

Cloud Services for Projects in Bioinformatics: Technical Considerations and Business

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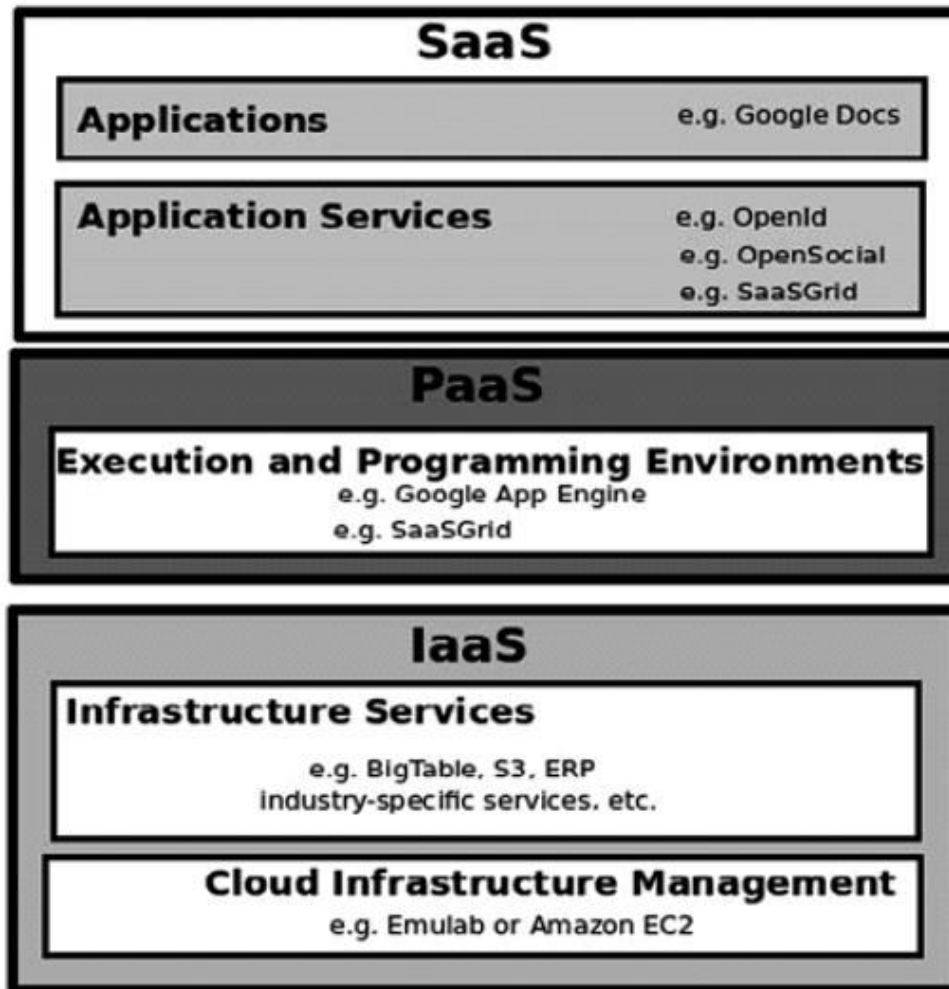
