Development of a high throughput gene, environment and epigenetics database and analysis system for international ALS research

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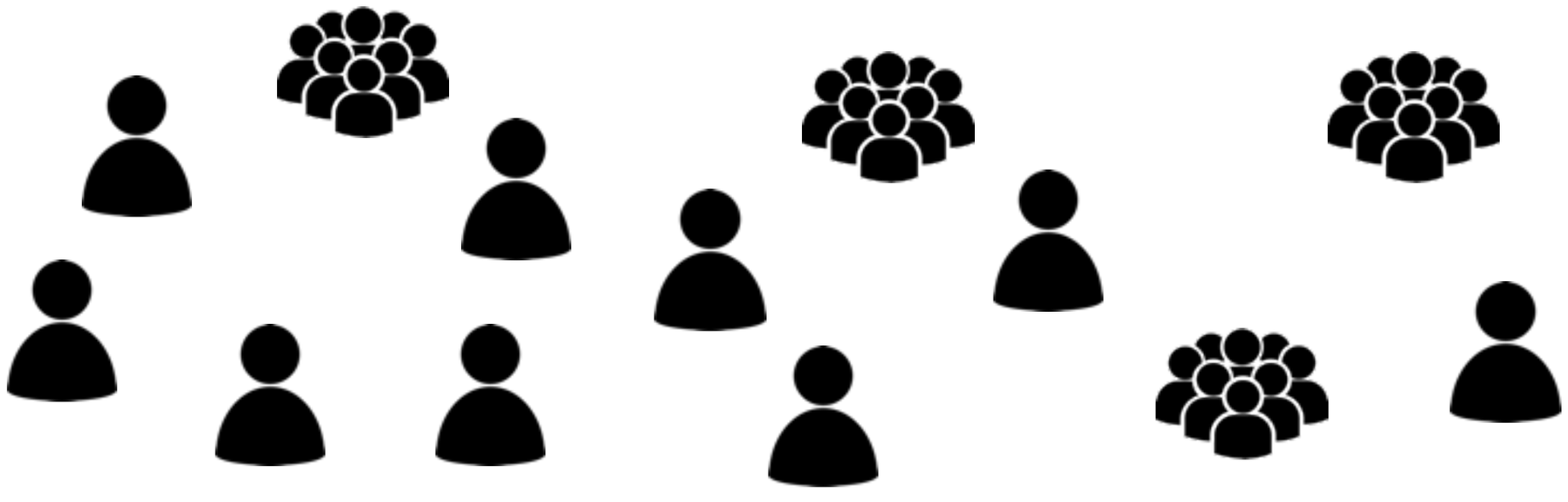
Issues

- Big Data
  - how to store it
  - how to manage it
  - how to analyse it
- Collaboration
  - ownership heterogeneity
  - data sharing
- Audience
  - accessibility
  - impact

Data Management

Data Virtualisation Layer



Data Management

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Data Virtualisation Layer

iRODS is an open source software for:

- Working with data distributed across storage technologies
- Annotating and searching data with rich metadata
- Implementing access control, auditing, preservation, organisation, and data movement policies
- Providing a single interface to share data between organisations

