

# Open Ag Data Alliance



**An open project designed to bring farmer-focused interoperability, security, and privacy to agricultural data.**

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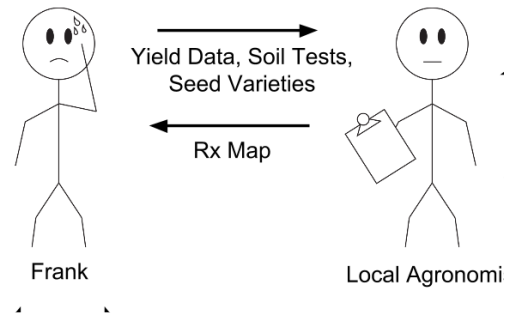
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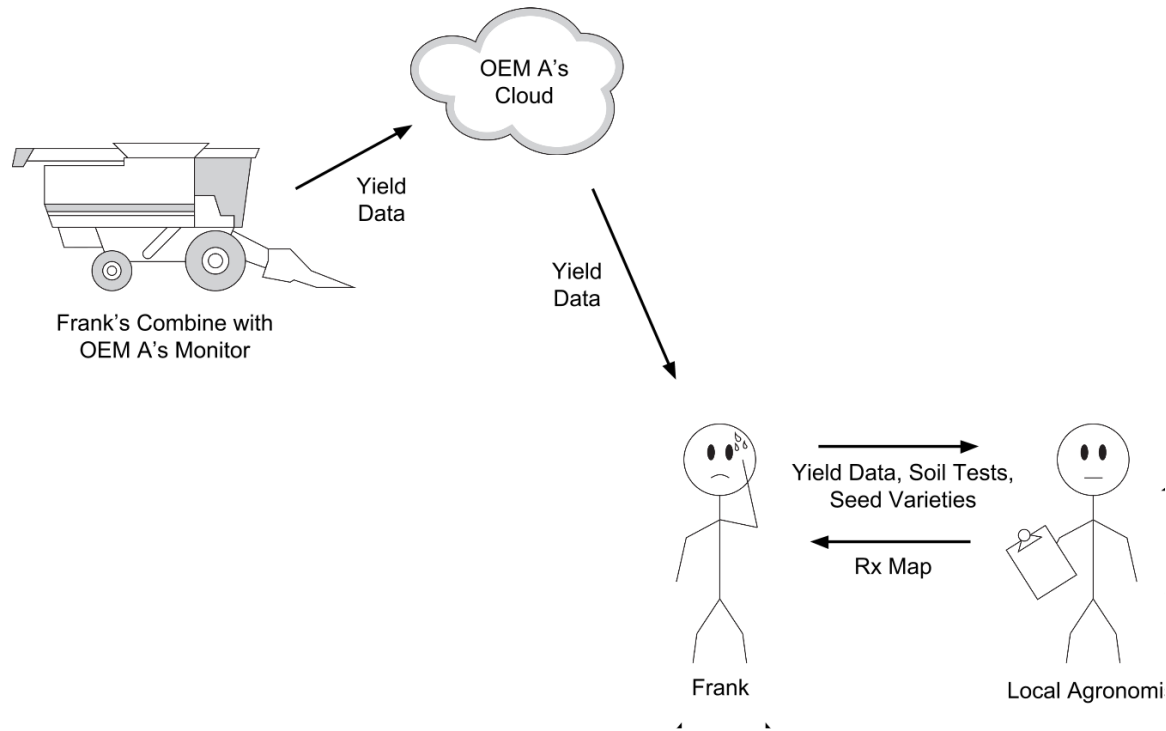
Meet Frank and Andy.



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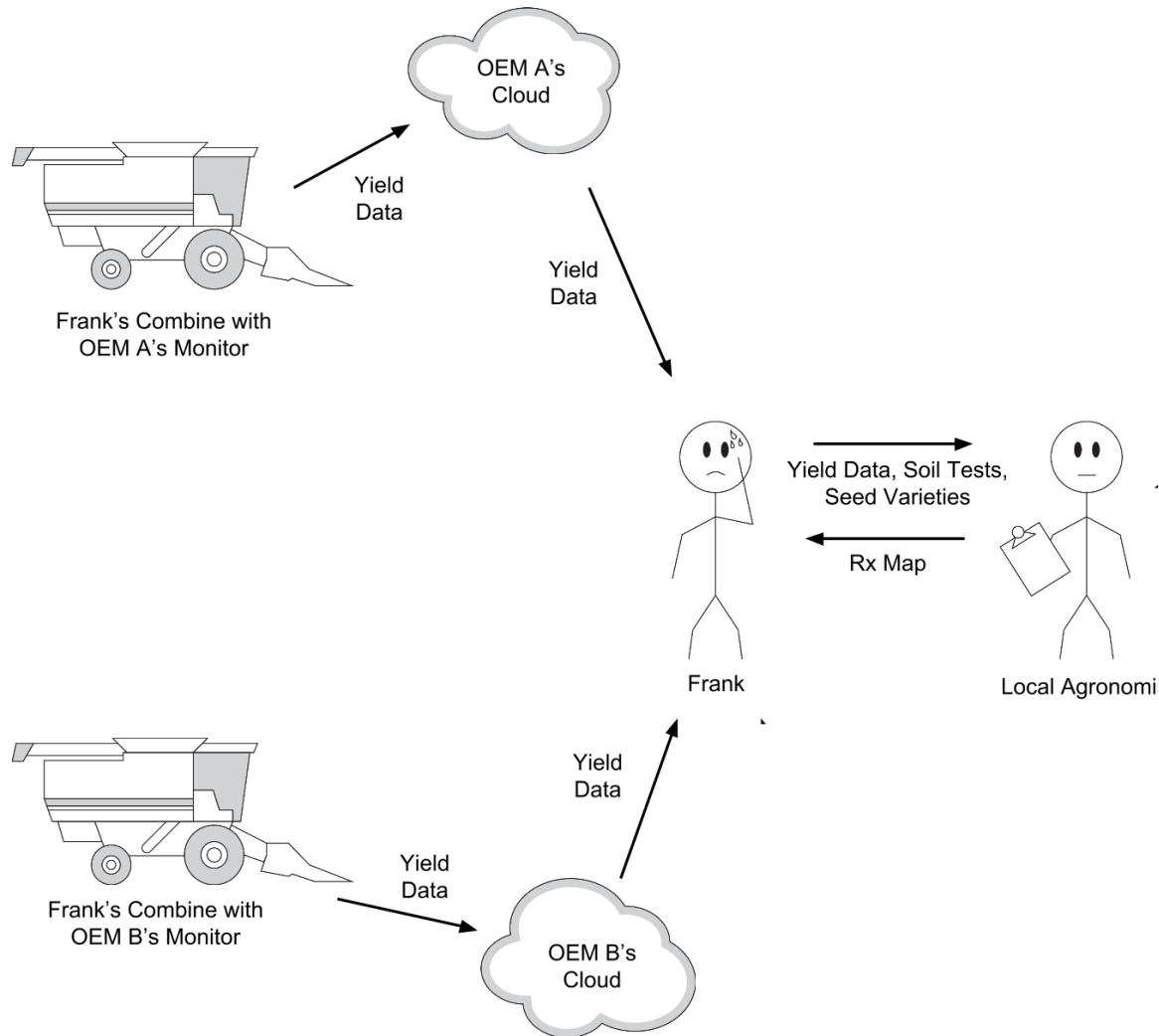


