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# Open Model-Based Engineering Environments

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- Model-Based Engineering Environments (MBEE)
- JPL Model-Based Engineering Environment
- Open MBEE Community and Software
- Engineering Models as Commodity Information
- Engineers as Humans
- Welcome to the World of Tomorrow

# Introduction

# Presenter: Christopher Delp

## Background

- Systems Engineering
- Software Development
- Safety Critical Software
- Model-Based Systems Engineering

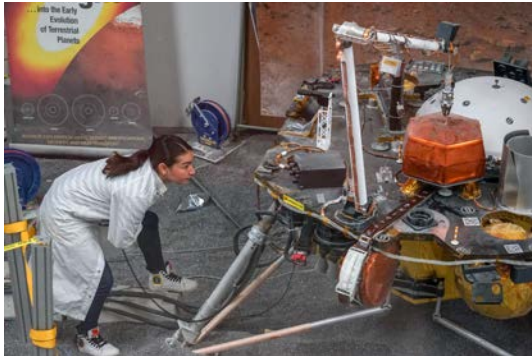
## JPL

- Deep Space Network
- Curiosity
- Europa Clipper



# JPL is part of NASA and Caltech

- Federally-funded (NASA-owned) Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
- University Operated (Caltech)
- \$2.7B Business Base
- 6,000 Employees
- 167 Acres (includes 12 acres leased for parking)
- 139 Buildings; 36 Trailers
- 673,000 Net Square Feet of Office Space
- 906,000 Net Square Feet of Non-Office Space (e.g., Labs)



# Some Notable Firsts

Surveyor 1, First soft landing on the moon



Voyager 1, First interstellar traveler



Viking, first landing on another planet



Continuous presence on Mars since 1997





# 21 Spacecraft and 8 instruments across the Solar System and Beyond...



Two Voyagers (1977)

Mars Odyssey (2001)

Jason-2 (2008)

Opportunity (2003)

Spitzer (2003)

Mars Reconnaissance  
Orbiter (2005)



CloudSat (2006)

Dawn (2007)

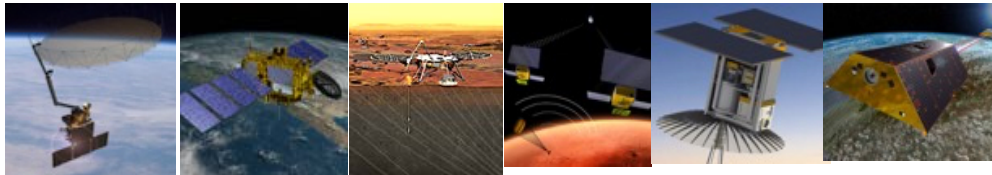
NEOWISE (2009)

Juno (2011)

Curiosity (2011)

NuSTAR (2012)

OCO-2 (2014)



SMAP (2015)

Jason-3 (2016)

InSight (2018)

MarCO (2018)

RainCube (2018)

Grace Follow-On  
(2018)

## Instruments

### Earth Science

- MISR (1999)
- AIRS (2002)
- MLS (2004)
- ASTER (2009)
- OPALS (2014)
- ECOSTRESS (2018)
- CAL (2018)

### Planetary

- MARSIS (2003)

# JPL Vision – Dare Mighty Things

- Pursue long-term scientific Quests with a diverse and bold portfolio of missions
- Push the limits of space exploration technology by developing and fielding ever more capable autonomous robotic systems
- Strengthen our core expertise while developing and maintaining strategic partnerships with other NASA centers, U.S. national laboratories, academia, industry, and our international partners
- Build a robust Laboratory of the future that fosters a culture of innovation, openness, and inclusiveness
- Transform our systems to promote easier collaboration and information sharing
- Strengthen our end-to-end mission capabilities and accelerate the infusion of new technologies and capabilities into our future missions
- Inspire the world through our stories and our journey into space
- Support American leadership in space and as we Dare Ever Mightier Things

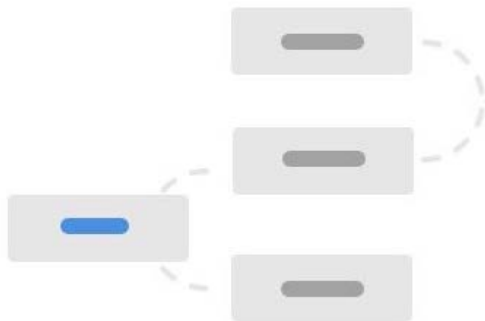
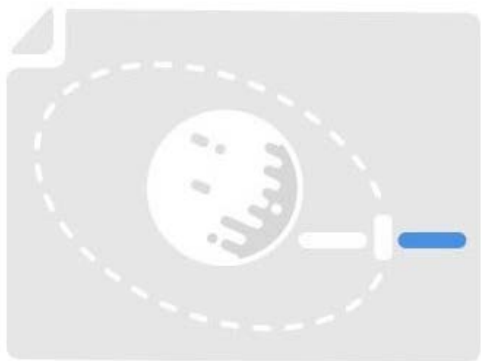


