



HATHI TRUST RESEARCH CENTER

# HathiTrust Research Center Data Capsule v1.0: An Overview of Functionality

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# HathiTrust Digital Library

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- HathiTrust is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.
  - IU is a founding member of the HathiTrust along with University of Michigan, University of California, and the University of Virginia.



<http://www.hathitrust.org>



<http://www.hathitrust.org/htrc>



## Currently Digitized

- 11,485,276 total volumes
- 5,923,590 book titles
- 298,459 serial titles
- 4,019,846,600 pages
- 515 terabytes
- 136 miles
- 9,332 tons
- 4,048,955 volumes(~35% of total) in the public domain

→ HathiTrust is large corpus providing opportunity for new forms of computational investigation

→ Bigger the data, less able we are to move it to researcher's desktop

→ Research on large collections requires

***computation moves to data,  
not data to computation***



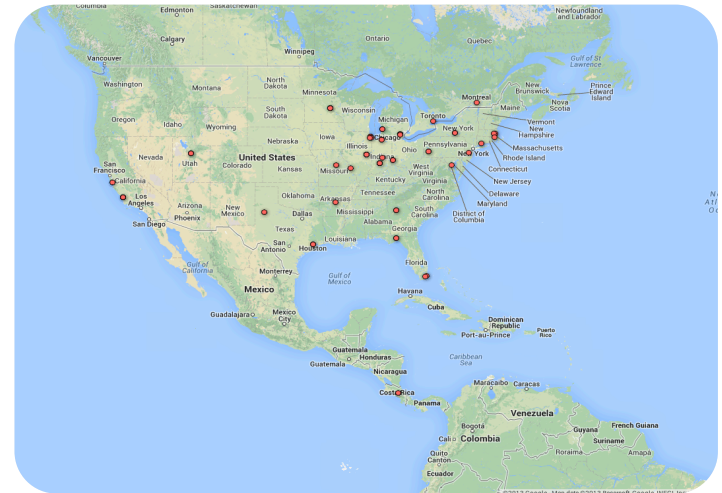
RESEARCH CENTER

# Mission of the HT Research Center

- Public research arm of HathiTrust
- Goal: enable researchers world-wide to accomplish tera-scale text data-mining and analysis
  - Develop cutting-edge software tools for processing, analyzing text
  - Develop cyberinfrastructure to enable HPC access to the HathiTrust Digital Library
- Established: July, 2011
- Collaborative center: Indiana University & University of Illinois

# HTRC Timeline

- Phase I: development 01 Jul 2011 – 31 Mar 2013
  - HTRC software and services release v1.0  
<https://github.com/htrc>
- Phase II: outreach, 01 Apr 2013 – 30 June 2014
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> HTRC UnCamp Sep '13
- Phase III: operations, 01 July 2014 - present



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HTRC Executive  
Management

HTRC Advisory Board

# HTRC 2014-2018 org chart

IU Managing Director  
(.25 FTE)

UI Managing Director  
(.11 FTE)

Administrative Support

Core Development

Advanced Research

Advanced Collaborative  
Support (coordinated by  
M. Chen)

Scholarly Commons

Senior Library Personnel  
(4 supervisors at .05 FTE)

Senior Project  
Coordinator  
(.25 FTE)

Executive Assistant  
(.5 FTE)

Sr. Software Architect  
(1.0 FTE)

Research Programmer  
(.5 FTE)

Library Research  
Programmer  
(.5 FTE)

IU Systems  
Administrator  
(.25 FTE)

User Interface Specialist  
(2 years at 1.0 FTE)

Informatics Developers  
(2 developers for 2 years  
at .15 FTE)

CS PhD Students

LIS PhD Students

UI Systems  
Administrator  
(.5 FTE)

Research Programmer  
(.5 FTE)

Computational Research  
Liaison  
(.5 FTE)

Asst Dir Outreach &  
Education (M. Chen)  
(1 year at .25 FTE)

Dig Humanities Specialist  
(1.0 FTE)

CLIR Postdoctoral  
Research Associate  
(2 years at 1.0 FTE)

Digital Research  
Librarian support  
(.2 FTE)

Scholars Commons  
Support  
(.5 FTE)

LIS MS Students

- Proposed for funding by HathTrust
- Funded by Indiana University
- Funded by University of Illinois
- Proposed for joint funding by HathiTrust
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## Key:

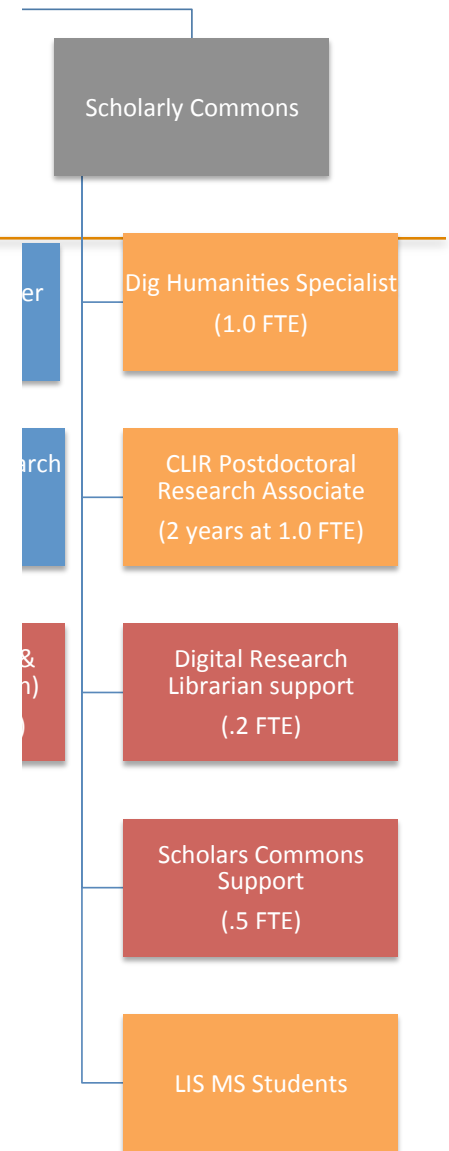
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9/10/2014

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# Scholarly Commons User Support Service

- Develop training materials
- Educational workshops
- Tool and workset creation
- Collaborate with librarians and DH centers at HT institutions
- Assist researchers in HTRC text data mining research projects
- Led out of University of Illinois Library; smaller group at IU
- Resourced at 2.7 FTE.





# Non-Consumptive Research Paradigm

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- *No action or set of actions on part of users, either acting alone or in cooperation with other users over duration of one or multiple sessions can result in sufficient information gathered from collection of copyrighted works to reassemble pages from collection.*
- Definition disallows collusion between users, or accumulation of material over time. Differentiates human researcher from proxy which is not a user. Users are human beings.



