Cheap and FAIR: Building a Serverless Research Data Repository

Introduction

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Outline

Presentation

Hands-on

Break

- Introduction & Setup
- NB 1: GitHub Pages & JupyterHub
- What is FAIR Data?
- NB 2: Working with Globus Collections
- Identifiers and Landing Pages
- NB 3: Creating a Data Repository Catalog
- 15 Minute Break
- NB 4: Validating the Catalog & Programmatic Data Access
- NB 5: Enhancing the Catalog
- Making the SRDR Interactive
 - NB 6: Public Data
 - NB 7: Restricted Data

Initial Technical Requirements

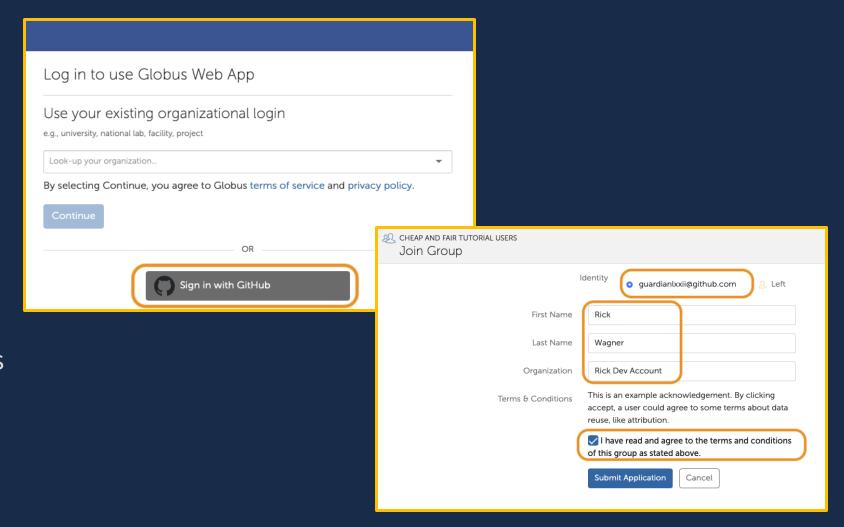
- Internet connection
 - If you're listening to this, you probably have one
- Web browser
- For communication, use whatever suits you
 - Chat
 - Raise hand, voice, etc.
 - Rick & Andrea will alternate helping attendees
 - Turn your camera on if you're comfortable
- As we proceed, we'll ask if you've completed a step. Please use the yes and no reactions in Zoom.





Setup Steps

- Link to setup steps below
- Join GitHub if needed
- Globus:
 - Join with GitHub
 - Or Link GitHub identity
- Join Group to access resources



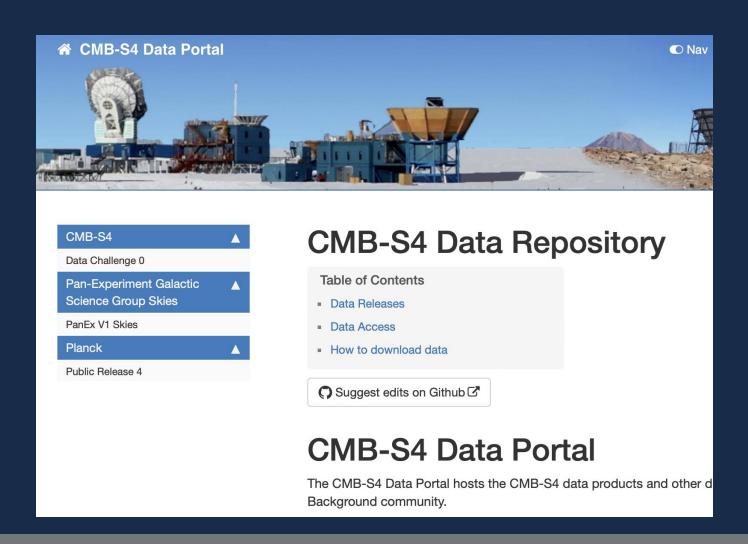
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https://github.com/cheapandfair/cheapandfair-gateways-2024

