

# iRODS

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## Managing Data from the Edge to HPC

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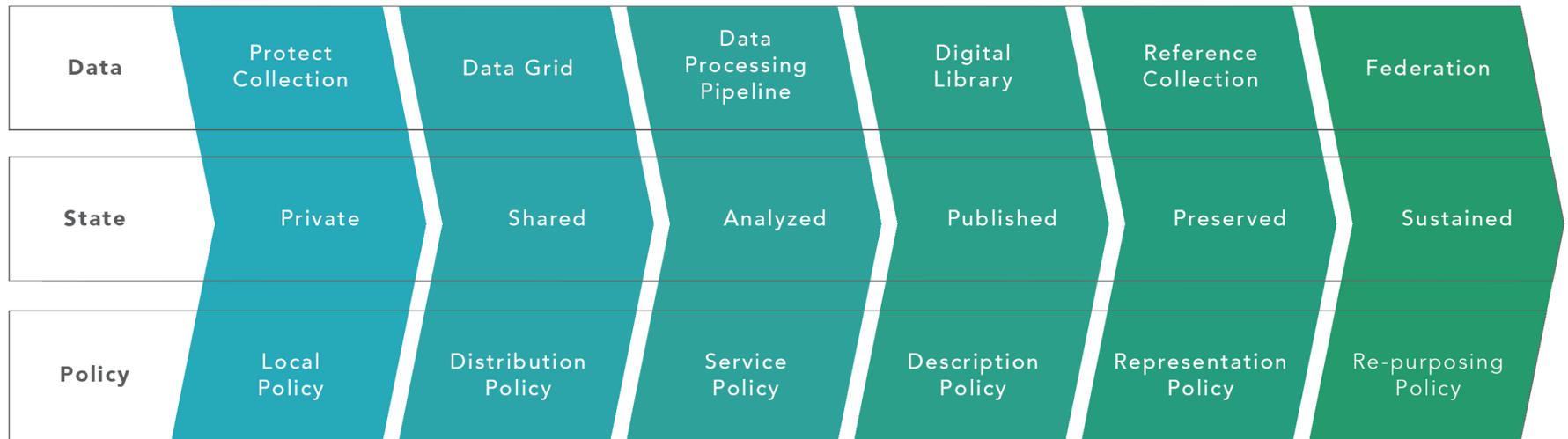
# Data Management

"The development, execution and supervision of plans, policies, programs and practices that control, protect, deliver and enhance the value of data and information assets."

Most organizations are still managing their assets with a collection of small scripts, tribal knowledge, vigilance, and hope.

Organizations, instead, need a future-proof solution to managing data and its surrounding infrastructure.

## DATA LIFECYCLE

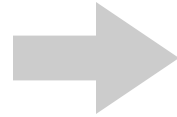
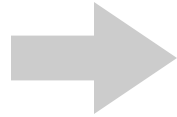
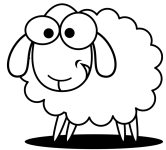
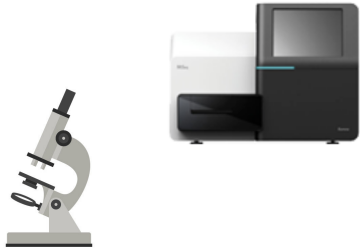


iRODS virtualizes the stages of the data lifecycle through policy evolution

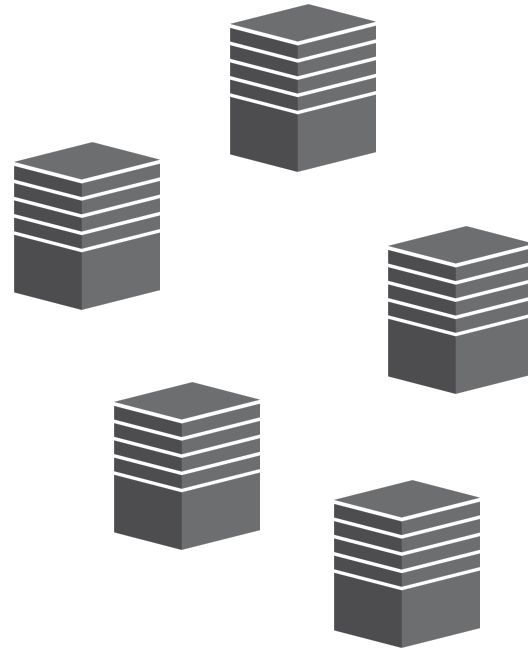
As data matures and reaches a broader community, data management policy must also evolve to meet these additional requirements.

