

# Sustainable data science with the Renku platform

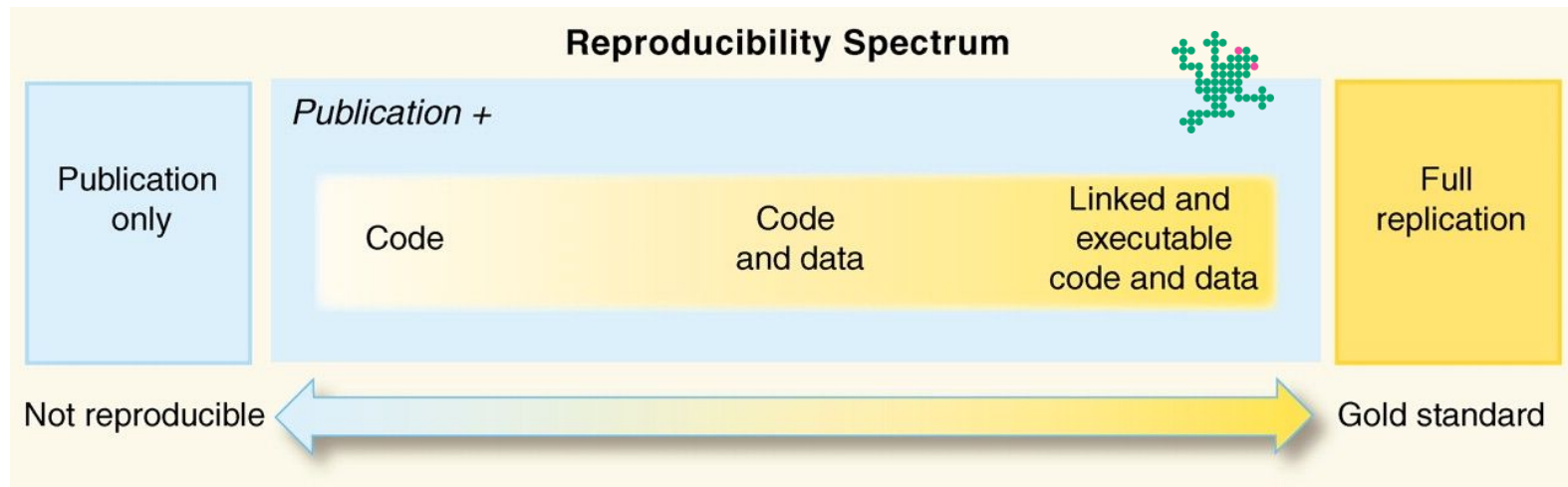
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In Swiss Reproducibility Network Seminar

# Computational reproducibility and Renku

*“The reproducibility standard is based on the fact that every computational experiment has, in theory, a detailed log of every action taken by the computer. Making these computer codes available to others provides a level of detail regarding the analysis that is greater than the analogous noncomputational experimental descriptions printed in journals using a natural language.” Peng (2011)*

