

A data storage for generic and heterogeneous scientific data

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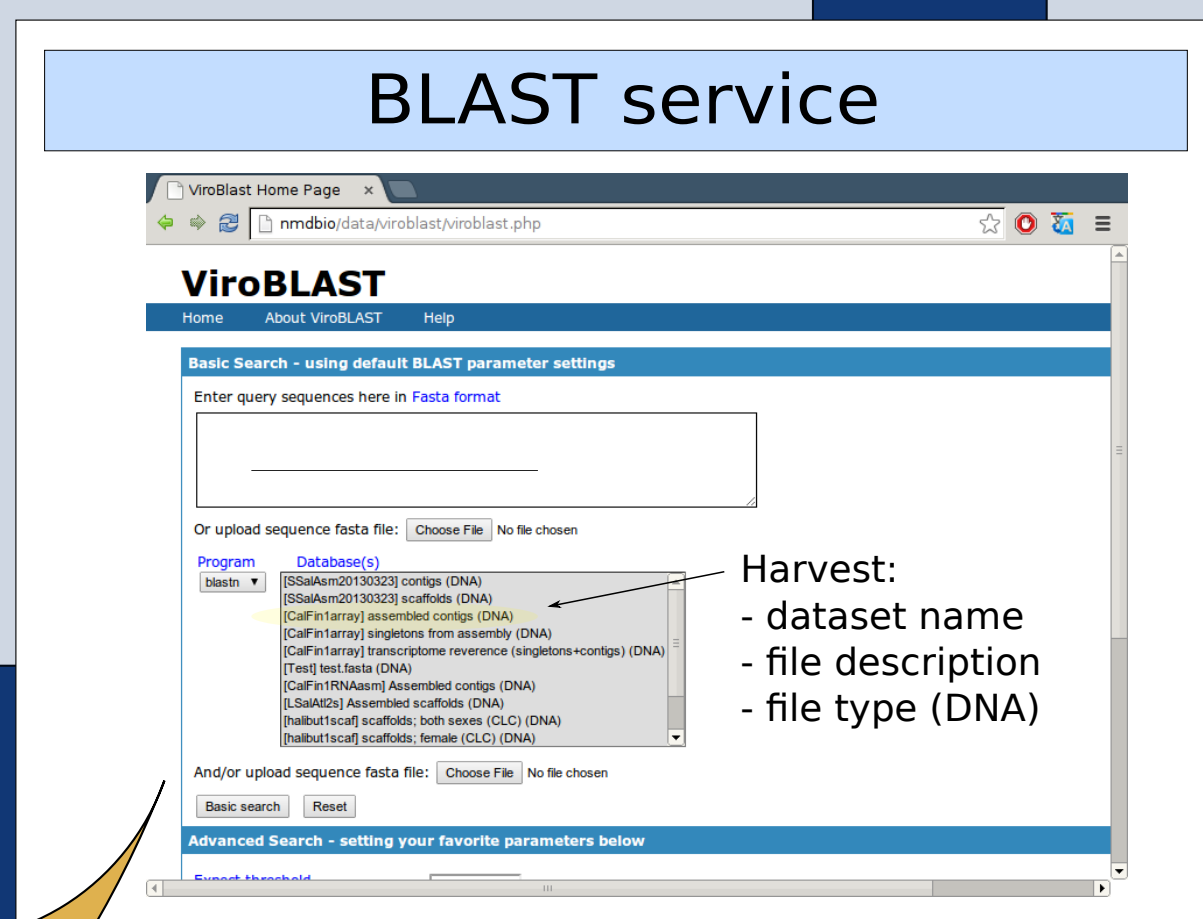
Data Submission

Is simple and easy

Uses domain specific file formats
Auto-generates most metadata
Free-text descriptions/
(almost) no mandatory fields

