



How to share a dataset before its publication

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1. Introduction

The repository offers specific features to enable private data sharing before publication (for example for peer review as part of a review process):

- Share a dataset
- Share a dataset with hidden metadata
- Case of blind peer-reviewed datasets (full anonymization)

2. Share a dataset

If the depositor is a **curator** of the dataset, s/he can generate **a private URL to give access to an unpublished dataset** to a person who does not have an account in Recherche Data Gouv's platform.

This function can be useful, for example to give access to reviewers of an accepted article who are asking to see the data associated to the article without having to send the data or make them public.

If the depositor does not have access to this fonction, s/he can ask the curator or administrator of the host collection to generate the private URL on their behalf with the “Contact” button.

To create a private URL:

- Click on “Edit Dataset” and select “Private URL” from the menu that appears.

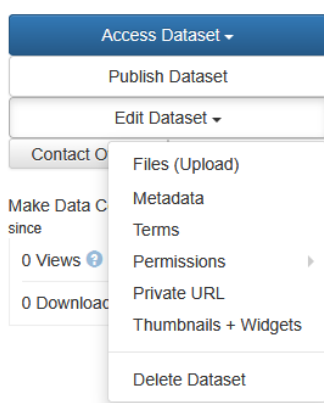


Figure 1 - To create a private URL

- In the window that opens, click on the left-hand button “Create Private URL”:

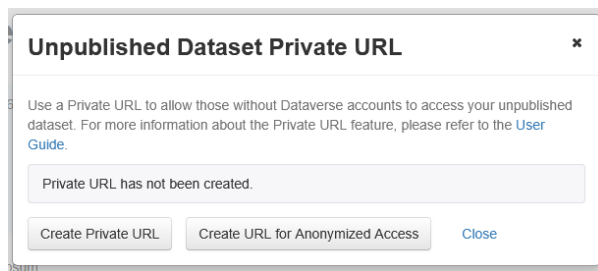


Figure 2 - Button “Create Private URL”

A message confirms the creation of a private URL. At the top of the dataset’s home page, another message confirms that this URL has been created.

What you need to know before publishing: a private URL is temporary and is deactivated when the dataset is published. The private URL should therefore not be displayed in the article. If a private URL is sent to the reviewers of an article being submitted, it is preferable to wait until the end of the peer review process before publishing so that the reviewers do not have any problems accessing the dataset.

3. Share a dataset with hidden metadata

In cases where datasets are to be blind peer-reviewed, it is possible to create a private URL for anonymous access. By doing this, a pre-established list of metadata will be anonymised: author, dataset contact, contributor, productor, publications, grantID, Project information, Related dataset.

Caution: for complete anonymization that does not identify the repository collection of the dataset, contact the Platform resource center (see the next chapter).

To create an anonymized private URL:

- Click on “Edit Dataset” and select “Private URL” from the menu that appears :

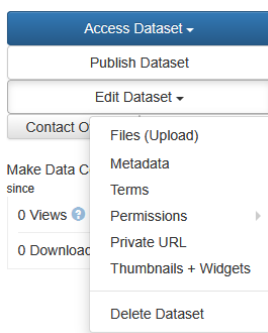


Figure 3 - To create a private URL with hidden metadata

- In the window that opens, click on the button on the right labelled “Create URL for Anonymized Access”:

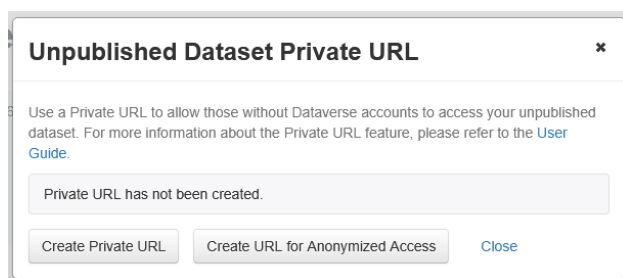


Figure 4 - Button “Create URL for Anonymizes Access”

A message confirms that a private URL has been created, allowing anonymized access.

The anonymized private URL will appear at the top of the dataset’s home page.

4. Case of blind peer-reviewed datasets (full anonymization)

The deposit is different in this specific case.

They are not initially deposited in the target collection in order not to disseminate information allowing identification of the author.

A fictional (unpublished) collection has been created for this purpose.

If the dataset has already been created, this is not a problem; please contact the Platform Resource Centre directly at: support-recherchedatagouv@inrae.fr

Procedure:

- 1- Request by email: you send an email to the Platform resource center (support-recherchedatagouv@inrae.fr) to request the creation of a dataset with anonymized identifying metadata. This email must specify the title of the dataset and the name of the target collection.
- 2- Creation of the dataset: the Platform resource center creates the dataset by applying a data model and gives you the contributor role.
- 3- Metadata and files: you complete the metadata and add the files.
- 4- Generating a private URL: the Platform resource center provides you with a private, anonymized URL to share with the publisher.

5- Moving the dataset to the target collection: once the publication has been accepted, you contact the Platform resource center, which will move the dataset to the target collection.

Webography

Recherche Data Gouv repository guides. Depositing a dataset. Updated at: 2025/08/13. <https://recherche.data.gouv.fr/en/category/9/guide/depositing-a-dataset>