



# Sensitive data management: authorisation decision-support

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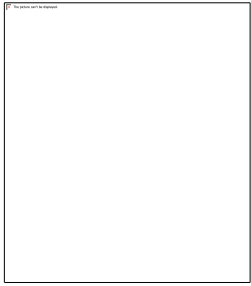


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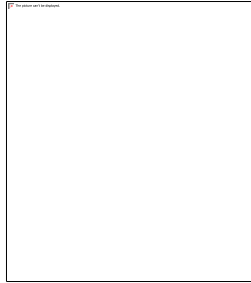


I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this talk is taking place, the land of the Turrbal and Jagera, and pay my respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. I also acknowledge any Aboriginal people joining us today in person and online.

# The Five Safes



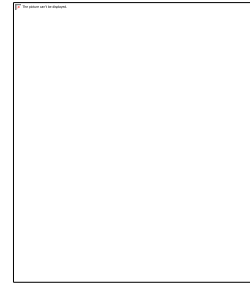
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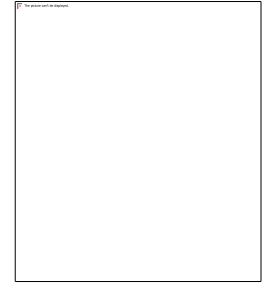
Safe  
Person



Safe Data



Safe Setting



Safe Output

# Two Additional Safes



**Organisations**



**Groups**

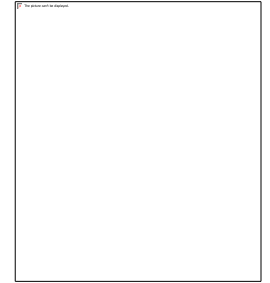
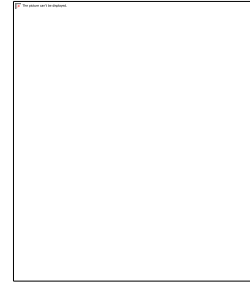
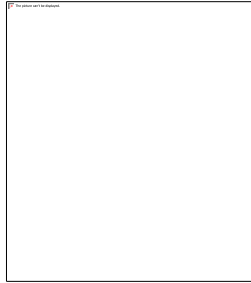
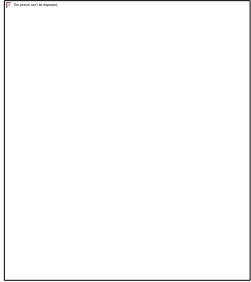
# Joint and severable

- Dimensions are designed so that each can be evaluated independently of the others, as far as possible.
- All five dimensions need to be considered jointly to evaluate whether a data access system can provide an 'acceptable' solution.

# CADRE

A SYSTEM TO	BY MEANS OF	IN ORDER TO
<p>Increase the speed at which social sciences and related disciplines get access to sensitive data.</p> <p>Decrease the risk, time and costs associated with providing access to data (for data holders) and accessing data (for researchers)</p>	<p>The development of a shared and distributed sensitive data management platform using the <b>Five Safes</b> framework and common accreditation and information exchange protocols.</p>	<p>Enable data owners and users to address the core concerns around governance, creation, management and sharing of sensitive data for research.</p> <p>Share and move sensitive data safely between higher education, national research and government facilities and services.</p>

# The Five Safes PLUS Two PLUS PIDs



RAID

Safe Project

ORCID

Safe Person

DOI

Safe Data

??? WATCH THIS SPACE

Safe Setting

DOI?? HANDLE??