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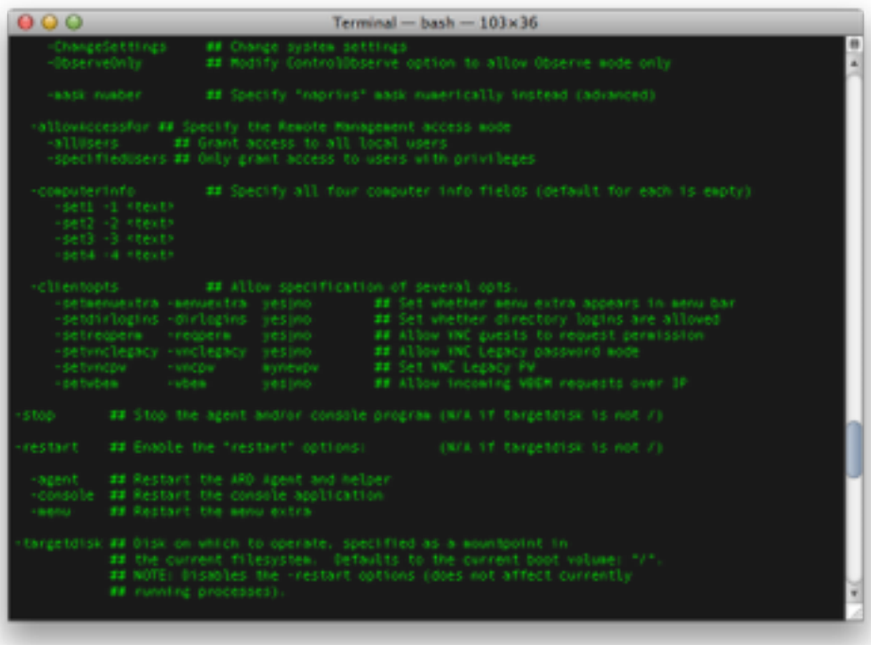
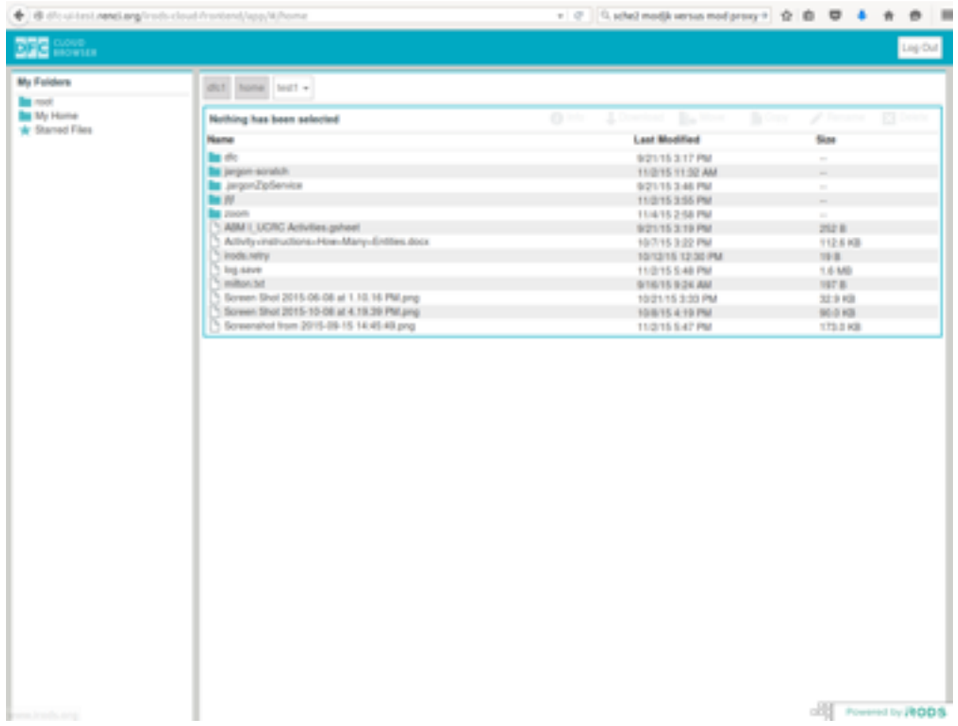
How would we interact with all of this?

- through any iRODS zone of the network
- with the terminal command line: icommands
- web-browser: search, download/upload,write rules, add metadata, more to come…