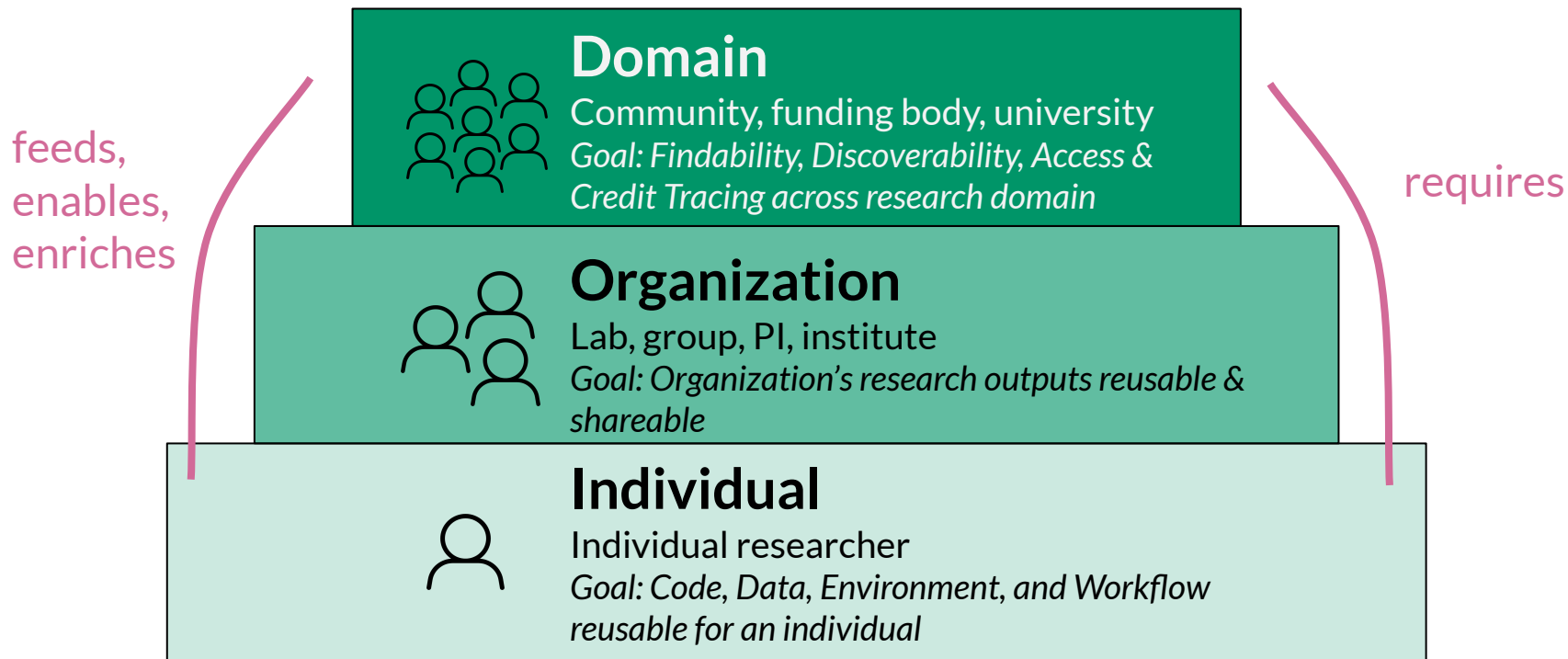


Roger D. Peng, Reproducible Research in Computational Science. *Science* **334**, 1226-1227(2011). DOI:[10.1126/science.1213847](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1213847)

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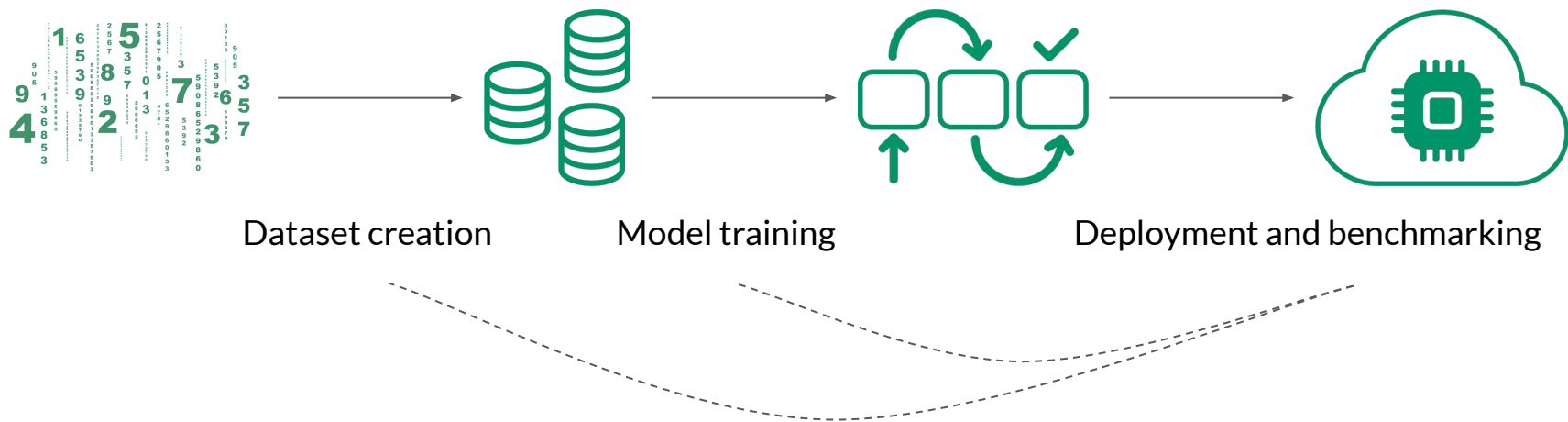
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# The Renku User Community Pyramid