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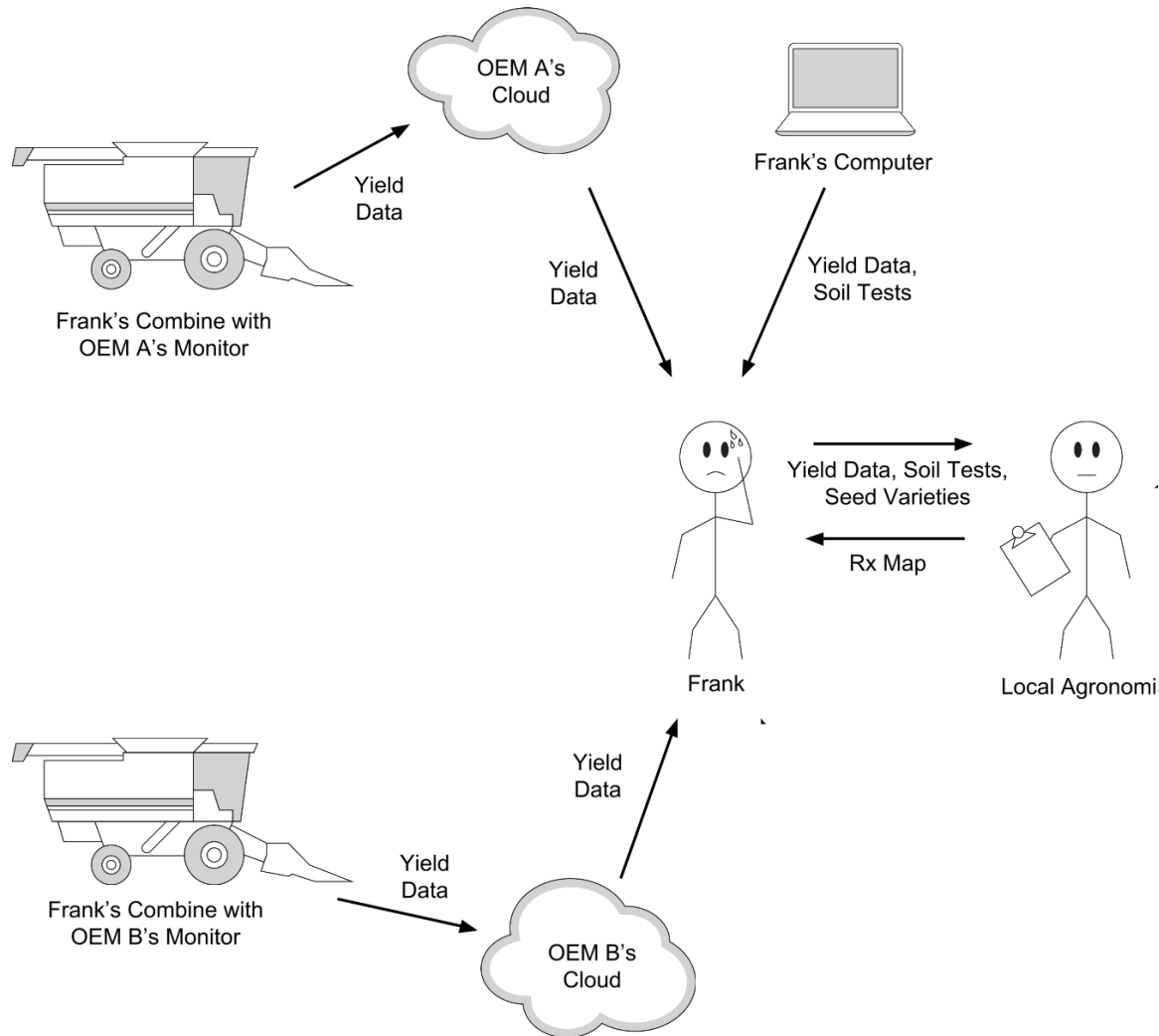