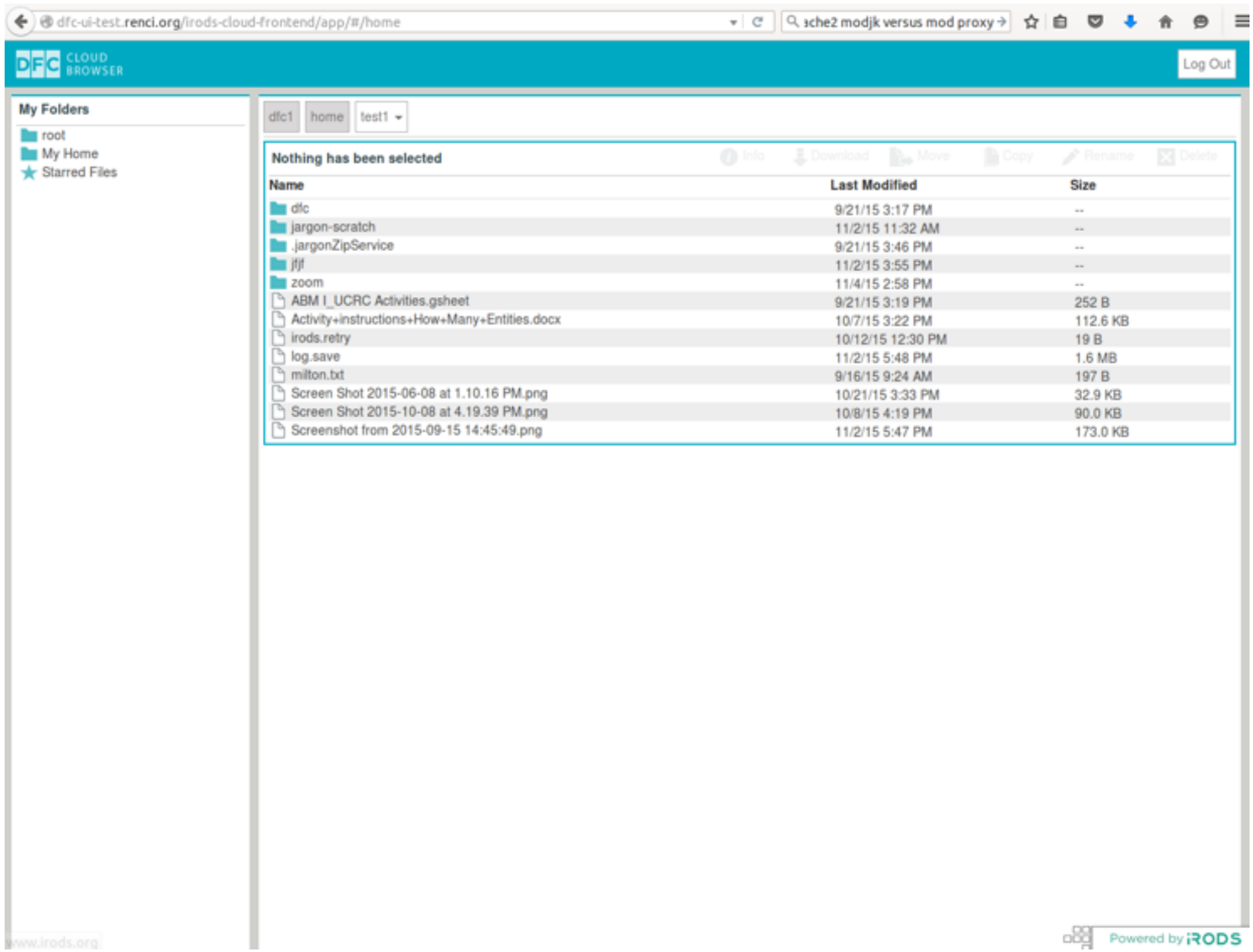




iRODS

Web Browser

- **Creation of new files**
- **File Editing**
- **Rule Execution**
- **Main Navigation Bar**
- **Metadata Search**
