

Meeting the Needs of Interdisciplinary Critical Zone Scientists by Leveraging and Linking Existing Domain Repositories

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Critical Zone Collaborative Network

- In 2020 NSF funded the next phase of their Critical Zone research program
- Nine Thematic Cluster study areas with a wide range of geological, climatic, and land use settings working to better understand the evolution and function of the Critical Zone
- One Coordinating Hub to help coordinate activities across Clusters – including data management



BEDROCK

Expanding knowledge of the deep critical zone and its feedbacks with surface processes.



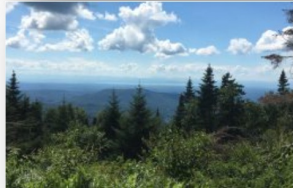
COASTAL

Investigating the processes that transform landscapes and fluxes between land and sea.



DYNAMIC WATER

Advancing the understanding of the interactions among dynamic water storage, CZ processes, and water provisioning in western U.S. montane ecosystems.



BIG DATA

Using field observations, existing data, & advanced statistical and process-based tools to investigate how the Critical Zone responds to disturbances.



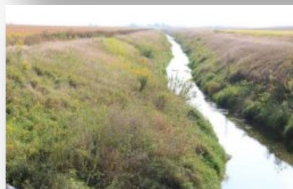
DRYLANDS

Quantifying and predicting dryland carbon budgets across land-use and climatic gradients.



GEOMICROBIO

Studying how soil microbes, roots, mineral composition, and soil organic matter interact and drive Critical Zone biogeochemistry and soil formation.



CINET

Investigating the role of critical interfaces for regulating the storage & transport of material such as water, sediment, carbon, & nutrients.



DUST^2

A source-to-sink investigation of the dust system in the southwestern US as a component of the critical zone.

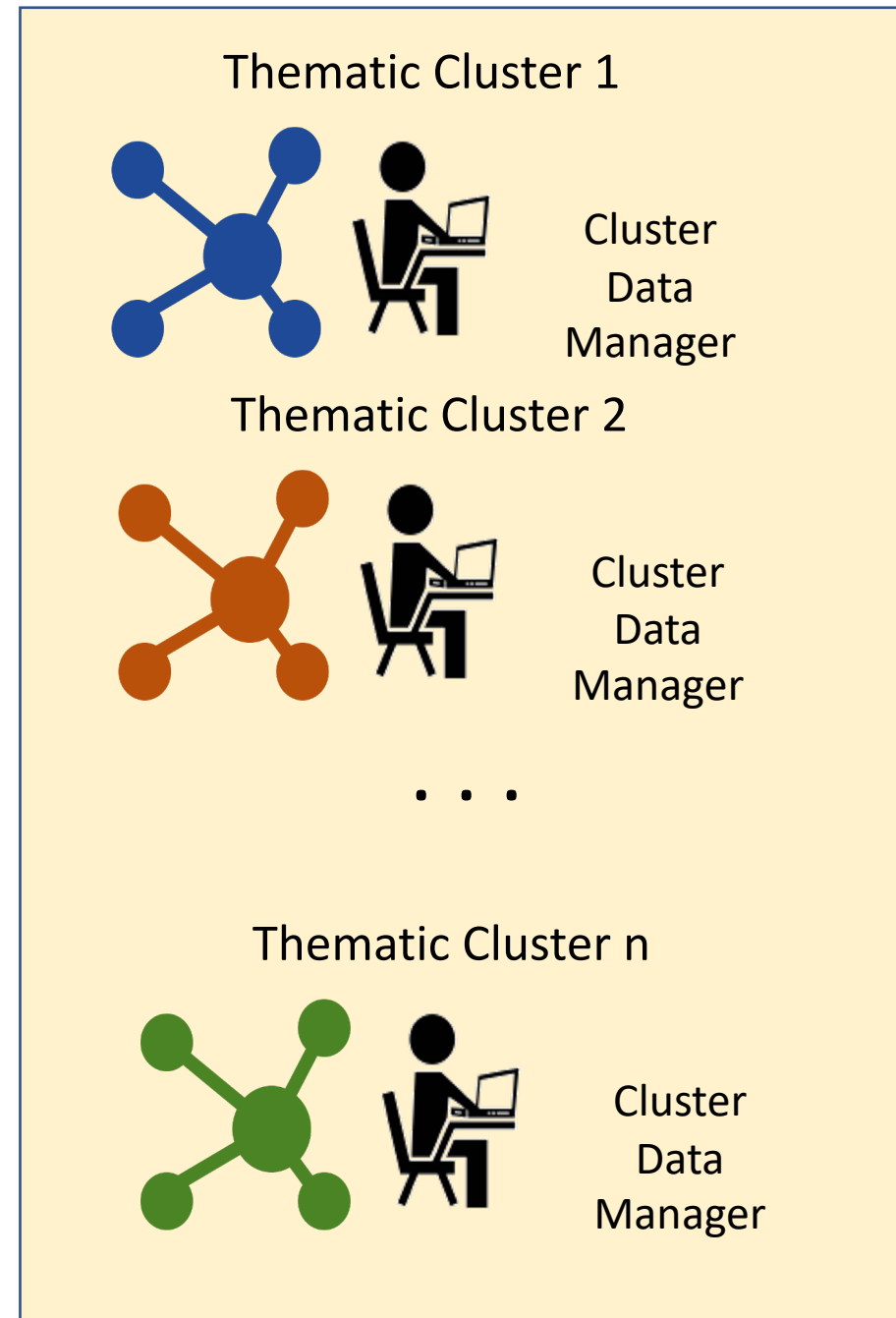


URBAN

Studying the interaction between the geologic template and the urban footprint and the effects on critical zone processes along the Eastern Seaboard.

Thematic Cluster Projects

- Activities
 - Data collection
 - Data aggregation
 - Data QA/QC
 - Defining data products
 - Metadata creation
- Data Management Plans
 - Each Thematic Cluster submitted their own Data Management Plan
 - Flexibility for local data management



Challenges

- Thematic Cluster teams and data are diverse
- Some are collecting new data, others are aggregating existing data, some are doing both
- No single data repository will meet the needs of interdisciplinary Critical Zone Scientists

Thematic Clusters	
1	Bedrock
2	Coastal
3	Dynamic Water
4	Big Data
5	Drylands
6	Geomicrobio
7	CINet
8	Dust ²
9	Urban

CZ Hub Objective: Provide a robust cyberinfrastructure for Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) data from the CZ Net Thematic Clusters

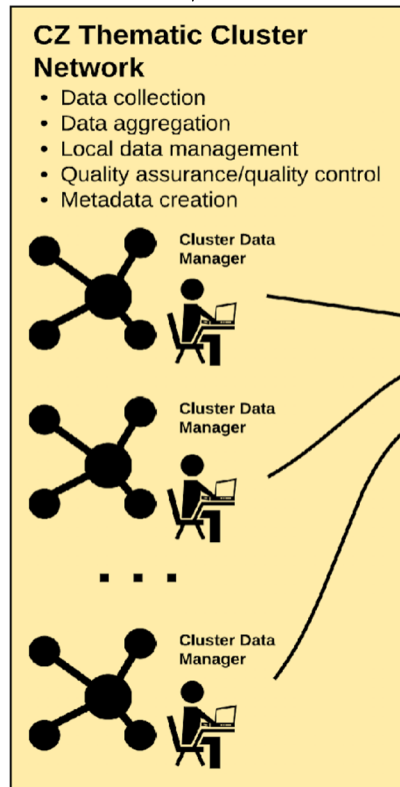
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CZ Hub Approach

