

# Biocep-R

Open Science in the cloud, towards a  
universal platform for mathematical and  
statistical computing

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*Croire possible le souhaitable est aussi dangereux que de croire souhaitable le possible. Utopies sentimentales et automatismes de la technique.*

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*Il n'y a que le solitaire qui soit capable de penser plus que des vérités tactiques.*

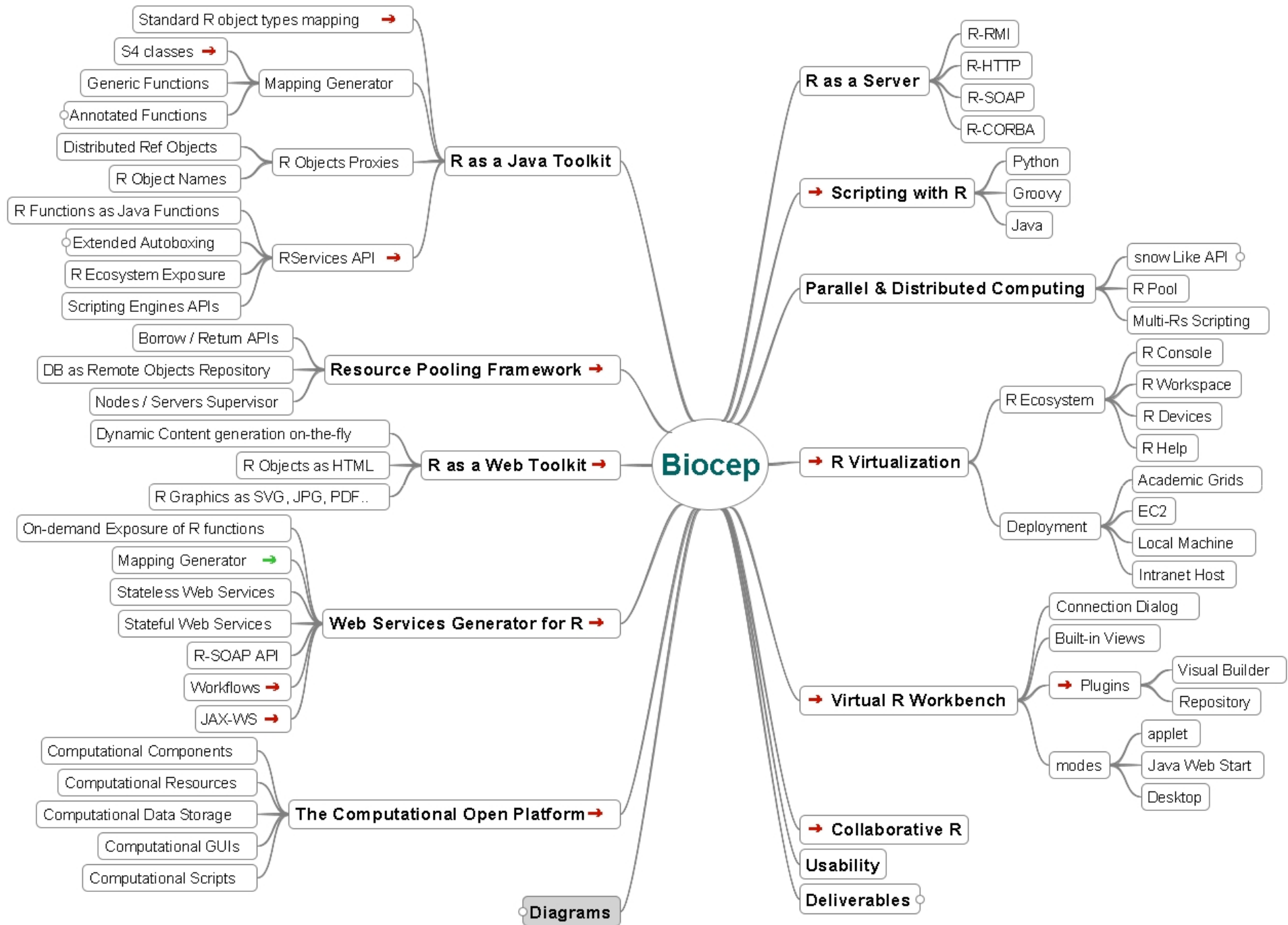
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## **Extract from the GridSolve Description Document**

The emergence of Grid computing as the prototype of a next generation cyberinfrastructure for science has excited high expectations for its potential as an accelerator of discovery, but it has also raised questions about whether and how the broad population of research professionals, who must be the foundation of such productivity, can be motivated to adopt this new and more complex way of working.

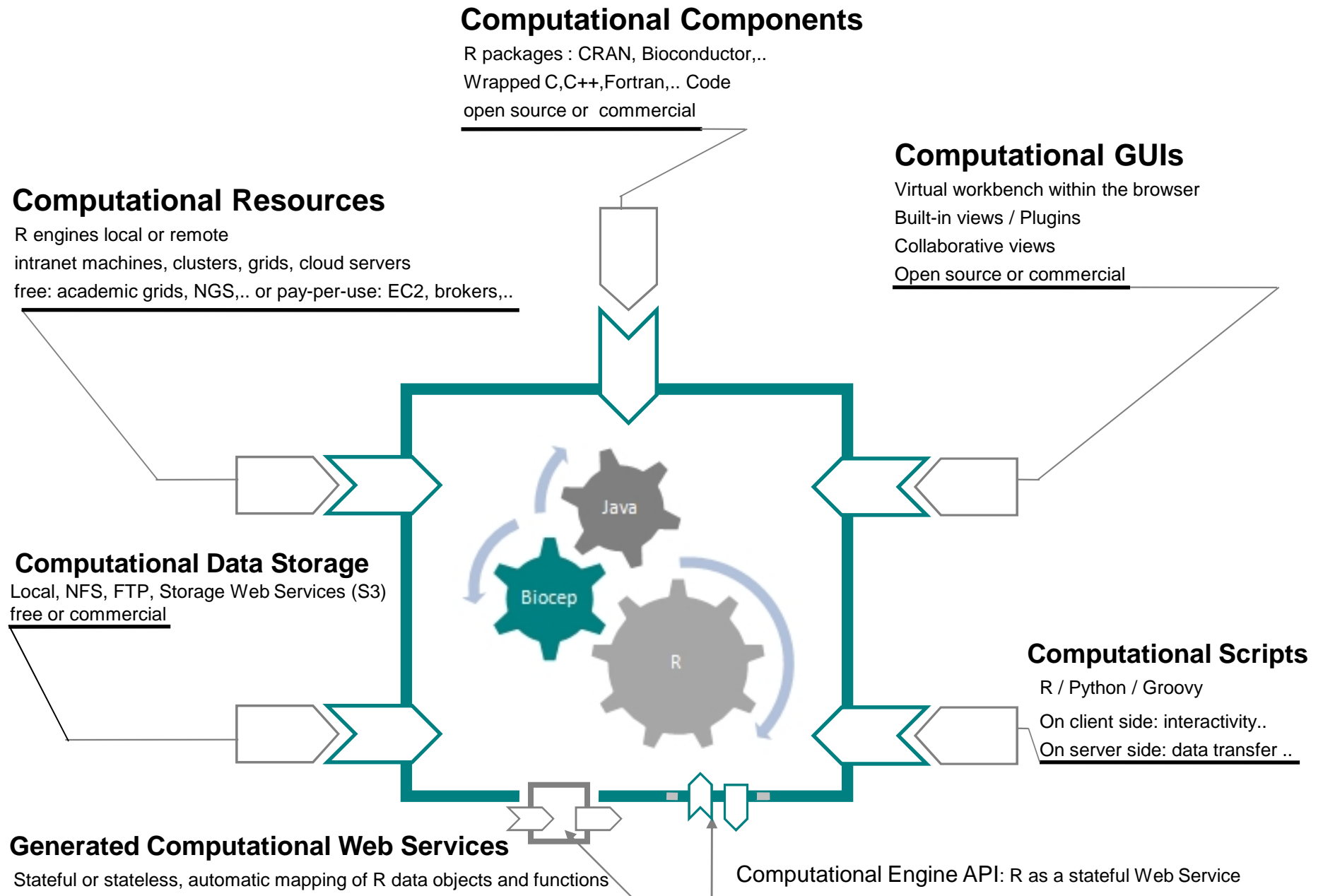
The rise of the new era of scientific modeling and simulation has, after all, been precipitous, and many science and engineering professionals have only recently become comfortable with the relatively simple world of the uniprocessor workstations and desktop scientific computing tools. In that world, software packages such as Matlab and Mathematica represent general-purpose scientific computing environments (SCEs) that enable users — totaling more than a million worldwide — to solve a wide variety of problems through flexible user interfaces that can model in a natural way the mathematical aspects of many different problem domains.

