

Open Source, Open Access

The World-historical Dataverse operates with a philosophy of open access and open source, as follows.

Open Access.

- For authors. The Dataverse project encourages scholars in all fields of study that are relevant to world history to make their data available to the maximum range of readers and users. The Dataverse offers its archive as a convenient, secure, and well-managed place to house data.
- For users of individual datasets. The data archived in the Dataverse collection are open to consultation to all users, and are open to copying and use by all site visitors, subject only to the agreement to cite the Dataverse and the source in any use of the data.
- For users of revised and combined datasets. The Dataverse project makes available to all visitors its linkages of datasets and the encompassing Dataverse (under construction), subject to the agreement to cite the Dataverse in any use of the combined data.

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- Programs on the Dataverse website. The Dataverse project is committed to minimizing the use of any proprietary programs in the construction, maintenance, and use of the Dataverse website, to guarantee maximum availability and to minimize the possibility of charges to users.
- The World-historical Dataverse. The programming of the Dataverse, an encompassing world-historical dataset, is to be open-source and will not be made proprietary.