# NIST Materials Resource Registry

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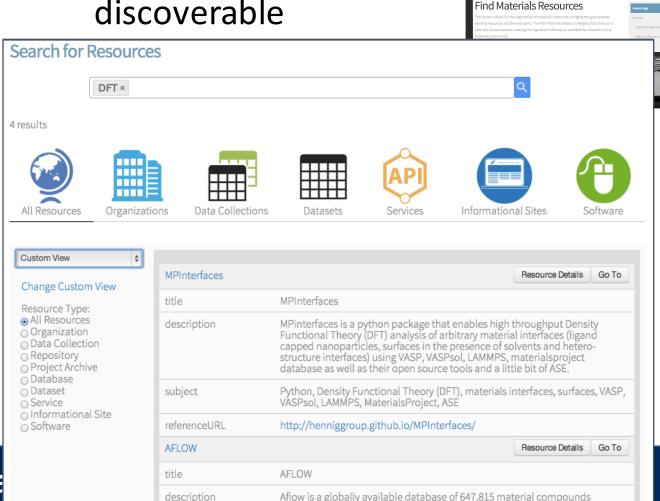




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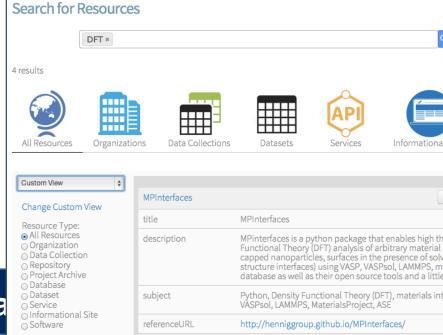
The NMRR is a web application

- Collects descriptions of data resources
- Descriptions are searchable
- Ingesting descriptions:
  - Manually via web form
  - Programmatically via a REST interface
  - Harvest from data repositories or other registries
- Can operate in a federated environment of registry instances
- Can be adapted to any metadata schema (not specific to Materials Science)
- Supports a variety of Resource types:

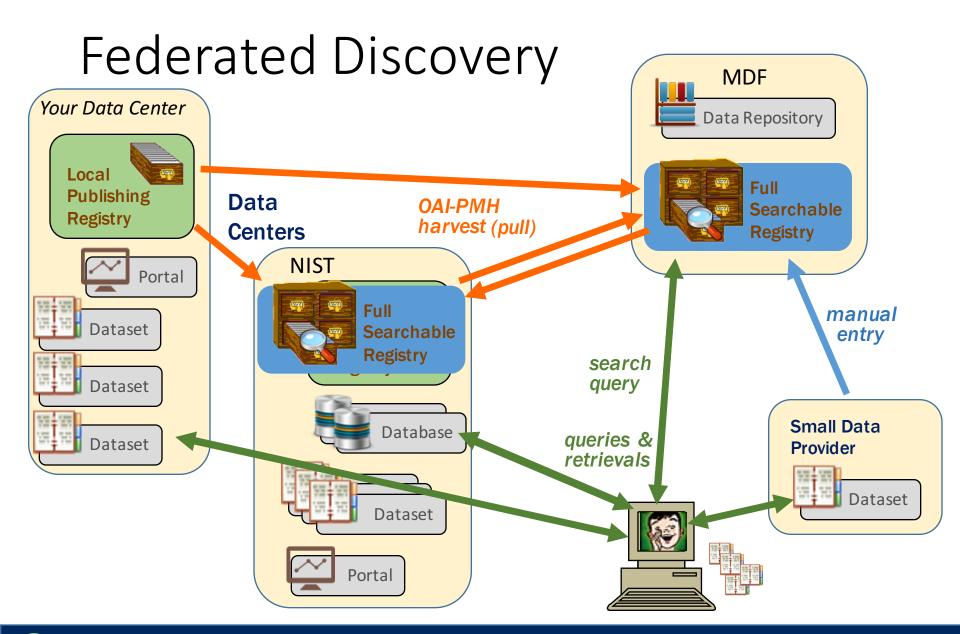
Repositories,

Data collections (e.g. within repositories), Databases, Services, Portals, Web sites, Organizations











#### What should we register?

- Participate at various levels, depending on your available (peopletime) resources
- Things to register
  - Your project/portal/web site (easy minimum)
  - Major data collections from your project
    - Describe the research aims and topics they address
  - Databases (and how one accesses them)
  - Repositories
    - might contain many smaller collections, each addressing a different research concern
    - Use one of the automated mechanisms to share descriptions
  - Software products
  - Services
- the question of granularity
  - Things not to register
    - Individual files
    - Records from a database
  - Can the data be described well by a unique abstract?



## How can we register things?

- One or a few (≤ 10) resources?
  - Visit the registry at the Materials Data Facility (in progress)
  - Create an account and use web forms to describe your assets
- Many resources
  - Consider running your own registry
  - NMRR app can be run at your own site
  - REST API can be used to upload descriptions
  - Can connect it to your own information infrastructure



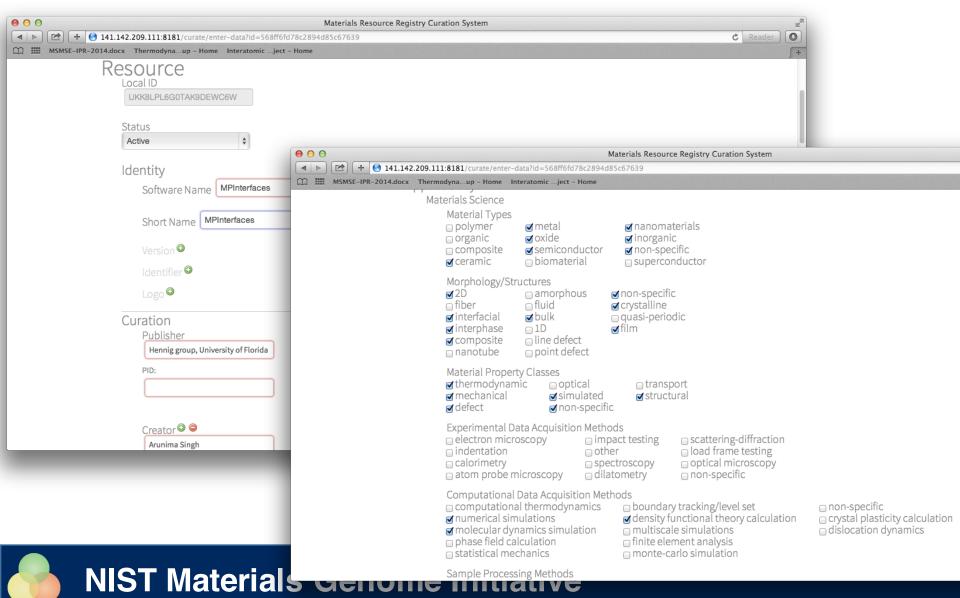
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- Interested in participating in the schema development?
  - NIST and partners are collaborating on this via RDA Working Group
  - NIST will orchestrate migration of resource descriptions as schema evolves

