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ScHARe IV · Terra Datasets

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Sign up for free temporary billing

If you have not filled out the 1-question form on the Think-a-Thon registration confirmation email already, please provide a Google email address in the chat

You will be:

- **registered for ScHARe**
- **added to a free temporary billing project** that will allow you to run all the Think-a-Thon materials with your instructors

- You will be active on this billing project for the day of the Think-a-Thon
- If you want to access work-in-progress from the Think-a-Thon after this time, you will need to set up your own billing and copy any of your workspaces to your own billing

Science collaborative for Health disparities and Artificial intelligence bias Reduction

SciHARe


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Experience poll

Please check your level of experience with the following:

	None	Some	Proficient	Expert
Python	☐	☐	☐	☐
R	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cloud computing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Terra	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health disparities research	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health outcomes research	☐	☐	☐	☐
Algorithmic bias mitigation	☐	☐	☐	☐

Part I
ScHARe and Terra Overview

Phase I

Population Science and SDoH Datasets
Tutorials and Resources
Think-a-Thons

ScHARe is a cloud-based population science data platform designed to accelerate research in health disparities, health and healthcare delivery outcomes, and artificial intelligence (AI) bias mitigation strategies

ScHARe aims to fill three critical gaps:

- Increase participation of **women & underrepresented populations with health disparities** in data science through data science skills training, cross-discipline mentoring, and multi-career level collaborating on research
- Leverage population science, SDoH, and behavioral Big Data and cloud computing tools to foster a **paradigm shift** in healthy disparity, and health and healthcare delivery outcomes research
- **Advance AI bias mitigation and ethical inquiry** by developing innovative strategies and securing diverse perspectives

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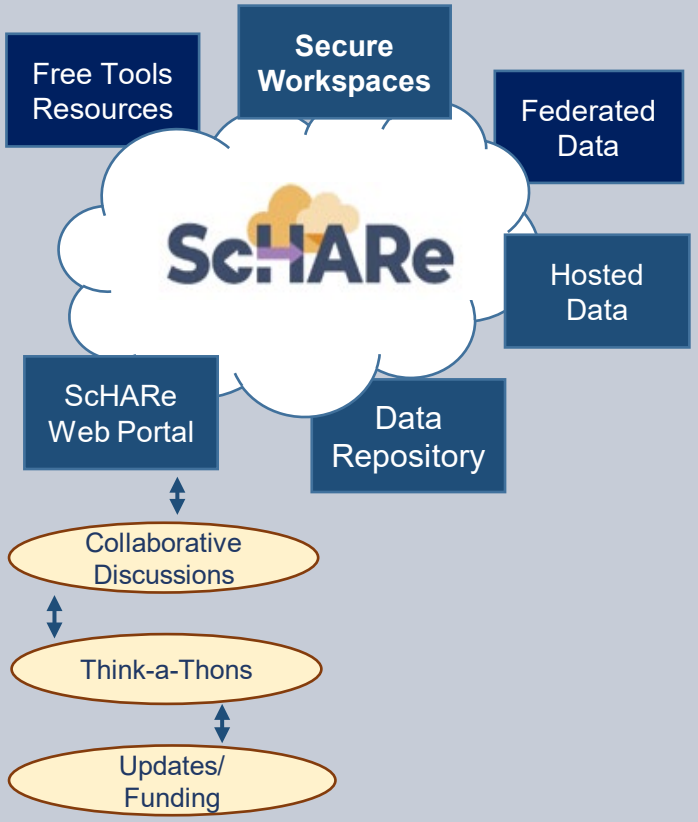
ScHARe Components

ScHARe co-localizes within the cloud:

- **Datasets** (including social determinants of health and social science data) relevant to minority health, health disparities, and health care outcomes research
- **Data repository** to comply with the required hosting, managing, and sharing of data from NIMHD- and NINR-funded research programs
- **Computational capabilities and secure, collaborative workspaces** for students and all career level researchers
- **Tools for collaboratively evaluating and mitigating biases** associated with datasets and algorithms utilized to inform healthcare and policy decisions

Frameworks: Google Platform, Terra, GitHub, NIMHD Web ScHARe Portal

Intramural & Extramural Resource



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ScHARe Data Ecosystem

Researchers can access, link, analyze, and export **a wealth of datasets** within and across platforms relevant to research about health disparities, health care outcomes and bias mitigation, including:

- **Google Cloud Public Datasets:** publicly accessible, federated, de-identified datasets hosted by Google through the Google Cloud Public Dataset Program

  Example: *American Community Survey (ACS)*

- **ScHARe Hosted Public Datasets:** publicly accessible, de-identified datasets hosted by ScHARe

  Example: *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)*

- **Funded Datasets on ScHARe:** publicly accessible and controlled-access, funded program/project datasets using Core Common Data Elements shared by NIH grantees and intramural investigators to comply with the NIH Data Sharing Policy

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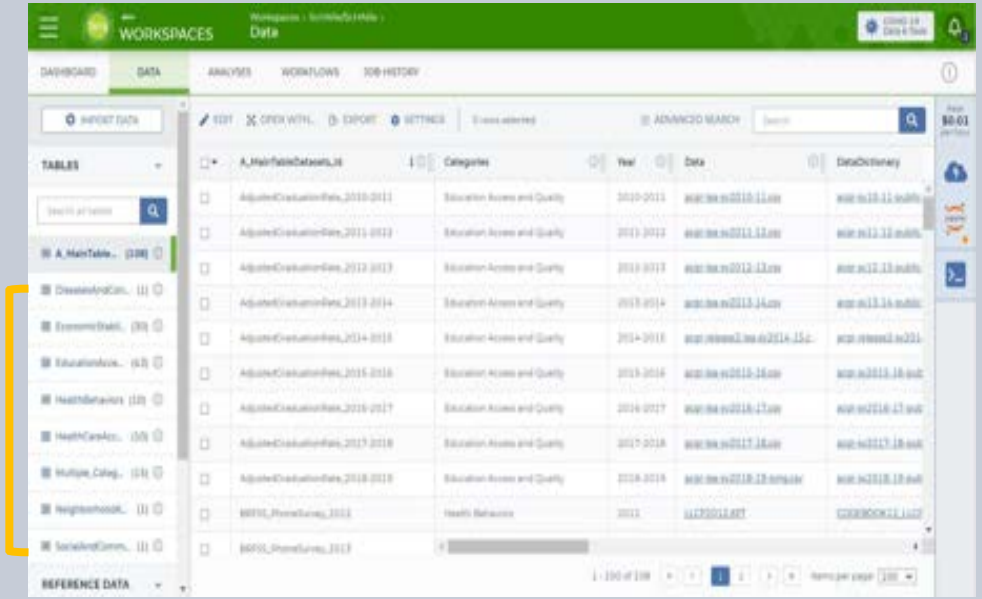


On ScHARe, datasets are categorized by content based on the CDC **Social Determinants of Health categories**:

1. Economic Stability
2. Education Access and Quality
3. Health Care Access and Quality
4. Neighborhood and Built Environment
5. Social and Community Context

with the addition of:

- **Health Behaviors**
- **Diseases and Conditions**

Users will be able to **map and link** across datasets

Access to Population Science datasets

ScHARe Data Ecosystem will offer access to **300+ datasets**, including:

- Google Cloud Public Datasets
- ScHARe Hosted Public Datasets:
  - American Community Survey
  - U.S. Census
  - Social Vulnerability Index
  - Food Access Research Atlas
  - Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
  - National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

- **Coming Soon:** Repository for Funded Datasets on ScHARe, in compliance with NIH Data Sharing Policy

Cloud computing strategies

ScHARe

- Uses **workflows** in Workflow Description Language (**WDL**), a language easy for humans to read, for batch processing data
- **Python and R**, including most commonly used libraries
- Enables **customization** of computing environments to ensure everyone in your group is using the same software
- **Big Query** and **Tensorflow** access for advanced machine learning
- Enables researchers to create interactive **Jupyter notebooks** (documents that contain live code) and share data, analyses and results with their collaborators in real time
- For novice users, integration with **SAS** is planned

AI bias mitigation strategies

- Widespread use of AI raises a number of ethical, moral, and legal issues – likely not to go away
- Algorithms often are “black boxes”
- **Biases can result from:**
  - **social/cultural context not considered**
  - **design limitations**
  - **data missingness and quality problems**
  - **algorithm development and model training**
  - **Implementation**
- If not rectified, biases may result in decisions that lead to discrimination, unequitable healthcare, and/or health disparities
- **Lack of diverse perspectives:** populations with health disparities are underrepresented in data science
- **Guidelines** and recommendations emerging from HHS, NIST, White House, etc.