- **Recent Query Collections**
- **Docker deployment**



http://52.202.127.9:8552/irods-cloud-frontend/

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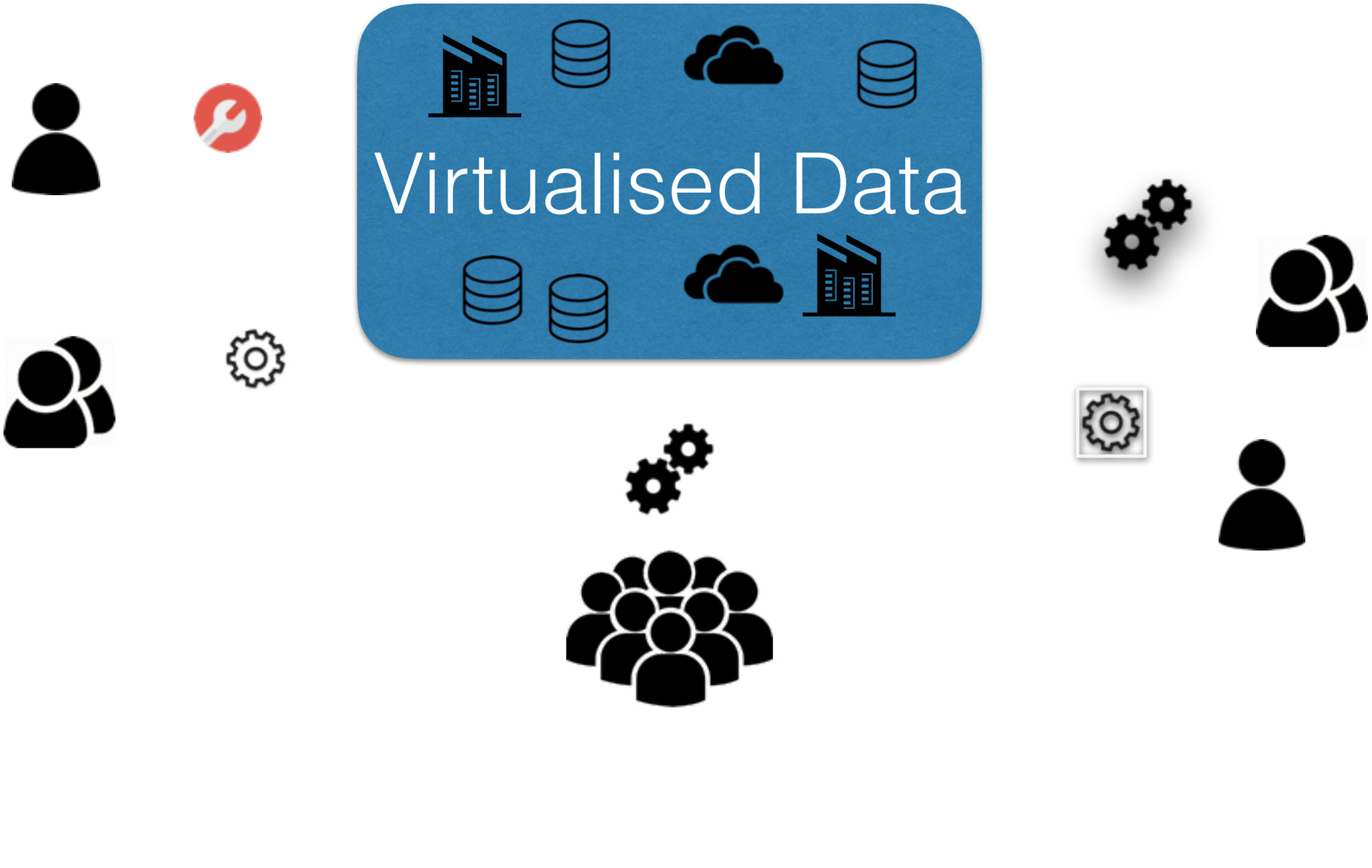

