



CYVERSE™

Transforming Science Through Data-driven
Discovery

Using cyberinfrastructure to make life sciences data FAIR: Lessons learned

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Cyber Universe

Vision: Transforming science through data driven discovery

Mission: Design, deploy and expand national cyberinfrastructure for life sciences research, and to train scientists in its use.

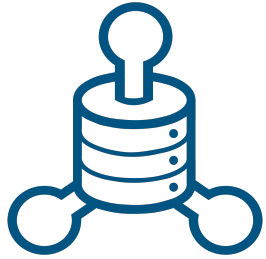
Usage: ~50K users, 3PB of data, 100s of publications, workshops, courses, and discoveries



Next Generation Data Management



- F.A.I.R. data principles
- Leverage semantics
- Let the data do the work
- Decentralize management



CyVerse Data Commons

A space where data can live as a searchable, discoverable, and reusable resource

- Data management
- Project management
- Data publication
- Permanent Identifiers
- Metadata and Ontologies
- Community Standards
- Data discovery



<http://datacommons.cyverse.org/>



How CyVerse facilitates FAIR data

CyVerse Feature/Method	Findable	Accessible	Interoperable	Reusable
Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) assigned to data published in Data Commons	✗			
Metadata required for all published data	✗			
Published metadata and data are registered and publicly indexed through EZID	✗			
All data in CyVerse are indexed and findable through ElasticSearch	✗			
Data and metadata are retrievable through standard, open, free and universally implementable protocols		✗		
CyVerse provides pipelines to publish to canonical repositories (e.g., NCBI)		✗		
Users can make data accessible to the public or to registered users via Community Released Data or Powered by		✗		
CyVerse preferentially uses FAIR standards and ontologies to make metadata available for knowledge representa			✗	
Metadata for data with PIDs is accessible indefinitely (per agreement with EZID)		✗		
CyVerse's data sharing features allow projects and communities to easily share data securely with their members (✗		
CyVerse requires non-proprietary data formats readable by widely accessible software			✗	
Metadata for published datasets are available for download as JSON with citations as BibTeX and EndNote			✗	
CyVerse continually works with communities on specification and adoption to keep updated on new/evolving dat			✗	
CyVerse uses properties such as <i>related identifier</i> to link metadata to other data			✗	
CyVerse's Metadata API supports links between metadata elements and allows use of data models to relate data			✗	
CyVerse metadata includes data usage license and detailed provenance that follow domain-relevant community s				✗
Data Commons uses widely used publication schemas and adopts standards developed by science communities.				✗
CyVerse supports tracking data provenance through analysis steps, recording results in standardized formats, pr				✗
Users can track analyses through software notebooks, Docker/Singularity, Atmosphere, and public cloud.				✗
Users can get PIDs for workflows and containers and associate them with datasets.				✗
Data Store is located at U Arizona Science DMZ to ensure performant data transfers		✗	✗	✗
CyVerse enables data management via command line, client software, and web-based systems.	✗	✗	✗	✗
CyVerse storage is extensible to future technologies (e.g., Syndicate) if needed.	✗	✗	✗	✗
CyVerse data stored on RAID systems and replicated between sites (U Arizona, TACC)		✗		✗



Findable:

- Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) assigned to data published in Data Commons.
- Metadata required for all published data, encouraged for other data.
- Published metadata and data are registered and publicly indexed through EZID and DataCite.
- All data in CyVerse are indexed and findable through ElasticSearch.



Accessible:

- CyVerse data and metadata are retrievable through standard, open, free and universally implementable protocols.
- Pipelines to publish to canonical repositories (e.g., NCBI).
- Metadata for data with PIDs is accessible indefinitely.
- CyVerse's data sharing features allow individuals, teams, and communities to easily share data securely with their members pre-publication or share publically.



Interoperable

- Non-proprietary data formats readable by widely accessible software.
- Metadata for published datasets are available for download as JSON,
- Citations available as BibTeX and EndNote.
- Continually work with communities on specification and adoption to keep updated on new/evolving data types.
- Preferentially use FAIR standards and open source ontologies.
- Use properties such as *realteididentifier* to link metadata to other data.
- CyVerse's Metadata API supports links between metadata elements and data models for relating data elements to one another.



Reusable

- Data usage license and detailed provenance that follow domain-relevant community standards.
- Widely used publication schemas and standards developed by science communities.
- **Supports tracking data provenance through analysis steps, recording results in standardized formats, providing access to scripts, runs, and results.**
- Users can get PIDs for workflows and containers and associate them with datasets.

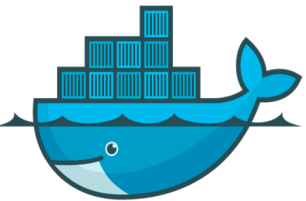


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Open Science: Reproducible, scalable analyses support FAIR data



- Containers
- Virtual Machines
- Interactive analyses/notebooks
- Bring your own storage
- Bring your own compute



Open Science Grid



LESSONS LEARNED

What we would do (are doing) differently

- Focus on asynchronous training, tier 3 support.
- Develop user-friendly UIs for (meta)data management.
- Automate metadata and publication workflows as much as possible



What we did well

- Connect existing, open source technologies to make them accessible to more scientists.
- Focus on urgent user needs as drivers of development.
- Work with community standards organizations.