# JPL Vision – Seven Quests

- Understand how Earth works as a system and how it is changing
- Help pave the way for human exploration of space
- Understand how our Solar System formed and how it is evolving
- Understand how life emerged on Earth and possibly elsewhere in our Solar System
- Understand the diversity of planetary systems in our Galaxy
- Understand how the Universe began and how it is evolving
- Use our unique expertise to benefit the nation and planet Earth

# Model-Based Engineering Environments (MBEE)

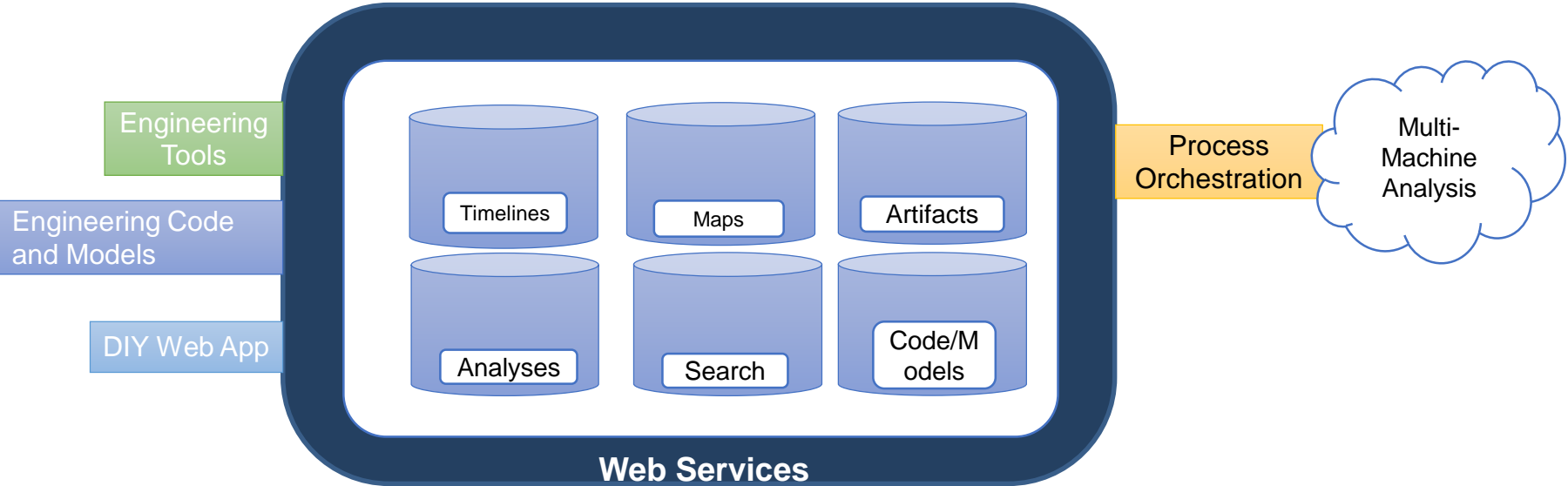
# Precise Engineering Information and Products