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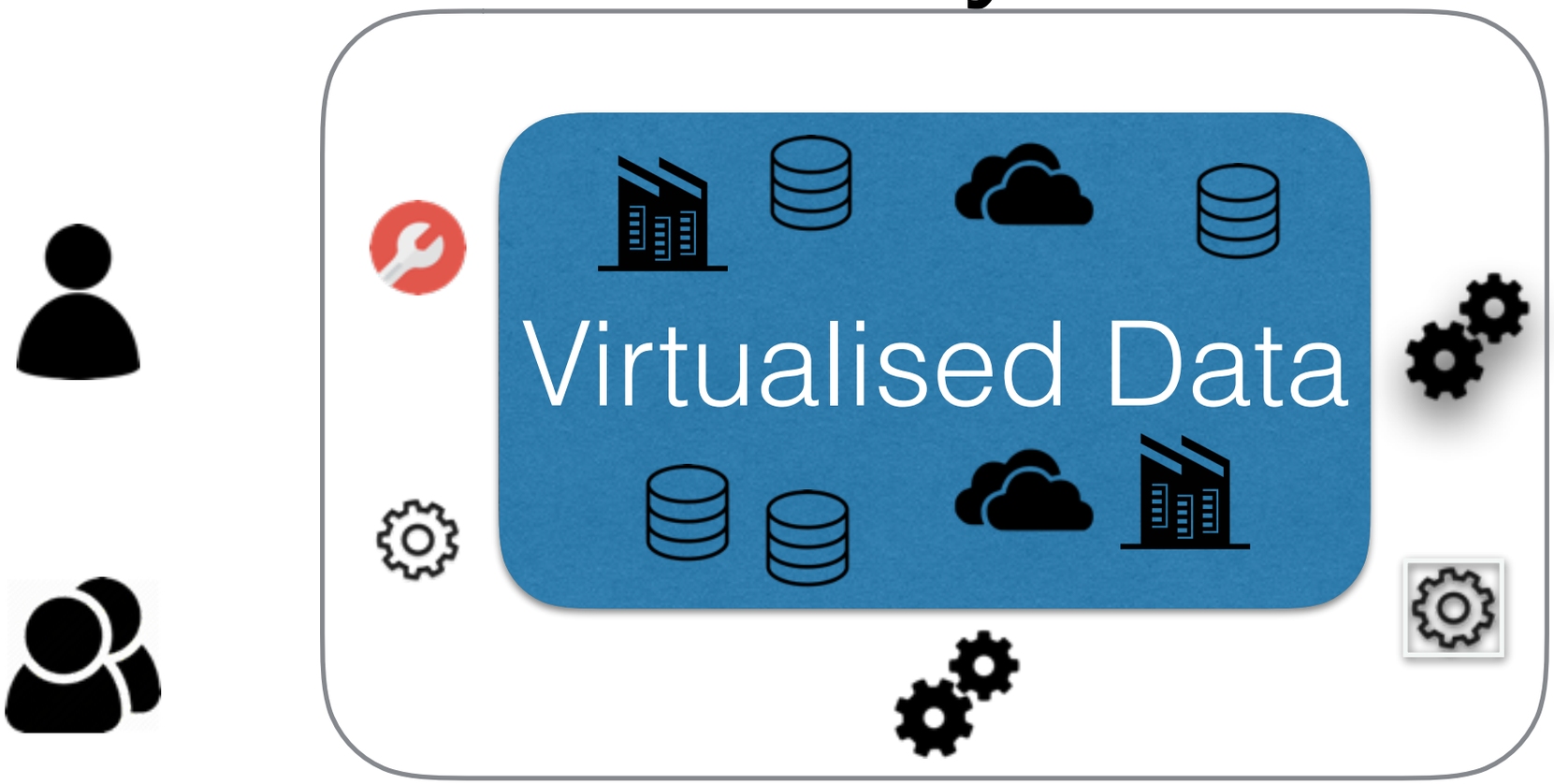

