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**OCEANS 2.0 API  
PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS TO ONC DATA  
TRAINING SESSION**

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## Programmatic access to ONC's Data Archive

The Empower Project

The Web Services

- Discovery
- Data Delivery

The Client Libraries

- Python
- MATLAB
- R \*

The Documentation

- Samples
- Client libraries
- Use Cases

Demos

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## Empower Project Overview

- A Research Platform for User-Defined Oceanographic Data Products
- 2 Year project funded by CANARIE
- Two Phases

### **API**

Provide researchers with programmatic access to the Oceans 2.0 data products through a specially designed Application Programming Interface (API)

### **Sandbox**

Enable researchers to define, test, use and share processing code for user-defined data products in a custom-designed programming environment.

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## API Phase Overview

### User-Centred design approach

- 1) Identify existing and future users
- 2) Develop hypothesis based on domain knowledge and current usage
- 3) Develop questionnaires to validate hypothesis and elicit responses about:
  - a) Research focus
  - b) Data needs
  - c) Analysis needs
  - d) Analytical tools
  - e) Usage and performance expectations
  - f) Publishing needs
- 4) Perform interviews and capture responses
- 5) Analyze responses and organize into functional groups or clusters of requirements
- 6) Develop personas to characterize user goals and behaviours
- 7) Develop use cases to capture the functional needs and requirements of the personas
- 8) Develop user stories to inform the functional design
- 9) Build the API in an iterative cycle of sprints with user feedback and testing throughout

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## API Phase Overview

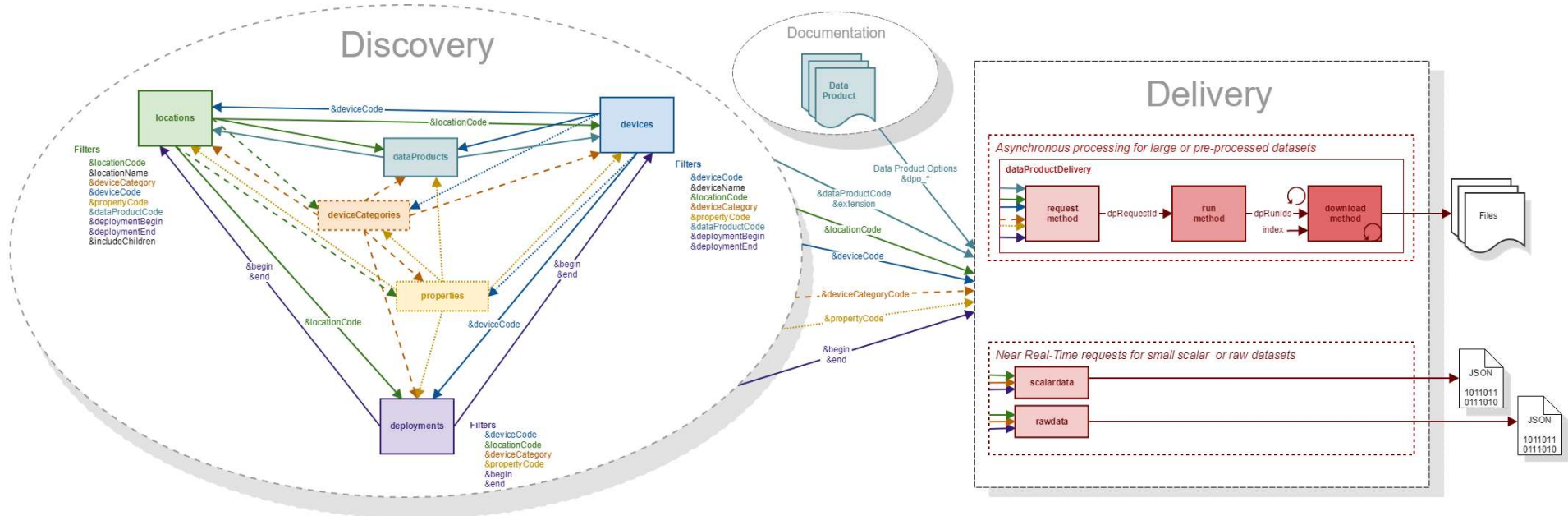
### Results

- 12 user interviews and questionnaires
- 14 existing and future users
- 4 Use Cases
  - Bird Studies Canada
  - Ouranos
  - Academic
  - ONC Internal
- 3 new personas
  - Lead Researcher
  - Scientific Modeller
  - Scientific Developer
- 54 User Stories
- 4 functional groups
  - Discovery
  - Filtering
  - Scripting
  - Internal Needs



