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About this map

This map is the result of a global initiative by researchers for researchers to give shape to the emerging practice of ResearchOps. It's our V1.

It's the result of the analysis of data gathered via a survey and 33 #WhatisResearchOps workshops that ran around the world.

The map's intention is to give a framework for what ResearchOps is. As the practice grows, we expect this map will grow and be refined too.

What about data security, privacy, and procurement?

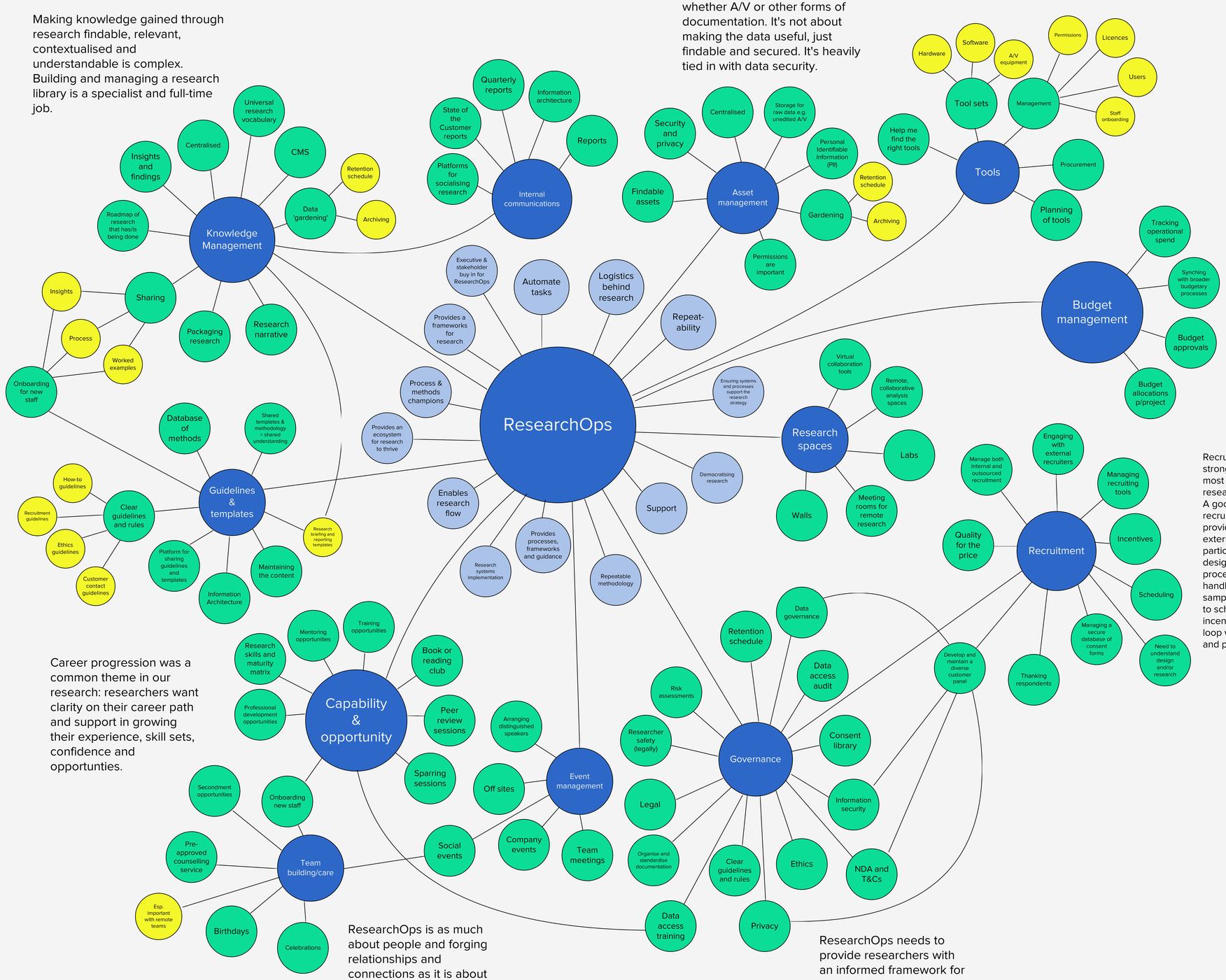
Data security, privacy, and procurement should be considered in every ResearchOps element you deliver. They're ubiquitous; we've therefore not set them out as discrete elements.

Consider both quantitative and qualitative needs.

The needs of quant and qual are sometimes different; consider this in delivering each ResearchOps element. For simplicity, we've not illustrated this throughout the map; take it as given.

Making knowledge gained through research findable, relevant, contextualised and understandable is complex. Building and managing a research library is a specialist and full-time job.

Asset management is about where you store raw or processed data, whether A/V or other forms of documentation. It's not about making the data useful, just findable and secured. It's heavily tied in with data security.



Recruitment featured very strongly. It's one of the most common areas that researchers want support. A good research recruitment desk should provide both internal and external sources of participants, understand design and user research processes and needs, and handle the full sweep from sampling and screening, to scheduling and paying incentives, to closing the loop with respondents and participants.

Career progression was a common theme in our research: researchers want clarity on their career path and support in growing their experience, skill sets, confidence and opportunities.

ResearchOps is as much about people and forging relationships and connections as it is about efficiency, support and data.

ResearchOps needs to provide researchers with an informed framework for conducting research that is safe, legal and ethical.

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