Moreover, the ongoing, exponential increase in the computing resources supplied by the typical workstation makes these SCEs more and more powerful, and thereby tends to reduce the need for the kind of resource sharing that represents a major strength of Grid computing [1]. Certainly there are various forces now urging collaboration across disciplines and distances, and the burgeoning Grid community, which aims to facilitate such collaboration, has made significant progress in mitigating the well-known complexities of building, operating, and using distributed computing environments. But it is unrealistic to expect the transition of research professionals to the Grid to be anything but halting and slow if it means abandoning the SCEs that they rightfully view as a major source of their productivity. We therefore believe that Grid computing's prospects for success will tend to rise and fall according to its ability to interface smoothly with the general purpose SCEs that are likely to continue to dominate the toolbox of its targeted user base.

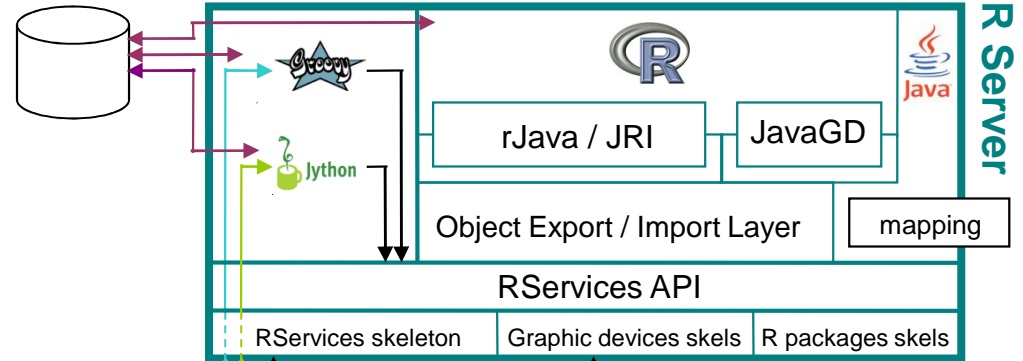




# Biocep Computational Open Platform Ecosystem



# R Virtualization



Server Side - Personal Machine, Academic Grids, Clusters, Clouds

Client Side - Internet

## Virtual R Workbench

The screenshot shows the Virtual R Workbench interface within a Mozilla Firefox browser. The interface includes several panes:
 

- R Console:** Displays R code for saving data, creating a data frame, and plotting a 2D histogram.
- Main Graphic Device:** Shows a 2D histogram plot with axes labeled 'xvals' and 'yvals'.
- R Script Editor:** Contains R code for generating example data and plotting a histogram.
- R Spreadsheet:** Displays a table of data with columns for months and variables y4, y3, y2, y1.
- R Help Browser:** Shows documentation for the `hist2d` function.

Internet Browser

Java Applet

Virtual R Workbench URL

Docking Framework

R Console

R Graphic Device+Interactors

R Workspace

R Help Browser

R Script Editor

R Spreadsheet

Groovy / Jython Script Editor



# Integrating R - State of the art

- **SJava and rJava/JRI**
  - Basic mapping via JNI of the R C API
- **TypeInfo**
  - Plug meta descriptions to R functions
- **RWebservices**
  - Generated Java Beans for basic R Types / S4 Classes
  - Axis Web Services based on SJava and ActiveMQ
- **JavaGD**
  - R devices connection to Java (JGR)
- **Rserve**
  - TCP/IP interface to R

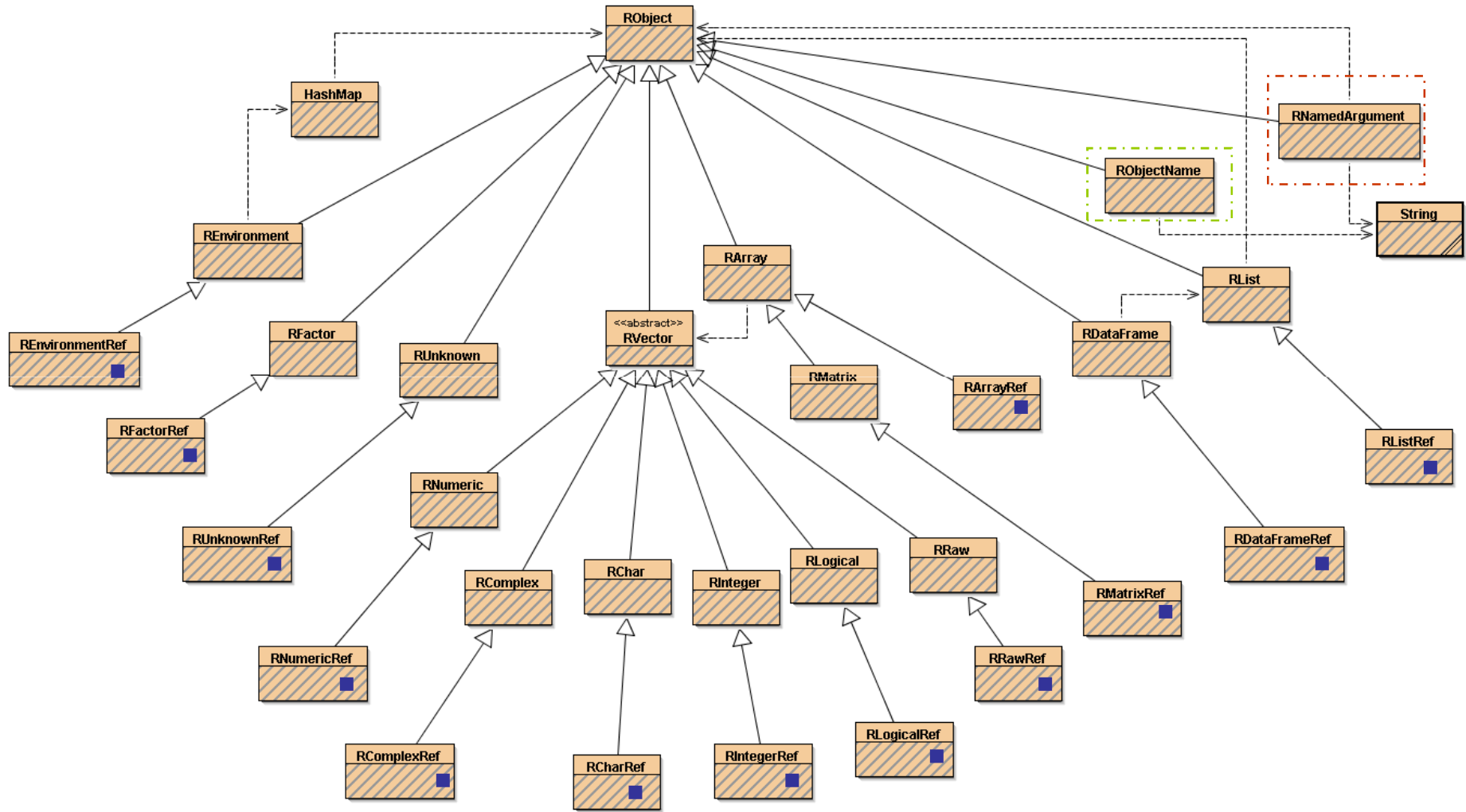
# What was missing ?

- High Level Java API for Accessing R
- Stateful, Resuable, Remotable R Components
- Scalable, Distributed, R Based Infrastructure
- Safe multiple clients framework for components usage as a pool of indistinguishable Remote Resources
- User friendly Interface for the remote resources creation, tracking and debugging

