

Scaling Galaxy for Big Data

Preparing for those next few orders of magnitude

NGS Data after the Gold Rush

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Big ...

Data generation is cheap and will stay cheap.

Scale & complexity of analysis will continue to grow.

More researchers are running bioinformatics analyses of all scales and complexities.

Data generation never sleeps

Galaxy

Analyze DataWorkflowShared DataVisualizationCloudHelpUser

Tools

search tools

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Send Data

Lift-Over

Text Manipulation

Convert Formats

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Filter and Sort

Join, Subtract and Group

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Fetch Alignments

Get Genomic Scores

Operate on Genomic Intervals

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Help from Biostar

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Add new BAM file

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3: AgamP3 assembly

-R,--reference_sequence <reference_sequence>

Binding for reference-ordered datas

-D,--dbsnp <dbsnp>

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Showing the Infravec history published by Dan Lawson

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Some History

Early emphasis on *ad hoc* exploration and analysis

Build a **history** as you try & retry tools.

Get your results, and a complete history of how you got them.

Histories are **1st class objects**. Can be shared, published, embedded, ...

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Traditional Strengths

ad hoc learning and exploration

Protect bench scientists from command line interfaces, programming, Unix/Linux system administration

Sharing and reproducibility

Consistent and easy to use web interface

Extensible tool interface to incorporate tools

Along Came **Workflows**

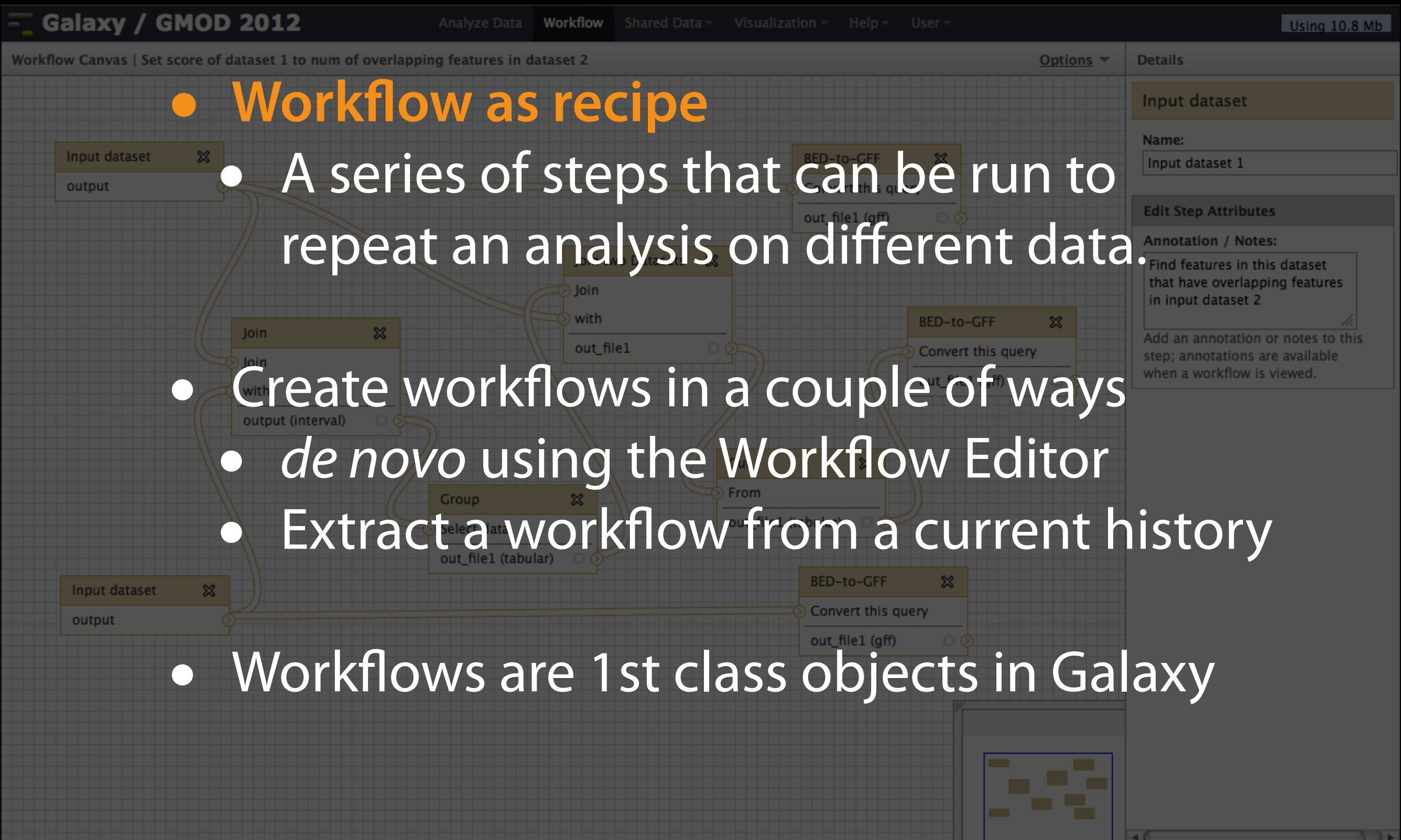
- **Workflow as recipe**

- A series of steps that can be run to repeat an analysis on different data.