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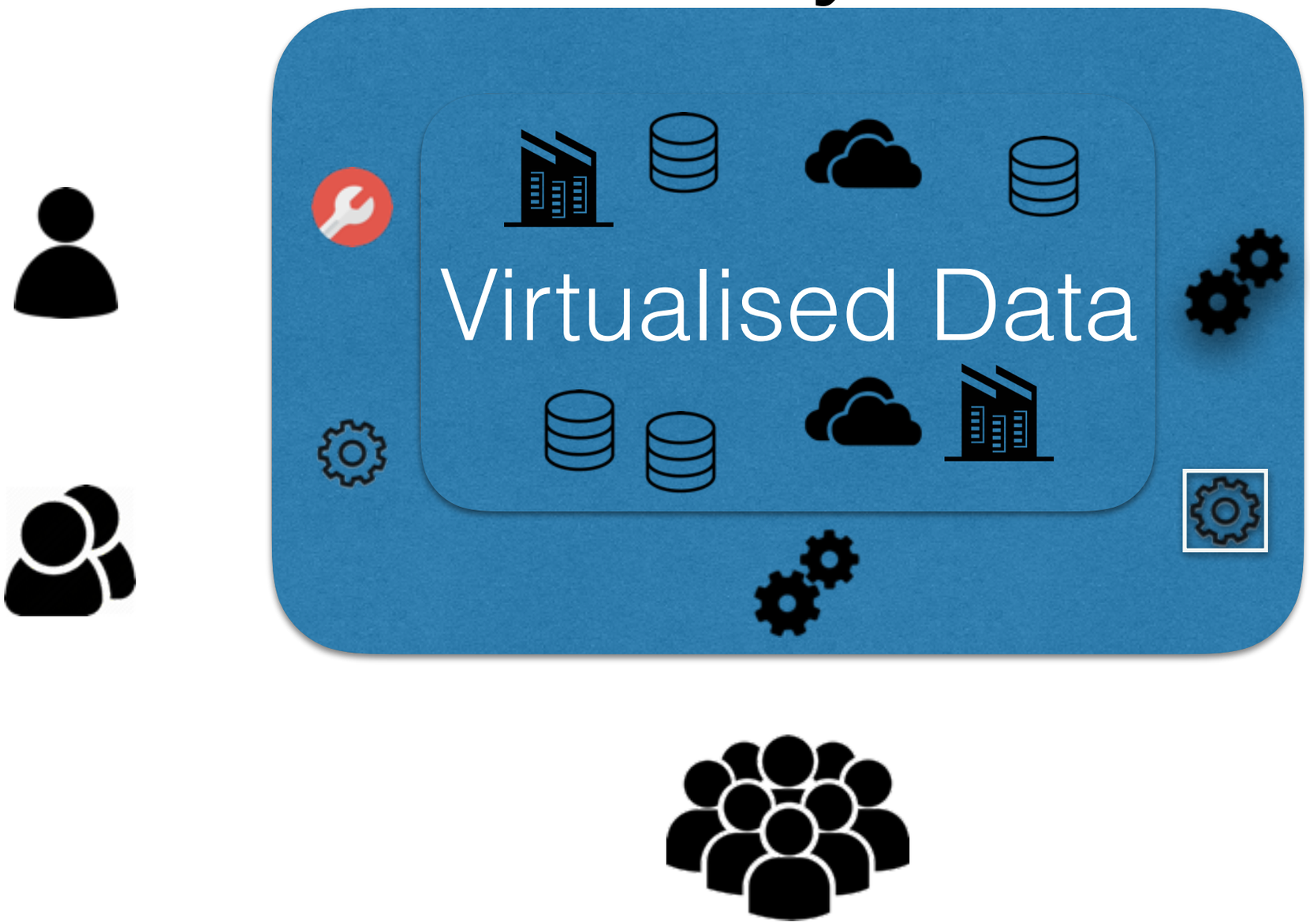