Motivation: CMB S4 Data Repository

- Public & restricted data
- Ease of access
- Large (TBs) and small (MBs) datasets
- Future curation & publication
- Minimal operational overhead

https://data.cmb-s4.org



A "Missing Middle" (a little hyperbolic)



Researcher projects currently have two data repository options







Self-hosted & "on prem"

- Lot of features & extensible
- Requires significant operational support
- Institutional scale solutions

Public or shared repositories

- Zero management, free/"pre-paid"
- Fixed features (e.g., metadata schema)
- Largely open data solutions

Generalist Repository Comparison Chart

https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7946938



A Data Repository Is...

a set of datasets



described by and discoverable in a catalog



organized in and accessible from a collection



managed by one or more policies



Premise:

A data repository's *quality* is based its policies and how well they are implemented.

SRDR* Components



Datasets: One or more files in a single folder and its subfolders.

```
datasetA/
    file1.csv
    file2.png
    manifest.json
    metadata.json
    folderB/
        file3.fits
        file4.dat
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Collection: Datasets organized in Globus Guest Collection
Provides HTTPS URLs and perdatasets access control.

*SRDR: Serverless Research Data Repository



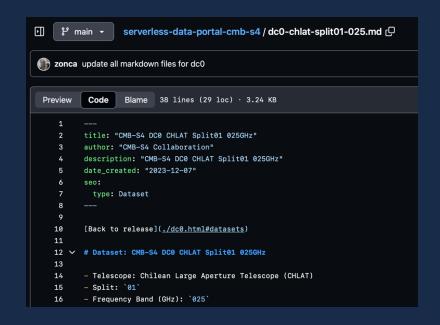
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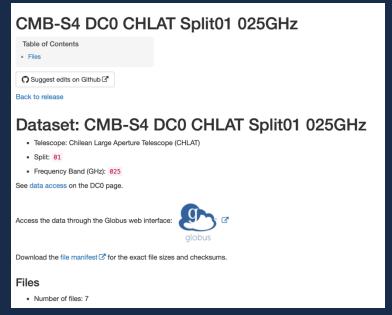