ScHARe

Critical thinking can rectify AI biases

ScHARe was created to:

- foster participation of **populations with health disparities in data science**
- promote the collaborative identification of **bias mitigation strategies** across the continuum
- create a **culture of ethical inquiry** and critical thinking whenever AI is utilized
- build **community confidence** in implementation approaches
- focus on **implementation of AI bias** guidelines and recommendations

Phase II

(in process)

Repository and Data Ecosystem

SCHARe Data Repository

CORE COMMON DATA ELEMENTS

NOVEL CDE FOCUSED REPOSITORY TO FOSTER INTEROPERABILITY

COMPLY WITH DATA SHARING POLICY - HOST PROJECT DATA

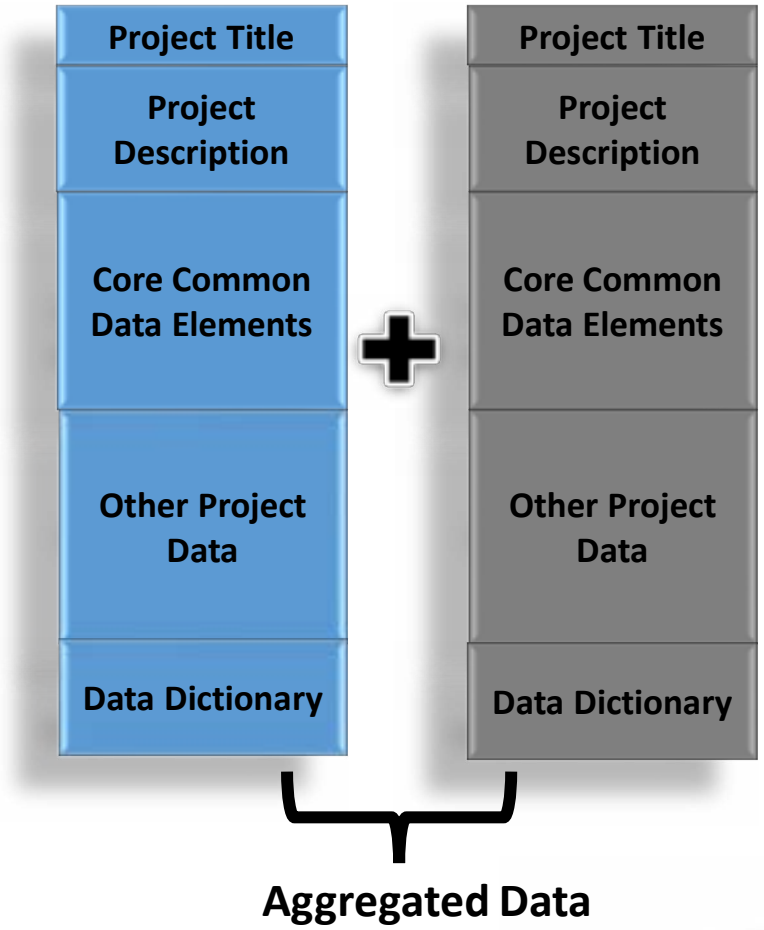
DATA ECOSYSTEM

- Map across datasets
- Map across platforms

UPCOMING

Core Common Data Elements
Intramural and Extramural Project Repository

- Complies with **NIH Data Sharing Policy**
- Fosters dataset sharing and interoperability by using or mapping to **Core Common Data Elements**
- Provides resources for **intramural researchers** to work in a secure workspace and host data
- Centralizes **aggregated datasets** for repeat use



UPCOMING FALL

Project & federated dataset mapping

- Project Title
- Project Description
- Core Common Data Elements
- Other Project Data
- Data Dictionary

\+ AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

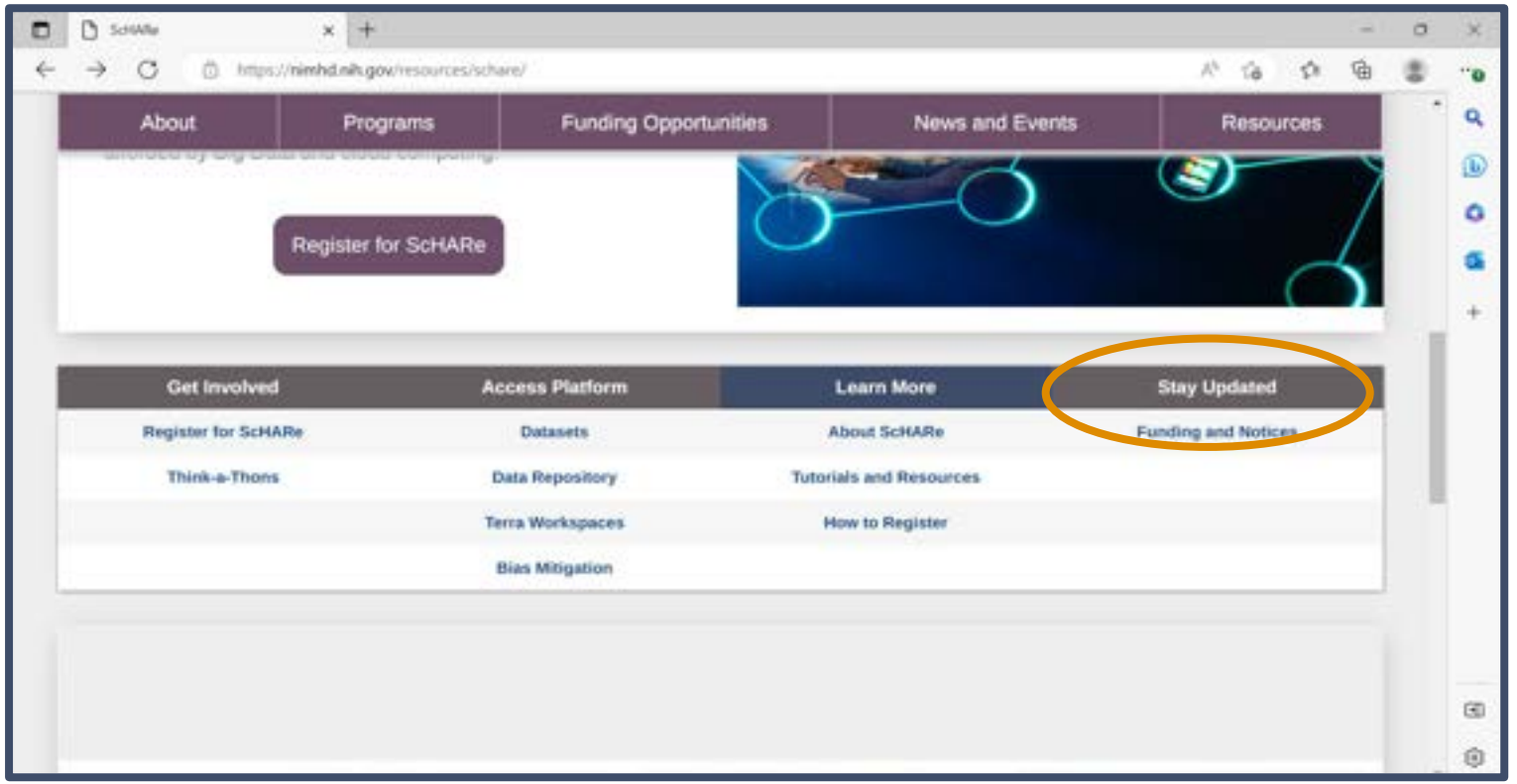
\+ Medical Expenditure Survey (MEPS)

\+ Pharmacy and health insurance databases

Mapping across cloud platforms

UPCOMING

Two ways to sign up for ScHARe news



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Interest poll

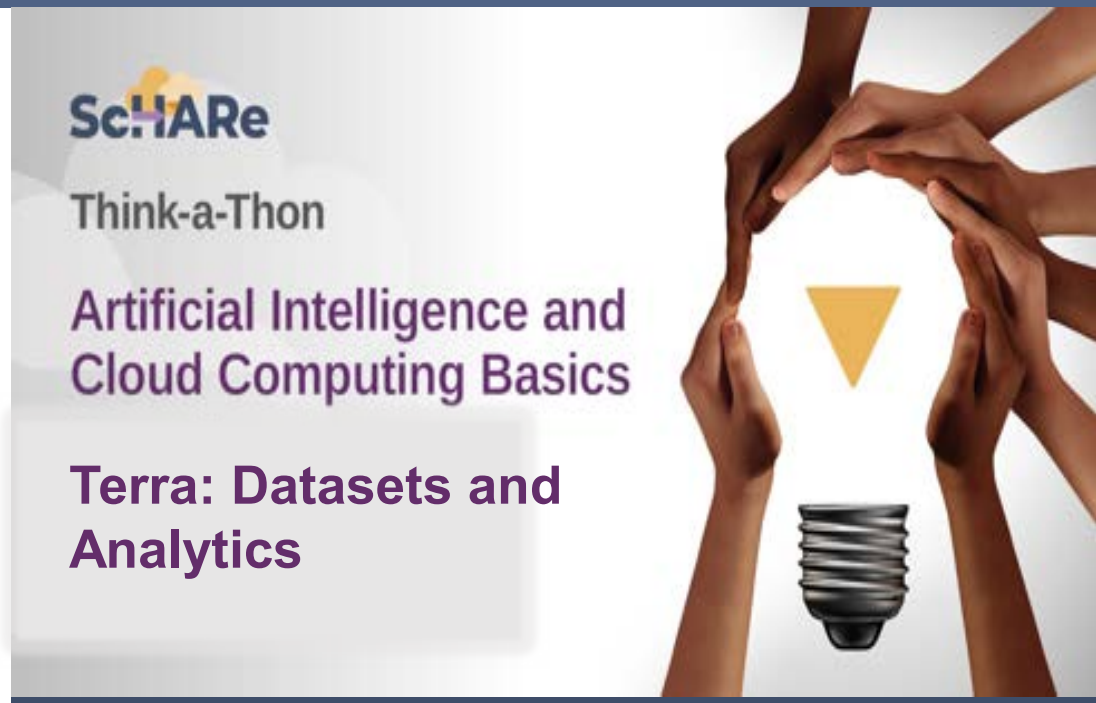
I am interested in (check all that apply):