# A sustainable system for Data Science

A sustainable ecosystem must consider the entire lifecycle



→ Goal: enable an ecosystem where these steps are carried out in a **self-documenting** way to **improve individual productivity, enable collaboration, and enrich the community**

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cross-project

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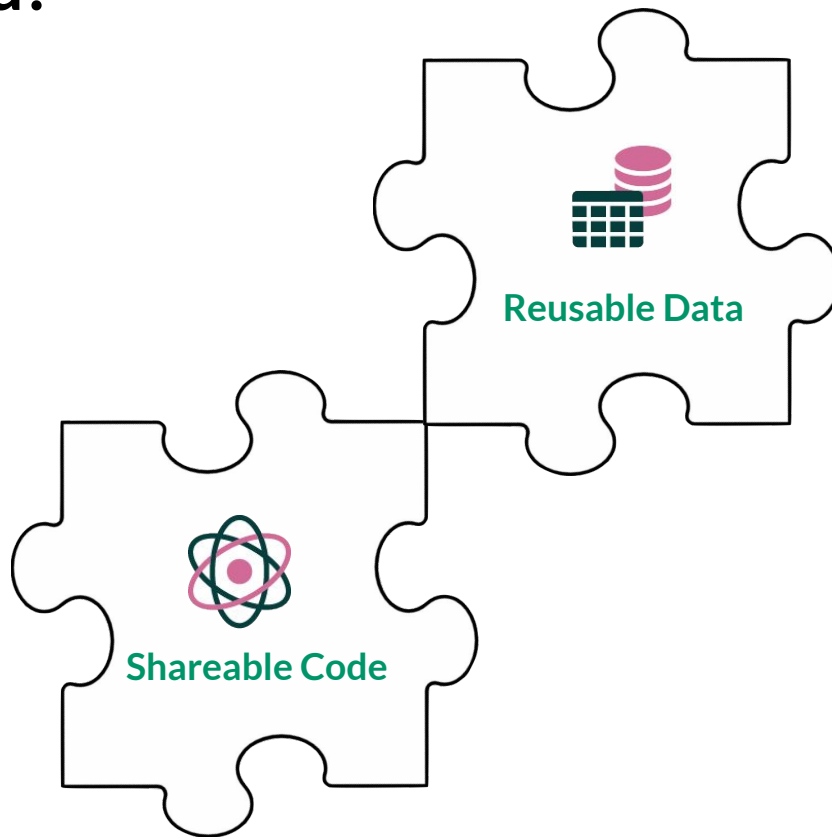
How? Why? What is related?  
What is connected? Who?

**extract value** from **data**.

Processing, code, algorithms,  
pipelines, compute, repeat, follow,  
tracking

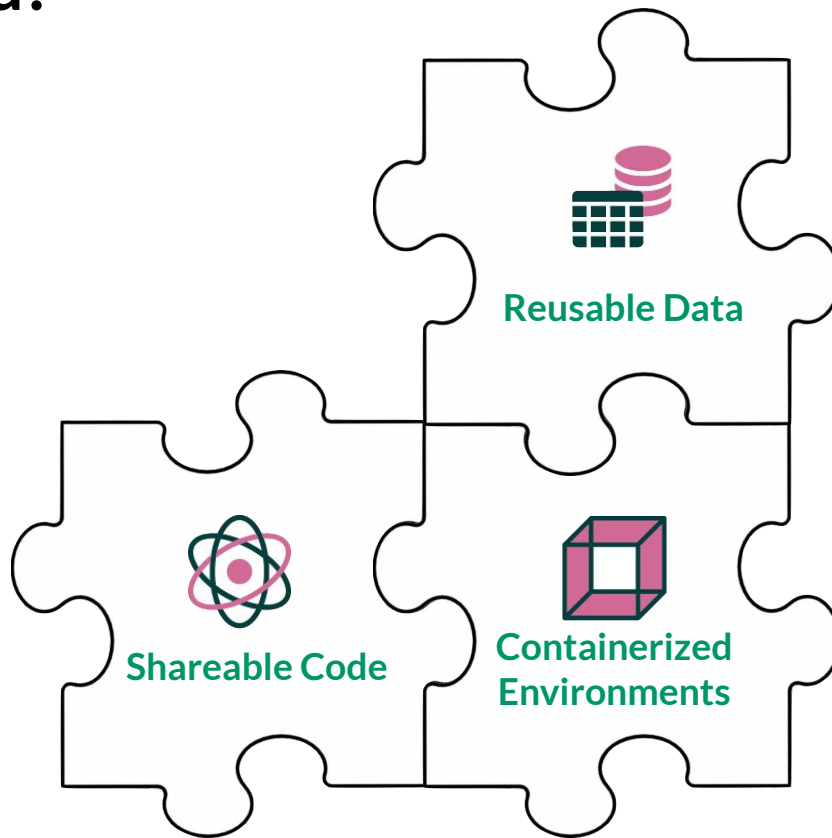
Files, buckets,  
descriptions, tags,  
exploration

