

Keeping Access to Public Datasets Afloat



The Problem

Digital resources, including datasets, are inherently vulnerable to takedowns, organizational failures, changes in priorities, expired domains, or changes in hosting. These disruptions have already resulted in the loss of valuable materials and broken access pathways, complicating research and instruction, and limiting scientific reproducibility.

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Help is On The Way

The Data Rescue Project is a volunteer-driven initiative that brings together organizations committed to data archiving, preservation, and access. The project serves as a central hub for data rescue efforts across the U.S., ensuring the continued preservation and access to at-risk datasets.

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Local Support

The Research Data Services team at the UCSB Library can help safeguard at-risk datasets essential to your research and teaching by:

- Determining whether the dataset of interest has already been rescued by another organization and directing you to its current location.
- Rescuing endangered datasets not yet preserved, and making them accessible, discoverable, and well-documented in a trusted data repository.

Consult with us: rds@library.ucsb.edu