# Typical Data Flow

Devices / Sensors



On Premise / Cloud



Incoming source data from satellites, sequencers, microscopes, ... sheep

# The Problem

Data is coming in with greater...

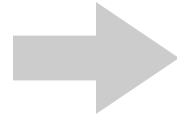
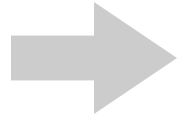
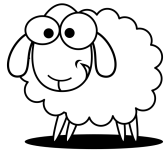
- Volume
- Velocity
- Variety

Human-throttled ingestion and cleaning is no longer sufficient.

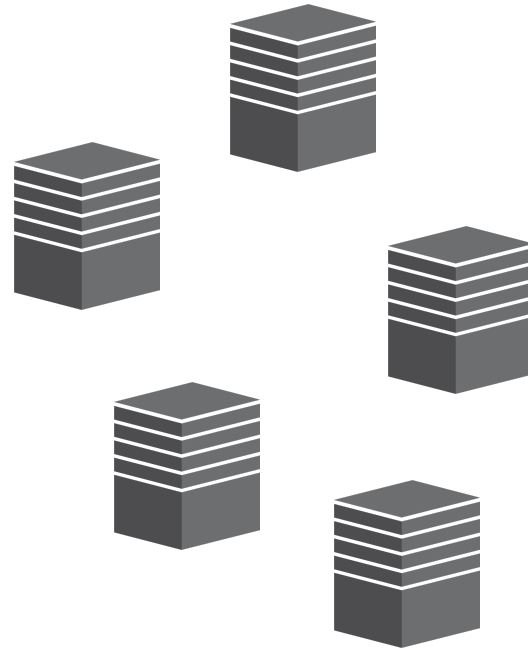
- Should be handled with policy and procedure
- Should be handled with code
- Should be handled closer to point of creation

# Where is the Edge?

Devices / Sensors



On Premise / Cloud



Where does the data come under management?

Where can it be vouched for?

Where can it be trusted?

iRODS is open source data management software



Provides insurance against your changing infrastructure:

- edge devices
- storage
- compute
- networking
- authentication

The underlying technology categorized into four areas







- Data Routing
- Data Movement
- Data Verification
- Data Synchronization
- Data Transformation
- Metadata Capture
- Metadata Application
- Metadata Verification



