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NORTH AMERICA

RICH DATA SERVICES

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About MTNA

OUR MISSION

Modernization of infrastructure, tools, and practices surrounding official statistics and research data management, by leveraging information technology and standards.

OUR WORK

Collaborating since late 90's with national statistical offices, government and international organizations, data archives, research centers, academic institutions, and standards initiatives,

OUR SKILLS

Team with unique expertise in both information technology and data science

WHAT IS RDS SOLVING?

In traditional environments, researchers and developers struggle to gain access to data and documentation

DATA WRANGLING

STATISTICIANS & DATA SCIENTISTS

Use tools / applications designed to work with specific formats.
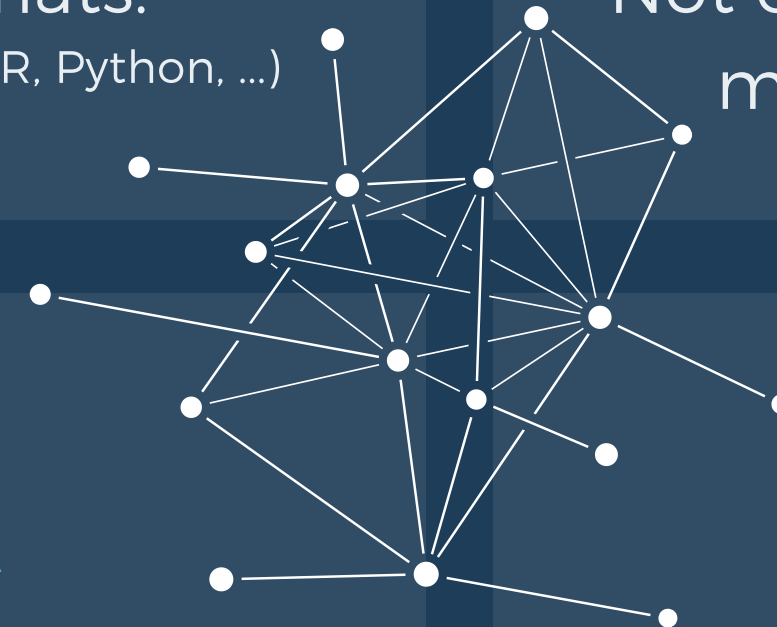(Excel, SAS, Stata, SPSS, R, Python, ...)

WEB / APPS DEVELOPPERS

Constrained by web and development platforms. Not equipped to read the many data formats.

DATA

Lives in a variety of text formats, proprietary files, and databases. Often needs to be converted, subsetted, or transformed.

METADATA

Knowledged stored in unstructured documents, emails, brain cells. Often hard to find, and not machine friendly

WITH RICH DATA SERVICES

RDS connects users and applications to data and metadata through an industry standard REST based API

STOP WRANGLING

STATISTICIANS & DATA SCIENTISTS

Can leverage API and applications to interact with data and metadata, or download for offline use
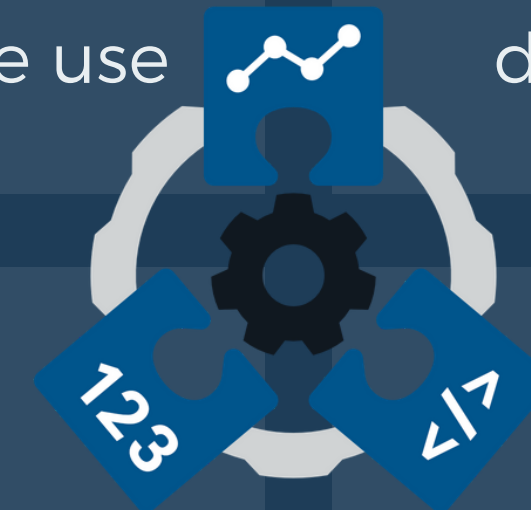
WEB & APPS DEVELOPPERS

Have access to web services to integrate data and metadata in portals, dashboards, and apps.

DATA

Stored in database, ready for on demand access, querying, sub-setting, or packaging in open formats for delivery

METADATA

Knowledge around the data converted to machine friendly formats in a standards driven metadata repository

Why APIs?