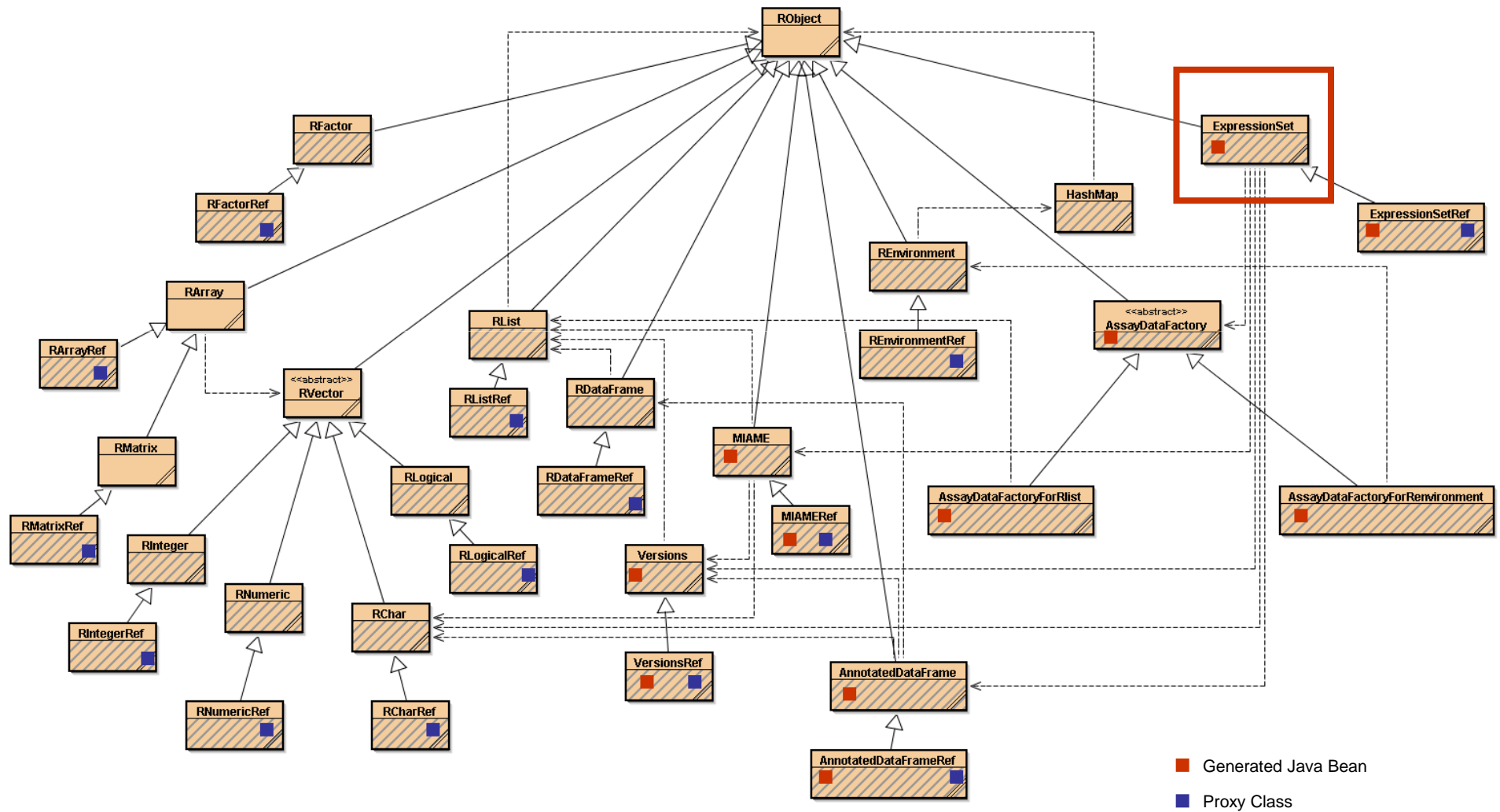
# What was missing ?

- Generated light-weight Java proxies for R Types / S4 Classes
- On-demand mapping and deployment of R packages as RMI Components or as JAX-WS Web Services
- Remotable R Graphics / Swing Components for R
- Remote R components files exchange API
- Semi-thick client (applet) for web based tools using R

# Standard R objects mapping to Java



# Generated beans for ExpressionSet





# RServices API - I

```
public interface RServices extends ManagedServant {
```

```
-----  
public String  consoleSubmit(String expression) throws ...  
public String  evaluate(String expression) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public RObject getObject(String expression) throws ...  
public Object  getObjectConverted(String expression) throws ...  
public RObject getReference(String expression) throws ...  
public RObject getObjectName(String expression) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public void    putAndAssign(Object obj, String name) throws ...  
public RObject putAndGetReference(Object obj) throws RemoteException;  
-----
```

```
public RObject call(String methodName, Object... args) throws ...  
public RObject callAndConvert(String methodName, Object... args) throws ...  
public RObject callAndGetReference(String methodName, Object... args) throws ...  
public RObject callAndGetObjectName(String methodName, Object... args) throws ...  
public void    callAndAssign(String varName, String methodName, Object... args) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public RObject realizeObjectName(RObject objectName) throws ...  
public Object  realizeObjectNameConverted(RObject objectName) throws ...  
public RObject referenceToObject(RObject refObj) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public boolean isReference(RObject obj) throws ...  
public void    assignReference(String name, RObject refObj) throws ...  
-----
```

```
}
```

# RServices API - II

```
public interface RServices extends ManagedServant {
```

```
public String[] listPackages() throws ...  
public RPackage getPackage(String packageName) throws ...
```

```
public GDDevice newDevice(int w, int h) throws ...  
public GDDevice[] listDevices() throws ...
```

```
public interface GDDevice extends Remote {  
    public Vector<GDObject> popAllGraphicObjects() throws ...  
    public void fireSizeChangedEvent(int w, int h) throws ...  
    public void dispose() throws ...  
    ...  
}
```

```
public String[] getWorkingDirectoryFileNames() throws ...  
public FileDescription getWorkingDirectoryFileDescription(String fileName) throws...  
public void createWorkingDirectoryFile(String fileName) throws ...  
public void removeWorkingDirectoryFile(String fileName) throws ...  
public byte[] readWorkingDirectoryFileBlock(String name, long off, int size) throws...  
public void appendBlockToWorkingDirectoryFile(String name, byte[] block) throws...
```

```
public String getRHelpFileUri(String topic, String pack) throws ...  
public byte[] getRHelpFile(String uri) throws ...
```

```
public Vector<RAction> popRActions() throws ...
```

```
}
```

# RServices API - III

```
public interface RServices extends ManagedServant {
```

```
-----  
public void    startHttpServer(int port) throws ...  
public void    stopHttpServer() throws ...  
-----
```

```
public String  pythonExec(String pythonCommand) throws ...  
public RObject pythonEval(String pythonCommand) throws ...  
public void    pythonSet(String name, Object Value) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public String  groovyExec(String groovyCommand) throws ...  
public Object  groovyEval(String expression) throws ...  
public void    groovySet(String name, Object Value) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public void    setCallback(RCallback callback) throws ...  
-----
```

```
public String  getStatus() throws ...  
public void    stop() throws ...  
public void    freeReference(RObject refObj) throws ...  
public void    freeAllReferences() throws ...  
public String  print(String expression) throws ...  
public String  sourceFromResource(String resource) throws ...  
public String  sourceFromBuffer(StringBuffer buffer) throws ...  
public RNI     getRNI() throws ...  
-----
```