# What is Renku?

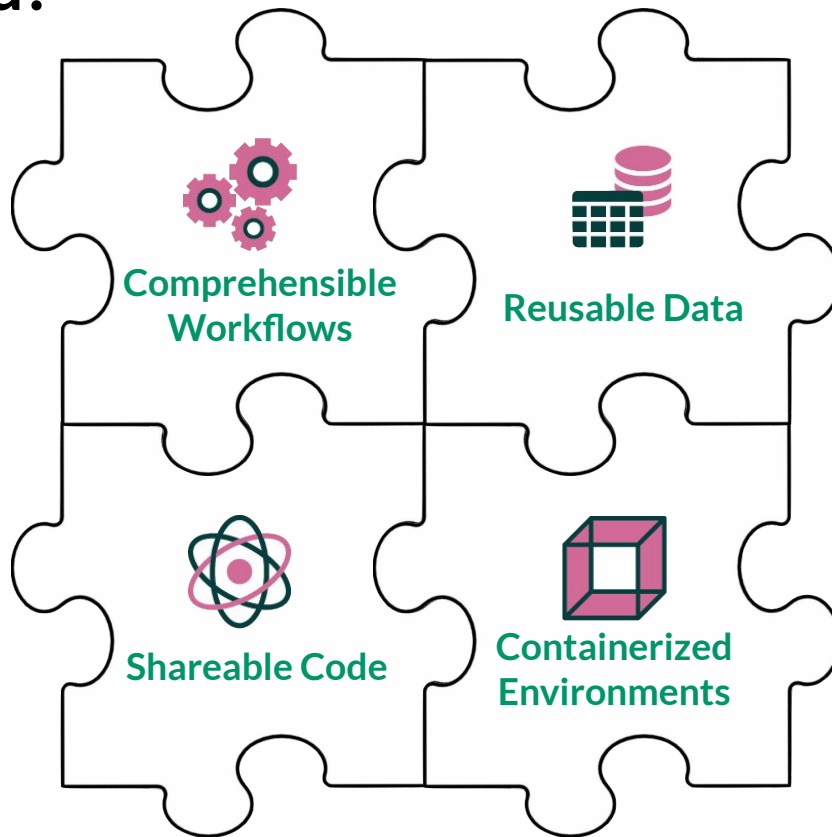




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*Making sustainable data science practices accessible & easy*



**RenkuLab**

Flexible & efficient compute infrastructure



**Renku CLI**

Renku on your own machine



## **Versioned Code**

The foundation of collaborative machine learning and data science.



## **Reusable Data**

Configurable data packages with rich metadata.



## **Comprehensible Workflows**

Encode relationships between code and data.



## **Containerized Environments**

Easy access to consistent cloud or local execution environments.