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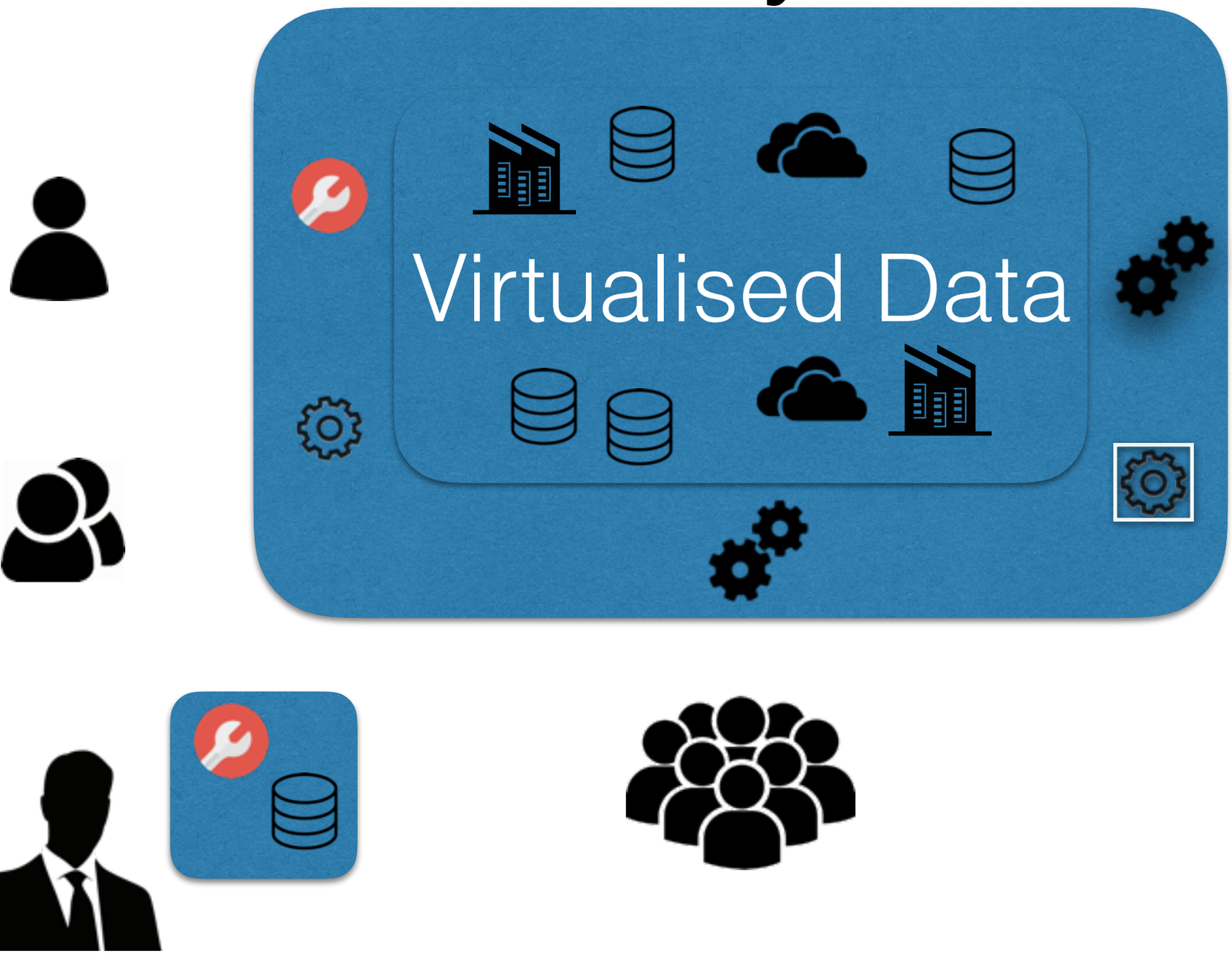
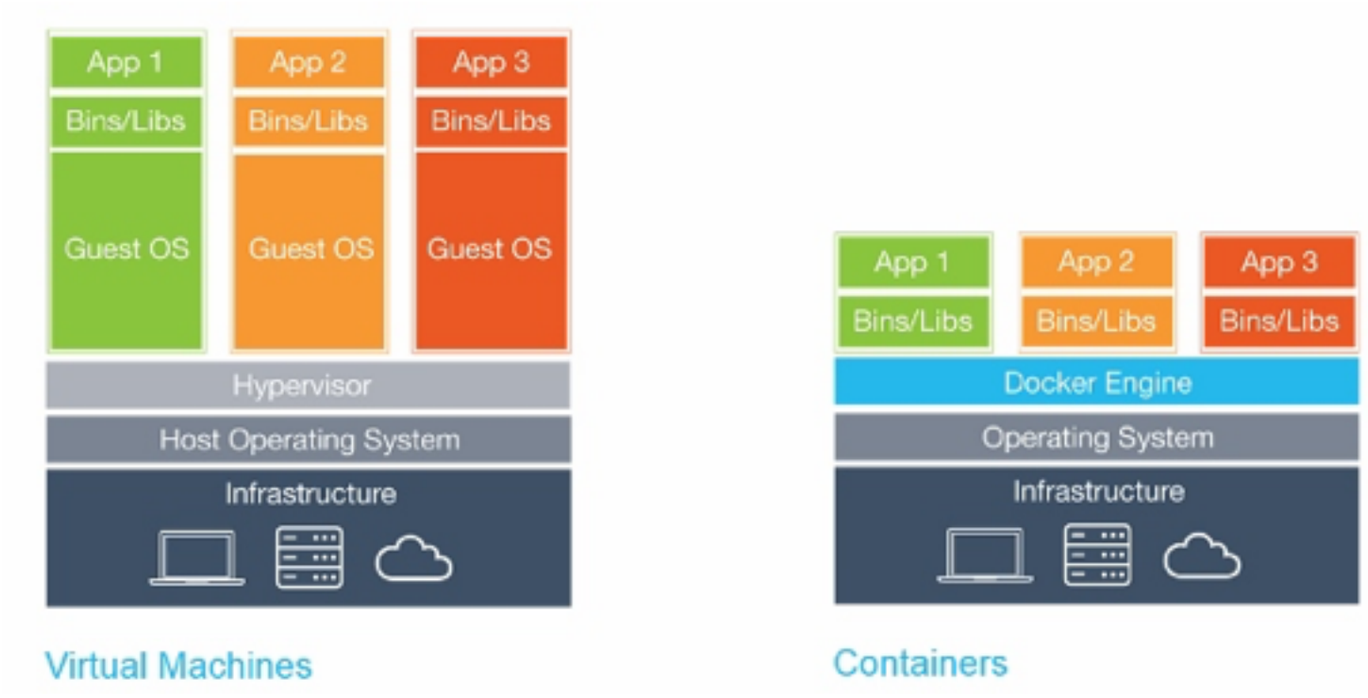