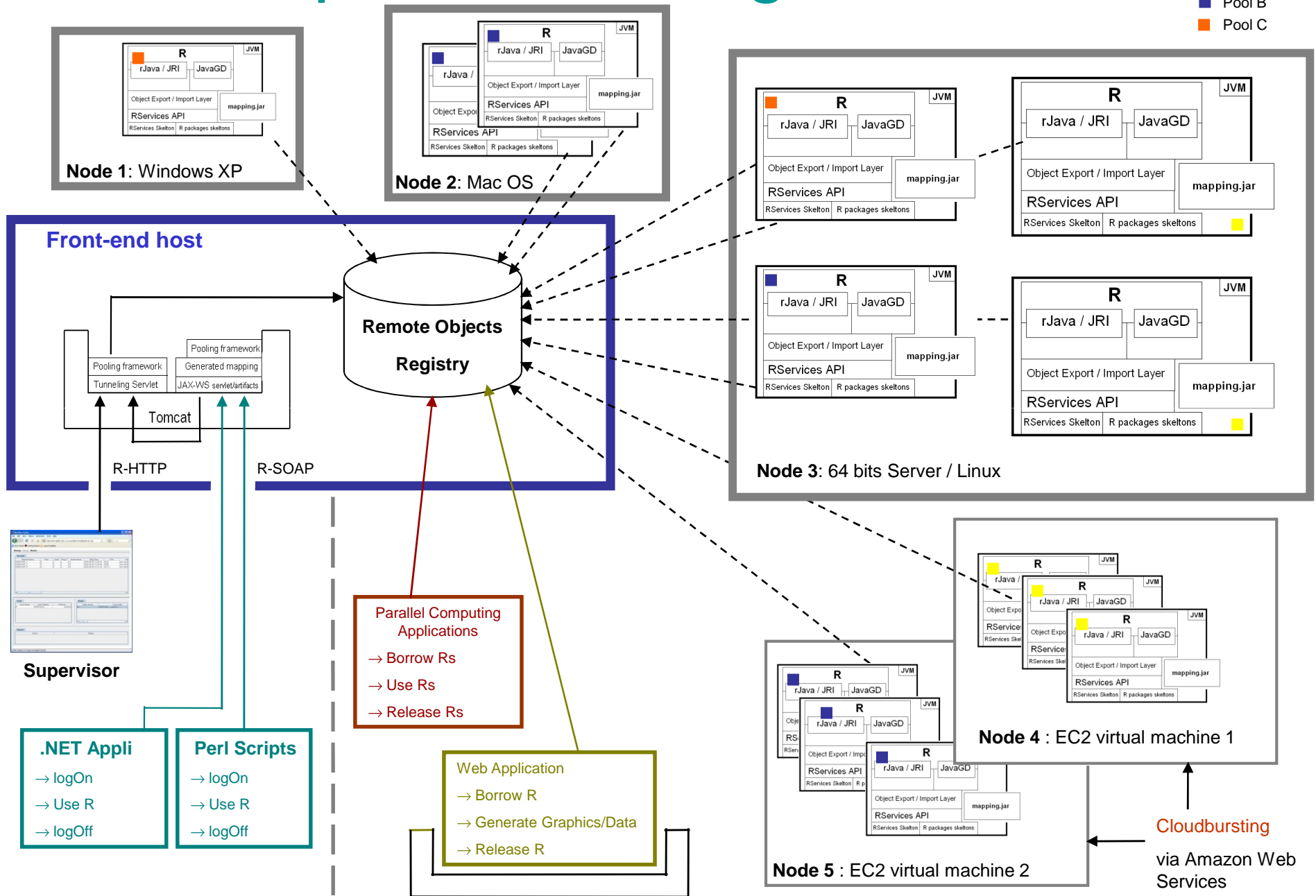
```
...  
}
```

# Remote Resources Pooling Framework

- Generic Standalone framework
- Pooling of any RMI components and if combined with JNI of any library / open architecture
- New Remote Object Registry based on Derby| Oracle| MySQL
- Three implementations available
  - rmiregistry / mono-node / single client process
  - rmiregistry / multinodes / single client process
  - database ROR / multinodes / multiple client processes
- User friendly interface for the remote resources creation, tracking and debugging, nodes and pools management

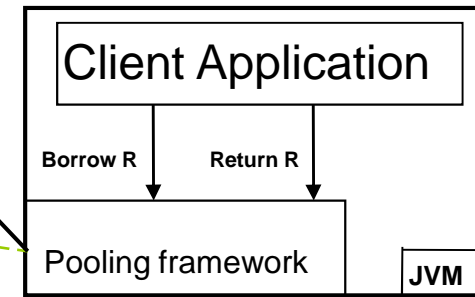
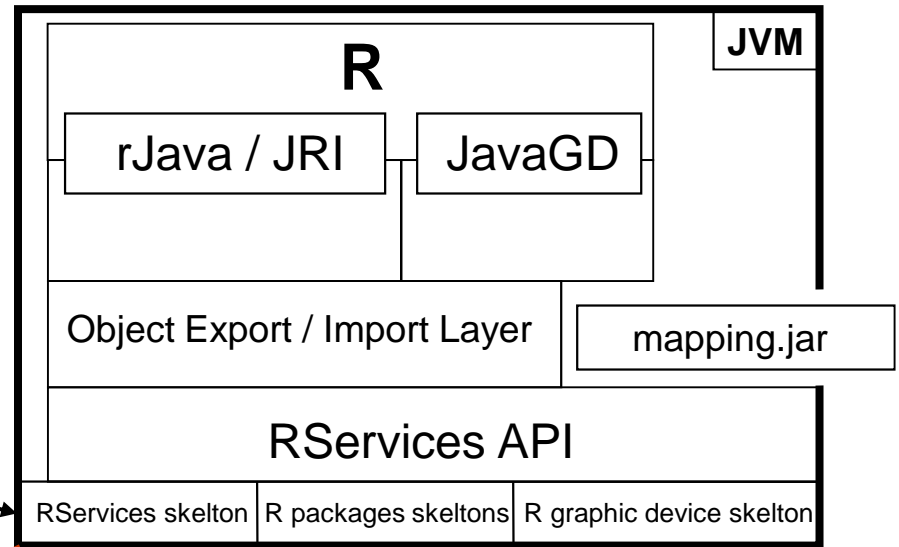
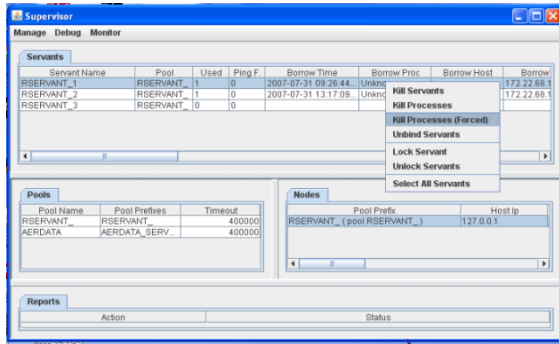
# Computational Engines Pools

■ Pool A  
■ Pool B  
■ Pool C

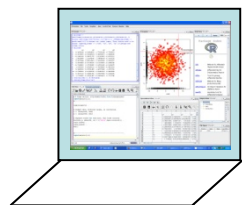


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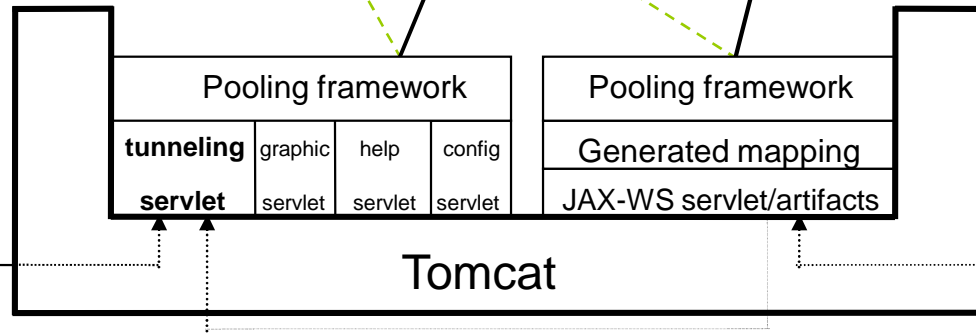
## Supervisor



## Browser( java plugins( applet ) )



Http Tunneling

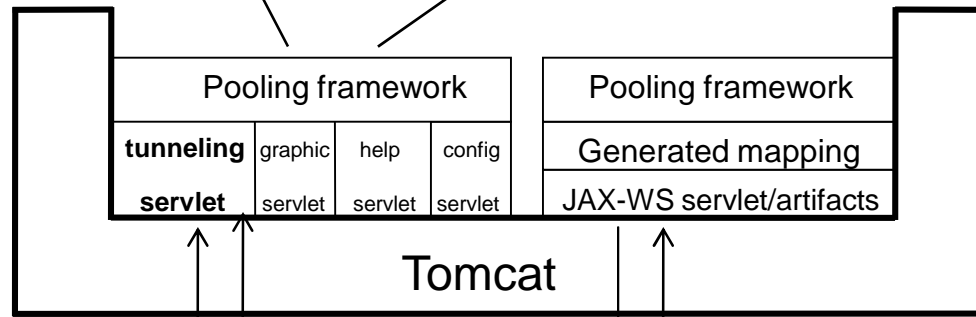
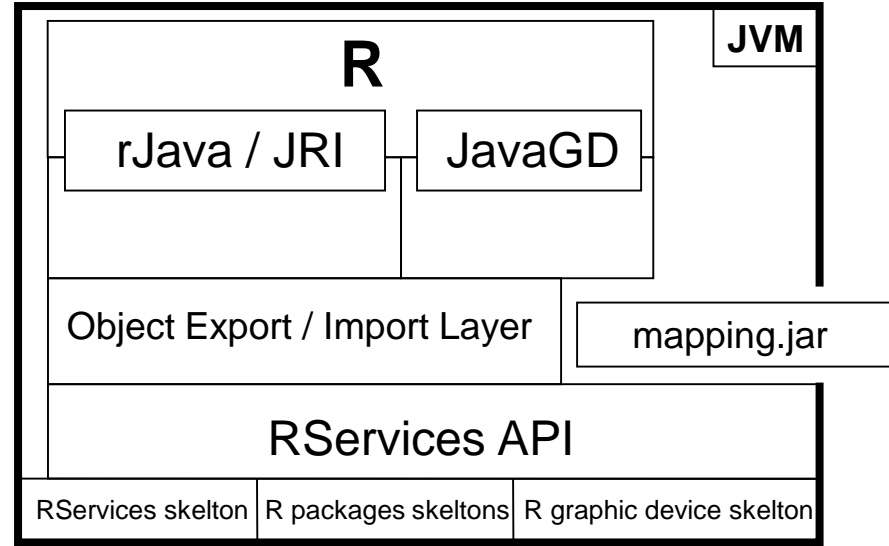
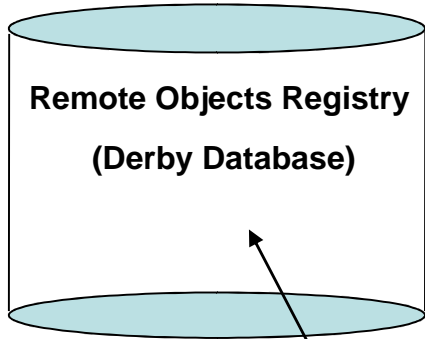


SOAP



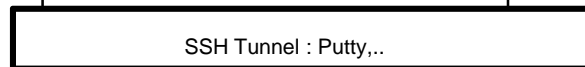
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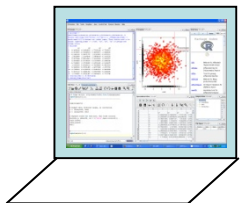


Amazon  
Data center – US

Shell's Network



Virtual R Workbench / Plugins



Http

Third Party Application :  
Excel, OpenOffice, ..

