

Perplexity-inspired metasearch-based alternatives to FAIR GPT: Open-source AI consultants for RDM

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The image displays three separate browser windows side-by-side, each showing a different web application interface for research data management (RDM) support:

- FAIR-farfalla**: A sidebar navigation menu on the left lists topics like "what is RDM?", "DMP templates", and "data and code availability statements". The main area shows a search bar with placeholder text "Ask a question ...".
- FAIRplexica**: The central window has a search bar with placeholder text "Ask a question ...". Below it are several buttons for common RDM questions: "What is RDM?", "What are the FAIR principles?", "How do I assess the quality of secondary datasets?", and "What metadata standards are appropriate for mixed-methods research?".
- FAIR-sensei**: A search bar with placeholder text "Ask anything...". Below it are buttons for "Explain RDM", "What is FAIR?", and "Provide DMP templates".

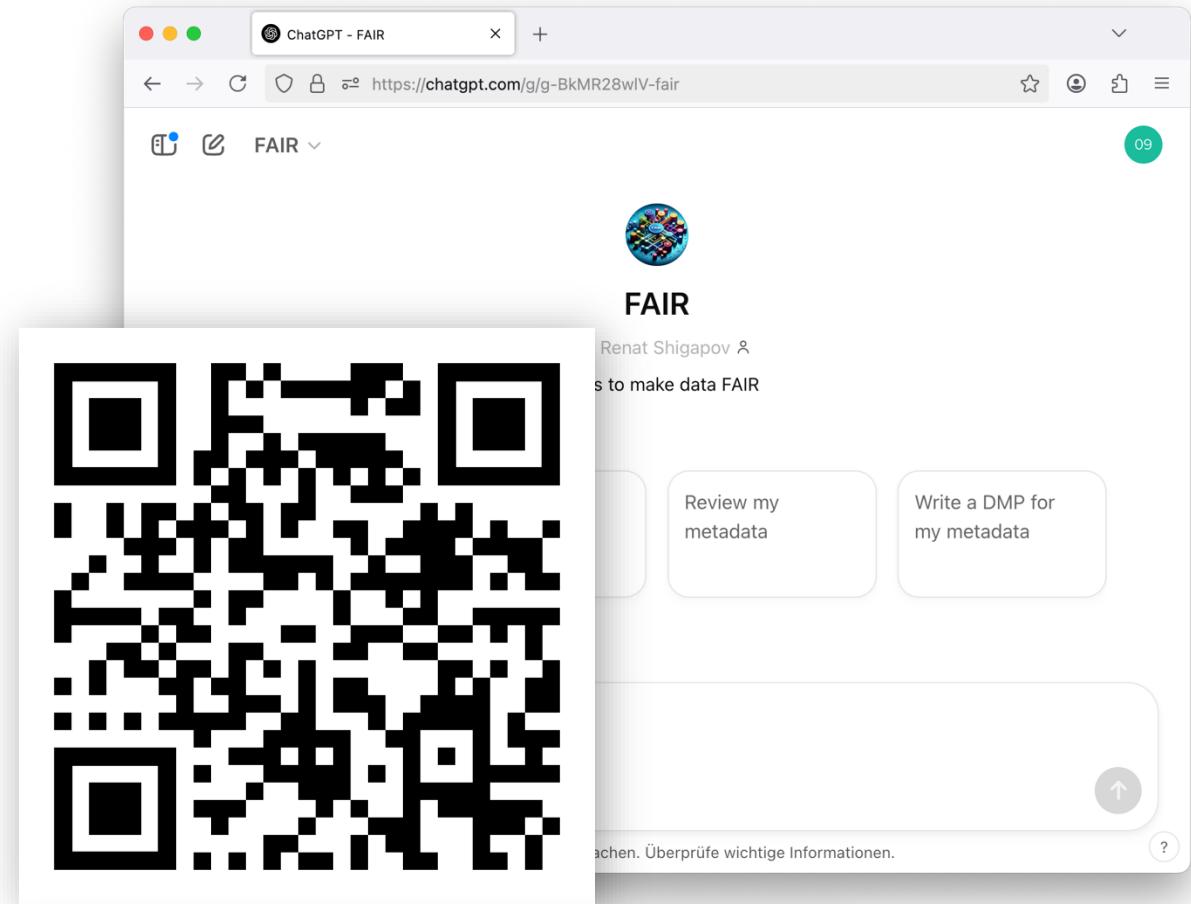


What are open-source AI consultants for RDM?



