Scaling STRIDES

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BACKGROUND

STRIDES Initiative

STRIDES Initiative Goal: **Harnessing the power of the commercial cloud in support of biomedical research**

TEAM PRIORITIES

Scale!

- **Thousands** of projects need to be on the cloud in the coming year

Roadblocks:

- Many team members spend **70% of time** answering technical questions from researchers
- Getting researchers onboarded and managing accounts is **prohibitively time-consuming**

OUR PLAN

Three projects:

- Website Creation
- Onboarding Process Automation
- Account Management Automation

Overall goal:

Help **scale the initiative** for the future

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PROJECT #1: Website

- Lots of documentation but scattered all around word files in Box

- Lack of a centralized information source

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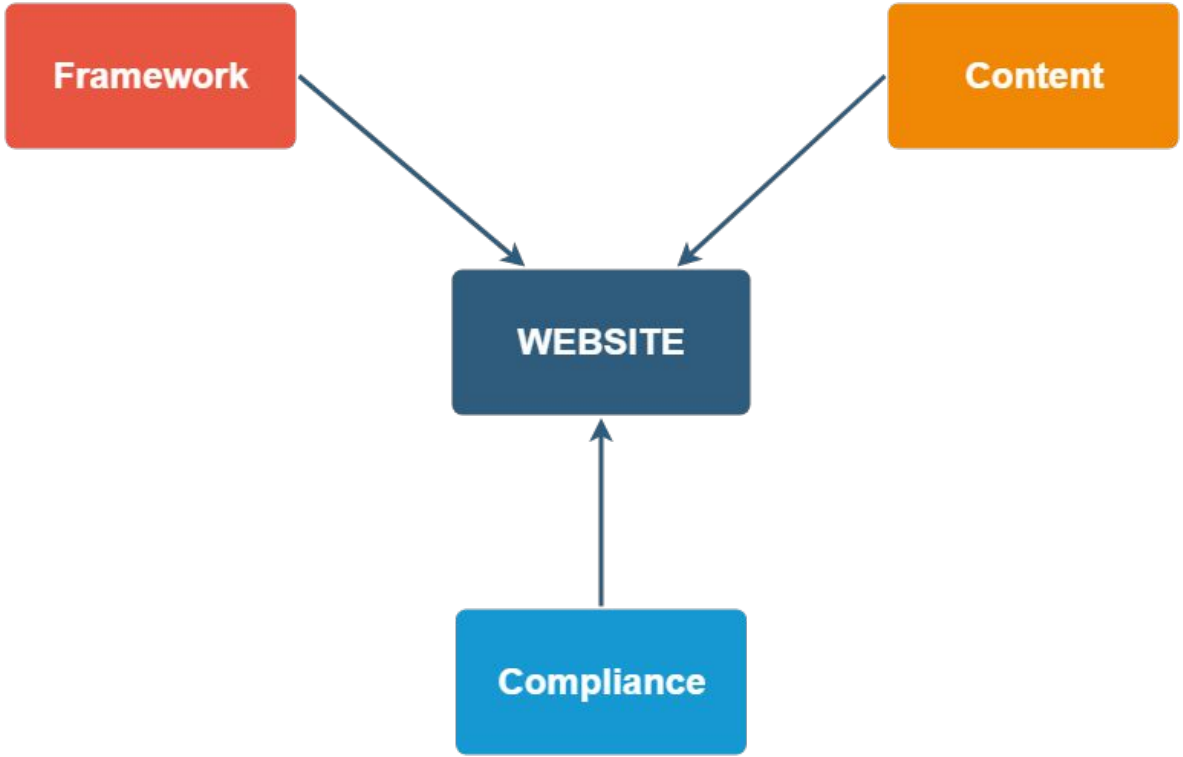
DESIGN PROCESS



