

# Galaxy Project Update

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# Agenda

- Project Introduction (brief)
- Project Update

# What is Galaxy?

- A web based data integration and analysis framework.
- **Open source software**

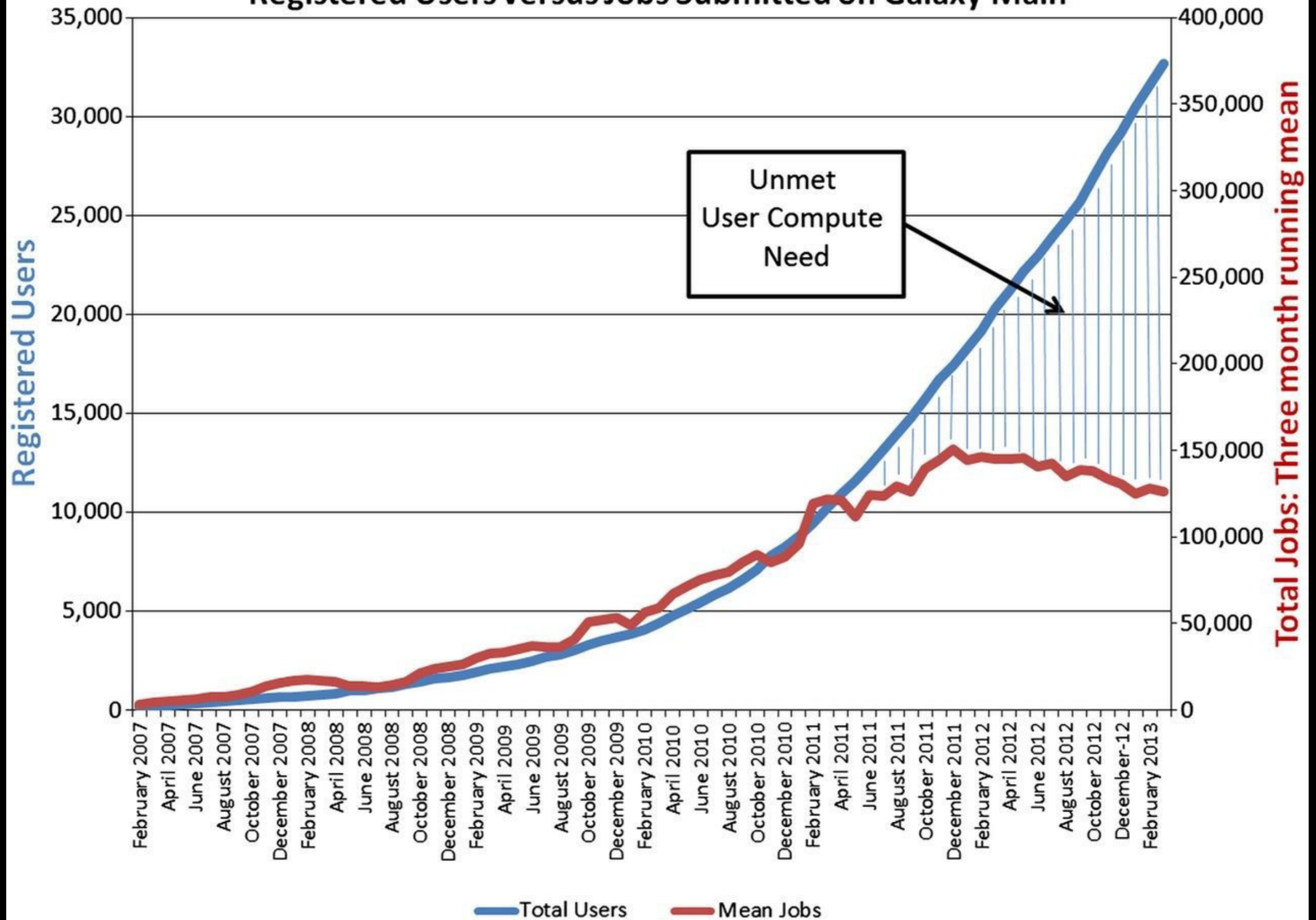
<http://galaxyproject.org>

Galaxy is available as: [usegalaxy.org](https://usegalaxy.org)

The Galaxy Project's free for everyone web server integrating a wealth of tools, compute resources, terabytes of reference data and permanent storage.

However, *a centralized solution cannot support the different analysis needs of the entire world.*

# Registered Users versus Jobs Submitted on Galaxy Main



Leveraging the national cyberinfrastructure for biomedical research  
LeDuc, et al. *J Am Med Inform Assoc* doi:10.1136/amiajnl-2013-002059

# Galaxy is available as

- As a free (for everyone) web service

<http://usegalaxy.org>

- **As open source software**

<http://getgalaxy.org>

It is installed at locations around the world

Galaxy is available **on the Cloud**



CloudMan

Start with a **fully configured & populated** (tools and data) Galaxy instance.

Allows you to scale up and down your compute assets as needed.