- Docker is an open-source project that automates the deployment of Linux applications inside software containers
- Docker provides an additional layer of abstraction and automation of operating-system-level virtualisation on Linux
- Docker can be integrated into various infrastructure tools, including Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, OpenStack Nova, etc
- Containers running on a single machine share the same operating system kernel; they start instantly and use less RAM. Images are constructed from layered filesystems and share common files, making disk usage and image downloads much more efficient.



NGSeasy

Install it:

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:~$ git clone https://github.com/KHP-Informatics/ngseasy.git
:~$ cd ngseasy
:~$ make INSTALLDIR=”/media/Data” all
:~$ sudo make install
```

Run it:

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:~$ cd /media/Data/ngs_projects/congif_files
:~$ ngseasy -c my_config.tsv -d /media/Data/ngs_projects
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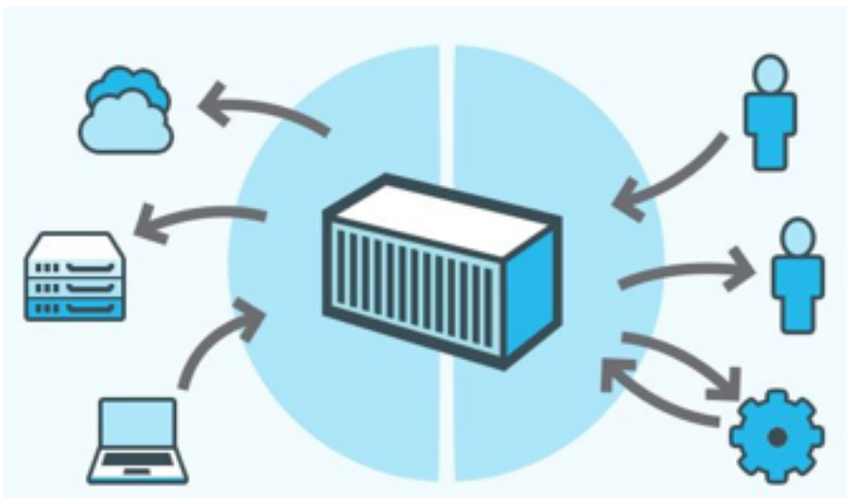
https://github.com/KHP-Informatics/ngseasy

What is on the plate

- An iRODS system tailored for ALS research needs

- Dockerized analysis pipelines



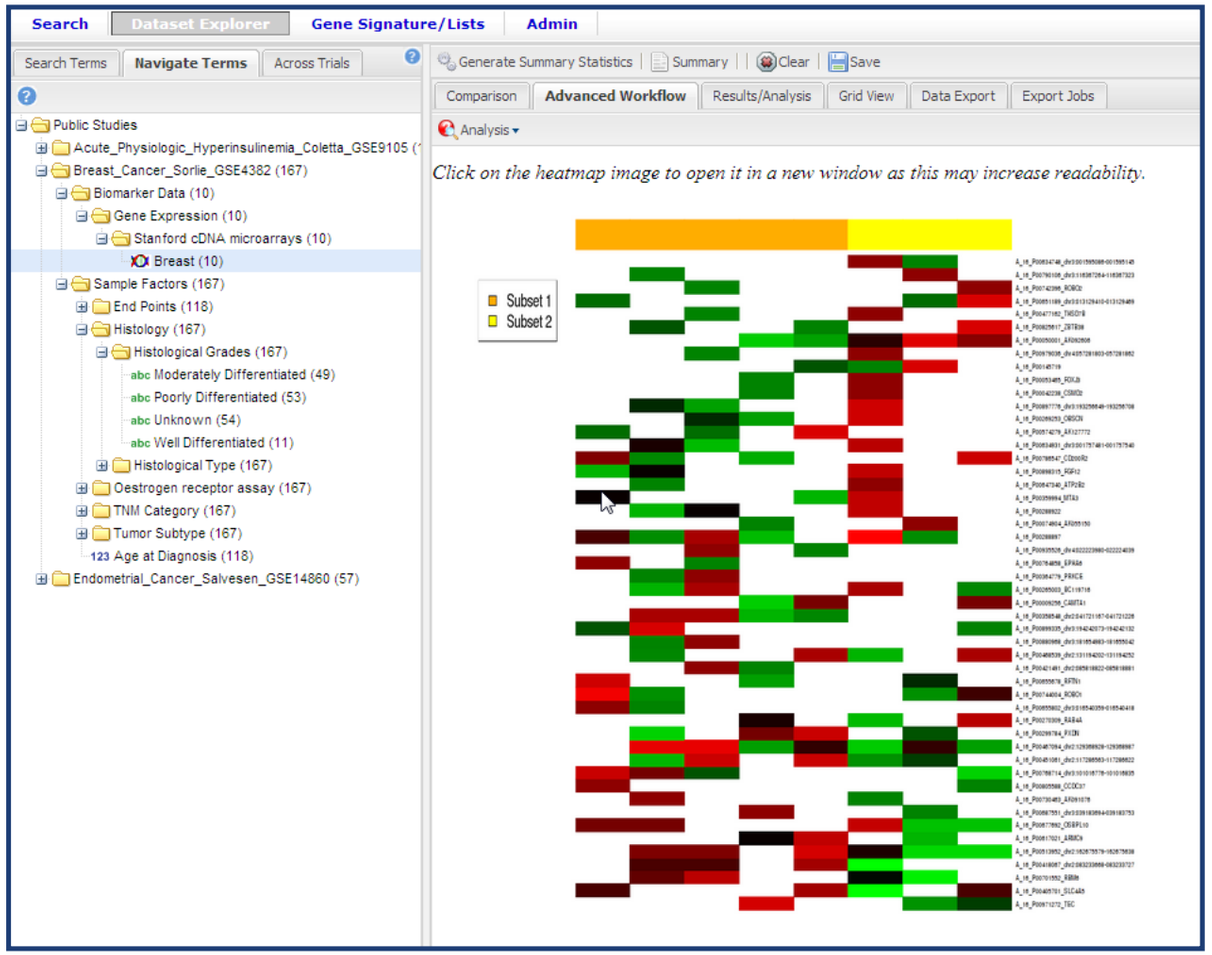
https://github.com/KHP-Informatics/MND-DataManagementAnalysis-System

tranSMART v1.2

- **open-source, community-driven knowledge management platform for translational medicine**

- **organises clinical and research data on per patient base allowing:**

  - **Compare data from proteomics, metabolomics and other "omics" studies**
  - **Contrast patterns of gene expression in healthy and diseased individuals and in human tissue samples**
  - **Investigate correlations between genotype and phenotype in clinical trial data**
  - **Mine pre-clinical data for insights into the biology of human disease**
  - **Study genetic and environmental factors involved in human disease**
  - **Display data visually using a graphical interface**
  - **Stratify clinical data into molecular subtypes of a specific disease**
  - **Collaborate across academic, government and corporate research sectors**



Ok! All good but who is going to make this happen? and how?

SERVICE	Deployment time	Needed experience
iRODS local	hours	basic
Docker iRODS	minutes	basic
Docker	minutes	basic
Docker container (r)	minutes	basic
Docker image (r)	minutes	basic
iRODS rules (r)	hours	intermediate
iRODS rules (w)	hours	needs training
iRODS administration	minutes	needs training
Docker container (w)	hours	needs training
Docker image (w)	hours	needs training

Summary

A. Data management iRODS

- data sharing
- data accessibility
- data curation
- automatise workflow
- exploit metadata potentialities

B. docker, standardised pipelines, etc

- docker files
- docker images
- shared scrips
- Github

C. Community driven project

- tailor the system according to our needs

Future Plans

- TranSMART platform interactive analysis
- Develop portable analysis pipelines
- iRODS management system refinement
- User friendly interface

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