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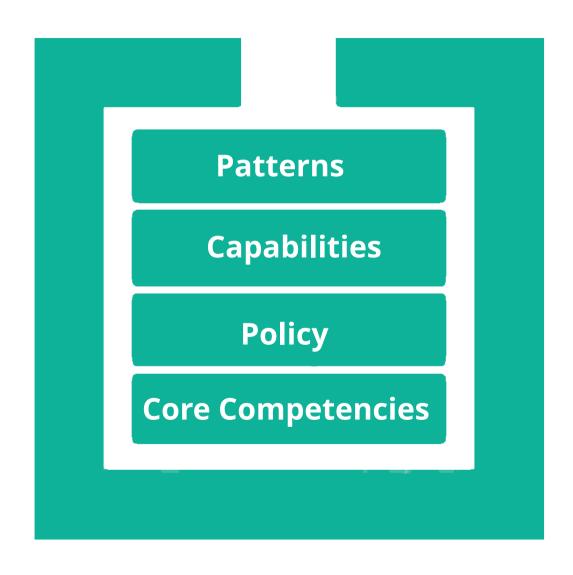
Policy Composition

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- How can we help new users get started?
- How can we make policy reusable?
- How can we simplify policy development?
- How do we get from Policy to Capabilities?
- How can we provide a cook book of deployments?







A Definition of Data Management

"The development, execution and supervision of plans, **policies**, programs, and **practices** that control, protect, deliver, and enhance the value of data and information assets."

Organizations need a **future-proof** solution to managing data and its surrounding infrastructure



A Definition of Policy

A set of ideas or a **plan** of what to do in **particular situations** that has been agreed to officially by a group of people...

So how does iRODS do this?





The reflection of real world data management decisions in computer actionable code.

(a plan of what to do in particular situations)



- Data Movement
- Data Verification
- Data Retention
- Data Replication
- Data Placement
- Checksum Validation
- Metadata Extraction
- Metadata Application
- Metadata Conformance
- Replica Verification
- Vault to Catalog Verification
- Catalog to Vault Verification
- ..



In /etc/irods/core.re ...

```
acPostProcForPut() {
     if($rescName == "demoResc") {
         # extract and apply metadata
     else if($rescName == "cacheResc") {
         # async replication to archive
     else if($objPath like "/tempZone/home/alice/*" &&
             $rescName == "indexResc") {
10
         # launch an indexing job
11
12
     else if(xyz) {
13
         # compute checksums ...
14
15
16
     # and so on ...
17 }
```



Expanding policy implementation across rule bases

For example: pep_data_obj_put_post(...)

- Metadata extraction and application
- Asynchronous Replication
- Initiate Indexing
- Apply access time metadata
- Asynchronous checksum computation

Rather than one monolithic implementation, separate the implementations into individual rule bases, or plugins, and allow the rule(s) to fall through



Separate the implementation into several rule bases:

/etc/irods/metadata.re

```
pep_api_data_obj_put_post(*INSTANCE_NAME, *COMM, *DATAOBJINP, *BUFFER, *PORTAL_OPR_O
    # metadata extraction and application code
    RULE_ENGINE_CONTINUE
}
```

/etc/irods/checksum.re

```
pep_api_data_obj_put_post(*INSTANCE_NAME, *COMM, *DATAOBJINP, *BUFFER, *PORTAL_OPR_O
    # checksum code

RULE_ENGINE_CONTINUE
}
```

/etc/irods/access_time.re

```
pep_api_data_obj_put_post(*INSTANCE_NAME, *COMM, *DATAOBJINP, *BUFFER, *PORTAL_OPR_O
    # access time application code
    RULE_ENGINE_CONTINUE
}
```





Within the Rule Engine Plugin Framework, order matters

```
"rule engines": [
                    "instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-irods rule language-inst
                    "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-irods rule language",
                    "plugin specific configuration": {
                            "re rulebase set": [
                                 "metadata",
                                 "checksum",
10
                                 "access time",
                                "core"
11
12
                            ],
13
14
                    "shared memory instance": "irods rule language rule engine"
15
16
                },
17
                    "instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-cpp default policy-insta
18
                    "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-cpp default policy",
19
                    "plugin specific configuration": {
20
21
22
23
```



