

### Designing Future Wheat (DFW)

The <u>BBSRC</u> funded Designing Future Wheat (DFW) Institute Strategic Programme, spans over 25 groups of scientists across 8 research institutes and universities and aims to develop new wheat germplasm containing the next generation of key traits.

It is anticipated that the world will need to produce 60% more wheat by 2050 to meet global demand. Since it takes between 15 and 20 years for current research to improve wheat varieties grown in farmers' fields, it is imperative that we act now to address problems facing us in the future

Taken from <a href="https://designingfuturewheat.org.uk/">https://designingfuturewheat.org.uk/</a>



### **DFW Data**

# DFW produces lots of scientific data

- Field Trial experiments
- Datasets
- Sequences



# Target audiences

### We have different groups of users

- Breeders
- Academics
- Data Scientists
- Industry



# Challenge

To make the data accessible and usable for everyone



#### **Grassroots Infrastructure**

A suite that wraps up industry-standard software tools along with our own custom open-source ones

- Consistent JSON-based API
  - Language and platform agnostic
- Can be federated with other Grassroots instances
- Sharing data and services in a <u>FAIR</u> way



### FAIR data principles - Findable

The first step in (re)using data is to find them.

- Data are described with rich metadata
- Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers.
- Machine-readable metadata are essential for automatic discovery of datasets and services



### FAIR data principles - Accessible

Once the user finds the required data, they need to know how can they be accessed, possibly including authentication and authorization.

- (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol
- Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available



### FAIR data principles - Interoperable

The data usually need to be integrated with other data.

- Able to be easily integrated with applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.
- (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.



### FAIR data principles - Reusable

The ultimate goal of FAIR is to optimize the reuse of data.

- Metadata and data should be well-described so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different settings
- Metadata and data are associated with detailed provenance



### **Grassroots Infrastructure**



- Grassroots Apache module acts as a bridge between Apache and Grassroots
- A set of cross-platform libraries that can be used by Grassroots components including
  - Networking code to access web resources
  - Server and Service management tools
  - API to & from our web services and their parameters



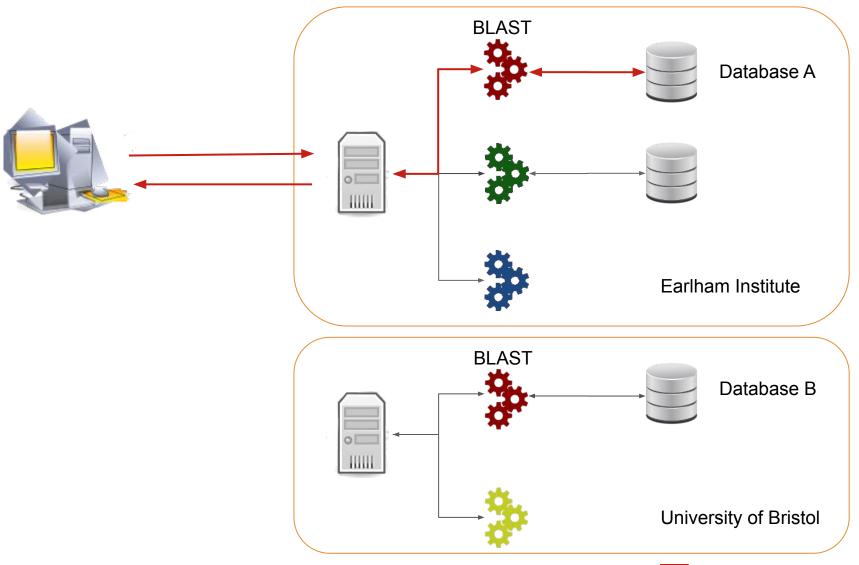
#### **Grassroots Infrastructure - Services**



