Getting to know the GA4GH Workflow Execution Service (WES) API

NCI Containers & Workflows Webinar

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Summary

- Today we'll share an introduction to and overview of the Workflow Execution Service (WES) API, a standard developed by members of the Cloud Work Stream and associated Driver Projects in the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH)
- This is not a technical deep dive to learn more about WES (and to get involved with the Cloud WS), check out <u>ga4gh-cloud.github.io</u>



Agenda

- **Chapter 1:** Sage Bionetworks & DREAM Challenges
- Chapter 2: A Crowd-Sourced Workflow Execution Challenge
- Chapter 3: GA4GH Cloud Work Stream & the WES API
- **Chapter 4:** WES Use Cases & Implementations
- **Chapter 5:** Workflow Interop Testbed & Federated Analysis Systems Pilot
- **Chapter 6:** Ongoing Development with WES



Chapter 1: Sage Bionetworks & DREAM Challenges



Who is Sage Bionetworks?

Non-profit research institute based in Seattle

Mission to accelerate biomedical discoveries by improving methods for scientific *collaboration* and *communication*

Better Science Together





Core Values @ Sage

- **Be intentional** consider solutions from more than one perspective.
- Promote an ecosystem of sharing with proper attribution.
- Solve specific problems with general solutions make these available for reuse and adaptation.
- Do trustworthy, impactful work prioritize outcomes over ego.
- Be bold and willing to experiment.



What do we do?

At Sage we believe that by harnessing the power of open science, we help research communities develop reliable outcomes to advance our understanding of human health.



Responsible Data Sharing

Sage supports research collaborations by overseeing data coordination, visualization, and analytics across distributed teams. We manage grant- or project-based research consortia to share, evaluate and distribute data, methods, and insights.



Benchmarking Reliable Methods

Because we are all susceptible to the self-assessment bias, Sage has developed tools that help researchers to objectively benchmark the performance of computational methods, and to disseminate community-verified methods.



Understand Real-World Evidence

By applying our approach to digital health, Sage works with participants and researchers to understand how real-world environments impact our individual experience of health and disease.



Synapse: platform for open science

- Enabling FAIR ecosystems requires scalable infrastructure, community standards/APIs, and tools for researchers of all types
- Sage has pioneered open science frameworks and approaches, with Synapse as the primary platform we use to support these efforts

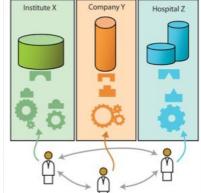
Current state

Separate genomic data stores

Custom APIs

Non-portable computation workloads bound to specific API and environment

Ad-hoc communication of research results



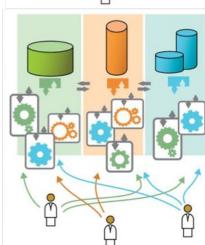
Goal architecture

Separate genomic data stores (as before)

Standardized GA4GH APIs

Portable containerized computation workflows written against standard APIs

Researchers bring computation to the data, no matter where it is stored, and share results in a common language





Data & Tooling @ Sage



Dr. Brian O'Connor Chief Data Officer



Dr. James EddyDirector of Informatics &
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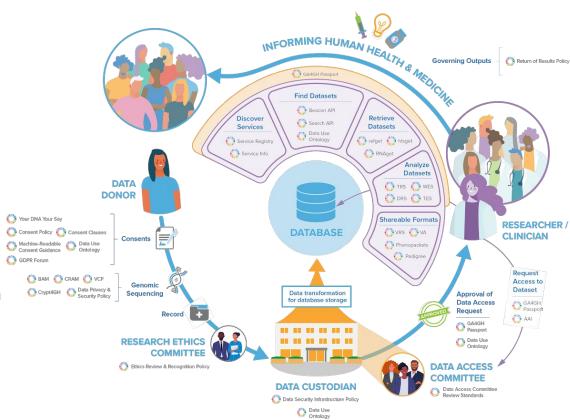
We utilize scalable/robust technologies and adopt "industry standard" best practices in our daily work to build systems that enable researchers to access data and generate impactful and measurable outcomes.





Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH)

- Promotes sharing across the translational continuum (discovery research, clinical trials, clinics, diagnostic labs, industry)
- Standards for interoperability: scientific, technical, and ethical
 - File formats, variant annotation schemas, phenotype data serialization, etc.
 - Consent policies to ensure that data can be shared internationally
 - Common APIs for data access, sharing, analysis web services







Our mission is ...