Someone else manages the data center.

<http://aws.amazon.com/education>

<http://globus.org/>

<http://wiki.galaxyproject.org/Cloud>



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CLOUD SOFTWARE

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The Open Source Toolkit for Cloud Computing



globus  
genomics

# Galaxy is available: **With Commercial Support**

**A ready-to-use appliance**  
(BioTeam)

**Cloud-based solutions**  
(ABgenomica, AIS, Appistry,  
GenomeCloud)

**Consulting & Customization**  
(Arctix, BioTeam, Deena  
Bioinformatics)





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# New Development

- **Tool Shed Work**
  - Lots of enhancements to handle dependencies.
  - Continue moving tools out of source distribution and into Tool Shed

# New Development

- **User Management**

- Disk quotas added a few years ago
- Limited execution concurrency before that
  - Led to widespread abuse w/ multiple accounts
- Put effort into ending that on Main
  - Email verification and duplicate detection
  - Added supporting code into distribution

# Release Cycle: Galaxy

Experimented with 2-3 week release cycle

Less than popular

Aiming for every 2 months or so

2013/04/01 Release

2013/06/03 Release

2013/08/12 Release

2013/11/04 Release

2014/02/10 Release

2014/04/14 Release

# Releases

Project now makes extensive use of Trello cards for tracking work. This is reflected in release notes:

## Core

1. Explicitly set TEMP dir in Local Runner, when a temp dir value is not already set.  
<https://trello.com/c/HbFeoWRI>
2. Tool element return\_code (under stdio) now functions from\_work\_dir or when setting metadata externally. <https://trello.com/c/JfB2w1Br>
3. Using Auto-detect and a cluster job runner now sets metadata only once.  
<https://trello.com/c/Kc3NDGyN>
4. Upgrades to HierarchicalObjectStore, more planned. <https://trello.com/c/k4tovIFd>
5. New Plugin Framework lib/galaxy/web/base/pluginframework.py. <https://trello.com/c/lrfWbtw3>
6. Plugins define hook functions called by a Galaxy app when certain events/situations happen.  
<https://trello.com/c/c2AzV3Xf>

# Releases

## Doing a much better job of incorporating pull requests from community into dist:

### Pull Requests Merged

1. Björn Grüning contributed a method to implement the ability to change the tool-panel as user preference ( Dynamic Toolbox Filtering ). #179. This was a frequently requested feature by the community and full documentation on this can be found here [UserDefinedToolboxFilters](https://trello.com/c/XI7CZFMd). <https://trello.com/c/XI7CZFMd>
2. Björn Grüning also contributed several extensions allowing developers to utilize new actions simplifying various tool shed dependency definition idioms:
  - `make_install` action. #217
  - `autoconf` action. #218
  - `setup_r_environment` action. #219 Further extensions enhancing this last tag and a corresponding `setup_ruby_environment` tag from Björn will be forthcoming in the next release.
3. Additionally, Björn Grüning contributed other tool shed and tool related enhancements: #205, #216, and #239
4. Andrew Warren contributed an API method allowing coping datasets between histories as well as support for more secure e-mail settings. #199 and #198.
5. Nicola Soranzo contributed small fixes for various tools as well as enhancements for customizing and localizing data and time display in various parts of Galaxy. #222 and #211.
6. Kyle Ellrott contributed many enhancements for the API and the Galaxy search engine. #187, #241, and #234.
7. Lance Peterson contributed two enhancements to management scripts. #196 and #158. <https://trello.com/c/qzjBuljp>
8. Google Summer of Code Intern Saket Choudhary contributed enhancements for VCF 4.1 compatibility. #184.
9. Matthew Shirley contributed grammar fixes to the tool shed interface. #210.
10. Stephen McMahon contributed fixes to the PBS job runner's staging functionality. #194
11. Rémy Dernas contributed enhancements to the administrative interface allowing for management of user API keys. #134
12. Adam Brenner contributed an enhancement making it easier to deploy the histogram2 tool. #215.
13. A. Rretaud contributed extensions enabling data source tool developers to utilize the tool runners login e-mail address when implementing such tools. #206
14. John Chilton fixed job splitting to rewrite references in config files in addition to command-line. #169. <https://trello.com/c/FMPyde8L>
15. John Chilton and Simon Guest implemented configurable plugins for tool dependency resolution. #228. <https://trello.com/c/cP3tGSJv>
16. John Chilton implement GALAXY\_SLOTS allowing tools to uniformly obtain allocated thread count. #236. <https://trello.com/c/cfOISfdP>
17. Kyle Ellrott contributed enhancements that allow API tool's POST to define history for tool state. #193. <https://trello.com/c/hpFanyx0>

# Release Cycle: CloudMan

After a lull, now doing semi-annually

2013/07 Release

2014/01 Release

Where are we going?



# Dataset Collections

Support dataset collections as 1st class objects.

Run tools once on each dataset in the collection.

Run tools on the collection as a whole.

