

# Dat in the Lab

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# Our common goals:

Support researchers

Improve research data management

Facilitate reproducible research

Streamline data publishing

Develop free, open solutions

# Research today:

Volume and complexity of data are ever increasing<sup>1</sup>

Funders, publishers, institutions moving towards open data policies ([NSF](#), [Gates](#), [NIH](#), [PLOS](#))

(Too) many repositories to choose from<sup>2</sup>

# Research today:

Data publishing and archiving via repositories as “data silos”

Inconsistent adoption of metadata standards

Research data management practices vary between groups and people

# Research today:

Spotty metadata

Dead links<sup>3</sup>

Content drift<sup>4</sup>

... is the data backed up?



# Genesis of project:

How can decentralization help  
researchers to manage

share

publish

archive

find

data?

# Genesis of project:

What should we build that would make using Dat easier?

What would we learn through close collaboration with research groups?

# What's Dat?

Peer-to-peer file sharing protocol for sharing, syncing, versioning

Like git, but built for data

[Whitepaper](#)





# Why Dat?

Secure data sharing within a group

Fast sync/download of data from multiple sources (equipment, people)

Automatic dataset versioning

Platform agnostic



# Try Dat!

For this workshop you will need:

a laptop

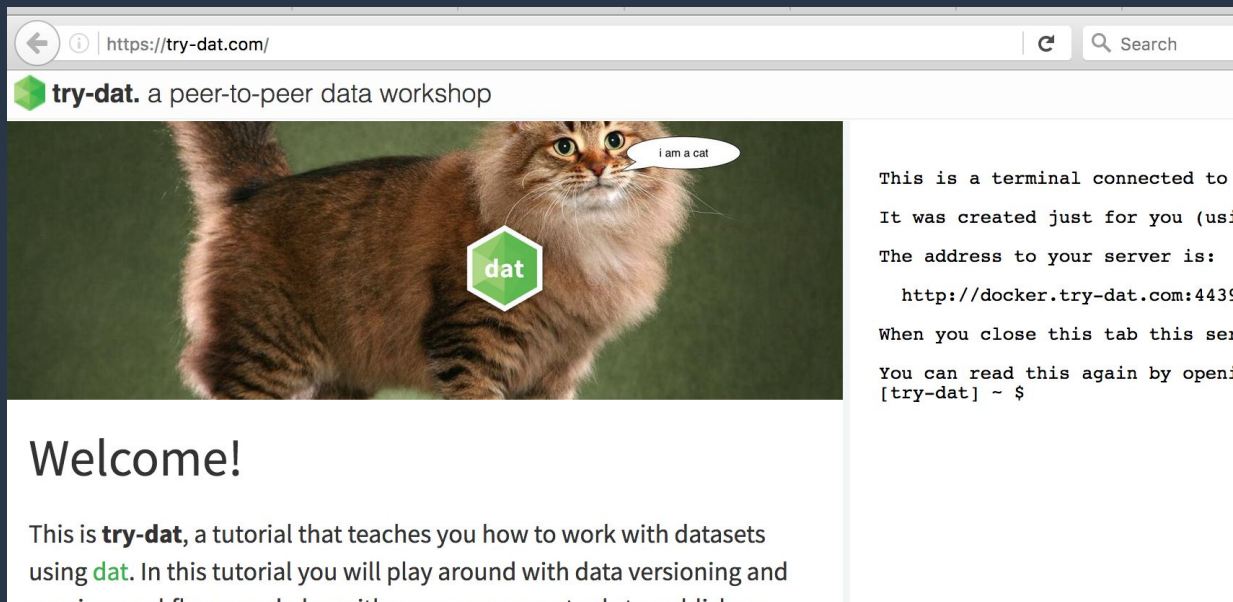
wifi

no special skills



# Try Dat!

try-dat.com



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `https://try-dat.com/`. The page header includes the try-dat logo and the text "a peer-to-peer data workshop". Below the header is a large image of a brown cat with a green hexagonal "dat" logo overlaid on its chest and a speech bubble saying "i am a cat". To the right of the cat image is a terminal window with the following text:

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This is a terminal connected to  
It was created just for you (use  
The address to your server is:  
  
http://docker.try-dat.com:4439  
When you close this tab this ser  
You can read this again by open  
[try-dat] ~ $
```

Below the cat image, the text "Welcome!" is displayed. Underneath, a paragraph reads: "This is **try-dat**, a tutorial that teaches you how to work with datasets using **dat**. In this tutorial you will play around with data versioning and..."





## Welcome!

This is **try-dat**, a tutorial that teaches you how to work with datasets using **dat**. In this tutorial you will play around with data versioning and syncing workflows, and play with some awesome tools to publish or share data over the peer-to-peer web.

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- 100-beaker

If you look to your right, you'll see there is a terminal that is connected to a **docker container** -- that is a remote Linux computer, in the cloud but accessible right here in your browser!

This is a terminal connected to a virtual Ubuntu Linux server.  
It was created just for you (using Docker) when you loaded the page.  
The address to your server is:  
`http://docker.try-dat.com:44391`  
When you close this tab this server will shut down.  
You can read this again by opening ``welcome.txt`` at any time.  
[try-dat] ~ \$

Virtual terminal,  
you can type in  
here!

- .bashrc
- .npm
- .profile
- cat.png
- welcome.txt

Files on the  
virtual server

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1 This is a terminal connected to a virtual Ubuntu Linux server.
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13
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Contents of  
`welcome.txt`

# Thank you!

Hands-on portion of the workshop  
starts now

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