

Software-as-a-Service for Research Data Management

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Thinking about "small and medium labs"

- Big projects like LHC, LIGO, ESG, etc., can run resource-level services reliably—and build and operate effective collective services
- Small labs and collaborations have problems with both
- They need solutions, not toolkits

 ideally outsourced solutions



Can we harness the power of the cloud to scale access to the grid?

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- Communicate with colleagues
- Publish papers
- Find, configure, install relevant software
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Researchers lack advanced IT infrastructure

- Most research performed in small laboratories
- Researchers are trained in their field, not in IT
 - They are not experts in collecting, moving, storing, indexing, analyzing, mining, sharing, updating, publishing, and archiving massive amounts of data
- Only limited capital is available for them to spend on data and IT support
- Investment is spent on traditional research tools (e.g., microscopes)—but the world is changing
 - Now need substantial and sophisticated IT to perform research, data manipulation, data mining, collaboration



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Build the Grid



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Use the Grid



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Starting with data movement



Discover endpoints, determine available protocols, negotiate firewalls, configure software, manage space, determine required credentials, configure protocols, detect and respond to

failures, determine expected performance, determine actual performance, identify diagnose and correct network misconfigurations, integrate with file systems, ...





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Step Two: Get Your Globus Connect Setup Key	
Endpoint Name: jan-laptop	
Description: (optional) Enter a description for this new endpoint	
Setup Key: 432e8ba5-45cf-442b-a374-5a8d1cfa75cb	
Step Three: Finish Globus Connect Setup	
Copy the setup key displayed above. Run Globus Connect and paste the key into the Initial	
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