Tools become much more dynamic, flexible and responsive to input.

Support map/reduce paradigm.

Makes it possible to build workflows that can reason about paired datasets, technical replicates, multiple biological samples, ...

# Big Data: Plans

## **Rewrite default workflow engine**

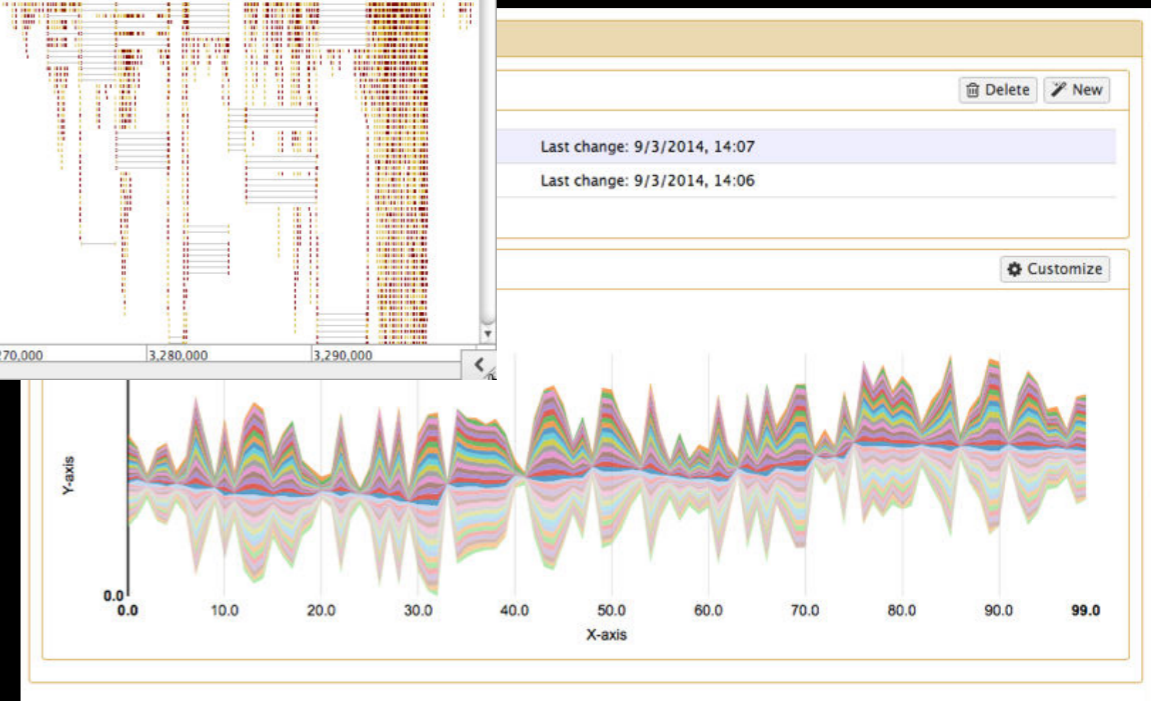
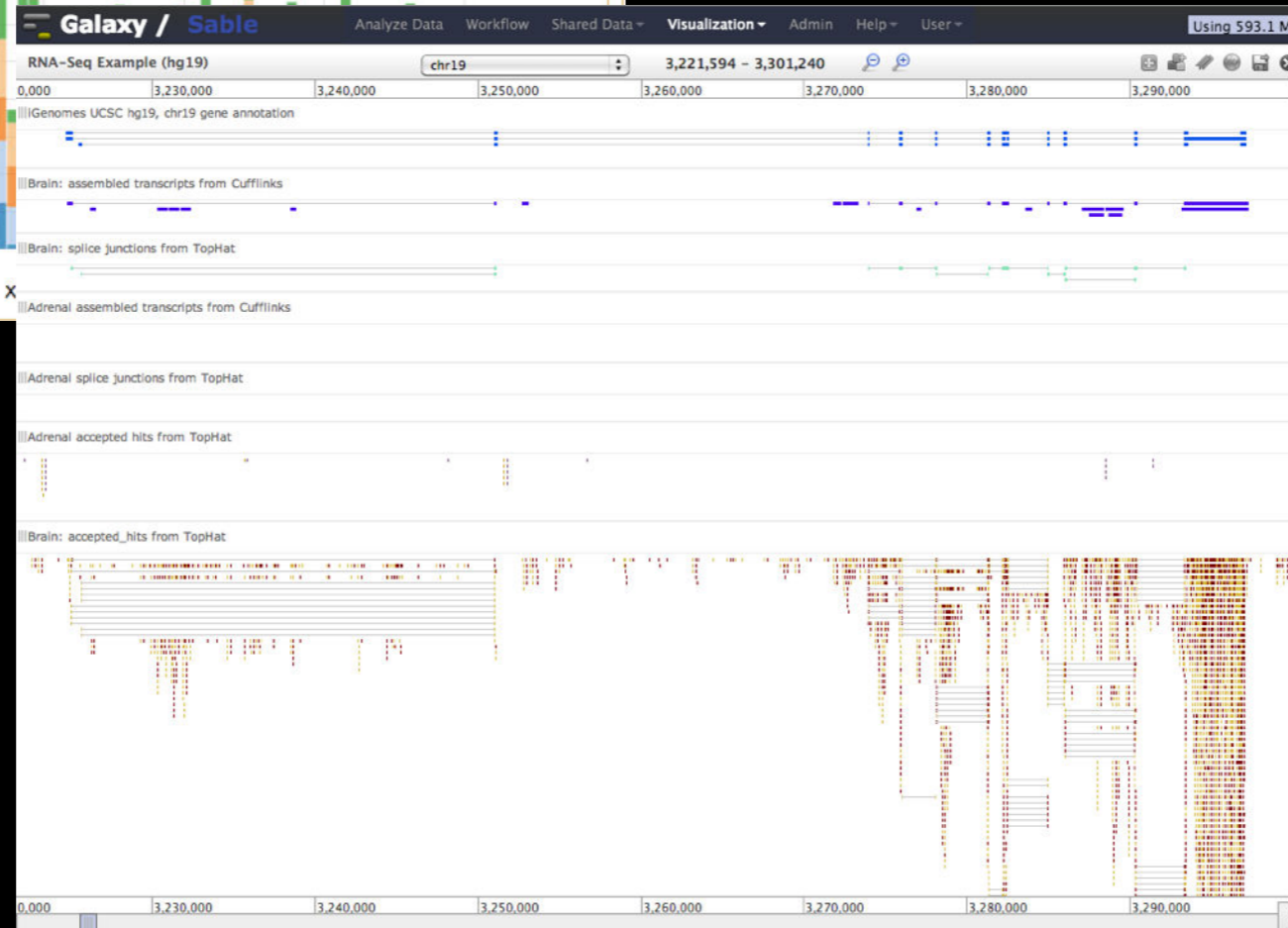