- ☐ Learning about Health Disparities and Health Outcomes research to apply my data science skills
- ☐ Conducting my own research using AI/cloud computing and publishing papers
- ☐ Connecting with new collaborators to conduct research using AI/cloud computing and publish papers
- ☐ Learning to use AI tools and cloud computing to gain new skills for research using Big Data
- ☐ Learning cloud computing resources to implement my own cloud
- ☐ Developing bias mitigation and ethical AI strategies
- ☐ Other

ScHARe Think-a-Thons (TaT)

- Monthly sessions (2 1/2 hours)
- Instructional/interactive
- Designed for new and experienced users
- Research & analytic teams to:
  - Conduct health disparities, health outcomes, bias mitigation research
  - Analyze/create tools for bias mitigation
- Publications from research team collaboration
- Networking
- Mentoring and coaching
- Focus:

✓ **Instructional**
✓ **Collaboration research teams**
✓ **Bias mitigation**



Register:

bit.ly/think-a-thons

Part II
Previous Think-a-Thons Recap

Registering for ScHARe

Complete the following steps to register for ScHARe:

1. Visit the ScHARe portal on the NIMHD website:
   nimhd.nih.gov/schare
2. Click on the “Register for ScHARe” button
3. On the registration page, click on the “Register for ScHARe on Terra” button
4. Complete the registration form

The ScHARe team will:

- review and approve your application
- send you an email with additional instructions

Complete slides with **step-by-step instructions and screenshots** available at: bit.ly/think-a-thons

Terra recommends using Chrome

- Note: you will need a **Gmail account** or another email account (an institutional email, for example) associated with a Google identity. If you do not have it, you can create one here:
  bit.ly/3QeUngh

Creating a Terra account

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The email you will receive after ScHARe registration approval will ask you to **complete the following steps:**

1. Access the ScHARe Terra workspace at:

   bit.ly/access-schare
2. Click on the blue “Log in” button
3. Select “Sign in with Google”
4. Sign into Terra. Your username is the Google email address you provided to request access to ScHARe
5. Click “Next” and enter your Google account password to login
6. You will see a New User Registration page. Insert your name and contact email, then click on “Register”
7. Review and accept the Terra Terms of Service

➢ You will be taken to the ScHARe Terra Workspace: bit.ly/access-schare

Here you can click on the tabs at the top of the page (**Dashboard, Data, Analyses**, etc.) to explore the available resources

Workspaces are the building blocks of Terra - a dedicated space where you and your collaborators can access and organize the same data and tools and run analyses together

They are like **computational sandboxes** with everything you need to complete your project: data, analysis tools, documentation

Workspaces and permissions

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Let's create your first Terra workspace.

Let's assume that you intend to create a workspace that will allow you to work with two groups of collaborators:

- **Group 1 – Internal collaborators:** researchers in your lab, who must be able to access your data, perform computations, and work with you to write the collaborative notebooks used to share results with the public
- **Group 2 – External collaborators:** researchers at another institution, who you want to be able to see your data, notebooks and analyses, but without the possibility of modifying them

1. **Click on the menu** in the top left corner of the page, then on **"Groups"**
2. On the Groups page, select "Create a New Group" and proceed to **create two different groups**, one for each of the two groups of collaborators previously identified
3. For each group, click on the name of the group and, in the following screen, on "**Add User**"
4. **Add the Google email address of at least one researcher** to each group. If you want one or more of your collaborators to be able to manage users and groups, check the "Can manage users (admin)" box

You now have two lists of collaborators with whom you can share your workspace, assigning different roles.

Sharing workspaces

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You are now ready to **share the workspace with the two groups of collaborators** you created:

1. **Click on the menu** in the top left corner of the page, then on **"Workspaces"**
2. **Identify your workspace** in the list of workspaces provided on screen and click on the corresponding **vertical three-dot menu**, then on **"Share"**
3. In the drop-down menu, select the group email corresponding to your **first group of internal collaborators.** Since you want this group to be able to access your data, perform computations, and write notebooks, select the "**Writer**" role for this group in the drop-down menu and check the "**Can compute**" box
4. Now, in the drop-down menu, select the group email corresponding to your **second group of internal collaborators.** Since you want this group to be able to see, but not modify your data, notebooks and analyses, select the "**Reader**" role for this group in the drop-down menu and do not check the "**Can compute**" box. If you also want the group to be able to share your work, check the "**Can share**" box

Billing permissions

To allow collaborators from Group 1 to perform **computations** for which you will sustain the cost, you have to give them **permission to use your Terra Billing Project**

Refer to the March Think-a-Thon slides for complete instructions

Copying workspaces

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Why copy a workspace?

If you are interested in using the data resources of a workspace or replicating the analyses in its notebooks, and have the appropriate permissions to do so, you can “clone” (create a copy of) such workspace for your personal use

You are encouraged to clone the ScHARe workspace and use its resources. Here is how you can do it

As an example, we will clone the workspace “ScHARe Think-a-Thons”, a ScHARe workspace copy created for this event

1. **Click on the menu** in the top left corner of the page, then on **“Workspaces”**
2. **Identify the workspace you want to clone** in the list of workspaces displayed on screen and click on the corresponding **vertical three-dot menu**, then on **“Clone”**
3. Input a **name** for the workspace copy
4. Select the **Billing Project** you want to associate with the workspace. For this example, you can select our free temporary Billing Project “ScHARe-Temp”
5. Select the **bucket location**. A bucket location can only be set when creating a workspace. For this example, you can leave the default unmodified
6. Change the **Description** if desired
7. A cloned workspace will inherit the **Authorization Domain** (AD) groups of the original workspace. You can disregard this for now. Info on ADs: bit.ly/AutDom

Success! The cloned workspace is now listed among your workspaces. You can freely access all of its **resources**

Running and creating notebooks

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A Jupyter Notebook is an interactive analysis tool that includes:

- **code cells** for manipulating and visualizing data in real time (Terra notebooks support **Python or R**)
- **documentation** to make it easier to share and reproduce your analysis

Let's cover the basics of **creating your first notebook to work with your data:**

1. **Click on the menu** in the top left corner of the page, then on **"Workspaces"**
2. **Click on the new workspace** you created earlier
3. Click on the **"Analyses"** tab
4. Click on the **"Start"** button
5. Select "**Jupyter**"
6. In the next window, **name** to the notebook and choose a language ("**Python 3**")
7. Click "**Create analysis**"
8. You will now be asked to configure your **Cloud Environment** (the on-demand availability of data storage and computing power needed to perform your computations). You can leave the default values unchanged

Success! Your notebook has been created. **Click on its name** to open it. Open and run any **ScHARe instructional notebook** to get a closer look at **how notebooks work**

Part III
ScHARe Datasets

ScHARe Data

On ScHARe, you can work with:

Data you upload

to your workspace

This is your own personal project data, stored on your computer

Data already in the ScHARe Data Ecosystem

1. Google Hosted Public Datasets
2. ScHARe Hosted Public Datasets
3. ScHARe Hosted Project Datasets

ScHARe Ecosystem

The ScHARe Data Ecosystem is comprised of:

1. **Google Hosted Public Datasets:** publicly accessible, federated, de-identified datasets hosted by Google through the Google Cloud Public Dataset Program

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SciHARe Ecosystem: Google hosted datasets

Examples of interesting datasets include:

- **American Community Survey** (U.S. Census Bureau)
- **US Census Data** (U.S. Census Bureau)
- **Area Deprivation Index** (BroadStreet)
- **GDP and Income by County** (Bureau of Economic Analysis)
- **US Inflation and Unemployment** (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages** (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- **Point-in-Time Homelessness Count** (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development)
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program** (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development)
- **US Residential Real Estate Data** (House Canary)
- **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services - Dual Enrollment** (U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services)
- **Medicare** (U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services)
- **Health Professional Shortage Areas** (U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services)
- **CDC Births Data Summary** (Centers for Disease Control)
- **COVID-19 Data Repository by CSSE at JHU** (Johns Hopkins University)
- **COVID-19 Mobility Impact** (Geotab)
- **COVID-19 Open Data** (Google BigQuery Public Datasets Program)
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Access** (Google BigQuery Public Datasets Program)

ScHARe Ecosystem: ScHARe hosted datasets

Organized based on the **CDC SDoH categories**, with the addition of *Health Behaviors* and *Diseases and Conditions*:

200+ datasets

- **What are the Social Determinants of Health?**

Social determinants of health (SDoH) are the **nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes.**

They are the **conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.**

www.cdc.gov/about/sdoh/index.html

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Examples of datasets for each category include:

Education access and quality

Data on graduation rates, school proficiency, early childhood education programs, interventions to address developmental delays, etc.

Examples:

- **EDFacts Data Files** (U.S. Dept. of Education) - Graduation rates and participation/proficiency assessment
- **NHES - National Household Education Surveys Program** (U.S. Dept. of Education) – Educational activities

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Health care access and quality

Data on health literacy, use of health IT, emergency room waiting times, preventive healthcare, health screenings, treatment of substance use disorders, family planning services, access to a primary care provider and high quality care, access to telehealth and electronic exchange of health information, access to health insurance, adequate oral care, adequate prenatal care, STD prevention measures, etc.

Example:

- **MEPS - Medical Expenditure Panel Survey** (AHRQ) - Cost and use of healthcare and health insurance coverage
- **Dartmouth Atlas Data -** Selected Primary Care Access and Quality Measures - Measures of primary care utilization, quality of care for diabetes, mammography, leg amputation and preventable hospitalizations

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Neighborhood and built environment

Data on access to broadband internet, access to safe water supplies, toxic pollutants and environmental risks, air quality, blood lead levels, deaths from motor vehicle crashes, asthma and COPD cases and hospitalizations, noise exposure, smoking, mass transit use, etc.