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## Understanding the web services



- Data Discovery

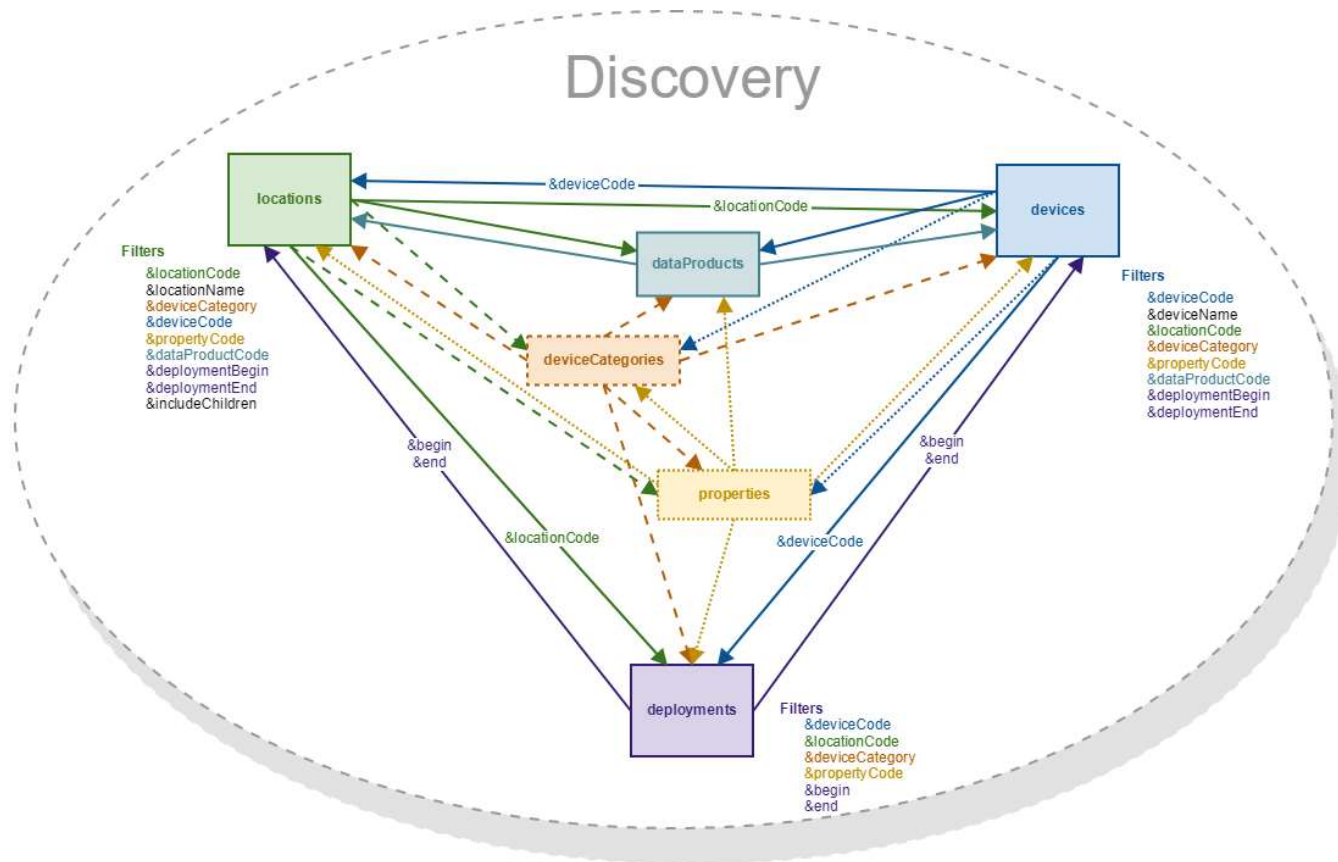
- 6\* web services to help discover what data can be downloaded
  - Where is data available
  - What devices are available
  - What device categories are available
  - What properties are available
  - What data products are available
  - When are devices deployed
- \* deployments service in development