# Correspondent Engineering Information and Products

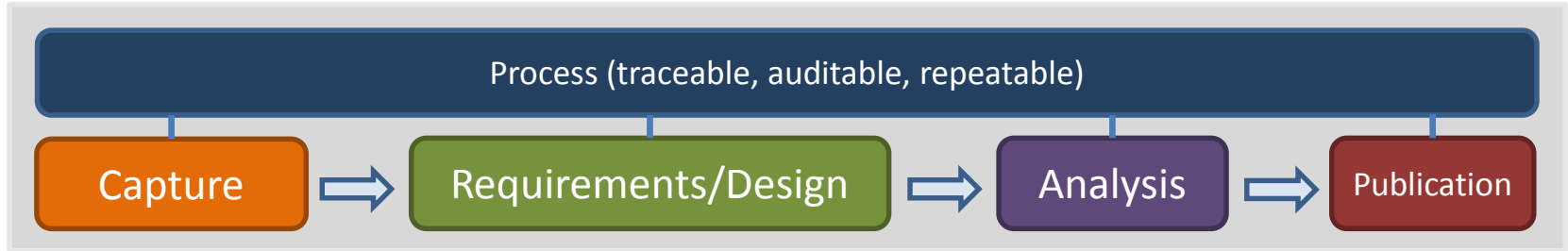


# Seat at the Table for Domains and Apps



# Pipelines

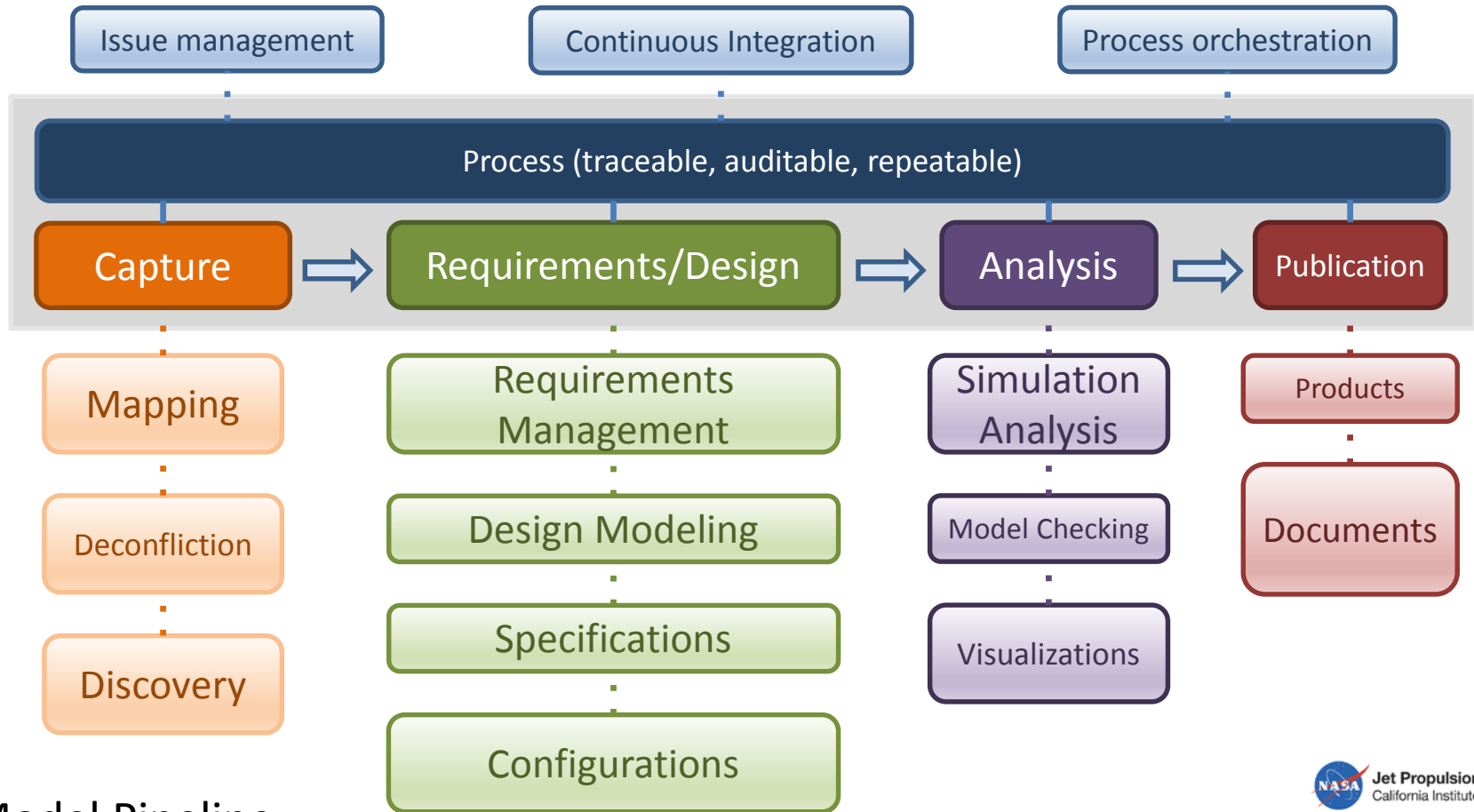
## Engineering Pipelines



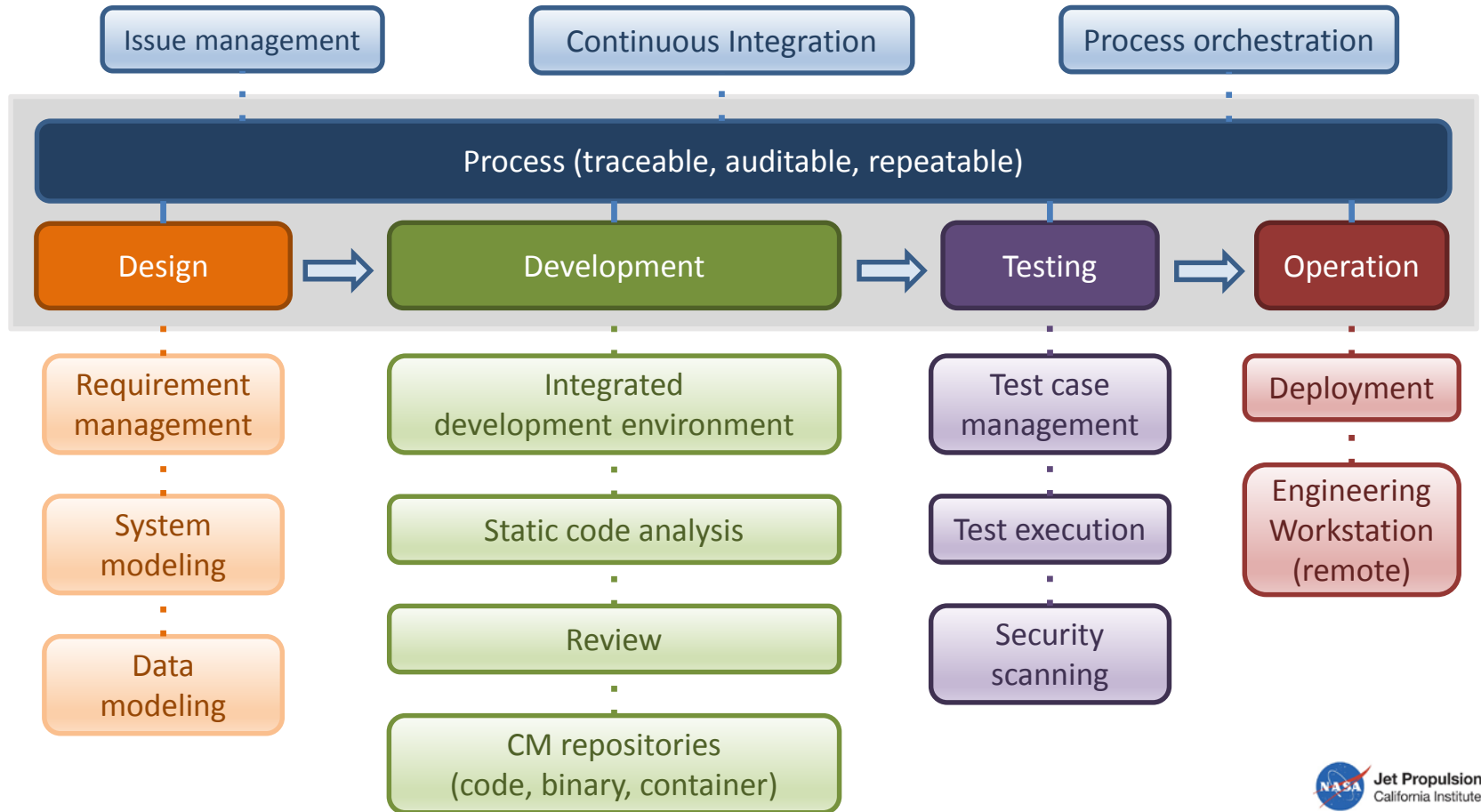
## Software Pipelines





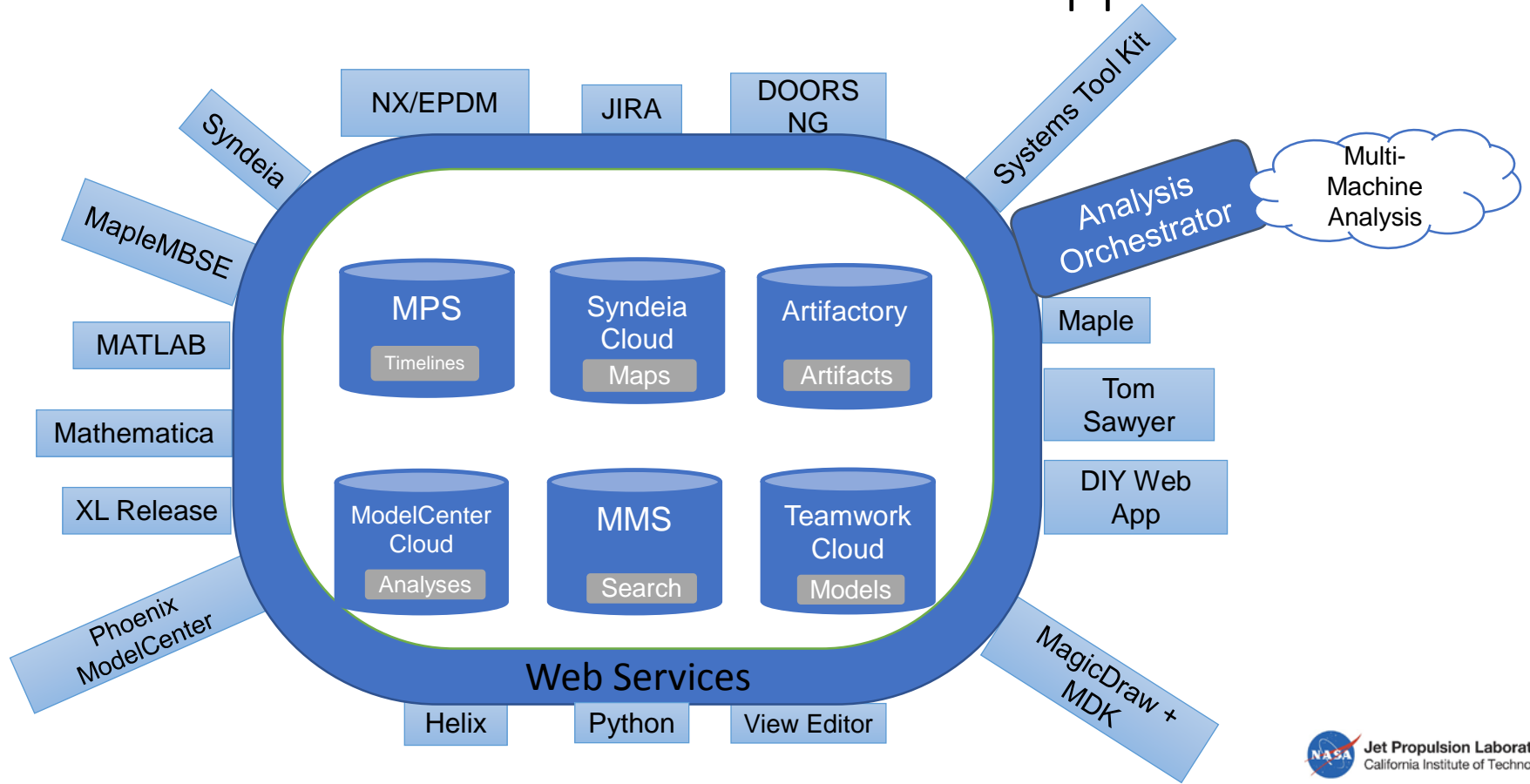


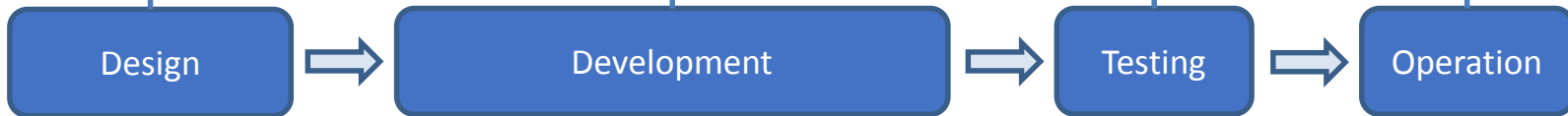
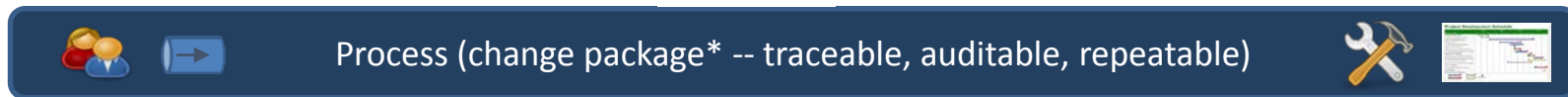
# Model Pipeline



# JPL Model-Based Engineering Environment

# JPL Seat at the Table for Domains and Apps





# Safety-Critical Software Environment



PMA



Process (traceable, auditable, repeatable)

Capture



Requirements/Design



Analysis

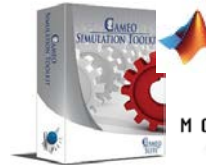


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Rational Software  
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# Systems Environment Pipeline



