BIRN Update



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Biomedical Informatics Research Network

- Infrastructure and services to support collaborative biomedical research
- Established by NCRR in 2001.
 - Organized around coordinating center and testbeds

Transition and Status

- BIRN CC Transition from UCSD to new team completed May 2009.
- BIRN Executive and Steering Committees functioning
- Working Groups operating
 - Operations
 - Security
 - Data Management
 - Information Integration
 - Genomics
 - Knowledge Engineering

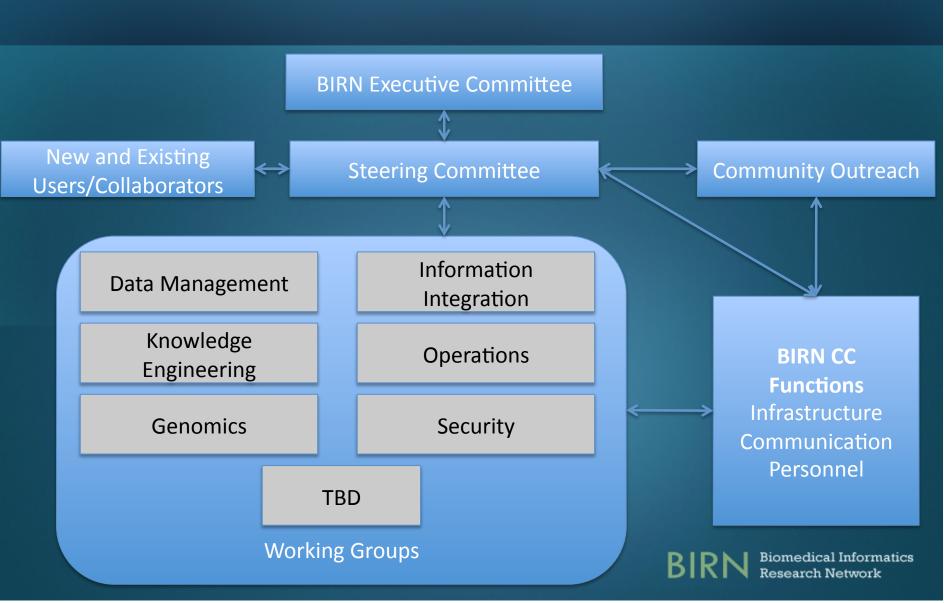


BIRN Approach

- Use-case driven requirements, bottom up design
- Well defined roadmaps, features, functions
- Layered architectural approach
 - Promote reuse across communities
- Move to software and services model
 - BIRN not defined by the "rack"
- Outreach to new communities
 - More than the testbeds



Governance



Common User Needs

- Data sharing
 - Among well defined communities, e.g. CVRG
 - Facilitate sharing with the public
- Infrastructure, e.g. grid FTP for sharing
- Data Integration
 - Mediation across data sources / query
- Security
 - Registration, credentials



BIRN Capabilities (Now)

Collaboration Tools	Security Services	Data Sharing
Science teams have found BIRN's Wiki hosting useful for building their communities and orienting new members.	BIRN's user registration website allows new users to sign up and obtain security credentials to access BIRN services.	Data access software gives BIRN teams a simple way to share data on their systems with other team members.
BIRN's email list manager makes it easy to share information with team members, fostering a sense of community and keeping	BIRN's online credential service stores user credentials so that they can be retrieved and used from any computer	Data movement tools give team members ability to upload/download or transfer data from site to site.
members "in the loop."	system to access BIRN services.	Metadata services allow teams to describe their data in scientific terms and keep track of what data exists and where to get it.

BIRN Capabilities (Coming Soon)

Collaboration Support

A group policy management service allows teams to define groups and assign BIRN service privileges (access control) to groups.

An online capability registry allows users to browse and search for BIRN capabilities and data collections and allows teams to "advertise" the capabilities they provide.

Data Sharing Features

Data publication tools allow teams to upload data and metadata together, improving the accessibility of new data.

A data mirroring service allows BIRN sites to mirror (copy and keep up-to-date) collections of data on local servers for improved accessibility. Our data access software supports the group access controls defined in the group policy management service.

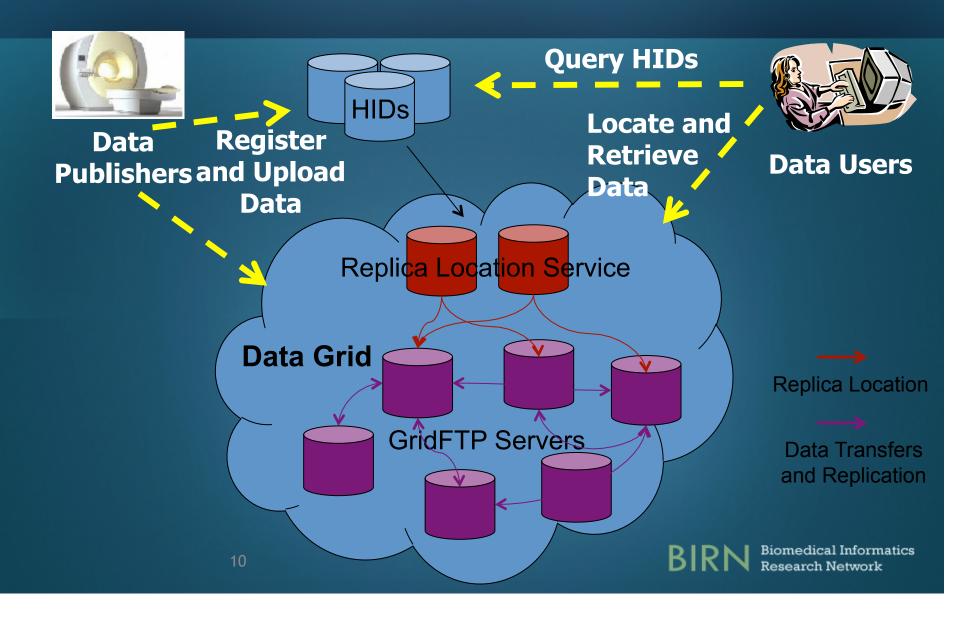
A first release of query tools allows users to perform structured queries across multiple (heterogeneous) data sources.

