

Synergies between Research Software Engineers and Data Stewards

[Research software engineers](#) and [data stewards](#) from different groups collaborated to explore the overlap between the roles of a research software engineer (RSE) and a data steward (DS).

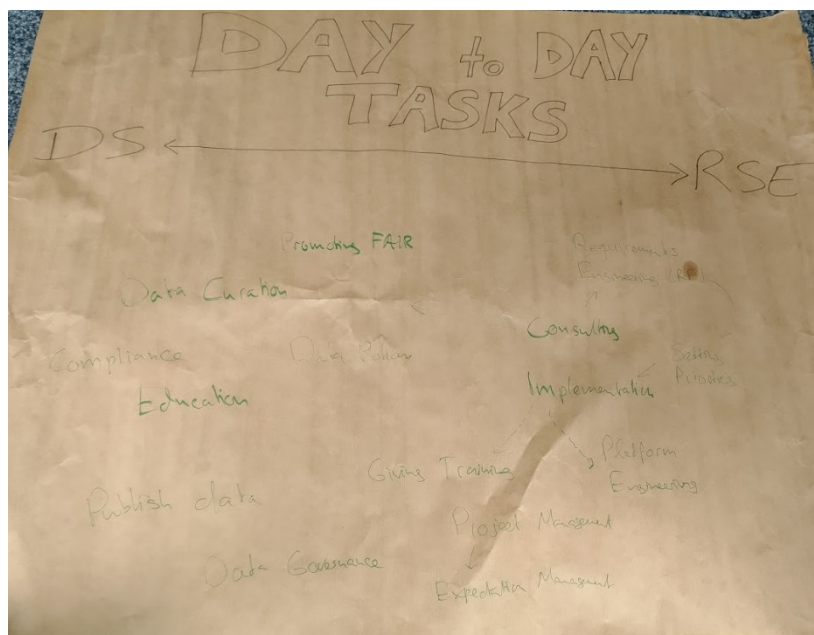
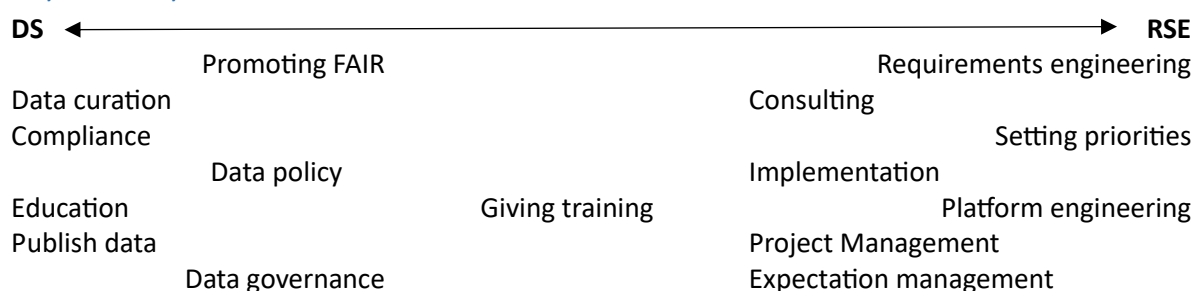
Conclusion: there is significant overlap.

Initially, there was a perception that data stewards might be less technically oriented. However, a self-identified DS+RSE suggested that this perception could be biased, given the larger RSE presence compared to DS. In reality, data stewards often need strong technical skills as well.

