

The NIH Data Commons

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What's the driving the need for a Data Commons?



Convergence of factors

- ❖ Mountains of Data
- ❖ Increasing need and support for Data sharing
- ❖ FAIR – *F*indable *A*ccessible *I*nteroperable *R*eproducible
- ❖ Availability of digital technologies and infrastructures that support Data at scale

THE CURE FOR CANCER IS DATA— MOUNTAINS OF DATA



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: John P. Holdren *JPH*
Director

SUBJECT: Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research

1. Policy Principles

The Administration is committed to ensuring that, to the greatest extent and with the fewest constraints possible and consistent with law and the objectives set out below, the direct results of federally funded scientific research are made available to and useful for the public, industry, and the scientific community. Such results include peer-reviewed publications and digital data.

Scientific research supported by the Federal Government catalyzes innovative breakthroughs that drive our economy. The results of that research become the grist for new insights and are assets for progress in areas such as health, energy, the environment, agriculture, and national security.

Access to digital data sets resulting from federally funded research allows companies to focus resources and efforts on understanding and exploiting discoveries. For example, open weather data underpins the forecasting industry, and making genome sequences publicly available has spawned many biotechnology innovations. In addition, wider availability of peer-reviewed



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Genomic Data Sharing (GDS)

<https://gds.nih.gov/>

Went into effect January 25, 2015

NCI guidance:

<http://www.cancer.gov/grants-training/grants-management/nci-policies/genomic-data>

Requires public sharing of genomic data sets

SCIENTIFIC DATA

OPEN
SUBJECT CATEGORIES
» Research data
» Publication characteristics

Comment: The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship

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Publishing FAIR Data: An Exemplar Methodology Utilizing PHI-Base

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POLITICS

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Data Commons

enabling data driven science

Enable investigators to leverage **all possible** data and tools in the effort to accelerate biomedical discoveries, therapies and cures

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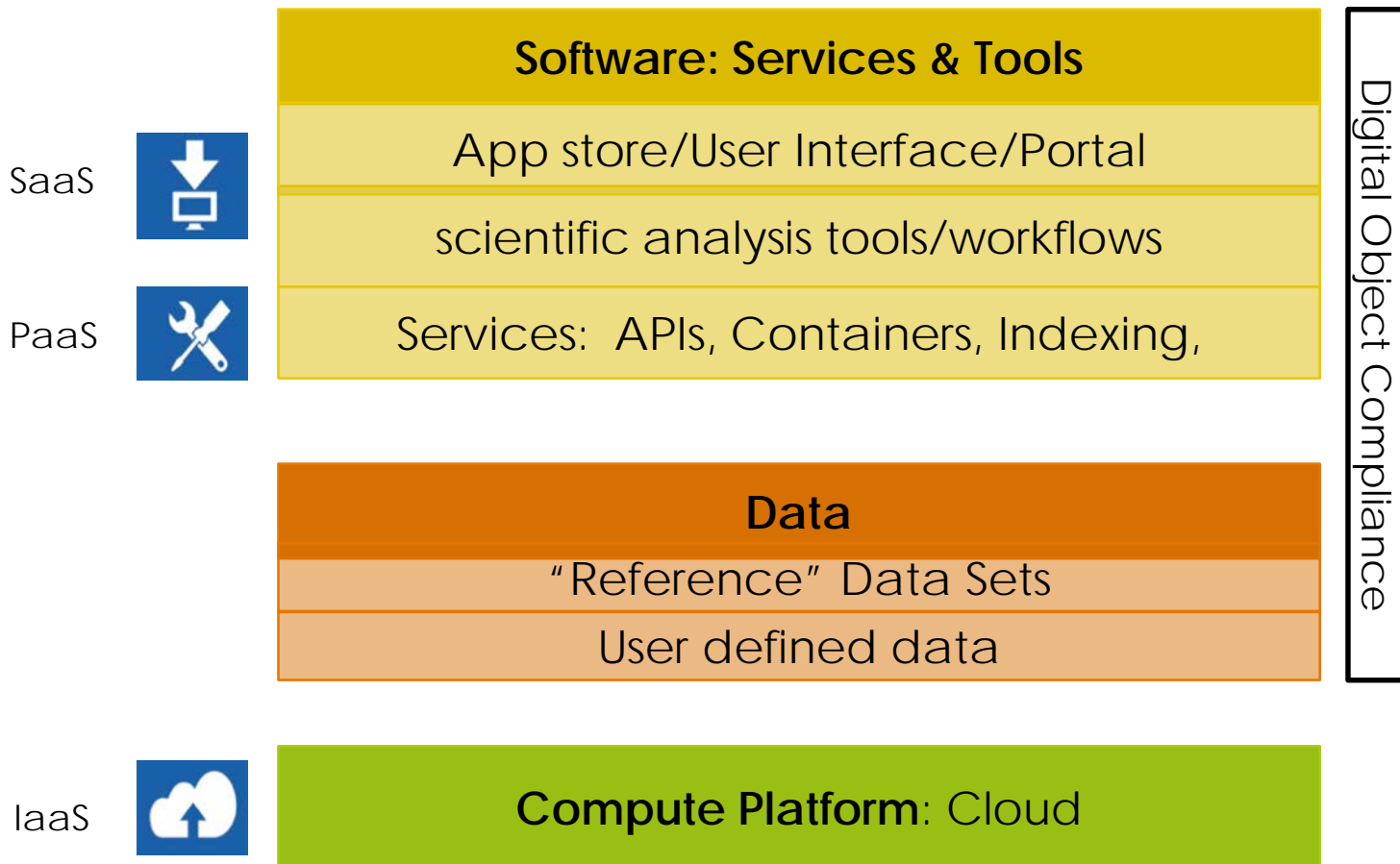
driving the development of **data infrastructure** and **data science capabilities** through collaborative research and robust engineering