# HTRC

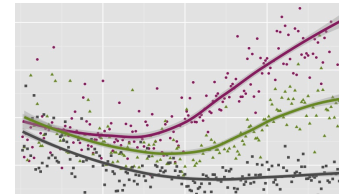
All the complexity

Complexity hiding interface

Request



Spatial plots



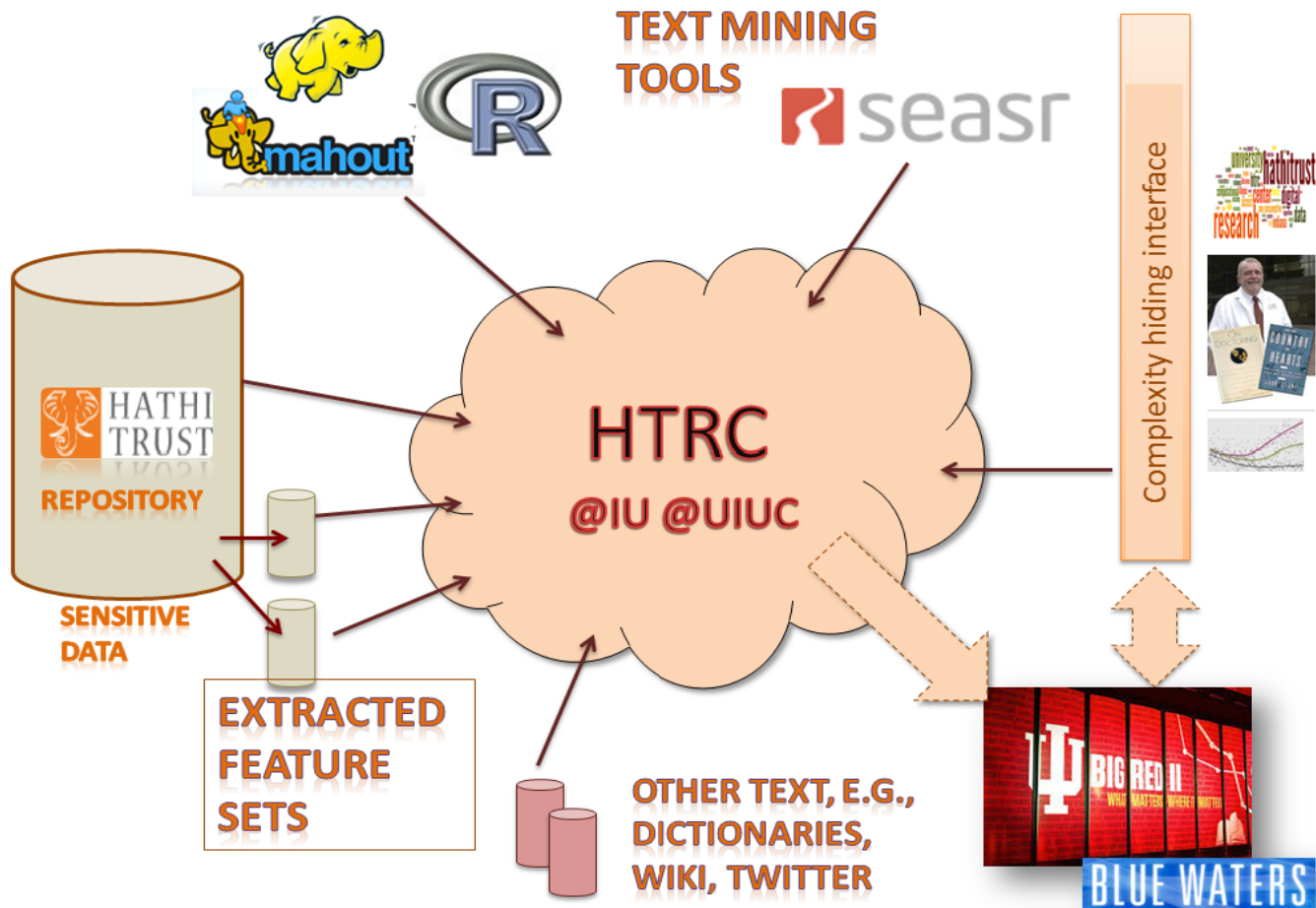
Statistical plots

		2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Total		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Library A		200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Library B		300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Library C		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Library D		150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Library E		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Library F		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Library G		150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Library H		200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Library I		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Library J		300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Library K		350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Library L		400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Library M		450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Library N		500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Library O		550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
Library P		600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Library Q		650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	650,000
Library R		700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Library S		750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Library T		800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Library U		850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
Library V		900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
Library W		950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000
Library X		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Library Y		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Library Z		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

Tabular info



# HTRC v2.0



# HTRC v2.0 + HTRC Data Capsule

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- There is a mismatch between what HTRC v2.0 provides and users' needs.
  - HTRC v2.0 provides predefined algorithms to users and runs them on users' behalf. This is to prevent copyrighted data leak.
  - However, a user usually wants to run her own algorithm and exam the results interactively.
- HTRC Data Capsule is developed to strike a balance between preventing data leak while keeping HTRC as flexible as possible to users.

# Research Questions

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- **Non-consumptive use\***: can framework provide safe handling of large amounts of protected data?
- **Openness**: can framework support user-contributed analysis without resorting to code walkthroughs prior to acceptance?
- **Large-scale and low cost**: can protections be extended to utilization of large-scale national (public) computational resources?

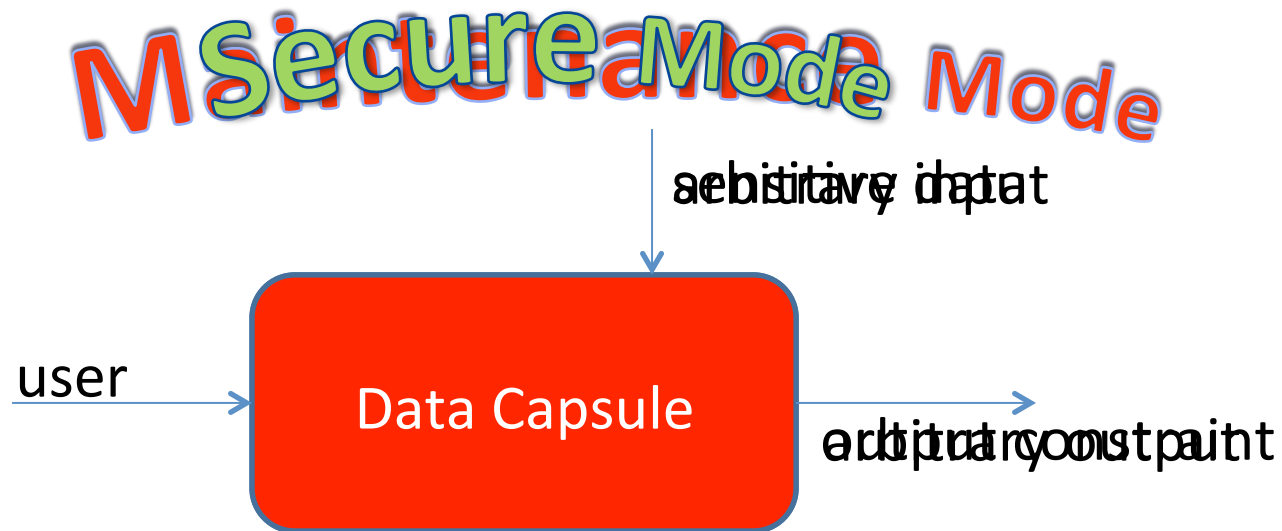
*\*Non-consumptive use is defined as computational analysis of the copyrighted content that is carried out in such a way that human consumption of texts is prohibited.*

# HTRC Data Capsule

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- Provisions virtual machines (VM) for researchers to run their algorithms over copyrighted data.
- Trusts researchers to not deliberately leak copyrighted data.
- Prevents malware acting on researcher's behalf from leaking data.