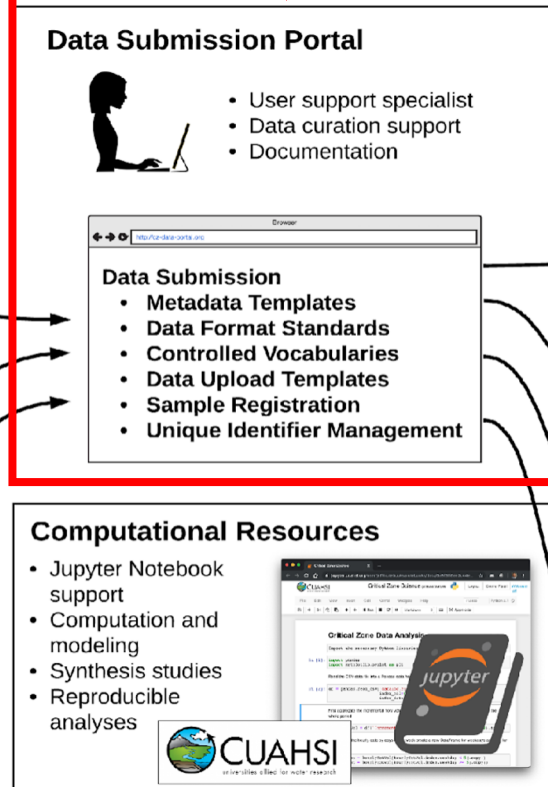
- Link existing data facilities and services, including:
 - HydroShare
 - EarthChem
 - System for Earth Sample Registration (SESAR)
 - OpenTopography
 - Other repositories, as needed
- Develop a central CZ Hub that provides
 - Services for easy data submission
 - Integrated data discovery and access

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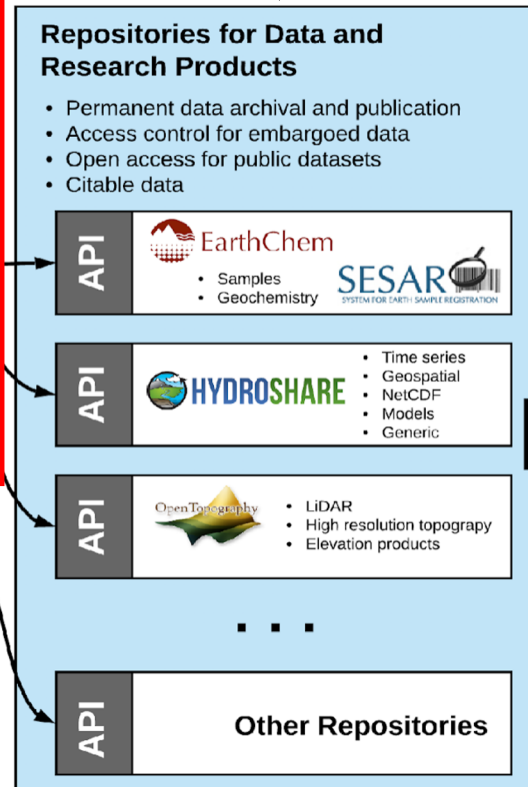
Diverse data and research products from CZ scientists



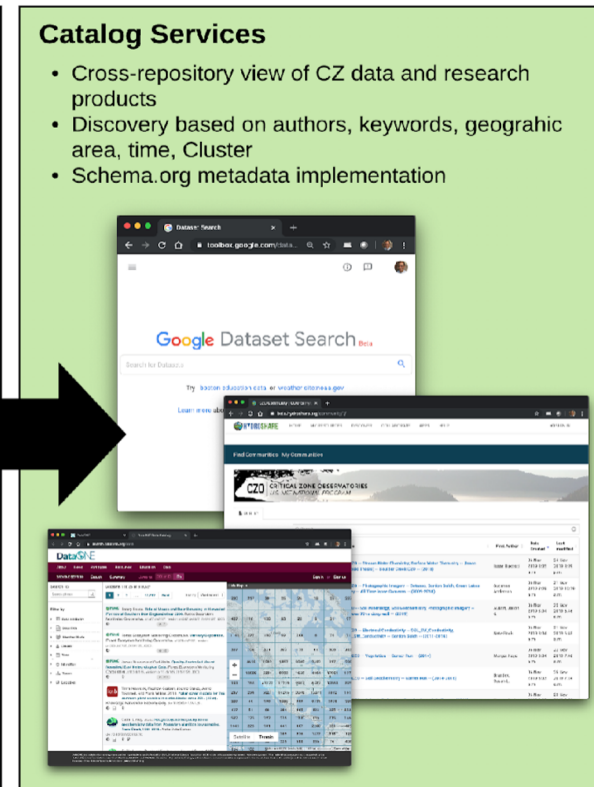
New Submission Portal promoting repository selection, metadata, templates, and formats



Using existing Earth science data repositories via automated submission



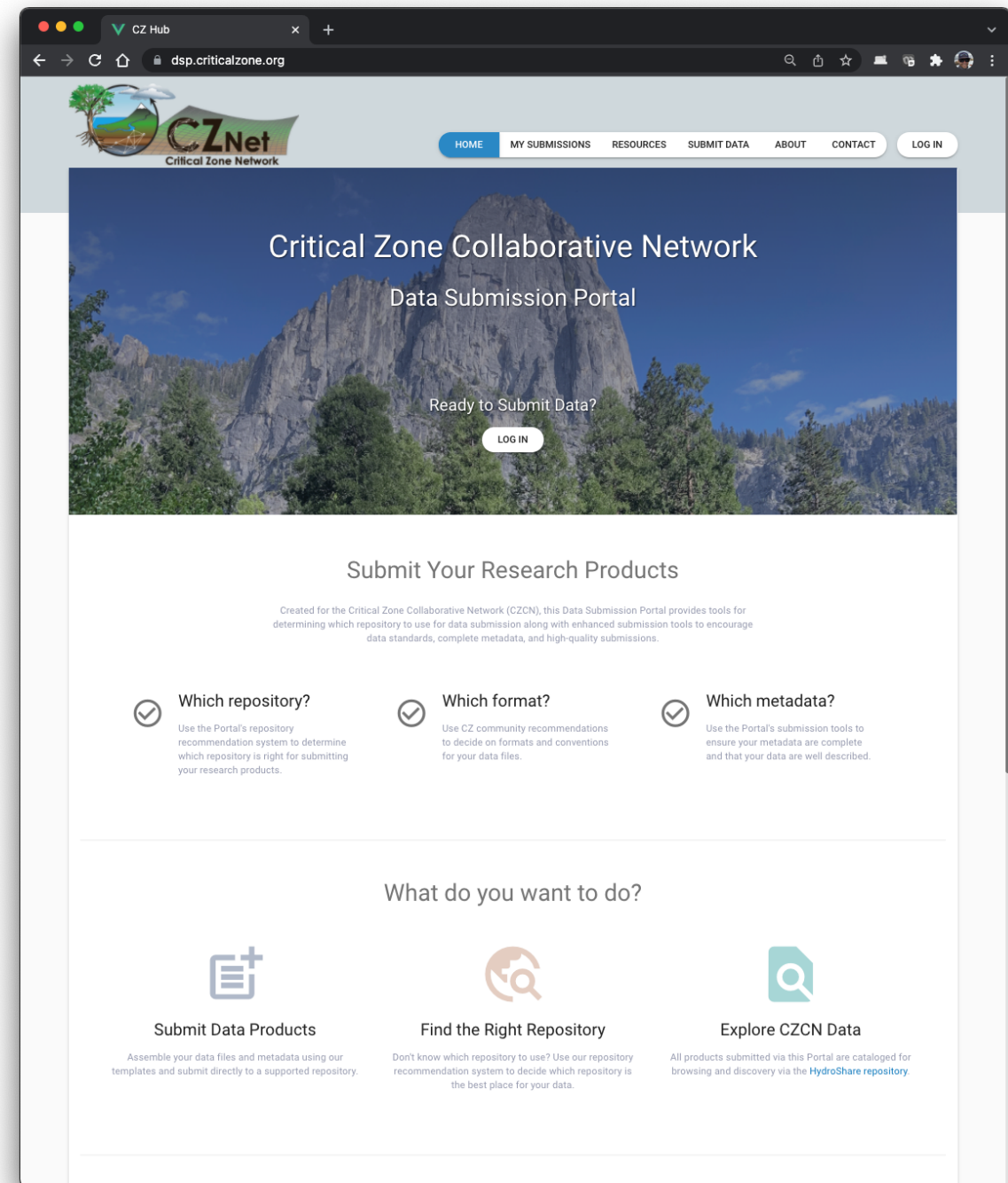
Making products Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR)