- Chatbot / recommendation tool for answering RDM questions with Large Language Models (LLMs):
 - FAIRness assessment
 - Repository recommendation
 - Metadata assistant ...
- Based on static and / or dynamic knowledge:
 - *Static*: uploaded documents
 - *Dynamic*: web search and APIs
- Code base and LLMs are open source

FAIR GPT – Features and limitations



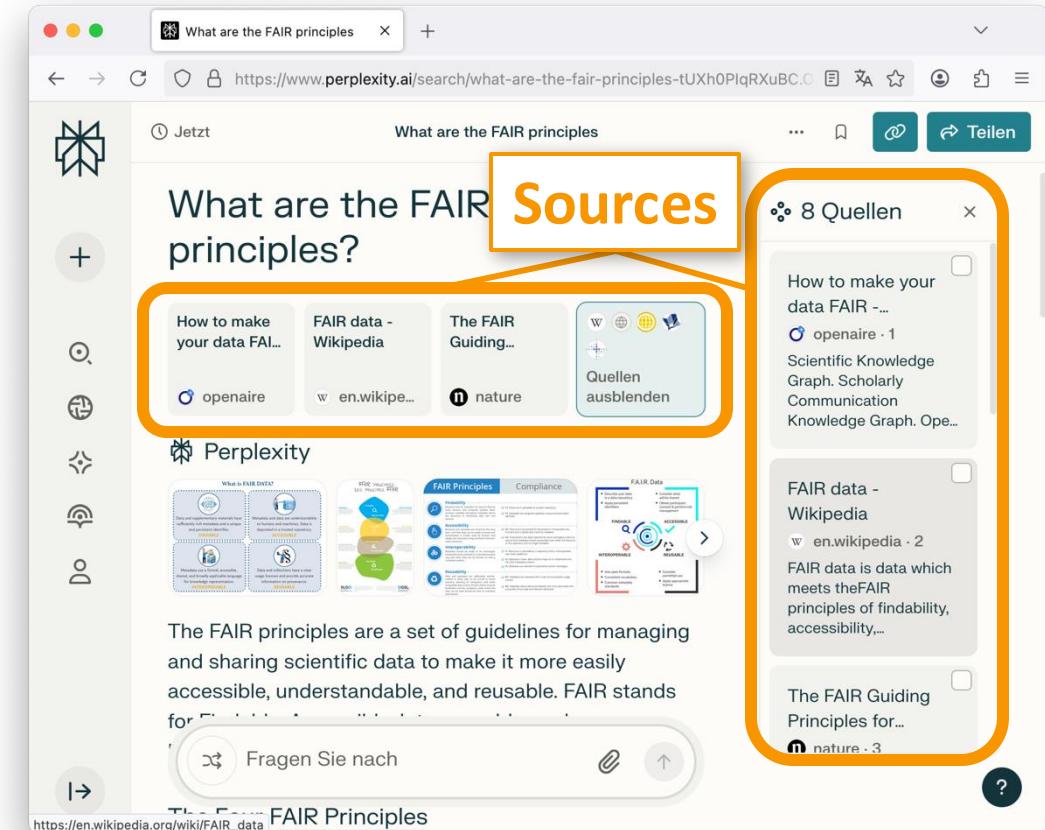
A screenshot of a web browser window titled "ChatGPT - FAIR". The URL is <https://chatgpt.com/g/g-BkMR28wlV-fair>. The page displays a "FAIR" icon and a message from Renat Shigapov: "It's great to make data FAIR". Below the message are two buttons: "Review my metadata" and "Write a DMP for my metadata". A large QR code is visible on the left side of the browser window.

<https://chat.openai.com/g/g-BkMR28wlV-fair>

- Metadata review
- Documentation help
- Repository recommendations
- FAIR assessment
- License consulting ...
- Hallucinations
- Static knowledge but dynamic field of RDM
- Lack of transparency (what knowledge sources were used?)
- Privacy concerns ...

Open-source alternatives to FAIR GPT

- Idea to improve limitations:
Perplexity.ai with open-source components
- Domain specific context → *RDM*
- Reduce hallucinations → *sources*
- Transparency → *sources*
- Dynamic knowledge → *web search*
- Privacy → *local LLMs*



<https://www.perplexity.ai>

Open-source alternatives to FAIR GPT

positive, neutral, negative

Original Repo	Sensei	Farfalle	Perplexica
Fork	<i>FAIR-Sensei</i>	<i>FAIR-Farfalle</i>	<i>FAIRplexica</i>
LLM Providers	OpenAI, Anthropic	OpenAI, Groq	OpenAI, Groq, Google, Anthropic
Local LLMs	yes (hardcoded)	yes (Ollama, litellm)	yes (Ollama, custom OpenAI API endpoints)
Search Engine	SearXNG	SearXNG	SearXNG
GitHub Stars	426	ca. 3.200	ca. 20.300
Last Commit	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Feb. 2025
Production-ready	no	no	yes
License	Apache 2.0	Apache 2.0	MIT
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Open-source alternatives: FAIRplexica

What is the difference between open data and restricted data?

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Two distinct categories in the realm of specific characteristics and purposes. These types of data is crucial for researchers, data sharing, access, and usage.

Only accessible, editable, and shareable. Examples of open data include:

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How do I access restricted data? Video

Open Data Video

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QR code

<https://github.com/UB-Mannheim/FAIRplexica>

- Original repo **Perplexica**:
github.com/ItzCrazyKns/Perplexica
 - Last commit: February 2025
 - > 20k GitHub stars
 - Ollama / custom OpenAI-API integration
 - MIT License
- Fork **FAIRplexica**:
 - Web search focus: RDM
 - Admin login for LLMs / API settings
 - UI improvements

<https://fdz.bib.uni-mannheim.de>

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