## **Knowledge Graph**

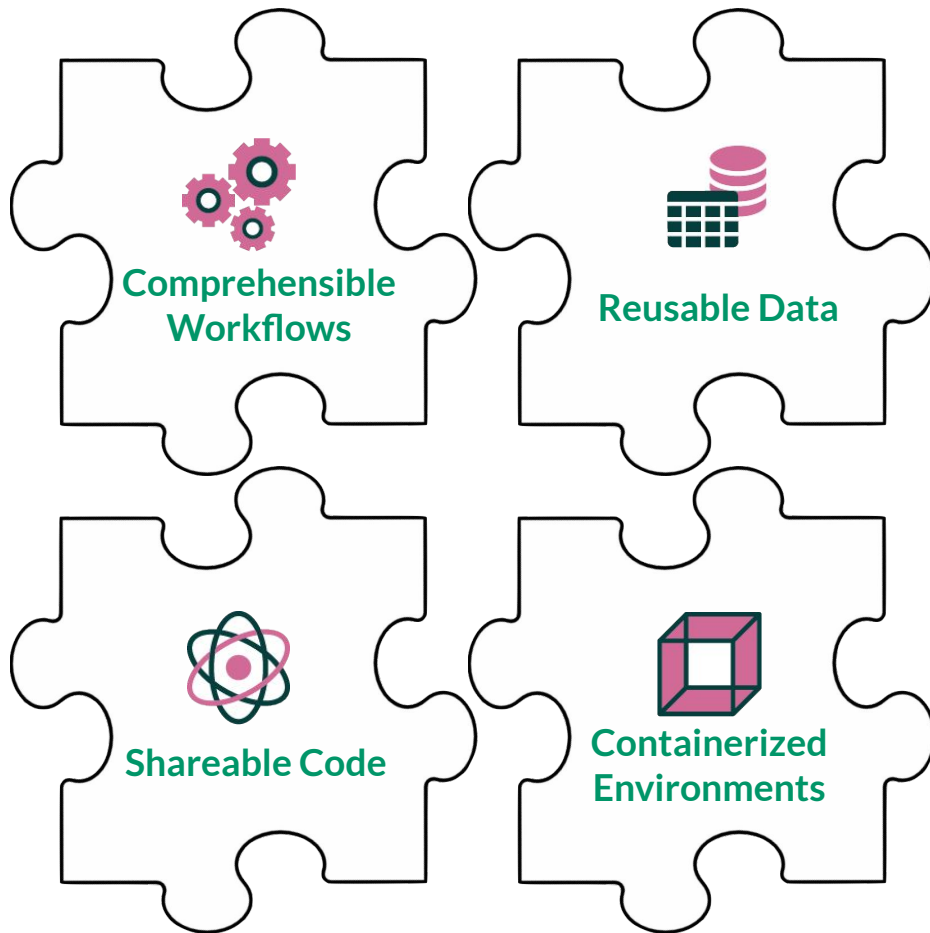
Connecting Code, Datasets, Workflows, and Computational environments.

# What is Renku?

- **current:**
  - Renku WF
- **upcoming:**
  - Track data use in (almost) any WF system

- **current:**
  - GitLab (renku)

- **upcoming:**
  - GitHub
  - GitLab (any)



