

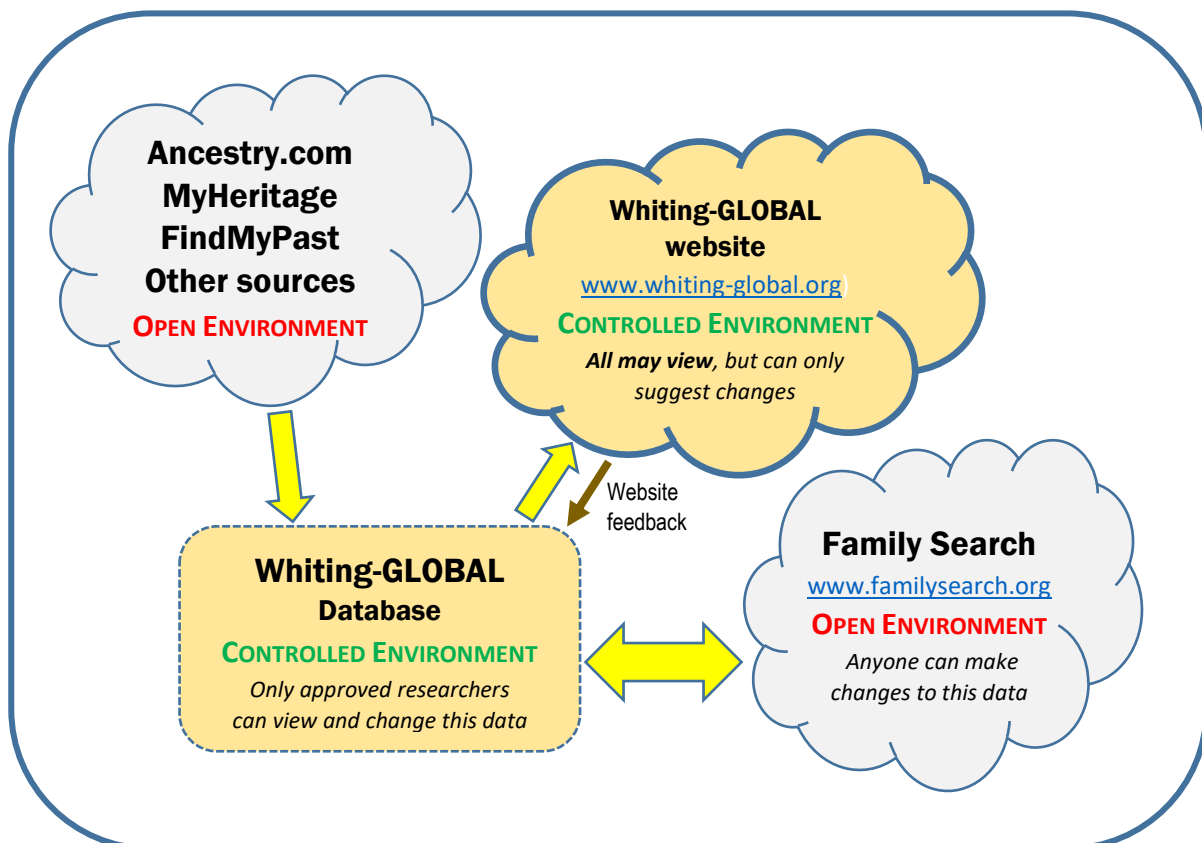
# Whiting-GLOBAL, a Controlled Environment

Our goal was to develop a quality, trustworthy genealogical database and to make it easily accessible on the internet via this website ([www.whiting-global.org](http://www.whiting-global.org)). To do that we had to create a controlled environment that is connected to, but is protected from, the open environment of the internet (see the graphic below).

This is different from family trees on the big online genealogy databases<sup>1</sup>, which allow anyone to enter and make changes to their family trees. It is well known that uncontrolled access to enter and modify the data in these open, online family trees has resulted in data that is occasionally of questionable quality, often with little or no documentation, and with many duplications and errors.

In addition to making our data available on this website, we are also committed to make it available on Familysearch.org, the largest online family tree. Synchronizing with all four of the big sites would have been too difficult and costly.

Please contact us with any questions about this approach.



<sup>1</sup> Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org, FindMyPast.com, and MyHeritage.com.