Automated Ingest



Storage Tiering



Auditing



Provenance



Indexing



Publishing



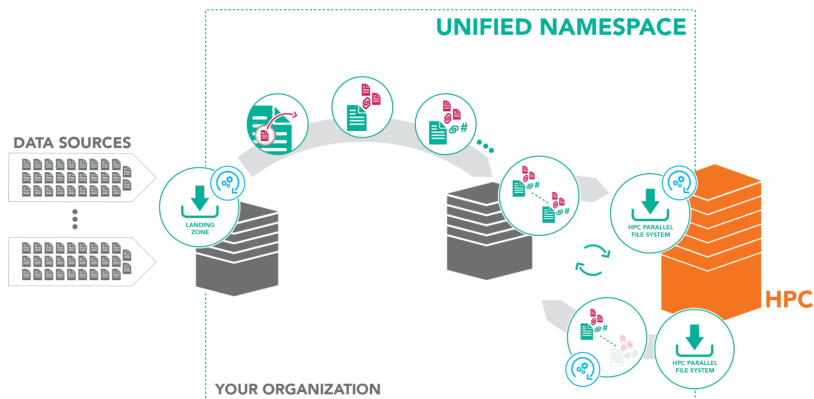
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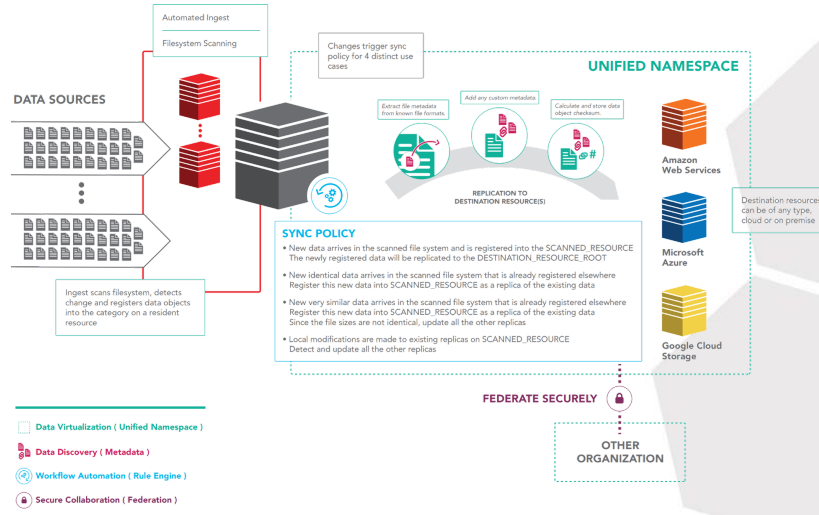
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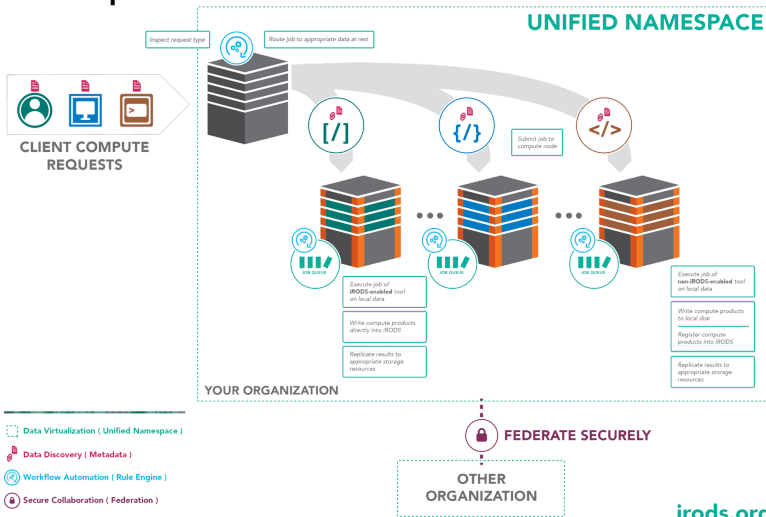
## Data to Compute



## Filesystem Synchronization



## Compute to Data





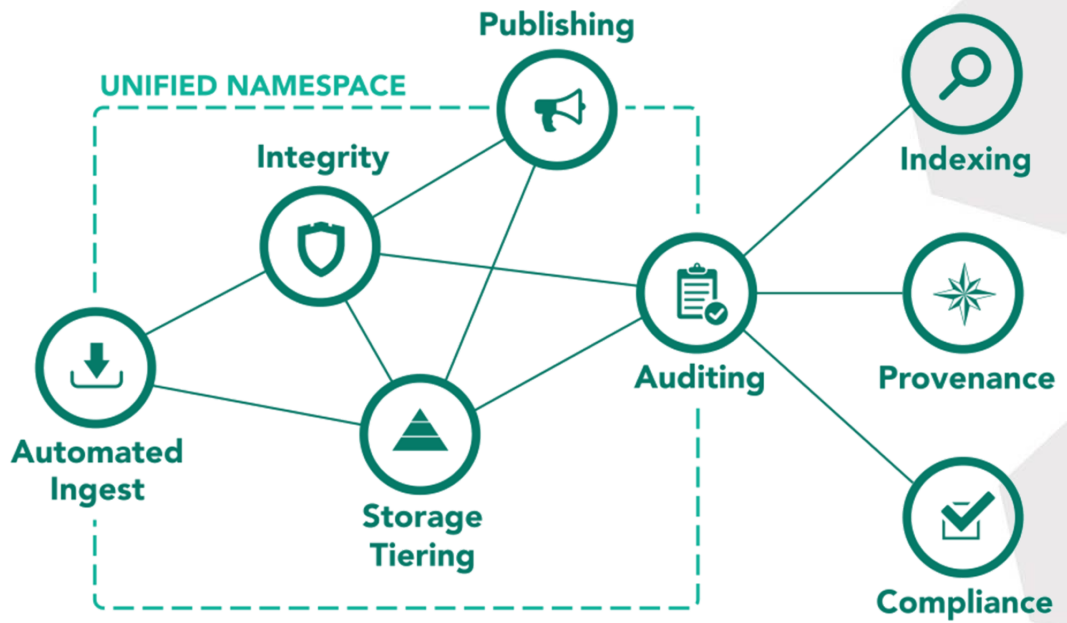
# The Data Management Model

iRODS provides eight packaged capabilities, each of which can be selectively deployed and configured.