Examples:

- **National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network** (CDC) - Environmental indicators and health, exposure, and hazard data
- **LATCH - Local Area Transportation Characteristics for Households** (U.S. Dept. of Transportation) – Local transportation characteristics for households

ScHARe Ecosystem: ScHARe hosted datasets

Social and community context

Data on crime rates, imprisonment, resilience to stress, experiences of racism and discrimination, etc.

Example:

- **Hate crime statistics** (FBI) - Data on crimes motivated by bias against race, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity
- **General Social Survey** (GSS) - Data on a wide range of characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors of Americans.

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Economic stability

Data on unemployment, poverty, housing stability, food insecurity and hunger, work related injuries, etc.

Examples:

- **Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplement** (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics) - Labor force statistics: annual work activity, income, health insurance, and health
- **Food Access Research Atlas** (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture) – Food access indicators for low-income and other census tracts

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Health behaviors

Data on health-related practices that can directly affect health outcomes.

Examples:

- **BRFSS - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System** (CDC) - State-level data on health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services
- **YRBSS - Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System** (CDC) – Health behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults

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Diseases and conditions

Data on incidence and prevalence of specific diseases and health conditions.

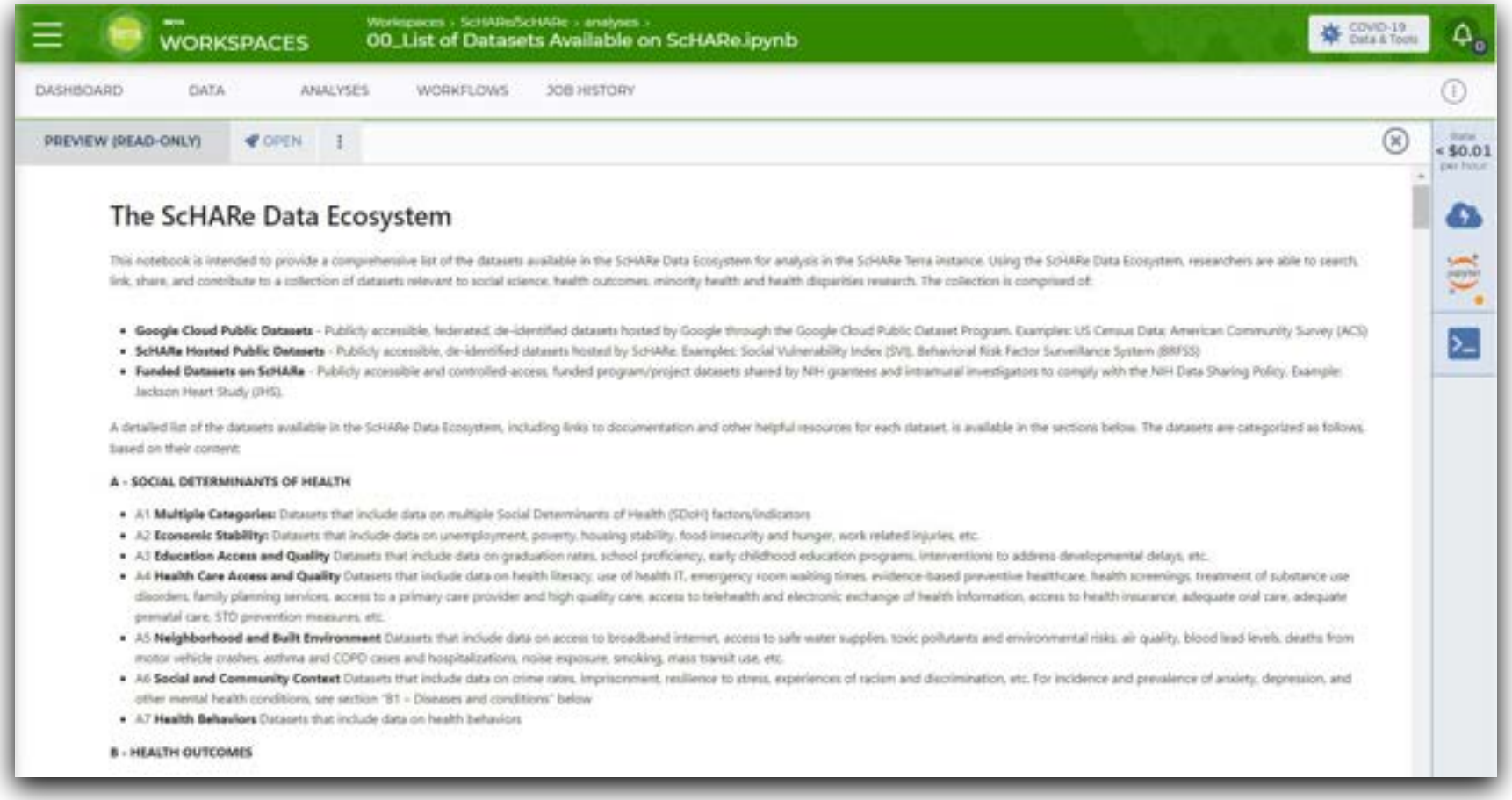
Examples:

- **U.S. CDI - Chronic Disease Indicators** (CDC) - 124 chronic disease indicators important to public health practice
- **UNOS - United Network of Organ Sharing** (Health Resources and Services Administration) – Organ transplantation: cadaveric and living donor characteristics, survival rates, waiting lists and organ disposition

How to check what data is available

Analyses tab

In the **Analyses** tab, the notebook **00_List of Datasets Available on ScHARe** lists all of the datasets available in the ScHARe Datasets collection

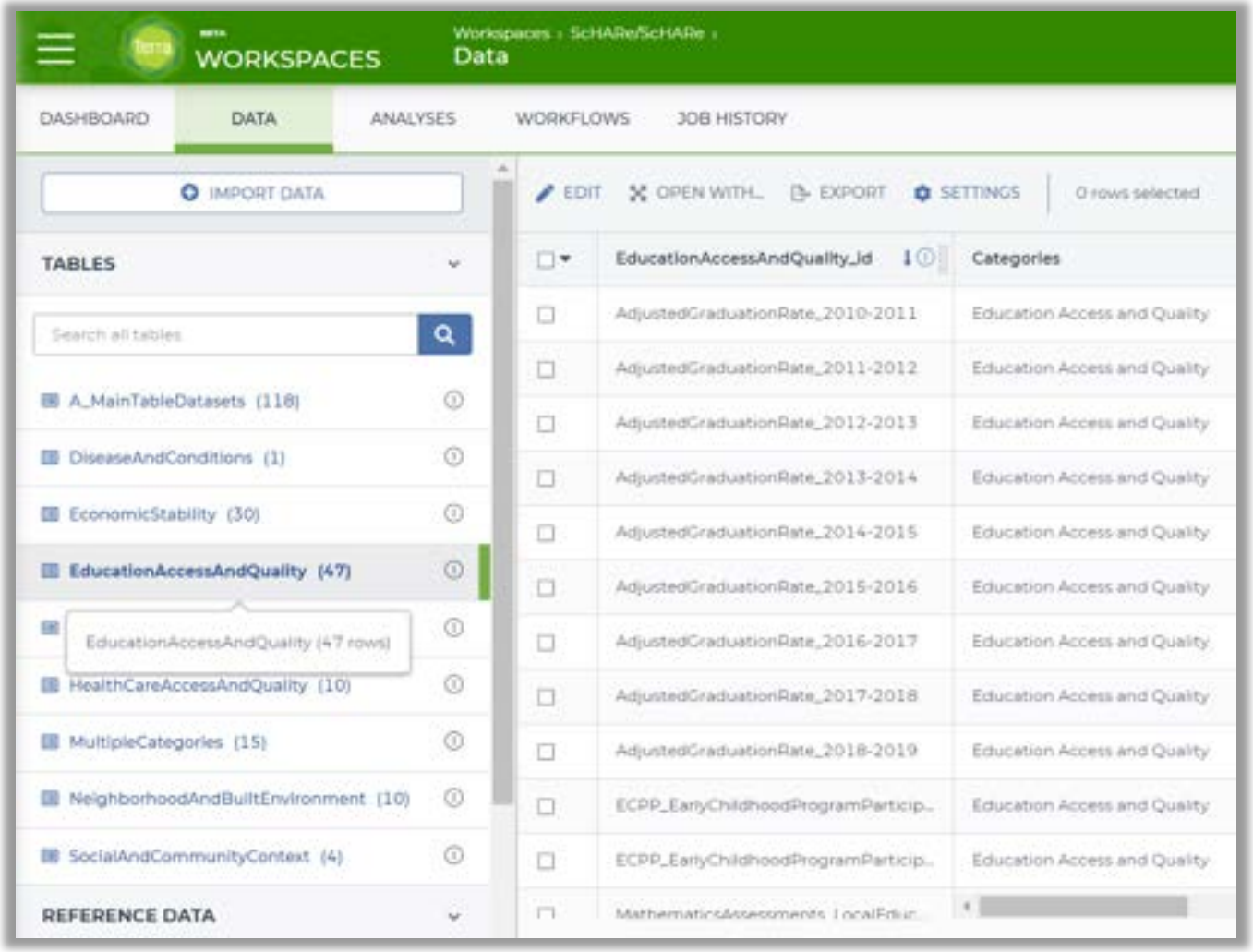


How to access available data

Data tab

In the **Data** tab, **data tables help access ScHARe data and keep track of your project data:**

- In the ScHARe workspace, click on the Data tab
- Under Tables, you will see a list of dataset categories
- If you click on a category, you will see a list of relevant datasets
- Scroll to the right to learn more about each dataset



Datasets poll

1. What other datasets would you like to see?

2. Which combinations of datasets do you think will provide the most insights to the kind of research that you intend to perform?