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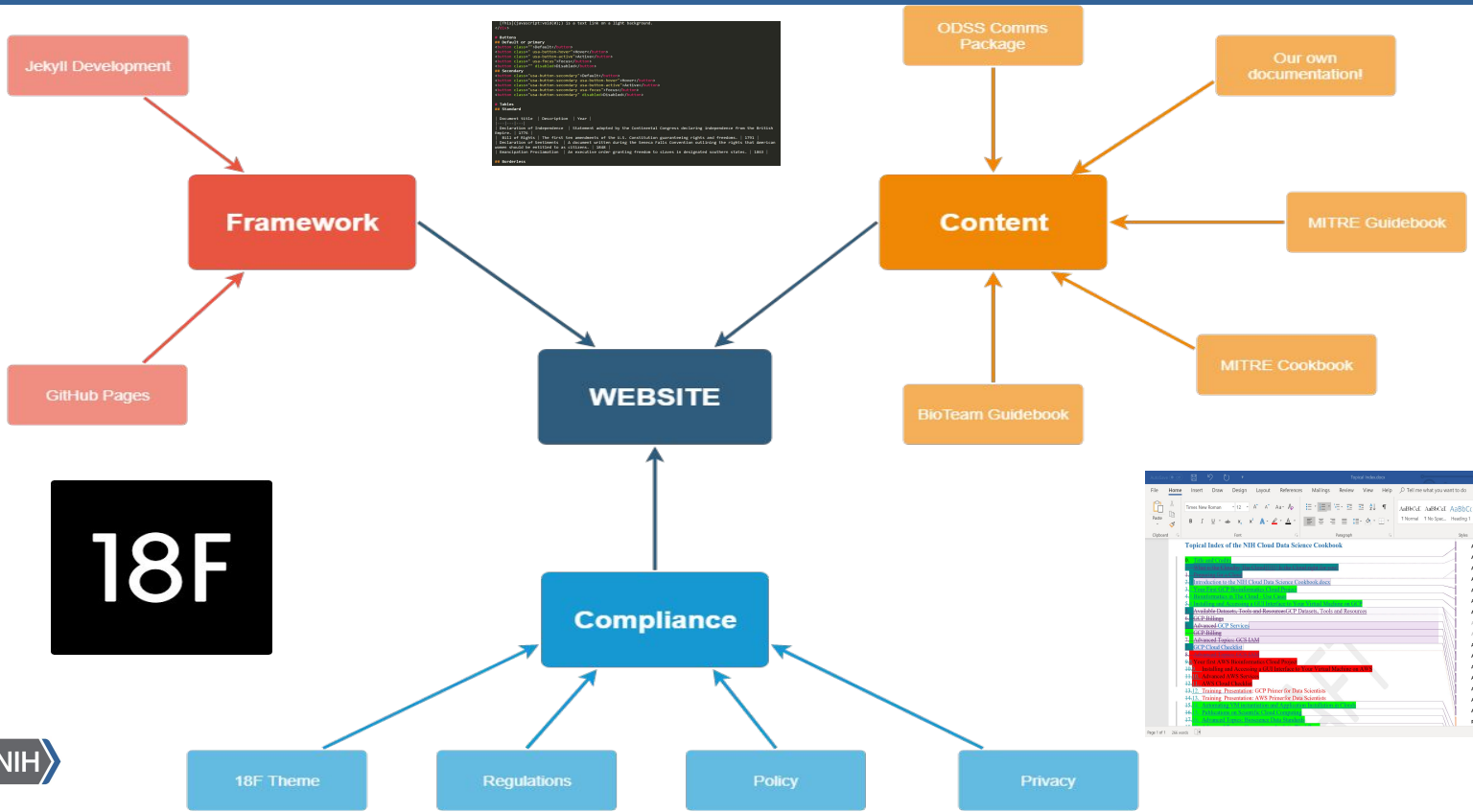