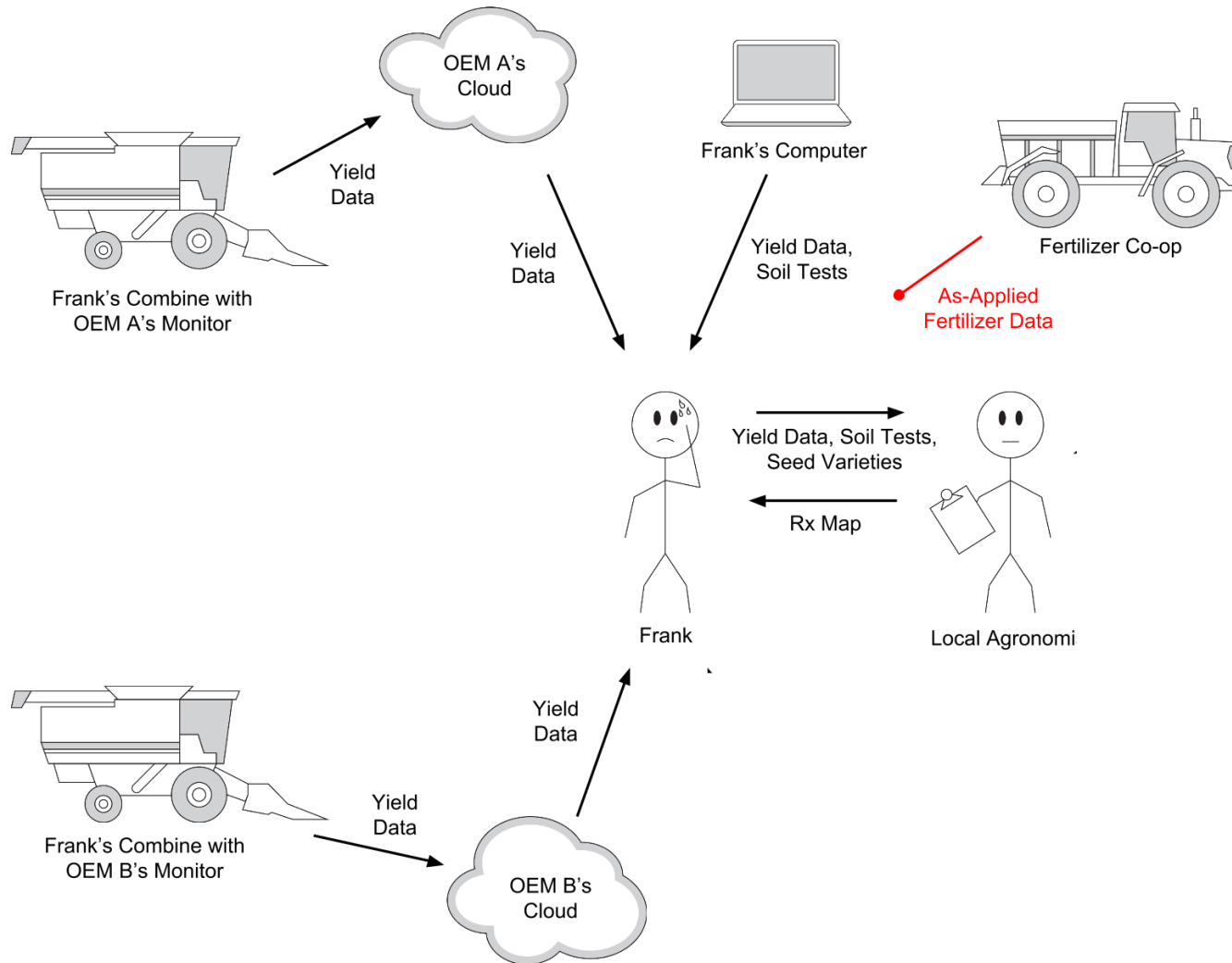
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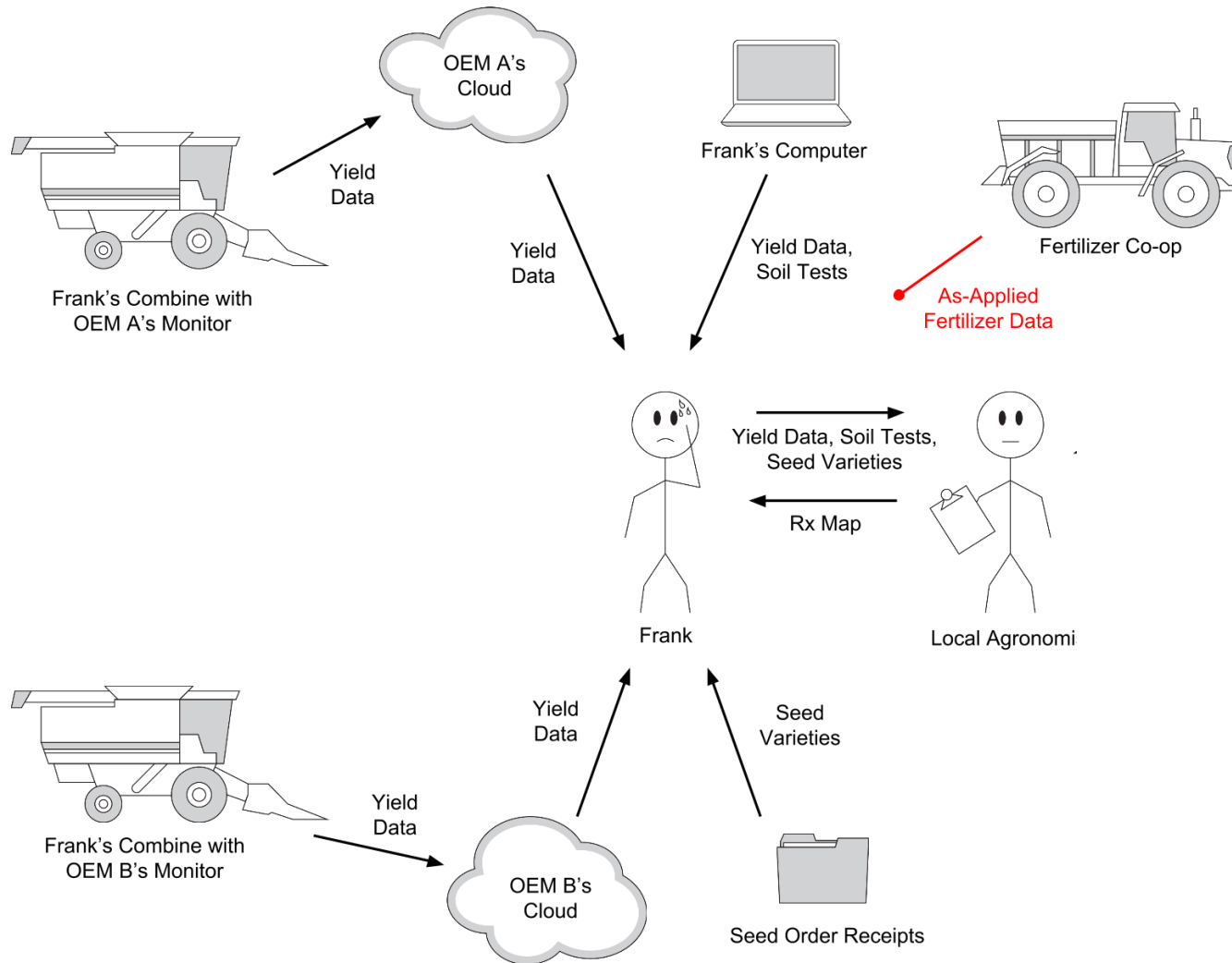
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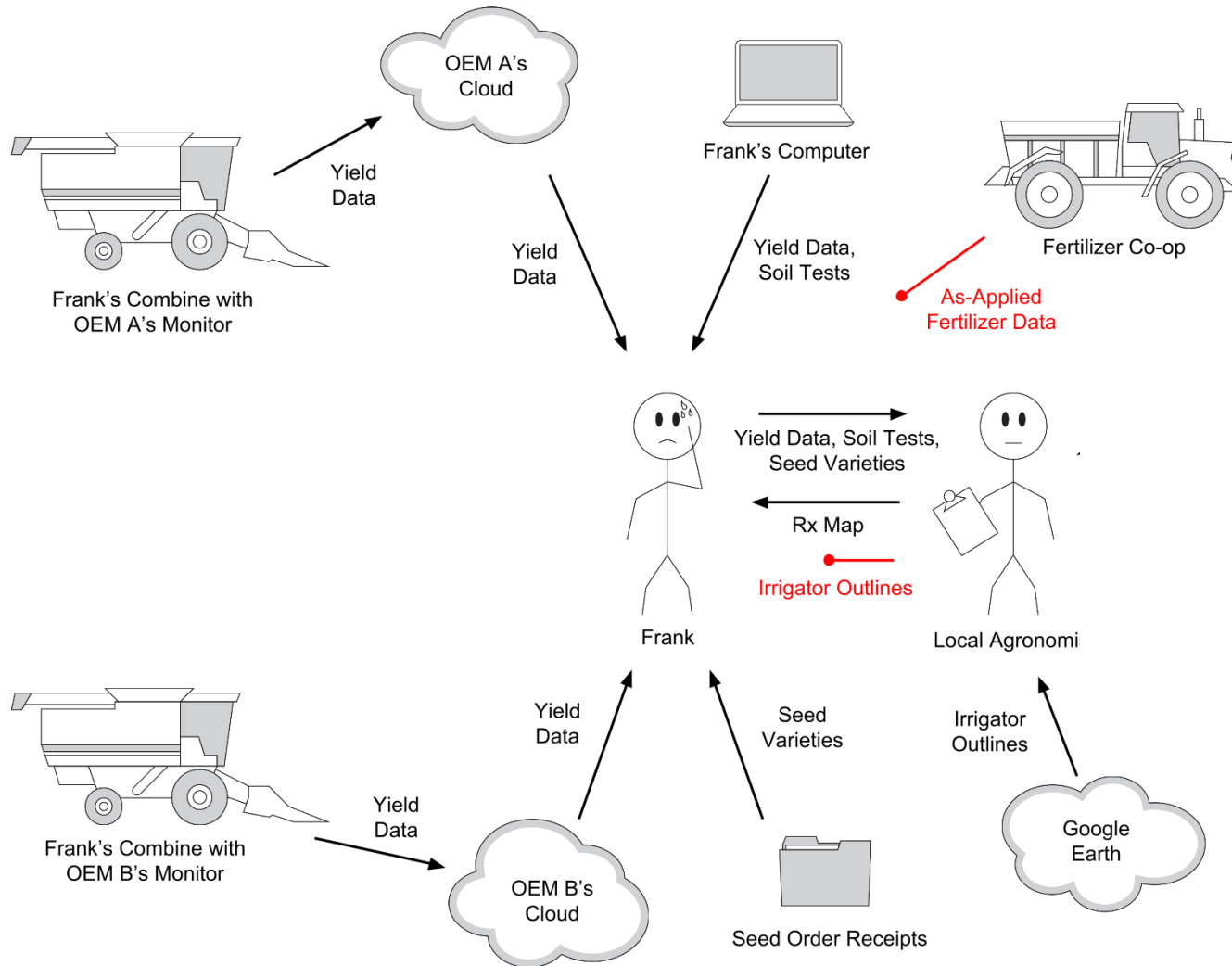