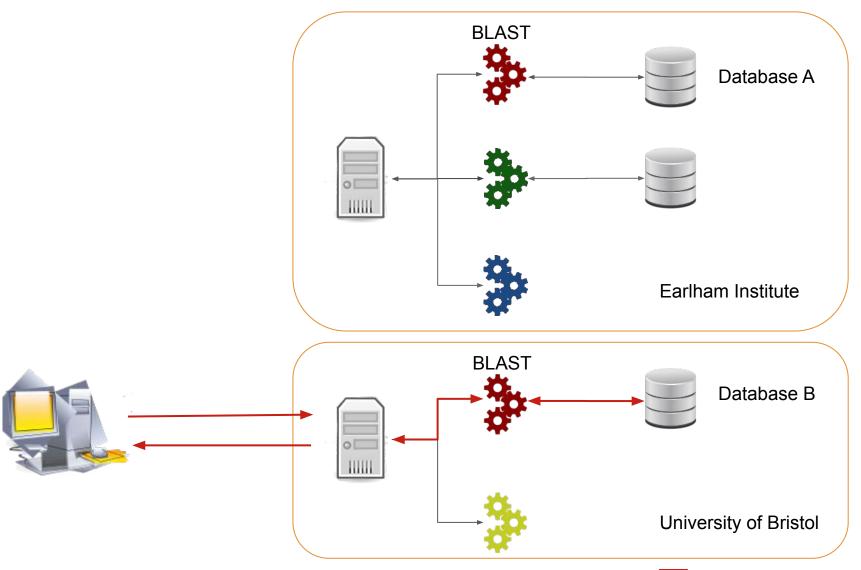
- Components that perform scientific analysis
  - Adapting existing programs
  - Writing our own bespoke tools
- Tools that conform to the Grassroots Services API, which is a well-defined set of standards to access tools and data e.g.
  - BLAST
    - Find areas of similarity between biological sequences
  - Field Trials
  - Unified Search



### Standard Web Service Interaction



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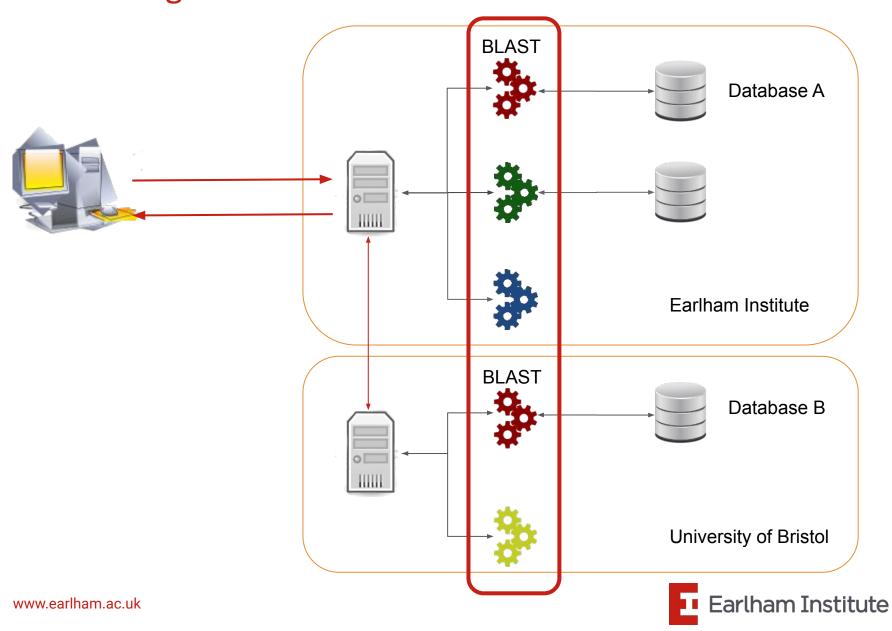


