

FAIR Data Spaces Demonstrator: Persistent IDs in Pharma & Healthcare

Connecting pharma with clinical healthcare and academic biochemical research to speed-up drug development

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Pharma Use Cases



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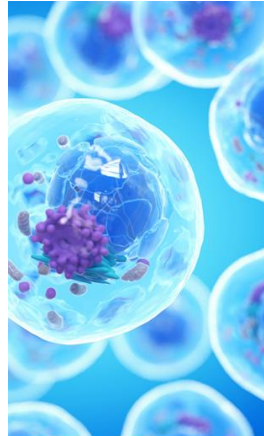
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→ Live demo today

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Example for today research collaboration <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

→ Small PoC screen recording

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→ Implemented separately



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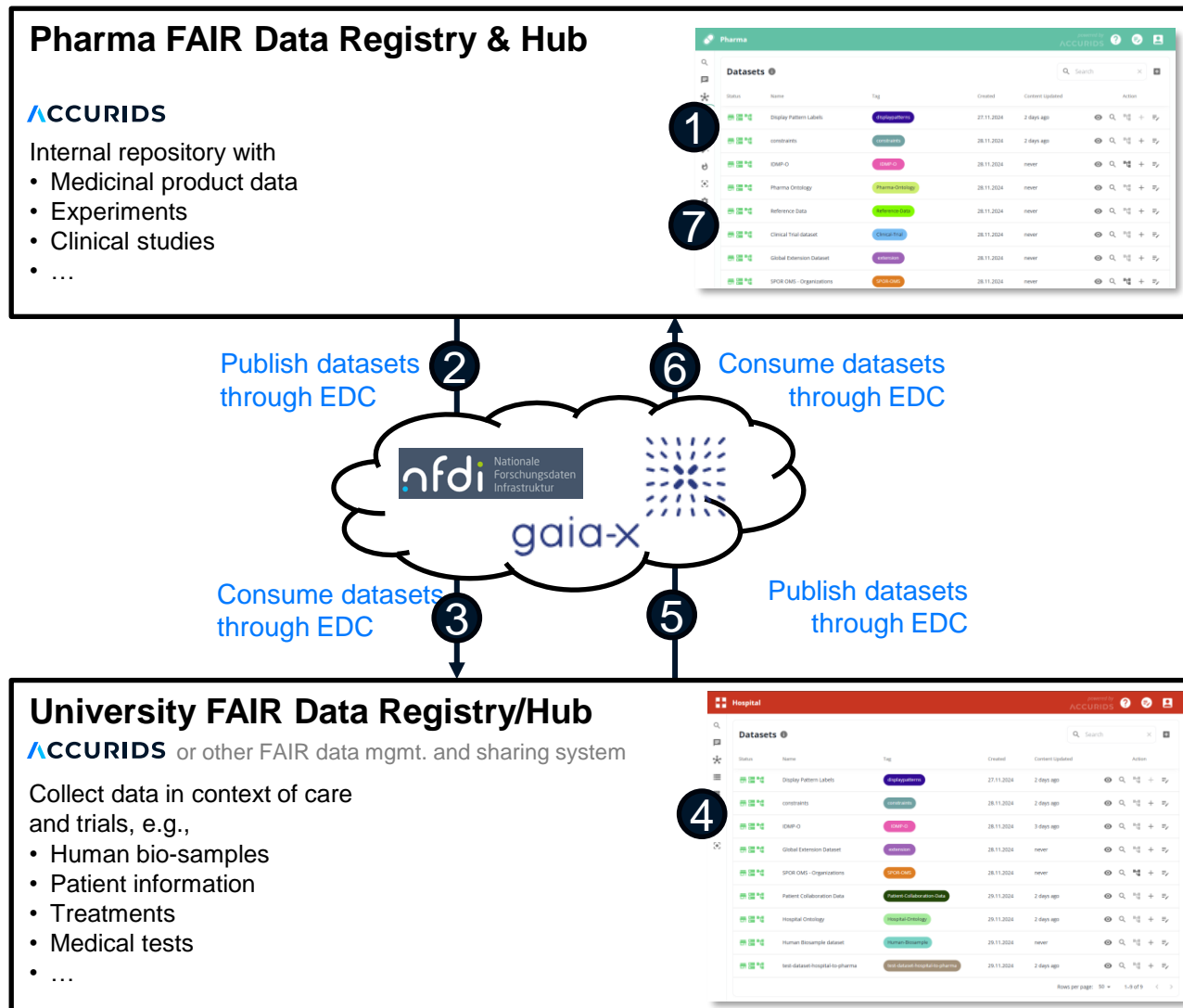
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Demonstrator Setup for Use Case 1