- to contribute to the solution of important **biomedical** problems
- to foster **collaboration** between research groups
- to democratize access to data
- to accelerate research
- to **objectively assess** algorithms and their performance



ITCR U24 for advancing method benchmarking

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James Eddy

 Paul Christopher Boutros

- Sage Bionetworks
- University of California Los Angeles

Advancing Method Benchmarking and Data Sharing Through Crowd-Sourced Competitions in Cancer Research

Active

- **AIM 1:** Develop a community hub and *benchmarking toolkit* for biomedical challenges.
- **AIM 2:** Develop *portable software and services for distributed benchmarking* on sensitive and protected data.
- **AIM 3:** Expand the biomedical challenge community through improvements in education, outreach, and empowering the organization of independent challenges and benchmarking projects.



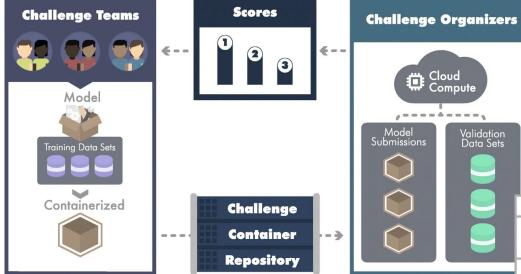
Dr. Jake AlbrechtDirector of Challenges &
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Dr. Paul BoutrosDirector of Cancer Data
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Model-to-data for benchmarking



• Permits use of sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise hard-to-move data

- Preserves integrity of gold-standard validation data
- Algorithm reproducibility and re-usability

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Prospective assessment

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Images from Ellrott, et al., Genome Biol (2019):

Reproducible biomedical benchmarking in the cloud: lessons from crowd-sourced data challenges



Chapter 2:

A Crowd-Sourced Workflow Execution Challenge



Problem: containers are a small slice of the picture





Demonstrating utility of GA4GH Cloud standards

• The **GA4GH/DREAM Infrastructure Challenges**

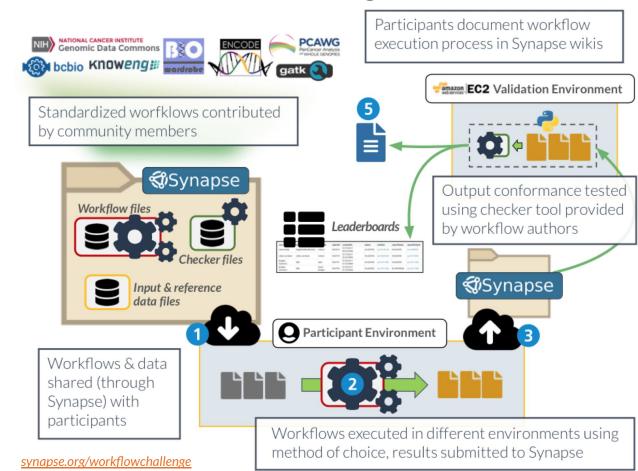


- Not your standard DREAM competition: community effort to evaluate, benchmark, and develop tools/platforms for reproducible, portable, and scalable pipelines
- Series of challenges focused on individual aspects of GA4GH vision and ultimately, integration of all components
- Will also contribute to enhanced infrastructure for other DREAM challenges



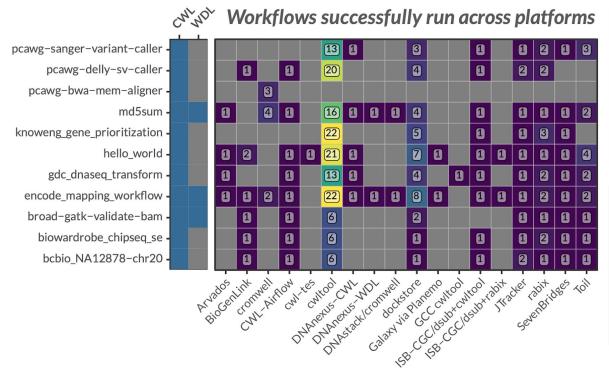
GA4GH/DREAM Workflow Execution Challenge

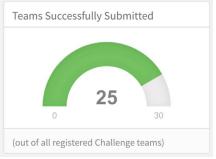
- Collaborative effort between GA4GH, multiple working groups focused on containers/workflows, and DREAM (Sage)
- Community, crowd-sourced testing and evaluation of workflow portability, workflow engine/platform compliance

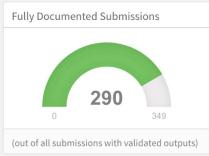




Teamwork makes the DREAM work(flow)