Part IV
How to Work with ScHARe Hosted Data

Today's hands-on tutorial

We will focus on the category of datasets highlighted below:

Data you upload

to your workspace

This is your own personal project data, stored on your computer

Data already in the ScHARe Data Ecosystem

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2. ScHARe Hosted Public Datasets
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We will use a notebook

A Jupyter Notebook is an interactive analysis tool that includes:

- **code cells** for manipulating and visualizing data in real time (using **Python or R**)
- **documentation** to make it easier to share and reproduce your analysis

To get the most out of the next tutorials you should be familiar with **programming**. If you are not, the code in our notebooks is very easy to understand and reuse. Our tutorials will still help you learn how to work with data

Why notebooks?

A notebook integrates code and its output into a **single document** where you can run code, display the output, and add explanations and charts

Using notebooks:

- **is now a major part of the data science workflow** at research institutions across the globe
- can make your work **more transparent, understandable, repeatable, and shareable**
- will **speed up your workflow** and make it easier to communicate and share your results

ScHARe instructional notebooks

- **00_List of Datasets Available on ScHARe**: a list of the datasets available in the ScHARe Datasets collection.
- **01_Introduction to Terra Cloud Environment**: an introduction to the Terra platform and cloud environment.
- **02_Introduction to Terra Jupyter Notebooks**: an introduction to Jupyter Notebooks on the Terra platform.
- **03_R Environment setup**: instructions on how to setup your cloud environment for R-based notebooks.
- **04_Python 3 Environment setup**: instructions on how to setup your cloud environment for Python 3-based notebooks.
- **05_How to access plot and save data from public BigQuery datasets using R**: instructions on how to access, plot, and save data from datasets available through the Google Cloud Public Datasets Program, using R.
- **06_How to access plot and save data from public BigQuery datasets using Python 3**: instructions on how to access, plot, and save data from datasets available on the cloud through the Google Cloud Public Datasets Program, using Python 3.
- **07_How to access plot and save data from ScHARe hosted datasets using Python 3:** instructions on how to access, plot, and save data from datasets hosted by ScHARe in this workspace.
- **08_How to upload access plot and save data stored locally using R:** instructions on how to import to Terra, access, plot, and save data from datasets stored locally on your computer.
- **09_How to upload access plot and save data stored locally using Python 3:** instructions on how to import to Terra, access, plot, and save data from datasets stored locally on your computer.

What do our notebooks teach you?

For the Educators among us:

Notebooks can be great instructional tools:

- they integrate code and explanations into a single document
- they can make your teaching materials more understandable, repeatable, and shareable

Besides describing the datasets available on ScHARe, our notebooks in the **Analyses** tab also explain **how to configure the cloud computing environment** and how to **access, plot, and analyze data** that you upload to your workspace or from datasets in the ScHARe Data Ecosystem

We will now demonstrate how you can work with data **using the instructions in our notebooks**

We will use Python

Python is a **computer programming language** used in data science to:

- manipulate and analyze data and conduct statistical calculations
- create data visualizations
- build machine learning algorithms

Python's **data science libraries** are powerful. Examples include:

- **Numpy** - for linear algebra and high-level mathematical functions
- **Pandas** - for handling data structures and manipulating tables
- **SciPy** - for data science tasks like interpolation and signal processing
- **Scikit-learn** - a machine learning library that is useful for classification, regression, and clustering algorithms
- **PyBrain** - for machine learning tasks and to test and compare algorithms

According to SlashData:

- there are 8.2 million Python users
- **69%** of machine learning developers and data scientists **use Python (vs. 24%** of them **using R)**

Sources
www.quanthub.com/python-for-data-science/
coursera.org

How to learn Python?

Can you learn Python with no experience?

Python is the **perfect** programming language **for people without any coding experience**, as it has a simple syntax, which makes it very accessible to beginners

How long does it take to learn Python?

It can take **2 to 5 months**, but you can write your first short program in **minutes**

Online resources

You can take advantage of the dozens of "**Python for data science" online tutorials** for beginners and advanced programmers listed here:

- Stackify - 30+ Tutorials to Learn Python
- FreeCodeCamp - Code Class for Beginners
- Harvard – Free Python Course
- Coursera – Free and Paid Python Courses
- LearnPython – Free Interactive Python Tutorials
- BestColleges – 10 Places to Learn Python for Free

R is also supported

- R is a programming language for statistical computing and graphics
- It is used by data miners, bioinformaticians and statisticians for data analysis

- Users have created **packages** to augment its functions
- Third-party **graphical user interfaces** are also available, such as **RStudio**

Sources
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We will work with BRFSS data

BRFSS is the nation's premier system of health-related telephone surveys that collect state-level data about U.S. residents regarding their:

- health-related **risk behaviors**
- chronic **health conditions**
- use of **preventive services**

State health departments use in-house interviewers or contract with telephone call centers or universities to administer the BRFSS surveys **continuously through the year**

BRFSS data is used to:

- help establish and track state and local health objectives
- plan **health programs**
- implement **disease prevention** and **health promotion activities**
- monitor **public health trends**

Let's start!

To begin:

1. **point your browser to: terra.bio**
2. **log in to Terra**
3. **access the "ScHARe Think-a-Thons" workspace**
4. **go to the Analyses tab**
5. **copy and run the following notebook** and complete the steps illustrated by the instructors:

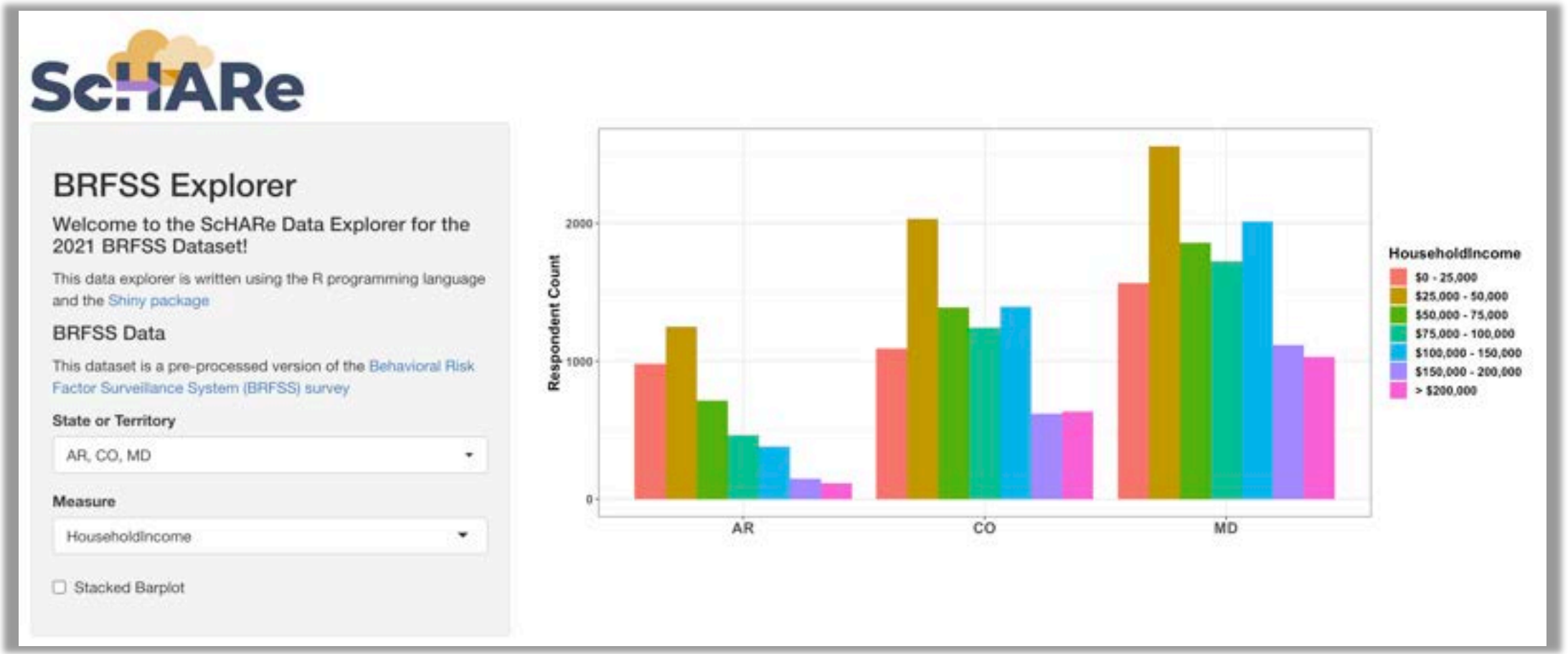
Instructional materials with step-by-step instructions and videos will be posted online here:

bit.ly/think-a-thons

Part V
BRFSS Data Explorer Demo

Introducing the BRFSS Data Explorer

We leveraged the resources offered by Terra on ScHARe to build a **ScHARe Data Explorer** for the 2021 BRFSS dataset



Introducing the BRFSS Data Explorer

What we used:

- **A package (tool) for R called Shiny:**
  - You can use Shiny to develop **interactive web applications** for data exploration and visualization without any previous experience
  - The applications can be shared as **just code or as pre-built containers**
  - They can be run on a local machine or on a web server as **standalone web pages or dashboards**

R Shiny applications take interactive data visualization to the next level!

