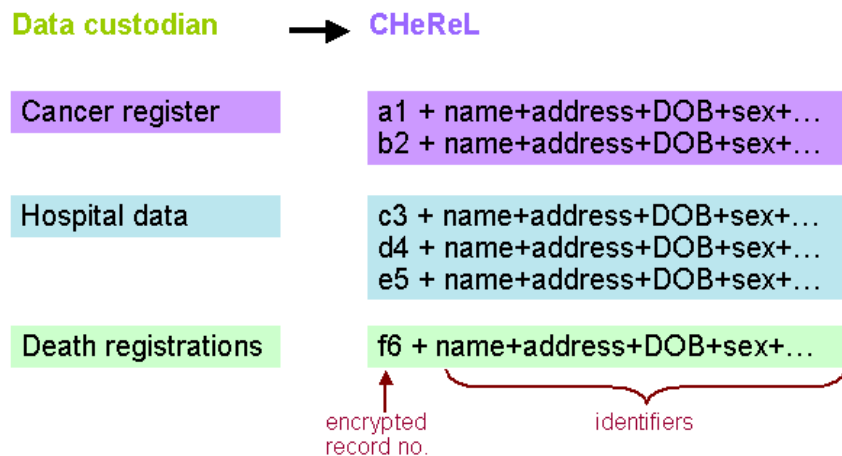
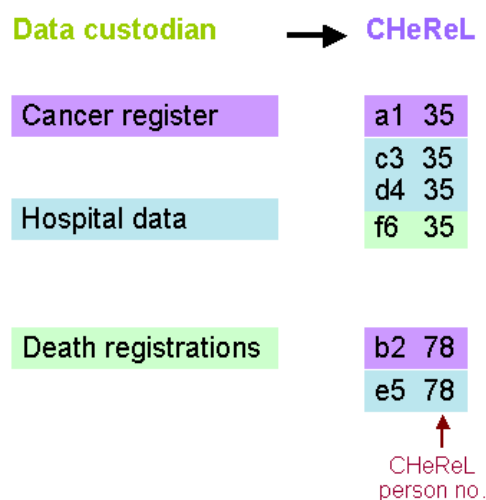


How the CheReL works

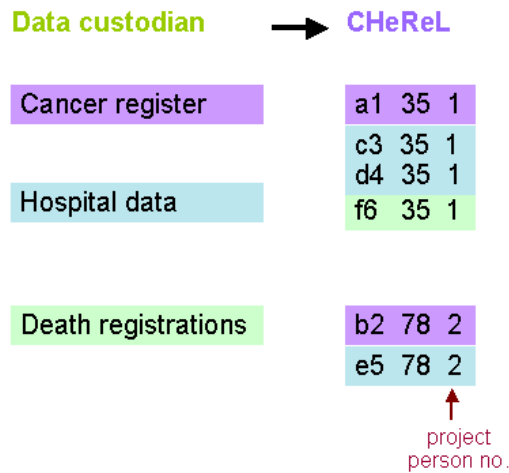
1. The data custodian provides an encrypted source record number and personal information to the CheReL



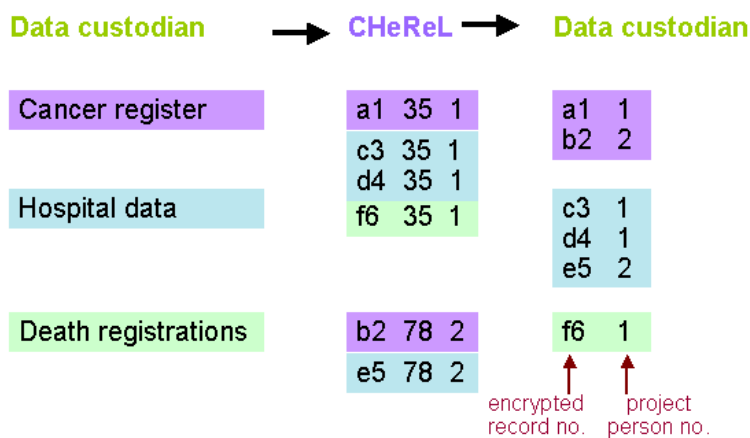
2. The CheReL links the records and assigns a CheReL person number to groups of records for the same person. In the example, CheReL person 35 has one Cancer Register record, two hospital records and a death record, and CheReL person 78 has a one Cancer Register record and one hospital record. The CheReL number never leaves the CheReL.



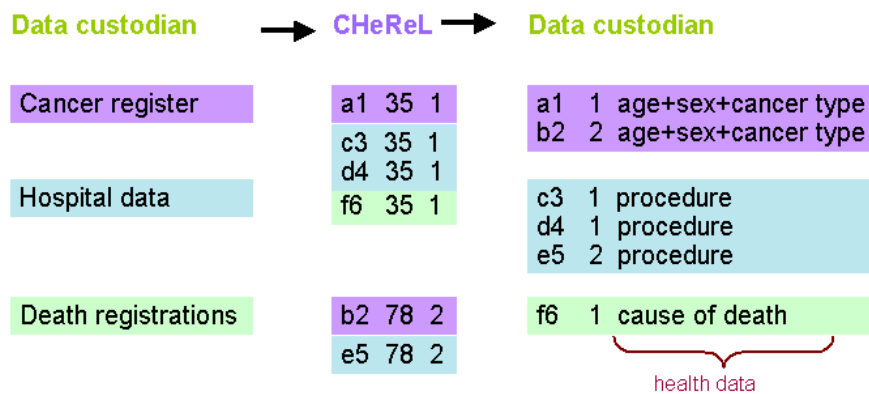
- When the data custodians and a human research ethics committee approves a project, the CHeReL assigns a person number for each person in the project. In the example, CHeReL person number 35 becomes project person number 1, and CHeReL person number 78 becomes project person number 2. The project person numbers are different for each project.



- The CHeReL returns to each data custodian a list of encrypted source record numbers for their database, with each record having a project person number for the project.



5. The data custodian decrypts the source record number, and merges the project person number with the health information that has been approved for use in the project.



6. The data custodian removes the source record number and provides the researcher with the project person number and the health information. The researcher then groups the records together for the same person using the project person number.