Developing a *Data Commons*

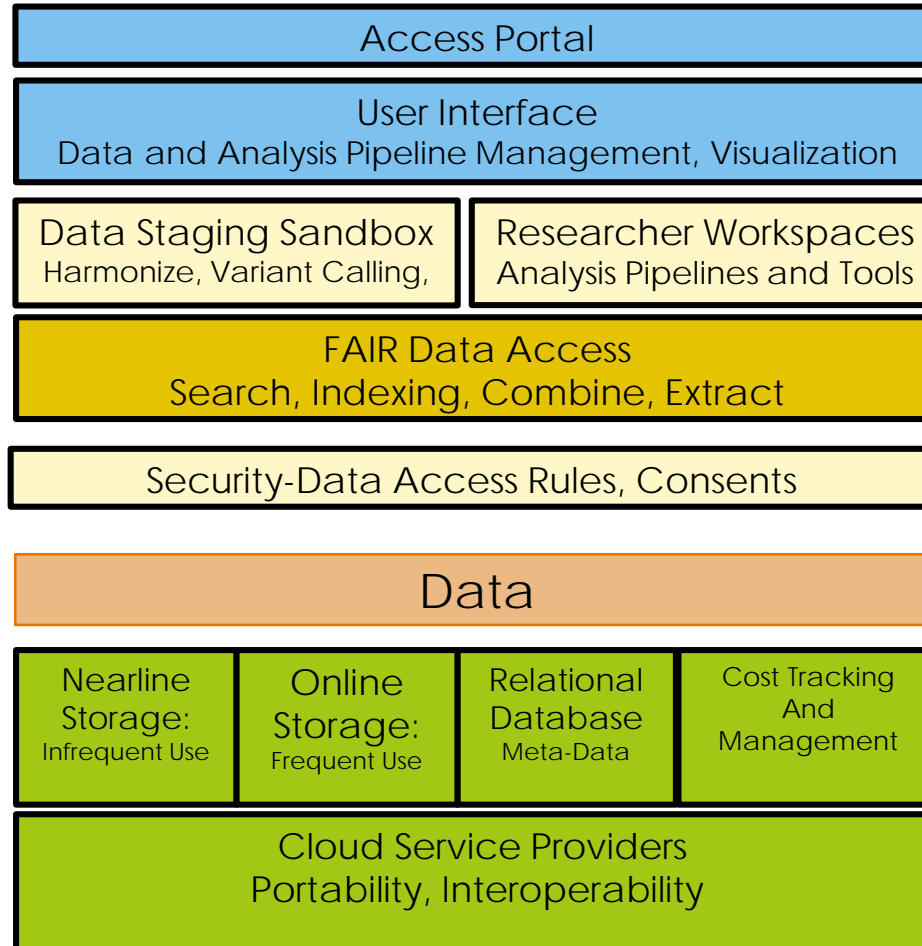
- ❖ Treats products of research – data, methods, papers etc. as *digital objects*
- ❖ These digital objects exist in a shared virtual space
 - ❖ Find, Deposit, Manage, Share, and Reuse data, software, metadata and workflows
- ❖ Digital object compliance through **FAIR** principles:
 - ❖ Findable
 - ❖ **A**ccessible (*and usable*)
 - ❖ Interoperable
 - ❖ **R**eusable

The Data Commons
is a platform
that allows transactions to
occur on FAIR data at scale

The Data Commons Platform



Commons Architecture



Other Data Commons'



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Commons Engagement

US Government Agencies & EU groups



FEMA



EOSC pilot

The European Open Science
Cloud for Research Pilot Project



Interoperability with other Commons'

- ❖ Common goals – democratizing, collaborating & sharing data
- ❖ Reuse of currently available open source tools which support interoperability
 - ❖ GA4GH, UCSC, GDC, NYGC
 - ❖ Planned meeting for current major Commons developers/NIH Staff
 - ❖ BioIT Commons Session?
- ❖ Shared open standard APIs for data access and computing
- ❖ Ability to deploy and compute across multiple cloud environments
- ❖ Docker containers – Dockerstore/Docker registry
- ❖ Workflows management, sharing and deployment
- ❖ Discoverability (indexing) objects across cloud commons
- ❖ Global Unique identifiers
- ❖ NIH Commons Working Groups: BD2K, ELIXR members & broader community
 - ❖ Commons FAIRness metrics WG:
 - ❖ Interoperable APIs
 - ❖ Docker registry /workflow sharing
 - ❖ Data Object registries
- ❖ Common user authentication system

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