Consider Policy as building blocks towards Capabilities

Follow proven software engineering principles:

Favor composition over monolithic implementations

Provide a common interface across policy implementations to allow transparent configuration





Consider Storage Tiering as a collection of policies:

- Data Access Time
- Identifying Violating Objects
- Data Replication
- Data Verification
- Data Retention



Policies invoked by monolithic framework plugins and delegated by convention:

- irods_policy_access_time
- irods_policy_data_movement
- irods_policy_data_replication
- irods_policy_data_verification
- irods_policy_data_retention

Each policy may be implemented by any rule engine, or rule base to customize for future use cases or technologies



Continue to separate the concerns:

- When: Which policy enforcement points
- What : The policy to be invoked
- Why: What are the conditions necessary for invocation
- How: Synchronous or Asynchronous

Write simple policy implementations

- Not tied to a Policy Enforcement Point
- Do one thing well
- How it is invoked is of no concern

Each policy may now be reused in a generic fashion, favoring configuration over code.



The When

audit_pep_resource_stat_post
audit_pep_resource_stat_pre
audit_pep_resource_write_post
audit_pep_resource_write_pre



RPC API EVENT HANDLERS POLICY INVOCATIONS audit_pep_auth_agent_auth_request_post audit_pep_auth_agent_auth_request_pre audit_pep_auth_agent_auth_response_post audit_pep_auth_agent_auth_response_pre audit pep auth agent start post audit pep auth agent start pre audit_pep_auth_request_post audit_pep_auth_request_pre audit_pep_auth_response_post audit_pep_auth_response_pre audit_pep_data_obj_put_post audit_pep_data_obj_put_pre audit pep database check auth post audit_pep_database_check_auth_pre audit_pep_database_close_post audit_pep_database_close_pre audit_pep_database_gen_query_access_control_setup_post audit_pep_database_gen_query_access_control_setup_pre audit_pep_database_gen_query_post audit pep database gen guery pre Create audit_pep_database_get_rcs_post audit_pep_database_get_rcs_pre audit_pep_database_mod_data_obj_meta_post Write audit_pep_database_mod_data_obj_meta_pre audit pep database open post audit pep database open pre Read audit_pep_database_reg_data_obj_post audit_pep_database_reg_data_obj_pre audit_pep_exec_microservice_post iRODS Policy Example Replication audit_pep_exec_microservice_pre audit_pep_exec_rule_post audit pep exec rule pre Unlink audit_pep_network_agent_start_post audit_pep_network_agent_start_pre audit_pep_network_agent_stop_post Rename audit_pep_network_agent_stop_pre audit_pep_network_read_body_post audit_pep_network_read_body_pre Register audit_pep_network_read_header_post audit pep network read header pre audit_pep_network_write_body_post audit_pep_network_write_body_pre audit_pep_network_write_header_post audit_pep_network_write_header_pre audit_pep_obj_stat_post audit_pep_obj_stat_pre audit pep resource close post audit_pep_resource_close_pre audit_pep_resource_create_post audit_pep_resource_create_pre audit_pep_resource_modified_post audit pep resource modified pre audit_pep_resource_registered_post audit_pep_resource_registered_pre audit_pep_resource_resolve_hierarchy_post audit_pep_resource_resolve_hierarchy_pre

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A Rule Engine Plugin for a specific Class of events

- Data Object
- Collection
- Metadata
- User
- Resource

The Events are specific to the class of the handler

The handler then invokes policy based on its configuration





A Rule Engine Plugin for data creation and modification events

- Create
- Read
- Replication
- Unlink
- Rename
- ...