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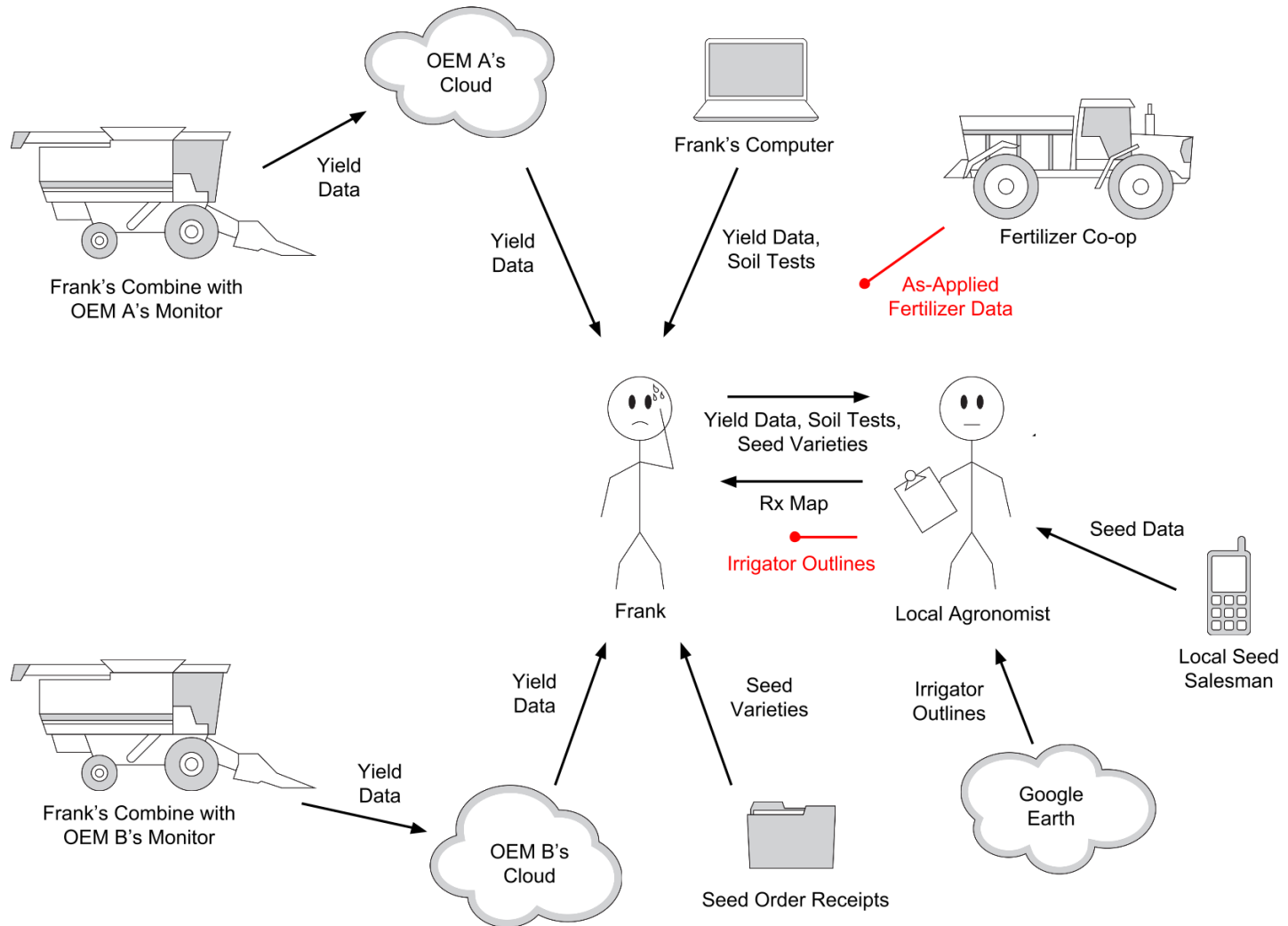
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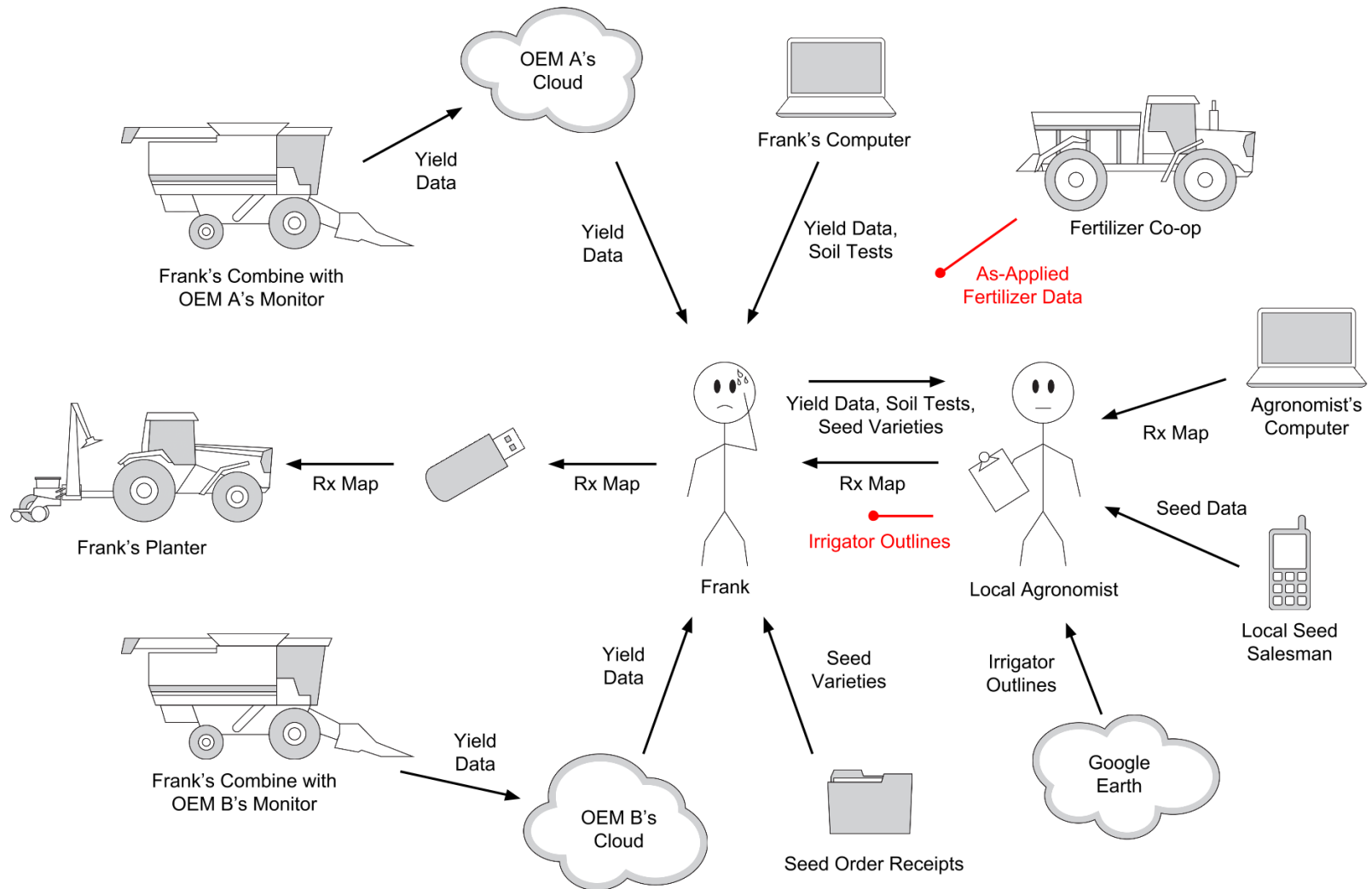
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