- Create workflows in a couple of ways

- *de novo* using the Workflow Editor
- Extract a workflow from a current history

- Workflows are 1st class objects in Galaxy



Some Workflow Extensions

Enable hiding of intermediate datasets

Imagine running a 25 step workflow on 20 samples.

Support for linking datasets

Avoids having to start a workflow
20 times, to process 20 samples

Still, a simple concept of workflow

The Challenge

Solutions for *ad hoc* learning and experimenting solve different issues than do solutions that make very large analyses understandable and manageable.

Can these scalability challenges be addressed without sacrificing existing strengths?

Approaches

The problem needs to be attacked from both the client side interface (the front end) and the server side implementation (the back end)

User Interface

Basics

Dynamic smooth, user interface

Provide data progressively on demand

Many fewer page loads

Better search mechanisms and scalable interfaces

Often implemented by switching from static HTML to Javascript

User Interface

Visualization

Web based visualiztion for high-throughput biology is a challenge.

Requires client side, modular, scalable components

General visualization framework implemented
Visualizations are 1st class objects

Charts

Analyze DataWorkflowShared DataVisualizationAdminHelpUser

Charts - New Chart

StartConfigurationAdd DataDraw

Bar diagram:

X axis:

Axis labelX-axisProvide a label for the axis.

Axis value typeFloatSelect the value type of the axis.

Axis tick format0.1Select the tick format for the axis.

Y axis:

Axis labelY-axisProvide a label for the axis.

Axis value typeFloatSelect the value type of the axis.

Axis tick format0.1Select the tick format for the axis.

Others:

Show legendYesWould you like to add a legend?