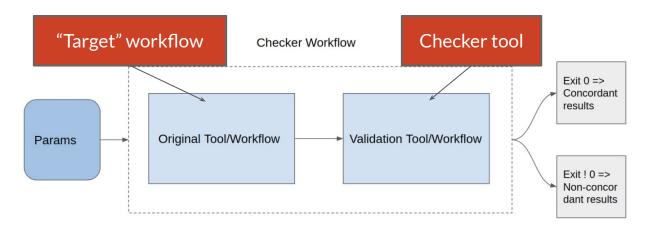


synapse.org/workflowchallenge



Standardizing workflow validation

Checker workflows are additional workflows you can associate with a tool or workflow. The purpose of them is to ensure that a tool or workflow, given some inputs, produces the expected outputs. Below is a visual overview of how a checker workflow looks.



See github.com/ga4gh/dockstore/wiki/WIP-Checker-Workflow-Support-Tutorial



Chapter 3:

GA4GH Cloud Work Stream & the Workflow Execution Service (WES) API



GA4GH Cloud Work Stream

The **Cloud Work Stream** is focused on creating specific standards for <u>defining</u>, <u>sharing</u>, <u>and executing portable workflows and accessing data across clouds</u>.















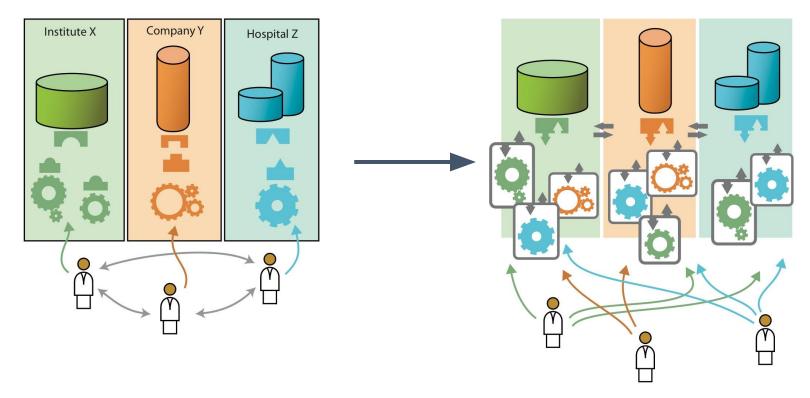




We work with many different **Driver Projects** to <u>develop</u>, <u>enhance</u>, <u>test</u>, <u>and use</u> the **Cloud WS** APIs.



Cloud Work Stream vision





Cloud Work Stream APIs





Cloud Work Stream APIs



TRS: Tool Registry Service API

Provides workflows and container images



DRS: Data Repository Service API

Provides access to data sets



WES: Workflow Execution Service API

Interprets and executes workflows

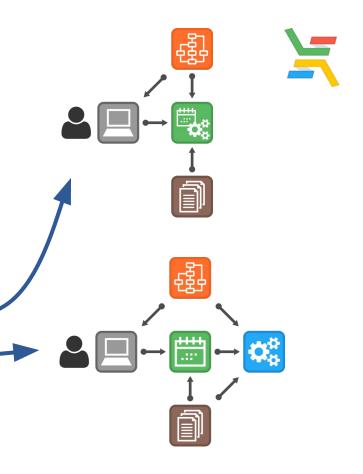
or schedules execution via TES



TES: Task Execution Service API

Executes individual tasks and stages data in/out









Q Search...

Executive Summary

Introduction

Standards

Authorization and Authentication

WorkflowExecutionService

Documentation Powered by ReDoc

Workflow Execution Service (1.0.1)

Download OpenAPI specification:

Download

Executive Summary

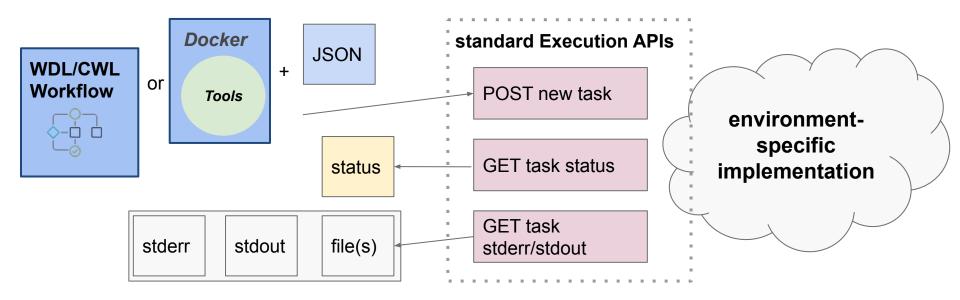
The Workflow Execution Service (WES) API provides a standard way for users to submit workflow requests to workflow execution systems, and to monitor their execution. This API lets users run a single workflow (currently **CWL** or **WDL** formatted workflows, other types may be supported in the future) on multiple different platforms, clouds, and environments. Key features of the API:

- · can request that a workflow be run
- can pass parameters to that workflow (e.g. input files, cmdline arguments)
- can get information about running workflows (e.g. status, errors, output file locations)
- can cancel a running workflow



Workflow Execution (as a) Service

 WES API provides a way to send a request to run a CWL or WDL-described workflow in a remote environment, monitor progress, and retrieve the result



SageBionetworks

GitHub: https://github.com/ga4gh/workflow-execution-service-schemas

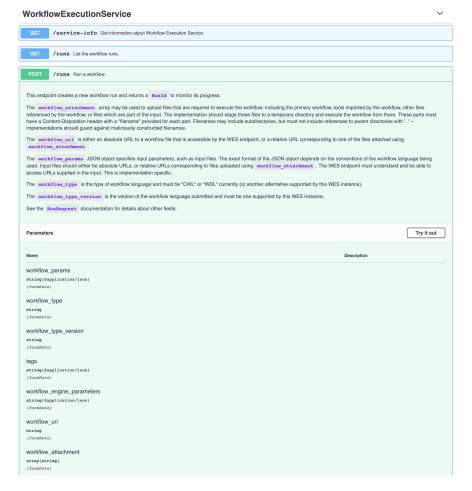
Latest release: 1.0.0

WES as a meta-API

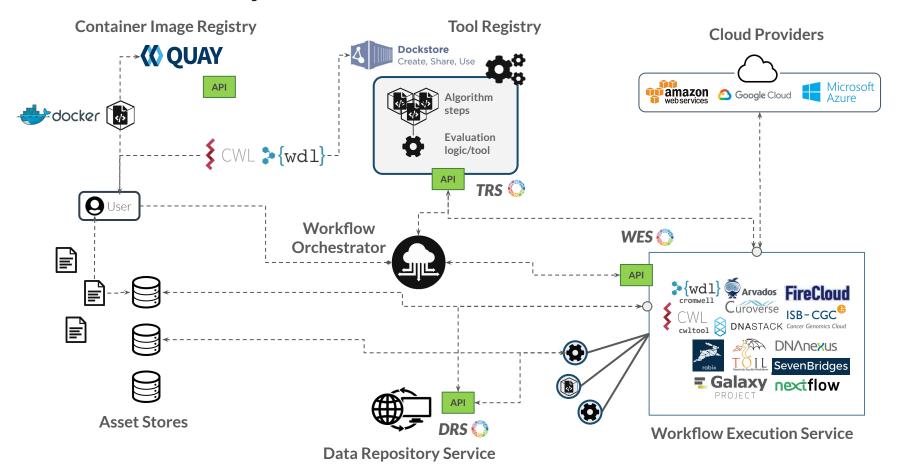
- Common instructions for submitting jobs to a workflow engine/platform
- WES server handles execution logic







WES in the ecosystem of GA4GH APIs

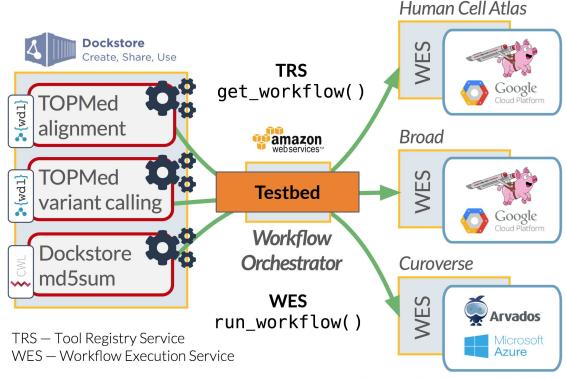


Chapter 4: WES Use Cases & Implementations



Workflow Interoperability Testbed

- WES/TRS client modules: communicate with registered API server endpoints
- Testbed: iterate through registered workflows, identify corresponding checker workflows, create jobs for each WES endpoint, add to queue for execution
- Orchestrator: use transform module(s) and WES client to submit, manage, and monitor workflow jobs