Modernization and data as a service

MODERNIZATION
Upgrade data publication and management infrastruture to 21st century

AUTOMATION
Enable discovery, access, and use of data by computer systems and applications

CATER TO NEXTGEN
Meet the needs of next generation of data scientists and developers

SELF-SERVICE
Let users answer their needs, reduce burden for publishers, facilitate exchange.

ALIGN ON STANDARDS
Foster adoption of *IT industry* standards and best practices

Why Metadata?

APIs are not enough

Metadata is simply knowledge converted to machine friendly formats

COMMON SENSE

No data should *ever* be delivered without documentation

MACHINE ACTIONABLE DATA

Empowers information system with necessary knowledge to process the data

AUTOMATION

Enables software driven management, analysys, and knowldge inference

DATA & RESEARCH QUALITY

Improves overall data quality and ensure preservation of knowledge

ALIGN ON STANDARDS

Foster the use and adoption of *domain standards* and related bestt practices

Why RDS?

API for concurrent access to data and metadata

NOT JUST A DATA API

Addresses the needs for access to both data and metadata in efficient ways

USER ECOSYSTEM

Caters to a wide variety of audiences on both the publisher and consumer sides

STOP WRANGLING

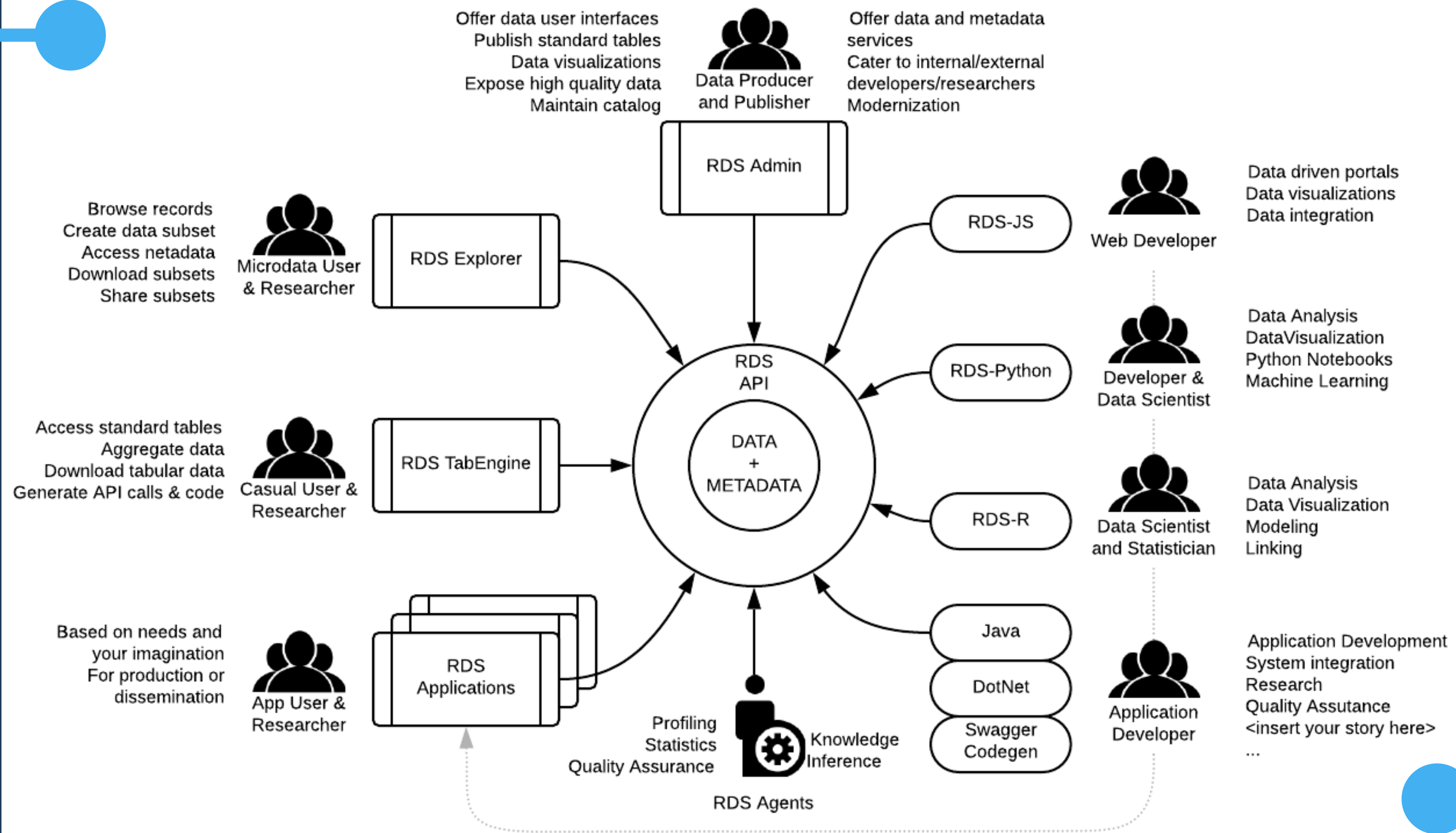Designed to reduce data and code wrangling