They gained popularity as tools to make custom data visualizations with the dashboards tracking the COVID-19 pandemic

R Shiny apps can be launched on ScHARe **from Terra's built-in RStudio environment**

Let's now see a demo!

Data exploration poll

With the BRFSS Data Explorer in mind, what other features would be helpful in your day-to-day use of such a data visualization tool?

Part VI
Billing and Costs

What are the cloud costs of working on Terra?

The Terra platform infrastructure is **free to use**

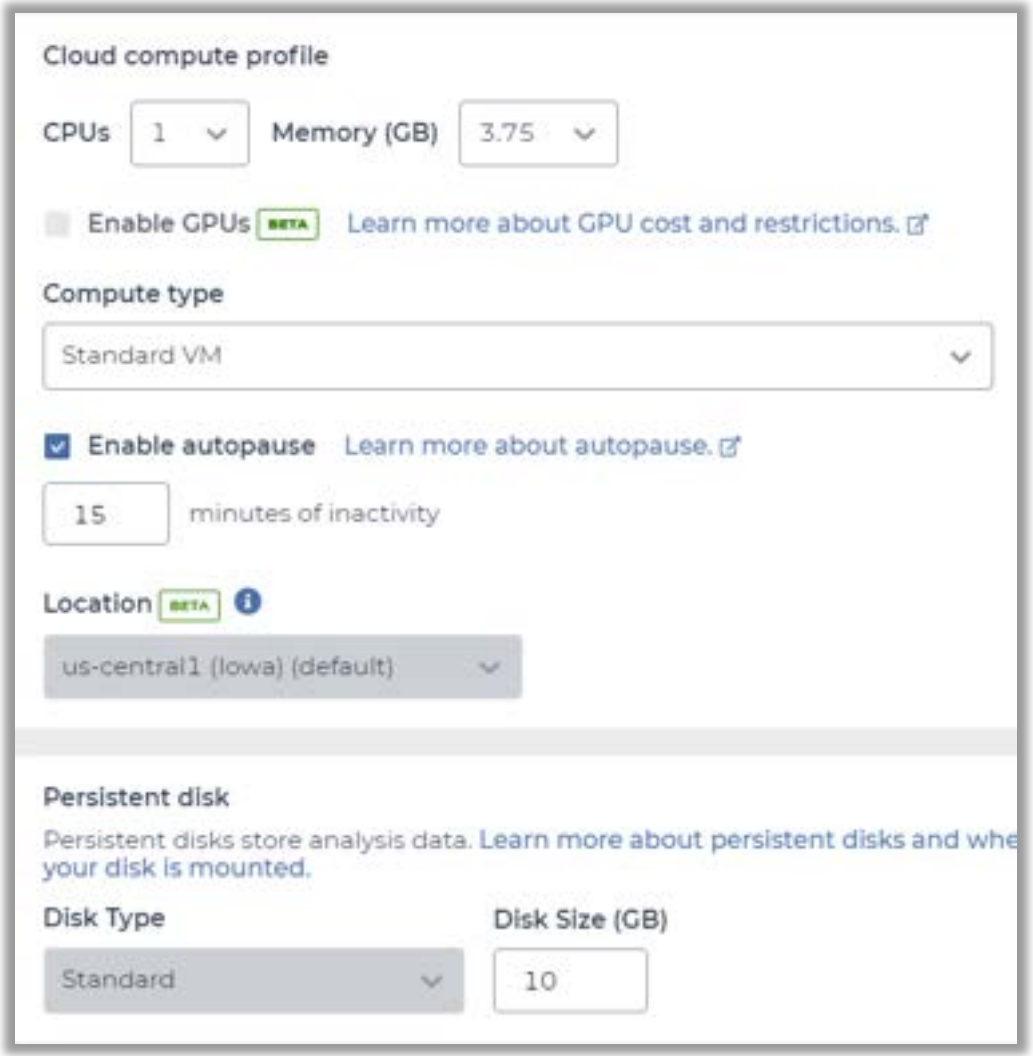
However, the following operations in Terra **may incur charges:**

1. **Virtual Machine compute costs**

In cloud computing, a **virtual machine** is an emulation of a computer system that provides the functionality of a physical computer

Terra allows you to **customize** the characteristics of your virtual machine based on your computation needs (more on this later)

- A **high-performance machine costs more**
- You will be charged for the **time you use** the machine



What are the cloud costs of working on Terra?

2. Data storage

- You will be charged for any data stored in the storage spaces ("**buckets**") associated with your account

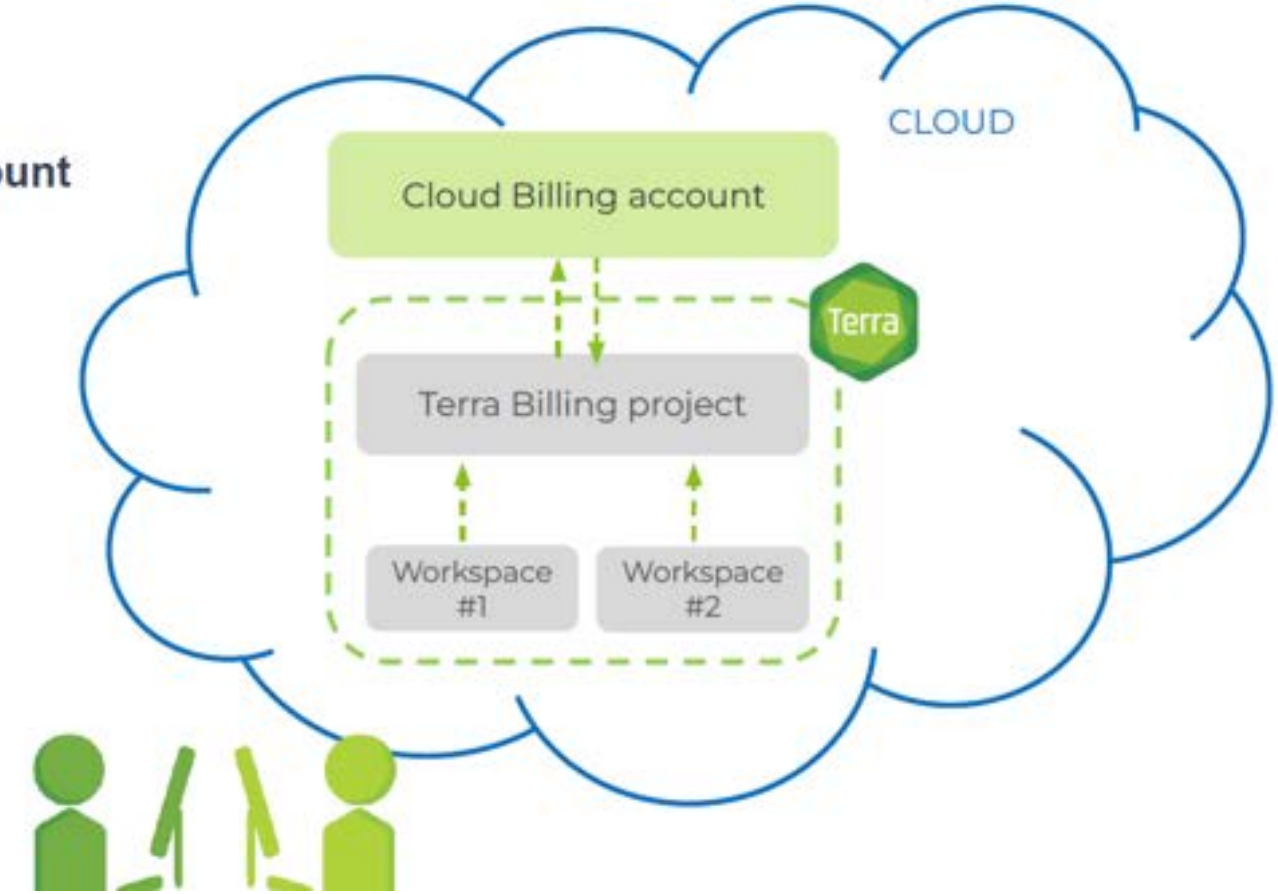
3. Data egress (i.e. moving data) costs

- When creating a bucket to store data, you are asked to set its location. This is because the data are going to be stored in data warehouses located in physical places ("**regions**" – more info here). Regions exist, among other reasons, to accommodate the need of certain users to keep their data in defined regions.
  You will pay to **move stored data between regions**

How will I be charged for these costs?

Terra runs on Google Cloud Platform (GCP). All Terra costs are GCP fees that are ultimately paid for by a **Google Cloud Billing account** linked to Terra – specifically, to a **Terra Billing project**

- Each Billing project is linked to an umbrella Google **Cloud Billing account**
- A **Terra Billing project** is a pass-through assigned to a workspace when you create it
- All GCP fees (storage, compute, egress) are charged **per workspace** - *regardless of who does the analysis or whether they have access to a billing project.*



How will I be charged for these costs?

Will I incur any costs today?

Today and for one day after the Think-a-Thon, **access to a free temporary billing project** will allow you to run all the materials with your instructors

What happens after tomorrow?