History

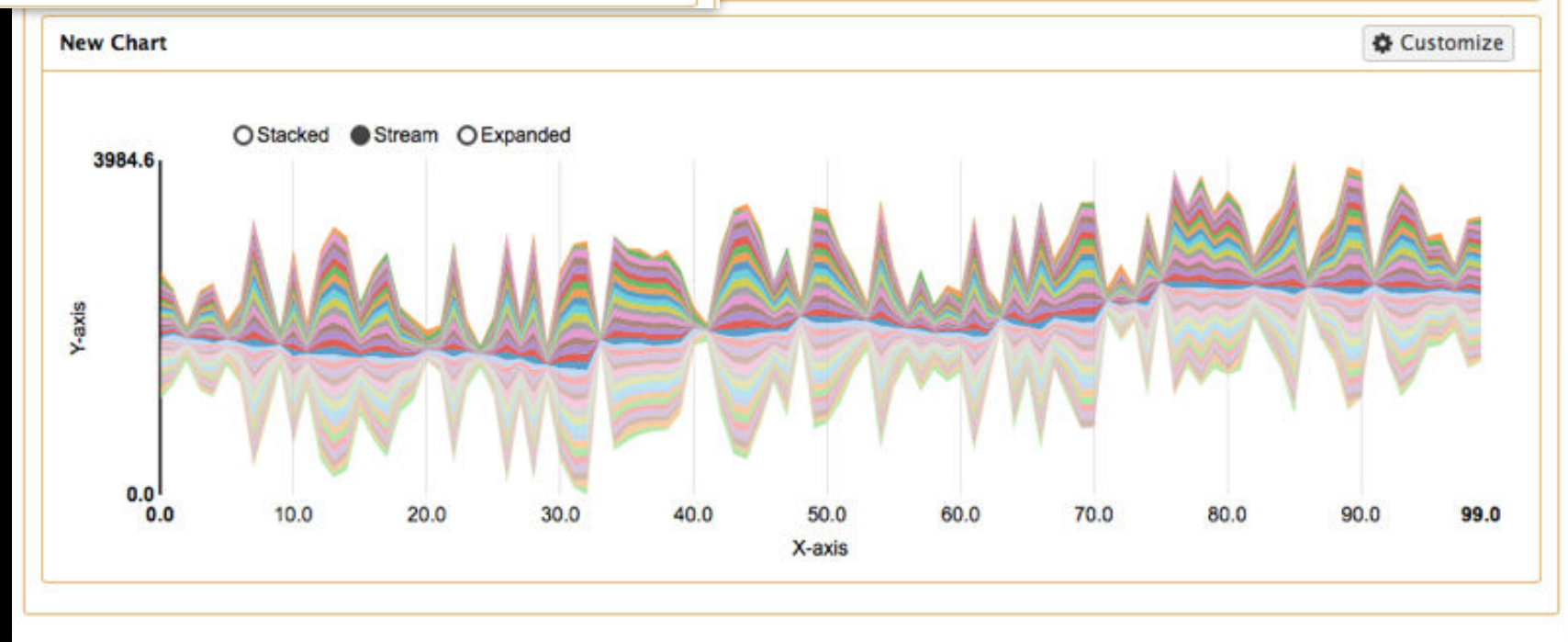
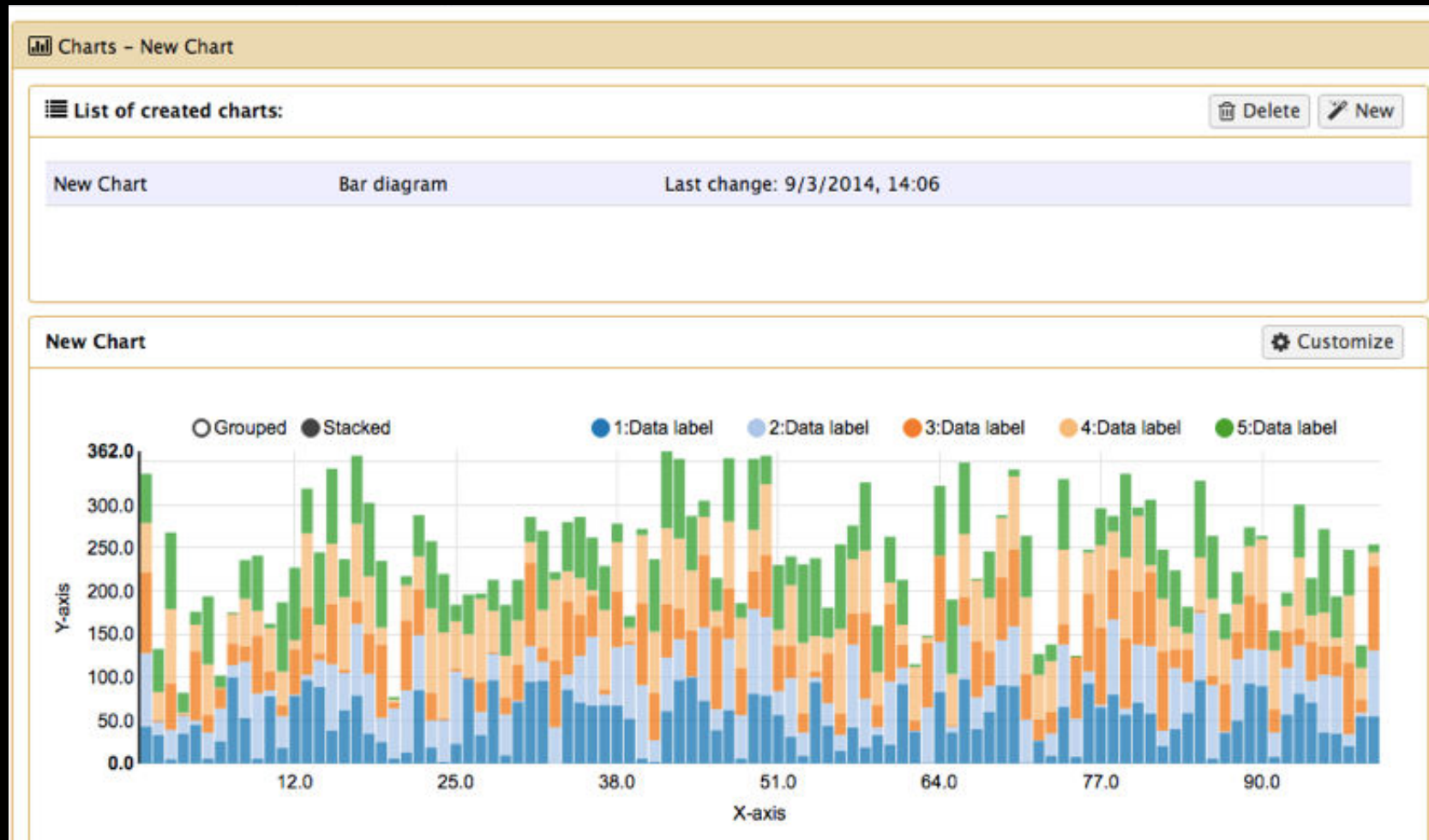
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