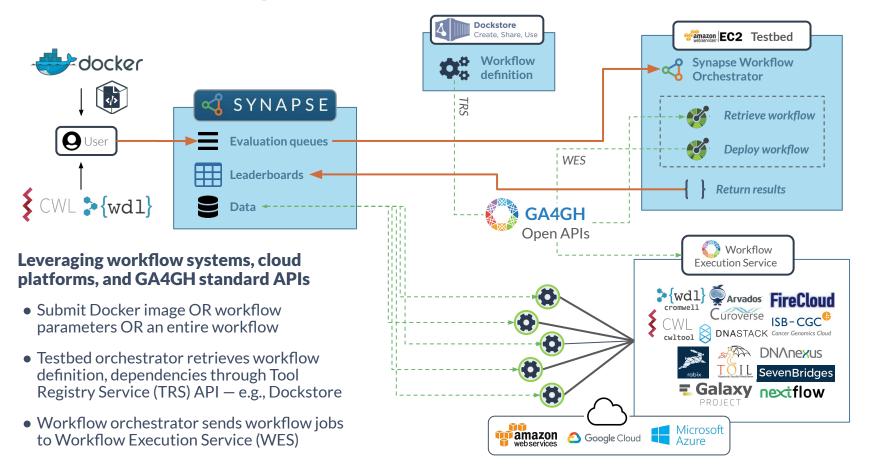
Testbed results

- CWL/WDL (through WES) are generally portable, reproducible
- Data access/storage protocols create mismatches
- Auth is hard...

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WES endpoints																
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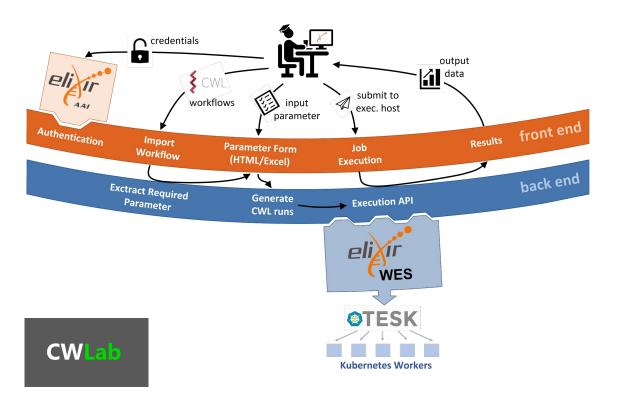


Model-to-data: why not workflows?



Elixir: CWLab





- User-friendly web interface
- GA4GH WES-compliant
- Import any CWL workflow
- Batch processing
- Abstraction model for workflow params

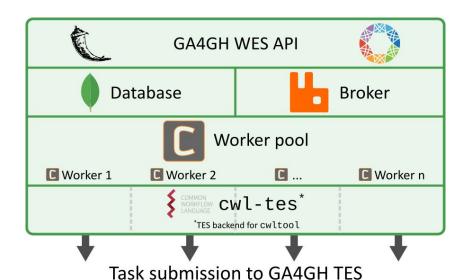




Elixir: cwl-WES

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- Interpretation and scheduling of CWL workflows
- Designed to delegate execution to GA4GH TES instance







Other implementations

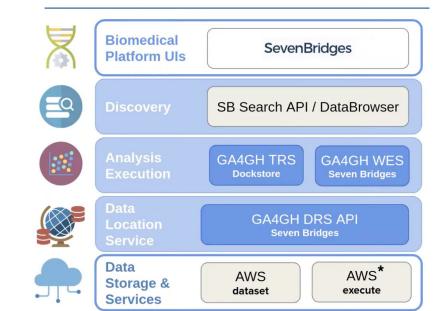
- Seven Bridges
- Sapporo
 - https://github.com/sapporo-wes
- ICGC ARGO
 - https://github.com/icgc-argo/workflow-api
- DNAstack
- Nextflow Tower
 - https://tower.nf/openapi/index.html







Seven Bridges





ga4gh	
GET /ga4gh/wes/v1/runs	GA4GH list runs
GET /ga4gh/wes/v1/runs/{run_id}	GA4GH describe run
GET /ga4gh/wes/v1/runs/{run_id}/status	GA4GH retrieve run status
GET /ga4gh/wes/v1/service-info	GA4GH service info
POST /ga4gh/wes/v1/runs	GA4GH create a new run
POST /ga4gh/wes/v1/runs/{run_id}/cancel	GA4GH cancel a run

Chapter 5: WES in context and Federating analyses





FASP Federation Demos



Vertical demos: not covered here...