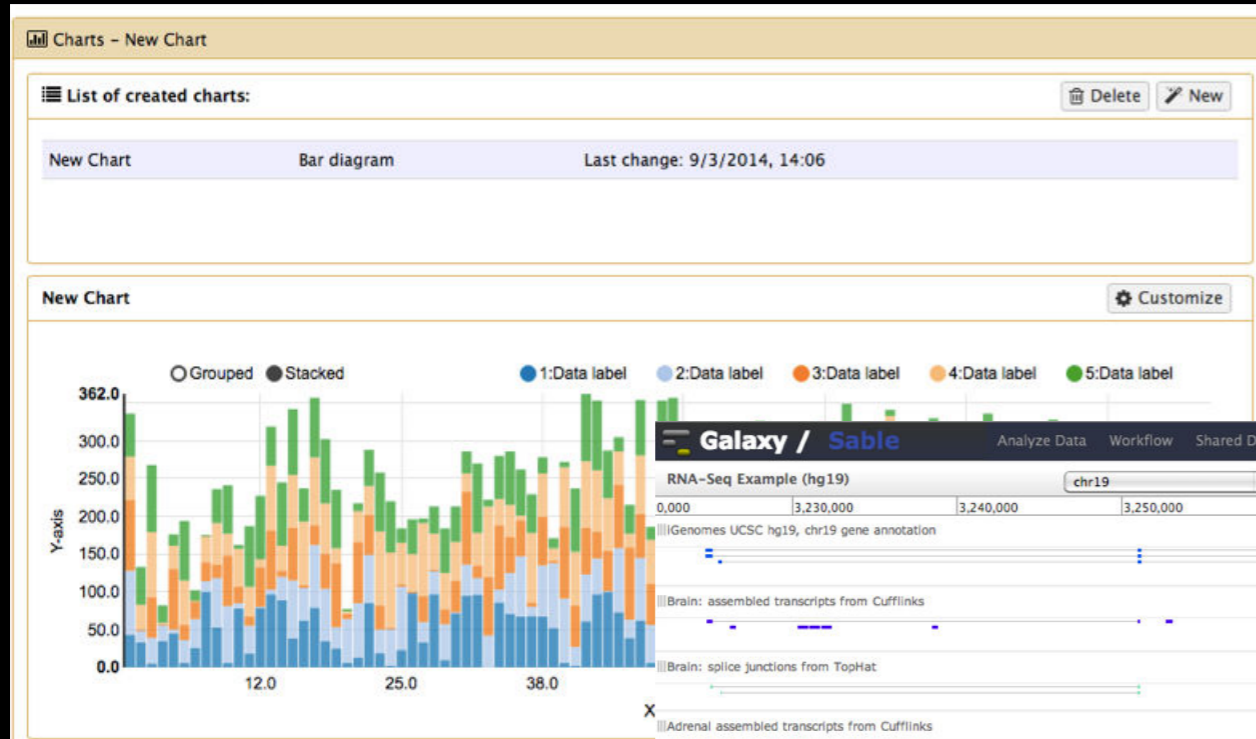
Histories will be able to contain pending workflows, dataset groups, other entities - not just datasets

Rather than scheduling all at once, monitor workflow progress, allow pausing in response to failure or user intervention, decision nodes, streaming data and intermediate datasets, ...