You will no longer have access to the free temporary billing project. If you want to access work-in-progress from the Think-a-Thon, you will need to **set up your own billing** and copy any of your workspaces to your own billing

Next, we will show you how to set up your own billing

Get $300 in free Google Cloud credits

If you've never used Google Cloud before, **you are eligible for $300 in free Google Cloud credits** you can use for working in Terra

Conditions for Google Cloud credits eligibility

- You haven't previously signed up for the Free Trial
- You've never been a paying customer of Google Cloud, Google Maps Platform, or Firebase
- If you're part of an organization that uses Google Cloud, your email will likely not be eligible

What can I do with my credits in Terra?

The credits will cover anything that has a cost in Terra - such as storing data and running analyses. You can’t use credits to add GPUs to your computing resources, and you are limited to 4 workspaces at a time

How long will my $300 credits be available?

Your credits will be available for 3 months, or until you have used up all $300. Once your credits run out or expire, you can upgrade to a paid account

3 easy steps to set up billing

1. Sign in to the Google Cloud Console with your Terra user ID and **set up a Google Cloud Billing account**

   You'll be invited to activate your free trial: **you won't be billed until the credits expire**

2. In the Google Cloud Console Billing page, **link your Google Cloud Billing and Terra accounts**

   Add terra-billing@terra.bio as a Principal, with Billing Account User role

   Use the same Google ID for both the Cloud Billing account and your Terra user name

3. In the Terra Billing page, **create a Terra Billing project**

   Select the previously created Google Cloud Billing account to fund your Terra Billing project

For detailed instructions, see **this Terra page**

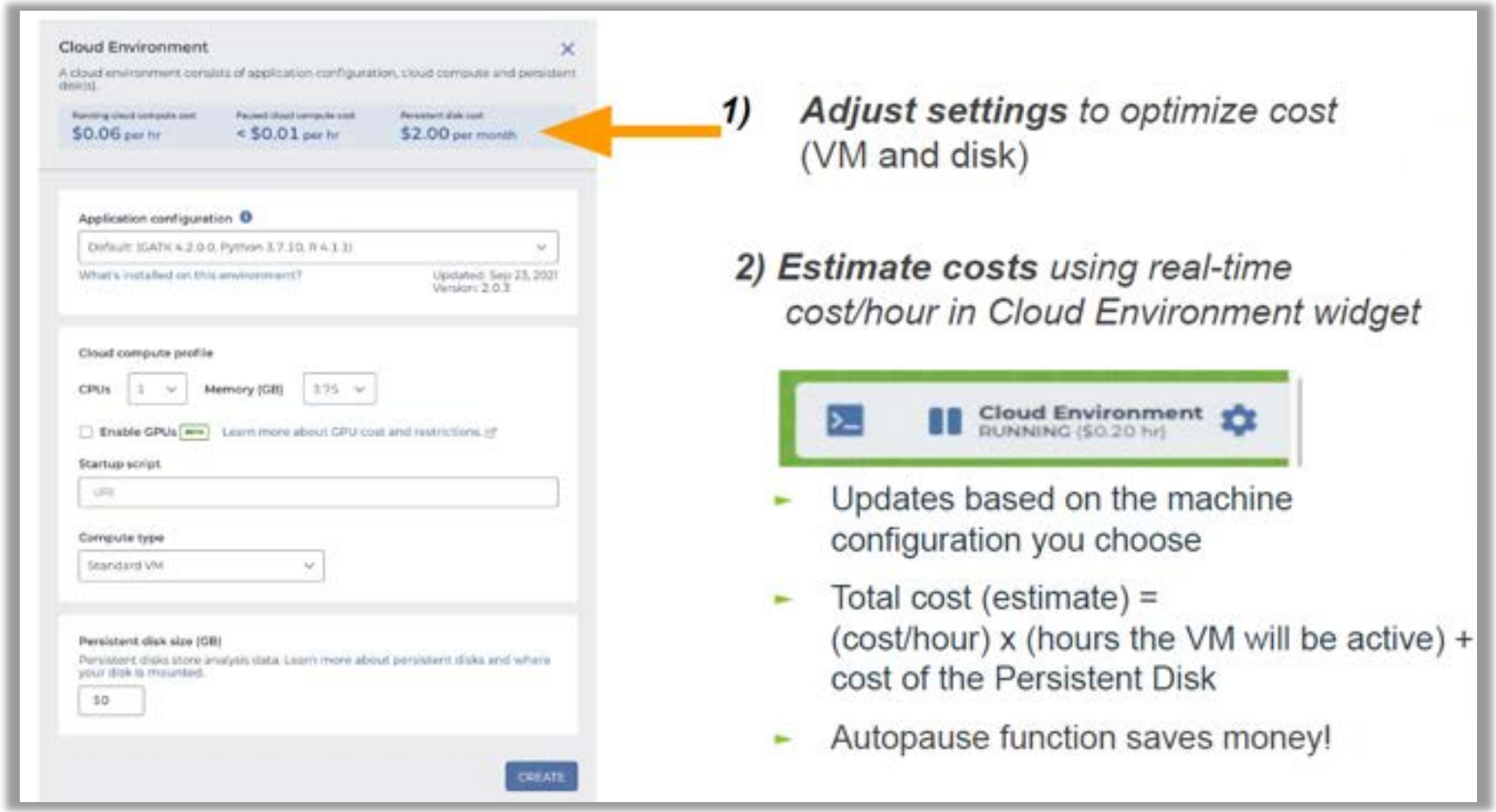
Understanding and monitoring costs

You can **ESTIMATE COSTS:**

1. **analysis costs**
2. cloud storage costs
3. egress (i.e., data moving) costs

You can **CHECK ACTUAL COSTS** in the Google Cloud Platform Console

You can **REDUCE COSTS** in several ways (for advanced users)



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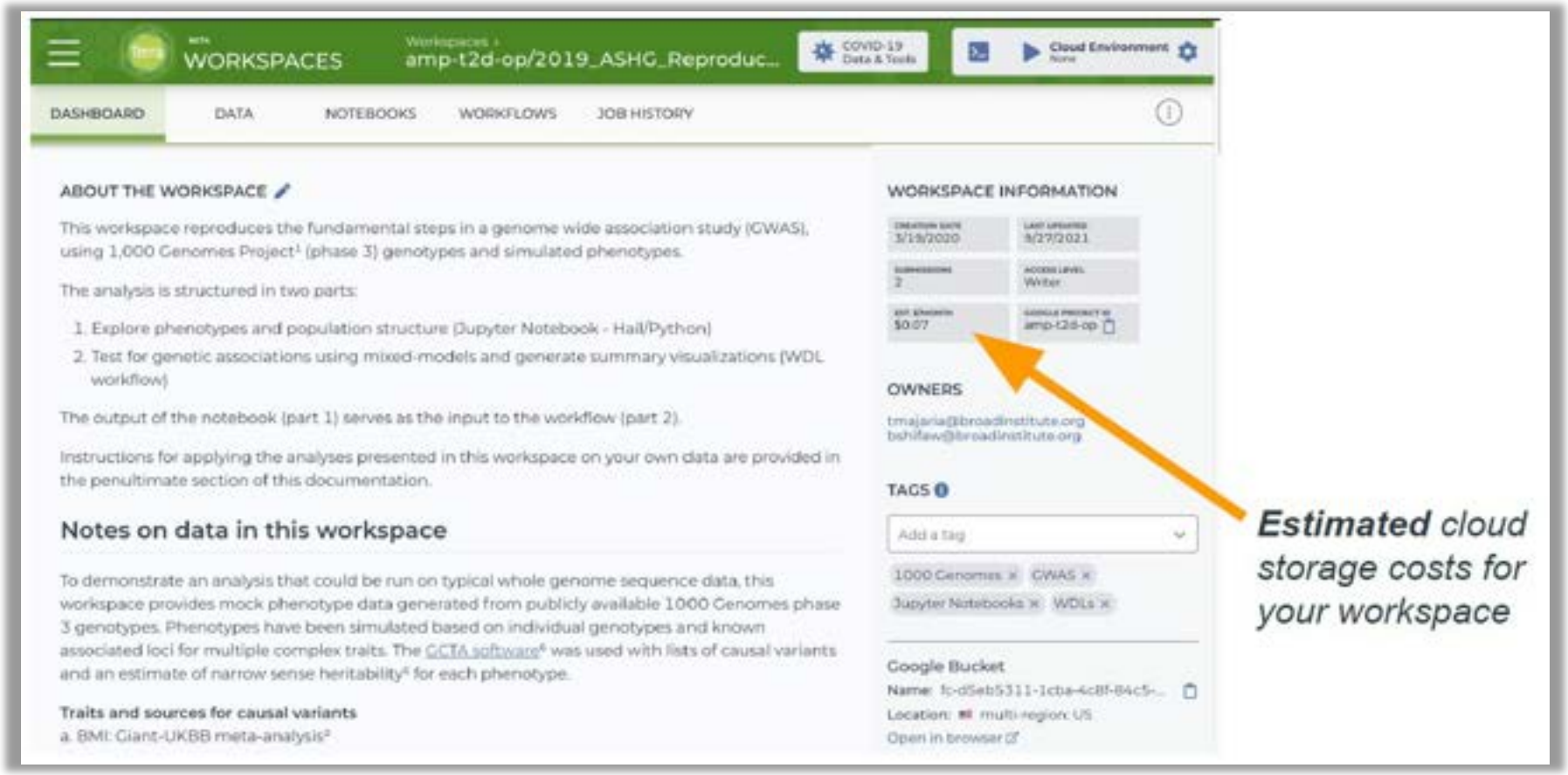