Policy invocation is configured as an array of json objects for any given combination of events

Unifies the POSIX and Object behaviors into a single place to configure policy





Example: Synchronous Invocation

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-instance",
       "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
       "plugin specific configuration": {
           "policies to invoke" : [
                   "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                   "events" : ["create", "write", "registration"],
                    "policy" : "irods policy access time",
                    "configuration" : {
11
12
               },
13
14
                    "active policy clauses" : ["pre"],
15
                    "events": ["replication"],
                    "policy" : "irods policy example policy",
                    "configuration" : {
17
18
19
21
22 }
```

Note that order still matters if more than one policy is configured for a given event



The What





Basic policies that are leveraged across many deployments and capabilities:

- irods_policy_access_time
- irods_policy_query_processor
- irods_policy_data_movement
- irods_policy_data_replication
- irods_policy_data_verification
- irods_policy_data_retention

The library will continue to grow, with a cookbook of usages



Standardized serialized JSON string interface: parameters, and configuration

iRODS Rule Language

```
irods_policy_example_policy_implementation(*parameters, *configuration
writeLine("stdout", "Hello UGM2020!")
}
```

Python Rule Language

```
1 def irods_policy_example_policy_implementation(rule_args, callback,
2 # Parameters rule_args[1]
3 # Configuration rule_args[2]
```

Policy can also be implemented as fast and light C++ rule engine plugins termed Policy Engines



Policy may be invoked using one of three different conventions:

- Direct Invocation : a JSON object
- Query Processor: array of query results in a JSON object
- Event Handler : a JSON object

Each invocation convention defines its interface by contract



Parameters passed as serialized JSON strings

```
1 my_rule() {
2          irods_policy_access_time( "{\"object_path\" : \"/tempZone/home/rods/file0.txt\"}"
3 }
```

Directly invoked policy via irule





Serializes results to JSON array and passed to the policy via the parameter object as "query_results"

```
"policy" : "irods policy enqueue rule",
           "delay conditions": "<PLUSET>1s</PLUSET>",
            "payload" : {
                "policy" : "irods policy execute rule",
                "payload" : {
                    "policy to invoke" : "irods policy query processor",
                    "parameters" : {
                        "query string" : "SELECT USER NAME, COLL NAME, DATA NAME, RESC NAME WHERE COLL NAME like '/tempZone/hom
                        "query limit" : 10,
                        "query type" : "general",
                        "number of threads": 4,
13
                        "policy to invoke": "irods policy engine example"
14
17 }
```

For example the invoked policy would receive a row like:

"query_results": ['rods', '/tempZone/home/rods', 'file0.txt', 'demoResc']



```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-ins
       "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
       'plugin specific configuration': {
            "policies to invoke" : [
                "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                "events" : ["put"],
 9
                            : "irods policy data replication",
                "configuration" : {
10
                    "source to destination map" : {
11
                        "demoResc" : ["AnotherResc"]
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20 }
```



Serializes dataObjInp_t and rsComm_t to the Parameter object

```
"comm":{
        "auth scheme": "native", "client addr": "152.54.8.141", "proxy auth info auth flag": "5", "proxy auth info auth scheme
        "proxy auth info auth str":"", "proxy auth info flag":"0", "proxy auth_info_host":"", "proxy_auth_info_ppid":"0",
        "proxy rods zone": "tempZone", "proxy sys uid": "0", "proxy user name": "rods", "proxy user other info user comments":
        "proxy user other info user create":"", "proxy user other info user info":"", "proxy user other info user modify":
        "proxy user type": "", "user auth info auth flag": "5", "user auth info auth scheme": "", "user auth info auth str": "
        "user auth info flag":"0", "user auth info host":"", "user auth info ppid":"0", "user rods zone": "tempZone",
        "user sys uid": "0", "user user name": "rods", "user user other info user comments": "", "user user other info user cre
        "user user other info user info":"", "user user other info user modify":"", "user user type":""
   "cond input":{
        "dataIncluded":"", "dataType": "generic", "destRescName": "ufs0", "noOpenFlag": "", "openType": "1",
13
        "recursiveOpr":"1", "resc hier":"ufs0", "selObjType": "dataObj", "translatedPath":""
   "create mode": "33204",
   "data size":"1",
   "event": "CREATE",
19 "num threads":"0",
20 "obj path": "/tempZone/home/rods/test put gt max sgl rows/junk0083",
21 "offset":"0",
22 "open flags": "2",
23 "opr type":"1",
24 "policy enforcement point": "pep api data obj put post"
```



Any additional static context passed into the policy