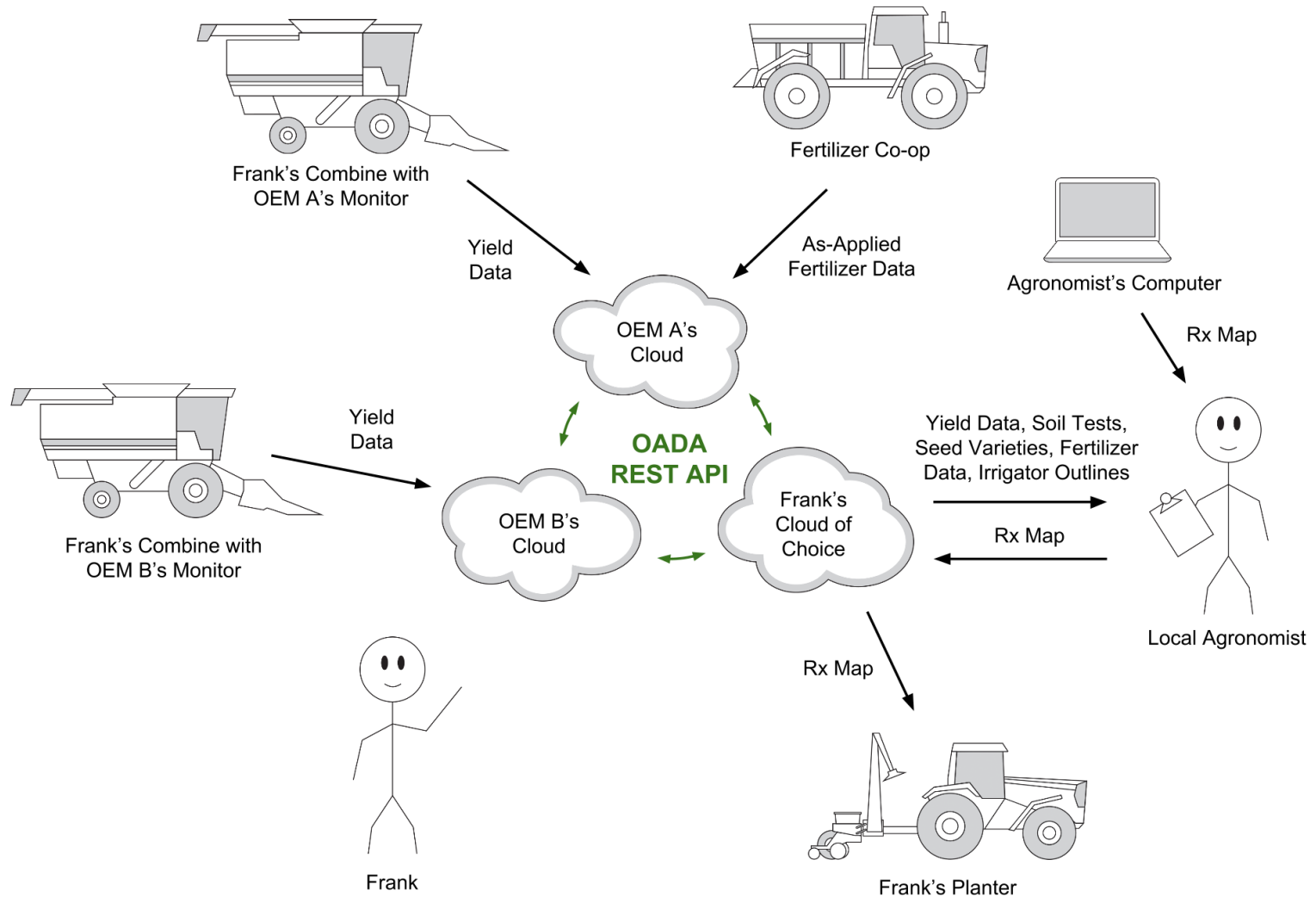
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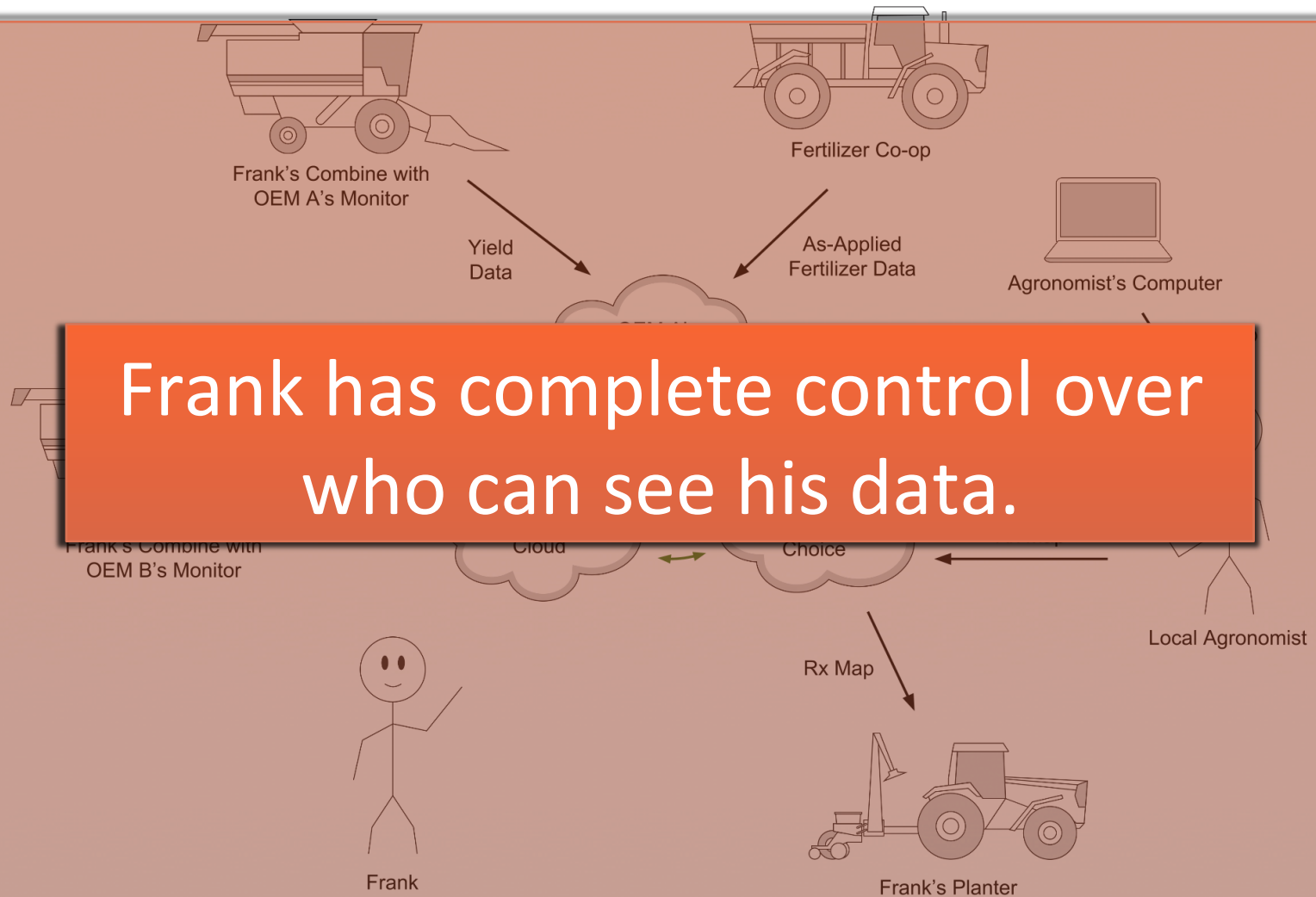
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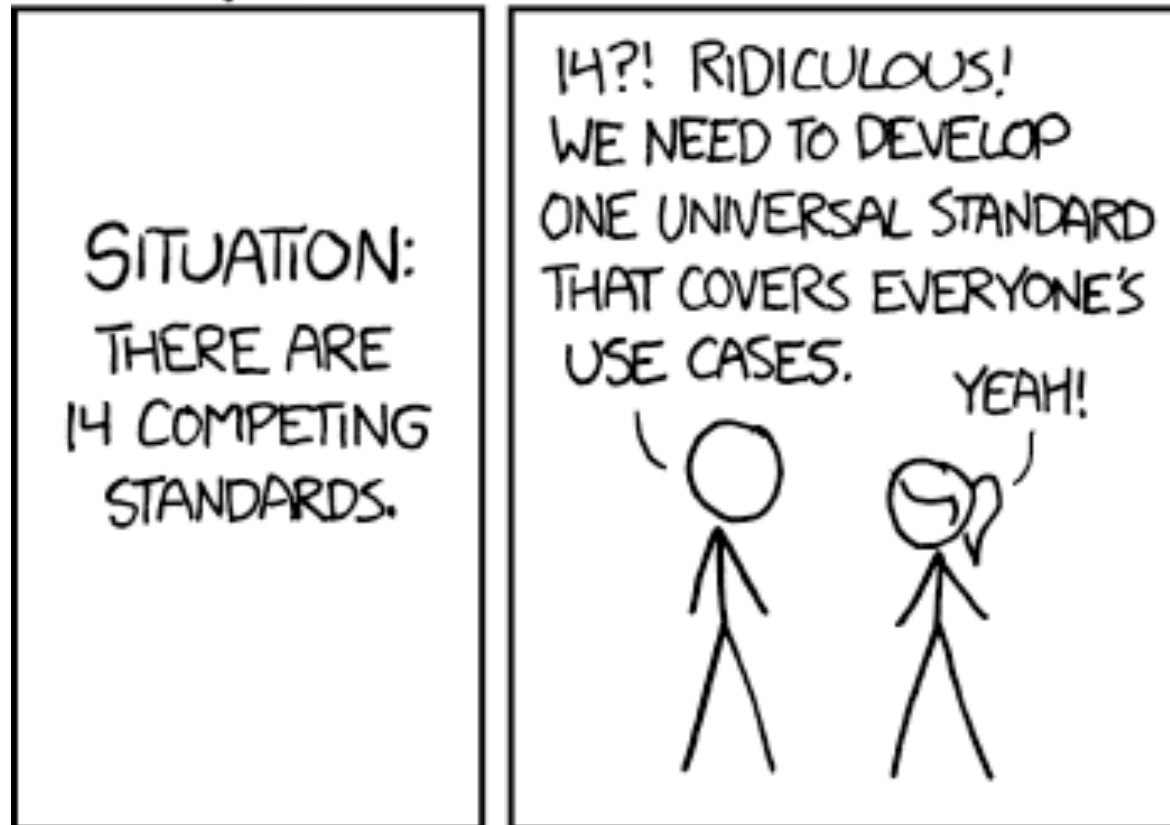