Clinical Trials – connecting clinical trial sites (e.g., university hospitals) with pharmaceutical companies



The demonstrator implements healthcare and pharma use cases showcasing how, a pharma company and a hospital can exchange data about human bio samples in context of a clinical trial sponsored by the pharma company in an automated manner allowing to speed up clinical trial data analysis and decision making. It uses the implemented EDC connector for ACCURIDS to realize a trusted data exchange and sharing of data collection requirements.

Demo Steps:

1. Manage FAIR clinical trial data in pharma instance
2. Provide (meta-)data standards through EDC
3. Consume (meta-)data standards through EDC
4. Capture trial related bio-samples in hospital instance
5. Provide bio-samples datasets through EDC
6. Consume bio-samples datasets
7. Analyze clinical trial data



Demo

EDC implementation



As part of the demonstrator implementation EDC connectors can communicate with ACCURIDS instances

Configured/Implemented 2 connectors

1. Data Provider EDC Connector
2. Data Consumer EDC Connector

Data Sharing through FAIR Data Spaces EDC connectors

pharma → hospital → pharma

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1. 1. CREATE ASSET SOURCE HOSPITAL HUMAN BIOSAMPLE
1. 2. CREATE ASSET TARGET FILE HOSPITAL HUMAN BIOSAMPLE
1. 3. CREATE ASSET TARGET GRAPHQL HOSPITAL
1. 4. CREATE ASSET SOURCE HOSPITAL PATIENT COLLABORATION
1. 5. CREATE ASSET TARGET FILE HOSPITAL PATIENT COLLABORATION
1. 6. CREATE ASSET SOURCE PHARMA REFERENCE DATA
1. 7. CREATE ASSET TARGET FILE PHARMA REFERENCE DATA
1. 8. CREATE ASSET TARGET GRAPHQL PHARMA
1. 9. CREATE ASSET SOURCE PHARMA SHAPES
1. 10. CREATE ASSET TARGET FILE PHARMA SHAPES
1. 11. CREATE ASSET SOURCE PHARMA TRIAL
1. 12. CREATE ASSET TARGET FILE PHARMA TRIAL
2. CREATE POLICY
3. CREATE CONTRACT

UPDATE CYCLE 00001

PHARMA REFERENCE DATA

Download Pharma Reference Data

4. FETCH CATALOG
Dataset ID: MQ==:cGhhcm1hUmVmZXJlbnNlRGF0YQ==:NMUjOGJlYtAtNjIzMC00YmJlTkZmEtyYVINDkxvbjYWE3

5. NEGOTIATE CONTRACT SOURCE
Negotiation ID: 955039ea-8104-44e3-ac65-c0aae6bc5e4b

6. GET AGREEMENT ID SOURCE
Agreement ID: None
no agreement identifier found, poll again in a second (1)
Agreement ID: None
no agreement identifier found, poll again in a second (2)
Agreement ID: 72673726-762e-41a0-85bc-45d38cd090cf

7. START TRANSFER SOURCE
Transfer ID: d65ddd06-5c6a-45f7-a2ce-7b3fea261e85

8. GET ENDPOINT DATA REFERENCE SOURCE
Endpoint: None Token: None...
no data endpoint found, poll again in a second (1)
Endpoint: None Token: None...
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Endpoint: http://localhost:19291/public Token: eyJraWQi...

9. GET THE DATA FROM ACCURIDS API PHARMA
Download done.
This is the first download.
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Upload Pharma Reference Data

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10. FETCH CATALOG TARGET FILE
Dataset ID: MQ==:cGhhcm1hUmVmZXJlbnNlRGF0YUzpbGU=:ODAwNzZjYTctN2F1Ny00NGJkLWJkNDctZmE3YTE1ZTkMTFj

11. NEGOTIATE CONTRACT TARGET FILE
Negotiation ID: 346b5bf7-c2e2-4f68-a656-8560880a7e53

12. GET AGREEMENT ID TARGET FILE
Agreement ID: None
no agreement identifier found, poll again in a second (1)
Agreement ID: ffcf2cad-26ea-4a6f-9550-8202fa36e1b9

13. START TRANSFER TARGET FILE
Transfer ID: 59edbd44-e12e-4c95-aeaa-1d548b61539f

14. GET ENDPOINT DATA REFERENCE TARGET FILE
Endpoint: None Token: None...
no data endpoint found, poll again in a second (1)
Endpoint: http://localhost:19291/public Token: eyJraWQi...