#### Issues

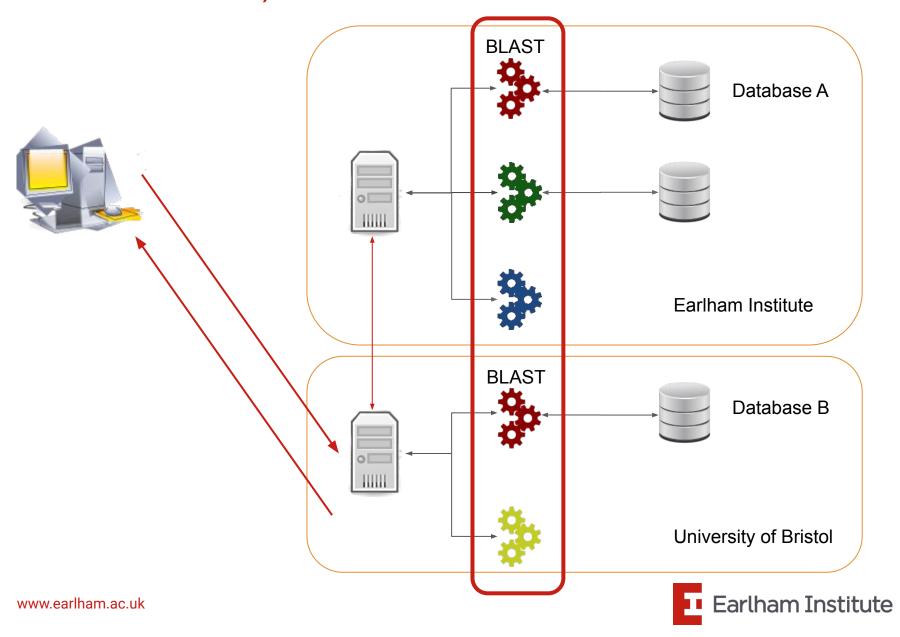
- Manually having to access each Service individually
- Collation of results
- Human error
- Not running each service with the same parameters
- Mistakes when putting the results together
- Time consuming



