

Dat in the Lab

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Better Science through Better Data
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What's Dat?

Peer-to-peer protocol for syncing files
across distributed networks

Built for sharing, versioning data

Like git, but built for data

Read the whitepaper for more¹



Why Dat for research?

Secure data sharing, sync within a group

Fast sync/download of data from sources (equipment, people)

Automatic versioning, supporting reproducibility



Dat can automate:

Metadata creation (discoverability)

Data syncing, versioning within a group

Data versioning at point of publication^{2,3}


... and post-publication data archiving⁴



Genesis of project:

How can the Dat protocol help
researchers to manage
share
publish
archive
find
data?





What should we build that would
make Dat more accessible?

What would we learn through close
collaboration with research groups?

Our common goals:

Support researchers

Improve research data management

Facilitate reproducible research

Streamline data publishing

Develop free, open solutions

Learn from researchers, pilot workflows, test, iterate, return.



Dannise V. Ruiz-Ramos describes sea star genome annotation pipeline.
Read more: <https://blog.datproject.org/tag/science/>



What should we build?

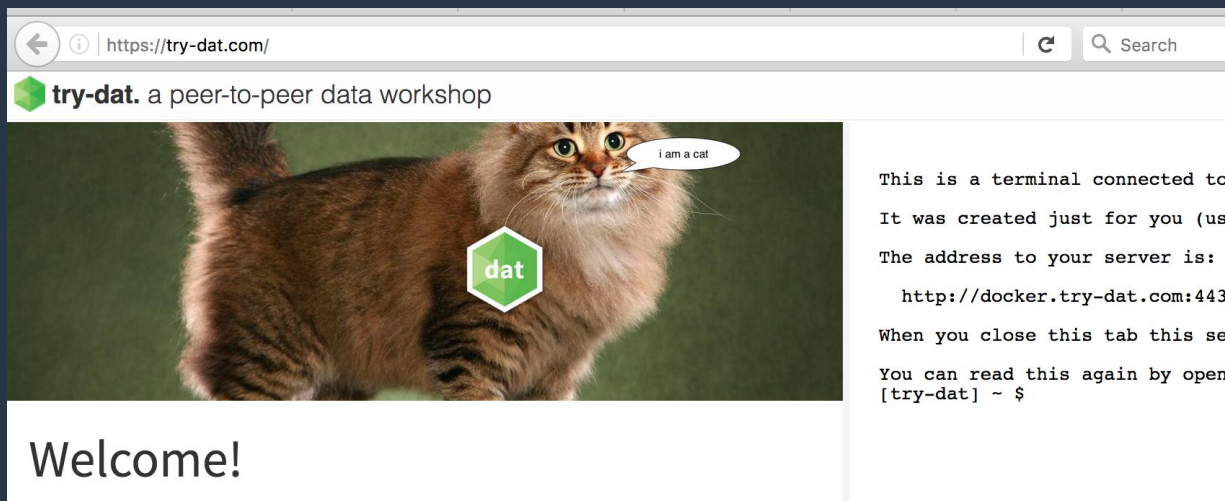
- Support for versioned, reproducible research environments
- Multiwriter functionality

What are we learning?

- Institutional infrastructure
- Cross-institutional collaborations

To learn more...

[Try-dat.com](https://try-dat.com) or [join us at Mozfest](#)



Thank you!

Mozfest: Saturday 2pm, Decentralization

Web: <https://codeforscience.org/>

Blog: <https://blog.datproject.org/tag/science/>

Github: <https://github.com/codeforscience/Dat-in-the-Lab>

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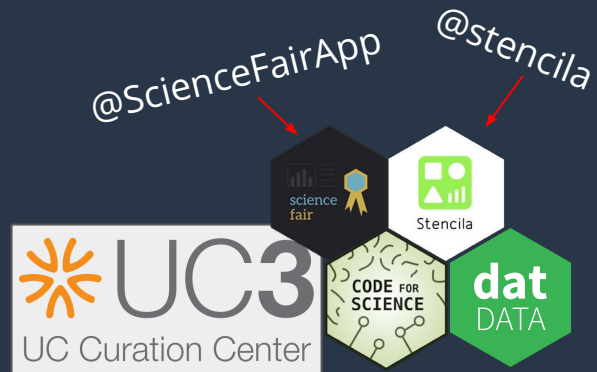
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