Horizontal demos:

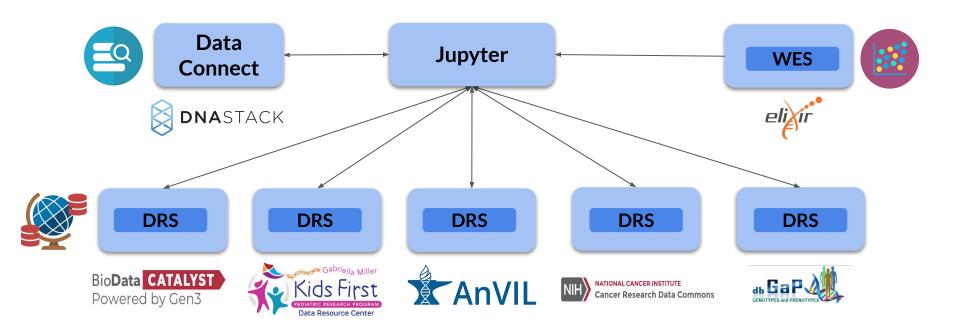
- Focused on a particular task
- Multiple vendors/systems
- Shows GA4GH standards used across systems with production and near-production implementations

Example - Horizontal Demo from FASP-Scripts



Orchestrating GA4GH Services via Jupyter Notebooks

Multiple Data Repositories | Accessing Petabytes of Data

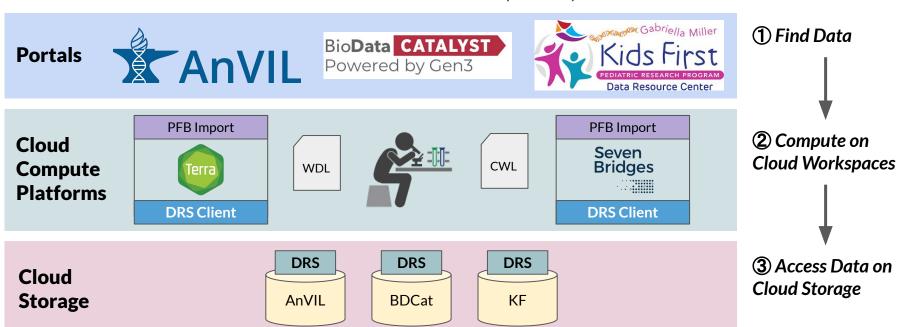


Example - Horizontal from NCPI



<u>Use Case #7</u>: Tim Majarian's cross dataset analysis for Congenital Heart Disease

"We performed an association analysis, interrogating the effect of rare exonic variation on CHD risk at a fraction of the cost that would have otherwise been incurred without these interoperability tools."



Federated Analysis Systems Project (FASP)



Brian O'Connor Sage Bionetworks



Max Barkley *DNAstack*



lan Fore NCI, CBIIT

WES in Context - Demo from FASP-Scripts



Available implementations of GA4GH components can be strung together to do something useful

- Data Connect select cases and files
- DRS workflow access to files
- WES execute the workflow
- DRS result retrieval

Complete notebook

Example - Horizontal Demo from FASP-Scripts



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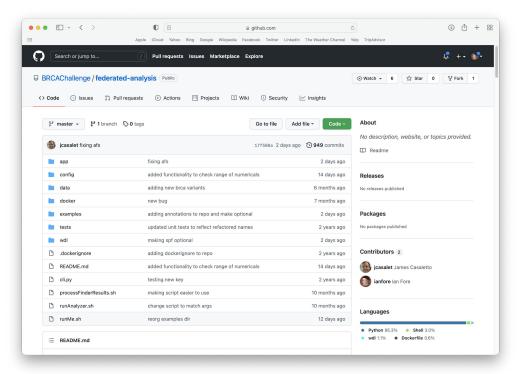