## **Make workflow scheduling engine pluggable**

Once it is a background process, can afford the time to delegate

# Visual Analytics

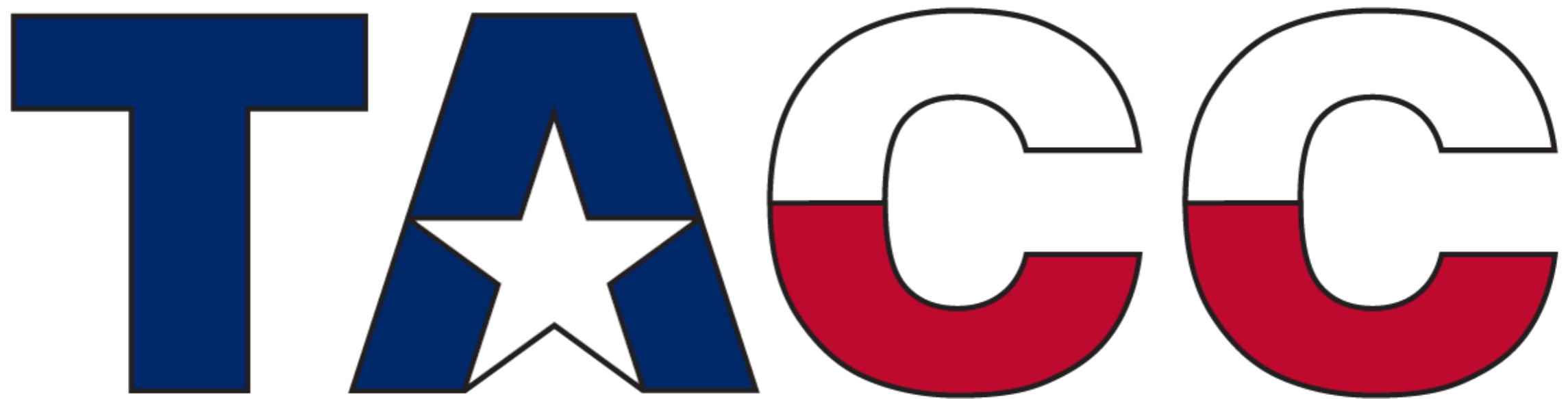


# Pluggability / Extensibility / APIs

- Workflow rewrite
- Visualization framework
- ObjectStore storage api
- Galaxy API
- ...
- Make everything pluggable; start using those interfaces internally.

# Galaxy toolshed vision

- Allow users to share “suites” containing tools, datatypes, workflows, sample data, and automated installation scripts for tool dependencies
- Version controlled
- Community annotation, rating, comments, review
- Dependency resolution
- Integration with Galaxy instances to automate tool installation and updates
- A key to intergalactic federation
- **Intergalactic Utilities Commission**



usegalaxy.org moved to the Texas Advanced  
Computing Center on October 8

But it is still not enough to  
meet the analysis needs of the world.

The Galaxy Project continues to emphasize

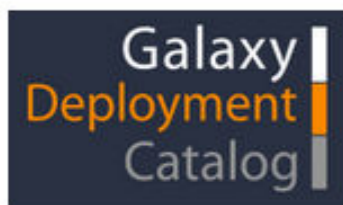
Cloud Installs  
Local Installs  
Public Servers

# Community



# Community Hubs

## Galaxy Deployment Catalog



Welcome to the *Galaxy Deployment Catalog*. This catalog describes the details of how Galaxy is installed at different institutions. Details include [infrastructure information](#) as well as [user community and domain information](#) for each deployment.

You are strongly encouraged to [add your local Galaxy deployment](#) to this catalog so that the [Galaxy Community](#) can benefit from your experience.

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## Deployments: User and Domain Information

Deployment	Domain	Owners	User Base	Audience
<a href="#">CSIRO Galaxy Service</a>	NGS analysis: RNAseq, Genomics, metagenomics, custom tools.	<a href="#">CSIRO</a>	209 registered users and 30 active users	
<a href="#">Galaxy server at the FMI</a>	NGS analysis, MA analysis, custom tools.	<a href="#">Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research</a>		wet lab scientists
<a href="#">GalaxyAtUIowa</a>	Local instance at the U of Iowa	<a href="#">IIHG</a>		Human geneticists, biologists
<a href="#">Idaho State University MRCF</a>	Bioinformatics, biology, next generation sequencing. Custom tools.	<a href="#">Idaho State University Molecular Research Core Facility (MRCF)</a>		Idaho State University and Molecular Research Core Facility (MRCF) customers.
<a href="#">Sigenae Bioinfo-Genotoul</a>	Genomics, esp. read alignment, SNP calling and annotation, RNA-Seq, and sRNAseq	<a href="#">Sigenae Team, GenoToul Bioinfo</a>		bioinfo gentoul and INRA researchers and collaborators
<a href="#">URGI</a>	Genomics	<a href="#">INRA</a>	~ 30	researchers at the institution, lab members
<a href="#">UAB Galaxy</a>	NGS analysis: Genomics (reference and de novo), RNAseq, metagenomics, custom tools.	Collaboration between <a href="#">Center for Clinical and Translational Science</a> and <a href="#">Research Computing</a>	currently ~200	Informatics core, sequencing core, researchers and students at the institution
<a href="#">ZBIT</a>	Bioinformatics: SBML tools,	<a href="#">Center for Bioinformatics Tuebingen</a>		