# Modeling Languages

Graphical



Hybrid Graphical/Text

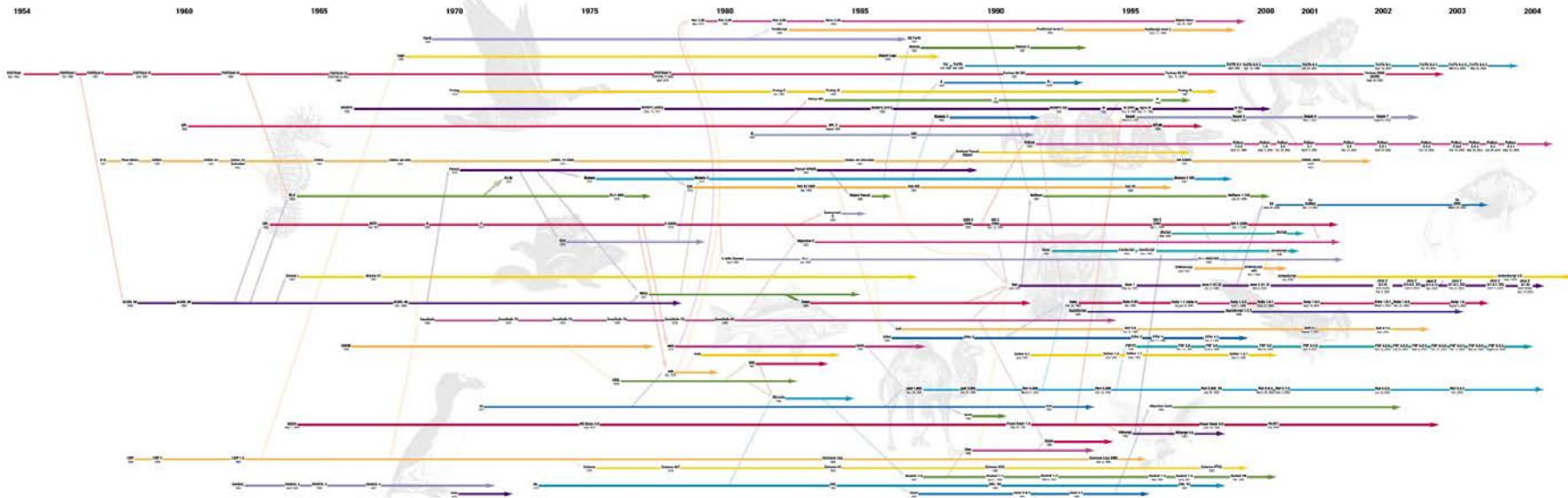


Code/Text

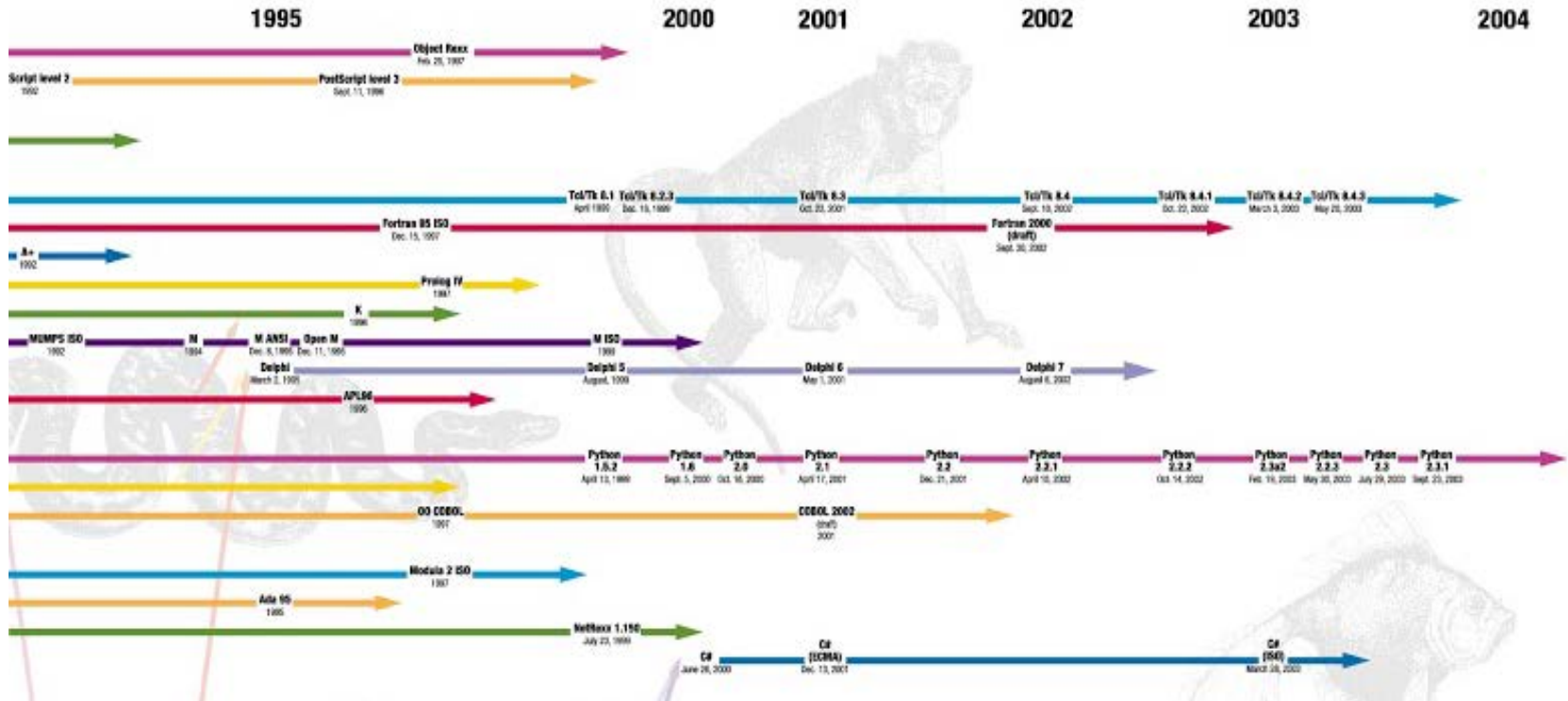


Information





# Software Languages



# Software Languages

# Evolving Cloud Compute Services

- 14 Server Set-ups - over 200 servers