Data Submission Portal

- New, web application to support CZ Net
- Enables submission to multiple geoscience data repositories through one portal
- Getting data to the right repository
- Submission directly through portal

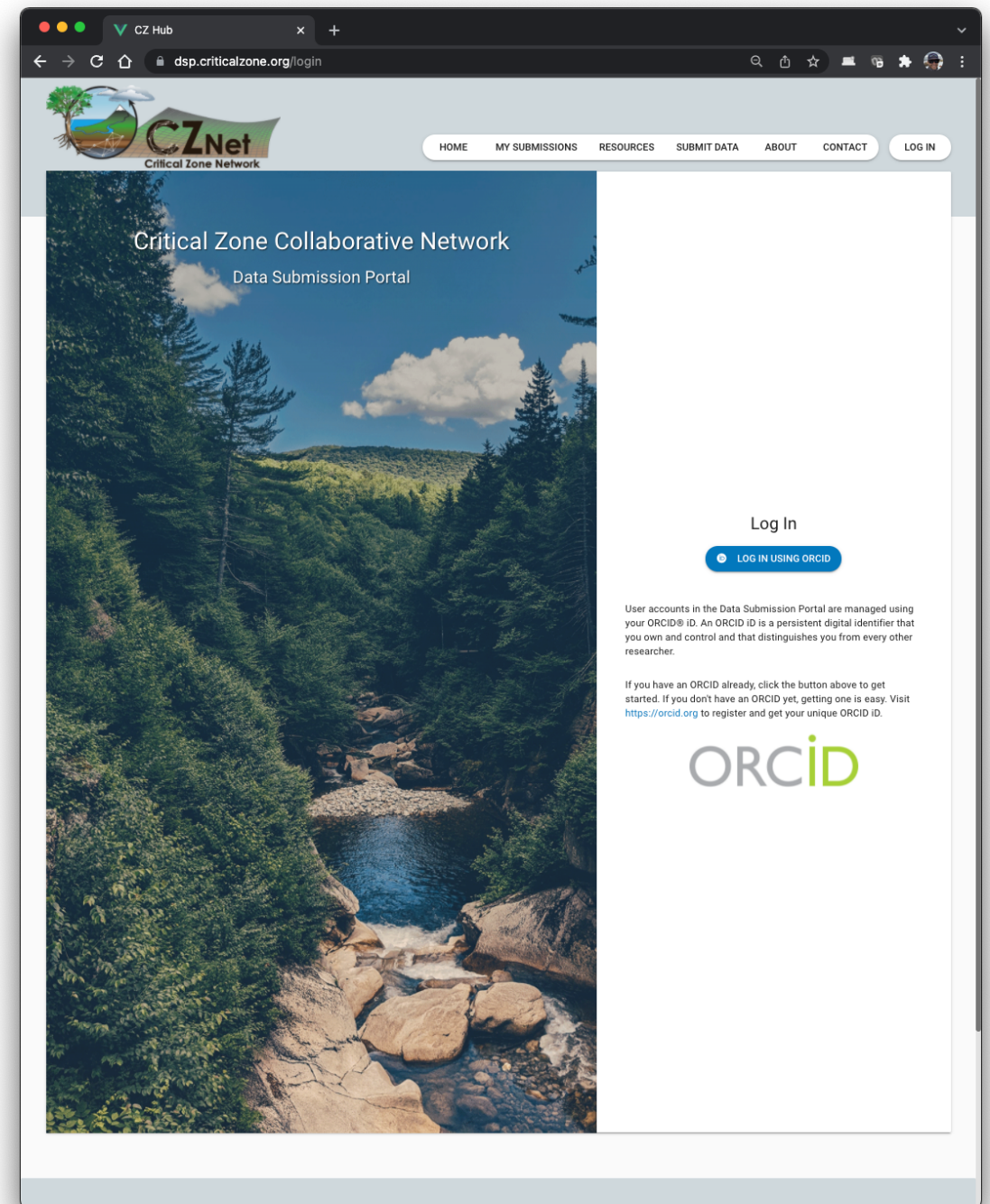
Empower data managers to curate research products within appropriate repositories with support from our team



User Account Management

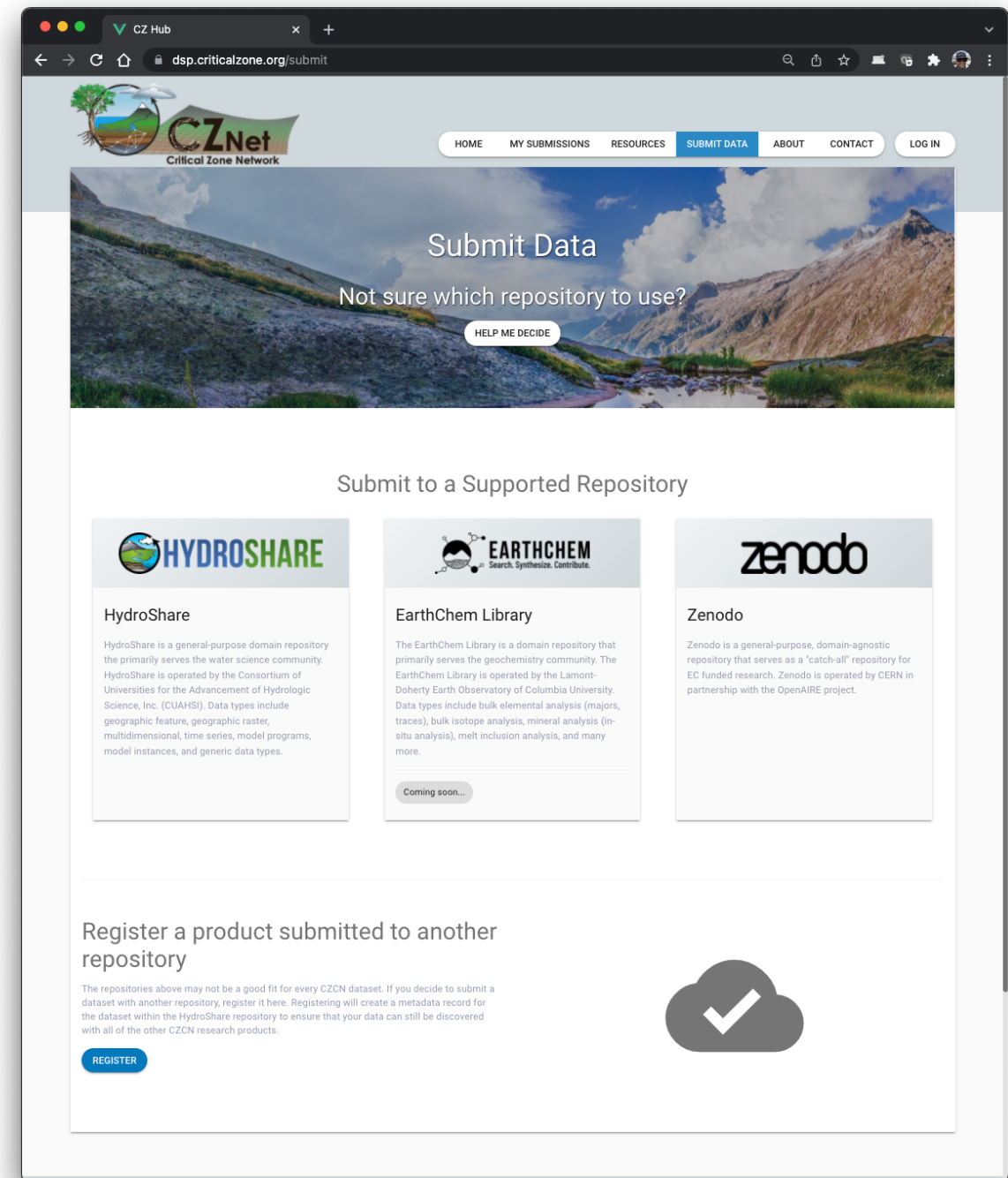
- Authentication and user management via ORCID
- Using an account that most people have already
- Enables authentication across multiple repositories