15. PUSH THE DATA TO ACCURIDS API HOSPITAL FILE UPLOAD

16. FETCH CATALOG TARGET GRAPHQL
Dataset ID: MQ==:cGhhcm1hR3JhcGhxbA==:OWZkMDM0MmMtOTU4My00NDdkLThhZGItNzG0NTcyYmFjMmFj

17. NEGOTIATE CONTRACT TARGET GRAPHQL
Negotiation ID: 6cf9b60d-4635-4e4d-838d-e63141fcef3

18. GET AGREEMENT ID TARGET GRAPHQL
Agreement ID: fc718118-f206-4c55-8052-1c96d1b05922

19. START TRANSFER TARGET GRAPHQL
Transfer ID: 6ce2141d-c569-4b83-b05a-208c18945855

20. GET ENDPOINT DATA REFERENCE TARGET GRAPHQL
Endpoint: None Token: None...
no data endpoint found, poll again in a second (1)
Endpoint: http://localhost:19291/public Token: eyJraWQi...

21. PUSH THE DATA TO ACCURIDS API HOSPITAL DATASET UPDATE
Dataset upload done.
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Important Requirements for Collaboration with Pharma



Demonstrator scope is implemented

#	Requirement	Scope	Demonstrator Implementation	Status & Extension Options
1	Trusted security framework	In	Usage FAIR Data Spaces EDC and OAuth2.	DONE
2	Globally Unique, Persistent and Resolvable Identifiers (GUPRIs)	In	Shared through datasets and resolvable based on OAuth2.	DONE <i>Connect security config with FAIR Data Spaces</i>
3	Standardized reference taxonomy	In	Sharable RDFS class hierarchy based on agreed healthcare industry standards.	DONE <i>Provide shared reference concept library centrally</i>
4	Standardized data models (schema)	In	Sharable SHACL shapes linked to agreed healthcare industry standards.	DONE <i>Provide shared data model library centrally</i>
5	Data quality reporting	Add-on	Execution of data quality before sharing and after subscription/entry of data.	ONGOING , Dec/Jan product implementation <i>Collaborative data quality resolution</i>
6	Dataset subscription and synchronization	Add-on		FUTURE <i>Allow subscription to FAIR DS published datasets</i>
7	Intellectual property management	Out		FUTURE (use metadata for now)

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FAIR Data Spaces Demo Scenario

Persistent IDs for plasmid vectors based on normalized DNA sequences

A **plasmid vector** is a small, circular piece of DNA that is used as a tool in molecular biology and genetic engineering to carry foreign genetic material into a host organism. It acts as a "vehicle" to transfer and replicate genes within a cell, typically bacterial or eukaryotic cells.

PoC implementation done with a large pharma that is specialized in bio tech engineering to develop personalized medicines

→ [Screen recording](#)