```
1 {
2     "policy" : "irods_policy_access_time",
3     "configuration" : {
4          "attribute" : "irods::access_time"
5     }
6 }
```

May be "plugin_specific_configuration" from a rule engine plugin or "configuration" from within the event framework

May hold additional policy which to be subsequently invoked, e.g. the Query Processor



The Why



Each invoked policy may set a conditional around each noun within the system which gates the invocation

- Data Object
- Collection
- Metadata
- User
- Resource

Leverages boost::regex to match any combination of logical_path, metadata, resource name, or user name





Matching a logical path for replication policy invocation

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-ins
       "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
       'plugin specific configuration': {
            "policies to invoke" : [
               "conditional" : {
                    "logical path" : "\/tempZone.*"
                "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
10
11
                "events" : ["put"],
                            : "irods policy data replication",
12
                "configuration" : {
13
14
                    "source to destination map" : {
                        "demoResc" : ["AnotherResc"]
15
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17
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19
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21
22
23 }
```



Matching metadata for indexing policy invocation

```
import shutil
 2 "instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-instance",
 3 "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
   'plugin specific configuration': {
        "policies to invoke" : [
                "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                "events" : ["put", "write"],
                            : "irods policy event delegate collection metadata",
                "configuration" : {
                    "policies to invoke" : [
13
                            "conditional" : {
14
                                "metadata" : {
                                    "attribute" : "irods::indexing::index",
                                    "entity type" : "data object"
17
                                },
                                        : "irods policy indexing full text index elasticsearch",
19
                            "policy"
                            "configuration" : {
                                "hosts" : ["http://localhost:9200/"],
21
                                "bulk count" : 100,
                                "read size" : 1024
23
24
27
29
```



The How





The cpp_default rule engine plugin in 4.2.8 will now support two new policies:

- irods_policy_enqueue_rule
- irods_policy_execute_rule

```
"policy" : "irods policy enqueue rule",
    "delay conditions" : "<EF>REPEAT FOR EVER</EF>",
    "payload" : {
        "policy" : "irods policy execute rule",
        "payload" : {
             "policy" : "irods policy example",
            "configuration" : {
INPUT null
OUTPUT ruleExecOut
```

The enqueue rule policy will push a job onto the delayed execution queue. The "payload" object holds the rule which is to be executed.



The execute rule policy will invoke a policy engine either from the delayed execute queue or as a direct invocation





Sample Delayed Rule for Asynchronous Execution by the cpp default rule engine

```
"policy" : "irods policy enqueue rule",
           "delay conditions" : "<EF>REPEAT FOR EVER</EF>",
           "payload" : {
                "policy" : "irods policy execute rule",
                "payload" : {
                    "policy to invoke" : "irods policy example",
                    "parameters" : {
10
                     "configuration" : {
11
12
13
15
   INPUT null
18 OUTPUT ruleExecOut
```