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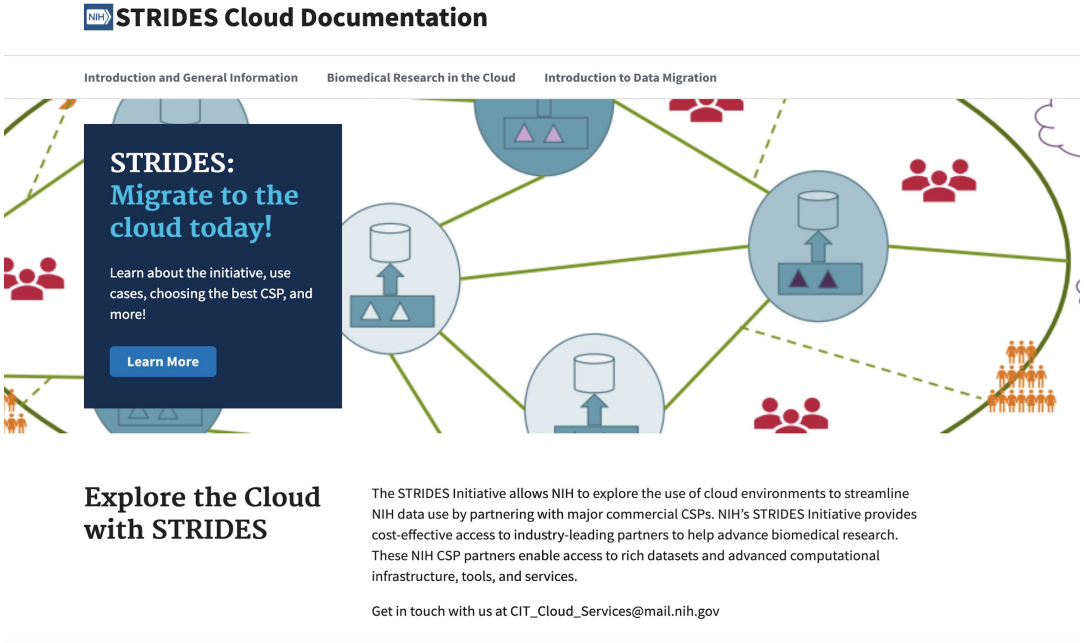

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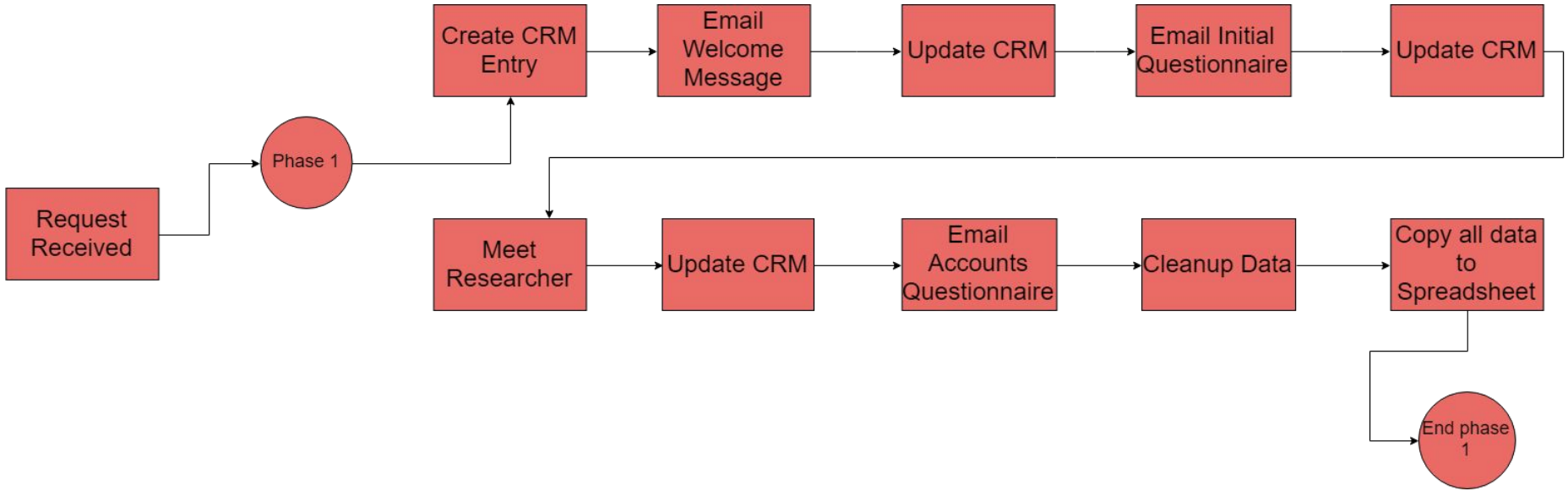
PROJECT #2: Onboarding Automation

- Long, extensive procedure for reaching out to researchers

- Not utilizing our CRM software enough!