Http / Restful API

Http / Restful API

Browser : IE, Firefox,..

SOAP

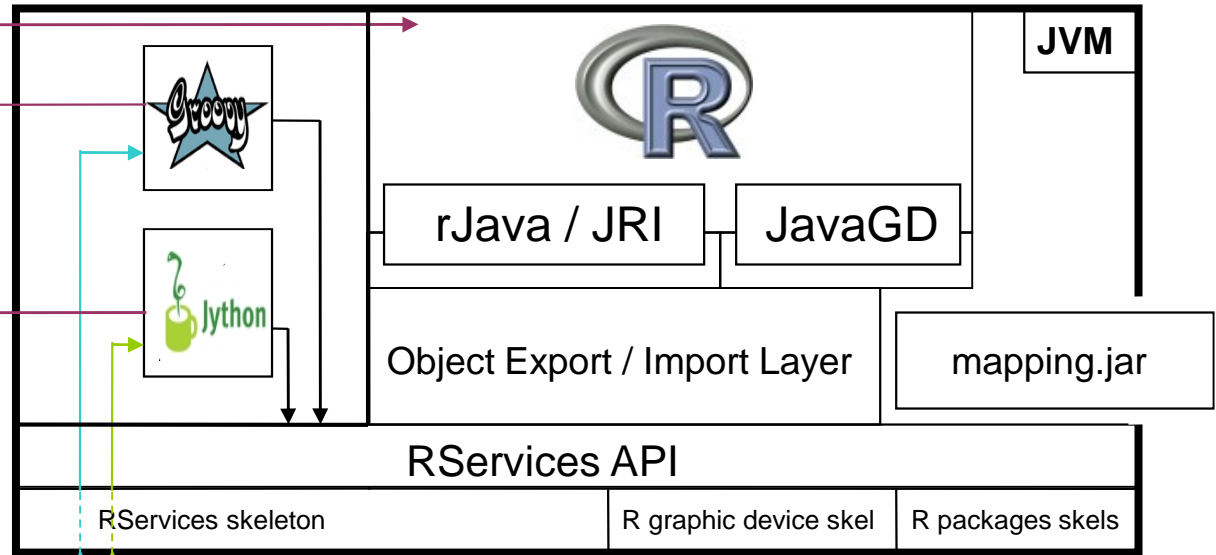
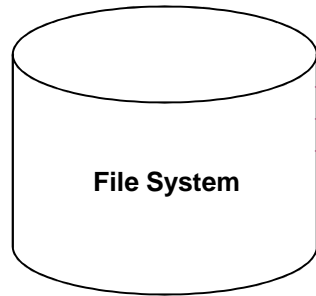
Http

.NET, Perl..  
Application

Supervisor



# Scripting



Server

Client

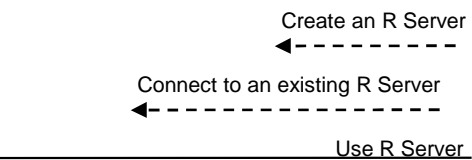
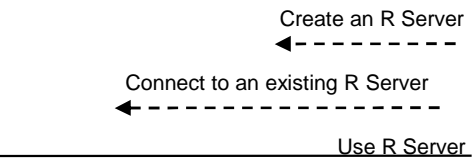
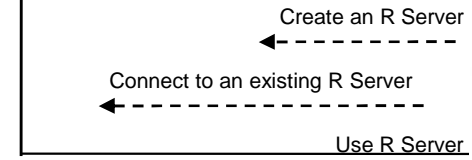
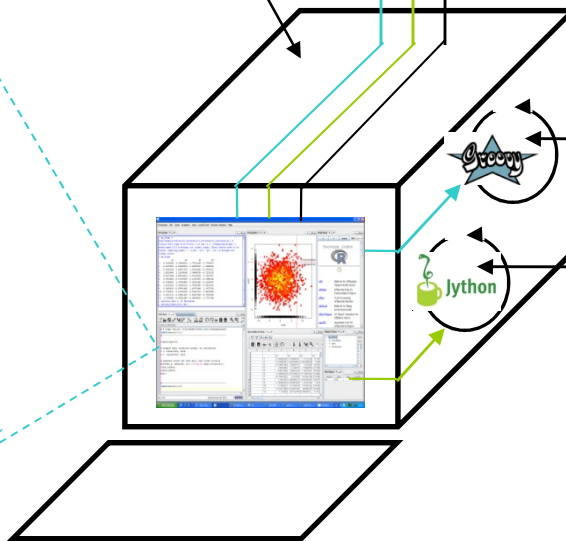
Virtual R Workbench

Open Swing input Dialog

Client Side Groovy Script

```
import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
n=JOptionPane.showInputDialog(null, 100);
n=Integer.decode(n);
client.R.getInstance().putAndAssign(n,"n")
if (n%2==0) {
  <R>
  hist(rnorm(n))
  </R>
} else {
  <R>
  plot(rnorm(n))
  </R>
}
```

Embedded R





# Parallel Computing

```
final double[][] m=..;
Future<Double>[] result=new Future[m.length];
ExecutorService exec = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(50);
for (int i=0; i<result.length; ++i) {
final double[] v=m[i];
result[i]= exec.submit(
    new Callable<Double>() {
public Double call() throws Exception {
    RServices r=null;
    try {
        r=(RServices)ServantProviderFactory.getFactory().getServantProvider().borrowServantProxy();
        Rnumeric mean=(RNumeric)r.call("mean", new RNumeric(v));
        return mean.getValue()[0];
    } finally { ServantProviderFactory.getFactory().getServantProvider().returnServantProxy(r); }
    }
    });
}
while(true) {
int count=0; for (int i=0; i<result.length; ++i) if (result[i].isDone()) ++count; if (count==result.length) break;
Thread.sleep(100);
}
for (int i=0; i<result.length; ++i) System.out.println(result[i].get());
```

# Snow with Biocep

*From the R Console :*

**makeCluster**(n,...) **stopCluster**(cl)

Starting and Stopping clusters

**clusterEvalQ**(cl, expr)

The expression is evaluated on the slave nodes.

**clusterApply**(cl, seq, fun, ...)

Calls the function with the first element of the list on the first node, with the second element of the list on the second node, and so on.

**clusterExport**(cl, list)

Assigns the global values on the master of the variables named in 'list' to variables of the same names in the global environments of each node.

...

# Web Services Generation

## Script / globals.r

```
square function(x) {return(x^2) }
typeInfo(square) SimultaneousTypeSpecification(
TypedSignature(x = "numeric"), returnType = "numeric")
```

## Script / rjmap.xml

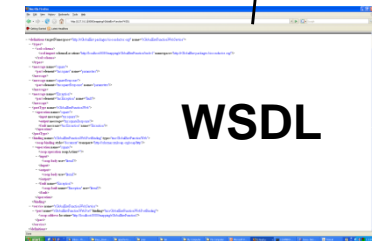
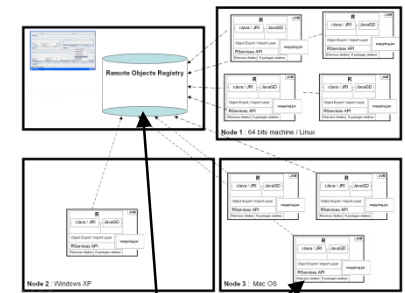
```
<rj>
<publish>
<functions> <function name="square" forWeb="true"/> </functions>
</publish>
<scripts> <initScript name="globals.r" embed="true"/> </scripts>
</rj>
```