- Data Delivery (Download)

- 1 web service to download data as customizable data product
  - Request a Data Product be created
  - Download the Data Product once complete
- 2 web services for near real-time data access
  - Scalar data
  - Raw data

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## Data Discovery Services



- 6 Services to Discover the codes needed for the Delivery services
- Common filtering and output allows for discovery of missing/unknown information



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## Data Discovery Services

### 6 Service Endpoints

#### .../api/locations

- ONC search tree nodes (aka, stations) that data can be downloaded from
- Uniquely identified by locationCode.  
ie, BACME (*Barkley Canyon / MidEast*)

#### .../api/devices

- Instruments that have one or more sensors that observe a property or phenomenon with a goal of producing an estimate of the value of a property
- Uniquely identified by deviceCode  
ie, CAM-TEMPO-MINI-2 (*Tempo-Mini Colour Video AXIS Q1755 [Camera 2]*)

#### .../api/deviceCategories

- Device Category grouping
- Uniquely identified by deviceCategoryCode  
ie, VIDEOCAM (*Video Camera*)  
DSC (*Still Camera*)

#### .../api/properties

- Observable phenomenon (aka, variables)
- Common name given to sensor types (ie, oxygen, pressure, temperature, etc)
- Uniquely identified by propertyCode

#### .../api/dataProducts

- Data Products available for download
- Uniquely identified by dataProductCode & extension  
ie, 3DCIS (*3D Camera Image Stitching*) & tar  
MP4V (*MP4 Video*) & mp4

#### .../api/deployments \*

- Instrument deployments
- Uniquely identified by siteDeviceId
- Provides a relationship between locations and devices
- Each Site Device has a location code, device code, lat/long/depth and deployment date range.  
ie, ???

\* currently under development

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## Data Discovery Services

- Reductive Filtering
  - Additional filters can be added to the url to reduce the selection

Example - return all locations that have a Video Camera deployed between two dates

```
http://dmas.uvic.ca/api/locations?method=get
&token=x6ecb030-1835-1dc5-29nc-q58l7wjpl607
&deviceCategory=VIDEOCAM
&deploymentBegin=2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z
&deploymentEnd=2016-08-01T23:59:59.999Z
```

- Returned as a JSON payload

```
[{"dataProductCode":"AD",
  "dataProductName":"Audio Data",
  "extension":"wav",
  "helpDocument":"https://wiki.oceannetworks.ca/display/DP/7"}]
```

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## Data Product Delivery

- Three step process using dataProductDelivery web service
  1. Request a data product using the **request** method
    - Include data product filters in URL
      - locationCode and deviceCategoryCode *or* locationCode, deviceCategoryCode and propertyCode *or* deviceCode *or* deviceCode and propertyCode
      - dataProductCode and extension
      - begin and end
      - Data Product Options vary with data product
    - Returns a RequestId
    - Returns run time and size estimates
      - Can be used for request verification
  2. Run the data product using the **run** method
    - Include RequestId in URL
    - Starts the data product generation process by adding it to the Task Queue
  3. Download the data product using the **download** method
    - Include RunId and index in URL
    - Informs on process status with messages in the payload HTTP status codes
    - Downloads file when process is complete
    - Requires same token as run request

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## Using the web services

- Via browser
  - Make a simple http request using a browser link to return information
- Via code
  - Any language that supports HTTP requests including:
    - Python \*
    - MatLab \*
    - R \*
    - JavaScript
    - C++
    - Java
  - \*Available ONC client libraries
- All requests require a user token
  - Create user at <https://dmas.uvic.ca/Registration?service=http://dmas.uvic.ca/>
  - Generate user token on 'Web Services API' tab at <http://dmas.uvic.ca/Profile>
  - Please use your own token
    - It allows us to better understand your data needs and inform you when changes or improvements are made to ONC web services

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## Service requests in language of choice

### Python

```
import requests
response = requests.get('http://dmas.uvic.ca/api/locations',
                        params={'method': 'get',
                                'token': 'b6ede000-1865-4ac3-94ad-e87d8bdfd307',
                                'deviceCategoryCode': 'VIDEOCAM',
                                'deploymentBegin': '2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z',
                                'deploymentEnd': '2016-08-01T23:59:59.999Z'})
```