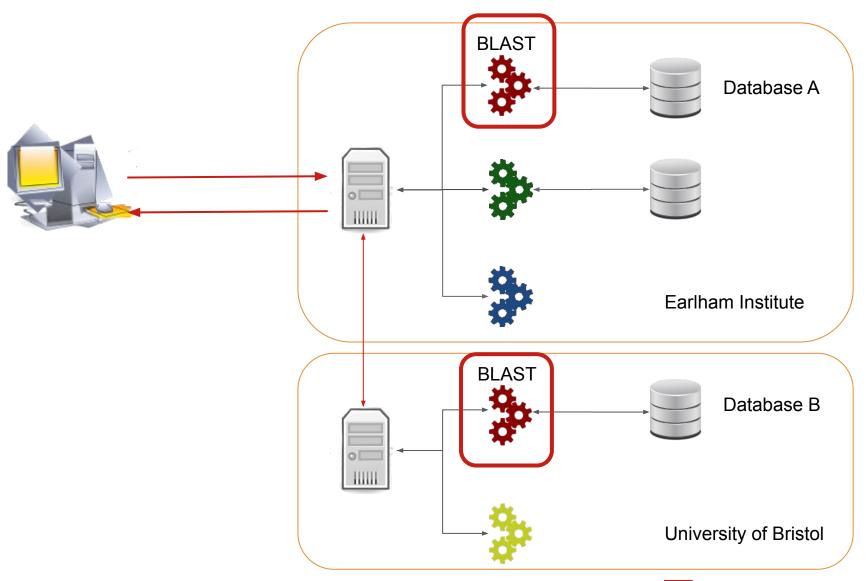
# **Federating Services**



# Different Server, Same List of Services

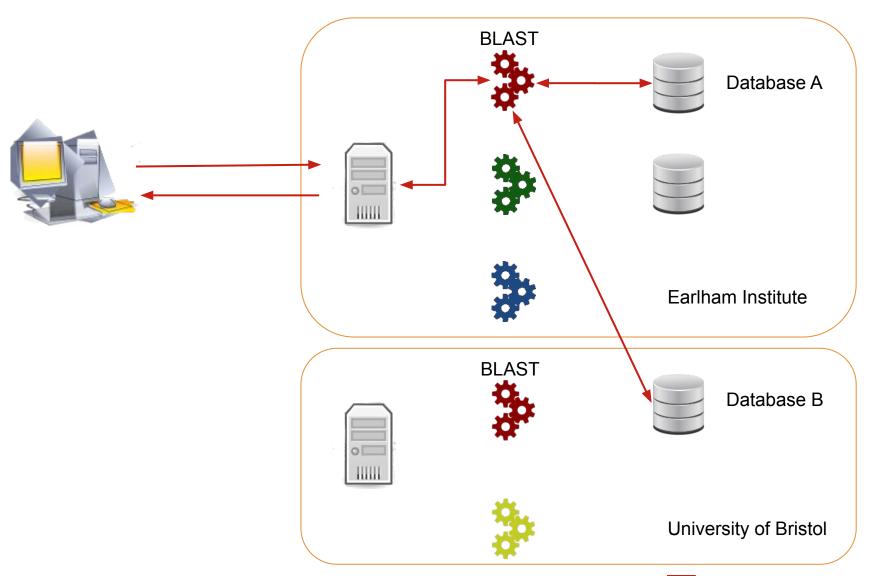


### Same Services...

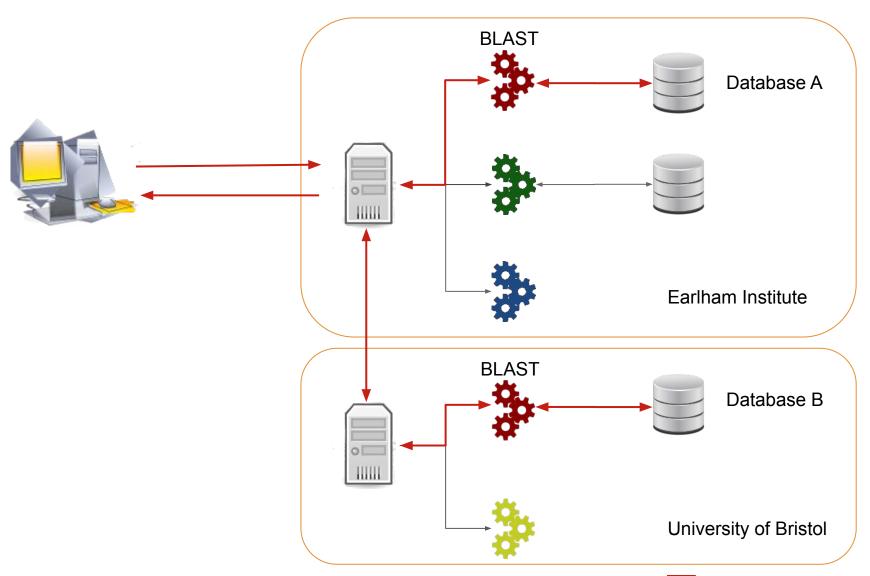




# ... Get Amalgamated



### Under the Hood



#### **DFW Data Portal**

#### Available at

https://opendata.earlham.ac.uk/wheat/under\_license/toronto/

- A repository for all data generated within DFW
- Based upon the <u>Toronto data agreement</u>
  - Prepublication data sharing
  - This agreement does not expire by time but only upon publication of the first global analysis by the data producers and contributors.



#### **iRODS**

An open source data management software used by research, commercial, and governmental organizations worldwide.

- Data virtualization
- Data discovery
  - Search on standard file and directory attributes
  - Metadata for each object
- Workflow automation
- Secure collaboration
- Federation

https://irods.org/



### mod\_eirods\_dav

Our open source Apache module, forked from <a href="https://github.com/UtrechtUniversity/davrods">https://github.com/UtrechtUniversity/davrods</a> to access iRODS repositories using standard web technologies.