# Building Block – Data Capsule



Computation is carried out inside Data Capsule.

K. Borders, E. V. Weele, B. Lau, and A. Prakash.

Protecting confidential data on personal computers with storage capsules.

In 18th USENIX Security Symposium, SSYM'09, pages 367–382. USENIX Association, 2009.

# Design Options

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(Data Capsule relies on low level control of the VM which requires a lot of customizations of existing cloud platforms. In addition, OpenStack allows a user to configure the VM network which poses threats to Data Capsule.)
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(This option gives us the highest degree of flexibility to implement HTRC Data Capsule.)

# Threat Model

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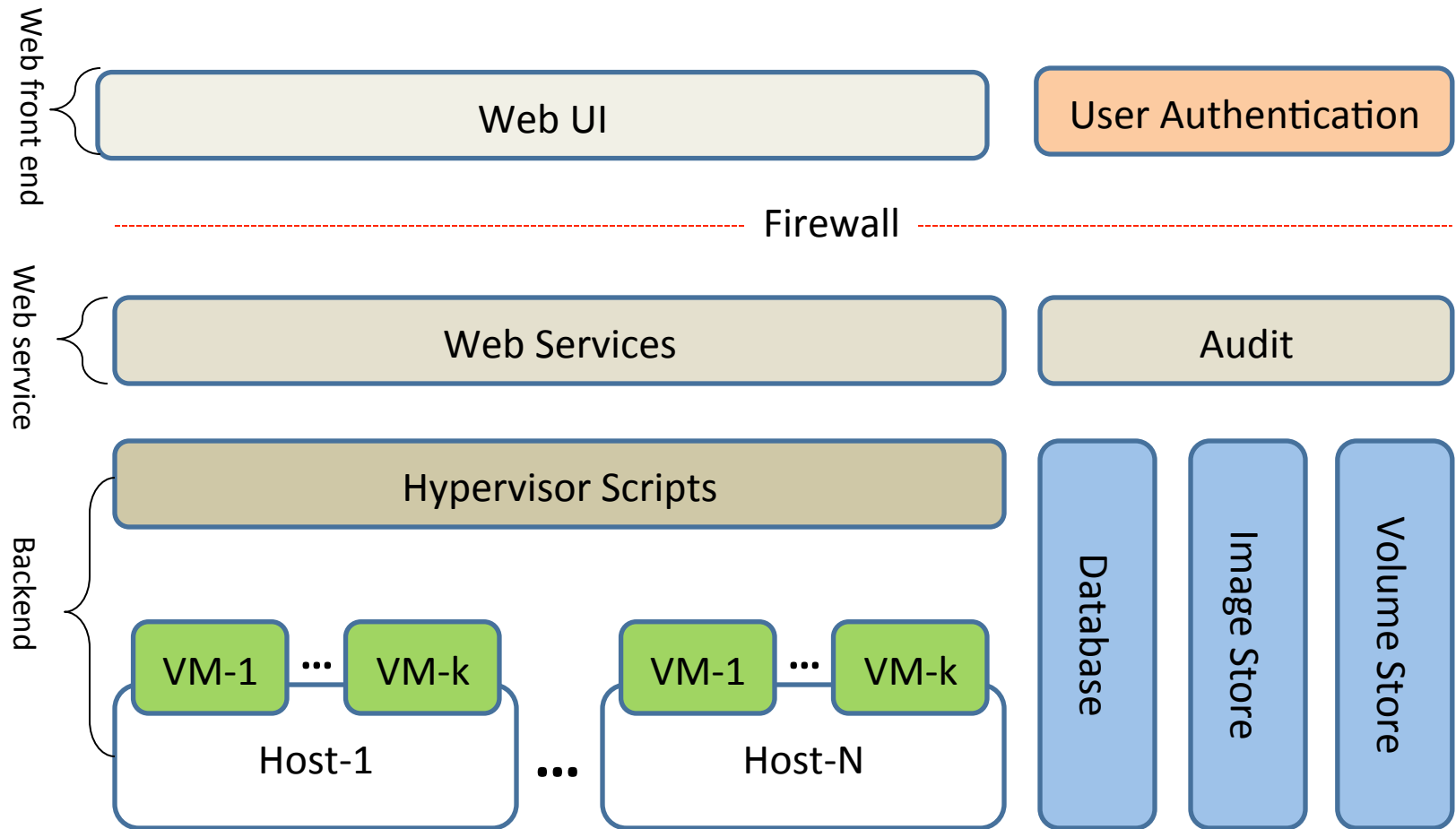
- The user is trustworthy.
- The virtual machine manager and the host it runs on are also trusted.
- The VM is NOT trusted. We assume the possibility of malware being installed as well as other remotely initiated attacks on the VM, which are undetectable to the user.