We no longer need to pay the penalty of instantiating an interpreted language

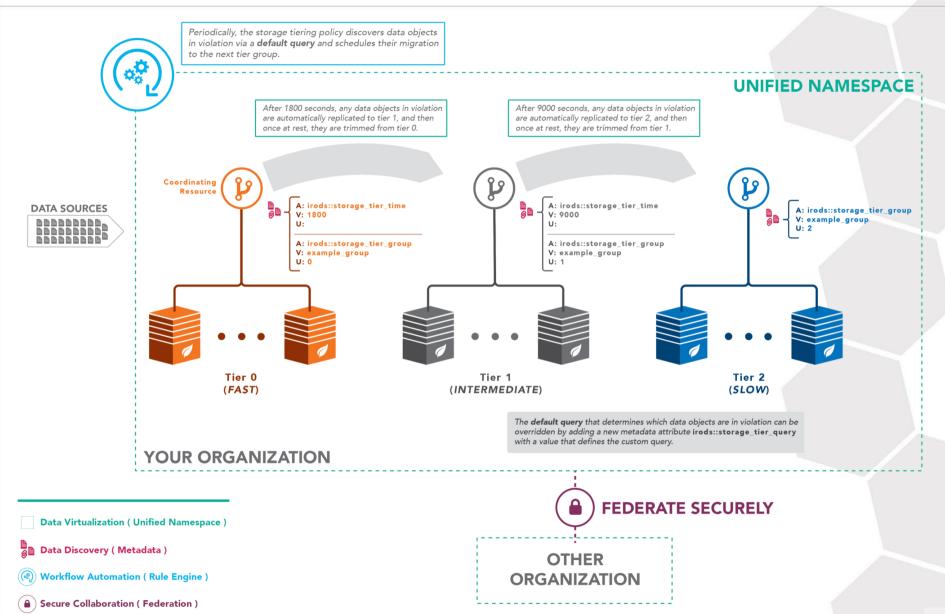


Policy Composed Capabilities



Storage Tiering Overview







- Asynchronous Discovery
- Asynchronous Replication
- Synchronous Retention
- Resource associated metadata
- Identified by 'tiering groups'



Asynchronous Replication

```
"policy" : "irods policy execute rule",
       "payload" : {
            "policy to invoke" : "irods policy query processor",
            "configuration" : {
                "query string": "SELECT META RESC ATTR VALUE WHERE META RESC ATTR NAME = 'irods::storage tiering::group'",
                "query limit" : 0,
                "query type" : "general",
                "number of threads": 8,
                "policy to invoke": "irods policy event generator resource metadata",
                "configuration" : {
                    "conditional" : {
                        "metadata" : {
                            "attribute" : "irods::storage tiering::group",
                            "value" : "{0}"
                    "policies to invoke" : [
                            "policy" : "irods policy query processor",
                            "configuration" : {
                                "query string": "SELECT META RESC ATTR VALUE WHERE META RESC ATTR NAME = 'irods::storage tiering::query' AND RESC NAME = 'IRODS TOKEN &
                                "default results when no rows found" : ["SELECT USER NAME, COLL NAME, DATA NAME, RESC NAME WHERE META DATA ATTR NAME = 'irods::access to
                                "query limit" : 0,
                                "query type" : "general",
                                "number of threads" : 8,
                                "policy to invoke" : "irods policy query processor",
                                "configuration" : {
                                    "lifetime" : "IRODS TOKEN QUERY SUBSTITUTION END TOKEN(SELECT META RESC ATTR VALUE WHERE META RESC ATTR NAME = 'irods::storage tieri
                                    "query string" : "{0}",
                                    "query limit" : 0,
                                    "query type" : "general",
                                    "number of threads" : 8,
                                    "policy to invoke" : "irods policy data replication",
                                    "configuration" : {
                                        "comment": "source resource, and destination resource supplied by the resource metadata event generator"
46 INPUT null
```



Synchronous Configuration for Storage Tiering

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-instance",
"plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
"plugin specific configuration": {
    "policies to invoke" : [
            "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
           "events": ["put", "get", "create", "read", "write", "rename", "register", "unregister", "replication", "checksum", "copy", "seek", "trunc
             "policy": "irods policy access time",
             "configuration" : {
                "log errors" : "true"
            "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
            "events": ["read", "write", "get"],
            "policy" : "irods policy data restage",
            "configuration" : {
            "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
           "events" : ["replication"],
                "policy" : "irods policy tier group metadata",
                "configuration" : {
            "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
            "events" : ["replication"],
                "policy" : "irods policy data verification",
                "configuration" : {
            "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
            "events" : ["replication"],
                "policy"
                         : "irods policy data retention",
                "configuration" : {
                    "mode" : "trim single replica",
                    "log errors" : "true'
```



Metadata Driven Restage for Storage Tiering

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-metadata modified-instance",
       "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-metadata modified",
       "plugin specific configuration": {
           "policies to invoke" : [
                   "conditional" : {
                       "attribute" : "irods::storage tiering::restage",
                    "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                   "events" : ["set", "add"],
11
                   "policy"
                             : "irods policy data restage",
12
                   "configuration" : {
13
14
15
16
17
18 }
```