BIRN Testbeds

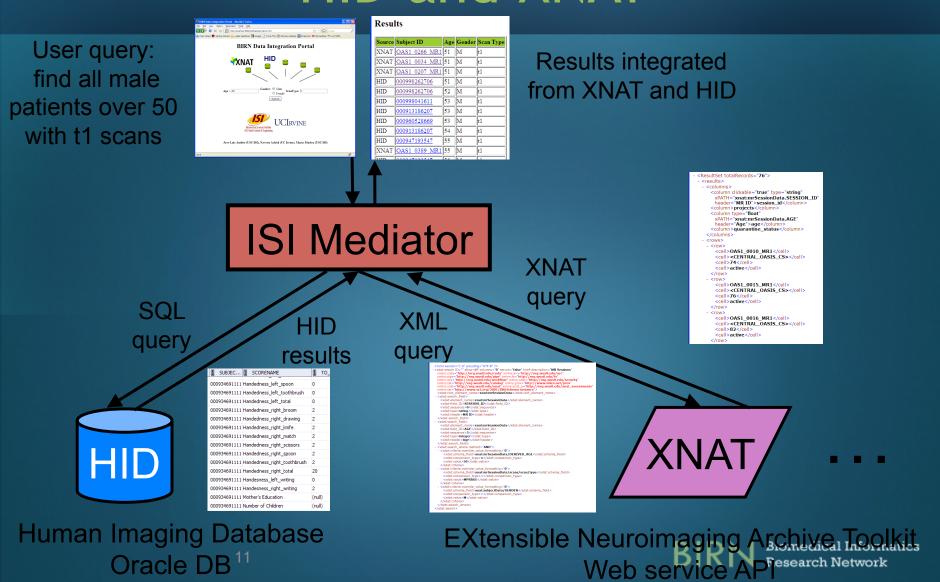
- Function BIRN
 - Using Grid FTP
 - Data and tools transferred from old BIRN CC
 - Supplement on infrastructure
- Mouse BIRN
 - MBAT demos with new communities, including NPRC
- Morph BIRN
 - Data and tools supported



FBIRN Data Grid



FBIRN Data Integration: HID and XNAT



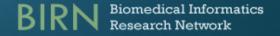
New BIRN User Groups

- Cardio Vascular Research Grid CVRG
 - Data sharing solution built on MEDICUS
 - Data integration
 - Working through detailed use case
- National Primate Research Center Consortium



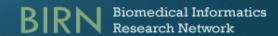
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- National Database for Autism Research NDAR
 - NDAR reps working with BIRN WGs
 - Following FBIRN/Grid FTP model
- CFIDS foundation supporting chronic fatigue syndrome research
 - Sharing data between six sites
 - BIRN on their agenda for mid-Sept meeting
 - www.CFIDS.org

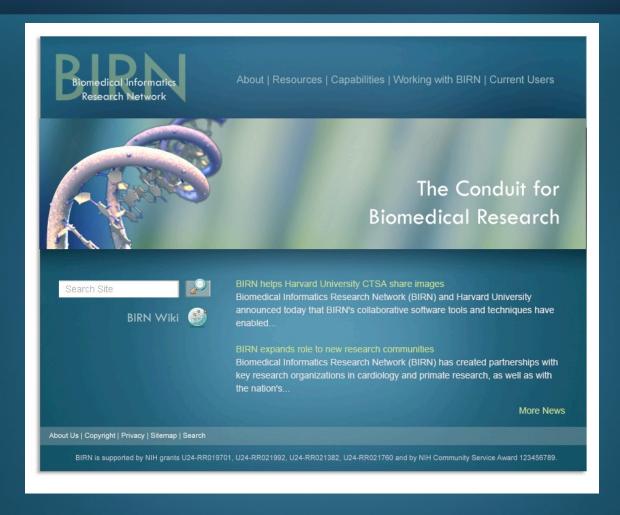


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- Three projects are RO1s from the PA
- Northwestern Schizophrenia MRI and tool
- UCI Ontology project
- UCSD HeadIT Electrophysiology data and tool
- Preliminary interactions
- CTSAs at Harvard, Chicago
- National Eye Institute
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders



BIRN website



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- Launches October
- http://www.birncommunity.org