Safe Output

ROR  
Organisations



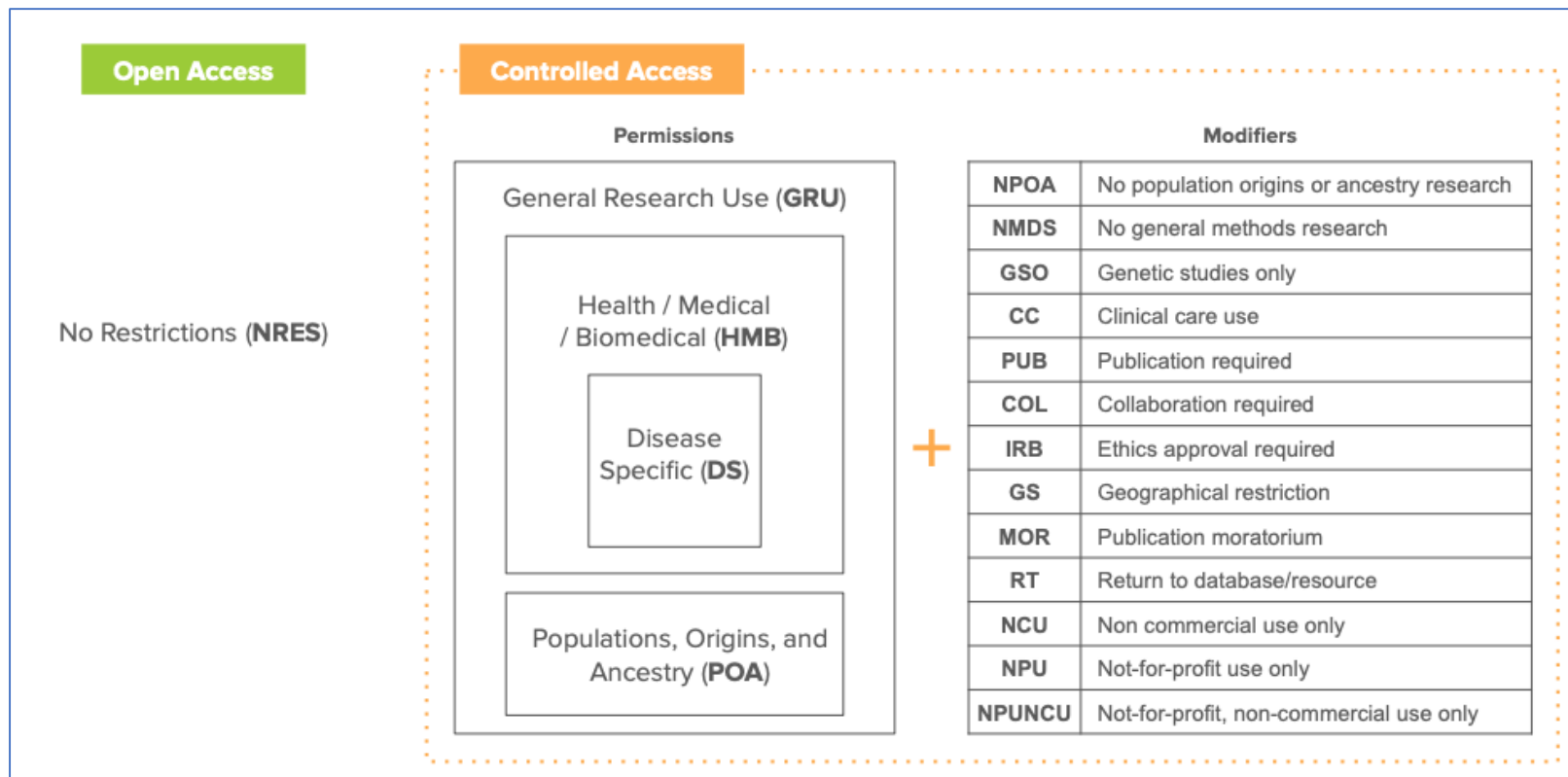
??? (CILogon)  
Groups

# Operationalisation

- Solutions architecture
- Data Use Ontology
- Data Tags Suite
- AAF attributes
- CILogon
- Evaluation and POCs -> Beta



# Data Use Ontology



### Australian Survey of Social Attitudes (2020)

DOI:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.26193/C86EZG>

Data Use Limitations

- GRU - General Research Use - [DUO\\_0000042](#)

Modifiers

- PS - Project specific restriction - [DUO\\_0000027](#)

Custom metadata block?