OLD DESIGN PROCESS



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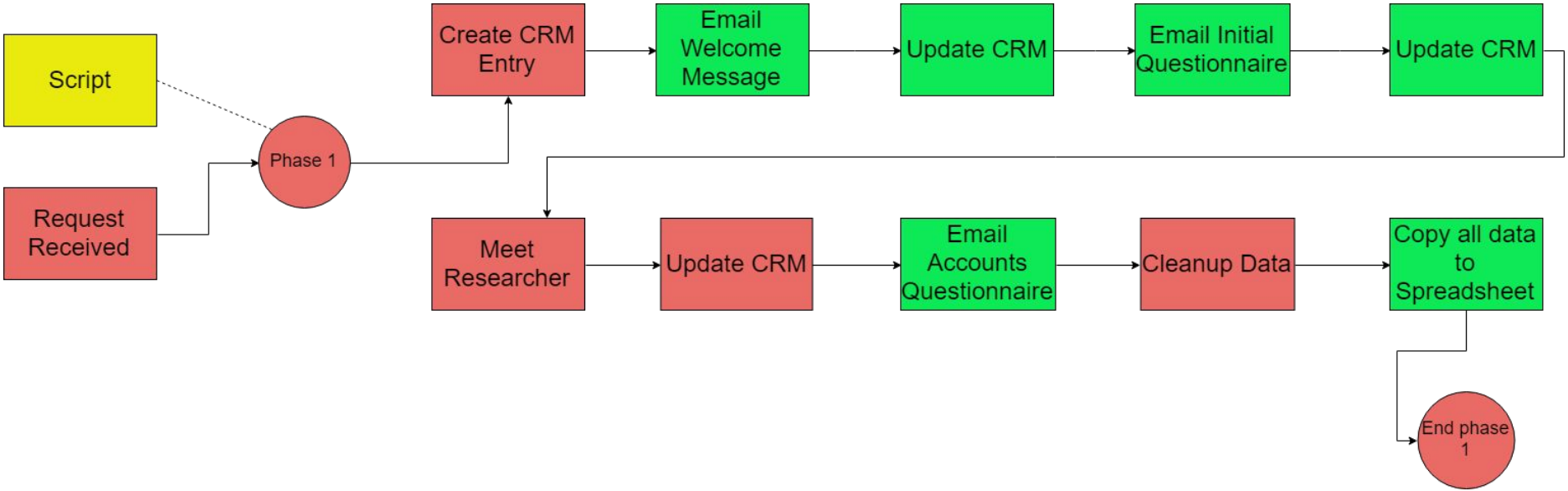

AUTOMATION

1.) Utilized online forms
    - Streamlined, simplified questionnaires

2.) Automated the transfer of data
    - Forms to CRM, CRM to Spreadsheet

3.) Automated sending emails

ZOHO Forms

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SCRIPT

- Utilized NIH RePORTER
  - Scans every NIH-funded project (hundreds of thousands)
- Gives score based on **abstract** and **project timeline**

A GENRE ANALYSIS OF SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS

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Abstract

This is a **research paper**

The purpose of the paper was to analyse the structure of a small number of abstracts that appeared in the ASLIB Proceedings between 1949 and 1990 to see how the style and authorship of the abstracts changed from CAM editorial staff to journal article authors themselves. This paper reports a study of the semantic organisation and thematic structure of 12 abstracts from the field of protozoology in an effort to discover whether these abstracts followed generally agreed abstracting guidelines. The method adopted was a move analysis which looks at the structure of the abstract in terms of the moves made by the authors in the research within the scientific community. Move 2 introduces the research by either describing the main features of the research or presenting its purpose; Move 3 describes the methodology, Move 4 states the results, and Move 5 draws conclusions or suggests practical applications. Thematic analysis shows that scientific abstract authors thematize their subject matter differently from abstracters working for CAM. Most of the abstracts examined were following the guideline advice. However, there was general consistency regarding semantic organisation and thematic structure. The research limitations were the small number of abstracts examined, from just one subject domain. The practical implications are the need for abstracting services to be clearer and more prescriptive regarding how they want abstracts to be written, and the need for authors to follow the guidelines provided. The value of the paper and verbosity and reduce clarity in scientific abstracts. Another implication of the research are that abstracting and indexing services must ensure that they maintain abstract quality if they introduce policies of accepting author abstracts. This is important as there is probably little formal training in abstract writing for science students at present. Recommendations for further research are made.