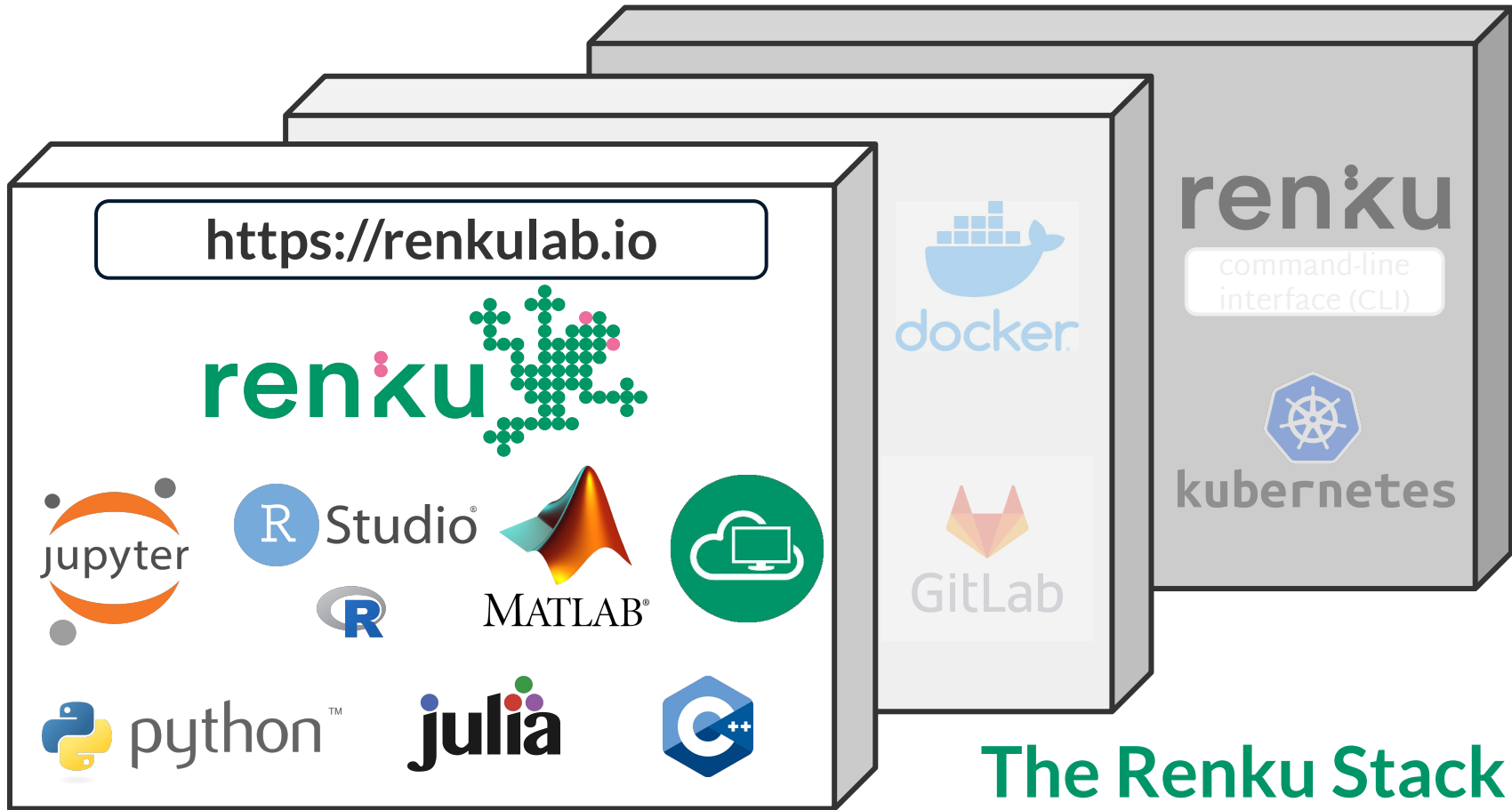
- **current:**
  - git-LFS
  - S3
- **upcoming:**
  - WebDav
  - Azure Blob
  - NFS
  - Domain repository connectors

- **current:**
  - Docker + gitlab-ci

- **upcoming:**
  - Flexible env. definition
  - Use additional high-level standards for interoperability

For the user, there is NO vendor or  
technology lock-in

apart from git +  
docker



# Renku for sustainable data science

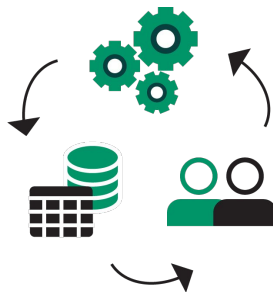
- **Build** datasets and models with **transparency** in mind from the outset
- Easily **collaborate** with others and allow them to **reuse** and **reproduce** your work
- Make results more accessible by **showcasing** their applications
- Simplify dataset and model access



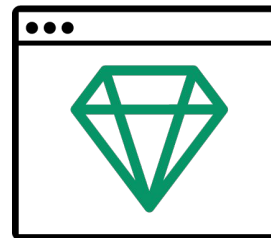
Build



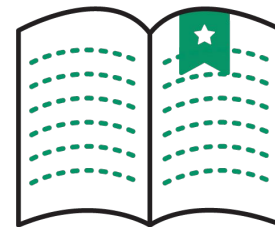
Collaborate



Reproduce



Showcase



Publish



# Demo

- <https://renkulab.io/>
- Renku Features on a sample ML problem in Python ([link](#))