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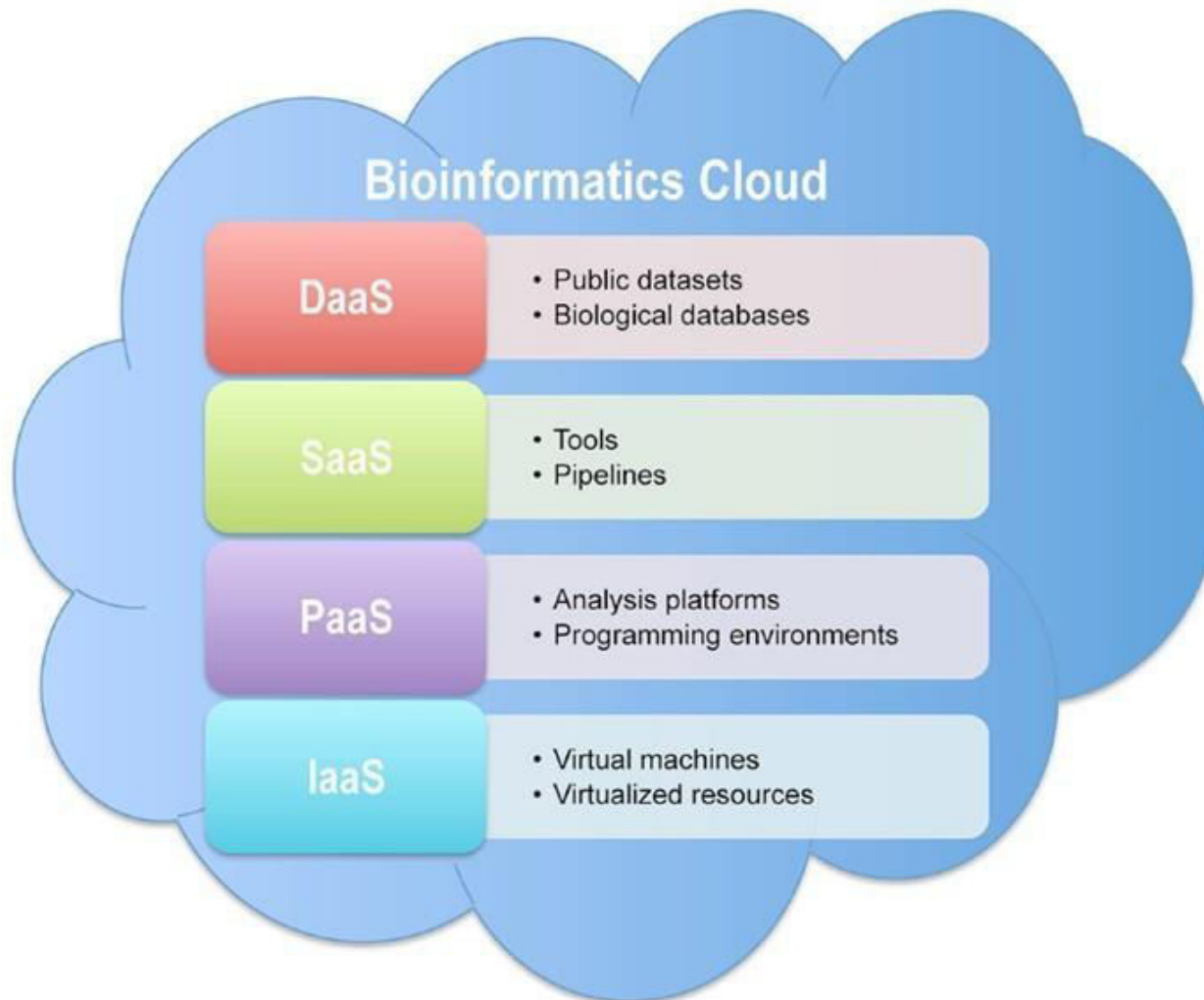
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Agenda

