J-STAGE Data Manual

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is J-STAGE Data?

J-STAGE Data is the data repository provided by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) to promote research data sharing and reuse. J-STAGE Data facilitates the circulation of research data associated with articles published on J-STAGE, an electronic journal platform for science and technology information in Japan. Each data item on J-STAGE Data and corresponding J-STAGE articles are linked to each other.

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Do I need to register as a user when using J-STAGE Data?

No. The use of J-STAGE Data is for free and user registration is not required.
The “log in” link on the top right corner of the J-STAGE Data interface is for J-STAGE Data administrators and general users cannot use this function.

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What is Figshare, and how does it relates to J-STAGE Data?

figshare.com is an open data repository provided by Digital Science and freely available for registered users. More than 100 institutions and publishers use Figshare’s cloud service to host their own data repositories. J-STAGE Data is provided by the Japan Science and Technology Agency using Figshare as its backbone.

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What kind of data is available on J-STAGE Data?

J-STAGE Data provides research data that are associated with articles published on J-STAGE, an electronic journal platform for science and technology information in Japan. Each item on J-STAGE Data is linked to the corresponding J-STAGE article and vice versa.

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How can I deposit my data on J-STAGE Data?

In principle, J-STAGE Data provides research data that are associated with articles published on J-STAGE. If you would like to deposit such data on J-STAGE Data, please contact the publisher of the journal your article is published in.

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What are the benefits of depositing my data on J-STAGE Data?

J-STAGE Data allows data creators to choose a preferred license to ensure appropriate reuse of the item, and expose its availability via figshare.com and other research data search engines. Each item is assigned with a DOI and J-STAGE Data users can easily cite the data by automatically formatting correct citations (see Figure 1). In addition, the number of views and downloads are displayed for each data alongside Altmetric, which captures SNS mentions and other online attention to the item and helps users understand how the item is being used.

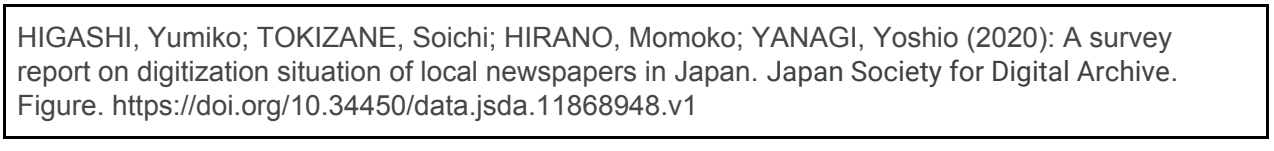
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Figure 1. Example of citation format

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Are J-STAGE Data items included in the search results on Google Scholar, Google Dataset Search, etc.?

Yes. Items on J-STAGE Data are included on Google Scholar and Google Dataset Search via Figshare's cloud service.

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Are there limitations for the use/reuse of J-STAGE Data items?

All J-STAGE Data items are labeled with the license agreed by its data creators. For example, if an item is labeled as "CC BY 4.0", you are free to share and adapt it for any purpose (even commercially) as long as you provide appropriate credit with a link to the license. The licenses used in J-STAGE Data are listed below (Table 1). For details, please look up the page linked from the full name of each license. For questions on the use of a particular item on J-STAGE Data, please contact the publisher.

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CC-0	Public Domain Dedication
CC BY-SA 4.0	Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International
CC BY-ND 4.0	Attribution-NoDerivatives 4.0 International
CC BY-NC 4.0	Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International
CC BY-NC-SA 4.0	Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International
CC BY-NC-ND 4.0	Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International
CC BY 4.0 (default)	Attribution 4.0 International
MIT	The MIT License
GPL	GNU General Public License, version 1
GPL 2.0+	GNU General Public License, version 2
GPL 3.0+	GNU General Public License, version 3
Apache 2.0	Apache License, version 2

Table 1. Licenses used in J-STAGE Data

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Is there a user's manual for J-STAGE Data?

The user's manual for J-STAGE Data can be downloaded from here. It explains basic navigations and useful functions for first-time users. For more details about Figshare, please see Figshare Knowledge.

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How can I get help if I have questions about J-STAGE Data?

For information about particular items on J-STAGE Data, please contact the publisher. For more general questions regarding the use of J-STAGE Data, please contact data-contact@jstage.jst.go.jp by email.

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