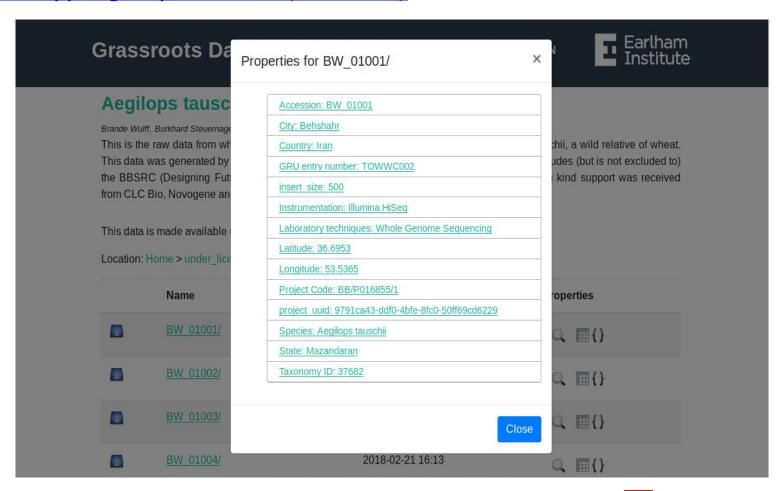
- Themeable listings similar to mod\_autoindex
- Metadata display and editing
- Show public or authenticated user data
- Full REST Web Service API

https://github.com/billyfish/eirods-dav



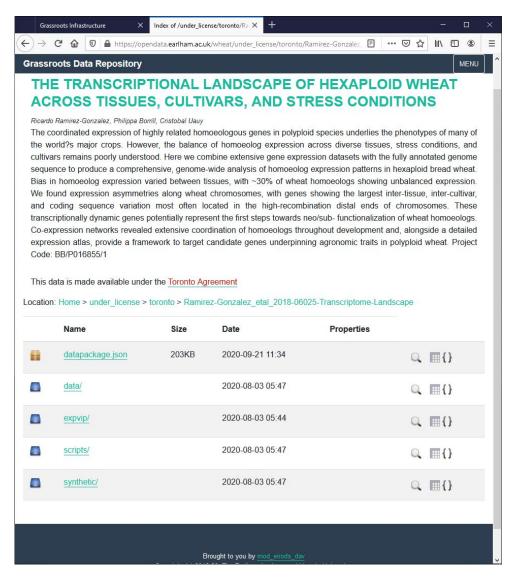
#### DFW Data Portal - Metadata

Metadata based upon the <u>Minimum Information About a Plant</u> <u>Phenotyping Experiment (MIAPPE)</u> standard





### DFW Data Portal - Project



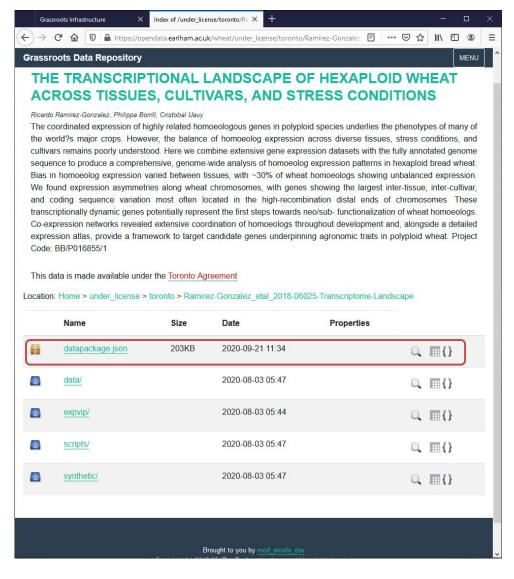
#### Projects have

- Titles
- Authors
- Descriptions
- License details
- Data

All indexed and searchable using our <a href="Lucene-based"><u>Lucene-based</u></a> text search engine