# Threat Model (Cont.)

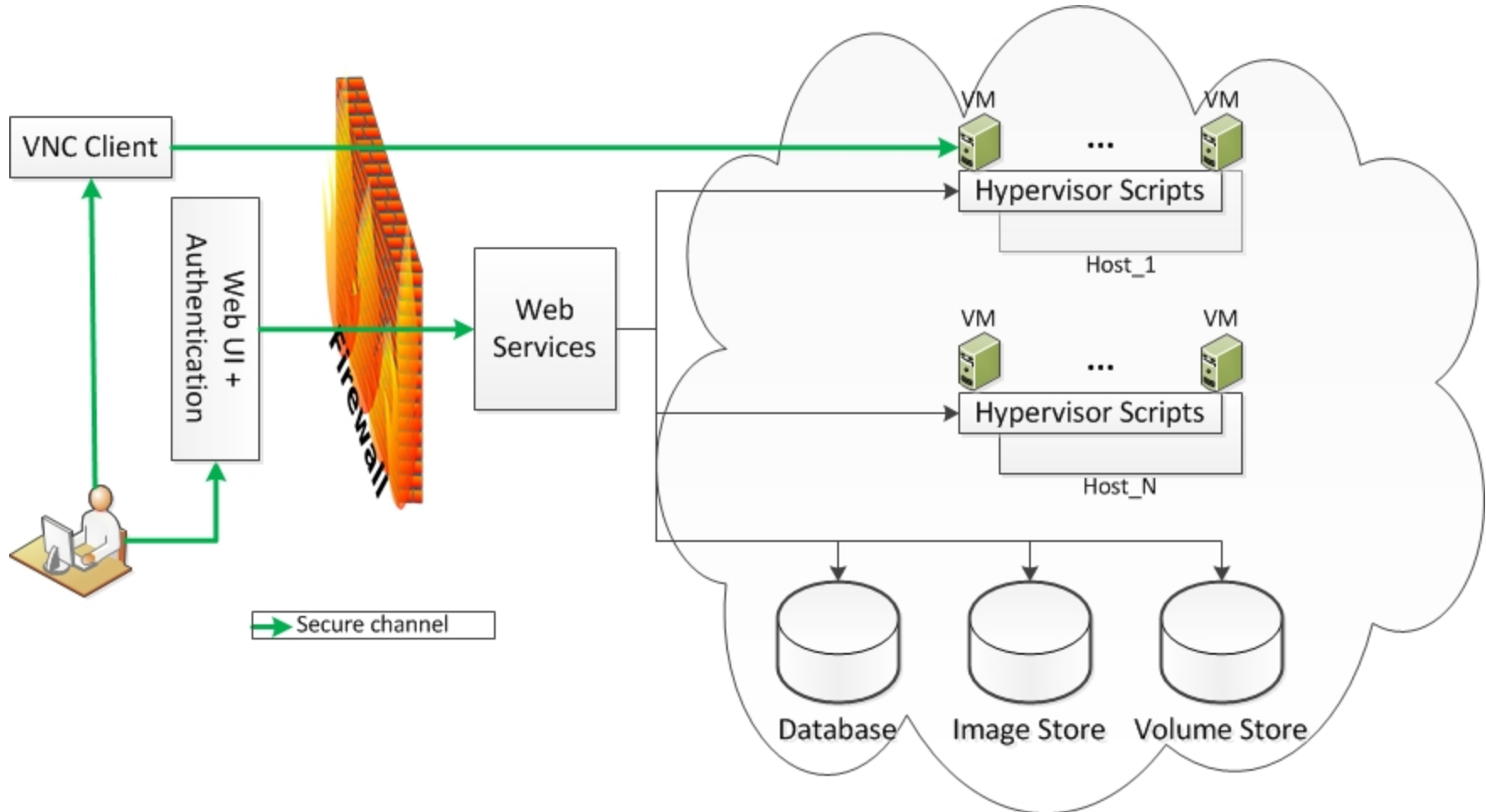
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- The VNC session and final result download are two channels which data could leak from potentially.
  - For VNC session, we could encrypt the session to prevent eavesdropping.
  - For final result download, we could monitor traffic on the release channel as a means to automatically detect leakage.
- Covert channels between VMs on the same host also could leak data potentially.
  - In the future, we could run VMs on separated hosts to provide strong isolation.