PLATFORM SUPPORT

Industry standard documentation, data driven Postman workspaces, tech support.

MTNA DATA & IT EXPERTISE

Backed by a team that understands both data and technology

RDS USERS ECOSYSTEM

Offer data user interfaces
Publish standard tables
Data visualizations
Expose high quality data
Maintain catalog

Data Producer and Publisher

Offer data and metadata services
Cater to internal/external developers/researchers
Modernization

RDS Admin

Browse records
Create data subset
Access netadata
Download subsets
Share subsets

Microdata User & Researcher

RDS Explorer

RDS-JS

Web Developer

Data driven portals
Data visualizations
Data integration

RDS
API

RDS-Python

Developer & Data Scientist

Data Analysis
DataVisualization
Python Notebooks
Machine Learning

Access standard tables
Aggregate data
Download tabular data
Generate API calls & code

Casual User & Researcher

RDS TabEngine

DATA
+
METADATA

RDS-R

Data Scientist and Statistician

Data Analysis
Data Visualization
Modeling
Linking

Based on needs and your imagination
For production or dissemination

App User & Researcher

RDS Applications

Java

DotNet

Swagger Codegen

Application Developer

Application Development
System integration
Research
Quality Assutance
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Profiling
Statistics
Quality Assurance

Knowledge Inference
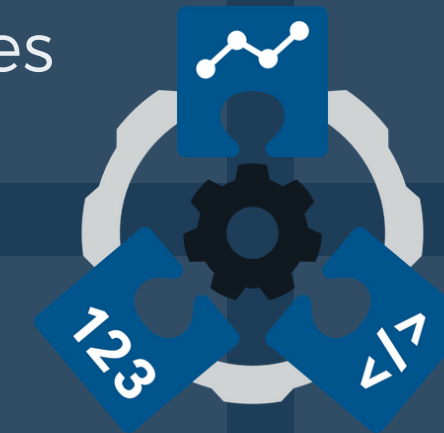
RDS Agents

RDS WEB SERVICES

CATALOGS AND DATA PRODUCTS

Access to information about the datasets, variables, classifications, and related properties

DATA QUERYING SERVICES

Interactive access to record level or tabulate/aggregated data, with injected metadata
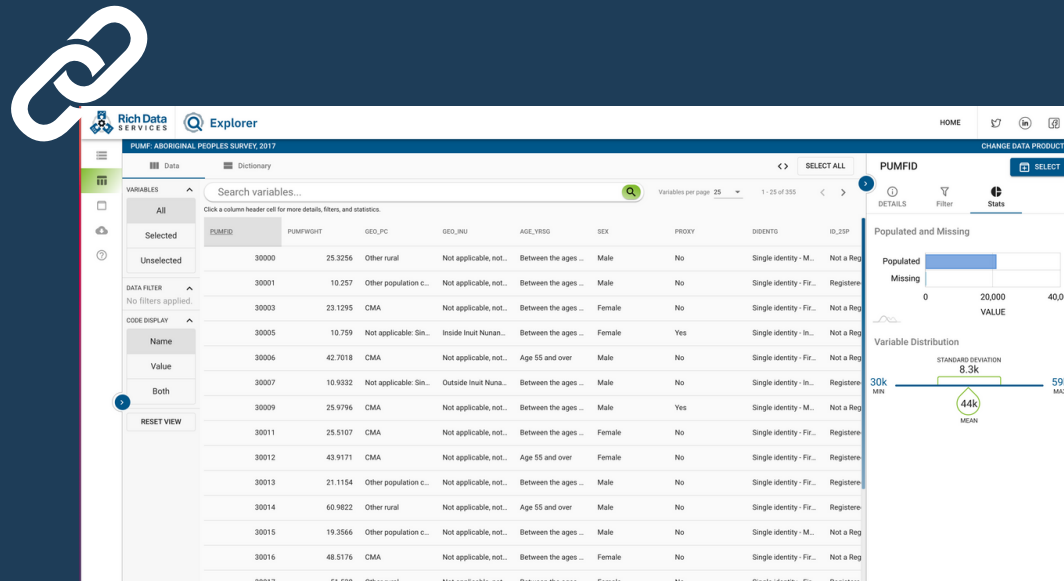
OPEN DATA PACKAGING

