Minerva: A Cloud Native Microscopy Platform

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Goal: Enable us to leverage the public cloud

- Bring computation to the data
- Native scalability
- Create building-blocks to allow powerful bespoke tools to be built
- Share raw data (as original files or tiled)
- Foster ad-hoc collaboration
- User interacts with REST web services to create repositories and initiate imports
- Raw data is uploaded wholesale directly to S3 using temporary credentials
- When complete, user initiates the import process for the uploaded data
- Batch processes extract a pyramid of tiles and the metadata XML from the raw data
- User can then fetch metadata of imported images via REST and be granted temporary credentials to pull tiles directly from S3
• API Gateway: RESTful APIs
• Cognito: User authentication and management
• Lambda (Serverless API backend and internal use):
  ▪ Creating repositories
  ▪ Initiating imports
  ▪ Listing images
  ▪ Requesting temporary credentials for tile access
  ▪ Registering detected Bio Formats units (BFUs)
  ▪ Registering detected images
  ▪ Lifecycling raw data to Glacier
- Database: Persistent state management
- S3: Object storage for raw files, tiles and metadata documents
- Glacier: Cheap tiered storage for raw data once processed

Architecture Overview

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- Bio-Formats: Microscopy image detection and extraction
- Docker: Containerised tasks, e.g.
  - Metadata extraction
  - Tile generation
- Batch: Managed execution of containerised jobs
- EFS: Used Internally by Batch for file centric operations
- Cloudformation: Reusable infrastructure provisioning
Browser Based WebGL2 Rendering

Minerva WebGL2 Viewer

Repositories

import1
image1
image2
import2
image3

Options
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Future

- Project is in early stage development
- Integration with analysis tools
- Infrastructure to reprocess data if new Bio-Formats release adds value to that originally processed
- Continue to improve client side rendering in particular. We would like to ultimately build and contribute a WebGL2 drawer for Open Seadragon along with some other enhancements.
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