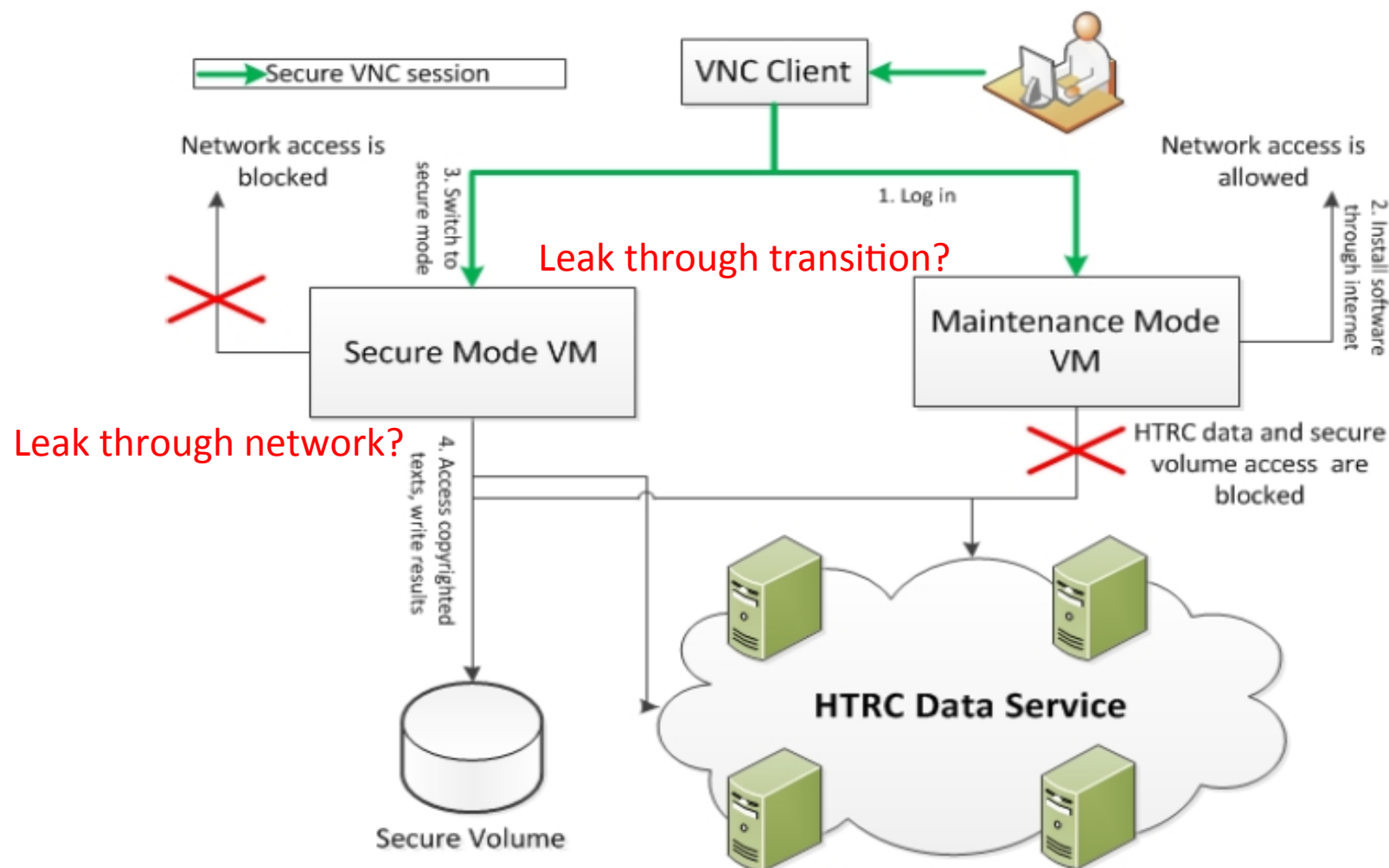
# HTRC Data Capsule Architecture



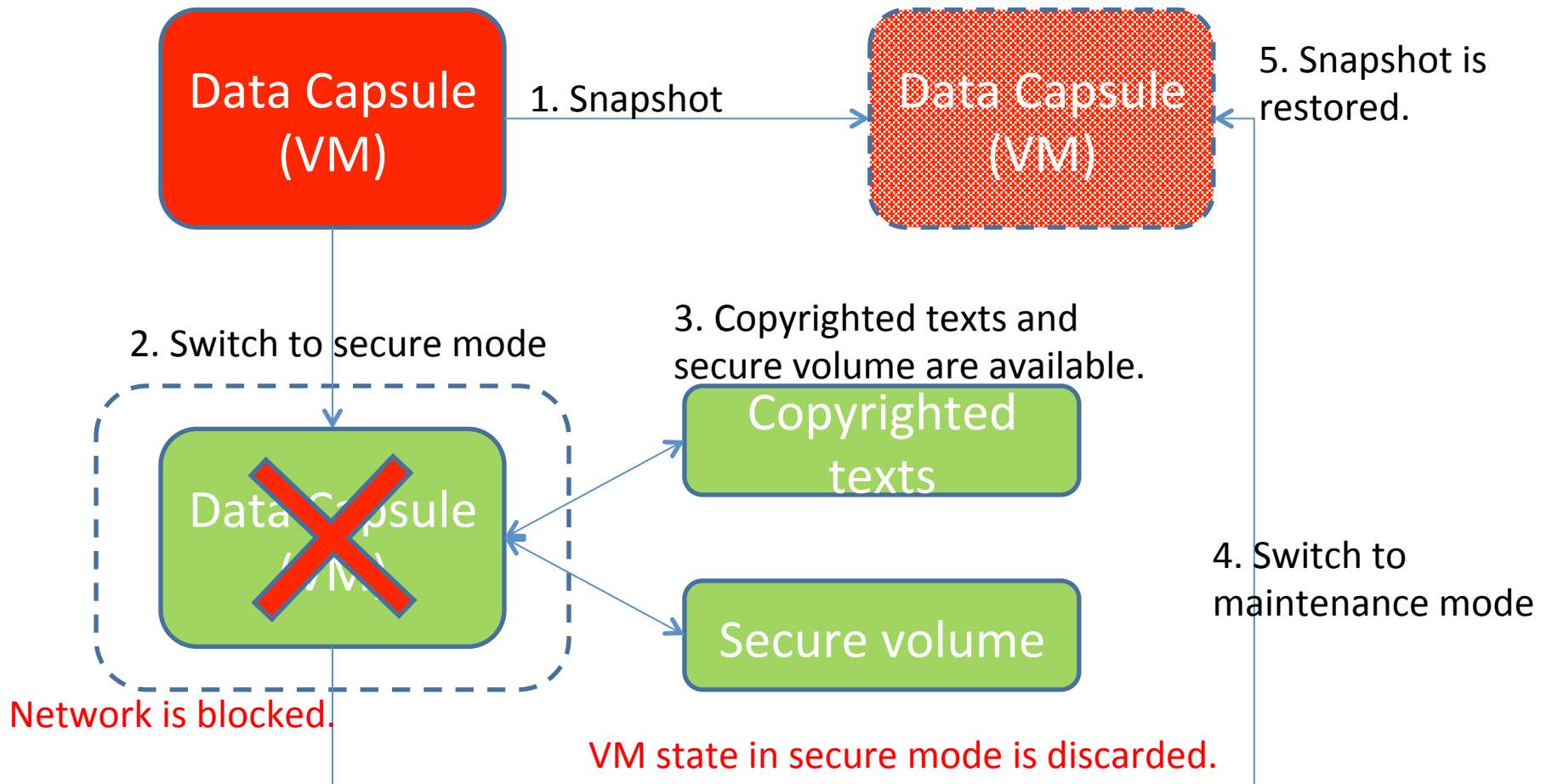
# HTRC Data Capsule Workflow



# HTRC Data Capsule Access



# Data Capsule Mode Switch





# VM Operations Screenshots

## VM in shutdown state.



## Virtual Machines

To log in to a virtual machine, you should