### Longitudinal Survey of Australian Youth

DOI:

<http://dx.doi.org/10.4225/87/PJO7GB>

Data Use Limitations

- GRU - General Research Use - [DUO\\_0000042](#)

Modifiers

- PS - Project specific restriction - [DUO\\_0000027](#)
- GS - Geographic restriction - [DUO\\_0000022](#)

## Five Safes dimension

(Non-specific)

People

(Organisations)

Projects

Data

Settings

Outputs

## DUO permissions

NRES - No Restrictions

GRU – General Research Use Health/Medical/Biomedical (HMB) Disease specific (DS) Populations, Origins, and Ancestry (POA)

(None)

(None)

## DUO modifiers

GS – Geographical restriction  
COL – Collaboration required  
US – User specific restriction

Institution specific restriction  
NPUNCU – Not-for-profit, non-commercial use only\*

NPOA – No population origins or ancestry research  
NMDS - No general methods research  
GSO – Genetic studies only  
CC – Clinical care use  
IRB – Ethics approval required  
NCU - Non-commercial use only  
NPU – Not-for-profit use only  
NPUNCU – Not-for-profit, non-commercial use only\*  
PS - Project specific restriction  
TS - Time limit on use

(None)

(None)

PUB – Publication required  
MOR – Publication moratorium

# Data Tags Suite (Alter et al., 2020)

- ***Authorisation***
- Authentication
- Access
  
- Aligns with DUO and other standards
  - ODRL, DPV, ...

# Data Authorisation

<b>Authorisation type</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>None</b>	Not covered by a DUA
<b>“Click through” online license</b>	Users must agree to an online agreement without providing additional identification
<b>Registration</b>	Users must register before access is allowed and agree to conditions of use. Registration information may be verified
<b>DUA signed by an individual</b>	An agreement signed by the investigator is required. DUAs may require additional information, such as a research plan and an IRB review (see discussion of licenses below)
<b>DUA signed by an institution</b>	An agreement signed by the investigator’s institution is required. DUAs require additional information, such as a research plan and an IRB review (see discussion of licenses below)

## Data Authentication

<b>Authentication type</b>	<b>Description</b>
None	No authentication required
Simple login	Single-factor login or the use of an authentication key or registered IP address is required
Multi-factor login	Multiple-factor login using a combination of IP address, password protection, authentication key, or other forms of authentication

# Data Access

<b>Access method</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Download</b>	The data are available for download. A license may be required
<b>API</b>	Interaction with the data may be automated via defined communication protocols, i.e., APIs
<b>Remote access</b>	Users may access the data in a secure remote environment (“virtual data enclave”). Individual-level data may not be downloaded, only approved results
<b>Remote service</b>	A user may submit program code or the script for a software package to be executed in a secure data center. The remote site returns outputs. It may perform a review before releasing the results
<b>Enclave</b>	Access is provided to approved users within a secure facility without remote access. Results may remain at the enclave or be released after review

## DUO and DATS – Ten To Men

DUO Dimensions	Ten To Men Release 3
DOI	<a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.26193/JDE1TD">http://dx.doi.org/10.26193/JDE1TD</a>
Data Use Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRU - General Research Use - <a href="#">DUO 0000042</a></li> </ul>
Modifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS - Project specific restriction – <a href="#">DUO 0000027</a></li> <li>• US – User specific restriction</li> <li>• (Institution-specific restriction??)</li> </ul>

DATS Dimension	Ten To Men Release 3
Authorisation	DUA signed by an organisation (or individual?)
Authentication	Simple login
Access	Download

## Aligning standards and the Five Safes (Alternative)

Five Safes dimension	Proposed identifier/PID	Custodian requirements specification	Information source for provision
People	ORCID??	Data Use Ontology (DUO)	AAF attributes, Scholix/ResearchGraph??
Projects	RAID	Data Use Ontology (DUO), Data Tags Suite (DATS)	(CADRE specification)
Data	DOI	???	DataCite, DCAT, Scholix/ResearchGraph??, Others??
Settings	(RAID??)	Data Tags Suite (DATS)	(CADRE specification?? Existing standard??)
Outputs	Handle, DOI	Data Use Ontology (DUO)	DataCite, DCAT, Scholix/ResearchGraph??, Others??
Organisation	ROR	Data Use Ontology (DUO)	ROR specification (who is ROR provider?)
Group	???	???	CILogon

