# Metadata

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#### Monday's class (git & QC) was...

12 responses



#### The first two sessions of class were...

12 responses





### The Data Life Cycle



## Metadata

- Data description & reporting
  - WHO created the data?
  - WHAT is the content of the data?
  - WHEN were the data created?
  - WHERE is it geographically?
  - HOW were the data developed?
  - WHY were the data developed?

# Who uses Metadata?

- You (the originator) maybe primary reason
- Somebody else
  - Meta-analysis
  - Web aggregators ('the semantic web')
  - future scientists



- Why should you write metadata?
  - Data citation
  - Lasting contribution to knowledge
  - because you are required to

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- Identification Information
  - People
  - project identifiers
- Purpose
  - original collection motivation
  - associated methods

Originator:	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Title:	Scientific and Natural Area Units
Abstract:	This dataset includes the main MNDNR Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) feature class, along with ancillary feature classes such as annotation and parking lots. These feature classes support MNNR's SNA Work Planning application.
	scientific_and_natural_area_boundaries: A polygon feature class delineated on and digitized from 1:24,000 U.S.G.S. quad maps of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs).
	Scientific and natural areas are established to protect and perpetuate in an undisturbed natural state those lands and waters embracing natural features of exceptional scientific and educational value. The SNA Program's goal is to ensure that no single rare feature is lost from any region of the state. This requires protection and management of each feature in sufficient quantity and distribution across the landscape. The Programs' Long Range Plan is to protect at least five locations of plant communities known to occur in each landscape region, and three locations per region of each rare species, plant or animal, and geologic feature. It is estimated that 500 natural areas are needed throughout the state to adequately protect significant features. Because over 40 percent of these rare features occur in prairies, 200 SNAs would be in the prairie area of the state. Of the remainder, approximately 135 are estimated to be needed in the deciduous and 165 in coniferous forest landscape communities, and features. This strategy observes the wisdom of not putting all our eggs in one basket.
	In addition to SNA, Itasca and Crow Wing Counties have established county natural areas. Itasca County's natural areas were established in 1966. Sites are set aside as SNAs because of their natural attributes and rare resources, which warrant protection for their inherent values and as places for scientific and educational use. Protection guards against developments such as trails, campgrounds, picnic sites, logging, mineral exploration and development, cultivation, and other uses of land, public or private, that interfere with the preservation of its natural features
Purpose:	To provide a multi-part polygon view of SNA Units for use in the SNA Work Planning - Activities application.
	The original purpose for digitizing SNAs was to include them on the Minnesota County Biological Survey's maps of natural communities and rare species. This began in 1989. The Peatland SNAs were digitized 1993 for the generation of a series of maps showing existing trails withing these SNAs. Many prairie SNAs with burn units were digitized in 1995-6 for management purposes. The remaining SNAs were digitized in 1996-99 to complete the SNA cover statewide.

- Dates, times, and locations
  - where and when are fundamental to utility of all data
  - details vary based on data type

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### • Data dictionary

- table by table, column by column
- for each vector or element of information:
  - what is it called?
  - what is its type?
    - character (length? allowable values?)
    - numeric (integers? precision? decimal place limit?)
    - Logical

Further details about the parking location

- null?
- what is its description?

#### Table Detail:

Notes

#### scientific\_and\_natural\_area\_boundaries

Field Name	Valid Values	Definition			<b>Definition Source</b>			
SITE_NAME	-	Name of SNA Site						
SITE_ID	-	Numeric ID corresponding to the site name.						
BREMCODE	-	Bureau of Real Estate Management (BREM	I) Code. This code re	ferences the corresponding entry for this site in the DNR Land Records system.				
	sna_par	king - designated places to park for SNAs						
Field Name	Valid Value	s Definition	<b>Definition Source</b>					
PGRM_PROJE	E -							
DIRECTIONS	-	How to find the parking location						

- Constraints, Liabilities, and Citation instructions.
  - What if any are the limits on use of the data?
  - What responsibility do the named people in the metadata document have for the underlying data?
  - How should users cite this data package?

Distribution Liability:	The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources General Geographic Data License Agreement is online: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/sitetools/data_software_license.html
Ordering Instructions:	Please visit the download page for this dataset on the Minnesota Geospatial Commons website using the web link below (Online Linkage).
Online Linkage:	I AGREE to the notice in "Distribution Liability" above. Clicking to agree will either begin the download process, link to a service, or provide more instructions. See "Ordering Instructions" above for details.