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# Community Hubs



## GalaxyAtUIowa

This is a local installation of Galaxy at the University of Iowa.

### Domain

Human genetics, biology. Custom tools and reports.

### Community

The University of Iowa community and members of the [Iowa Institute of Human Genetics](#).

### Compute Infrastructure

This instances of Galaxy runs on a local [HPC cluster](#).

### Compute

3600 cores, SGE DRM.

### Storage

**Deployment**  
GalaxyAtUIowa

**Domain**  
Local instance at the U of Iowa

**Owners**  
IIHG

**Audience**  
Human geneticists, biologists

**User Base**

**Server Topology**  
SGE cluster

**Compute**

**Memory**

**Storage**  
NFS

**Disk Space**

**User Management**  
University or IIHG affiliation required



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# Community Hubs



The *Galaxy Community Log Board* is a place to share how you addressed a particular task in your Galaxy deployment. Log entries describe specific solutions to particular tasks, such as the details of what steps were taken to deploy Galaxy on particular platforms, or with particular software. It's an easy way to help others (and learn from others) by sharing what you've already done.

So, if you have figured out how to do something, and it took you a while, then this is the ideal forum for sharing that information with the community.

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## Logs

### 2014

Date	Topic	Resolution	Who
2014/03/20	<a href="#">Basic Galaxy Puppet Module</a>	A puppet module for a very basic galaxy server (use for development)	Olivier Inizan, Mikael Loaec
2014/01/27	<a href="#">Problem with logout when using LDAP for authentication with remoteUser enabled.</a>	Make changes to 4 Galaxy configuration files	Tim Booth

### 2013

Date	Topic	Resolution	Who
2013/12/05	<a href="#">Tool Integration Short Tutorial</a>	Documents best tool integration practices from Institut Français de Bioinformatique Galaxy working group	Contributors
2013/11/13	<a href="#">VelvetG error on CloudMan instance: cannot find 'cov_cutoff'</a>	Fixed XML wrapper	Dave Clements
2013/10/27	<a href="#">IGV Integration</a>	How to set up IGV-Galaxy integration in Apache and Galaxy, including adding custom genomes.	Sarah Maman, Nabihoudine Ibou

# Community: Public Galaxy Instances

<http://bit.ly/gxyServers>



Passed ~~50~~ 60 this year

OSDD

CoSSci

Galaxy-P

GO Galaxy

Orione

Public Tool Sheds

GenOquest

DTL

# Upcoming Events

In the next 60 days: Norway, France, online, Italy, Croatia, the Netherlands.



Date	Topic/Event	Venue/Location	Contact
May 6-7	<i>Scaling Galaxy for Big Data</i>	NGS Data after the Gold Rush, TGAC, Norwich, United Kingdom	Dave Clements
May 9	<i>Introduction to Galaxy Workshop</i>	The Genome Analysis Centre (TGAC), Norwich, United Kingdom	
May 12	<i>Galaxy Workshop</i>	University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK	
	<i>Galaxy Project Update</i>	5th Edinburgh Bioinformatics Meeting, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK	
May 13	<i>Galaxy Workshop</i>	Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine (IGMM), Edinburgh, UK	
May 12-14	<i>Short course on RNA-seq and ChIP-seq</i>	University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway	✉ David Fredman
May 16	<i>Galaxy Initiation</i>	Formation en Bioinformatique Plateforme ABiMS, Station Biologique de Roscoff, France	✉ Christophe Caron
May 19	<i>Initiation au traitement et à l'analyse des données métabolomiques sur la plateforme scientifique web Galaxy IFB-MetaboHUB</i>	8e Journées Scientifiques du RFMF, Lyon, France	✉ Réseau Français de Métabolomique et Fluxomique

<http://wiki.galaxyproject.org/Events>



# GALAXY

COMMUNITY  
CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE, MD | JUNE 30 - JULY 2, 2014

