Programming in the Life Sciences

In the Maastricht Science Programme



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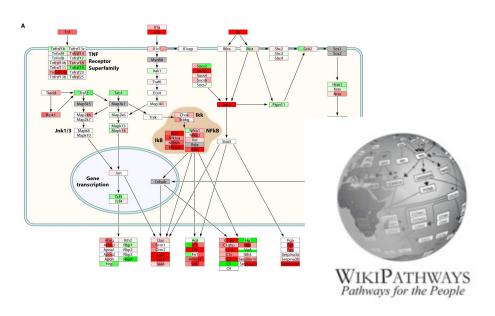
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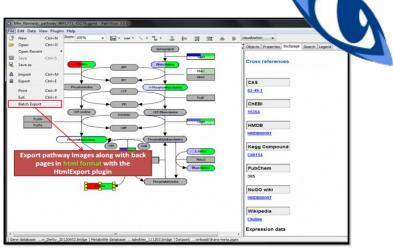
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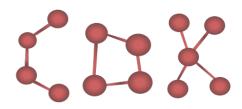
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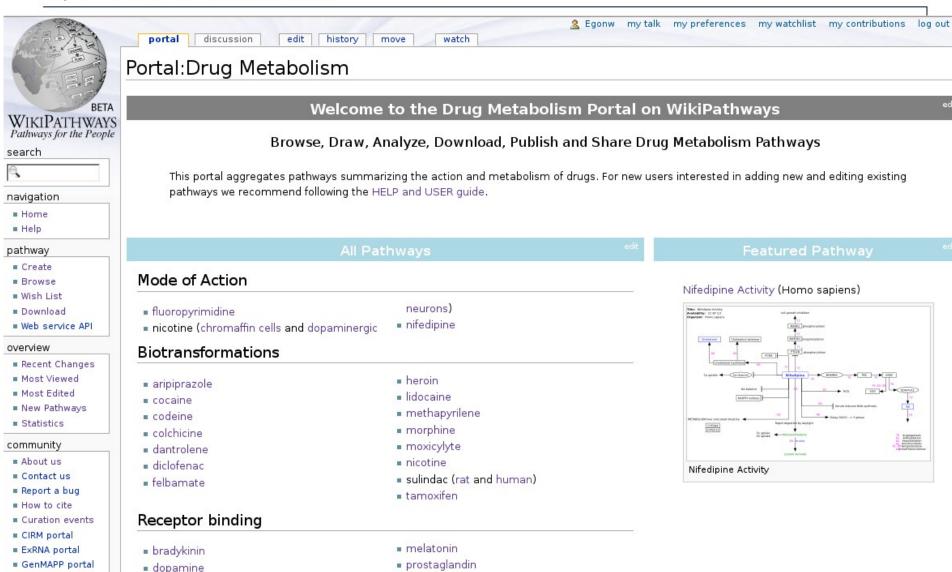






BridgeBb





serotonin

histamine

Micronutrient

portal



Description

In the life sciences the interactions between chemical entities is of key interest. Not only do these play an important role in the regulation of gene expression, and therefore all cellular processes, they are also one of the primary approaches in drug discovery. Pharmacology is the science studies the action of drugs, and for many common drugs, this is studying the interaction of small **organic molecules and protein targets**.

And with the increasing information in the life sciences, **automation** becomes increasingly important. Big data and small data alike, provide challenges to integrate data from different experiments. The **Open PHACTS platform provides web services** to support pharmacological research and in this course you will learn how to use such web services from programming languages, allowing you to **link data** from such knowledge bases to other platforms, such as those for data analysis.



Schedule

- Day 1 theory, template, exercises
- Day 2 choose a use case, presentation in the afternoon
- Day 3 work, work
- Day 4 more work, informal progress report on prototype
- Day 5 work
- Day 6 final clean up, end presentation
 - Dec 5, presentations start at 14:00



What do I expect?