WS generator

## rws.war

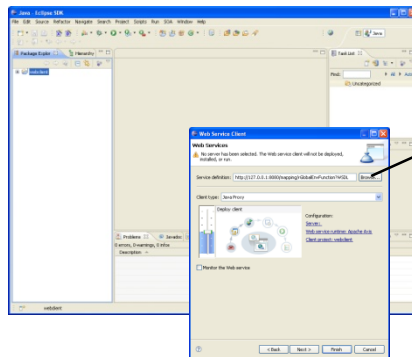
- + mapping.jar
- + pooling framework
- + R Java Bridge
- + JAX-WS
- Servlets
- Generated artifacts

Deploy

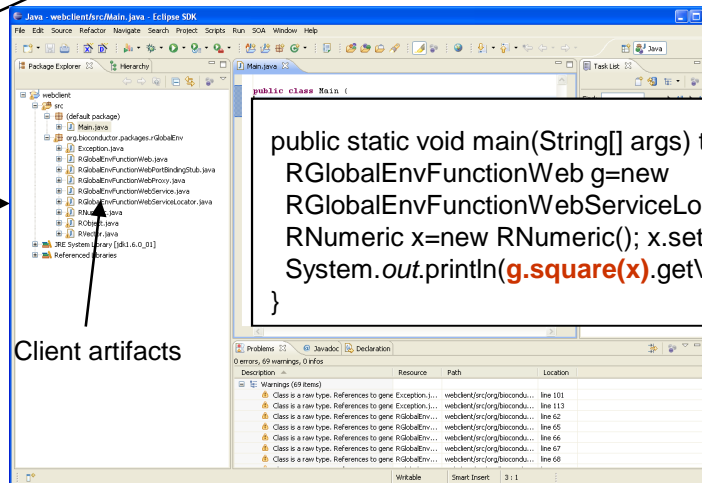


WSDL

<http://127.0.0.1:8080/rws/rGlobalEnvFunction?WSDL>



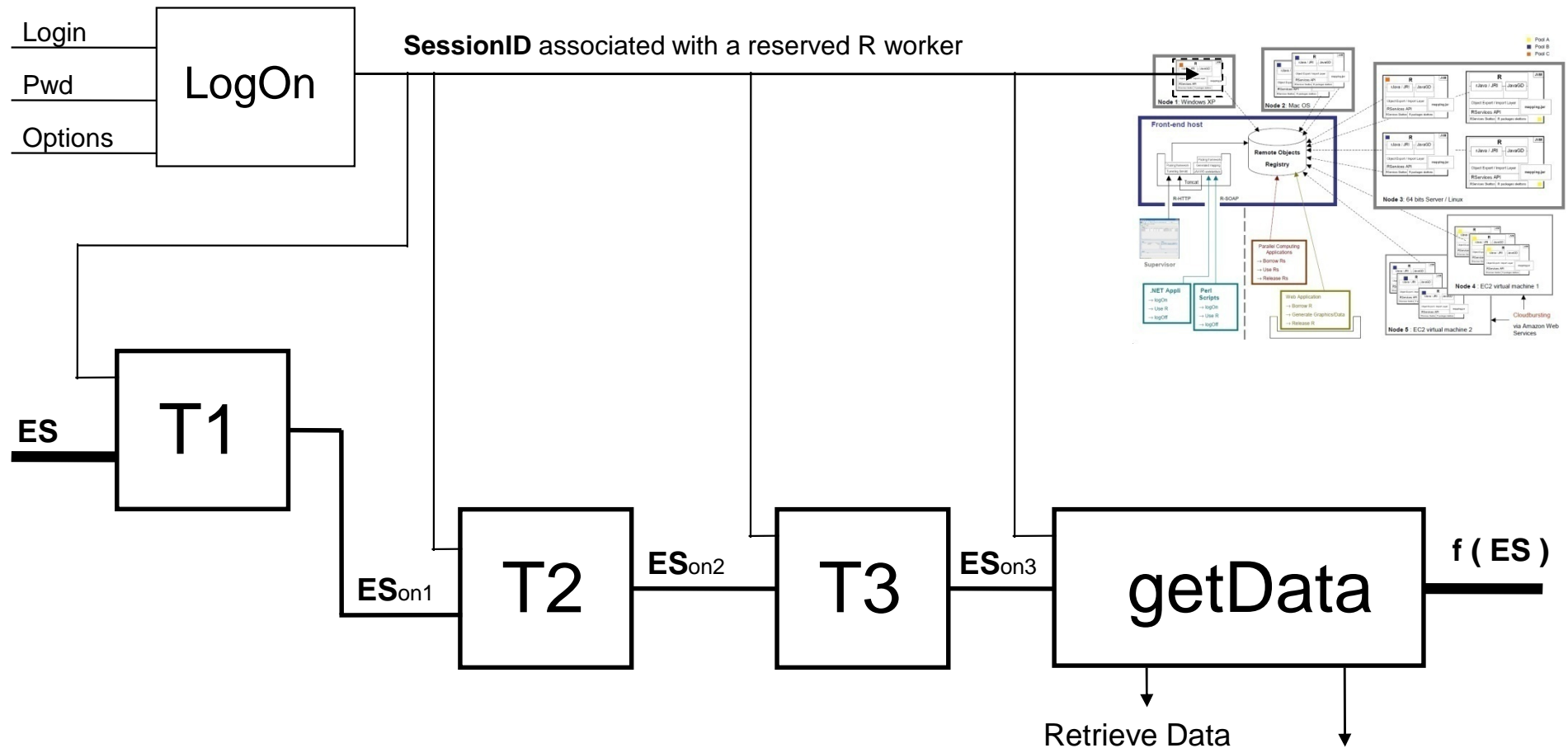
Eclipse Web Service Client Generator



Client artifacts

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
RGlobalEnvFunctionWeb g=new
RGlobalEnvFunctionWebServiceLocator().getGlobalEnvFunctionWebPort();
RNumeric x=new RNumeric(); x.setValue(new Double[] {6.0});
System.out.println(g.square(x).getValue()[0]);
}
```

# Workflows with Stateful Web Services



T1,T2,T3 : Generated Stateful Web Services for R functions T1,T2 & T3

LogOn, getData : R-SOAP methods

ES : ExpressionSet

ESon1, Eson2, Eson3 : ExpressionSet Object Names

$f = T3 \circ T2 \circ T1$

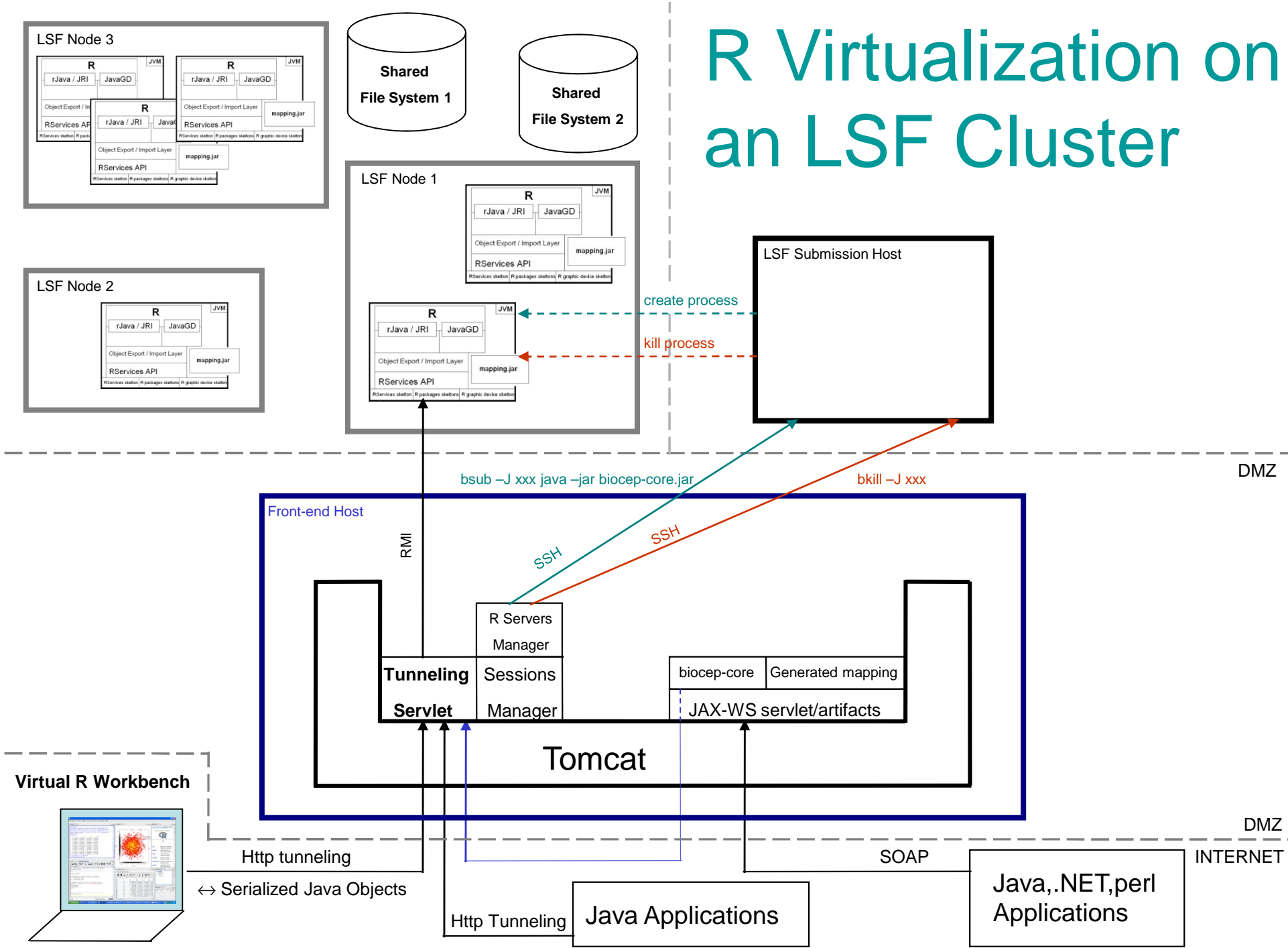
Retrieve Data

logOff

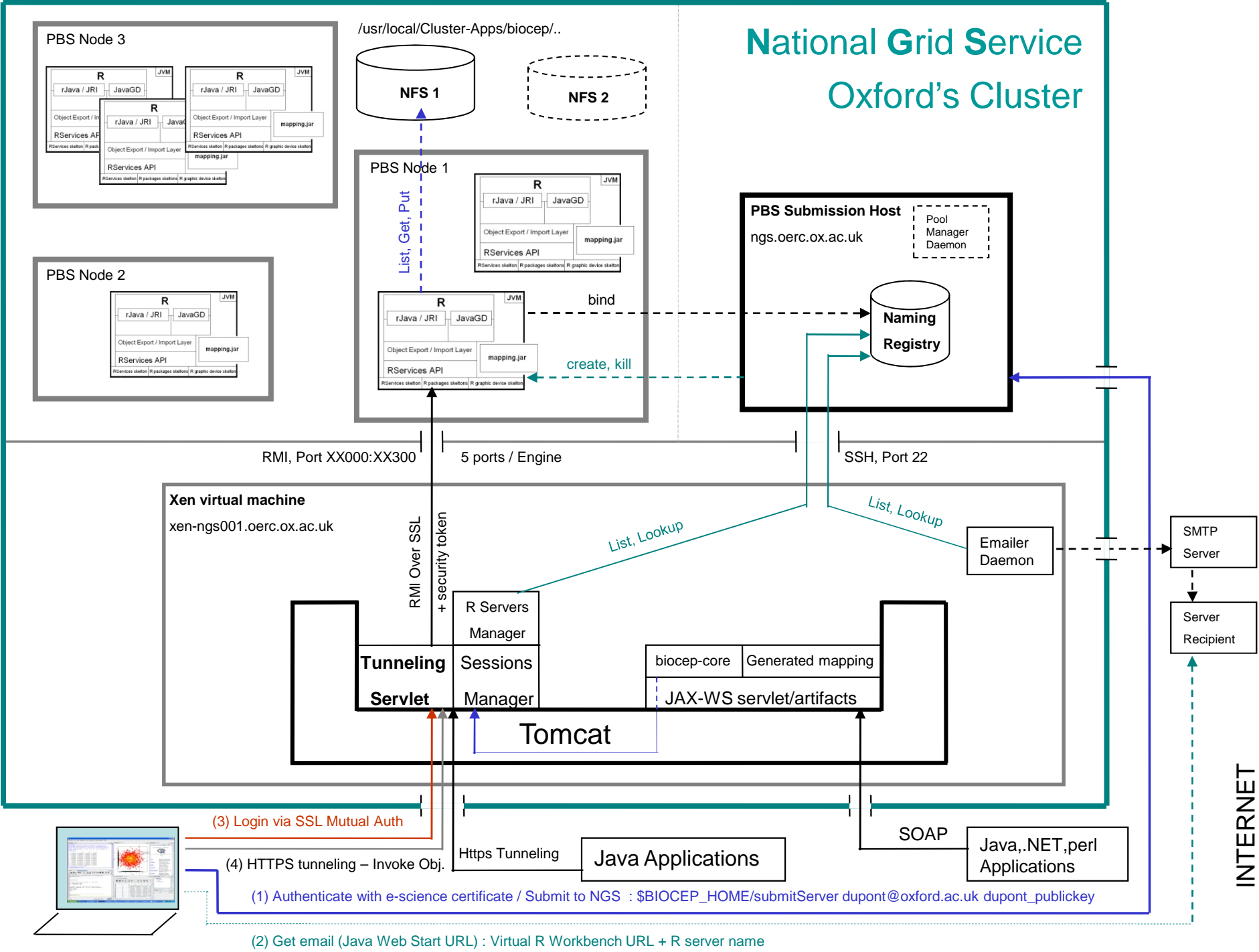
- + remove ESonx
- + « Clean » R Server
- + Put R Server back in the Pool

kill R Server

