A Reproducible Framework
Powered by Globus

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Sharing and Reproducibility

Alice wants to share her models and simulation output with Bob

Bob wants to re-execute Alice’s application to validate her analysis
Current Approaches

• Compressed archive (zip, tar)
• Metadata encoded in filenames, paths, and README files
• Shared user accounts
• Ad hoc websites with model code, parameters, and data
• Submission to domain or institutional repositories
• Creation and sharing of virtual machines
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Reproducibility Requirements

• Automatically solve “dependency hell”
  • E.g., incompatible library versions
• Connect programs with data and capture data flow
  • Which version of the program produced this data?
• Support annotation of human knowledge
  • Sufficient documentation to install and run the program
• Enable reproducibility efficiently and with minimal intervention
  • No change of programming or authoring environments
Reproducibility Framework

- Capture scientific activity
  - Source code, data, environment, including data flow between processes
- Preserve as “SciUnit”
  - Capture as files or as detailed metadata
- Share and distribute
- Re-execute and re-analyze
Components

• “SciUnits”
  • Units of scientific activity/research output

• Metadata catalog
  • A scalable & flexible cloud-based catalog for creating datasets and associating annotations

• Globus services for sharing, transferring, and publishing SciUnits

• Replay capability through native re-execution, Docker or Vagrant
  • Run SciUnits without installation or configuration and metadata information
Simplifying Data Management for Geoscience Models

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Science Drivers

Solid Earth

Hydrology

Space Science

CSDMS
Science Usecases

• Solid earth: geounits of 2D and 3D kinematic geoscience models, visualize through GPlates and modifying GPML data files
  • Goal: sharing, preserving, publishing visualization sessions with data

• Space Science: geounits of SuperDARN data with analysis tools as available from the Baker Lab at VT
  • Goal: sharing and publishing geounits

• Hydrology: geounits of iRODS workflows on VIC models
  • Goal: demonstrate end-to-end reproducibility with iRODS
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04-05-14  PROVaaS website launched
04-01-14  Provenance API launched
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