- HTML+JavaScript "programs" (or...)
 - Using the Open PHACTS API (ops.js)
 - Visualization of data, preferable graphically (d3.js)
- If you feel ambitious: towards data analysis
 - 1. Mashup with "other" data
 - 2. Solving a biological question

JavaScript

ops.js client to the Open PHACTS API

Ian Dunlop,Manchester

http://github.com/openphacts/ops.js

d3.js visualization

http://d3js.org/

EBI > Databases > Small Molecules > ChEMBL Database

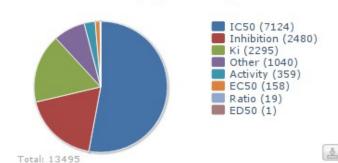
Target Report Card

Target Name and Classification

Target ID	CHEMBL240	
Target Type	SINGLE PROTEIN	
Preferred Name	HERG	
Synonyms	ERG ERG-1 ERG1 Eag homolog Eag-related protein 1 Ether-a-go-go-related gene potassium channel 1 Ether-a-go-go-related protein 1 H-E HERG KCNH2 Potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily H member 2 Voltage-gated potassium channel subunit Kv11.1 hERG-1 hERG1	
Organism	Homo sapiens	
Species Group	No	
Protein Target Classification	ion channel vgc vgc volt cationic k kcnh, kv10-12.x (ether-a-go-go)	

Target Associated Bioactivities

Chemble Activity Types for Target CHEMBL240



Target Associated Assays

ChEMBL Assays for Target CHEMBL240



D3.js

Data-Driven Documents





OPS Linked Data API: pharmacology



Developer Home

Want help?

Documentation

Get my API keys

Featured App:

Workflow

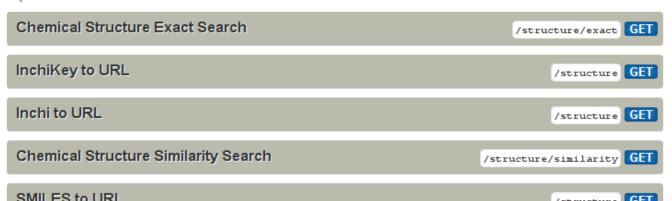
OpenPHACTS API Active Docs

The response template for each operation colour coded as follows:

- Required elements that always return a single value.
- Required elements that return either a single value or an array
- Optional elements that always return a single value
- Optional elements that return either a single value or an array.

Operations

OpenPHACTS API





The Open PHACTS API keys

	A	В	С	
1	Student1 MSC	MSC_stud1	egon.willighagen+msc1@gmail.com	f518a30600c4
2		MSC_stud2	egon.willighagen+msc2@gmail.com	e6f05e59a384
3		MSC_stud3		1f12d1501ea2
4		MSC_stud4		95d1792955a8
5		MSC_stud5		010865b2acff
6		MSC_stud6		426700c06731
7		MSC_stud7		85cc58eaf6bc
8		MSC_stud8		e22b49534ed1
9		MSC_stud9		e5573e68bb42
10		MSC_stud10		05440e43b255
11		MSC_stud11		25b78cc409b5
12		MSC_stud12		990a8b38d14k
13		MSC_stud13		695cc4126938
14		MSC_stud14		d33055b83901
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Theory

Data Types

- Variable (type), List, Map, List of Lists, Map of Maps

Automation

 For-loop, operator, function/parameter/libraries, languages

Web Services / Clients

- API, URI, dynamic HTML

Serialization formats

- RDF, JSON

Other

Open Science, coding standards, notebooks (e.g. blog)



Top-down programming

- Use web service
 - Call web service
 - Set up the specific call I want to make
 - Make the call
 - Record the returned answer
 - Output HTML
 - Convert the returned answer to a table, figure, etc
 - Dynamically insert this output somewhere in the HTML