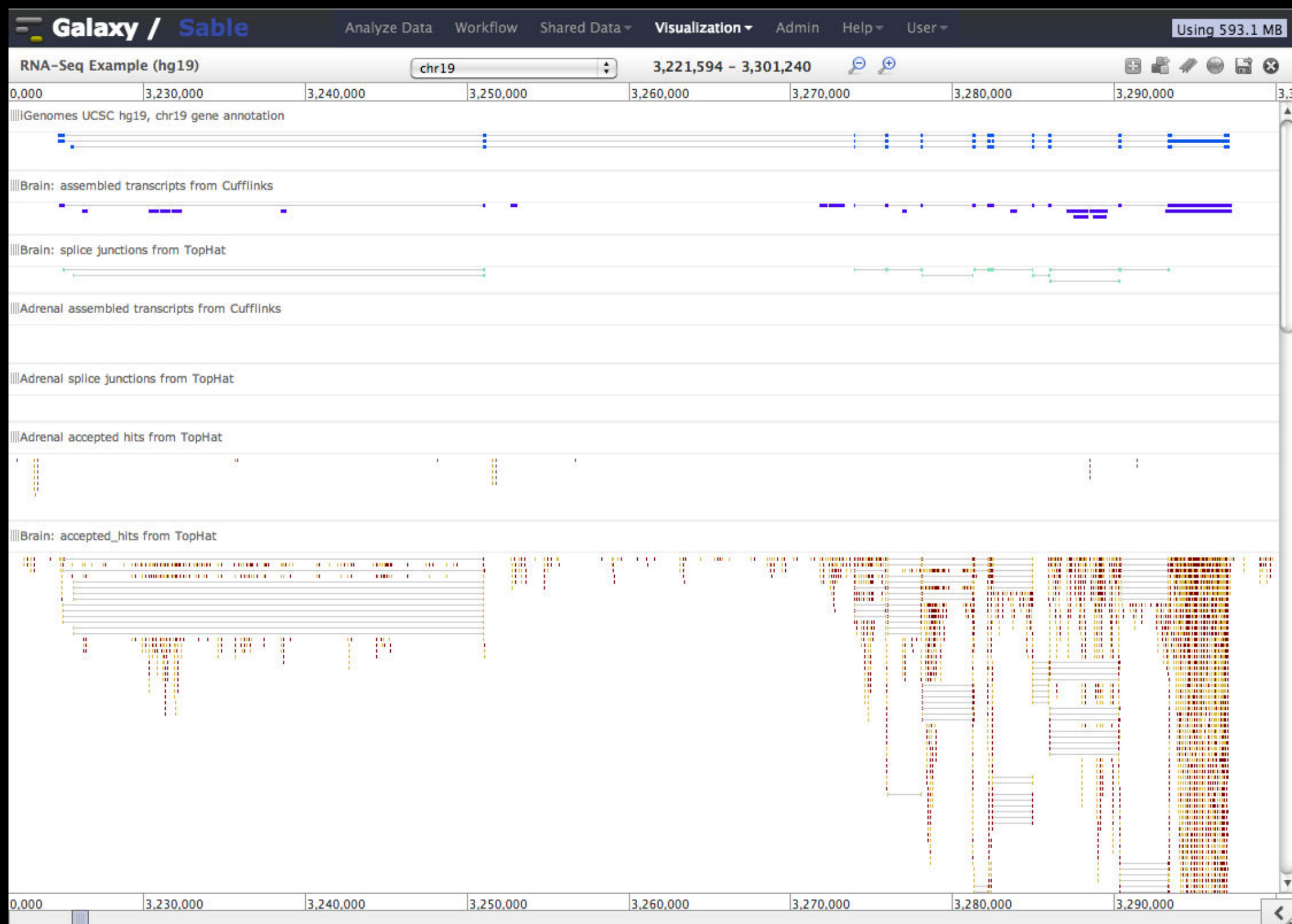
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43	14
33	100
5	60
35	73
45	3
6	84