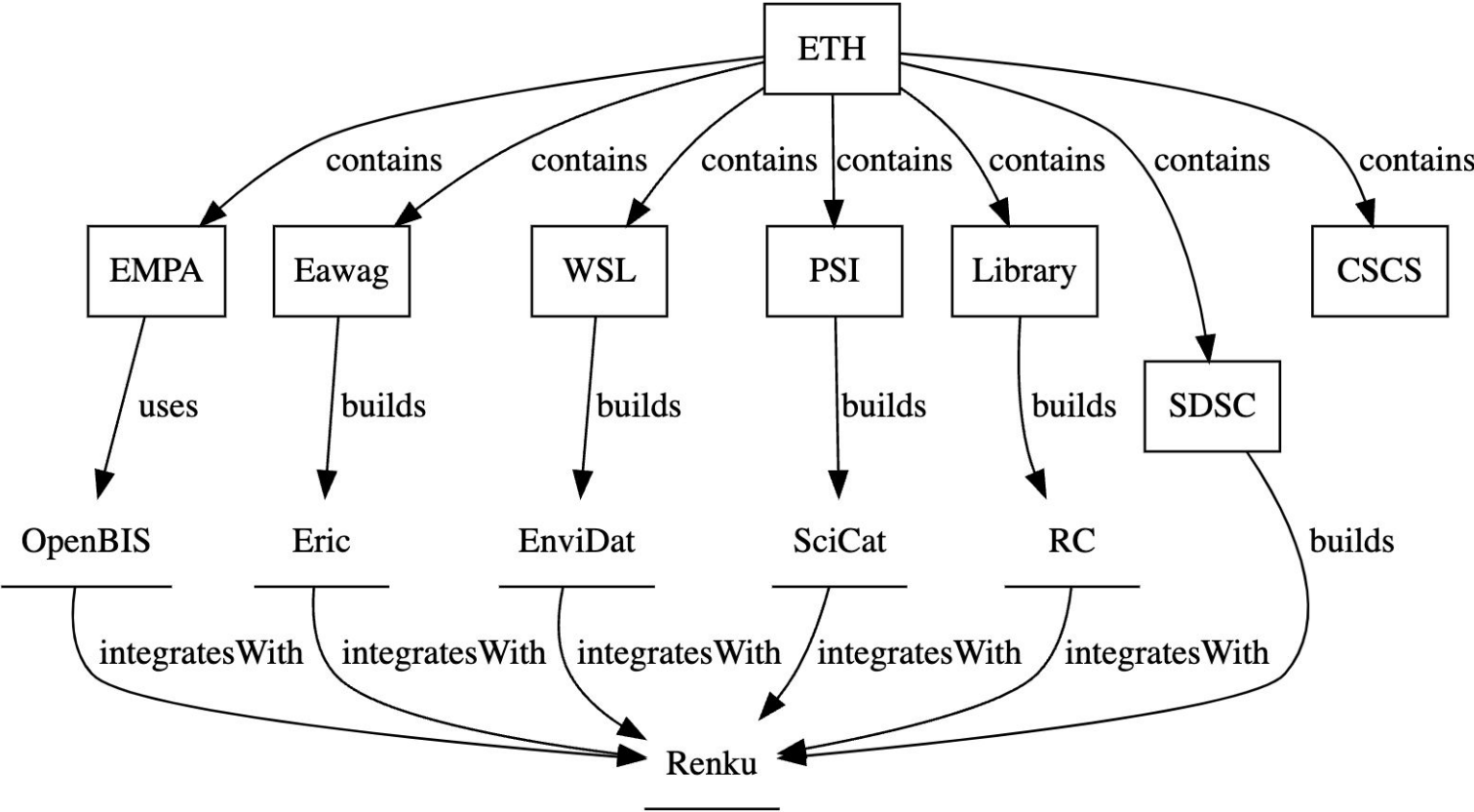




# Roadmap

- Access to data repositories
- Hub pages
- Apps
- Renku Native Projects

# Data repositories - Open Research Data Initiative



# Hub Pages

**SDSC Academic team**

SDSC Academic team hub page aims to show all recent and old projects. Description of this hub page. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ...

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SDSC + 5 Affiliations   Luis Salamanca + 35 people   computerscience + 22 other topics   datascience.ch

**SDSC-Connect**  
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**democrasci\_alldata**  
Code to populate the KG with all the data pre 1995, mostly that extracted from the PDFs, and the one manually obtained from the bills.  
Luis Salamanca + 3...   Projects (1)   Public   Status is ONGOING  
University of Zurich   Datasets (5)   Updated 1 week ago   #omnibenchmark   #omni\_clustering   #omni\_clustering\_method

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**Publications or other related papers**

- lorem ipsum
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**PI / Partners**

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Prof. Dr. Arno Schüster  
Dr. Aleksandra Anna Apolnarska

**External links**

- www.epfl.com
- www.ethz.ch
- www.ethz.ch
- www.dfs.ch

**omni\_clustering\_summary**  
Metrics summary template. Methods using raw counts. Gene selection and log normalization was performed on all input dataset...