### MATLAB

```
response = webread('http://dmas.uvic.ca/api/locations',...
                  'method','get','token',...
                  'b6ede000-1865-4ac3-94ad-e87d8bdfd307',...
                  'deviceCategoryCode','VIDEOCAM',...
                  'deploymentBegin','2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z',...
                  'deploymentEnd','2016-08-01T23:59:59.999Z');
```

### R

```
library(httr)
response <- GET("http://dmas.uvic.ca/api/locations",
               query = list(method="get",
                             token="b6ede000-1865-4ac3-94ad-e87d8bdfd307",
                             deviceCategoryCode="VIDEOCAM",
                             deploymentBegin="2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z",
                             deploymentEnd="2016-08-01T23:59:59.999Z"))
```

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## Client Libraries

Client libraries provide

- Quick, easy and consistent access to ONC data and resources
- In scientific programming language of choice
- With minimal lines of code

Currently available

-  python 2.7+
- Matlab  R2017a
-  3.3+

<https://wiki.oceannetworks.ca/display/O2A/Client+Libraries>



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## Using the Client Libraries

- Python
  - Install package using pip
  - Add to library to script using

```
from onc.onc import ONC
```
  - Create ONC object using

```
onc = ONC("YOUR_TOKEN")  
or  
onc = ONC("YOUR_TOKEN", True, False, "c:/ONC/Data")
```
- MATLAB
  - Download Add-On Toolbox from ONC Wiki and install
  - Create ONC object using

```
o = ONC("YOUR_TOKEN")  
or  
o = ONC("YOUR_TOKEN", true, false, "c:/ONC/Data")
```
- R
  - Download package from ONC Wiki and install
  - Add library to script using

```
library(onc)
```
  - Create ONC object using

```
onc = new("onc", token="YOUR_TOKEN")  
or  
onc = new("onc", token="YOUR_TOKEN", production=TRUE, showInfo=FALSE, outputPath="c:/ONC/Data")
```

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## Client Libraries – Single line of code

Download Time Series Scalar Data Product in CSV format for ADCP 2 MHZ at Barkley Canyon - Axis

- Python

```
results = onc.orderDataProduct({'locationCode': 'BACAX',  
                                'deviceCategoryCode': 'ADCP2MHZ',  
                                'dataProductCode': 'TSSD',  
                                'extension': 'csv',  
                                'begin': '2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z',  
                                'end': '2016-08-01T00:00:00.000Z',  
                                'dpo_qualityControl': 1, 'dpo_resample': 'none', 'dpo_dataGaps': 0})
```

- MATLAB

```
results = o.orderDataProduct(struct('locationCode', 'BACAX', ...  
                                    'deviceCategoryCode', 'ADCP2MHZ', ...  
                                    'dataProductCode', 'TSSD', ...  
                                    'extension', 'csv', ...  
                                    'begin', '2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z', ...  
                                    'end', '2016-08-01T00:00:00.000Z', ...  
                                    'dpo_qualityControl', 1, 'dpo_resample', 'none', 'dpo_dataGaps', 0));
```

- R

```
results = onc.orderDataProduct(onc, list(locationCode="BACAX",  
                                         deviceCategoryCode="ADCP2MHZ",  
                                         dataProductCode="TSSD",  
                                         extension="csv",  
                                         begin="2016-07-27T00:00:00.000Z",  
                                         end="2016-08-01T00:00:00.000Z",  
                                         dpo_qualityControl=1, dpo_resample="none", dpo_dataGaps=0))
```

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## Documentation

- Guide
  - Overview of the
  - Requesting Data Products using the API
- API Reference
- Sample Code
- Client Libraries
- Use Cases

<https://wiki.oceannetworks.ca/display/O2A/Oceans+2.0+API+Home>

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## Demo

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## Beta Test

- Track Testing Results at <https://internal.oceannetworks.ca/display/ONCData/1.4.2.3+User+Testing+Results>

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## Road Ahead

- Internal Testing – July 2017
- External User Testing (Beta Program) – Aug 2017
  - Webinar for all participants
- Issue Resolution – Aug / Sept 2017
- Release – Oct 2017



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