Charts



Trackster

Genome
browser
embedded
in Galaxy.



Why do all this?

Visual Analytics

Researchers often do an **analyze-summarize-visualize-repeat** loop.

By bringing visualization into Galaxy we hope to tighten that loop as much as possible.

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, ...

Galaxy API: Galaxy for the Bioinformatician

Scaling up also requires support for bioinformaticians and core staff.

Graphical user interfaces are great way to learn and explore tools.

But running analysis from a GUI can kinda irritate a bioinformatician who is adept at scripting and command line interfaces

Galaxy for the Bioinformatician

But if you go to the command line, you give up
on Galaxy's user management, sharing,
persistence, reproducibility, publishing,
visualization, ... capabilities

The Galaxy API: full programmatic access to
Galaxy, without going through a GUI.

Allows bioinformaticians to get the best of
both worlds.

Back End Support: Workflow System

Replace current workflow system with, well, a workflow system.

Current system could be, um, more robust

Define a workflow engine API so that the workflow engine is interchangeable.

Back-End: Scaling Resources: Compute

Better support heterogeneous back ends:

Local cluster, institutional cloud, public cloud,
national supercomputing centres, ...

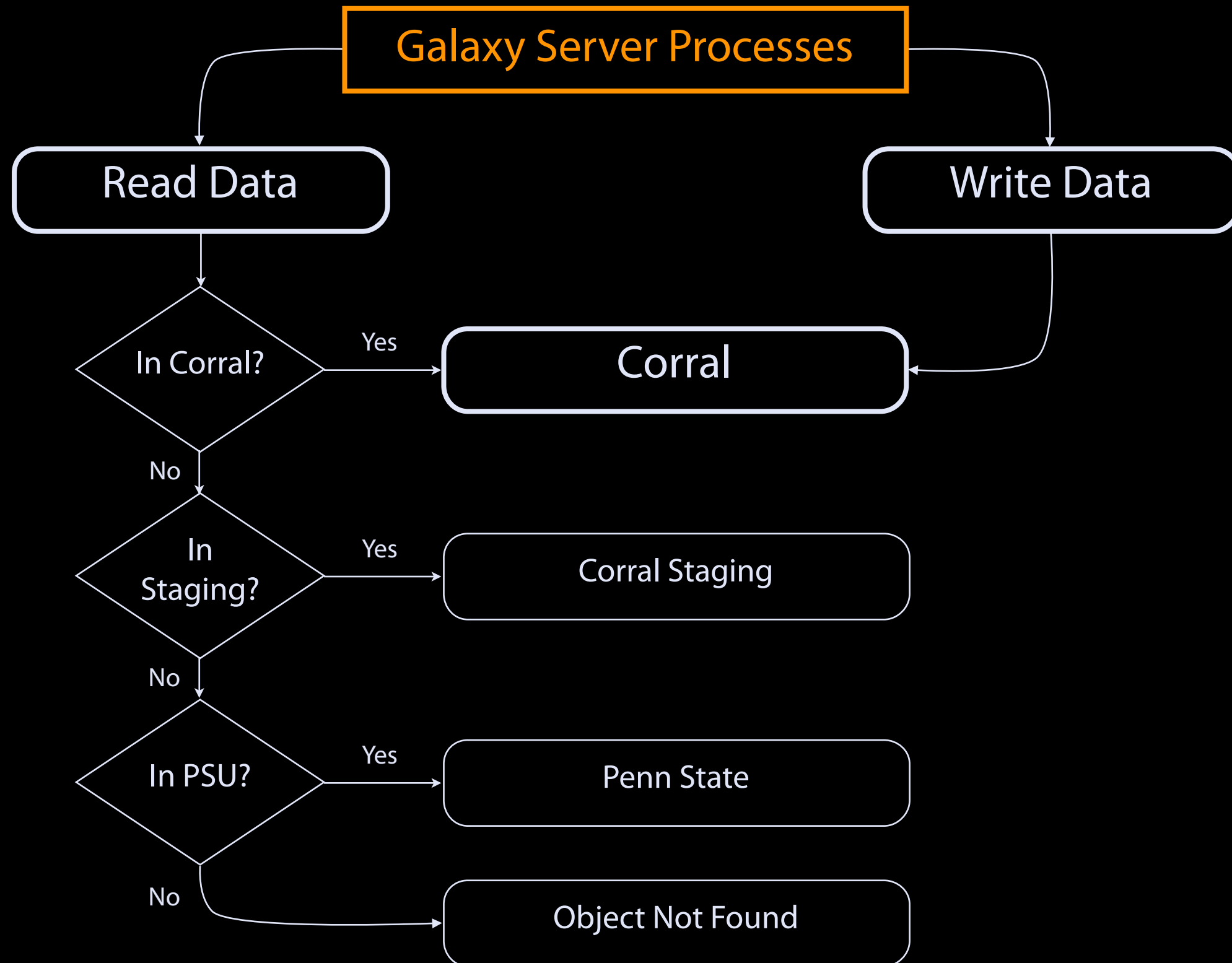
Enable Galaxy instances to be setup to exploit
these resources.