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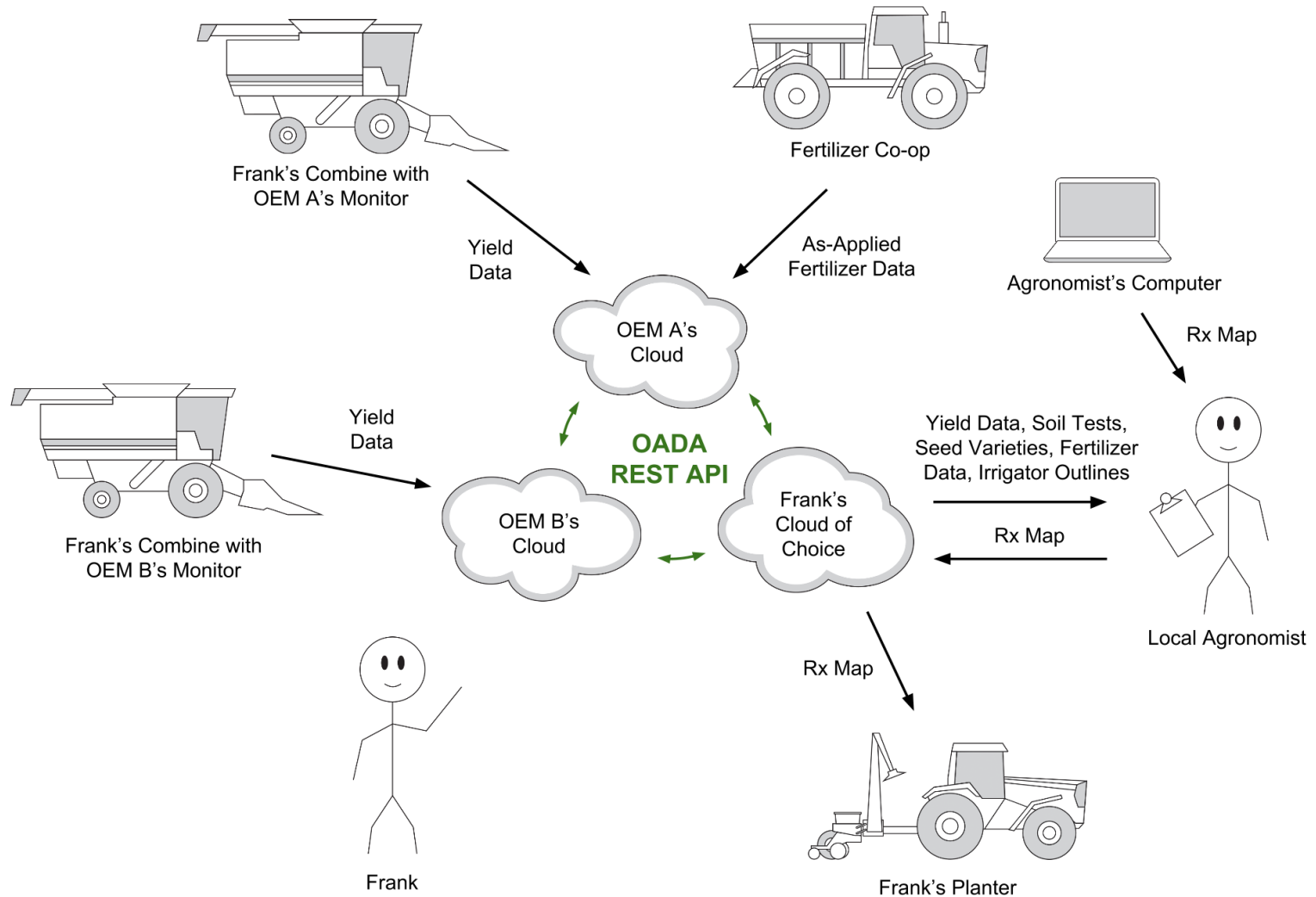
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The world can still function thanks to open  
source pain relievers.