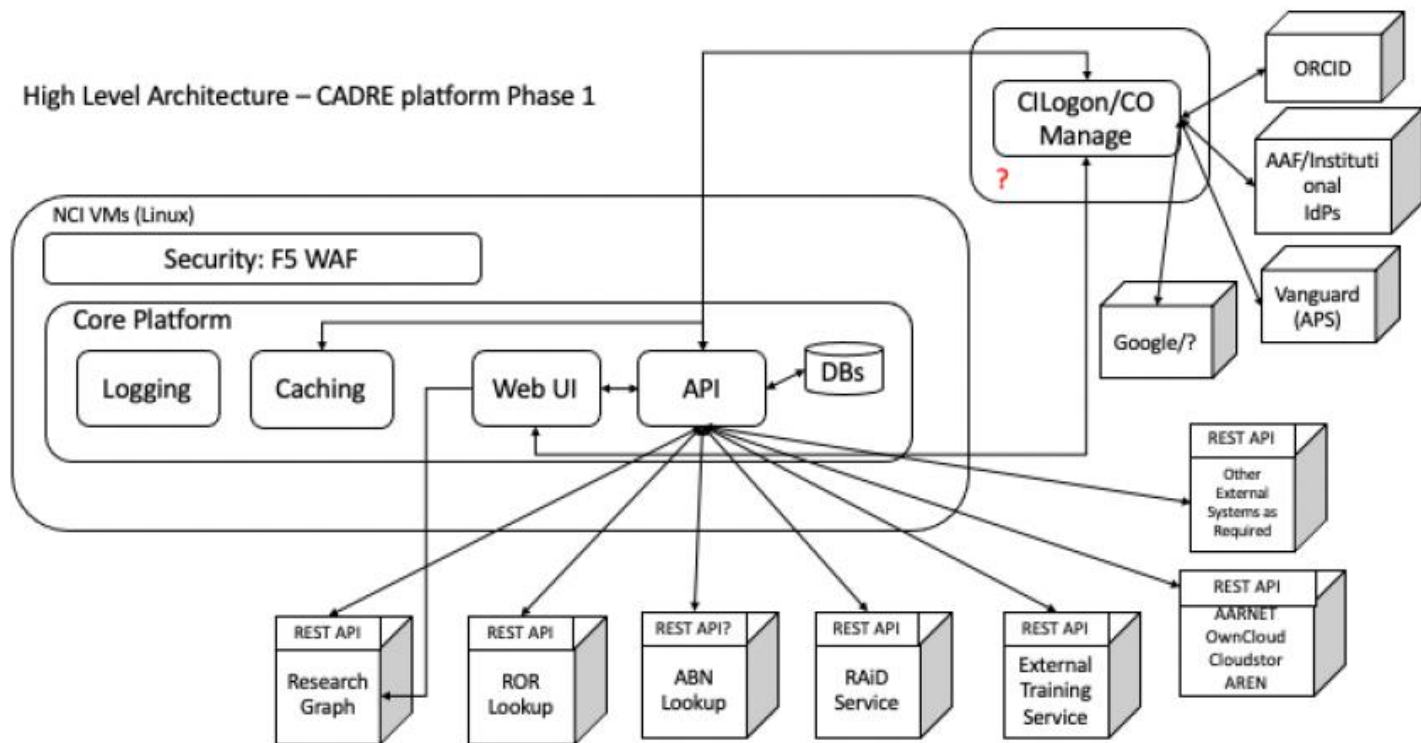
Initial work on information model  
<https://cloudstor.aarnet.edu.au/plus/s/u6SdXBELo5s08Go>