Back-End: Scaling Resources: **Storage**

ObjectStore: Galaxy API for connecting to different storage backends

NFS, iRODS, S3,

ObjectStore in action: usegalaxy.org move to TACC



Scaling for Big Demand

So far all about big data
That's part of the challenge

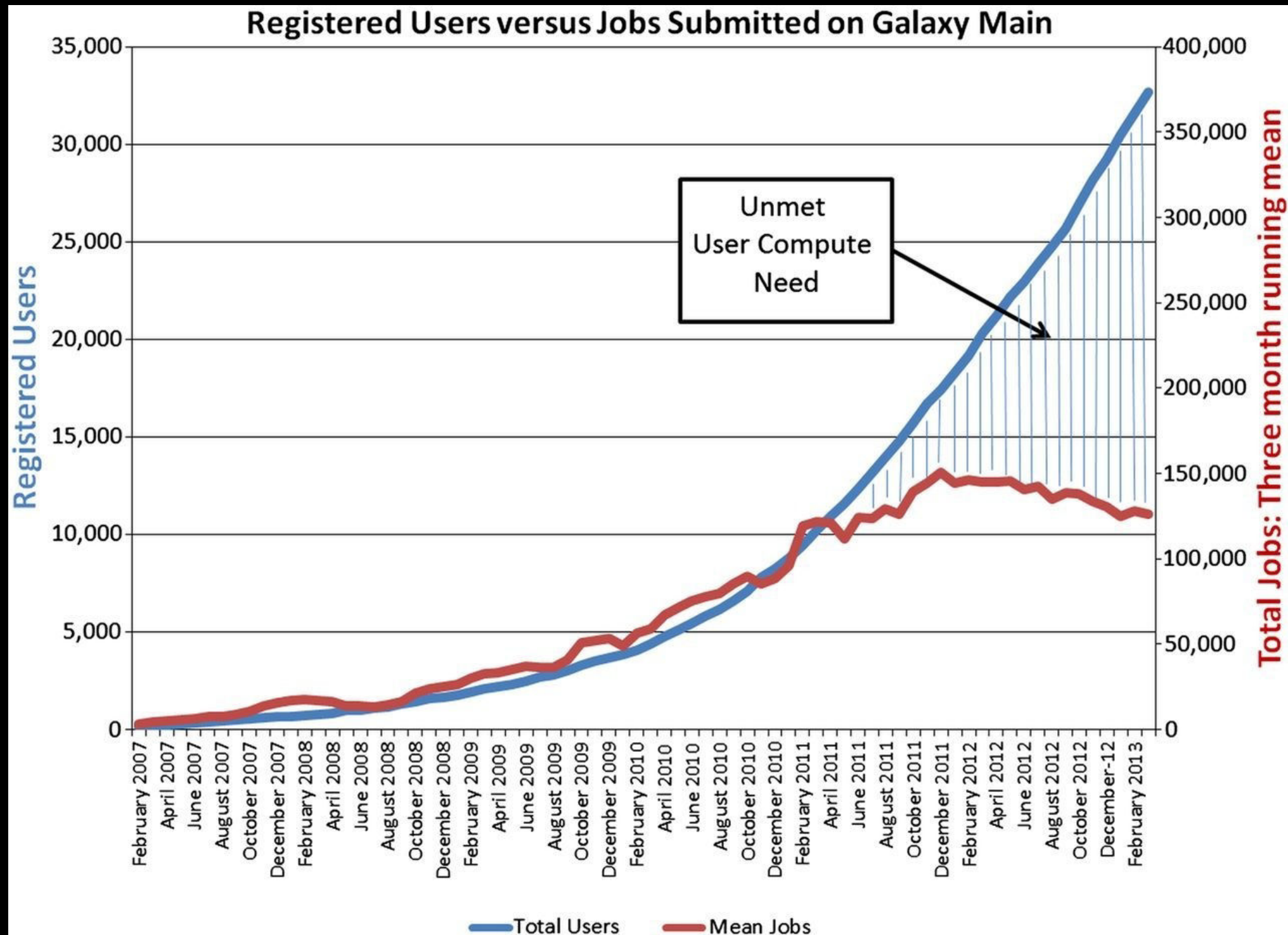
An orthogonal challenge is the sheer number
of researchers now interested in doing
bioinformatics analysis

Scaling for Big Demand: usegalaxy.org

When people think of Galaxy they often think of usegalaxy.org, the project's free (for everyone) web server. This integrates 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.*

It's good to be popular, isn't it?



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

Scaling for Big Demand: Open Source Software

<http://getgalaxy.org>

Galaxy is installed at organizations around the world

Working hard to make installing a local Galaxy easy

Galaxy ToolShed

Data Managers

Scaling for Big Demand: **Public Galaxy Instances**

<http://bit.ly/gxyServers>

Interested in:

ChIP-seq?

✓ Cistrome, Nebula

Statistical Analysis?

✓ Genomic Hyperbrowser

Protein Synthesis?

✓ GWIPS-viz

de novo assembly?

✓ GigaGalaxy

Reasoning with ontologies?

✓ GO Galaxy

Repeats?

✓ RepeatExplorer

Over 60 public Galaxy servers

Scaling for Big Demand: Galaxy on the Cloud



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

Scaling for Big Demand: **Commercial Support**

A ready-to-use appliance
(BioTeam)

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

Consulting & Customization
(Arctix, BioTeam, Deena
Bioinformatics)



Scaling for Big Demand: **Support**

Tens of thousands of users leads to a lot of questions.

Absolutely have to **encourage community support**.

Project traditionally uses mailing list

Just moved the **user support list** to **Galaxy Biostar**, an **online forum**, that uses the Biostar platform



Scaling for Big Demand: **Mailing Lists**

wiki.galaxyproject.org/MailingLists

Galaxy-Dev

Questions about developing for and deploying Galaxy
High volume (5200 posts in 2013, 900+ members)

Galaxy-Announce

Project announcements, low volume, moderated
Low volume (47 posts in 2013, 3400+ members)

Galaxy-User (deprecated)

Questions about using Galaxy and usegalaxy.org
High volume (1328 posts in 2013, 2600+ members)