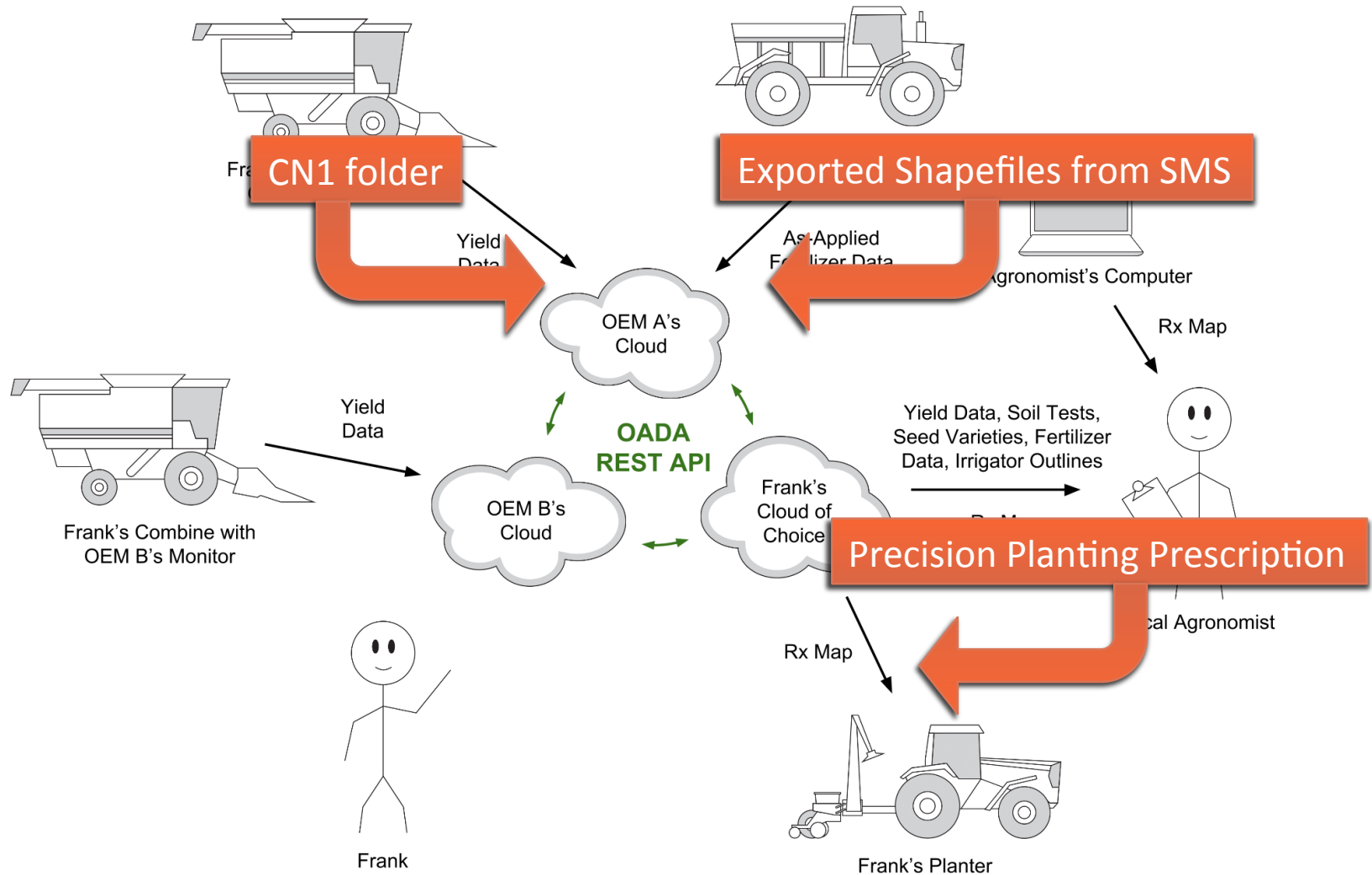
Examples: images, jQuery

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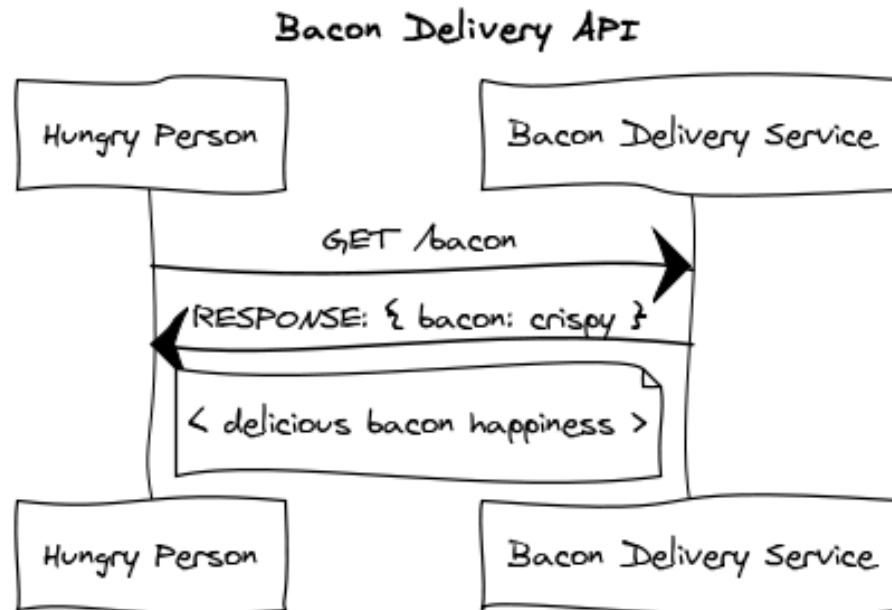
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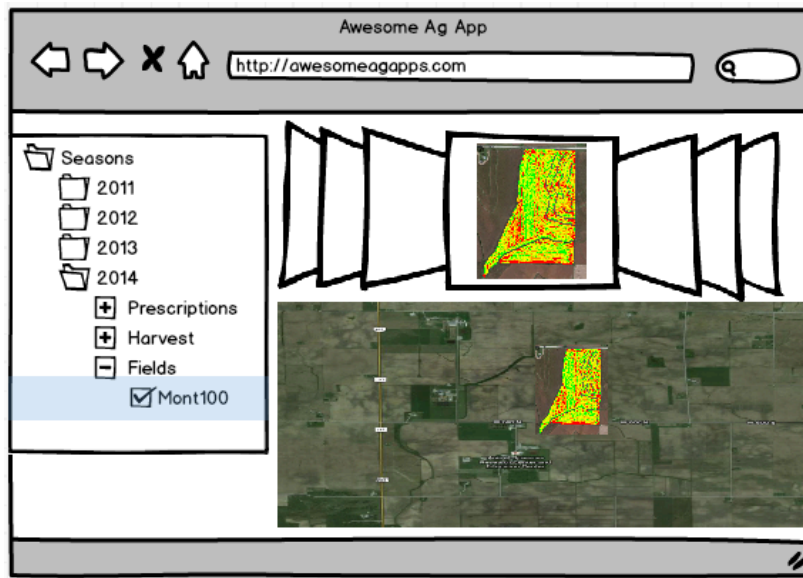
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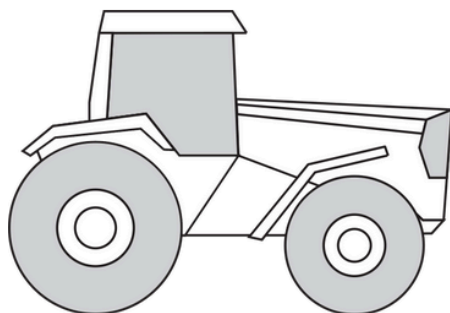
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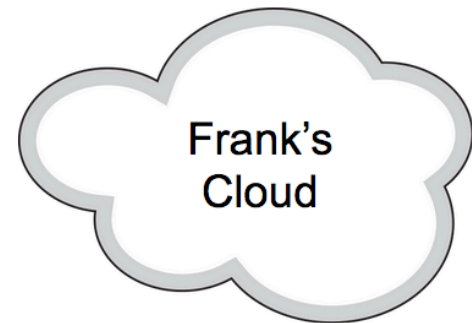
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Frank wants to share a resource with Andy.

Frank's data is on agcloud.com.

Andy does not have an account on agcloud.com.

How does Andy's app access Frank's data?