ORCID



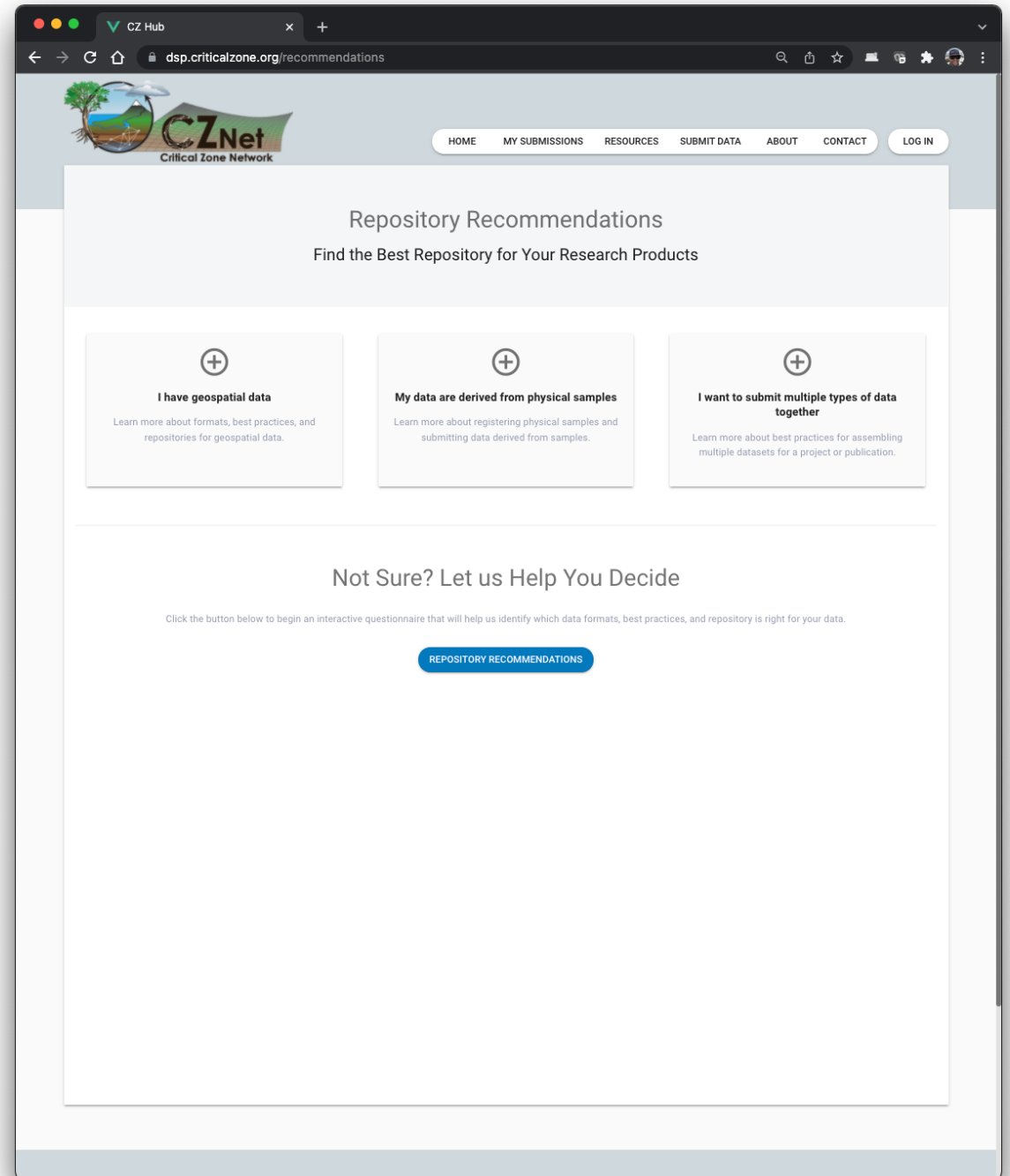
Supported Repositories

- Operate and partner with existing repositories
 - Promote the use of FAIR principles
 - Permanent data archival and publication
 - Access control for embargoed data
 - Open access for public datasets
 - Citable data
 - Leverage existing NSF investment in CI



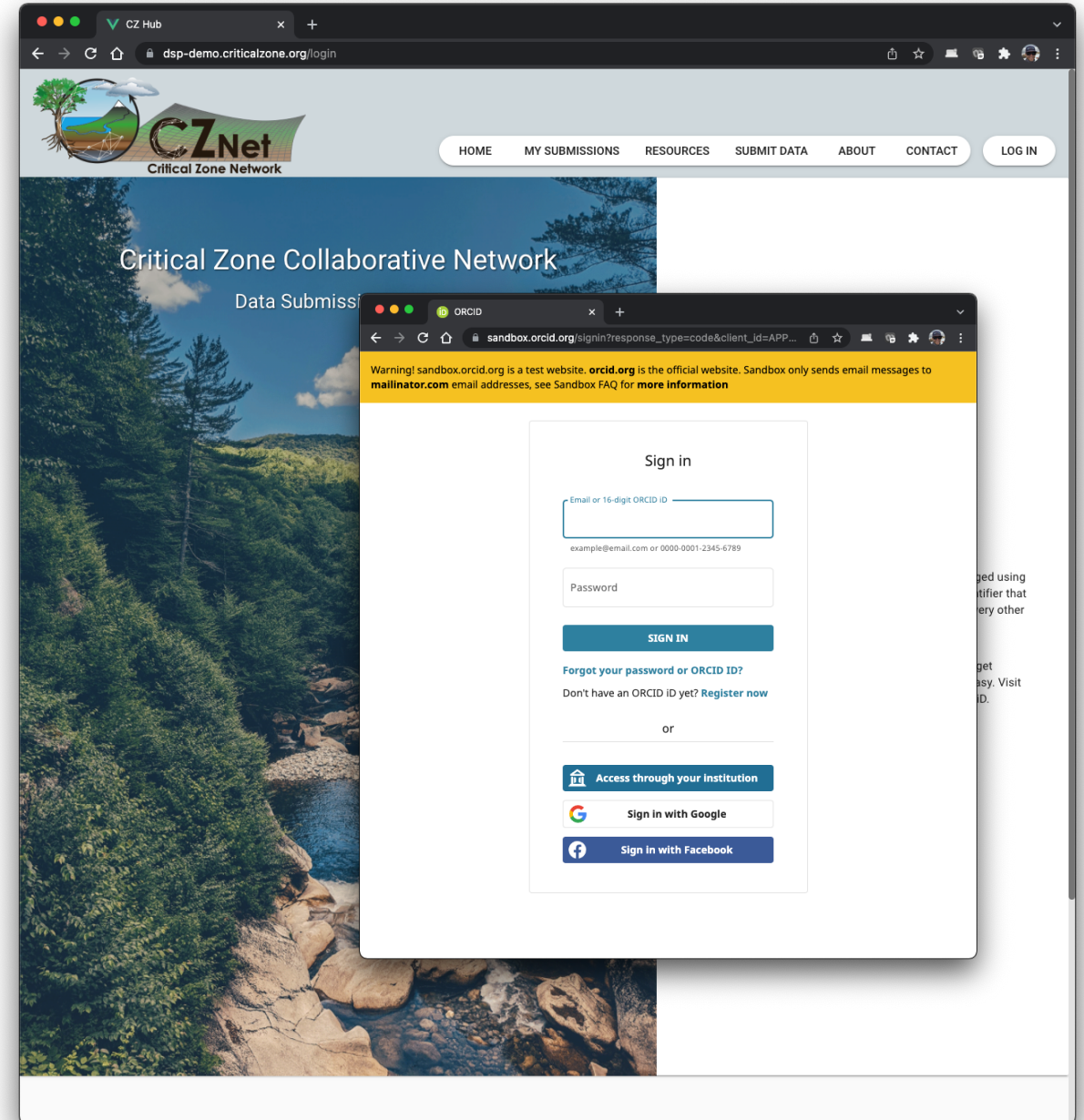
Which repository?