#### **DFW Data Portal - Frictionless Data**



Open Knowledge Tool Fund to expose our DFW Data Portal datasets and publications as Frictionless Data Packages

#### **Frictionless Data**

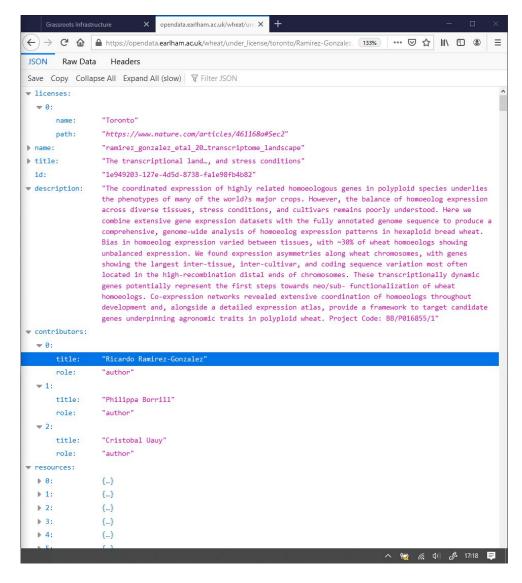
A Frictionless Data Package is a simple container format used to describe and package a collection of data.

- Can package any kind of data.
- Simple
- Extensible
- Metadata that is human-editable and machine-usable
- Reuse of existing standard formats for data
- Language, technology and infrastructure agnostic

https://frictionlessdata.io/data-package/

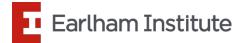


### DFW Data Portal - Frictionless Data Package



Each Project within the Data Portal has a Frictionless Data Package currently containing

- License
- Name
- Description
- Authors
- Title
- Id



### mod\_eirods\_dav - Frictionless Data additions

Dynamic creation of Frictionless Data Packages by generating values from the iRODS metadata values

- Can be cached and written back to iRODS
- Uses standard Apache configuration directives to decide which directories have Frictionless Data Packages generated
- The iRODS metadata keys to use are completely configurable
- Multiple iRODS metadata values can be combined
- Tabular Data Resources are also supported
  - Column headings and variable types are completely configurable



#### Field Trials

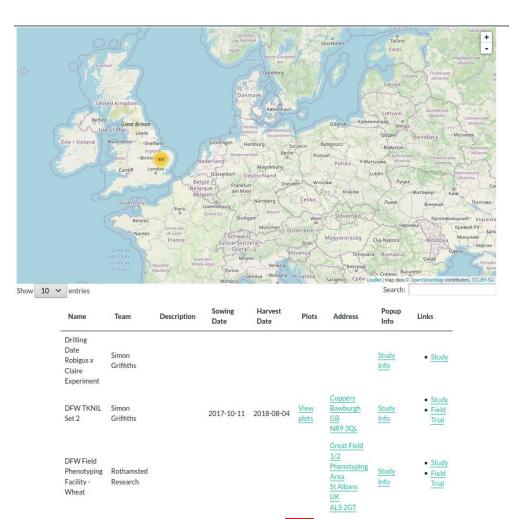
Experiments where different crops are planted in plots within a field, differing treatments applied and then traits are measured.

- Standardised template for submitting the genotype (the genetic material of the crop) and the phenotype (the characteristics that you want to measure) data
- To facilitate publishing of data compliant with FAIR sharing principles



### Field Trials - Findable

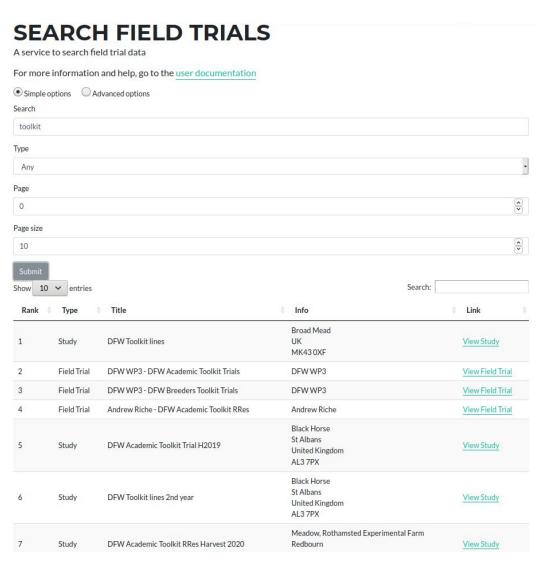
The experimental data can be accessed using a map-based view and a searchable table of the data...