Download data / metadata in open formats, with scripts for immediate reuse in apps or SQL
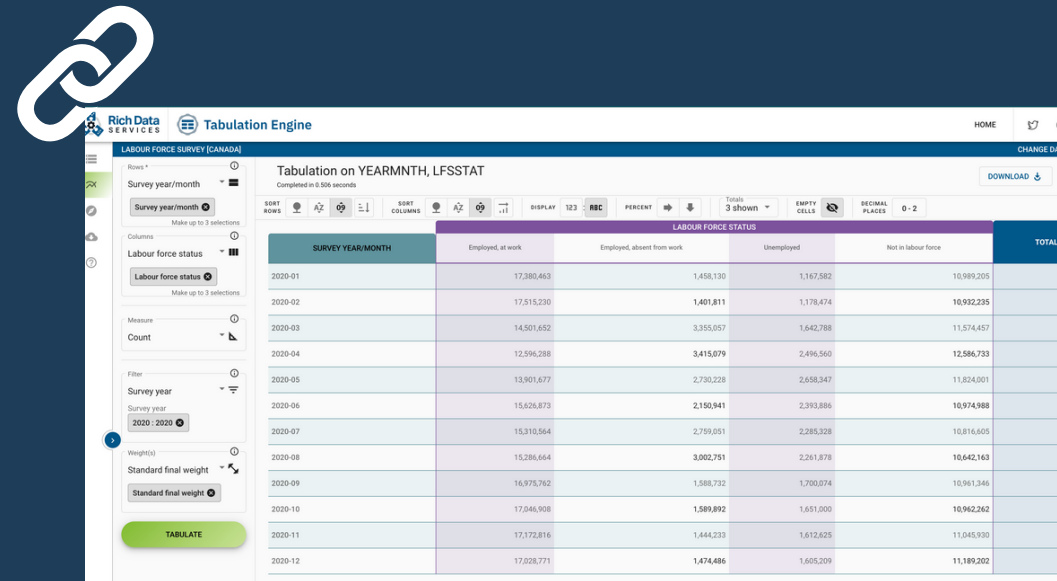
ADMIN AND UTILITIES

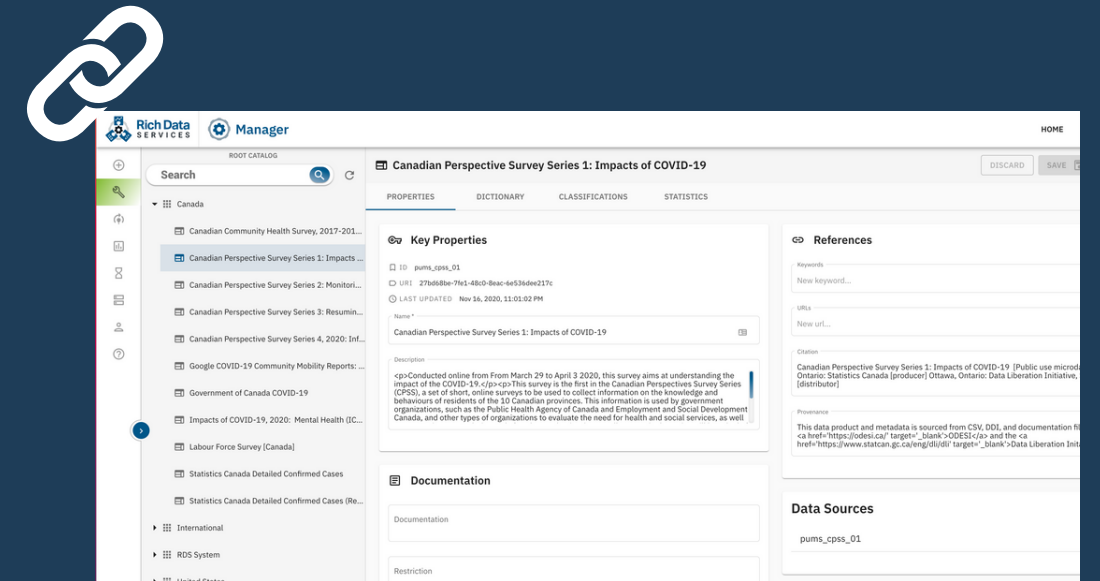Content management, usage statistics, agents, and other administrative functions