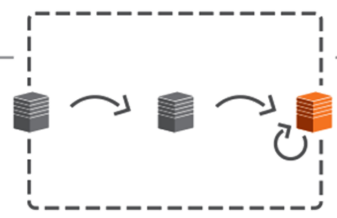
These capabilities represent the most common use cases as identified by community participation and reporting.

The flexibility provided by this model allows an organization to address its immediate use cases.

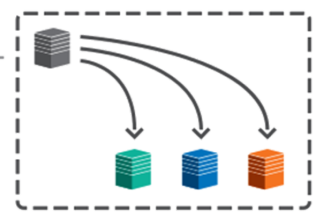
Additional capabilities may be deployed as any new requirements arise.



A pattern represents a combination of iRODS capabilities and data management policy consistent across multiple organizations. Three common patterns of iRODS deployment have been observed within the community:



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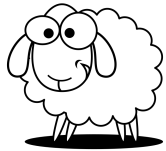
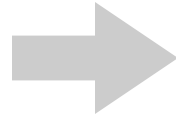
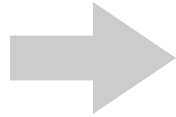
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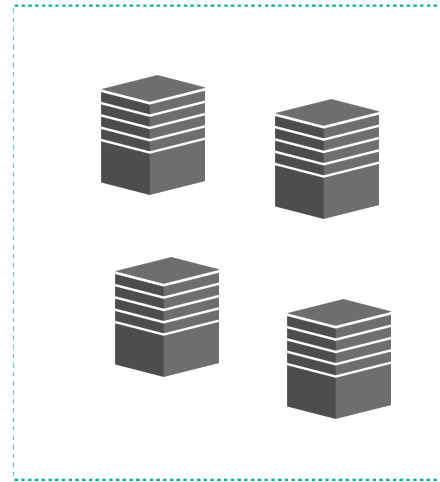
Synchronization

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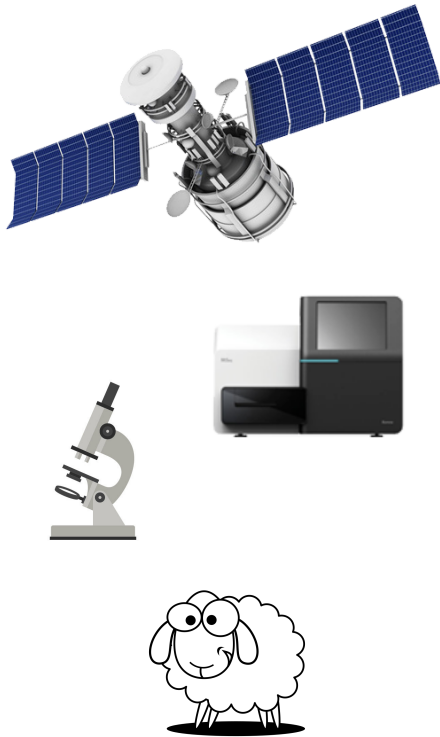
On Premise / Cloud