Provenance and links

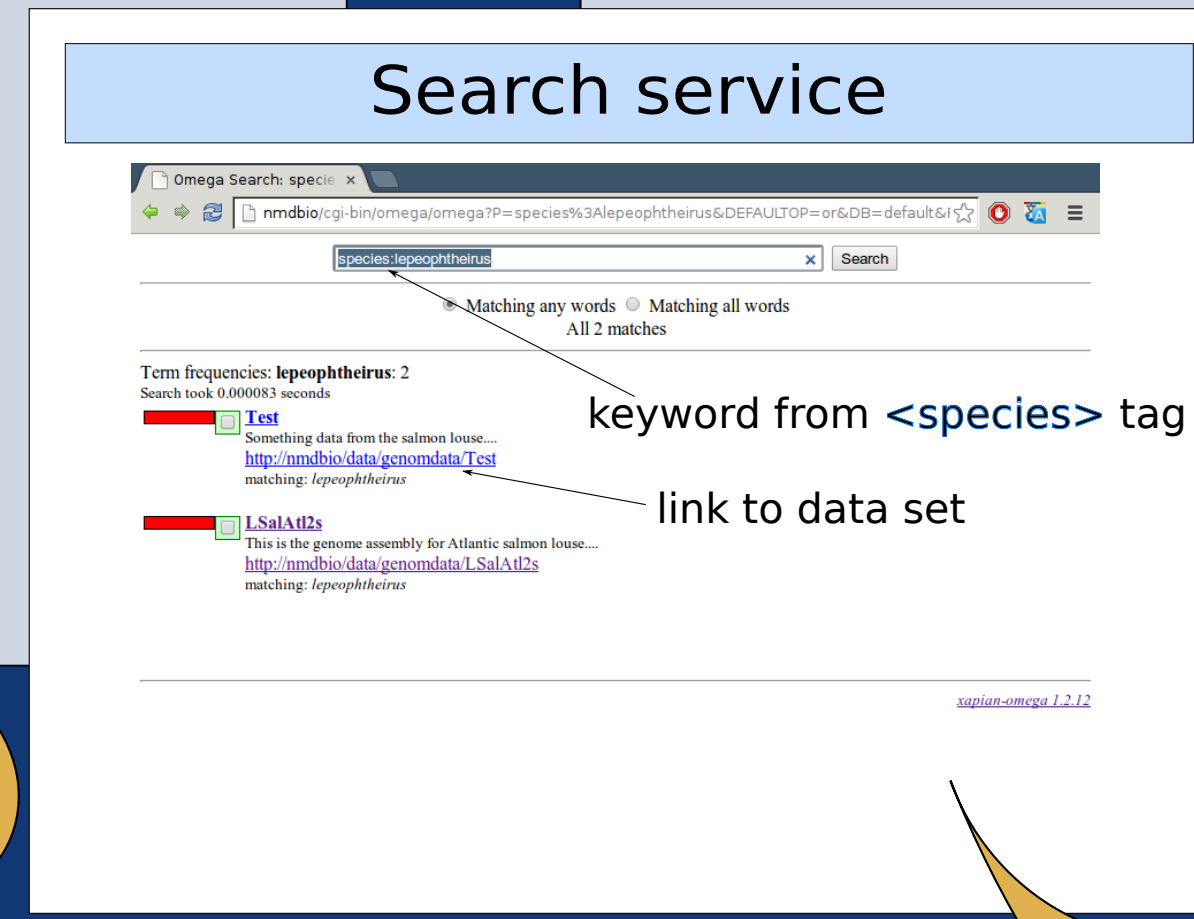
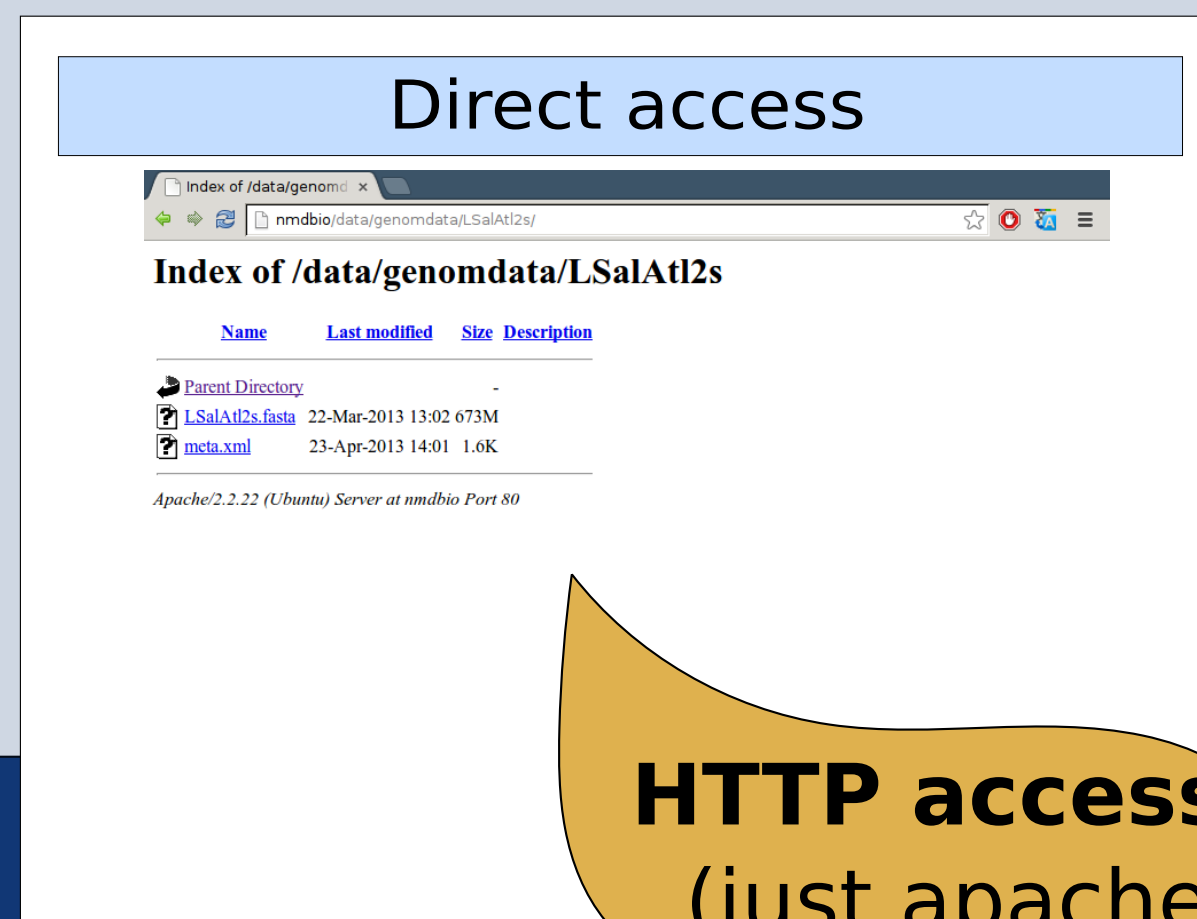
Unique, persistent IDs (citation)
Link datasets