### Field Trials - Findable

... or via a text-based search web page





### Field Trials - Accessible

- All data is openly available
- All Field Trials, Studies, etc. have a unique identifier and are accessible through standard web technologies

### Field Trials - Interoperability

The Field Trials data and metadata is exposed using both BrAPI which is a community-driven standardized RESTful web service API specification to enable interoperability among plant breeding databases.

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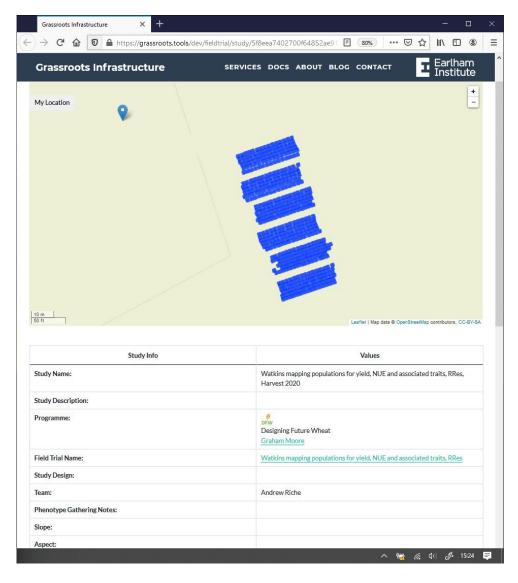
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#### Field Trials - Plots Geolocations



The geolocations of each plot within a study, coupled with automatic location updating, allows the scientists to walk around a study and see which plot they are within in real time.

### Field Trial – Reusable data

### Plot data is standardized using ontological terms for each plot

PLOT DETAILS ×

Row: 20 Column: 1 Length: 3.594m Width: 1.8m Study Design:

Sowing Date: 2019-10-30 Harvest Date: 2020-08-10

Treatment:

Comment: Slight height segregation



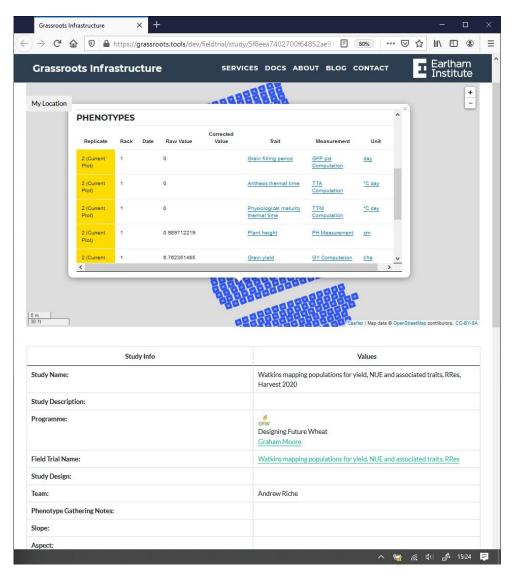
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3 ( <u>Plot Row:3 - Col:23)</u>	1	DFW SEL 0208		Germplasm Resources Unit	
2 ( <u>Plot Row:14 - Col:15)</u>	1	DFW SEL 0208		Germplasm Resources Unit	

#### **PHENOTYPES**

Close



### Field Trials - Plot Phenotypes



Phenotypes stored as

- Trait
  - What to Measure
- Method
  - How it was measured
- Unit
- Value(s)
- Date

