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Closing discussion



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Some issues that arose during the workshop

- How much, or how little, metadata should be required/offered to obtain PIDs?
- A what level of granularity do PIDs get assigned ...to a single data file, to a collection of files, ...?
- Versioning of DOIs and redirection of users to revised resources
- How meaningful should a PID be to an end user (e.g., contain a recognizable text string, such as from a publisher), if at all?
- What is persistency about the ID, the resolution service, the target (e.g., social/economic dataset)?
- What best practice is emerging for where a PID takes you (landing web page, data file, metadata, etc.) and how that can/ought to be configured?
 - Can/should landing pages be machine-actionable, not just human-readable?
- How can metadata be captured early in the data lifecycle (with which tools)?
- Using PIDs to link between research data and publications

Looking down the road

- What issues would you like to see discussed in future workshops like this one?
 - How about PIDs & metadata for syntax/command and other data processing files (consider the replication argument)?
 - Use of metadata "profiles" (declarations of elements used) to enable interoperability
 - Role of PIDs & metadata in research data management plans