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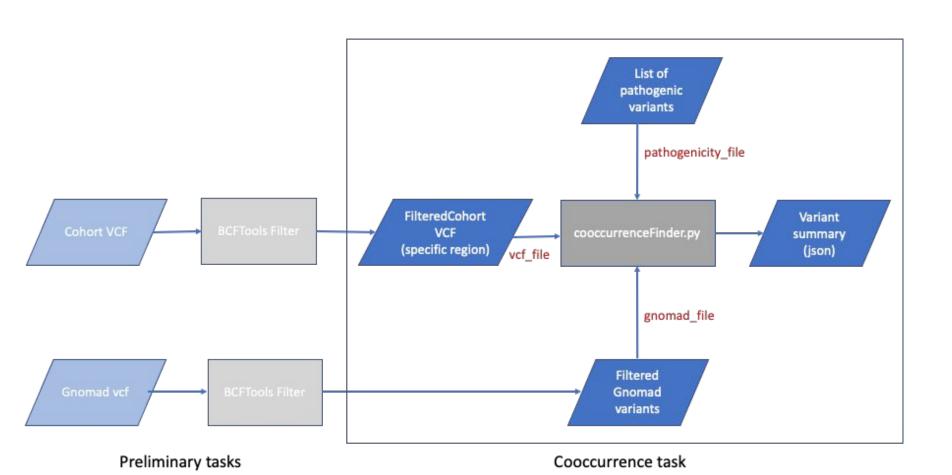
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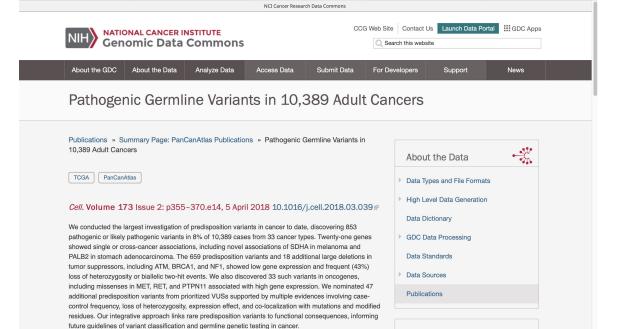
https://github.com/ga4gh/fasp-scripts/blob/master/notebooks/GECCO_Gen3_on_SB.ipynb

BRCA Challenge – Federated Analysis - Melissa Cline, James Casaletto - UC Santa Cruz



https://github.com/BRCAChallenge/federated-analysis





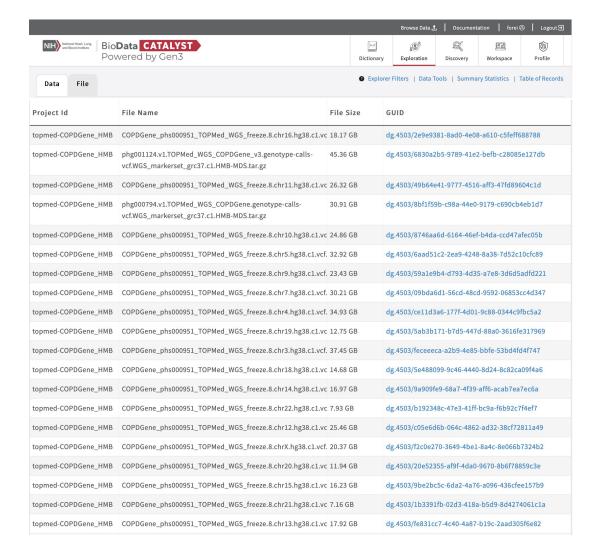
Supplemental Data

See our Data Model

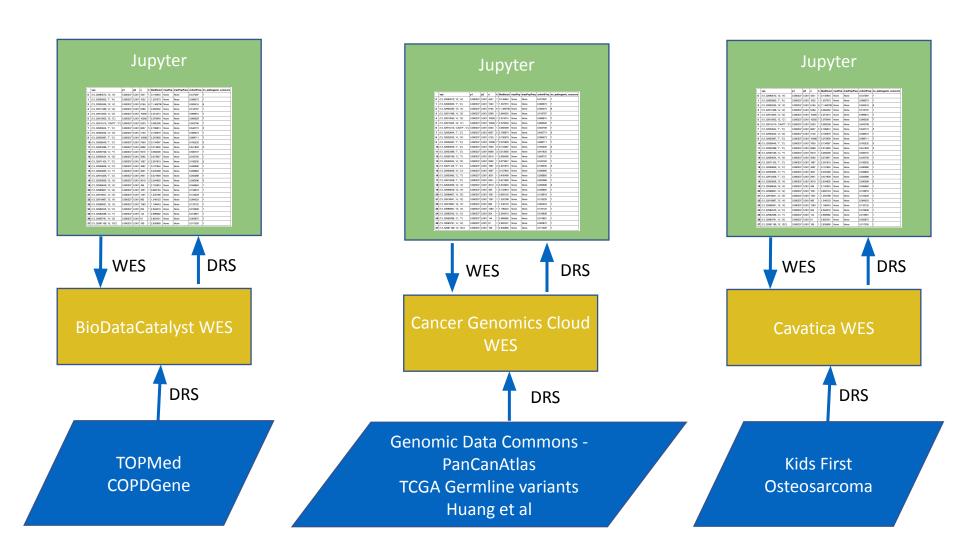
Data Files

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- Prioritized, cancer related variants discovered in 10,389 cases. Please use
 "Overall_Classification" column to distinguish between Pathogenic, Likely Pathogenic and
 Prioritized VUSs. PCA pathVar integrated filtered adjusted.tsv