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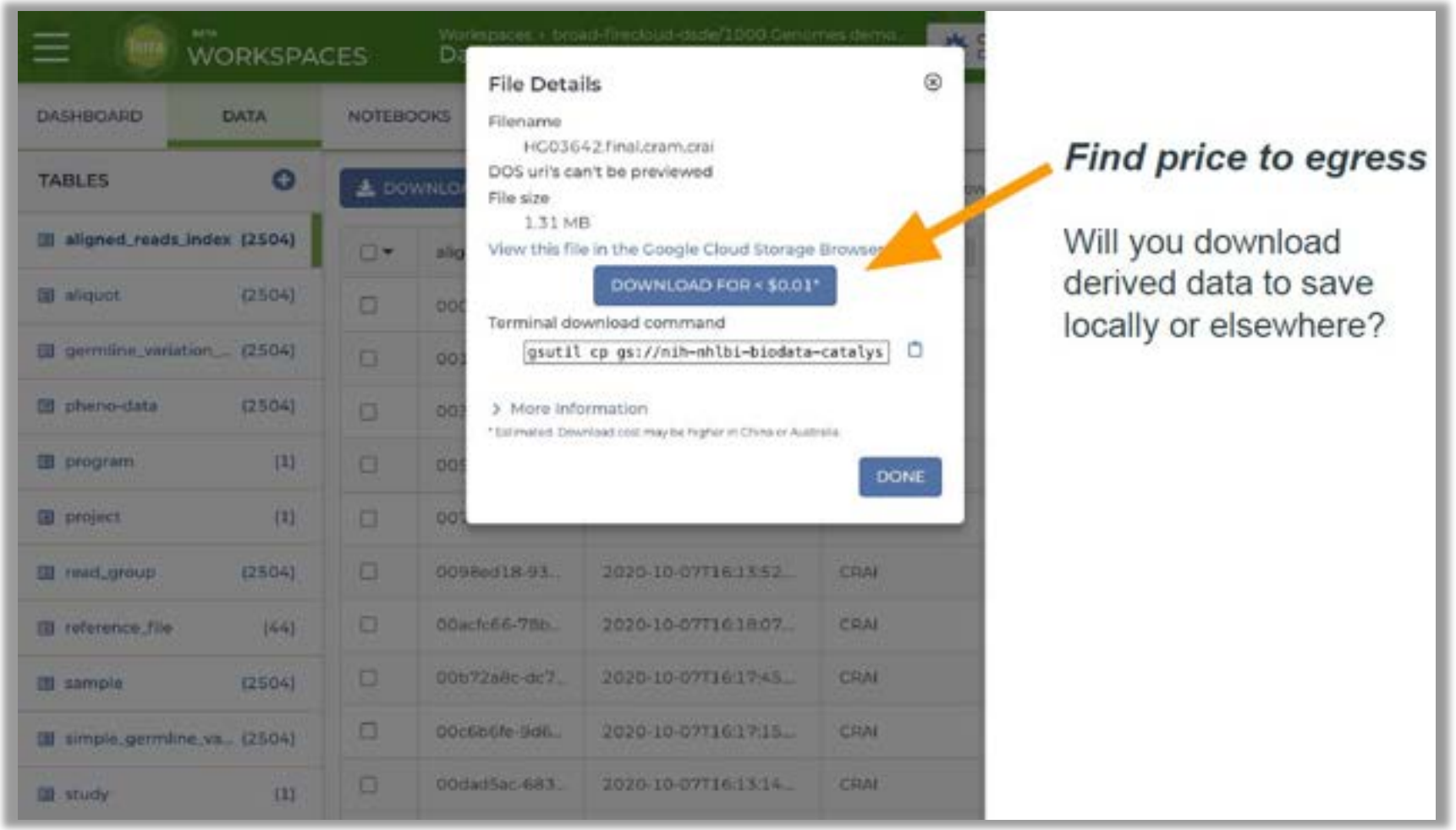

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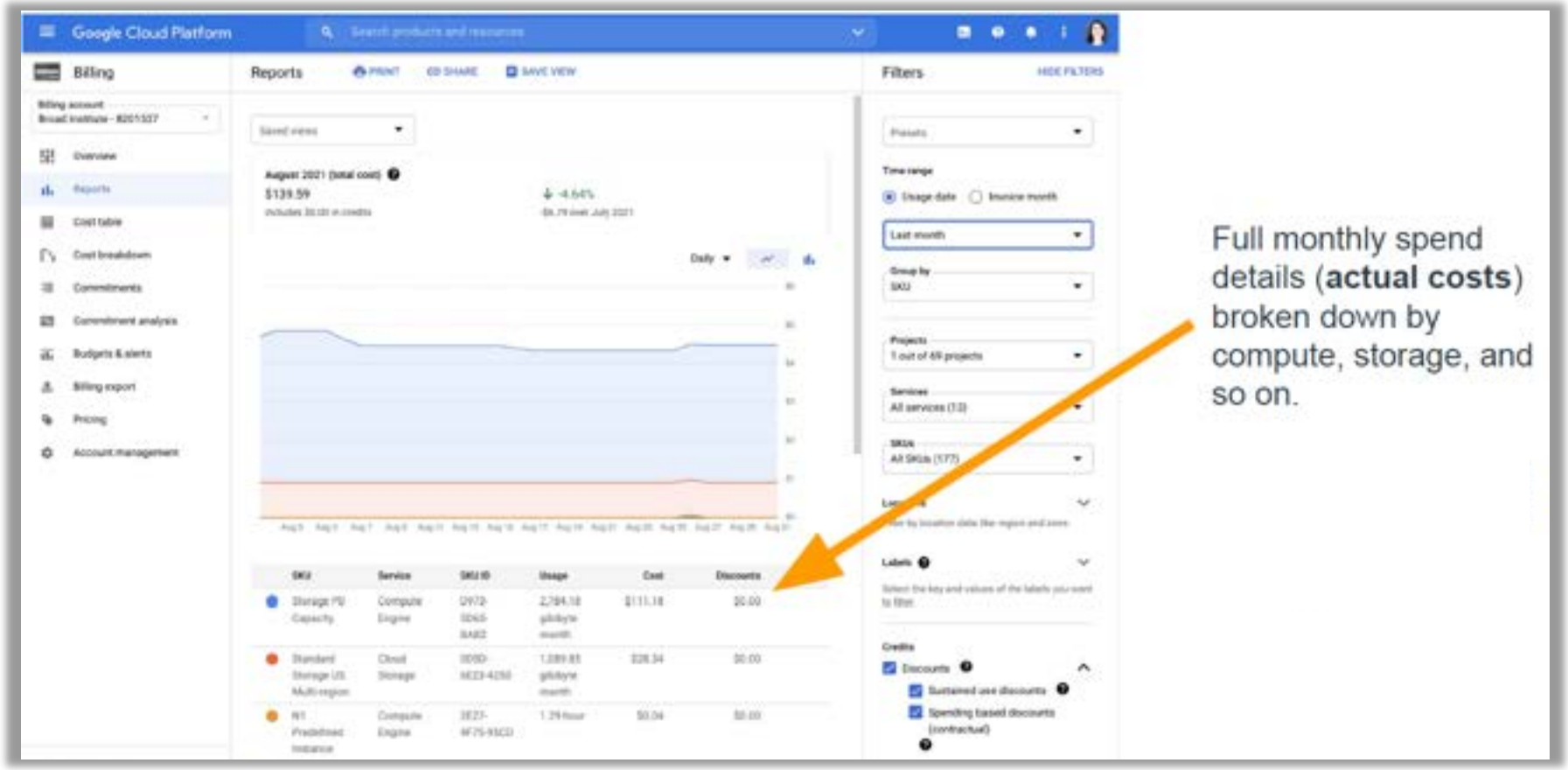

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Terra allows you to find the right balance between cost and time

Saving on workflow costs

- ► Delete intermediate files: guide
- ► Call-caching: guide
- ► Checkpointing: guide
- ► Preemptible VMs: guide

Saving Cloud Environment costs

- ► Size application compute appropriately: guide
- ► Move generated data to regional or nearline storage: guide
- ► Autopause: guide

Saving on storage costs

- ► Ask how much are you storing, where are you storing it, and how frequently will you access it?
- ► Move data to regional or nearline storage: guide

Thank you

Think-a-Thon poll

1. **Rate how useful this session was:**

- ☐ Very useful
- ☐ Useful
- ☐ Somewhat useful
- ☐ Not at all useful

Think-a-Thon poll

2. Rate the pace of the instruction for yourself:

- ☐ Too fast
- ☐ Adequate for me
- ☐ Too slow

Think-a-Thon poll

3. **How likely will you participate in the next Think-a-Thon?**

- ☐ Very interested, will definitely attend
- ☐ Interested, likely will attend
- ☐ Interested, but not available
- ☐ Not interested in attending any others

Terra tutorials and resources

If you are new to Terra, we recommend exploring the following resources:

- Overview Articles: Review high-level docs that outline what you can do in Terra, how to set up an account and account billing, and how to access, manage, and analyze data in the cloud
- Video Guides: Watch live demos of the Terra platform's useful features
- Terra Courses: Learn about Terra with free modules on the Leanpub online learning platform
- Data Tables QuickStart Tutorial: Learn what data tables are and how to create, modify, and use them in analyses
- Notebooks QuickStart Tutorial**:** Learn how to access and visualize data using a notebook
- Machine Learning Advanced Tutorial: Learn how Terra can support machine learning-based analysis

Next Think-a-Thons:

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