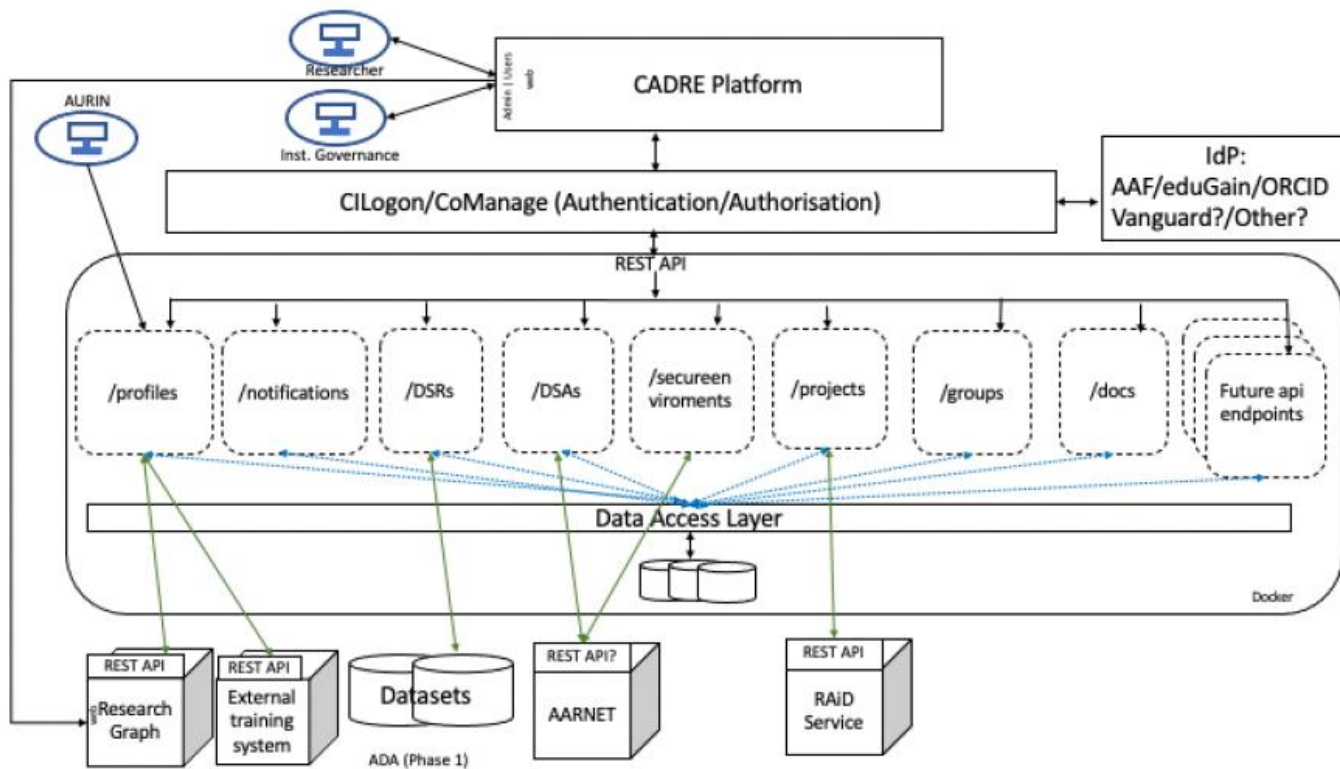
# Solutions architecture

### 3.2.1 High Level Platform Architecture

High Level Architecture – CADRE platform Phase 1



### 3.2.1.1 3-Tier web application with API backend



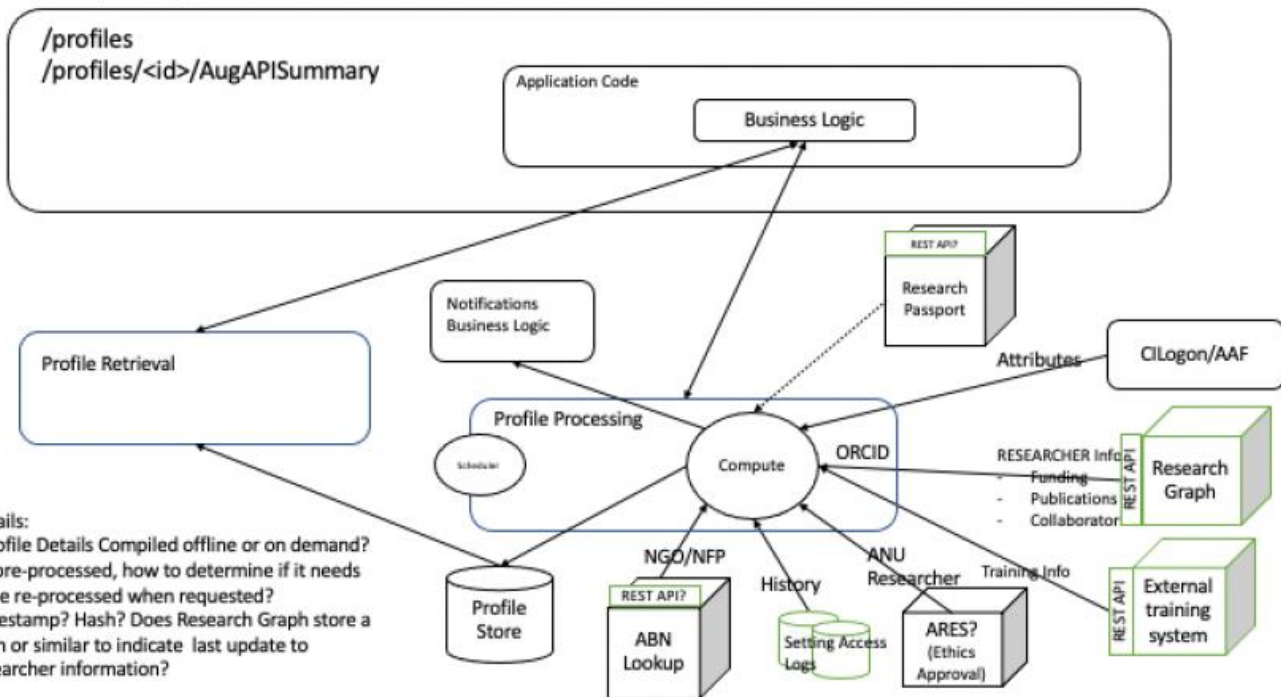
# Proposed Technology stack – Phase 1

- Servers: The CADRE platform will be hosted on NCI VMs and servers. NCI can provide a level of security with f5 Web Application Firewall (WAF).
- Proposed tech stack - dependent on developer resources available and their skillset:
- Web-based front end: ReactJS or Bootstrap/Vanilla/JS JQuery
- Back-end API: NodeJS or Django web service
- middle layer: to be determined
- Database: Postgres
- Caching: MongoDB
- Container: Docker

### 3.2.2 CADRE API Details

#### 3.2.2.1 Proposed Architecture for API endpoint: /profiles

Api Endpoint: /profiles



Details:

- Profile Details Compiled offline or on demand?
- If pre-processed, how to determine if it needs to be re-processed when requested? Timestamp? Hash? Does Research Graph store a hash or similar to indicate last update to researcher information?

# Evaluation of dashboard/access management options

- REMS: CSCFI, Finland
- IMPACT: RENCI, USA
- IXUP: Commercial
- DUOS: Broad Institute, USA