Scaling for Big Demand: **Screencasts**

The screenshot shows the Vimeo profile for the 'Galaxy Project'. The header includes the Vimeo logo and navigation links: Me, Videos, Create, Watch, Tools, Upload. A search bar is on the right. The profile name 'Galaxy Project' is followed by a 'PLUS' badge and the text 'Joined 1 month ago'. Below this is a video player showing a dark interface with three buttons. To the right of the player are statistics: 54 Videos, 0 Likes, 0 Following, 1 Group, 6 Channels, and 0 Albums. A 'Recently Uploaded' section follows, with a link to 'See all 54 videos'. It displays four video thumbnails: 'Using Galaxy protocol 3: Calling Peaks For ChIP-seq Data' (CPB Using Galaxy 3, 5 days ago), 'Using Galaxy protocol 2: Loading Data and Understanding Datatypes' (CPB Using Galaxy 2, 5 days ago), 'Using Galaxy protocol 1: Finding Human Coding Exons with Highest SNP Density' (CPB Using Galaxy 1, 5 days ago), and 'FASTQ Prep Illumina' (FASTQ Prep - Illumina, 1 week ago). A 'Settings' button is located below the video player. A descriptive paragraph about the Galaxy project is at the bottom left of the page.

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- FASTQ Prep Illumina
FASTQ Prep - Illumina
1 week ago

Settings

Galaxy is an open, web-based platform for data intensive biomedical research. Whether on this free public server or your own instance, you can perform, reproduce, and share complete analyses. The Galaxy team is a part of BX at Penn State, and the Biology and Mathematics and Computer Science departments at Emory University. The Galaxy Project is supported in part by NSF, NHGRI, The Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, The Institute for

“How to”
screencasts on
using and
deploying
Galaxy

Talks from
previous
meetings.

<http://vimeo.com/galaxyproject>

Scaling for Big Demand: Feedback and guidance

The screenshot displays a Trello board titled "Galaxy: Development" with a "Public" status. The board is organized into several columns, each representing a different category of feedback or development task. The columns are: "Inbox", "Tool Requests", "Bug Reports", "Ideas", "Pull Requests / Patches", "Project in Planning", and "Menu".

Columns and Cards:

- Inbox:** Contains cards for adding cards, adding metrics, reference genomes, merging patches, and handling exceptions.
- Tool Requests:** Includes requests for adding SAMTools, SAM-to-BAM enhancements, bug fixes for character restrictions, random intervals, Bowtie2 simulation, insert size, wrapper for bigWigToWig, SAM to BAM converter, IUPAC to N conversion, FASTQ optimization, and genomic DNA extraction.
- Bug Reports:** Lists issues such as impersonation, SAGER dependency, Toolshed installation, profile annotations, intersect intervals, Bitset error, EMBOSS tools, and taxonomic patching.
- Ideas:** Features suggestions for JavaScript build process, Cuffdiff output, Workflow Editor, Google Drive integration, capture/report time, HTML output trust, workflow highlighting, automatic history creation, workflow dependencies, UI assistance, output naming, and sophisticated user behavior analysis.
- Pull Requests / Patches:** Shows patches for FASTQ paired-end issues, Bowtie Wrapper, ParamValueFilter, LDDA/HDA to_dict calls, SelectToolParameter validation, Trello Card compatibility, and fastq/fastq paired_end_joiner support.
- Project in Planning:** Includes planning for Galaxy login experience, Data Manager builds, password resetting, BAM format moving, role selection, Rsync version, UI enhancements, BWA alignment parameters, job placement, admin interface, history deletion, and user profiles for Tool Shed and Galaxy.
- Menu:** A sidebar on the right showing a list of members and a section for recent activity, including comments on user profiles and toolshed repositories.

The Trello interface includes a top navigation bar with links for HOME, TOUR, GOLD, BUSINESS CLASS, and BLOG. A "Sign Up" button is visible in the top right corner. A banner at the top encourages users to "Sign up for free" to subscribe, vote, or comment on the cards.

<http://bit.ly/gxytrello>

http://wiki.galaxyproject.org


Galaxy Wiki

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FrontPage

Edit History Actions




Galaxy is an open, web-based platform for *accessible, reproducible, and transparent* computational biomedical research.

- **Accessible:** Users without programming experience can easily specify parameters and run tools and workflows.
- **Reproducible:** Galaxy captures information so that any user can repeat and understand a complete computational analysis.
- **Transparent:** Users share and publish analyses via the web and create Pages, interactive, web-based documents that describe a complete analysis.

This is the Galaxy Community Wiki. It describes all things Galaxy.

Use Galaxy


Galaxy's [public service web site](#) makes analysis tools, genomic data, tutorial demonstrations, persistent workspaces, and publication services available to any scientist. Extensive [user documentation](#) (applicable to any [public](#) or local Galaxy instance) is available on [this wiki](#) and [elsewhere](#).



Deploy Galaxy

Galaxy is open source for all organizations. Local Galaxy servers can be set up by [downloading and customizing](#) the Galaxy application.

- [Admin](#)
- [Cloud](#)
- [Galaxy Appliance](#)




Community & Project

Galaxy has a large and active user community and many ways to [Get Involved](#).