Search/services

Self-contained services

Technology-agnostic (i.e. use any relational database system)
Extract and index only relevant data from data store
Independent and modular



Data Access

File-based storage

Access through HTTP, FTP, rsync, bittorrent...
Easy replication

Domain-specific formats

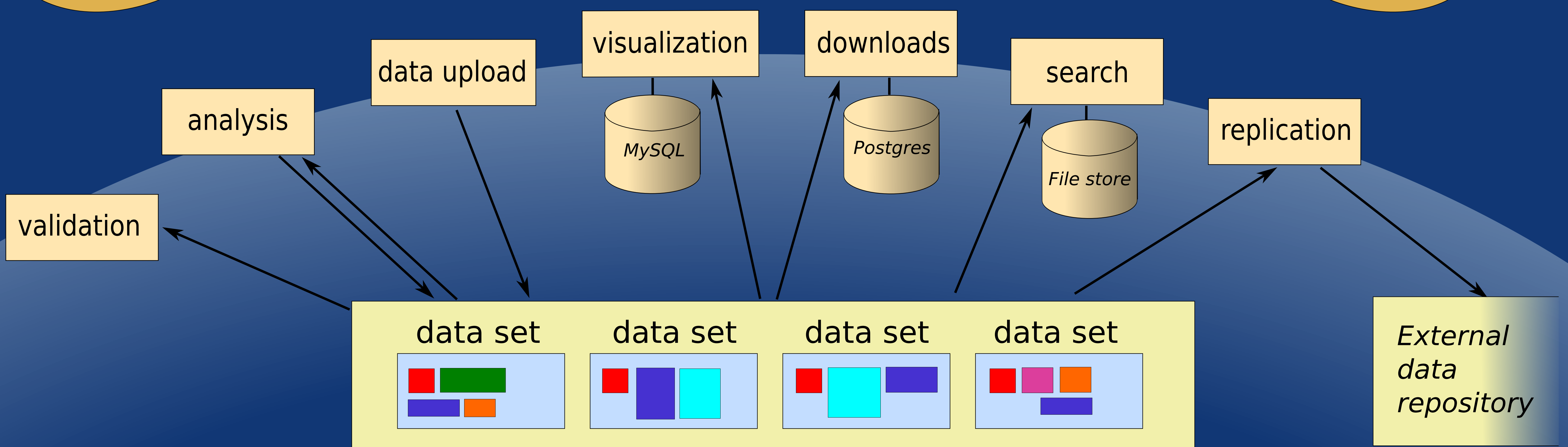
Easy for domain experts
No data conversion
Provenance
Identify origins of data

HTTP access (just apache)