#### Section 7: Metadata Reference

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Metadata Standard Version:	1.2
Metadata Standard Online Linkage:	http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/committee/standards/mgmg/metadata.htm

# The nice thing about standards is that you have so many to choose from.

- Andrew Tanenbaum, Computer Networks

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#### 1. Introduction

Audience: This document is an introduction to the Darwin Core standard and is meant to provide the background, reasons, and basic information about sharing (either as a publisher or user of) biodiversity information. Further details on specific aspects of the standard and its use can be found in the pages shown in the Table of Contents in the upper left of every page or in the <u>References</u> section of this page.

#### What is the Darwin Core?

The Darwin Core is body of standards. It includes a glossary of terms (in other contexts these might be called properties, elements, fields, columns, attributes, or concepts) intended to facilitate the sharing of information about biological diversity by providing reference definitions, examples, and commentaries. The Darwin Core is primarily based on taxa, their occurrence in nature as documented by observations, specimens, samples, and related information. Included are documents describing how these terms are managed, how the set of terms can be extended for new purposes, and how the terms can be used. The normative document for the terms [RDF-NORMATIVE] is written in the Resource Description Framework [RDF] and is the definitive resource to understand the term definitions and their relationships to each other. The *Simple Darwin Core* is a specification for one particular way to use the terms - to share data about taxa and their occurrences in a simply structured way - and is probably what is meant if someone suggests to "format your data according to the Darwin Core".

**Motivation**: The Darwin Core standard was originally conceived to facilitate the discovery, retrieval, and integration of information about modern biological specimens, their spatiotemporal occurrence, and their supporting evidence housed in collections (physical or digital). The Darwin Core today is broader in scope and more versatile. It is meant to provide a stable standard reference for sharing information on biological diversity. As a glossary of terms, the Darwin Core is meant to provide stable semantic definitions with the goal of being maximally reusable in a variety of contexts.

**Rationale**: The Darwin Core is based on the standards developed by the *Dublin Core Metadata Initiative* [DCMI] and can be viewed as an extension of the Dublin Core for biodiversity information. The purpose of these terms is to facilitate data sharing by providing a well-defined standard core vocabulary in a flexible framework to minimize the barriers to adoption and to maximize reusability. The terms described in this standard are a part of a larger set of vocabularies and technical specifications under development [TDWG-DEV] and maintained by *Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG)* [TDWG-STANDARDS].



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### **5.1 Vegetation Visit Table**

(Oracle table name: VEG\_VISIT)

Subsection	Column name (attribute)	Descriptive name	Oracle data type
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5.1.2	PLT_CN	Plot sequence number	VARCHAR2(34)
5.1.3	INVYR	Inventory year	NUMBER(4)
5.1.4	STATECD	State code	NUMBER(4)
5.1.5	COUNTYCD	County code	NUMBER(3)
5.1.6	PLOT	Phase 2 plot number	NUMBER(5)
5.1.7	VEG_QA_STATUS	Vegetation quality assurance status	NUMBER(1)
5.1.8	VEG_KINDCD	Vegetation sample kind code	NUMBER(2)
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5.1.13	VEG_MEASDAY	Vegetation measurement day	NUMBER(2)
5.1.14	VEG_SAMPLE_BASIS	Vegetation sample basis	NUMBER(1)
5.1.15	CREATED_BY	Created by	VARCHAR2(30)
5.1.16	CREATED_DATE	Created date	DATE

#### 5.1.5 COUNTYCD

**County code.** The identification number for a county, parish, watershed, borough, or similar governmental unit in a state. FIPS codes from the Bureau of the Census are used. Refer to appendix B in the P2 document for codes (The Forest Inventory and Analysis Database: Database Description and User Guide Version 6.0.1 for P2, available at FIA Data and Tools-Documentation [http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/library/database-documentation/]).

#### 5.1.6 PLOT

**Phase 2 plot number.** An identifier for a plot. Along with STATECD, INVYR, and COUNTYCD, PLOT may be used to uniquely identify a plot.

#### 5.1.7 VEG\_QA\_STATUS

**Vegetation quality assurance status.** A code indicating the type of vegetation measurement conducted. Production plots have VEG\_QA\_STATUS = 1 or 7.

Code	Description
1	Standard field production plot.
2	Cold check.
3	Reference plot (off grid).
4	Training/practice plot (off grid).