Keywords: abstracts; scientific discourse; move analysis; thematic structure

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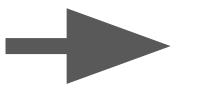

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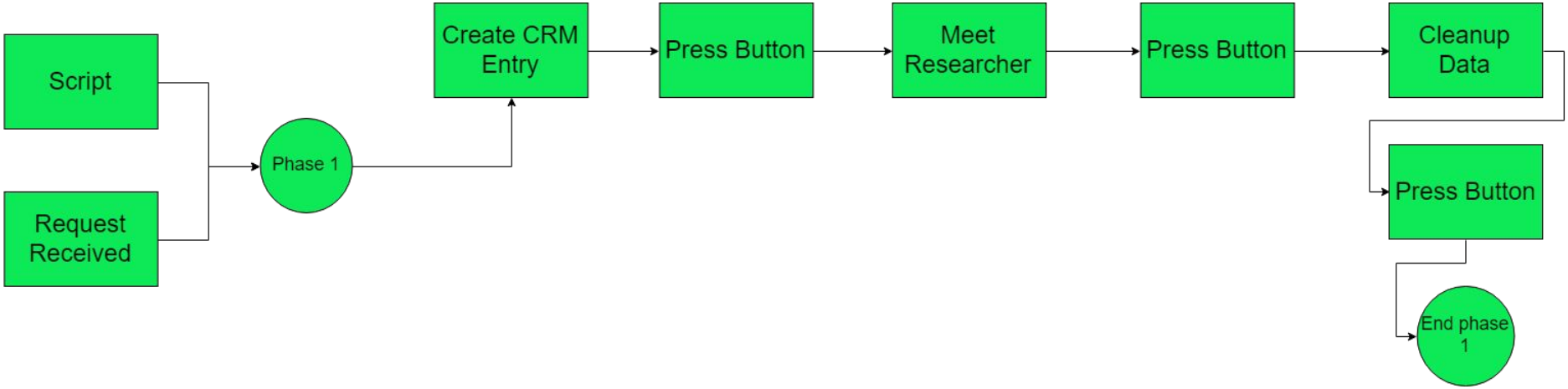
Script
Request Received
Phase 1
Create CRM Entry
Press Button
Meet Researcher
Press Button
Cleanup Data
Press Button
End phase 1

PROJECT #3: Account Management

- Co-workers spend too much time creating and managing accounts on the Cloud

- Much of the process can be automated

  - Challenge: different service providers have different systems

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CLOUD AUTOMATION – GOOGLE

- Responsibilities:
  - Find when account is **improperly named**
  - Find when account has **improper permissions**
  - Find **potential issues** with NIH-cloud hierarchy
- Script?

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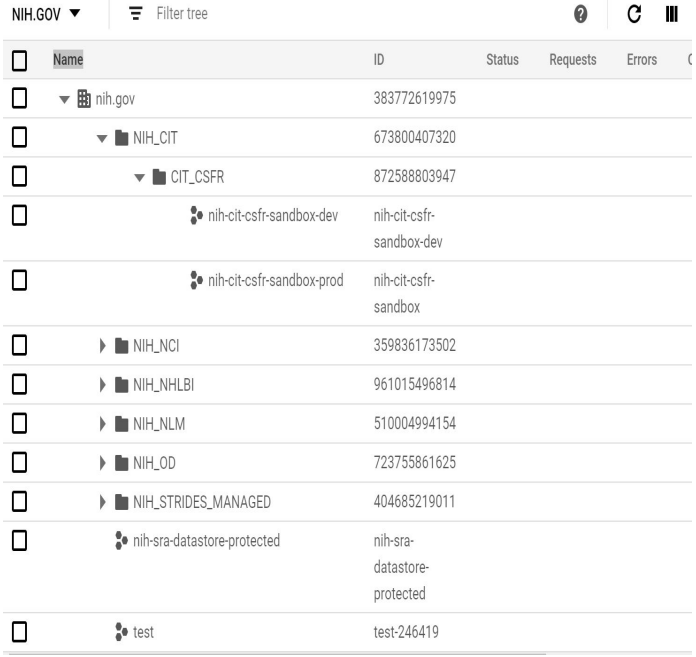
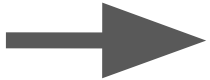
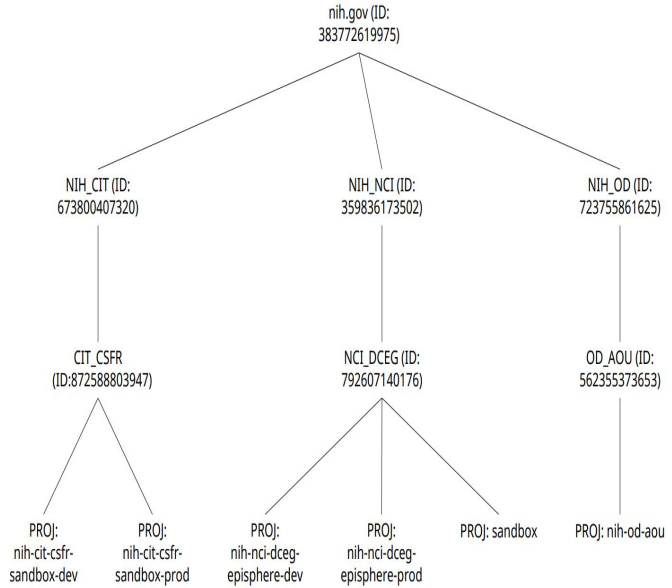
DETAILS