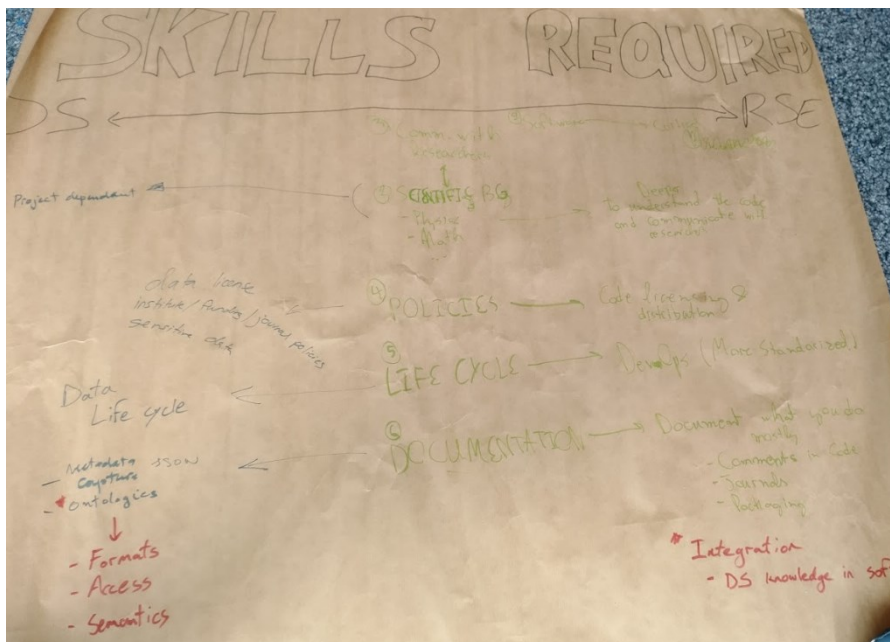
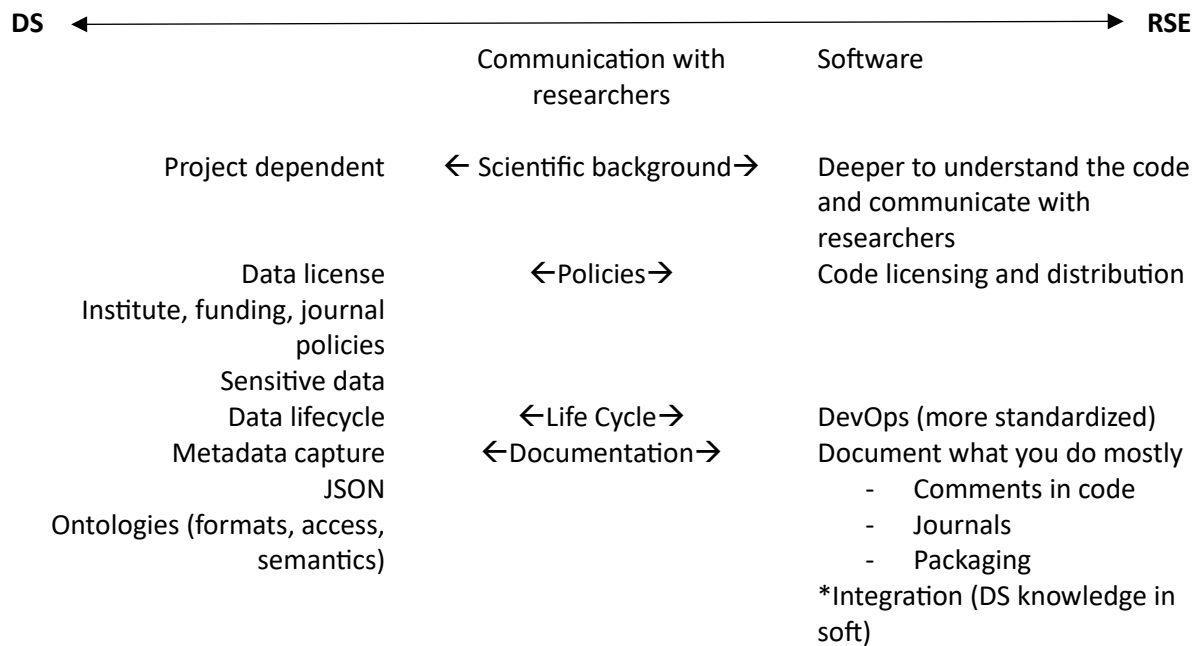
The conversation is ongoing...

Below, we present the different topics examined along a spectrum from DS to RSE. For clarity, the images have been digitally recreated, and the raw data (the original posters manually created by participants) are included below.