- Full Test String - Test, Integration, User Acceptance, Production
- Managed Services
- Software as a Service

# Open MBEE Community and Software

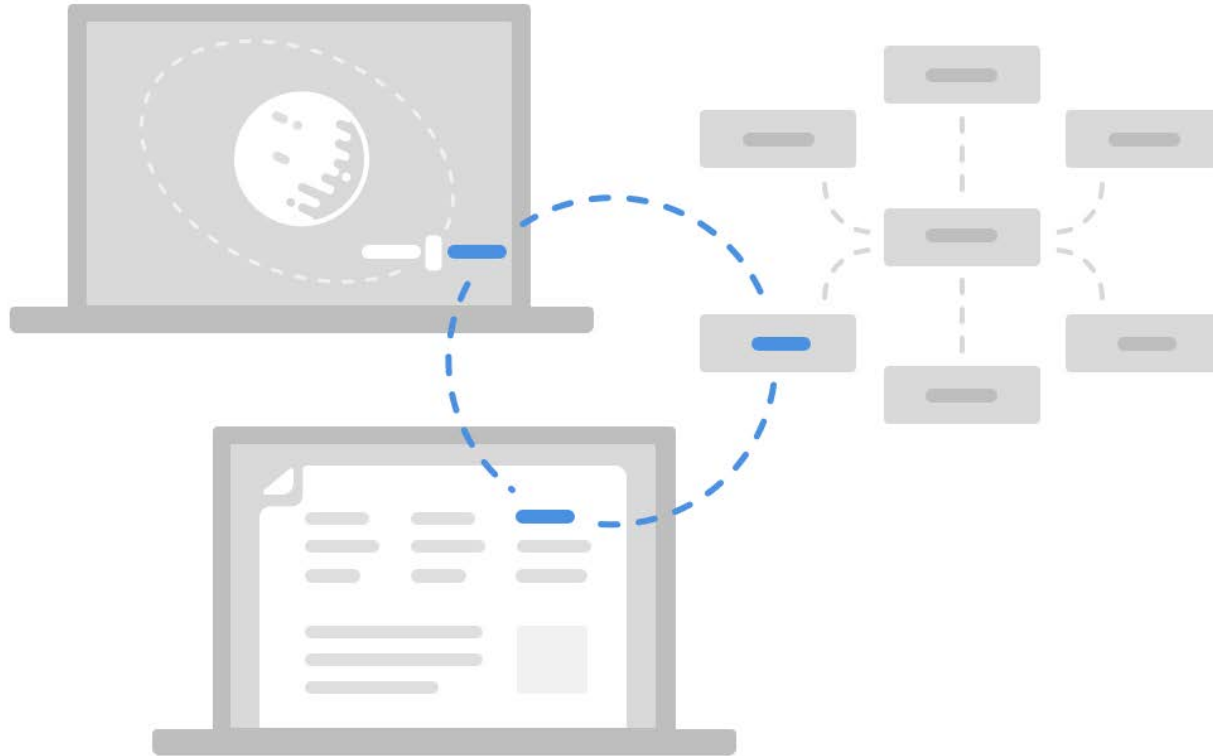
## Open Model-Based Engineering Environment