All of these are well-defined terms from the <a href="Crop">Crop</a>
<a href="Ontology">Ontology</a>



# Field Trials - Exposing Data

All of the data and metadata are available via Web Service APIs

- Grassroots
- Partial BrAPI support



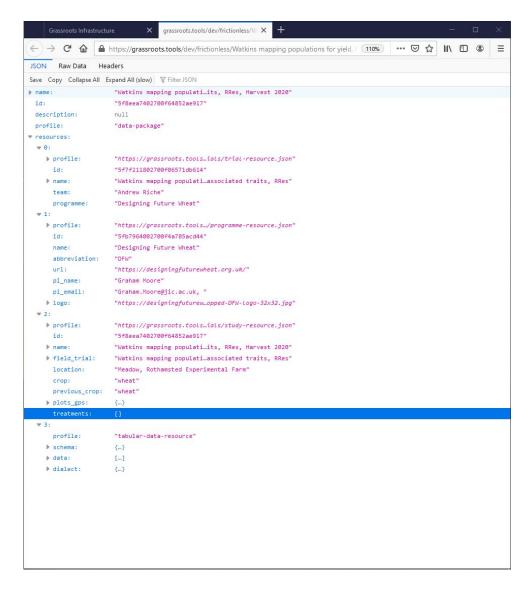
### Field Trials - Exposing Data

Q: APIs work for people comfortable scripting and programming, but what about people who just want the basic data...

A: Frictionless Data!

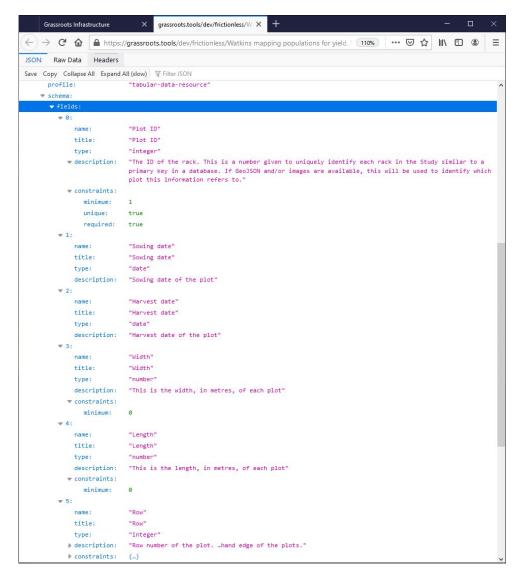
- Grassroots Schemas published at <u>https://grassroots.tools/frictionless-data/</u>
- Other DFW work on Frictionless Data by Richard Ostler at Rothamsted Research

### Field Trials - Study Frictionless Data Package



All of the details of each individual study are stored in a single Frictionless Data Package

### Field Trials - Plots Schema Fields



The data for the study's plots is tabular with dynamically generated schemas

#### Standard attributes

- Length
- Width
- Position
- etc.

#### **Custom attributes**

- Treatments e.g. fertilizers
- Phenotypes



### Field Trials - Plots Tabular Data

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### Field Trials - Exposing Data

So people can download a field trial as a Frictionless Data Package and Frictionless comes with a great API to extract the data

Can we make it simple for them to unpack the data?



### Field Trials - Exposing Data

A tool to extract the resources within a Frictionless Data Package

- Downloads and uses the schemas specified by the profile value of each Data Resource
- Converts Data Resources
  - Markdown
  - o HTMI
- Converts Tabular Data Resources
  - CSV
- Cross Platform
- Not wheat-specific, works with any Data Package

Pre-release available at

https://github.com/TGAC/grassroots-client-frictionless-data/



#### **Further Work**

- Add more information to the generated Frictionless Data Packages
- Add Machine Learning to detect phenotypic values from media such as photos taken by drones
- Further collaboration with Richard Ostler refining a common Frictionless Data standard for both single-year and long-term field trial wheat studies

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