Template: Source Code #1

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>OpenPHACTS Jasmine Spec Runner</title>
  <script src="lib/jquery-1.9.1.min.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="lib/purl.js"></script>
  <!-- include source files here... -->
  <script type="text/javascript" src="src/OPS.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="src/ConceptWikiSearch.js"></script>
  <!-- setup -->
  <script type="text/javascript">
var prmstr = window.location.search.substr(1);
var prmarr = prmstr.split ("&");
var params = {};
for ( var i = 0; i < prmarr.length; i++) {</pre>
    var tmparr = prmarr[i].split("=");
    params[tmparr[0]] = tmparr[1];
var showDetails = function(dataJSON){
    data = JSON.parse(unescape(dataJSON));
    // document.getElementById("details").innerHTML = JSON.stringify(data);
    document.getElementById("details").innerHTML = data. about;
};
  </script>
```

Template: Source Code #2

```
<body>
  <h3>0utput</h3>
  <!-- p>app_id: <span id="appID"></span>, app_key: <span id="appKey"></span -->
  <h3>Search Results</h3>
  <div id="table"></div>
  <h3>Compound Details</h3>
  <div id="details"></div>
  <h3>JSON reply</h3>
  <div id="json">Nothing yet</div>
  <script type="text/javascript">
// document.getElementById("appID").innerHTML = params["app_id"];
// document.getElementById("appKey").innerHTML = params["app_key"];
var searcher = new Openphacts.ConceptWikiSearch("https://beta.openphacts.org", params["app_id"], params["app_key"]);
var callback = function(success, status, response){
  document.getElementById("json").innerHTML = JSON.stringify(response);
  html = "";
  for (var i=0; i<response.length; i++) {</pre>
    html += "";
    html += "";
    dataJSON = JSON.stringify(response[i]);
  // dataJSON.replace(/"/g, "'");
    html += "Name: <span onClick=\"showDetails('" + escape(dataJSON) + "\')\">" + response[i].prefLabel + "</span>";
    html += "";
    html += "";
  html += "";
  document.getElementById("table").innerHTML = html;
};
searcher.byTag('Aspirin', '5', '4', '07a84994-e464-4bbf-812a-a4b96fa3d197', callback);
  </script>
</body>
```



OK... now what??



Ex. #1: The HTML framework

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. Remove all JavaScript
- 3. Open the HTML in FireFox or Chrome
- 4. Change one of the headers in the HTML