- Which repositories to target for different data types?
- Assist data managers in selecting an appropriate repository
 - Geospatial data
 - Data derived from physical samples
 - Hydrologic time series
 - Data and code packages
 - Models



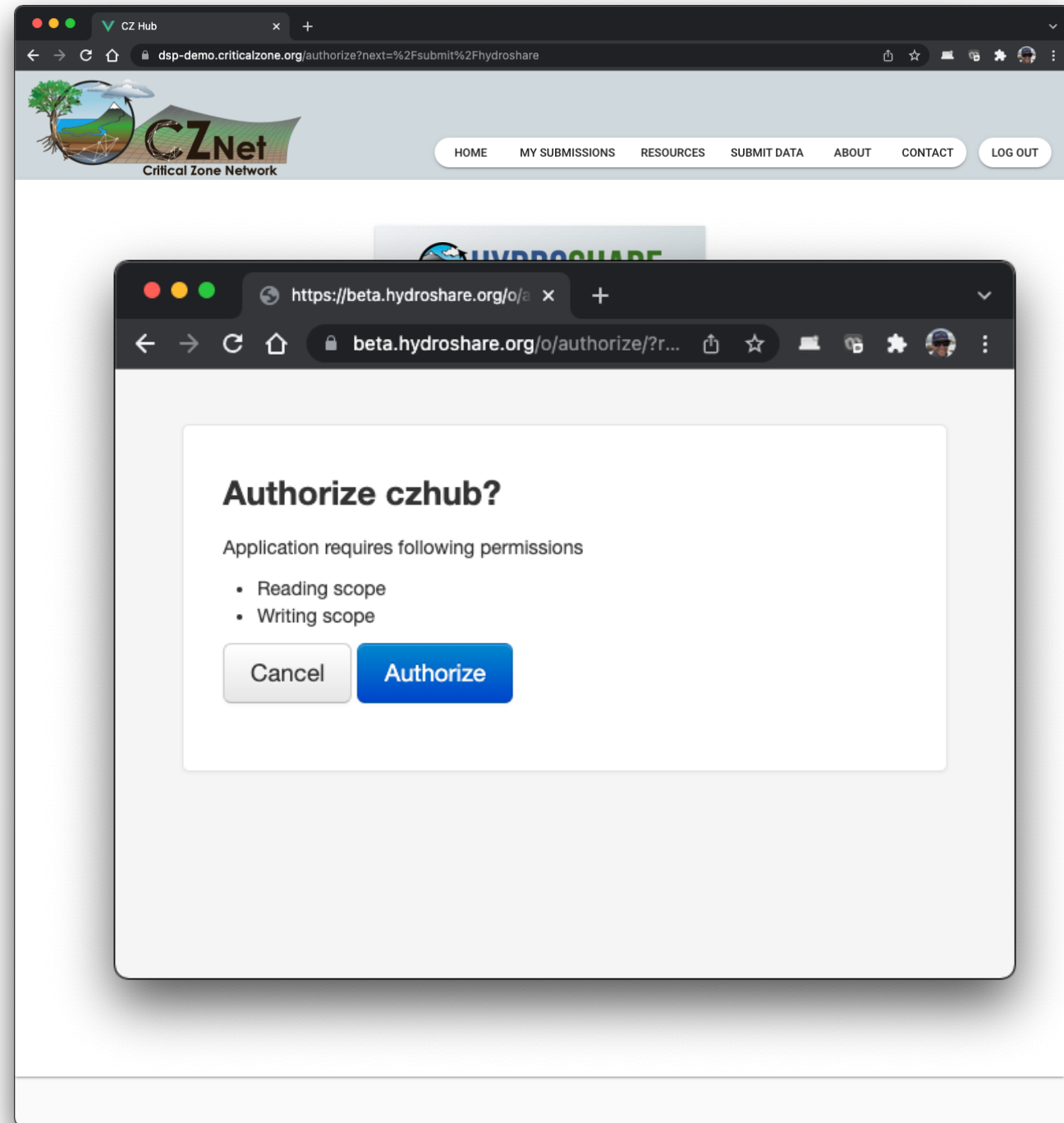
Step1: Log in

- User logs into the Portal using their ORCID
- User accounts in the Portal are associated with the ORCID



Step 2: Choose Repo

- User chooses a repository to submit to from the Submit Data page
- The user authorizes the Portal to submit to HydroShare
- The one-time authorization is stored in the user's profile