RDS USER INTERFACES

RDS EXPLORER

Browse and discover record level data, create subsets using filter and variables selection, download open data package

RDS TABENGINE

Quickly create multi-dimensional aggregated data rollups to produce tables and other findings around yor data.

RDS MANAGER

Maintain RDS catalogs and data products, monitor platform usage and statistics, and other management features

BUILD YOUR SOLUTIONS ON THE API

(OR LET US KNOW WHAT YOU NEED)

① Apps & Visualizations

Create data driven applications and UIs, charts, graphs, or maps using popular frameworks, or develop story telling dashboards.

② Integrations

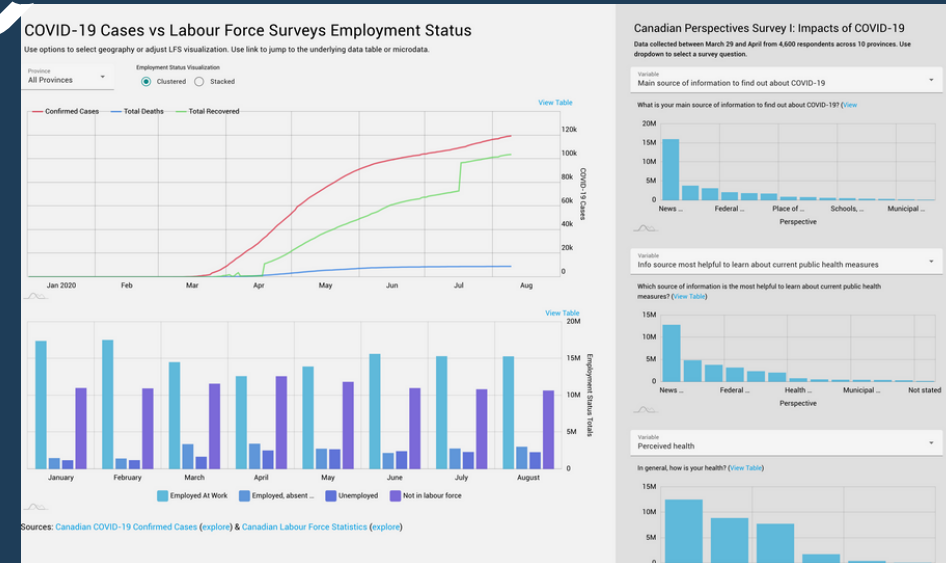Integrate data and metadata in web portals mobile applications, or social networks.

③ Direct Access

Interact with the data and metadata from Python, R, Java, C#, or any REST API aware environment, for analysis, visualization, machine learning, or any other purposes
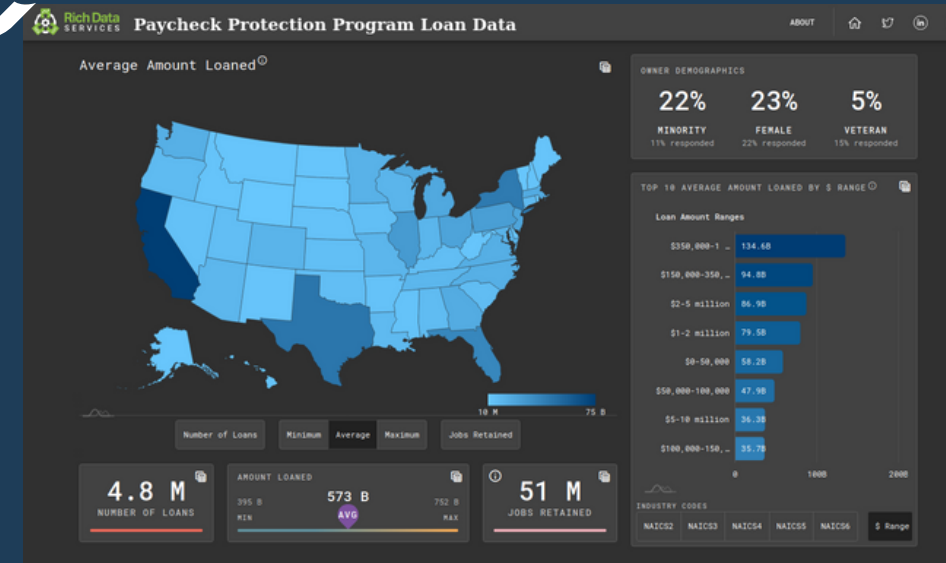
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Creativity and imagination are your friends. (Meta)Data as a service opens the door to unlimited capabilities.