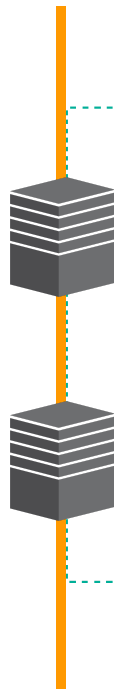
Create a logical namespace

# Where is the Edge?

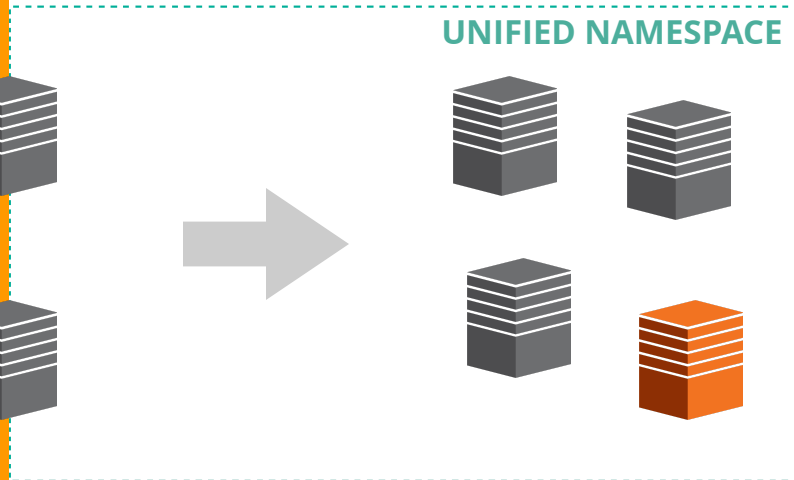
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Edge



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Move the point of ingestion closer to the source.  
Ingest on site. Ingest at the point of data creation.

# The Data Lifecycle begins at Data Generation

By bringing data management to the point of data generation (and extending the programmatic surface out to the instruments), a system with this architecture can address other hard problems:

- Data Harmonization
- Data Movement
- Data Integrity
- Geographic Distribution
- Network Capacity
- Network Reliability
- Variety of Data Sources
- Variety of Data Formats

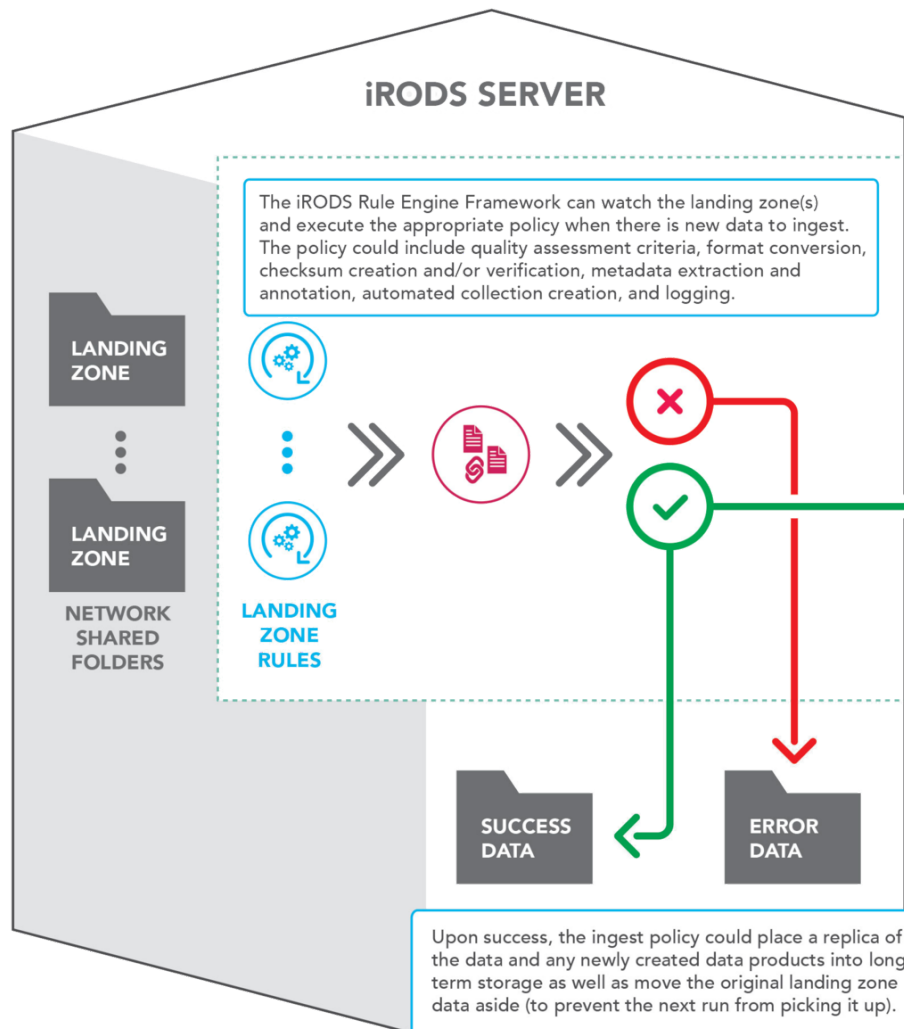
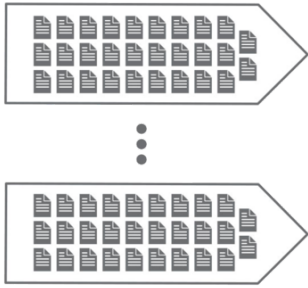


# Automated Ingest - Landing Zone

Data may be automatically ingested from a number of sources which do not speak the iRODS protocol ( microscopes, telescopes, sequencers, etc ).

