

# Where can I find a place to upload and store my data?

There are lots of ways you can store your data for future use. Some things to keep in mind are:

1. How long do I need to keep my data?
2. Is my data in a format that can be used again, even if there are software and operating system changes?
3. Am I required to store my data by a funding agency or legal requirement?
4. Do I want others to be able to use my data without my help?

If you need to keep your data for more than one or two years; if you might need to deal with software upgrades; if you are required to store your data; or if you want to be able to easily share your data, then you should choose carefully. Selecting a site where your data are preserved is best, but if you just need a place to store stuff for awhile, then there are also some nice free sites.

If you need help deciding, please contact the **Social Science Data Archive** [archivehelp@ssc.ucla.edu](mailto:archivehelp@ssc.ucla.edu).

Here are links to possible data storage sites:

- **Buzz data** – free or buy; does not necessarily preserve for the future
- **Figshare** – free or buy; does not necessarily preserve for the future
- **Dataverse** – free; excellent long term preservation options
- **ICPSR** – free to members of the UCLA community; excellent long term preservation options
- **CDL-Merritt** – free and long term storage; limited long term preservation

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