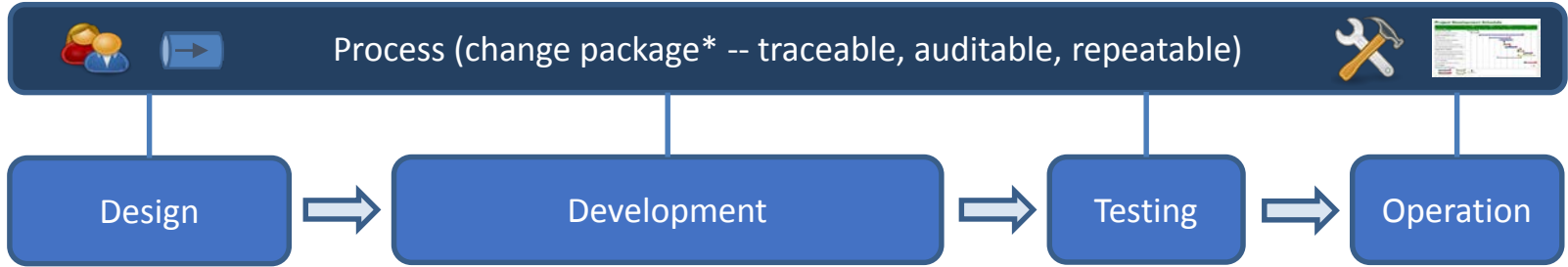
- OpenMBEE is a community for open source modeling software and models
  - Number of open source software activities
  - Number of open source models
- JPL is a participant and adopter of OpenMBEE software and models
- Along with Boeing, Lockheed Martin, OMG, NavAir, Ford, Stevens, Georgia Tech, ESO
- Vendor participants
- ~300 members