Data Transfer Nodes Pattern



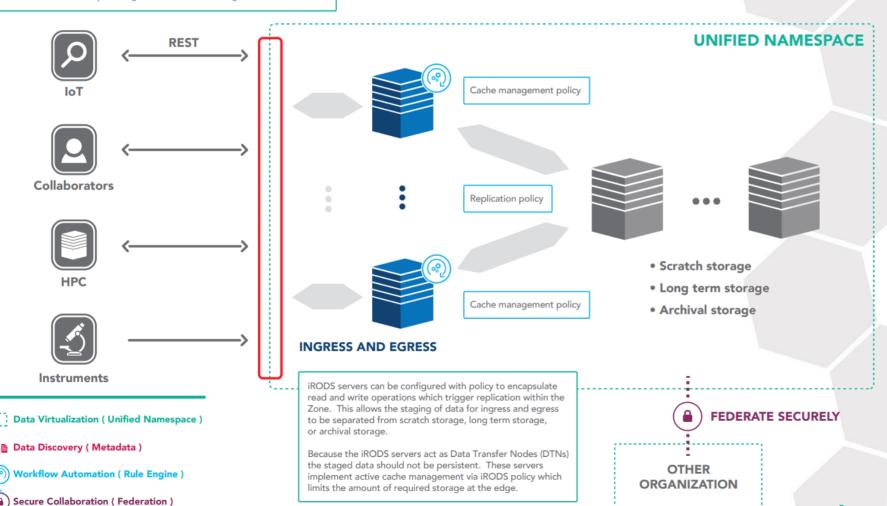
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Moving large datasets across organizational boundaries remains a challenge due to the requirement of exposing high performance hardware to the public network. Data Transfer Nodes (DTNs) provide a secure location for ingress and egress of data while avoiding the performance impact of an organizational firewall.

In the following deployment pattern, iRODS satisfies the requirements of a Science DMZ while also providing automated data management.

The Science DMZ is a portion of the network, built at or near the campus or laboratory's local network perimeter that is designed such that the equipment, configuration, and security policies are optimized for high-performance scientific applications rather than for general-purpose business systems or 'enterprise' computing.

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- Asynchronous Retention
- Synchronous Replication
- Resource associated metadata
- Identified by 'replication groups'





Asynchronous Retention on Edge Resources

```
"policy": "irods policy enqueue rule",
       "delay conditions": "<EF>REPEAT FOR EVER</EF>",
       "payload" : {
            "policy" : "irods policy execute rule",
            "payload" : {
                "policy to invoke" : "irods policy query processor",
                "parameters" : {
                    "query string": "SELECT USER NAME, COLL NAME, DATA NAME, RESC NAME WHERE COLL NAM
10
                    "query limit" : 10,
                    "query type" : "general",
11
                    "number of threads": 4,
12
                    "policy to invoke" : "irods policy data retention",
13
                    "configuration" : {
14
15
                        "mode" : "trim single replica",
                        "source resource list" : ["edge resource 1", "edge resource 2"]
16
17
18
19
21 }
```