**>> Andy gives his OADA ID to Frank:**

**[andy@agronomistidentity.com](mailto:andy@agronomistidentity.com)**

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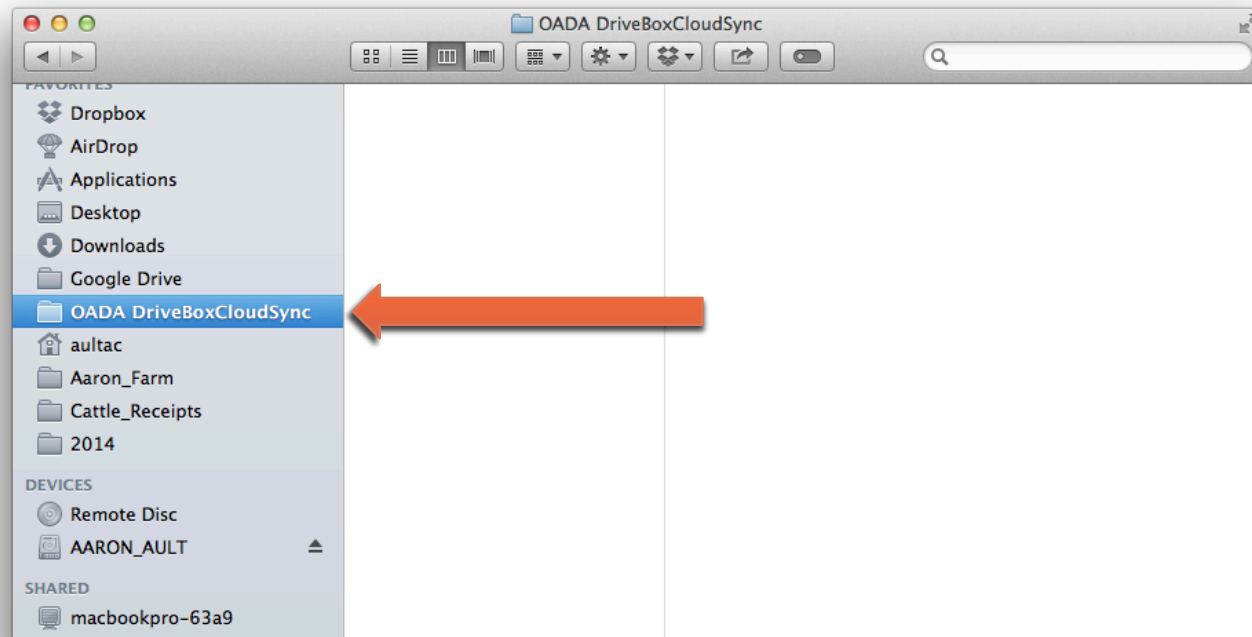
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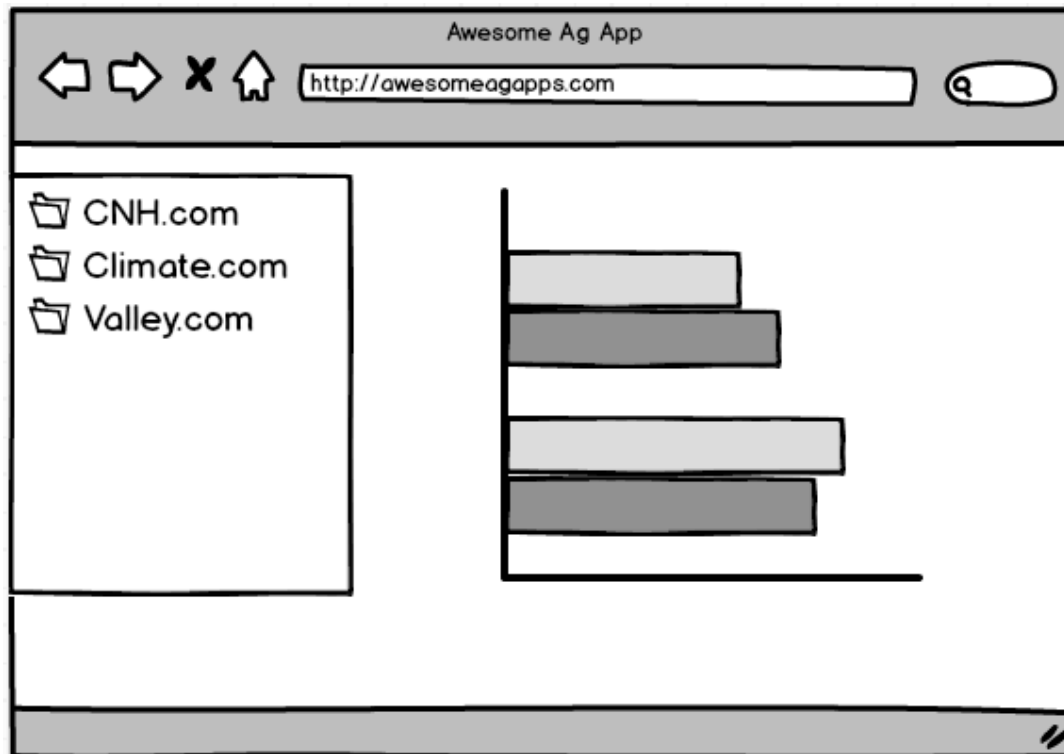
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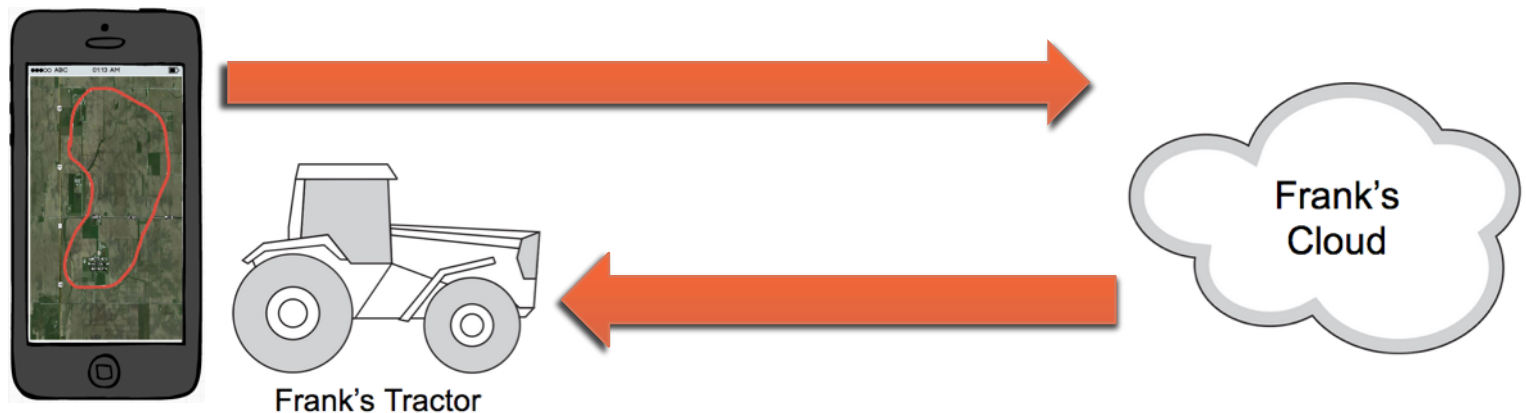
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>> **“Batch” or “real-time”**

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# OADA Status

Implementations beginning in 1-2 weeks, will adapt with changes/comments.

Many non-technical privacy issues yet to cover/resolve.

Goal of a few working commercial setups by Sept, likely not feature-complete.

Open Source project specifics as yet undefined.

No software tests, no full definitions of OADA compliance, no media-type database, limited early identity federation, no start on file transformation libraries

**>> API v0.2 out for comment today**