These sources could feed a single landing zone or an array of landing zones - this is a design decision for the iRODS administrator.

## DATA SOURCES



The iRODS Rule Engine Framework can watch the landing zone(s) and execute the appropriate policy when there is new data to ingest. The policy could include quality assessment criteria, format conversion, checksum creation and/or verification, metadata extraction and annotation, automated collection creation, and logging.

## UNIFIED NAMESPACE



**FEDERATE SECURELY**



Upon success, the ingest policy could place a replica of the data and any newly created data products into long term storage as well as move the original landing zone data aside (to prevent the next run from picking it up).

If the ingest process fails for some reason, the landing zone data could be moved aside to a different location and notification can be sent to another process or human for further assessment.

- Data Virtualization ( Unified Namespace )
- Data Discovery ( Metadata )
- Workflow Automation ( Rule Engine )
- Secure Collaboration ( Federation )



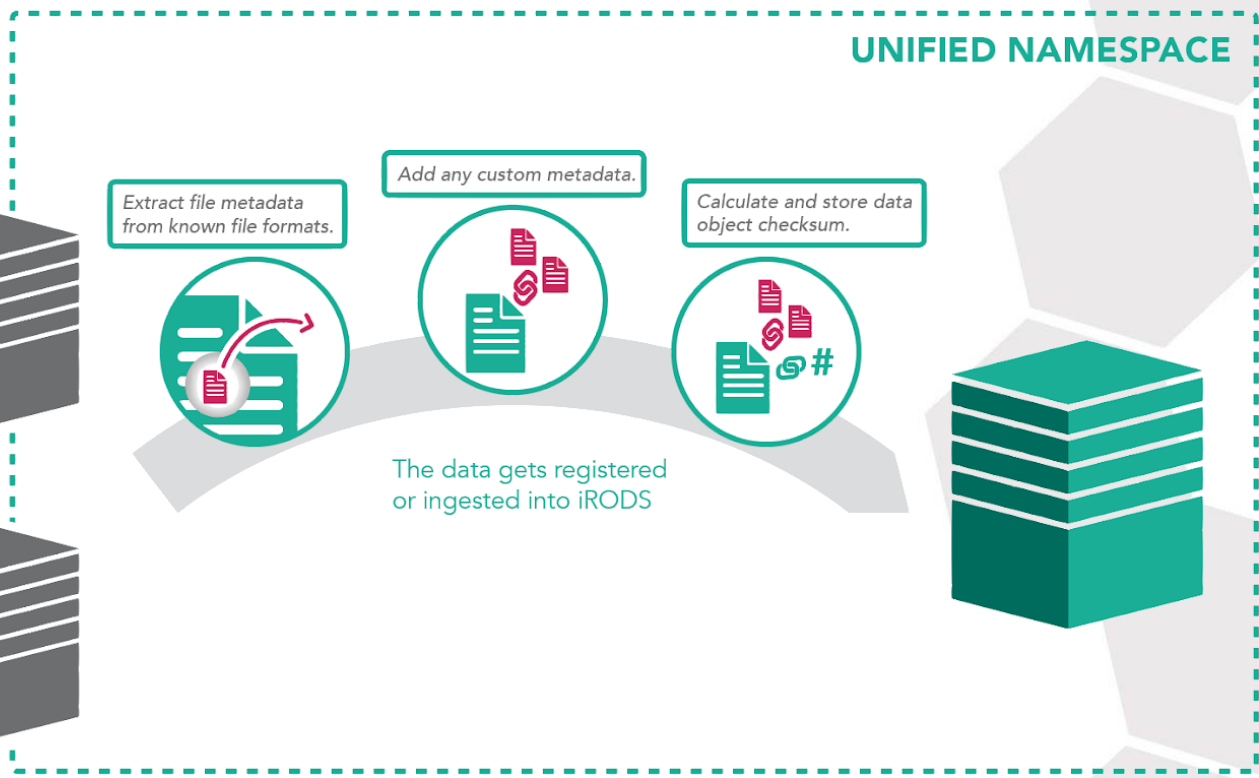


# Automated Ingest - Filesystem Scanning



Periodically a scanning job is added to the queue which generates jobs to register or ingest data.