- What is a Cloud Computing?
- Main Architecture of the Cloud and the Bioinformatic
- Business Aspects
- A Bioinformatic Platform on the Cloud
- Concerns and Opportunities

Main Architecture of the Cloud

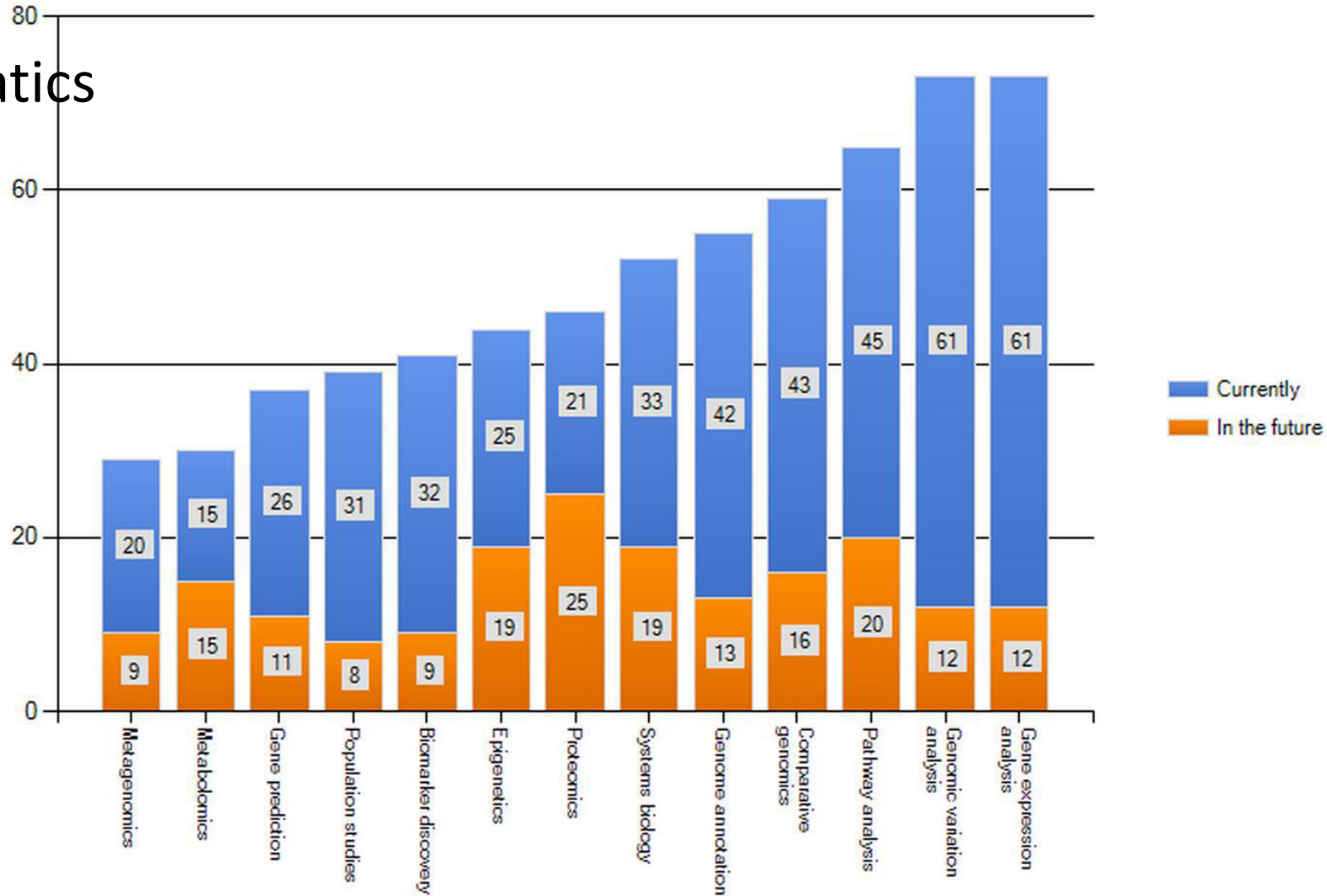




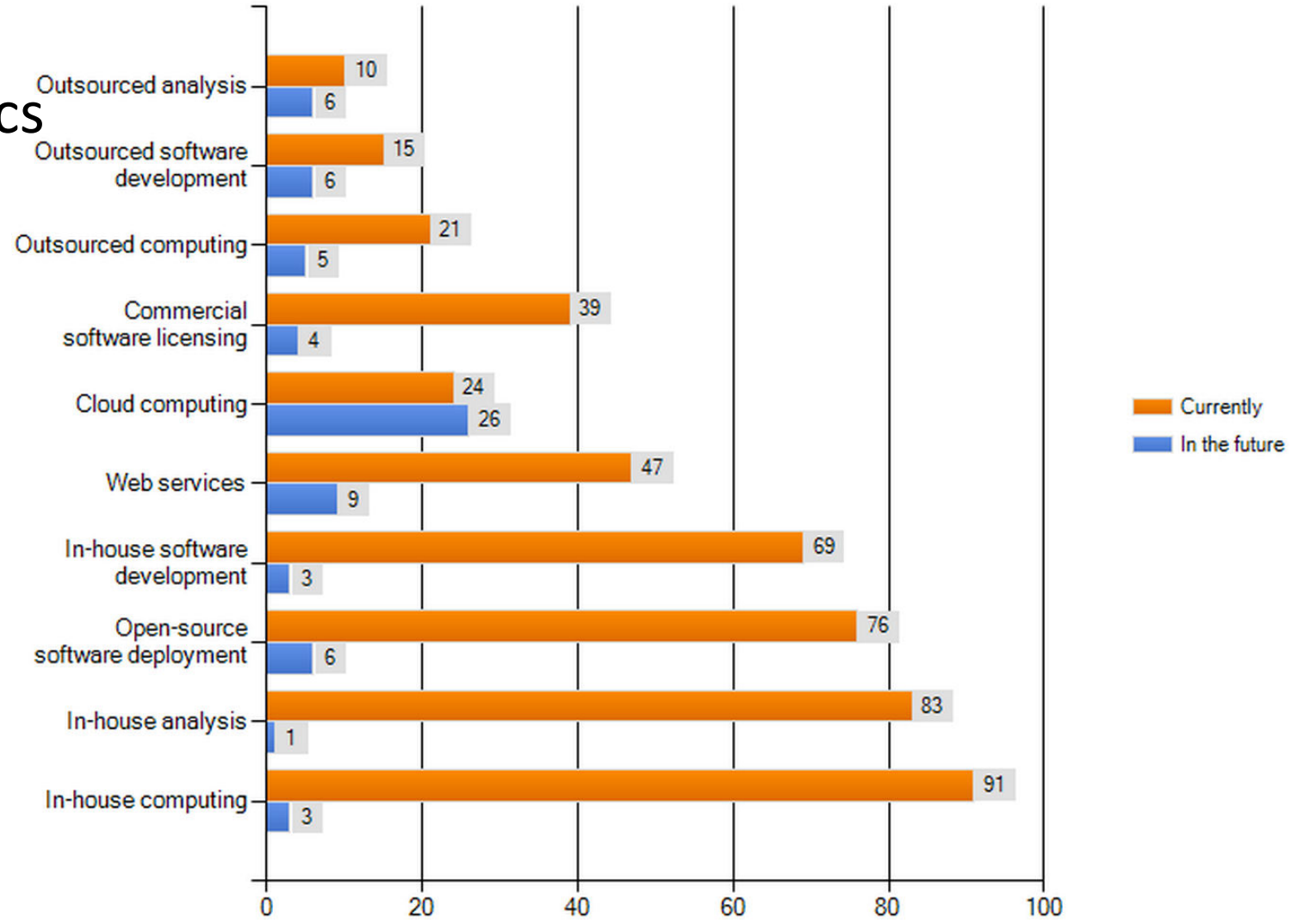
Business Aspects

- Where is the Market?
- What are user needs?
- What is my business model?
- Who are the players?