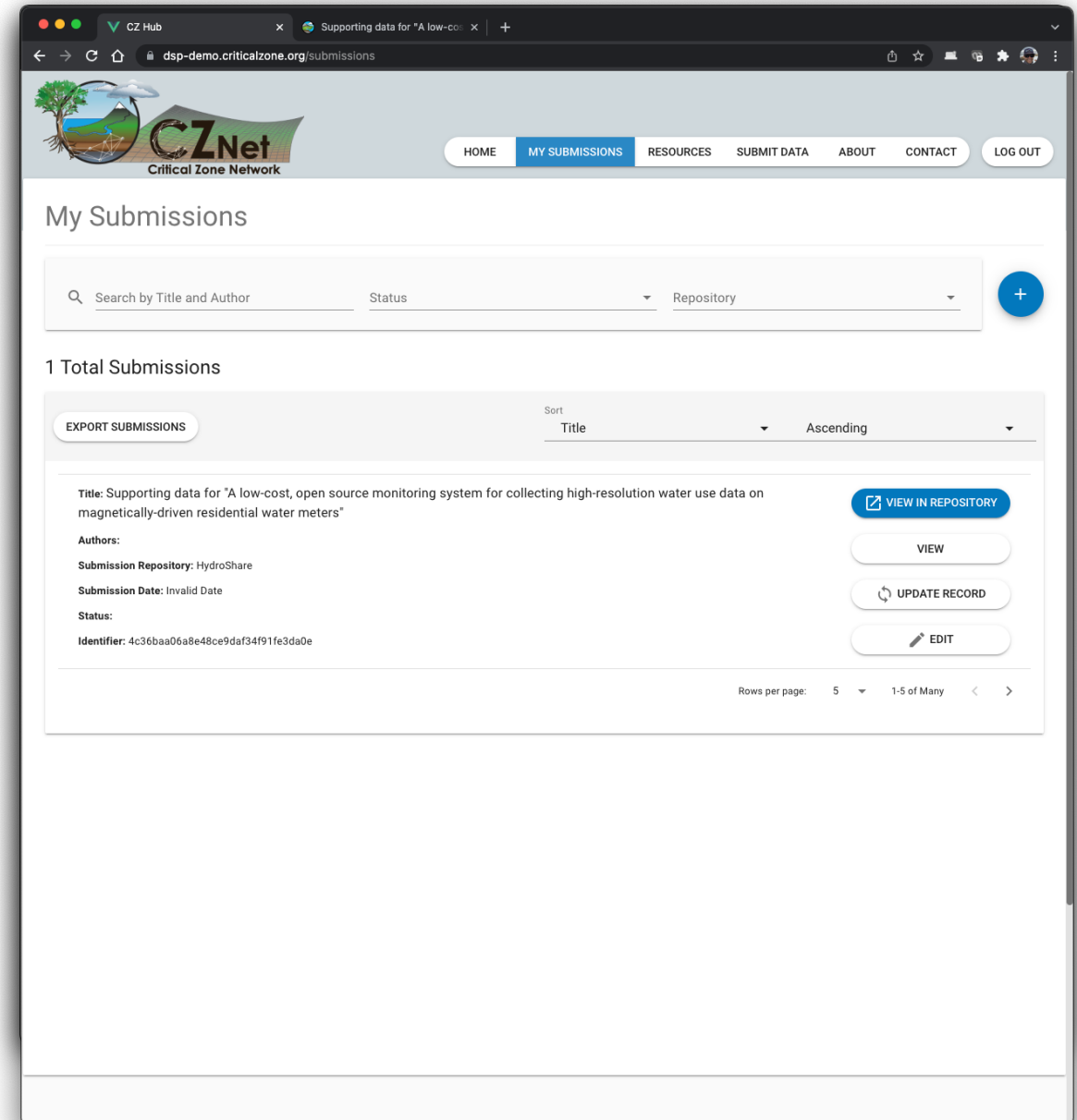
Step 3: Create Content

- User enters metadata and selects content files on the data submission form for the chosen repository
- Each repository has its own submission form
- Submission forms are built from a JSON schema that defines:
 - Required and optional metadata
 - Default values
 - Etc.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `dsp-demo.criticalzone.org/submit/hydroshare`. The page is titled "New Submission" and features the CZNet logo and navigation links (HOME, MY SUBMISSIONS, RESOURCES, SUBMIT DATA, ABOUT, CONTACT, LOG OUT). The HYDROSHARE logo is prominently displayed, along with a "UI SCHEMA" button and a "SAVE" button. Instructions state: "Fill in the required fields (marked with *). Press the 'Save' button to save your upload for later editing. When the form is complete, click the 'Submit' button to upload your submission to the repository." The form includes a large dashed box for file uploads with the text "Drop your files here or click to upload". Below this are input fields for "Title" (with a description: "A string containing the name given to a resource"), "Abstract" (with a description: "A string containing a summary of a resource"), and "Subject keywords" (with a description: "A list of keyword strings expressing the topic of a resource"). There are also sections for "Creators", "Contributors", and "Sources", each with a "+" button to add items. A "Related resources" section also has a "+" button. At the bottom, there is a "Rights" section with a "Statement (required)" field (description: "A string containing the text of the license or rights statement").

Step 4: Submit Content

- Metadata and data files are sent to the repository
- A new resource is created in the repository
- A new record is created in the user's My Submissions page
 - Return later to Edit
 - Export submissions to file



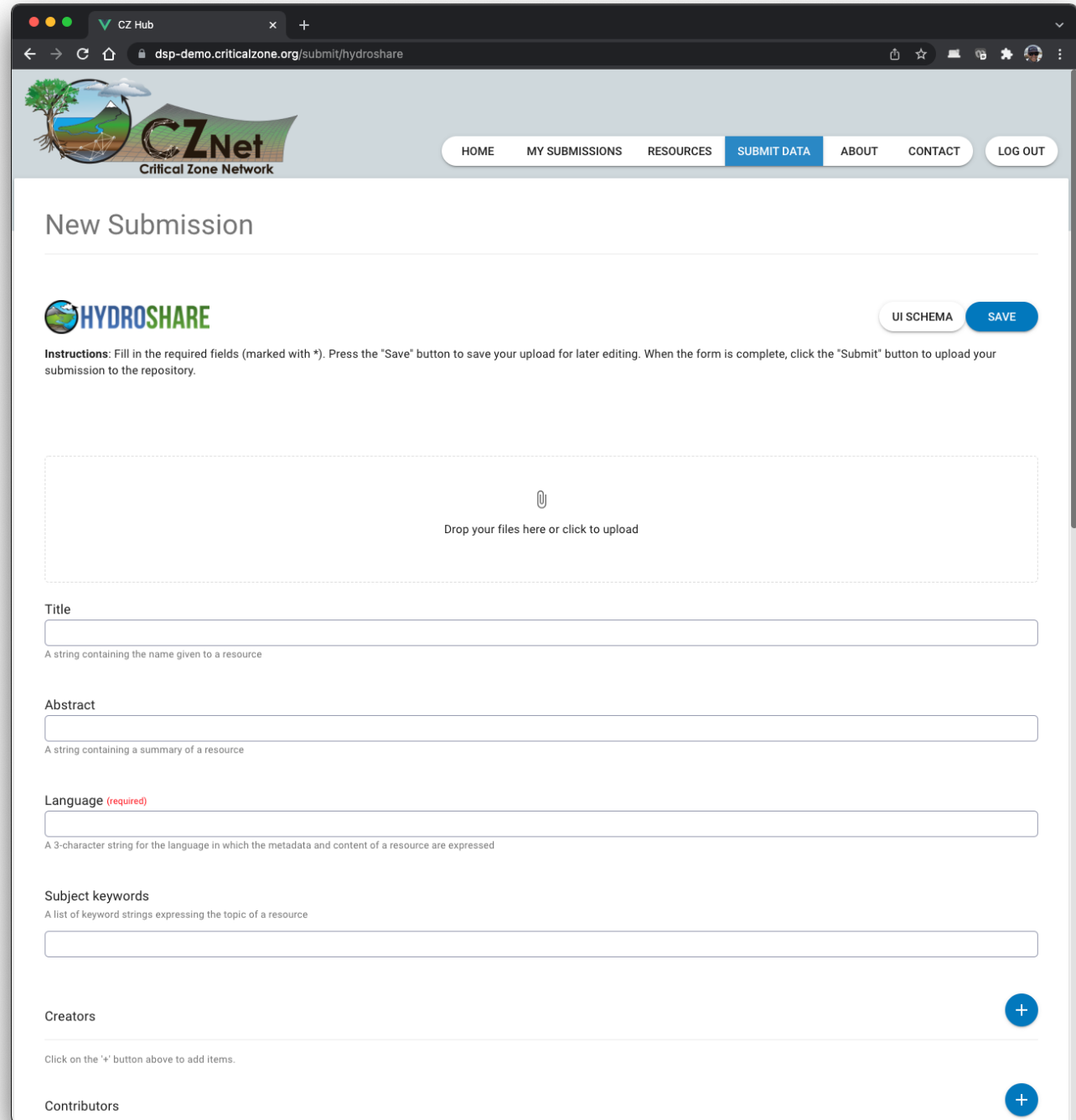
JSON Schema-based Metadata

- A JSON schema defines required and optional metadata for each repository
- Submissions validated based on JSON schema
 - Data types
 - Default values
 - Required/optional
- Data submission form dynamically built from the JSON schema
- Adding a new repository to the Portal means adding a new JSON schema

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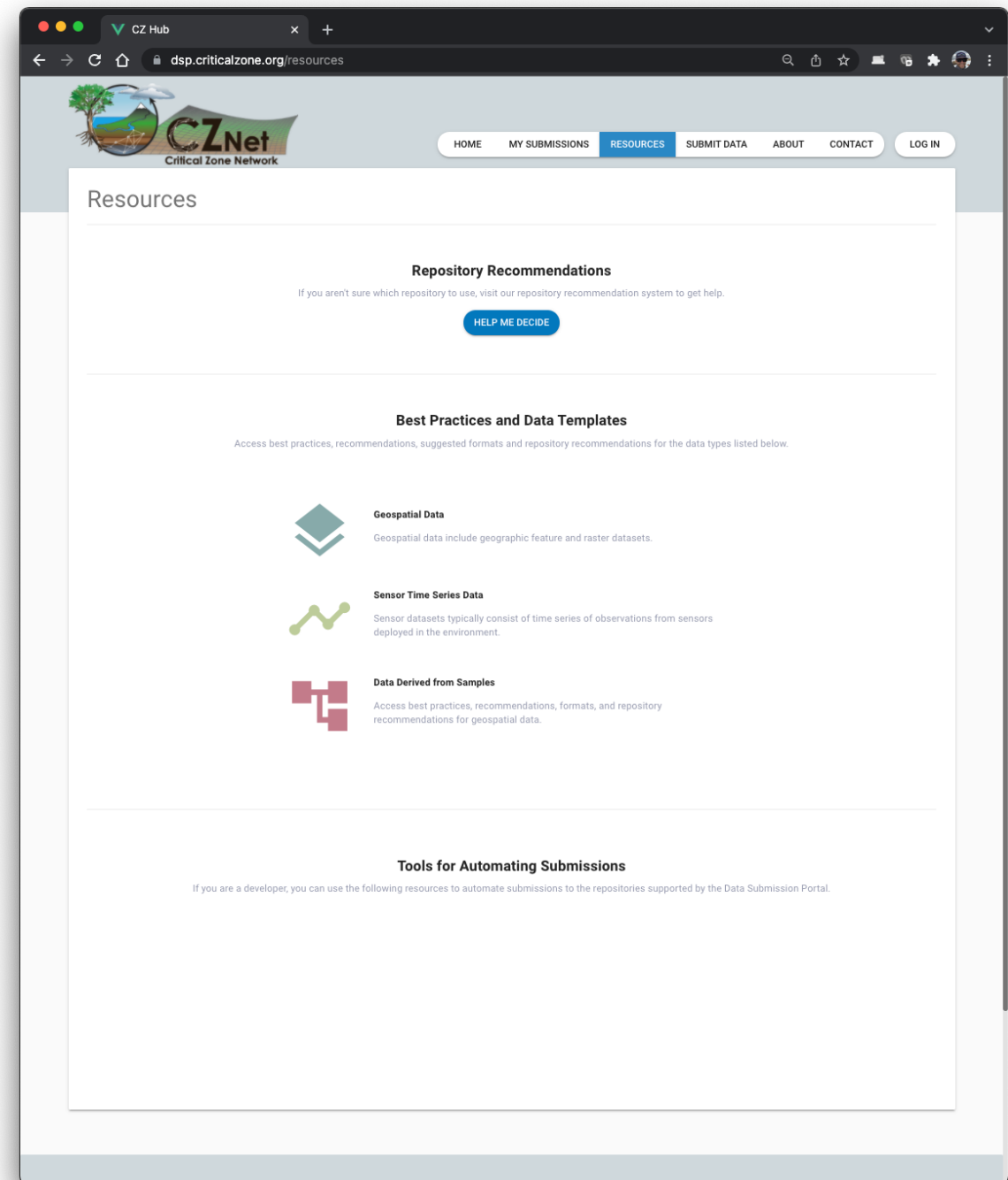
- Data submission form dynamically built from the JSON schema
- Files and metadata sent directly to repository
- Data Submission Portal maintains a record of submission