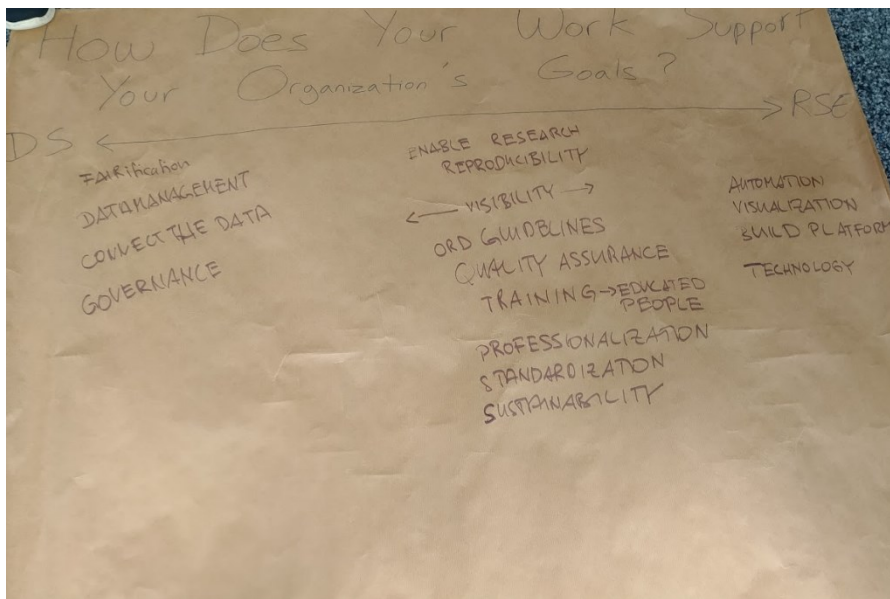
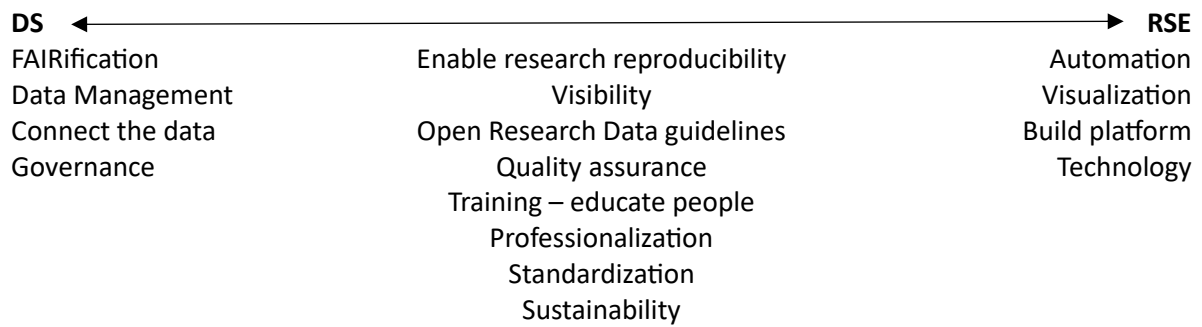
Day-to-Day Tasks



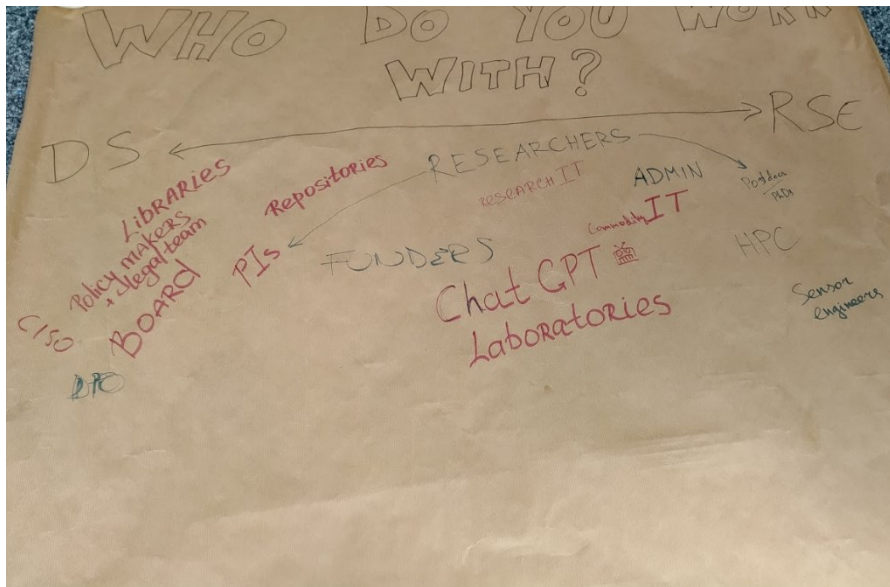
Skills Required



How does your work support your organization's goals?



Who do you work with?



How can the Research Software Engineering and Data Stewardship Network communities help you?

DS



RSE



- Help communicate with decision makers/awareness
- Formalize career progression and definitions
- Provide central info point for useful resources
- Platform for recognized professional exchanges/social events
- Support for networking
- Mutual recognition
- Guidelines/best practices
- Mentorship

