Metadata
Knowing what you are looking for

Metadata Standards
Data about Data

The label on a can indicates what's inside. In the same way, metadata ensures that digital data and objects can be found and used. That's why it's important to "label" your research data.

Types of metadata

> Bibliographic or administrative data
is rather general and less community-specific. It includes information about the origin and management of the entire data.

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> Content-descriptive or subject-specific data

describes individual aspects or data sets in more detail and provides additional information. Depending on the discipline, metadata ist structured quite diversely. Many disciplines already have their own metadata standards.

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