# R Virtualization on an LSF Cluster

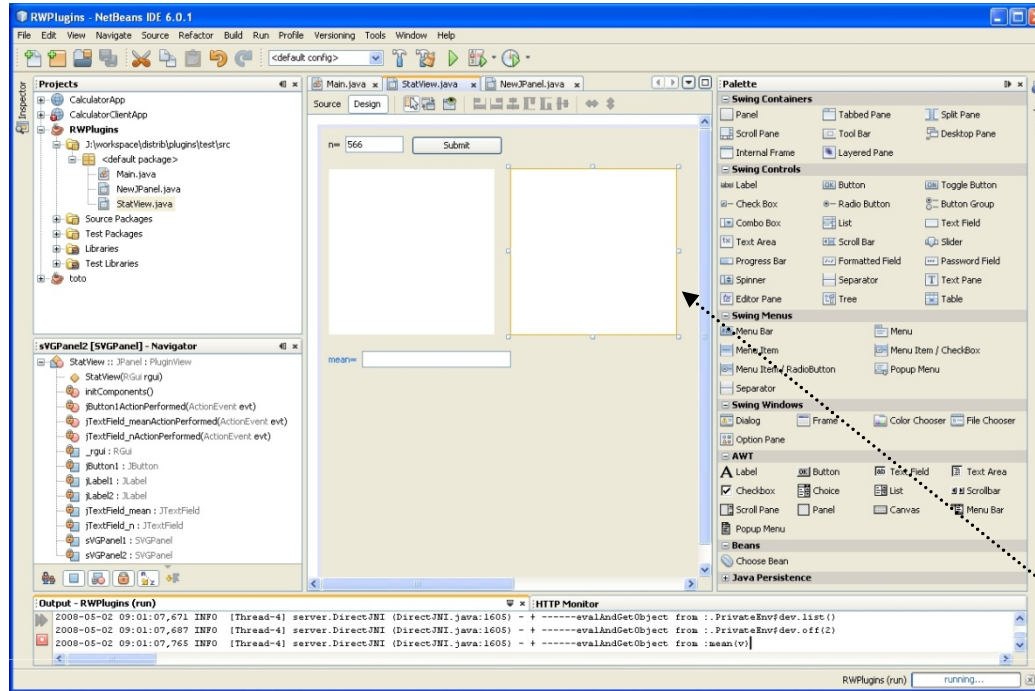


# National Grid Service Oxford's Cluster



# Netbeans 6 – Visual GUI builder

# GUI Plugins



Compile



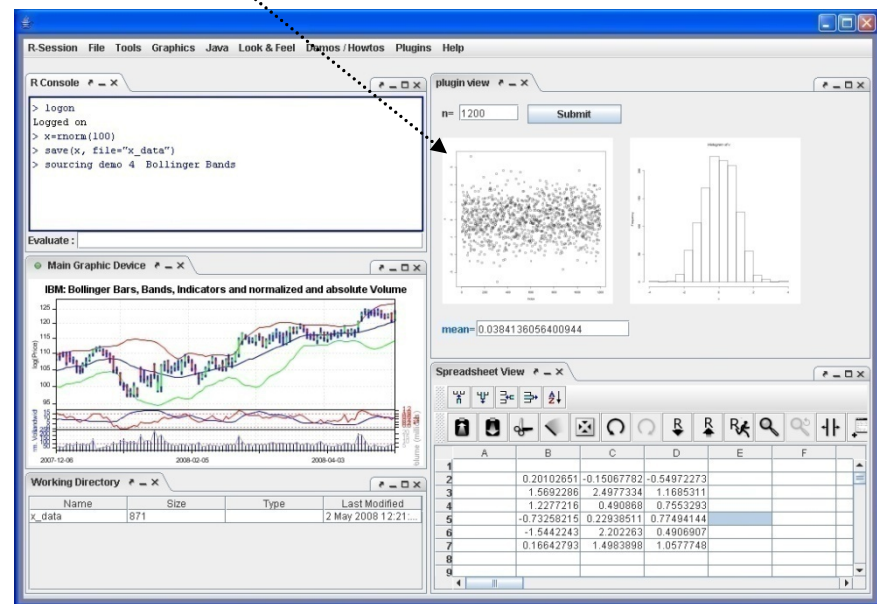
**myPlugin.jar**

- + myView1
- + myView2
- + descriptor.xml

Import Plugin



Virtual R Workbench



Upload plugin



**Plugins Repository**

- \* myPlugin \* myDashboard
- \* Klimt \* iPlots
- \* Mondrian \* E. Profiler

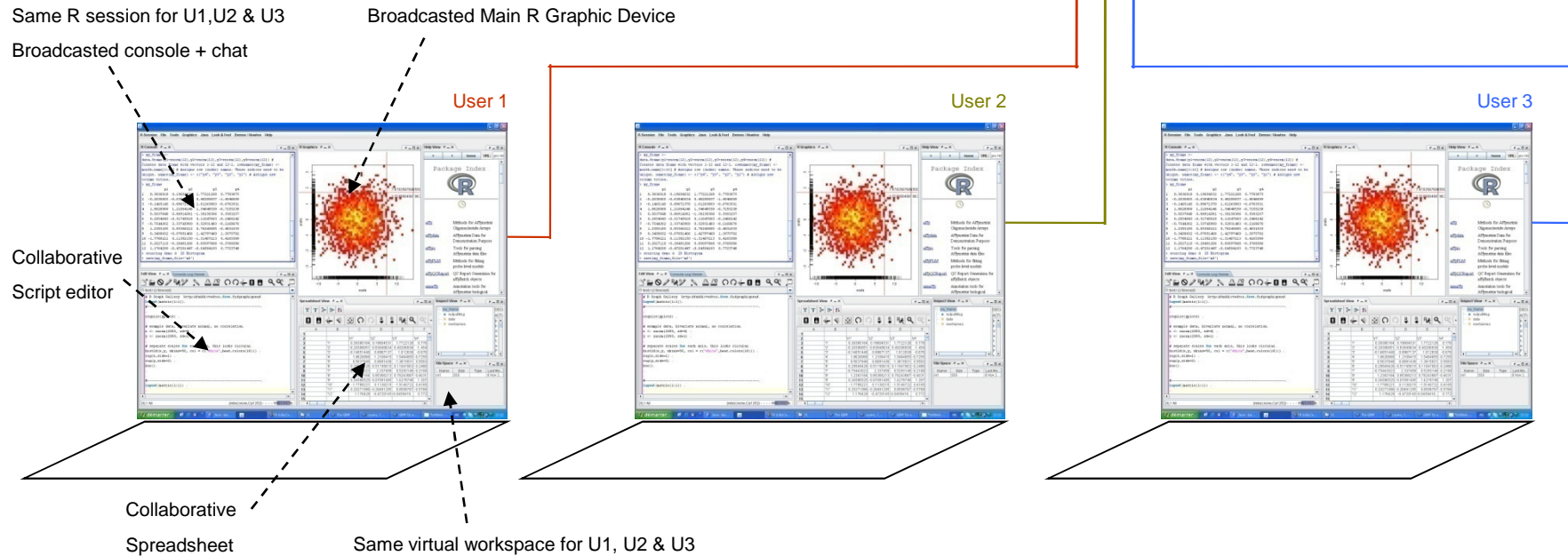
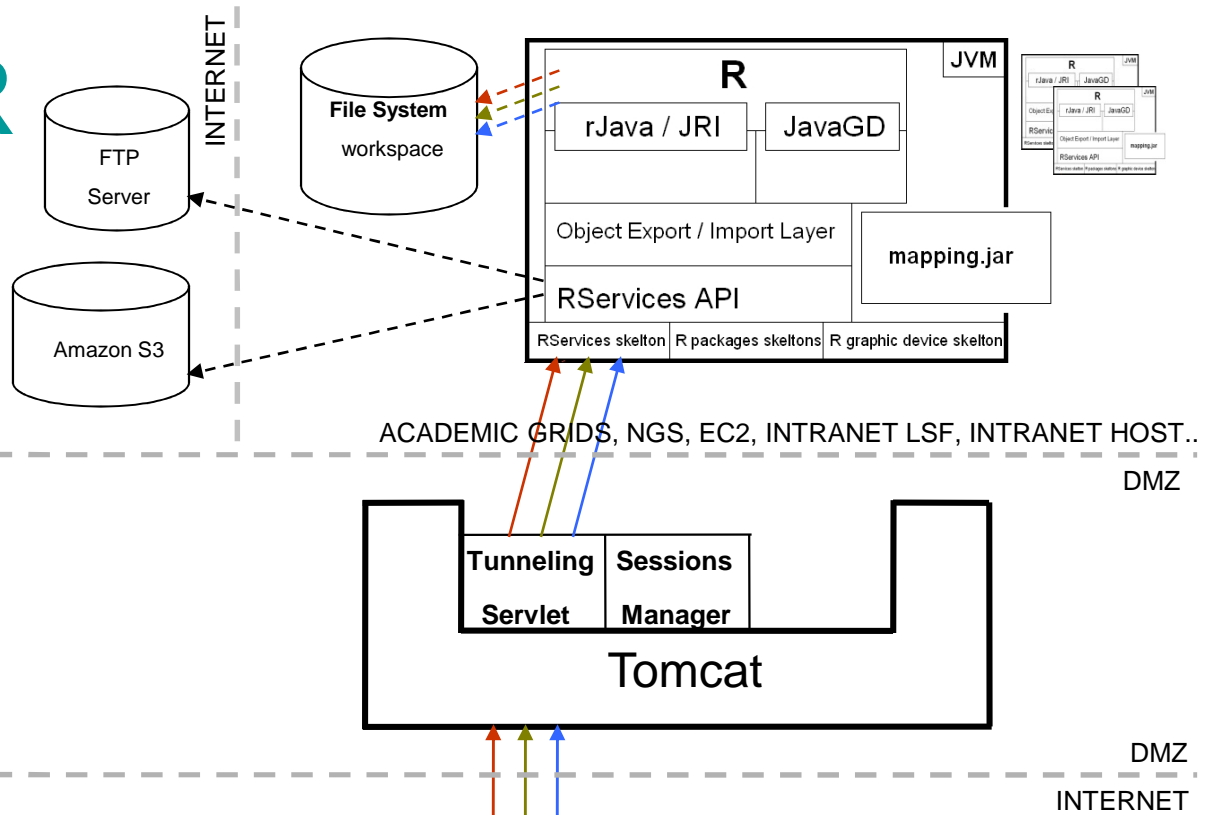
Browse Repository



Download Plugin



# Collaborative R





# Ease Of Use - I

- **Reasonable Pre-requirements**

Java 5 and R $\geq$ 2.5 accessibles from the command line : to run R servers, generate mappings & Web Services, run the miniature virtualisation and the R-SOAP Web Apps..

- **All-in-one Highly Productive Workbench**

Docking framework, spreadsheets, syntax highlighting enabled editors, objects viewer, help browser, storage views, zooming system on R graphics, settings persistence..

- **Easy Computational Resource Acquisition**

Provide nothing to run R servers on local machine

Provide HOST / PORT / LOGIN / PWD to run R Servers on remote hosts (SSH)

Provide URL & (LOGIN/PWD or X.509 Certificate) to Connect to Grid Rs or Cluster Rs

- **Easy Scripting**

Simple API for running/connecting to R servers

Embeddable R code (<R> </R>) within scripts

Automatic conversion from/to R Objects for common data types(standard,arrays,collections)

# Ease Of Use -II

- **Easy Plugins Integration**

Import local file / Browse Plugins repository and choose a plugin

- « **Push button** » **Web Services Generation/Web Services Deployment**

Add TypeInfo to your function / add your function name to an XML / run biocep-tools

Deploy: *java -port=80 -cp biocep-core.jar HttpServer rvirtual.war MyWebServices.war*

- **Self-contained jar & war files distribution :**

biocep.jar biocep-core.jar biocep-tools.jar rvirtual.war rws.war

- **Configurationless Parallel Computing from R console :**

makeCluster(n,..), stopCluster(cl), clusterEvalQ(cl, expr), clusterApply(cl, seq, fun, ..) ...

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