Expand

SDSC renku

## Apps - Motivation

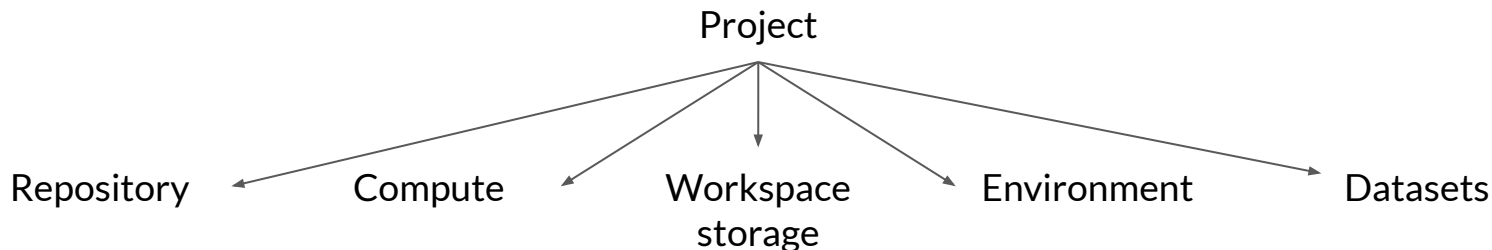


1. Apps are hard to create on RenkuLab.
  - a. The templates don't work, we don't have templates for RShiny, etc.
2. I want to share my app with the public, but not the project or session resources.
3. I don't want to go through the Jupyter navigation to go to the app.
  - a. This is possible right now, but not well advertised.
4. I want my app to launch/open quickly (hosted, not launched in session)

# Renku Native Projects - Motivation



- Independence from GitLab
- Each of the elements of the projects stand for an independent resource
- More modular set-up
- Separate Datasets from Git
- Simplify the procedure on onboarding



**Note:** current Renku projects != Renku-native projects

## Definition of Renku Native building blocks

**Repository (version control):** Github or Gitlab repository

**Compute:** Currently and in the near future only our K8s cluster, but we could add more options here (i.e. AWS, Azure, etc.)

**Workspace storage:** Read/write storage backed by K8s PVC, S3, Azure Blob, etc.

**Environment:** Docker image

**Datasets:** Read-only storage containing published data stored in S3, Azure Blob, etc.

# We want to hear from you!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4qB5KUX5cwIP2f1nNX1BA1zt-NYt28slPxXZL6qjeMtpheQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4qB5KUX5cwIP2f1nNX1BA1zt-NYt28slPxXZL6qjeMtpheQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)



## Try out Renku

- [renkulab.io](https://renkulab.io) - Public



## [Renku Docs](#)



## Run into a problem?

- Post on Discourse (our forum)
- Submit a bug report



## Feature request or idea?

- Check out our [roadmap](#)!
- Ask a question or propose a feature



## Contribute to Renku

- [Renku Design Docs](#)

# Computational reproducibility in Renku

Public projects in Python:

- ["Increased dose efficiency of breast CT with grating interferometry"](#), Rawlik, Michał; Pereira, Alexandre; Spindler, Simon; Wang, Zhentian; Romano, Lucia; Jefimovs, Konstantins; Shi, Zhitian; Polikarpov, Maxim; Xu, Jinqiu; Zdora, Marie-Christine; van Gogh, Stefano; Stauber, Martin; Yukihara, Eduardo G; Christensen, Jeppe B; Kubik-Huch, Rahel A; Niemann, Tilo; Leo, Cornelia; Varga, Zsuzsanna; Boss, Andreas; Stampanoni, Marco (2023). *Optica*, 10(7):938.

Public projects in R:

- <https://renkulab.io/projects/babraham-reproducibilitea-journal-club/babraham-reproducibilitea-journal-club>
- <https://renkulab.io/projects/hdbi/data-management/hdbi-data-resource>
- "Lütge A, Zyprych-Walczak J, Brykczynska Kunzmann U, Crowell HL, Calini D, Malhotra D, Sonesson C, Robinson MD. CellMixS: quantifying and visualizing batch effects in single-cell RNA-seq data. *Life Sci Alliance*. 2021 Mar 23;4(6):e202001004. doi: 10.26508/lsa.202001004. PMID: 33758076; PMCID: PMC7994321" ([link](#))