# Linked Data Documents with Open MBEE





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# OpenMBEE Pipeline

# Engineering Models as Commodity Information

# The Significance of Engineering Models

- Unique
- Valuable
- Durable

# Commoditization Unlocks the Value

- Open - Innersource
- Discoverable
- Searchable
- Learnable



# Engineers as Humans

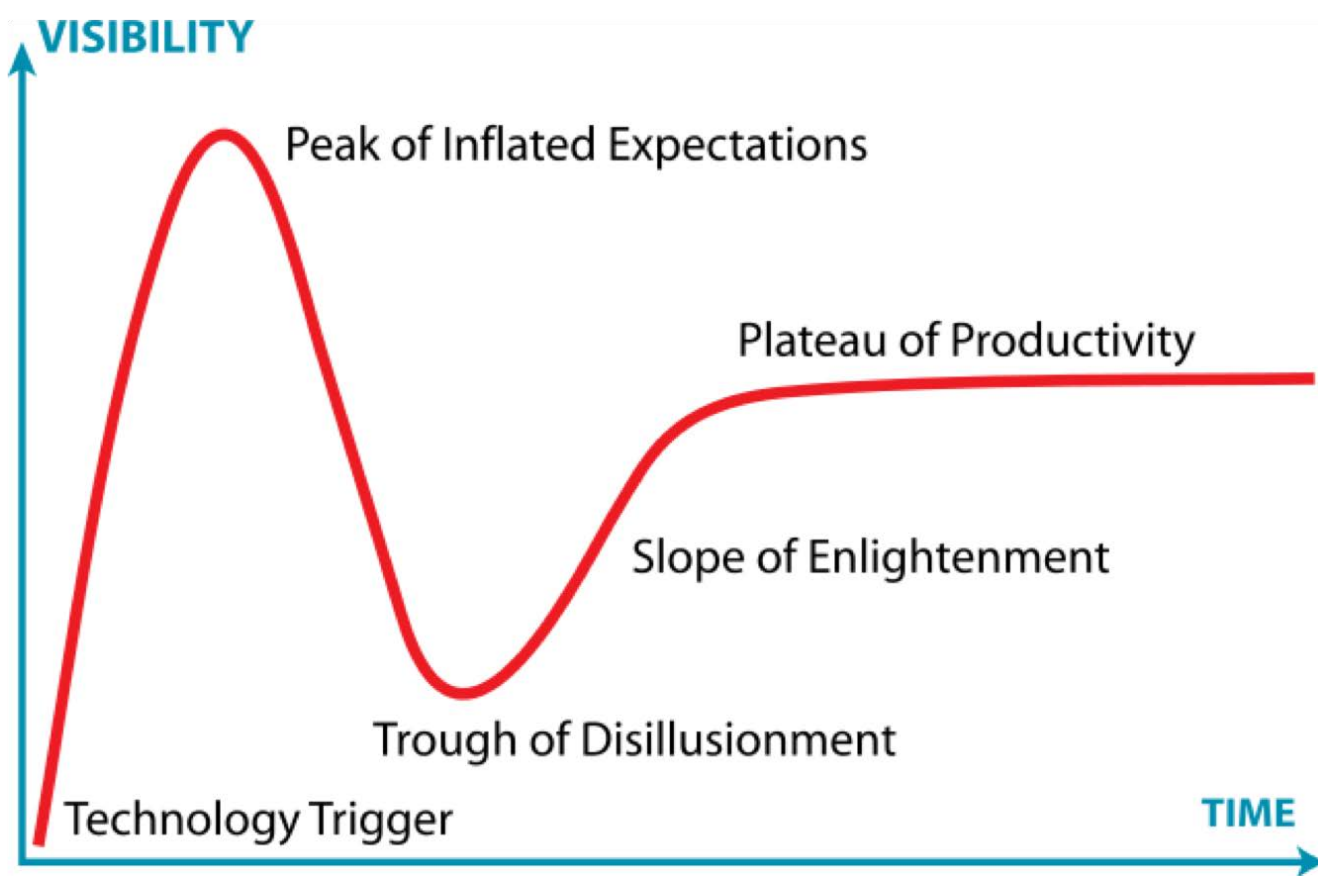
# Human Challenges

- Cultural Resistance
- Systemic Process Impact
- No Users - The Risk of Failure

# Incorporating the Engineers

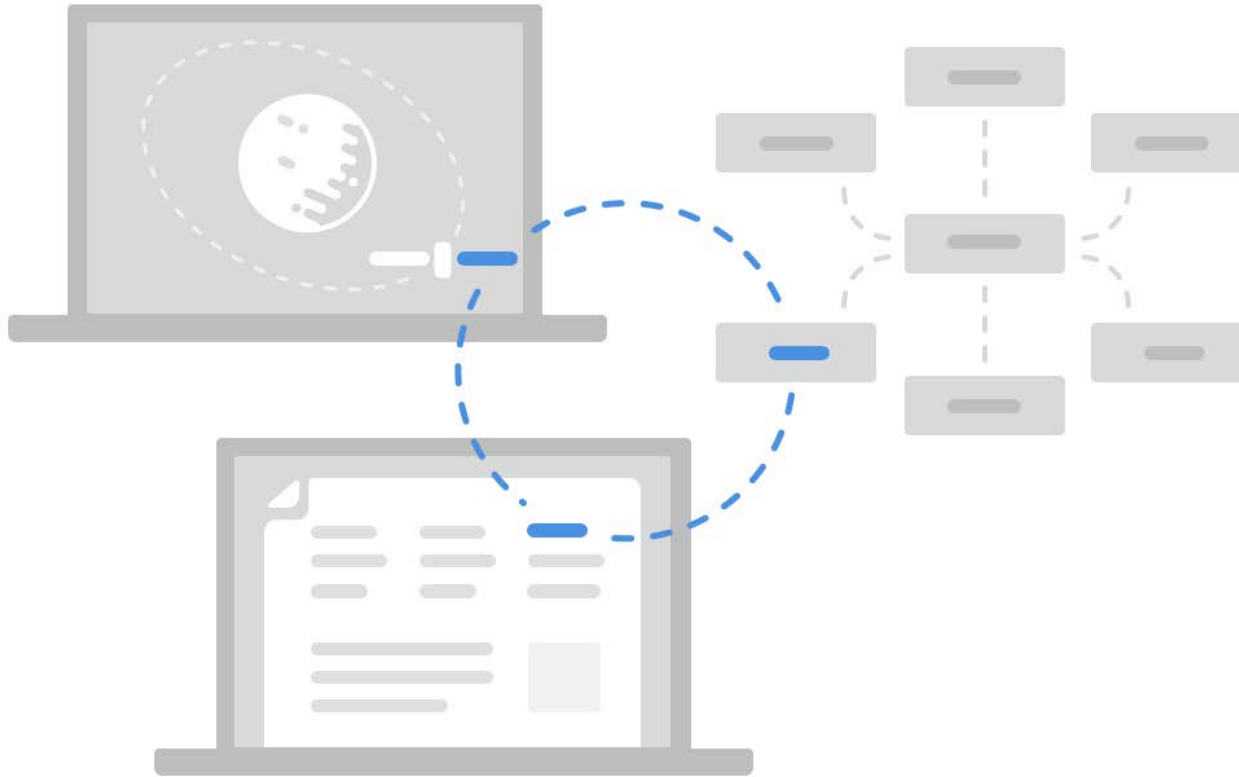
- Empathy
- Human Centered Design
- Incremental Improvement

# Welcome to the World of Tomorrow



## Path to Success

# Unlocking the Power of Commodity Information





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