Bioinformatics Studies



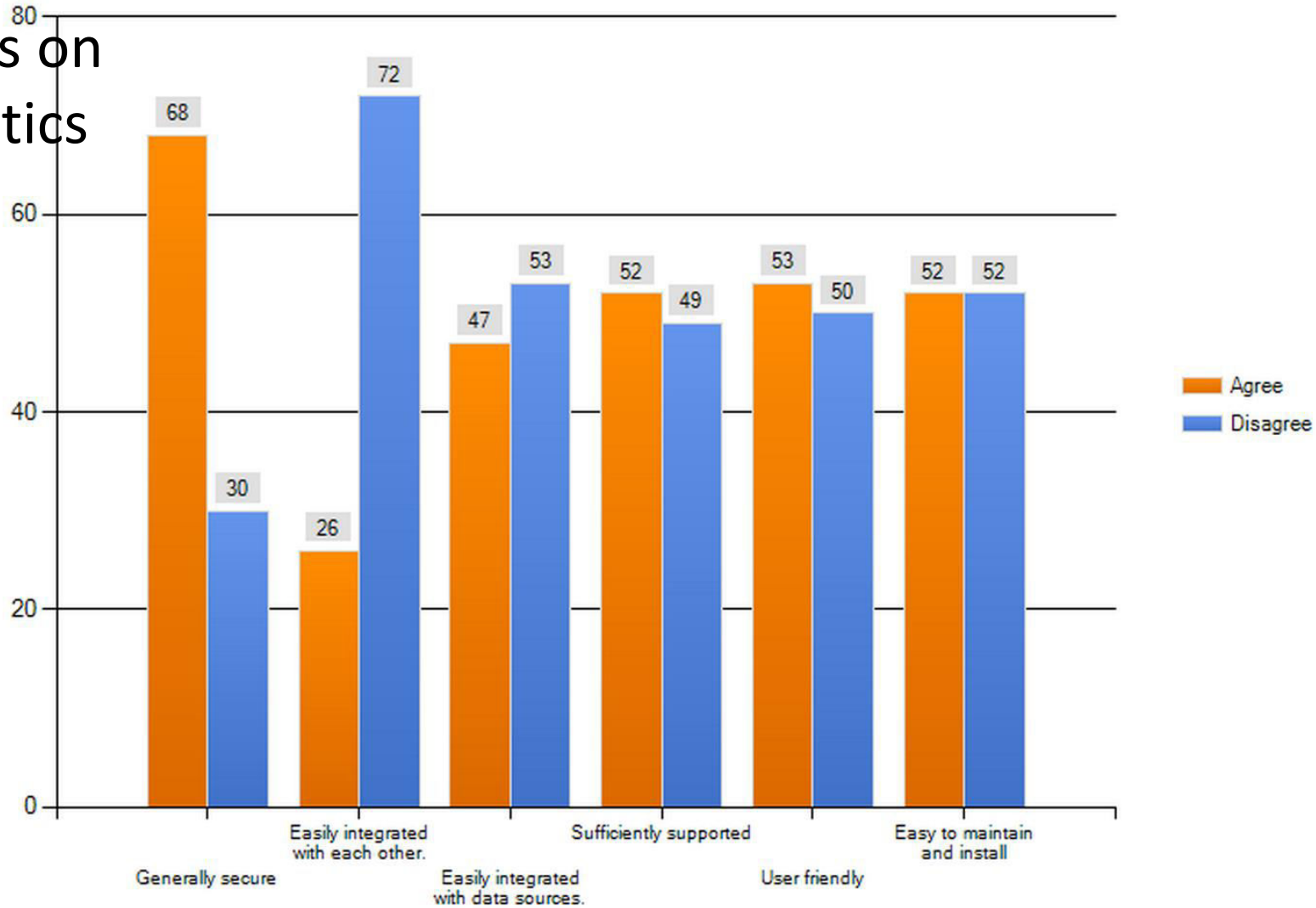
How are Bioinformatics Studies Delivered?



Source: Eagle Genomics



Perceptions on bioinformatics Tools



Cloud Requires Architectural Shift



Product vs. Service

	Software as a Product	Software as a Service
Delivery	Installed	Hosted
Development	Longer cycle, "big bang"	Short, continuous cycle
Pricing	Perpetual license + maintenance	Subscription (all inclusive)
Allocation	Capitalized	Expensed
Additional Costs	Installation, maintenance, customization, & upgrades	Configuration
Platform	Multi-version	Single Platform
Updates	Larger, less-frequent	Shorter, frequent
Sales Focus	Close the deal	Prove value in first 90 days
Feedback Cycle	Long	Short
Profits	Initial sale	Ongoing
Success	New license revenue	Lack of churn