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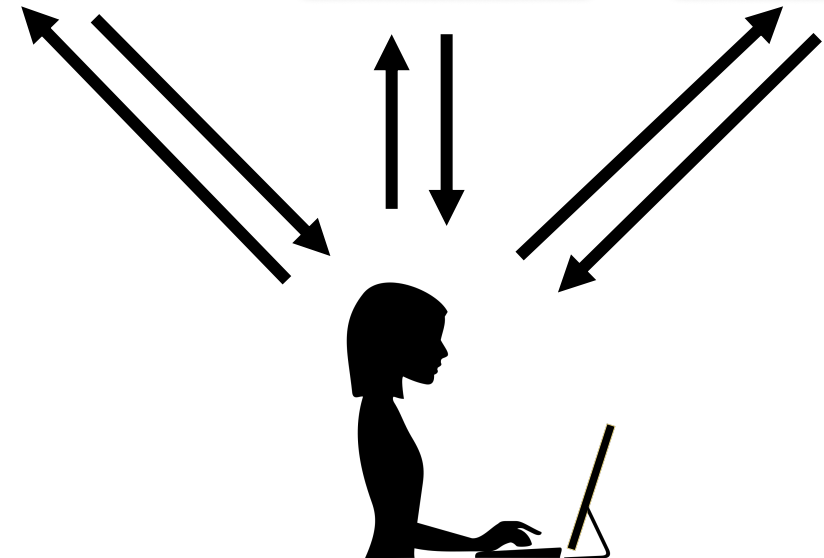
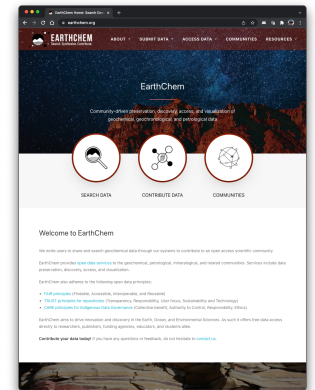
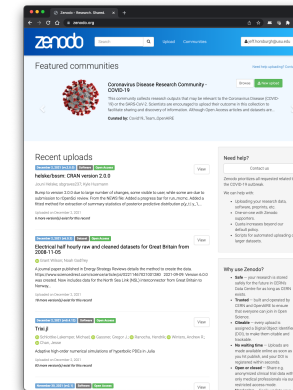
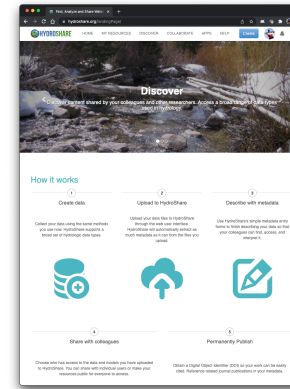
Promoting best practices

- Repository functionality is not specific to a community of users
- CZ Net may want to use:
 - Community standard formats
 - Templates
 - Best practices
- We can promote those through the Data Submission Portal



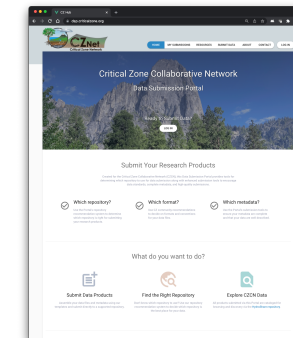
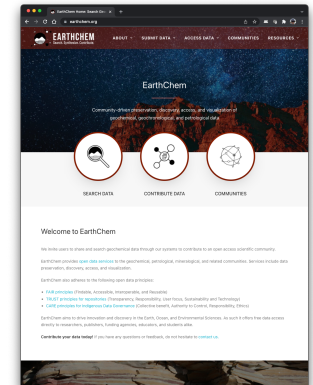
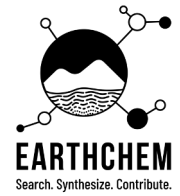
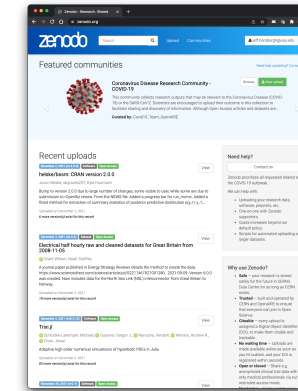
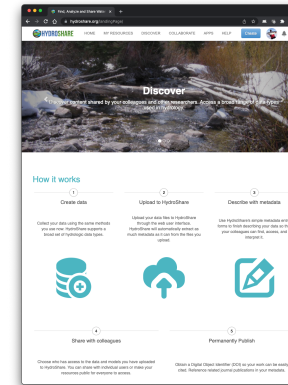
Without the DSP

- Data managers must navigate user interfaces of multiple systems
- Must keep track of what has been submitted to each one
- Difficult for CZ Hub Team to track what has been submitted



With the DSP

- Data managers need only interact through one user interface
- Submissions to all repositories tracked in one place
- Submissions automatically registered for cataloging/discovery