COPDGene HMB VCF files In BioDataCATALYST



Subjects **10,333**



Merged analyses

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FASP-scripts



For more examples see...

https://github.com/ga4gh/fasp-scripts

Chapter 6: Ongoing Development with WES



2022 Strategic Roadmap priorities — GA4GH Cloud

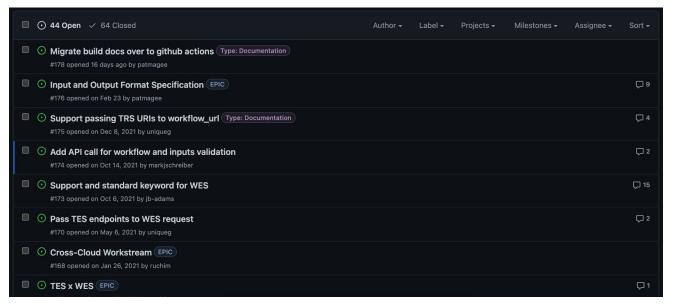
- Continue to expand the registry of known implementations and instances of GA4GH Cloud APIs
- Continue to refine and release versions of APIs based on FASP and Driver Project feedback
- Encourage new Driver Projects to leverage Cloud APIs and providers to create new implementations
 - Support "Starter Kit" implementations
 - Support FASP demos that use Cloud APIs
- Continue to publish new API releases ~2x year, posts on wiki, and white paper describing APIs and best practices



Current keepers of WES









Active development/discussion items

- Standardizing workflow parameters format [<u>WES#161</u>]
- Improved input/output format specification (and validation) [WES#176]
- Better integration with TRS [<u>WES#175</u>]
- Improved paging for workflow run logs [<u>WES#177</u>]
- Integration with DRS and GA4GH Passports [<u>WES#156</u>, <u>DRS#294</u>, <u>DRSxWES</u>]
- Many more open tickets...



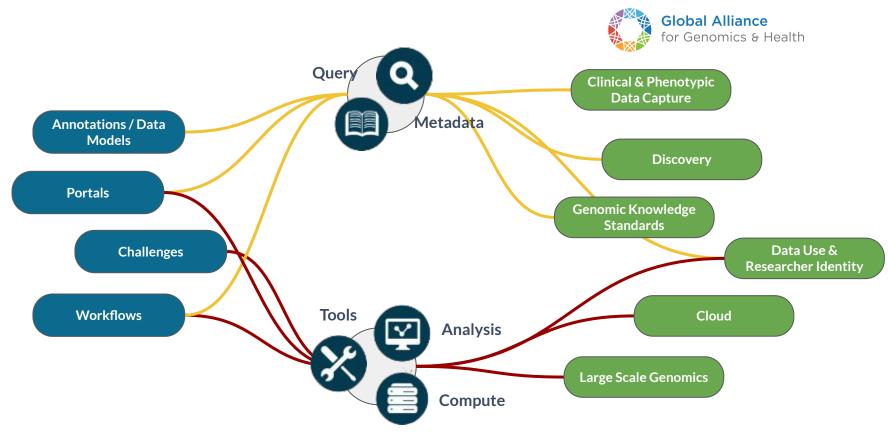
2022 Strategic Roadmap Priorities — WES

Key roadmap priorities:

- 1. (Q1) Improve usability of Run Listing API (Driver: Elixir)
- 2. Passport integration (Driver: Elixir)
- 3. (Q1) Support pagination for tasks within a workflow
- 4. (Q1) Start discussion on API scalability (Driver: Elixir, implementers: Seven Bridges, AWS, Terra)
- 5. (Q1) Start discussion on unified input/output format and how proscriptive WES should be
- Year-end goal: solution for providing implementers with a scalable API
- **Next steps:** create forums to discuss implications of (4) and (5) best practices



Get involved!



Work Stream meeting minutes openly available on ga4gh.org — check some out and join a call!

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