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CLOUD AUTOMATION – AMAZON

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# This cell will print out all info of the users in a specified group
# Print out a user's username, and the groups that they belong to.

targetGroup = 'Admins'

for key in users['Users']:
    List_of_Groups =  client.list_groups_for_user(UserName=key['UserName'])
    UserName = key['UserName']
    for key in List_of_Groups['Groups']:
        if(key['GroupName'] == targetGroup):
            print(UserName)

    print('\n')
    List_of_Groups =  client.list_groups_for_user(UserName=key['UserName'])
    print('Username is ' + key['UserName'])
    print('Groups are:' )
    for key in List_of_Groups['Groups']:
        print(key['GroupName'])


    TotalUser = key
    for key in List_of_Groups['Groups']:
        if(key['GroupName'] == targetGroup):
            print('User name is: ' + UserName)
            print(TotalUser)
            print('\n')
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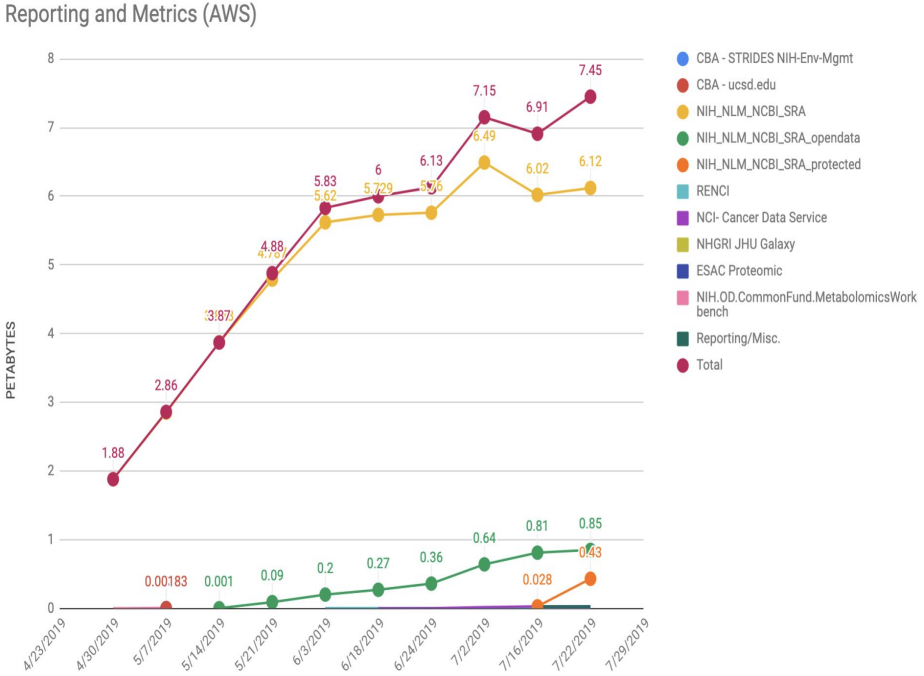

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IMPACT

How do these projects connect?

- Overall goal: Help the initiative **scale**

Website:

- Introduces **central location** to learn about STRIDES

Onboarding Automation:

- **Streamlines** process for getting researchers into the cloud

Account automation:

- **Simplifies** management of cloud accounts

THANK YOU!

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