Policy Composed Data Transfer Node



Synchronous Replication

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-instance",
       "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
       "plugin specific configuration": {
           "policies to invoke" : [
                    "conditional" : {
                        "logical path" : "\/tempZone.*"
                    "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                    "events": ["create", "write", "registration"],
                    "policy" : "irods policy data replication",
13
                   "configuration" : {
                        "source to destination map" : {
                           "edge resource 0" : ["long term resource 0"],
                           "edge resource 1" : ["long term resource 1"],
17
                   "conditional" : {
21
                        "logical path" : "\/tempZone.*"
22
23
                    "active policy clauses" : ["pre"],
24
                   "events" : ["get"],
                    "policy": "irods policy data replication",
                    "configuration" : {
                        "source to destination map" : {
                           "long term resource 0" : ["edge resource 0"],
29
                           "long term resource 1" : ["edge resource 1"]
```





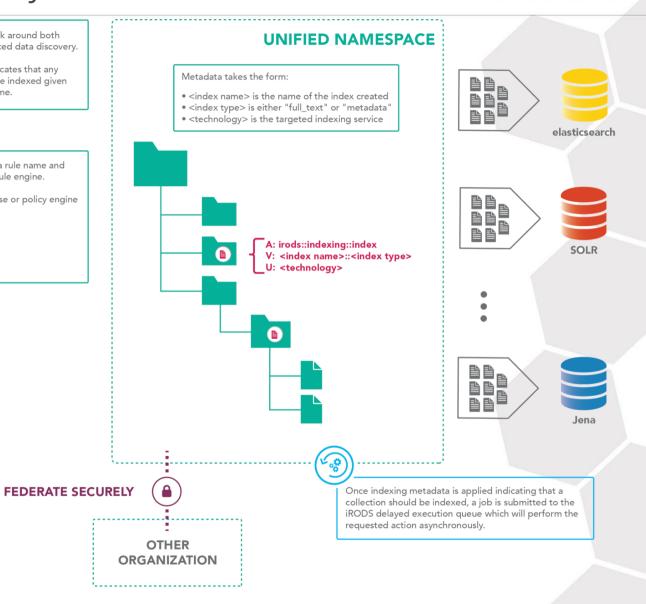
The iRODS Indexing Capability provides a policy framework around both full text and metadata indexing for the purposes of enhanced data discovery.

Logical collections are annotated with metadata which indicates that any data objects or nested collections of data objects should be indexed given a particular indexing technology, index type, and index name.

From the configured metadata, the framework composes a rule name and then delegates to the policy implementation through the rule engine.

A new indexing technology can be supported via a rule base or policy engine which provides policy implementations of the form:

- irods_policy_indexing_object_index_<technology>
- irods_policy_indexing_object_purge_<technology>
- irods_policy_indexing_metadata_index_<technology>
- irods_policy_indexing_metadata_purge_<technology>





Data Virtualization (Unified Namespace)



Data Discovery (Metadata)



Workflow Automation (Rule Engine)



Secure Collaboration (Federation)







Implemented as individual Policy Engines

- irods_policy_indexing_full_text_index_elasticsearch
- irods_policy_indexing_full_text_purge_elasticsearch
- irods_policy_indexing_metadata_index_elasticsearch
- irods_policy_indexing_metadata_purge_elasticsearch





Synchronously configured full text indexing

```
"instance name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified-instance",
   "plugin name": "irods rule engine plugin-event handler-data object modified",
    'plugin specific configuration': {
        "policies to invoke" : [
                "active policy clauses" : ["post"],
                "events": ["put", "write"],
                "policy" : "irods policy event delegate collection metadata",
                "configuration" : {
                    "policies to invoke" : [
10
11
12
                            "conditional" : {
13
                                "metadata" : {
                                     "attribute" : "irods::indexing::index",
14
15
                                    "entity type" : "data object"
16
                                },
17
                                        : "irods policy indexing full text index elasticsearch",
18
                            "policy"
                            "configuration" : {
19
                                "hosts": ["http://localhost:9200/"],
21
                                "bulk count": 100,
22
                                "read size" : 1024
23
24
25
26
27
28
```





Synchronously configured full text purge

```
"active policy clauses" : ["pre"],
                "events": ["unlink", "unregister"],
                          : "irods policy event delegate collection metadata",
                "configuration" : {
                    "policies to invoke" : [
                            "conditional" : {
                                "metadata" : {
                                     "attribute" : "irods::indexing::index",
10
                                    "entity type" : "data object"
11
12
                                },
13
                                         : "irods policy indexing full text purge elasticsearch",
                            "policy"
                            "configuration" : {
15
                                "hosts": ["http://localhost:9200/"],
16
                                "bulk count" : 100,
17
18
                                "read size" : 1024
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21
22
23
24
25 }
```



 A Policy GUI is now a possibility with the manipulation of server side JSON

 Continue to build a library of supported policy engines, driven by the community

 Data Integrity Capability will now be a collection of policy engines Questions?