use a VNC client. You can input the host name and VNC port information shown by clicking the vmid link.

Vm Id	Status	Actions
<a href="#">a347dc30-0d07-443a-978a-9048ba4b9881</a>	Status: SHUTDOWN Mode: NOT_DEFINED	<a href="#">Start VM</a> <a href="#">Delete VM</a>

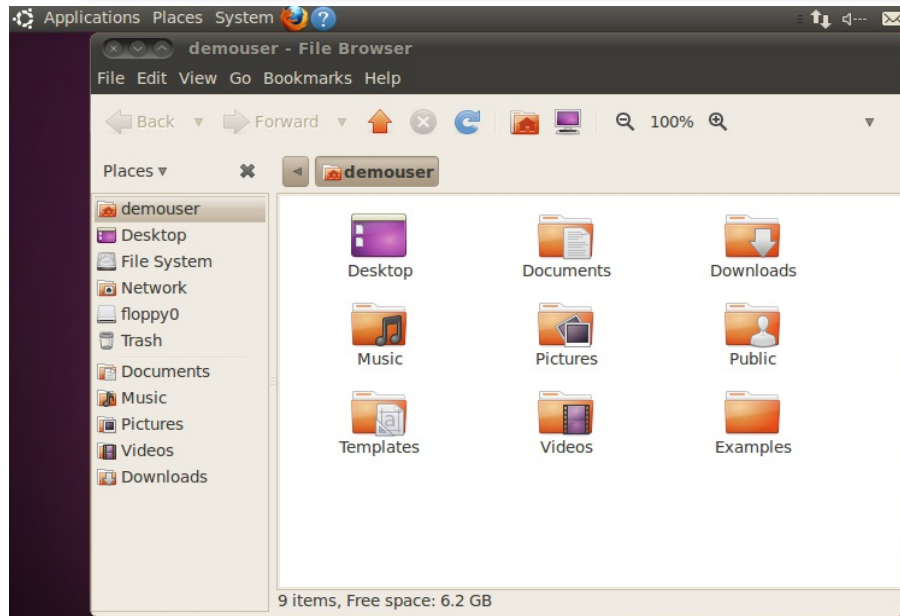
## VM in maintenance mode.