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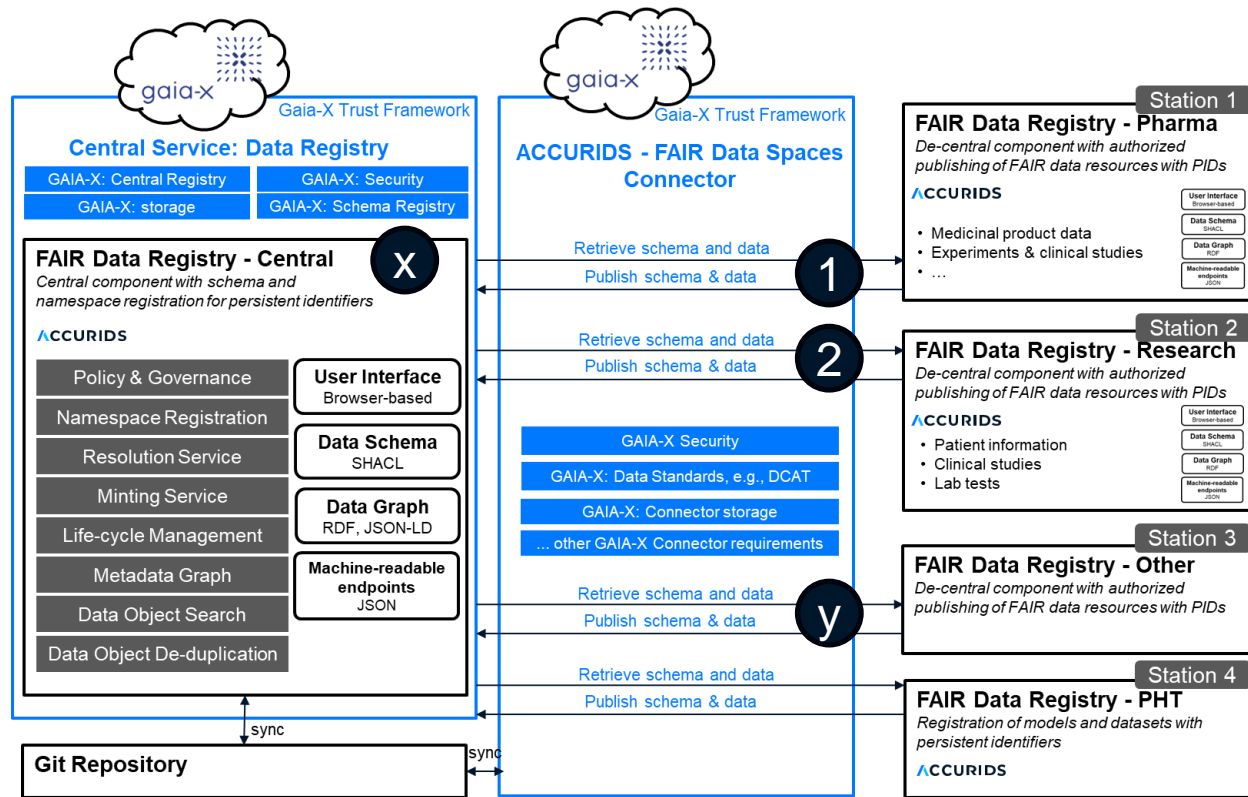
With the successful PoC we can...

1. **Augment ACCURIDS UI to share data through EDC-connector** (instead of PoC background script)
2. **Use a central place for sharing metadata** standards and PID uniqueness constraints (SHACL files) to align different organizations before exchanging data.
→ *Connect with NFDI terminology and PID services*
3. **Enhance use case implementations, e.g., on early research collaboration** in context of cell cultures
→ *check relevancy for NFDI4... -Health, -Immuno, -Microbiota*
4. **Implement a PoC with non-ACCURIDS sources** or targets of data exchange



Backup

Implemented Demonstrator Scenario



- 1 The Pharma instance shares schema and data with the university hospital through EDC FAIR Data Space connector.
- 2 The university hospital shares data about collected human bio samples through EDC FAIR Data Space connector.
- X To focus on the decentralized aspect of the FAIR Data Spaces the demonstrator was implemented without a central component. Depending on the FAIR Data Spaces roadmap a corresponding central registry instance can be setup to support multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- y In the future, the data exchange with an organization that doesn't have a ACCURIDS Data Registry instance can be explored.

Demo Steps Summary



1. Show two ACCURIDS instances: Pharma (PH) + University Hospital (UH) with configuration, customization and security setup
2. Both, PH and UH configure a standardize reference taxonomy based on ISO IDMP with classes for clinical trial and human bio samples that specify also the Persistent ID minting mechanisms based on defined characteristic metadata.
3. PH defines a controlled reference terminology for bio sample types
4. EDC FAIR Data Spaces connector is used to share metadata and clinical trial base data from PH with the UH instance
5. The UH sets up the registry for collecting human bio samples as part of a clinical trial with persistent identifiers
6. The UH collects human bio samples and links them to internal patient master data and the clinical trial of the sponsoring PH
7. UH shares bio sample dataset through EDC with PH
8. PH can view bio-sample data in PH instance automatically connected with other PH clinical trial data
9. PH can run analytics queries on interoperable connected trial information
10. Updates and synchronization:
 1. UH collects further bio samples and enriches data about bio samples already shared.
 2. This is automatically shared as a updated dataset with PH
 3. Data about individual samples can be accessed through PIDs that resolve to the mastering UH instance