#### Codes: VEG\_QA\_STATUS

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FIA Database Description and User Guide for Phase 3 (version: 6.0.1)

Chapter 5 (revision: 09.2014)

Vegetation Visit Table

Code	Description
5	Botched plot file (disregard during data processing).
6	Blind check.
7	Production plot (hot check).

#### Camera Trap Metadata Standard (CTMS) Forrester et al. 2016



#### Organization

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#### **Metropolitan Council**

The Metropolitan Council is the regional policy-making body, planning agency, and provider of essential services for the Twin Cities metropolitan region. read more

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#### **Transit Stops**

The Transit Stops layer contains over 18,000 active and inactive transit stops in the Twin Cities seven county metropolitan area. Stops where boarding and/or alighing occurs are flagged in the busstop\_yn field.

The dataset includes attributes from the primary transit stop database maintained for Metro Transit and for customer information for other transit provider transit services. The locations are mapped referencing NCompass Technologies Inc. street centerline network along with streets generated internally at Metro Transit.



To identify all stop locations in the Twin Cities metropolitan area where transit service exists.

#### Oataset extent

Purpose



#### https://ericlind.github.io/data-mgmt-4-biologists/data/e141\_Soil\_nitrogen.txt

BioCON (Biodiversity, CO2, and Nitrogen) is an ecological experiment started in 1997 at the University of Minnesota's Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve. BioCON's goal is to explore the ways in which plant communities will respond to three environmental changes that are known to be occurring on a global scale: increasing nitrogen deposition, increasing atmospheric CO2, and decreasing biodiversity.

Why Biodiversity, CO2, and Nitrogen?

While there are many uncertainties in global change biology, there are also some well documented facts. Some of these are:

1. The amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere is rising. Since the industrial revolution, the CO2 concentration in the atmosphere has increased from approximately 275 parts per million (ppm) to about 378 ppm today. This has been largely the result of fossil fuel burning. It is expected that CO2 levels will continue to rise, and that by the year 2050 these levels will be approximately 550 ppm. CO2 is the raw material for photosynthesis and is known to affect plant growth and development.

2. The amount of nitrogen moving through terrestrial ecosystems has increased in the recent past. While natural "background" levels of nitrogen fixation have remained constant, human additions to the system through fertilizer production and fossil fuel use have increased dramatically. Nitrogen is a key nutrient for plant growth and plays a critical role in plant community structure and composition in many environments.

3. Biodiversity levels are falling. While the research and data are not as complete as they are for CO2 and nitrogen, data indicate that the number of species globally, is being reduced. Perhaps more important for ecosystem function, diversity levels on local to regional scales have fallen due to land use change, biotic invasion and many other drivers.

While much is known about how each of these factors affects ecosystem functioning, many questions remain. There is also little data on how these issues affect each other, and what emergent qualities may arise when systems are exposed to these changes simultaneously. BioCON seeks to address these issues with this multiyear study at Cedar Creek <u>Ecosytem</u> Science Preserve.

METHODS AND PROTOCOLS FOLLOW DATA

Experiment Investigators:

Reich, Peter Hobbie, Sarah Montgomery, Rebecca

**ATTRIBUTES:** 

Field 1 | Name: Year | Definition: Year Field 2 | Name: Plot | Definition: Plot Field 3 | Name: Ring | Definition: Ring Field 4 | Name: CO2 Treatment | Definition: Cedar Creek CO2 Treatment Field 5 | Name: Nitrogen Treatment | Definition: Cedar Creek Nitrogen Treatment Field 6 | Name: CountOfSpecies | Definition: Count of Species | Unit: dimensionless Field 7 | Name: CountOfGroup | Definition: Count of functional Groups | Unit: dimensionless Field 7 | Name: Experiment | Definition: Singular Species of Plot Field 10 | Name: Monogroup | Definition: Singular Species of Plot Field 11 | Name: Water Treatment | Definition: Water Treatment Field 12 | Name: Depth | Definition: Depth in cM Field 13 | Name: Nitrogen(%) | Definition: Carbon percent in Soil | Unit: dimensionless Field 14 | Name: Carbon(%) | Definition: Carbon percent in Soil | Unit: dimensionless Field 15 | Name: C/N Ratio | Definition: Soil Carbon/Nitrogen Ration | Unit: dimensionless

Data:

Year	Plot	Ring	CO2 Treatment	Nitr	rogen Trea	tment	CountOfSpecies	CountOfGroup	Experim	nent	monospe	cies	Monogroup	Water Treatment
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