Vm Id	Status	Actions
<a href="#">a347dc30-0d07-443a-978a-9048ba4b9881</a>	Status: RUNNING Mode: MAINTENANCE	<a href="#">Stop VM</a> <a href="#">Switch To Secure Mode</a> <a href="#">Delete VM</a>

## VM in secure mode.

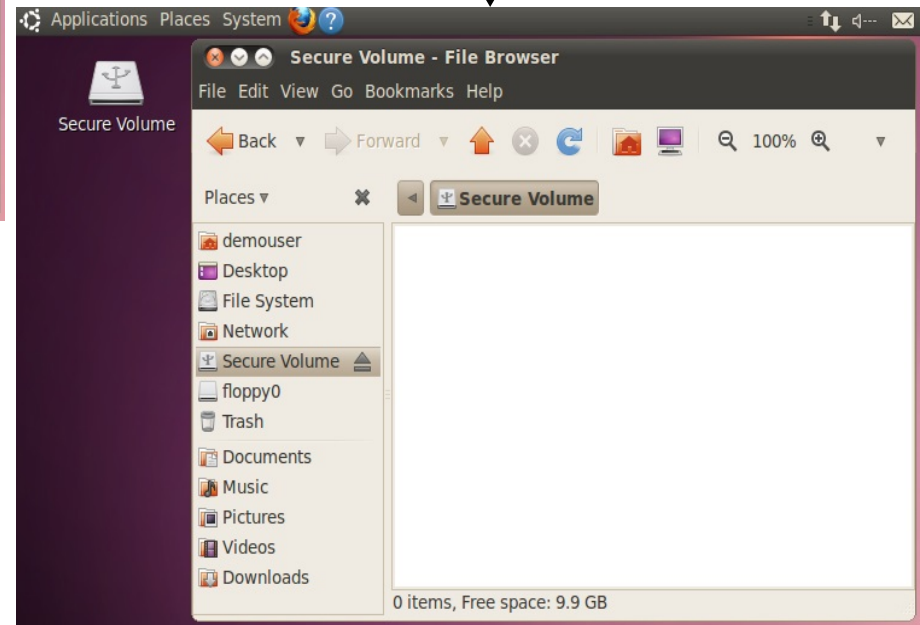
Vm Id	Status	Actions
<a href="#">a347dc30-0d07-443a-978a-9048ba4b9881</a>	Status: RUNNING Mode: SECURE	<a href="#">Stop VM</a> <a href="#">Switch To Maintenance Mode</a> <a href="#">Delete VM</a>

# VM Access Screenshots



Maintenance Mode

Secure Mode



# User Feedback

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- Non-consumptive use
  - Initial users report that they can only access the internet in maintenance mode and HTRC data service in secure mode. They can neither make persistent changes to VMs in secure mode, nor access other users' VMs by SSH'ing.
- Openness and efficiency
  - Initial users report that they are able to configure the VM as needed, and run their analysis against HTRC data interactively.

# Future Work

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- The upcoming hands-on session!
  - Sep 15, 2-5pm
  - Wells Library E174
  - Bring your own laptop
  - One of the Scholar Commons Events
  - Register at the Scholar Commons page [1]
  - Work on text analytics tasks in the HTRC Data Capsule environment

[1] <http://libraries.iub.edu/tools/workshops/workshop-listings/series-view/283/series>

# Future Work

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- Copyrighted content in progress
- Advanced Collaborative Support
  - The award model
  - Award content is HTRC ACS staff time
  - Collaborate with scholars on addressing their research needs related to HTRC
  - E.g. prototyping, running text analysis
  - Advocate open source; encourage extending the work to a grant submission
- Scholars Commons
  - Interaction with scholars to help using HTRC tools and services
  - An interface to interact with HTRC users via the channel of scholars commons
  - Series of workshops at IU and other places
  - Weekly consulting time
  - Every Wed 2:30 – 4:30pm, IU library, Scholars Commons 157R
  - Contact: Miao Chen, Nicholae Cline