Metadata is extracted and applied once the objects are registered in the catalog



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Extract file metadata from known file formats.

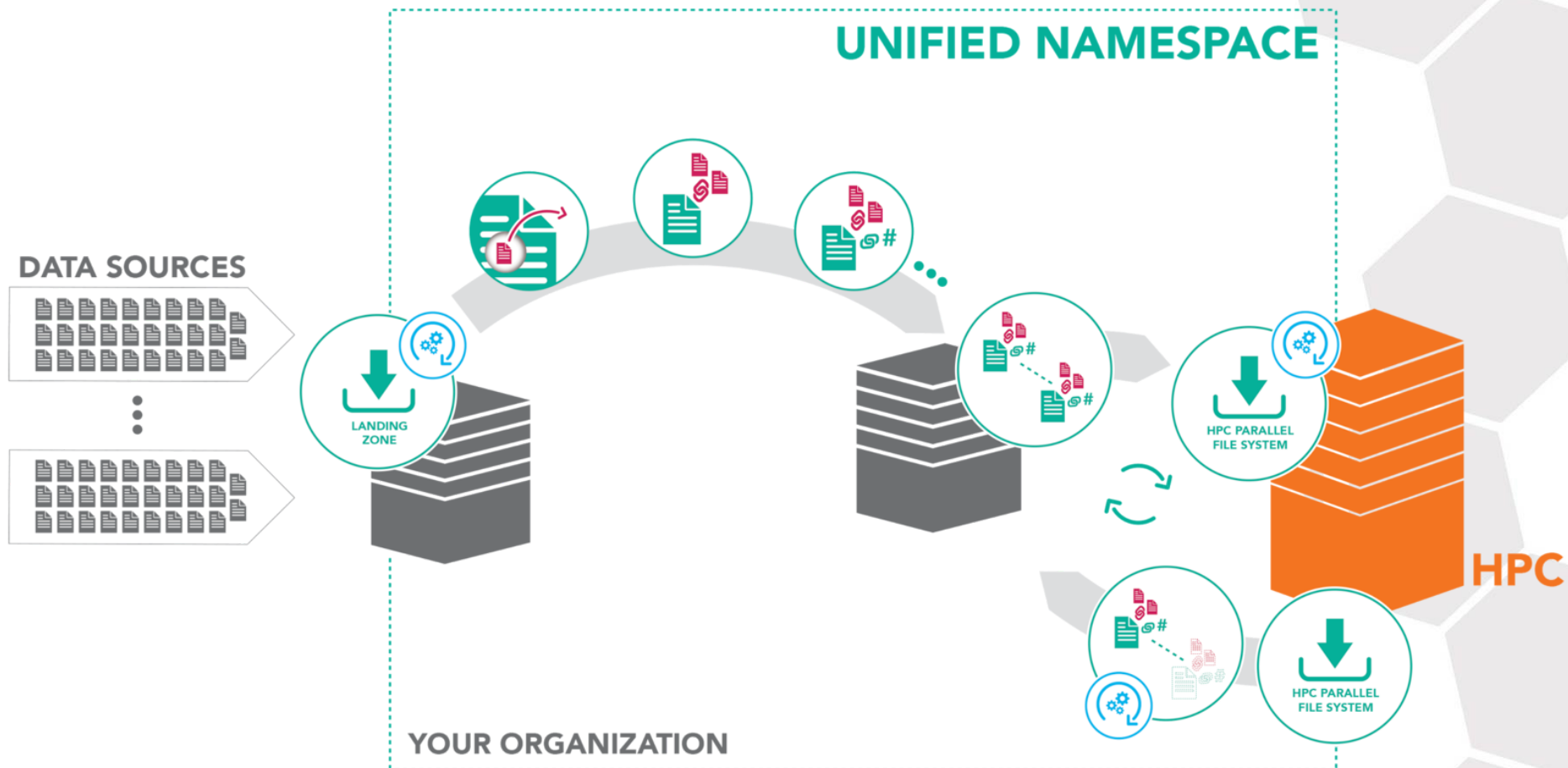
Add any custom metadata.

