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Guidelines for data owners

OYD is an opportunity to get interdisciplinary perspectives on your data and to learn how your colleagues understand your approach and your analysis. In our experience, you benefit most from the session if you focus on data you are currently in the process of analyzing (i.e. not data you have already finished analyzing). The goal is to pose new questions that will propel you forward in the research process, and to get suggestions and potential solutions on how to solve specific data problems that you are currently working with. This means that data – not theory or methodology – should be your entry point into the sessions.

We suggest that you structure your initial 25 minutes using the following set of questions:

- First 10 minutes (data owner presents their data problem)
 - o What is your data problem? (phrase as a question or a single sentence)
 - o What is your background and where do you do the research?
 - o What type of research project is the data collected for? (PhD, industry research, etc.)
 - o What is your hypotheses/Research Questions?
 - o What is the time frame of the project and where are you now?
 - o What is your general theoretical framework? (try to limit yourself to 1 minute!)
 - o What is your methods & methodology? (ok, we'll give you 2 minutes for this!)

- Next 15 minutes (data owner presents their data)
 - o Can you show the raw data to us? We would like to know exactly how you work.
 - o What is the format of your data? (text, photos, videos, heart rate, etc.)
 - o How do you structure your analysis?
 - o What software do you use?
 - o Is there any specific challenges in working with the type of data that you do?
 - o Can you restate your data problem using specific data points?

Remember: The more you open up your data, the better the subsequent discussion.

In your respond-time, we suggest that you remember the following:

- Don't answer our questions. Instead, use them to ask new questions.
- Don't defend your approach. We trust your competence and that you have good reasons.
- Don't just accept our input. Please ask us clarifying questions or discuss our input with us.

The aim of OYD is to get your colleagues' thoughts and perspectives in finding the right questions to ask to your data. We look forward to asking them with you!

Best,

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