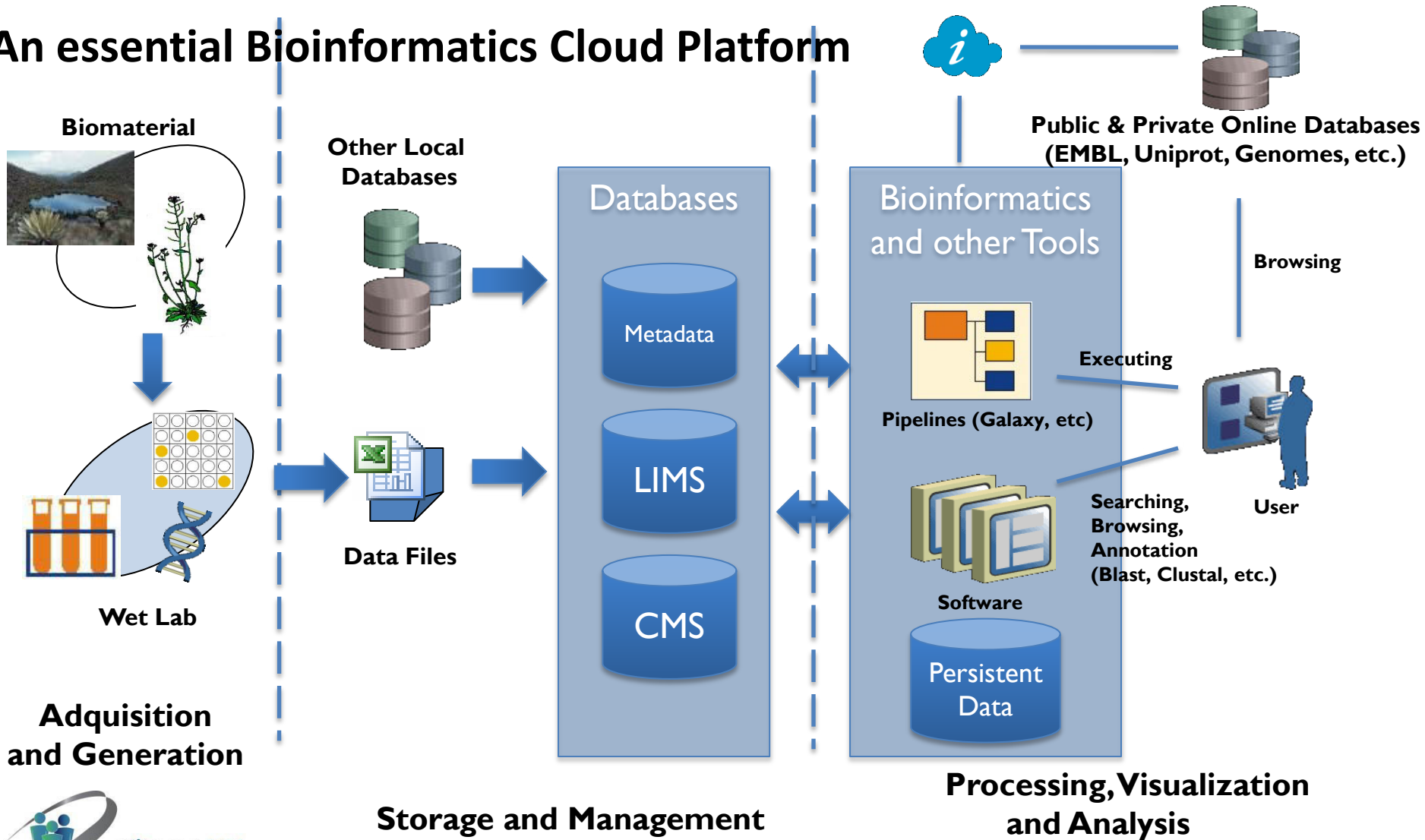
Who are the PaaS players



Bitnami Cloud

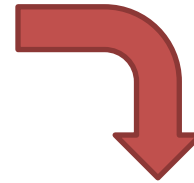


An essential Bioinformatics Cloud Platform

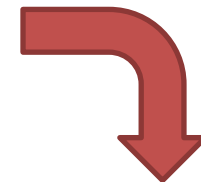


Bioinformatics in Cloud - Maturity Model

- Started with small and scripted applications experimenting with Cloud Services
- Copy-Paste and Data Files manipulation
- Use of predefined Tools and Pipelines



- Move to a Hybrid model, where the Cloud Services will integrate with Data Sets in-house
- Linked with Public Biological Databases
- Enhanced Pipelines



- Streamlining of pipelines in a Multi-Instance Environment.
- Use of biocomputing 'appliances'
- Persistent and Large Ubiquitous Storage

Expected features on a bioinformatics appliances

- Availability of scientific validation of the tools through publication/peer review
- Computational efficiency and scalability
- Ease of maintenance and installation
- Ease of data manipulation/visualization (Do not discard command-line tool !!)
- Plug & Play for Workflow Platforms (APIs and Standard)

Concerns and Opportunities

- Lack of Control, Security and Data Privacy
- Service Level Agreements & Standards Compliance
- New application model costs/adoption
- Data Manipulation still is a pain !! (Web Semantics technologies ?)
- Needs for new algorithms to improve performance (big data ?)

Questions ?