RDS SHOWCASE

CANADA COVID-19

A dashboard bringing together data from multiple sources to explore COVID-19 and the Labor Force in Canada

PPP DASHBOARD

An interactive dashboard to explore the U.S. Paycheck Protection Program Loan data from the Small Business Administration
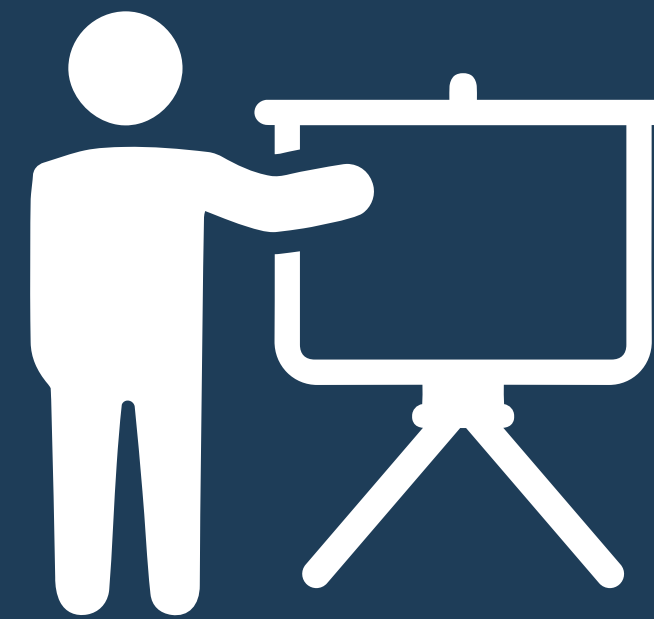
R-SHINY APP

Using R-Shiny to create visualizations around COVID-19 time series and record level data from Johns Hopking University
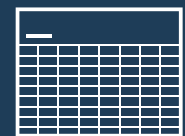
DEMO STORIES

RDS EXPLORER

How a researcher can use the RDS Explorer to browse, subset, and download microdata for offline analysis using its favorite statistical package or database.

RDS TABENGINE

How a public or traditional, non-expert user can use the RDS Tabulation Engine to create aggregated data tables for analysis of visualization.

USING RDS FROM R

How a R user can leverage the RDS API, open source libraries, and code snippet generator to, in a matter of minutes, read and reuse data in R Studio, removing the burden of data and code wrangling.

Frequently Asked

- *Availability*: Officially launched and open to early adopter
- *Hosting*: Cloud / On-Premises / Docker
- *Usage*: Public or Private, Publication or Production
- *Scalability*: back-end SQL, vertical / horizontal (r/o), tasks queues
- *Licensing*: per server, annual/perpetual. Flexible pricing. Free trial program for approved use cases.
- *Services*: on-boarding, tech support, hosting, integration, data curation, metadata, training, institutional strategy, custom apps, …
- *Metadata*: DDI, JSON, Metasheet, RDS Agents, migration tools, Nesstar Publisher, manual capture
- *RDS Suite*: Aria, Data ingest / QA / Harmonization / ETL, Publication
- *Integration*: with other systems through SOA and standards

FAQ

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RDS HOME & SHOWCASE

https://www.richdataservices.com
https://www.richdataservices.com/showcase

PUBLIC DATA CENTERS

https://covid19.richdataservices.com
https://public.richdataservices.com

DOCUMENTATION

OpenAPI / Swagger
Postman Public Workspaces

GITHUB

Open sources libraries and examples
https://github.com/mtna

SUPPORT

Knowledge Base
Help Desk