Data Submission Portal Advantages

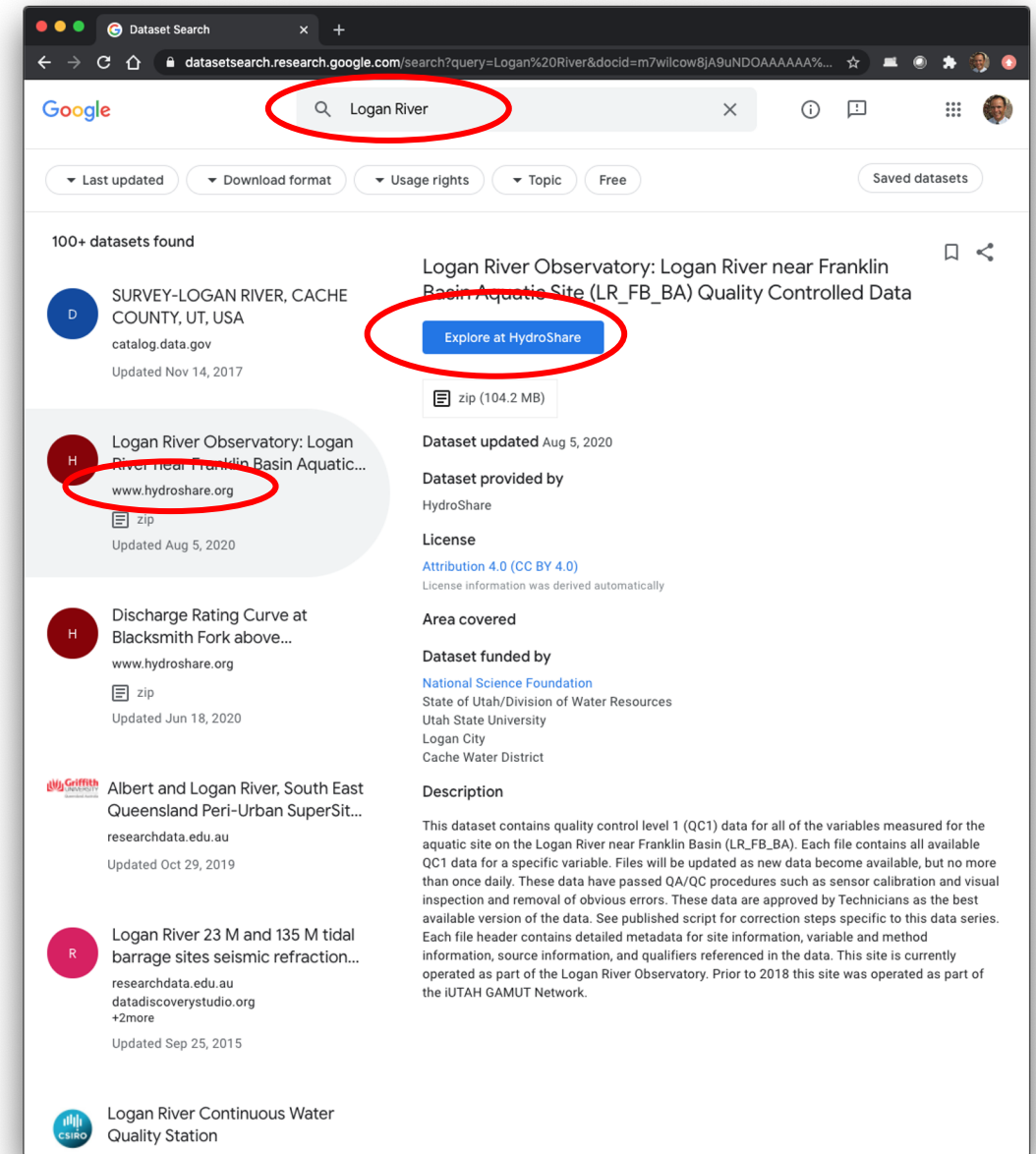
- Through validation, promote consistency in CZ Net data products across repositories
- Ensure data products end up in an appropriate, trusted repository
- Enforce minimum metadata requirements
 - Consistent keywords
 - Funding agency/grant information
- Enable use of controlled vocabularies where needed
- Promote templates, common formats, and best practices
- Enable data managers to use a single interface/tool to submit data
- Enable simple and consistent registration of CZ Net datasets with a metadata index for discovery
- Helping Thematic Clusters keep track of what has been submitted

CZ Net Catalog Services

- Cross-repository view of CZ Net data and research products
- Discovery based on authors, geographic area, time, cluster
- Schema.org metadata

A coordinated view and data discovery service(s) for all the data produced within the collaborative network to ensure that data are **Findable and Accessible.**

HydroShare datasets discoverable via Google Dataset Search

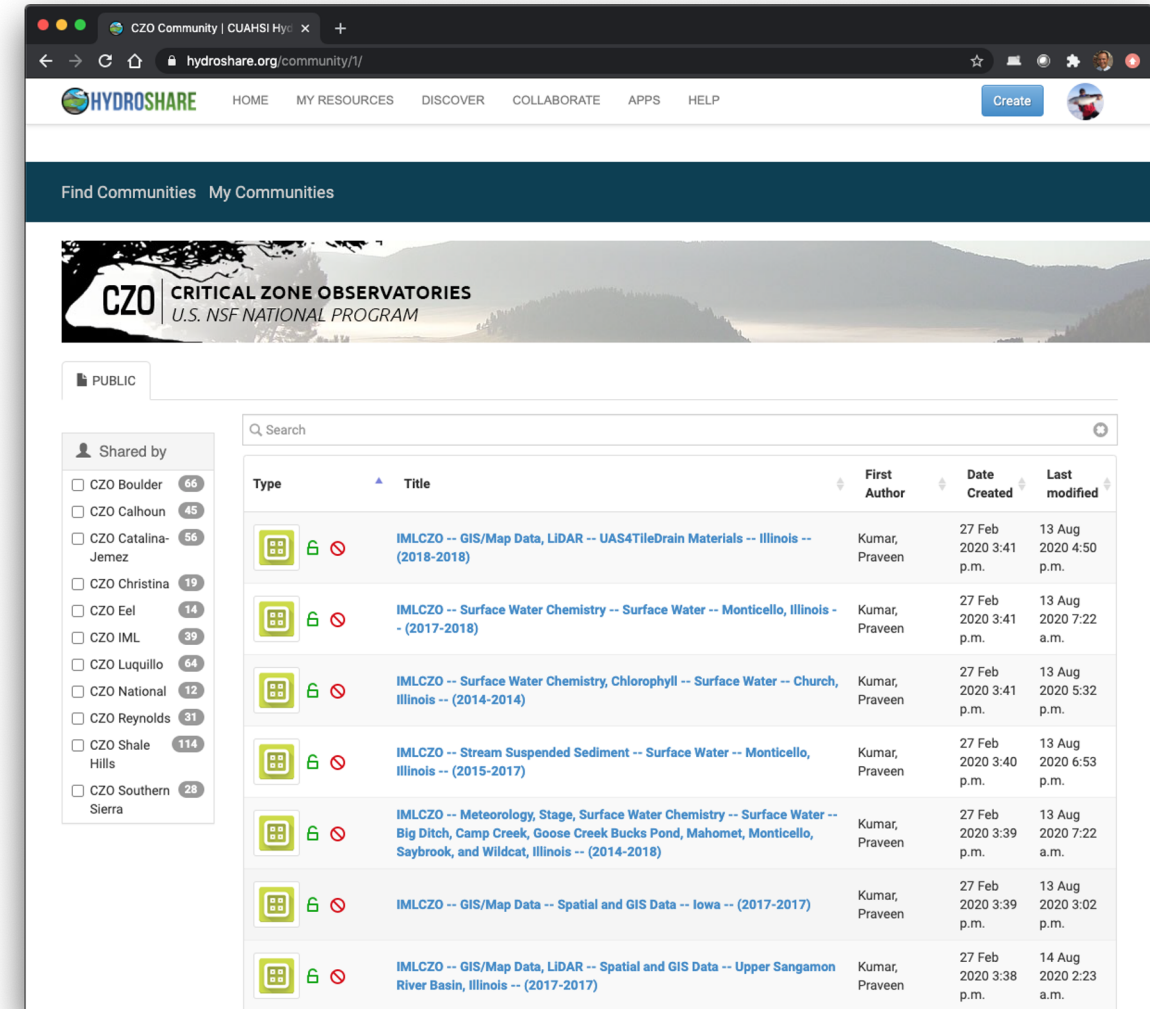


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CZO “Community” in HydroShare with individual “Groups” for each observatory



The screenshot shows the HydroShare web interface for the CZO Community. The page features a navigation bar with links to HOME, MY RESOURCES, DISCOVER, COLLABORATE, APPS, and HELP. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for "Find Communities" and "My Communities". The main content area displays a list of data groups, each with a "Type" icon, a "Title", "First Author", "Date Created", and "Last modified" information. A red arrow points from the "Communities and Groups in HydroShare" text to the "Shared by" sidebar on the left.

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IMLCZO	IMLCZO -- Stream Suspended Sediment -- Surface Water -- Monticello, Illinois -- (2015-2017)	Kumar, Praveen	27 Feb 2020 3:40 p.m.	13 Aug 2020 6:53 p.m.
IMLCZO	IMLCZO -- Meteorology, Stage, Surface Water Chemistry -- Surface Water -- Big Ditch, Camp Creek, Goose Creek Bucks Pond, Mahomet, Monticello, Saybrook, and Wildcat, Illinois -- (2014-2014)	Kumar, Praveen	27 Feb 2020 3:39 p.m.	13 Aug 2020 7:22 a.m.
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GitHub

The Data Submission Portal is on GitHub

<https://github.com/cznethub>



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Questions?

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