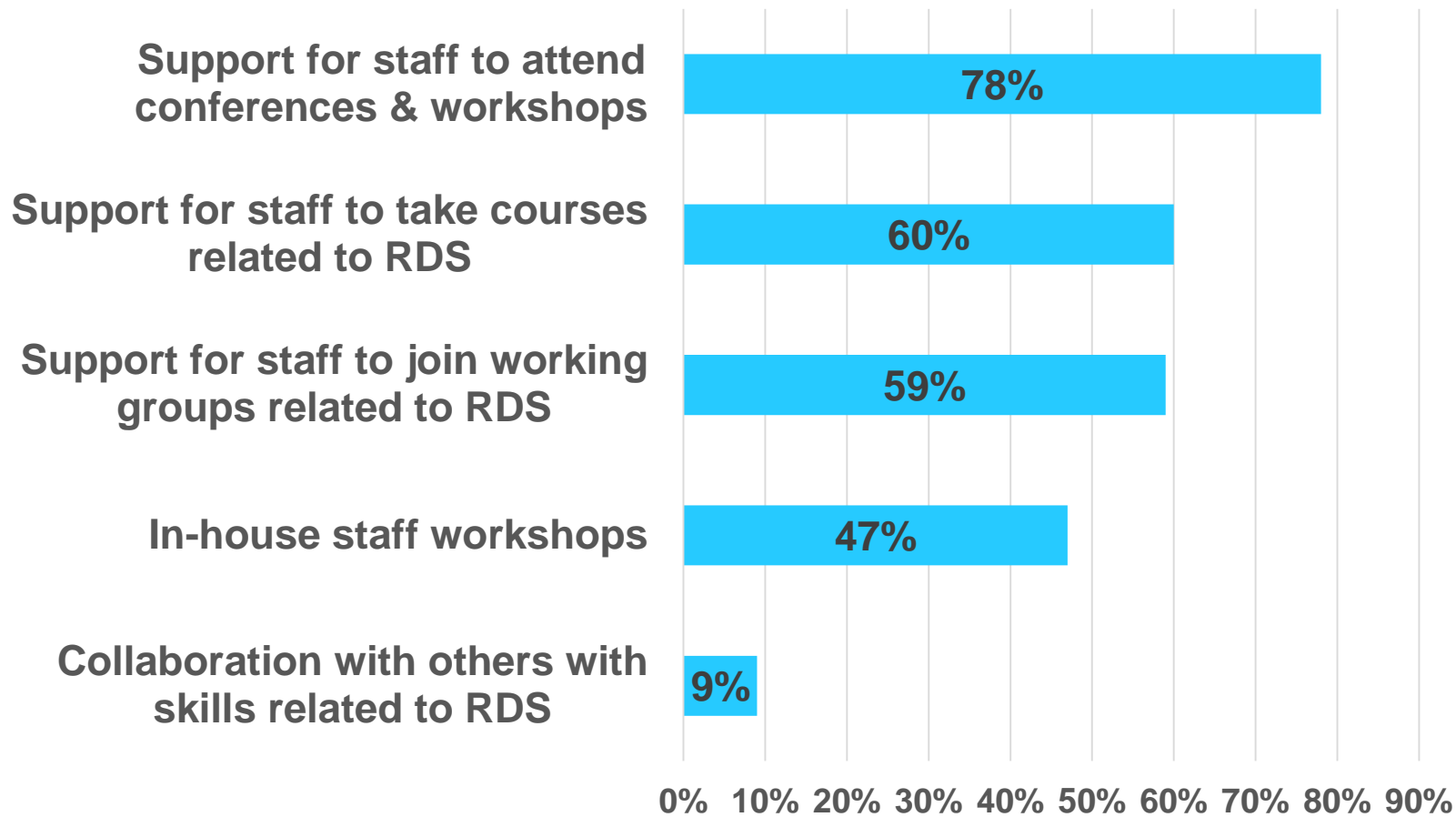


Has your library provided opportunities for library staff to develop skills related to RDS?





Which of the following opportunities has your library provided for library staff to develop skills related to RDS?



Staff Skills Development

Strategies

Collaborated with another institution to develop a skills-based MOOC

Dramatically increase the workload of some poor individual librarian

Moved staff from other support unit [ITS]

Hired staff for projects (not permanent)

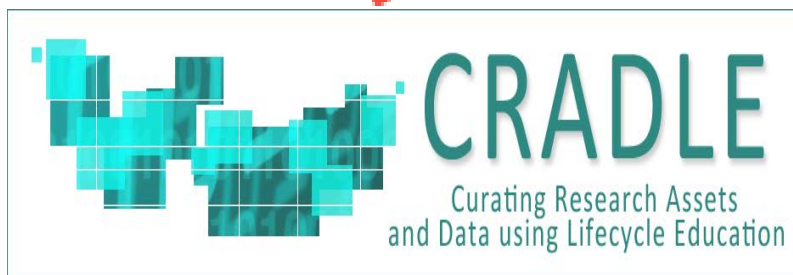
Refocused an existing role

Assistance with training



<http://datalib.edina.ac.uk/mantra/>

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Tools for RDS Education and Assistance

<https://www.dataone.org/education-modules>



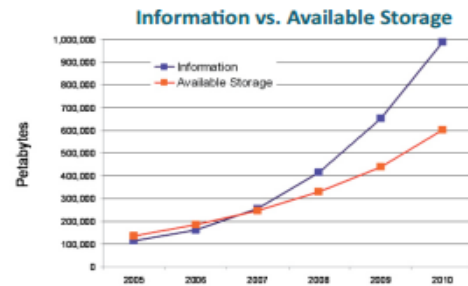
Lesson 1: Data Management

View all Education Modules at <https://www.dataone.org/education-modules>

The world of data around us

The data deluge has created a surge of information that needs to be well-managed, discoverable, and accessible.

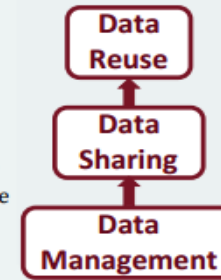
The amount of available storage is not keeping pace with the amount of data being produced.



Gantz, The Expanding Digital Universe

Why manage data: the researcher perspective

- Keep yourself organized ⇒ find your own files!
- Track your processes for reproducibility
- Better version control of data
- More efficient data quality control
- More backups to avoid data loss
- Format your data for reuse by yourself & others
- Document your data for understandability and reuse
- Prepare it to share it & gain credibility and recognition for your scientific efforts



Data management facilitates sharing and reuse.

Causes of data loss

- Natural disasters
- Facilities infrastructure failures
- Storage failure
- Server hardware or software failure
- Application software failure
- Human errors
- Malicious attack
- Format obsolescence
- Loss of competencies
- Loss of funding
- Loss of insitutional commitment

Data Reuse Example

Researchers reused and aggregated data from several different sources to determine migration routes for specific bird species.



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The Case for Data Management

DataONE Education Modules

1. Why Data Management
2. Data Sharing
3. Data Management Planning
4. Data Entry and Manipulation
5. Data Quality Control and Assurance
6. Protecting Your Data
7. Metadata
8. How to Write Quality Metadata
9. Data Citation
10. Analysis and Workflows
11. Legal and Policy Issues

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