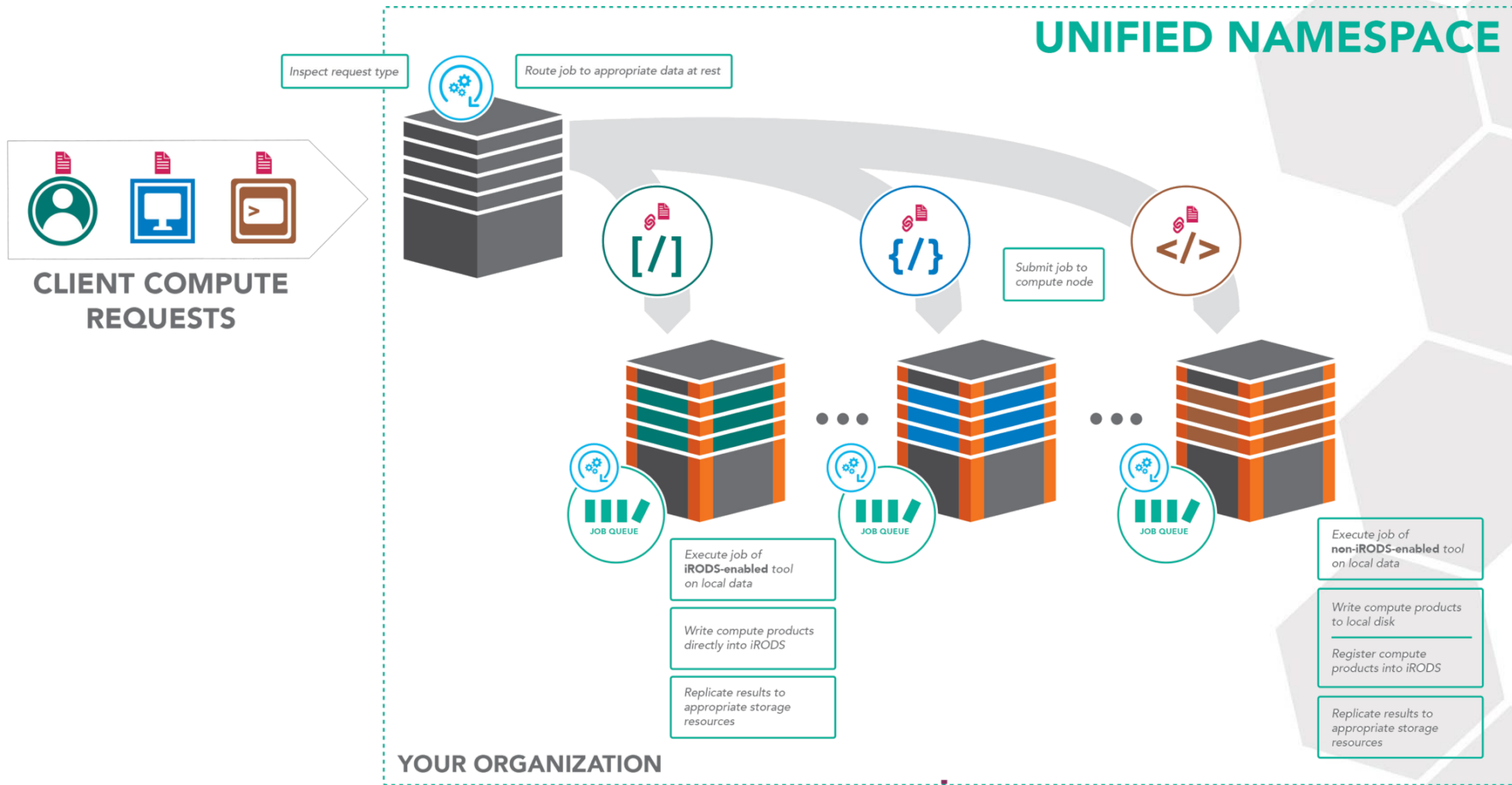
Calculate and store data object checksum.

The data gets registered or ingested into iRODS

Data

Data





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## Resources

### iRODS Overview and Diagrams

<https://irods.org/documentation>

### Official Documentation

<https://docs.irods.org>

### iRODS Training Materials and Presentations

<https://slides.com/irods>

### iRODS User Group

<https://irods.org/ugm2019>

Questions?