Catalog: GitHub Pages site with dataset landing pages and lists of all datasets

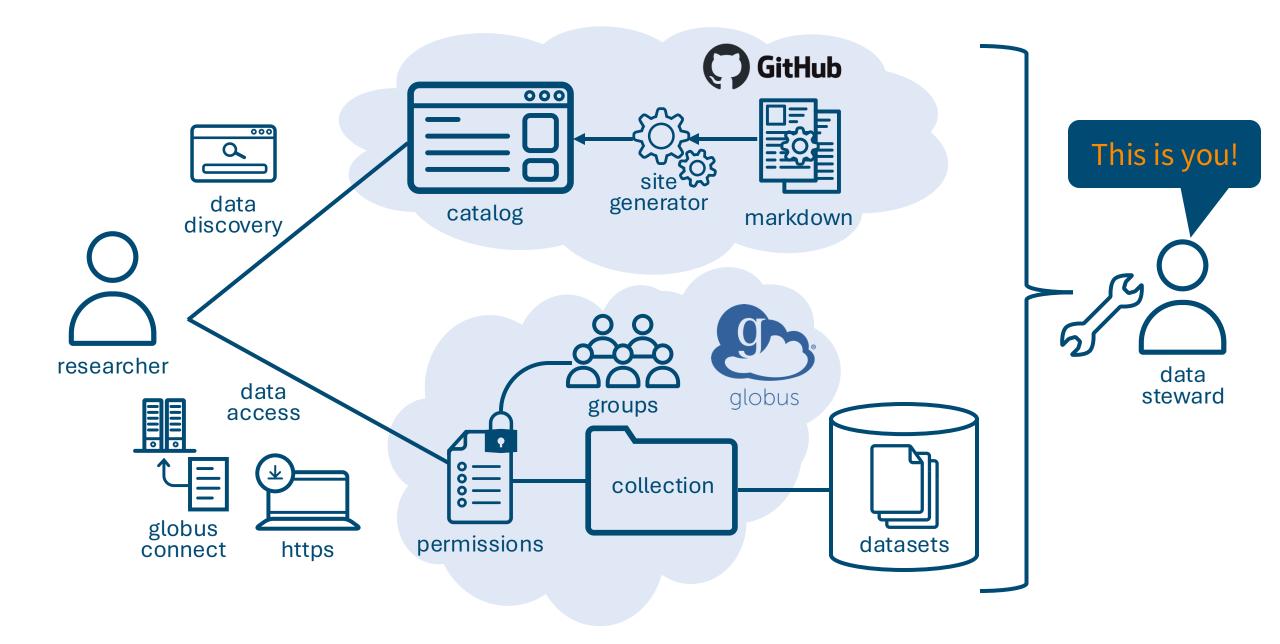


Policies: permissions, retention, metadata standards









Defining "Cheap"

Minimizing project costs

- "Serverless"--no systems maintenance
- Catalog hosted on GitHub pages for free
- Dataset storage allocated or cost scale by usage
- Globus Guest Collection covered by institutional subscription
 - Over 200 institutional subscribers
 - 70% of R1 universities
- Model can be applied to other systems beyond Globus



Being FAIR

Findable

- Human & machine-readable metadata
- Datasets listed in catalog
- Unique dataset identifiers

Accessible

- Data & landing pages via HTTPS
- Access control using OAuth/OIDC
- Persistent landing pages

Interoperable

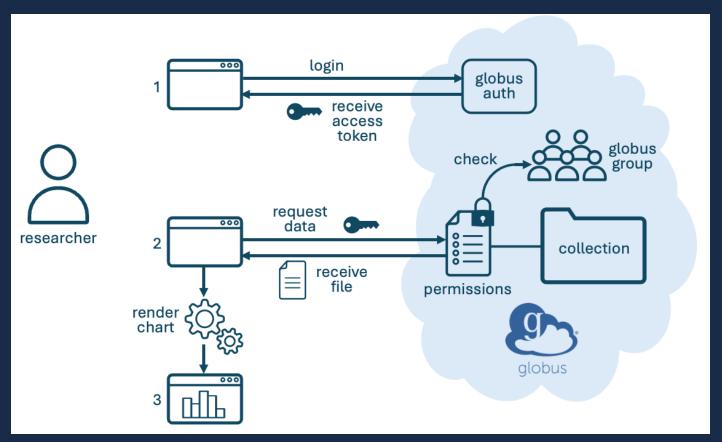
- Metadata based on Schema.org & DataCite
- Metadata in JSON-LD

Reusable

- Data files in widely-used formats
- Usage guidelines defined

From Repository to Interactive Portal

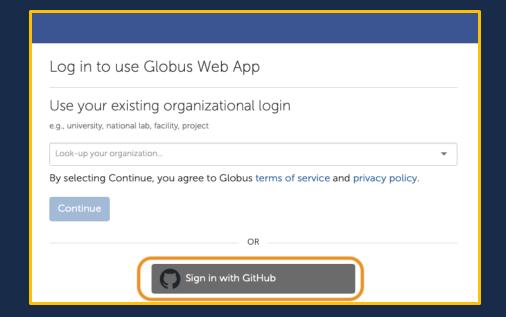
- HTTPS enables in-browser data access
- Interactive: plot, subset, analyze, etc.
- Both public and restricted data
- Can also call APIs to drive workflows

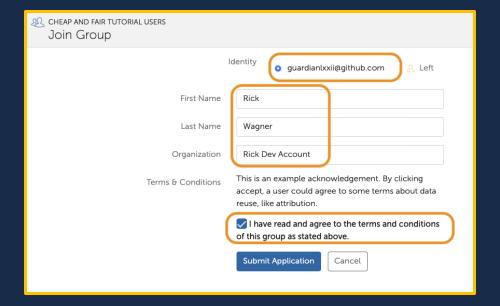


Did you Complete the Setup Steps?









Let's Get Started!

- Link to the JupyterHub instance below
- Will clone the tutorial repository into your environment

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https://bit.ly/srdr24

Hit the yes when you're logged in





Send the no if something goes wrong