Training Day: 15 sessions, 2.5 hrs each

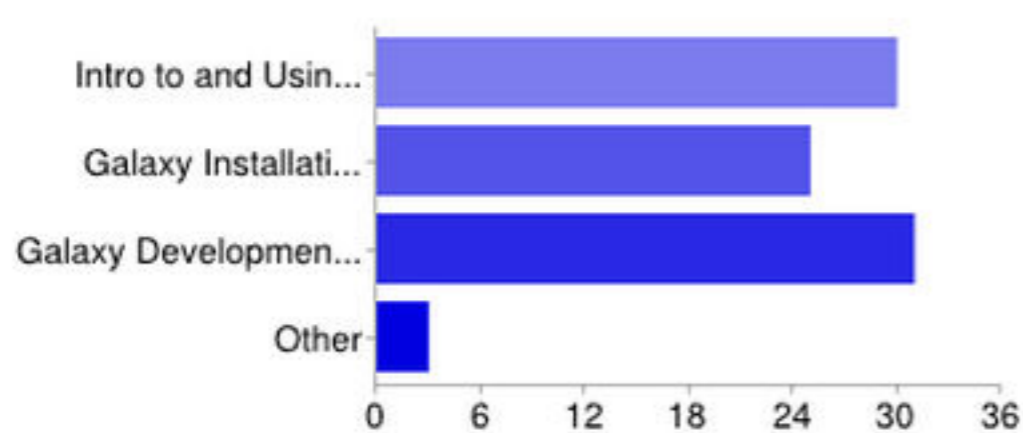
Poster sessions, BoFs

Hackathon

**Early registration ends 23 May**

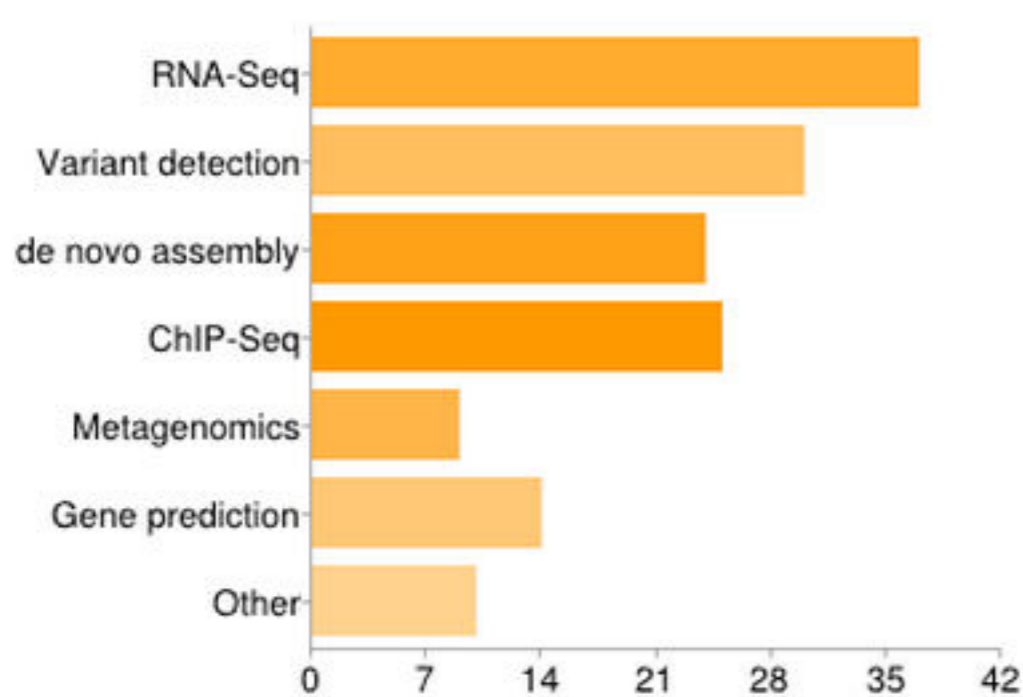
# Training: Survey

## What type of training are you most interested in?



Training Type	Count	Percentage
Intro to and Using Galaxy	30	34%
Galaxy Installation and Administration	25	28%
Galaxy Development and Tool Integration	31	35%
Other	3	3%

## What type of data analysis are you interested in?



Data Analysis Type	Count	Percentage
RNA-Seq	37	25%
Variant detection	30	20%
de novo assembly	24	16%
ChIP-Seq	25	17%
Metagenomics	9	6%
Gene prediction	14	9%
Other	10	7%

# Training in 2014: Scalability

Create a Training Network

Make it easy to find and use workshop materials created by anyone.

Training AMIs, VMs

Look seriously at MOOCs and Screencasts



# Project

Core Team is at 18 people.