- [Community](#)
- [News](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Support](#)
- [Galaxy Project](#)


Contribute

- **Users:** [Share](#) your histories, workflows, visualizations, data libraries, and [Galaxy Pages](#), enabling others to use and learn from them.
- **Deployers and Developers:** Contribute tool definitions to the Galaxy [Tool Shed](#) (making it easy for others to use those tools on their installations), and code to the core release.
- **Everyone:** [Get Involved!](#)



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Early Registration & Abstract Submission are now open



2014


24-25 March, Melbourne

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Scaling for Big Demand: **Gather**

Galaxy
Australasia
Workshop



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Support community
organized efforts
and events.



Scaling for Big Demand: **Training**



**Workshops in Norwich (this Friday)
and Edinburgh (next week)**

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

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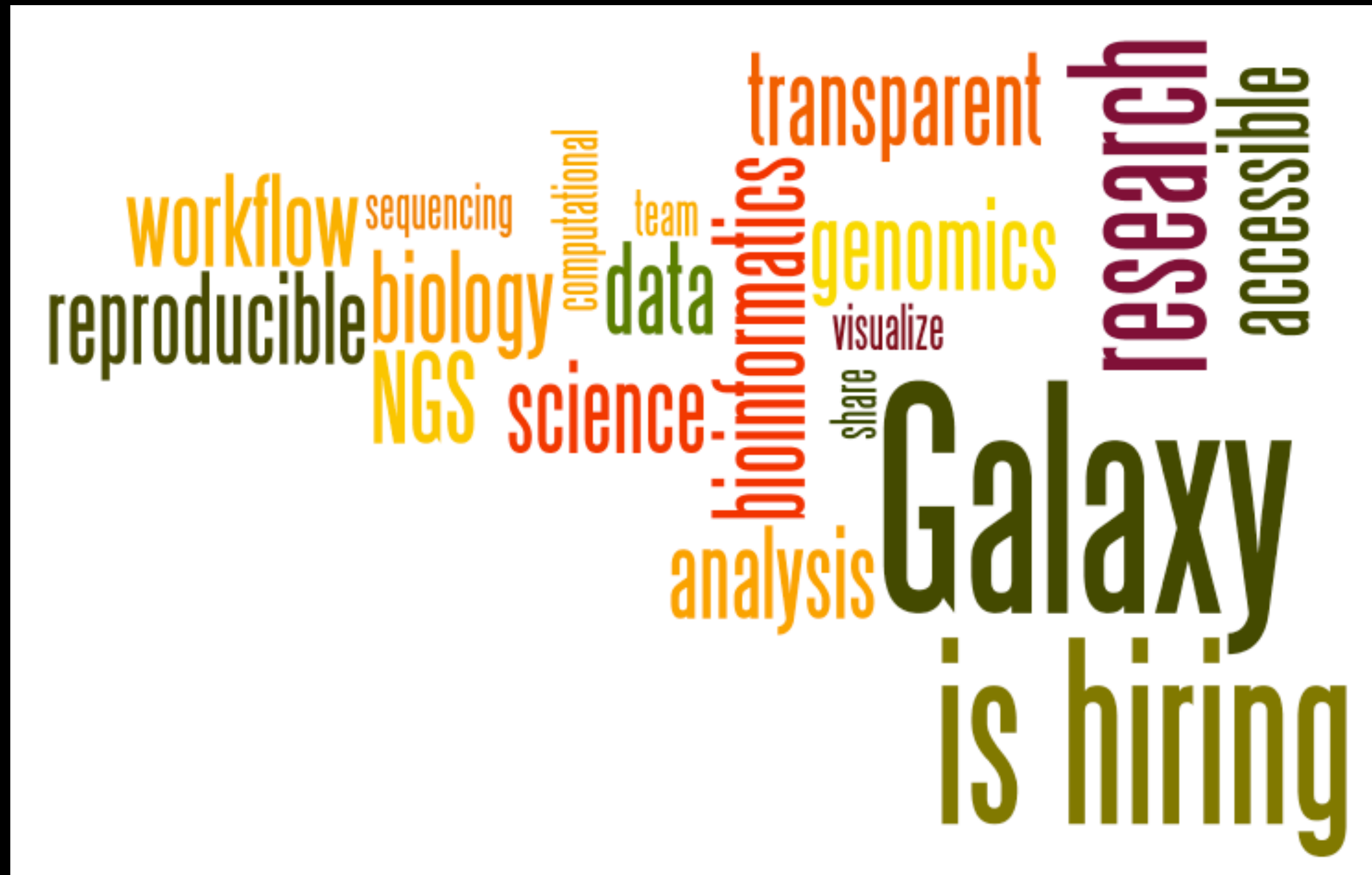
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James Taylor

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

Galaxy is hiring post-docs and software engineers



Please help.

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

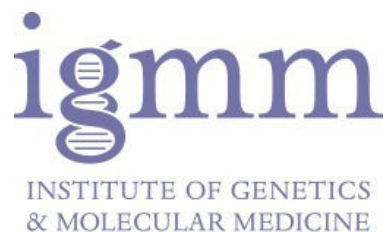
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