# High Level Evaluation – System Options for CADRE Platform – Access Request Management

Tech Solutions	ADA Regs. Fit	CADRE Regs. Fit	Community Support	ADA BAU Impact	Licensing Functions	5 Safes Aligned	<a href="#">DUO</a> Integration	<a href="#">CILogon</a> Integration	Dev Work Required	In/Out	Overall Rating 1-5
RAM app prototype	High	High	None	N/A	<a href="#">Dataverse</a>	Yes	N/A	N/A	High (DV integration)	Out	-
<a href="#">REMS</a>	High	High	Finland AU <a href="#">BioCommons</a> ?	Request workflow	In REMs	Implied		Yes	High (in Clojure)	In	
<a href="#">ImPACT</a>	High	High	USA AU QCIF?	Request workflow	Data Policy Store – Notary	Implied		Yes	High (request management less advanced than REMS)	In	
<a href="#">IXUP</a>	?	?	?	?	?	Yes	?	?	NA. Coupled with MS Azure for controlled data processing.	?	
<a href="#">DUOS</a>	?	?	?	?	<a href="#">In DUOS</a>	Implied	Yes	?	?	?	

Overall rating: 1 = Low and 5 = High

# Confirmed technology solutions

- CILogon (Monday)
- plus
- REMS (earlier today)
- plus
- Dashboard (locally developed)
- Plus
- ResearchGraph (more tomorrow!!)



# Where are we at?

- <https://cadre5safes-test.ada.edu.au/>
- <https://dataverse-demo.ada.edu.au/>
- <http://learning.cadre5safes.org.au/>

# Questions

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