1 in Croatia

1 in Australia

10 with Penn State University

5 with Johns Hopkins University

1 with George Washington University

# The Galaxy Team



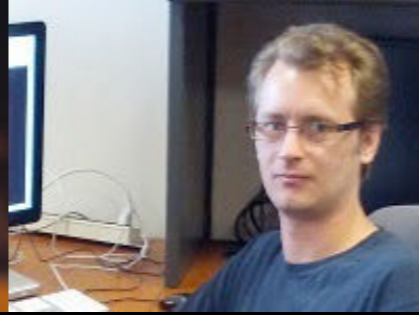
Enis Afgan



Dannon Baker



Dan Blankenberg



Dave Bouvier



Marten Cech



John Chilton



Dave Clements



Nate Coraor



Carl Eberhard



Dorine Francheteau



Jeremy Goecks



Sam Guerler



Jen Jackson



Ross Lazarus



Anton Nekrutenko



Nick Stoler



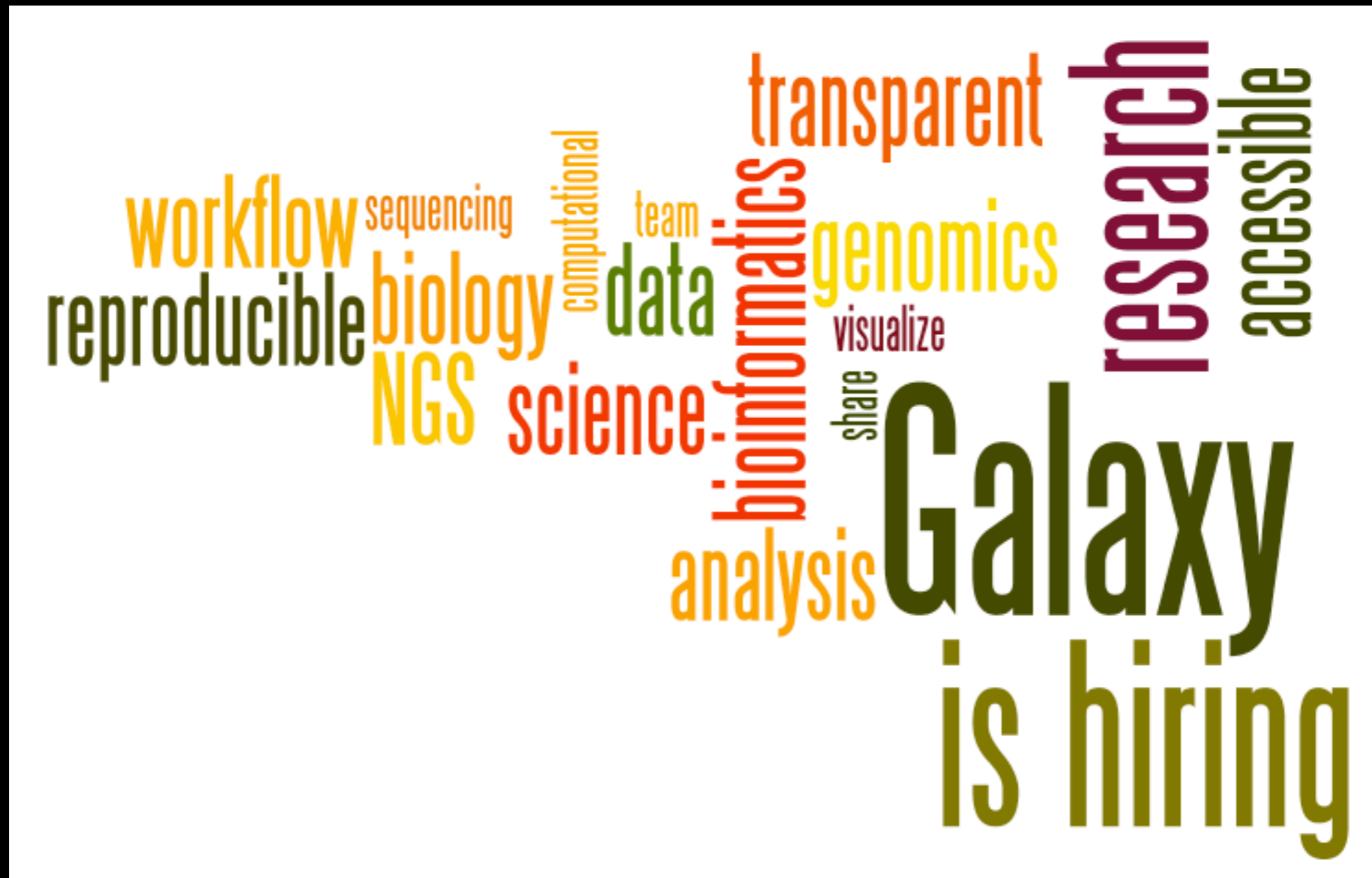
James Taylor



Greg von Kuster

<http://wiki.galaxyproject.org/GalaxyTeam>

Galaxy is hiring post-docs and software engineers  
at both Emory and Penn State.



Please help.

<http://wiki.galaxyproject.org/GalaxyIsHiring>

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***Thank You!***

# Events: 2013

200+ Talks, workshops, tutorials, ...

90+ Events

80% With archived slides, video, exercises, ...

75% Presented by the **Galaxy Community**

# GCC2013



Added Poster sessions  
Longer training sessions (2 hrs)  
Breakout reformed into BoFs  
2nd year with sponsors  
Had a pub onsite!



# GCC attendance over time