Generic search service scans and indexes metadata only

Specialized search service - scans relevant data, ignores rest

specialized services



generic file storage

Metadata

XML format

automatic validation
tagging (TSN, geoloc, etc)
free text descriptions

Directory listings

Checksums for integrity
File type tagging

Data set relationships

Obsolescence and replacement
Dependencies
Aggregation and extraction

Extensibility

New data types

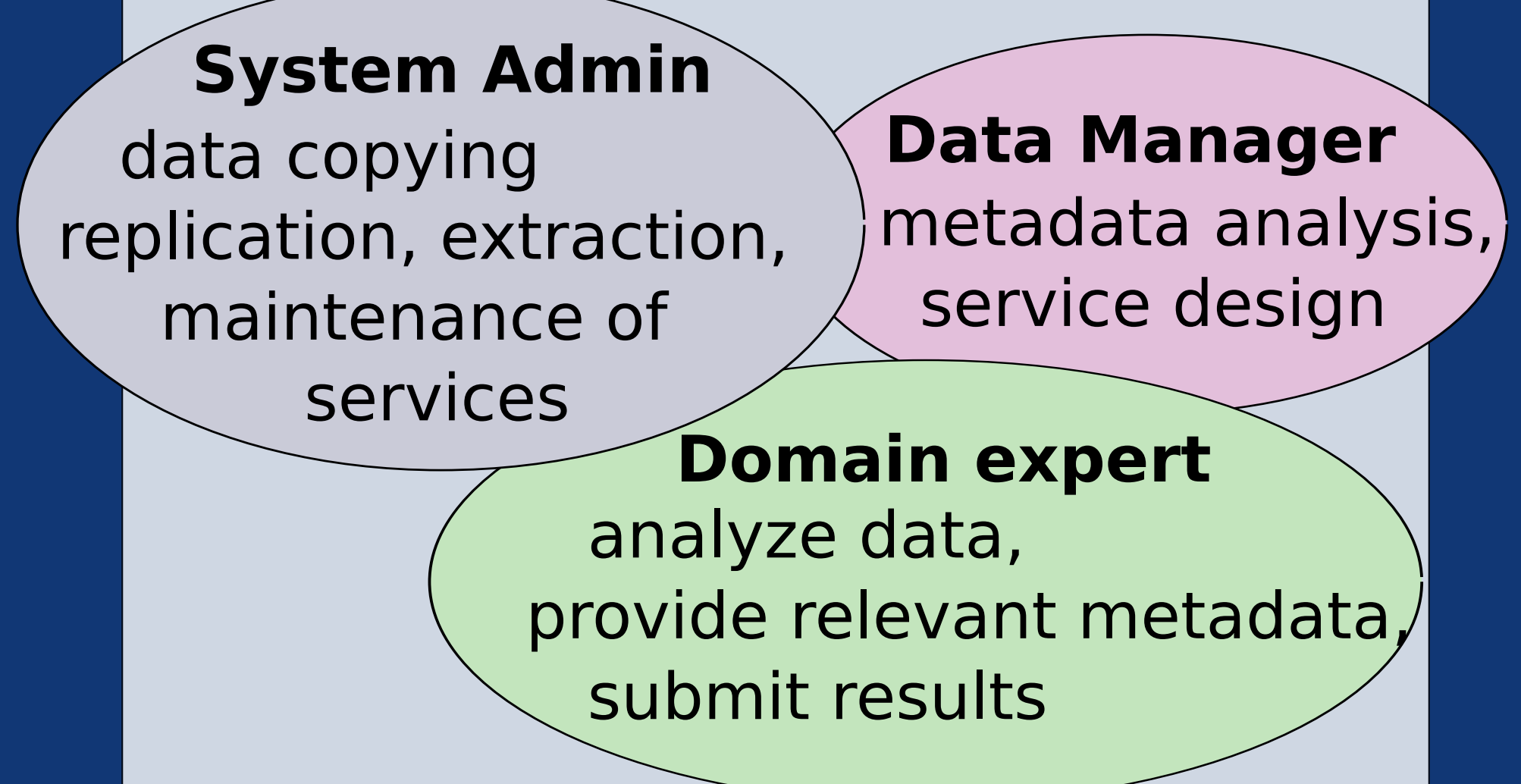
Technology advances means frequent new data types
Adding a new data type is a two minute operation

New technologies

Services are independent, can use different technologies
Easy integration of off-the-shelf products

Separation of concerns

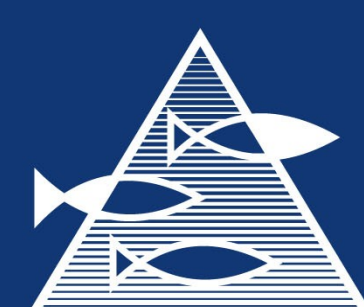
Separate roles with separate skill sets



Source code and documentation
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