Ex. #2: The HTML/JS framework

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. Keep the JavaScript
- 3. Open the HTML in FireFox or Chrome
- 4. Explain in what linear order your browser visualizes this HTML page



Ex. #3: The HTML/JS framework

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. What are the variables used?
- 3. What types have those variables?
- 4. Which libraries are used?
- 5. What methods are defined?
- 6. Validate the HTML against the W3C validation service.



Ex. #4: the Open PHACTS LDA

- 1. Which bio-/chemical entities can you get information on?
- 2. Which service would you use to find the biological pathways alcohol is involved in?
- 3. What are the data serialization formats you can get your answers returned in?



Ex. #5: JavaScript steps

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. Keep the JavaScript
- 3. Search for alcohol instead of aspirin
- 4. Have the template return 10 instead of 5 search results



Ex. #6: JSON

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. Keep the JavaScript
- 3. Open the HTML in your browser
- 4. Explore the returned JSON
- 5. What keys are found in the JSON?



Ex. #7: Another Open PHACTS method

- 1. Take the HTML/JavaScript template
- 2. Keep the JavaScript
- 3. Open the HTML in your browser
- 4. Select a different Open PHACTS LDA service
- 5. Update the JavaScript to call that service (use the ops.js examples on GitHub)
- 6. Show the results in a HTML table

You can find these examples here:

https://github.com/egonw/mscpils/



What were the results?



Difficulties: Asynchronous calls

- Multiple callbacks
 - 1. Get URI for a compound
 - 2. Look up interactions with proteins
 - 3. Get protein information
 - 4. ...

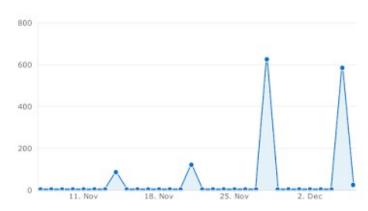
→ So, need to keep track of intermediate information



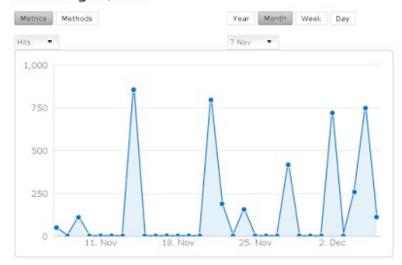
API Usage

API Usage 1,428 Hits

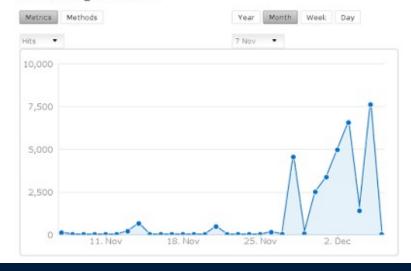
Metrics Methods Hits Year Month Week Day 7 Nov



API Usage 4,387 Hits



API Usage 32,373 Hits



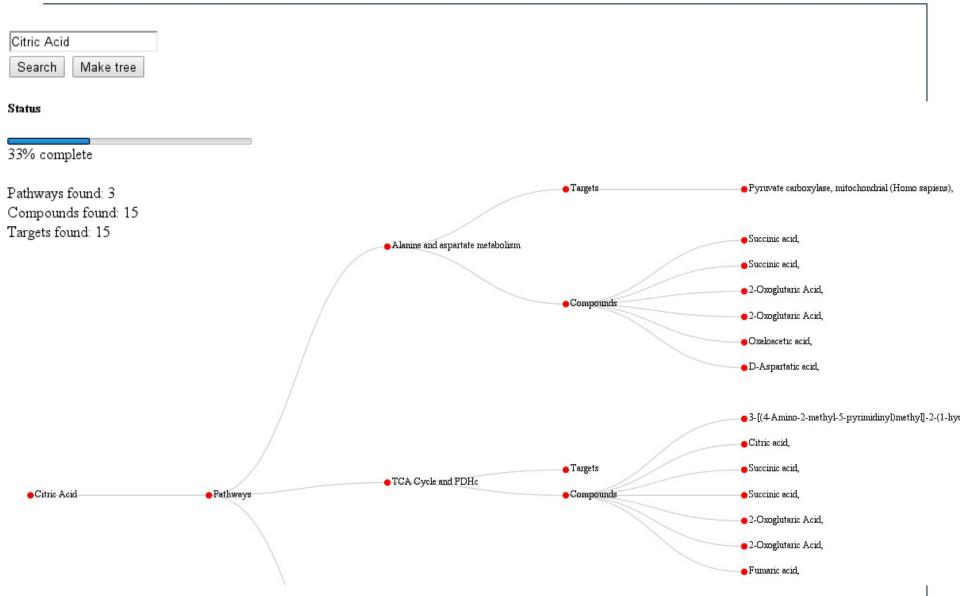


Pathways WP2059 Search

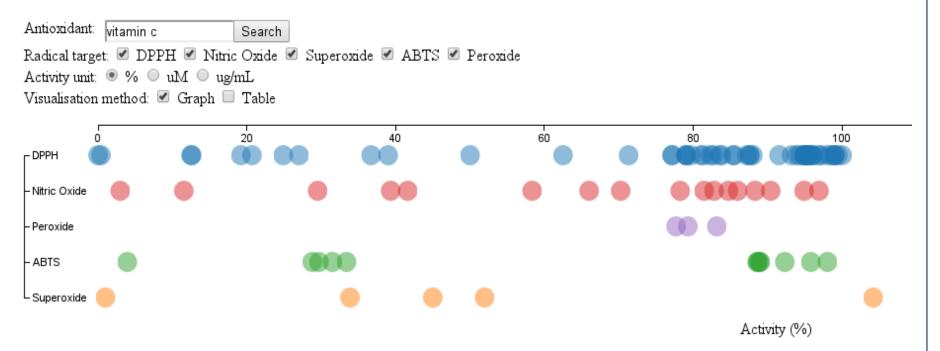
Alzheimers Disease

Gene	Link Coding Protein	Coding Protein
Name: http://identifiers.org/ensembl/ENSG00000100030	http://identifiers.org/uniprot/A8CZ64 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/Q1HBJ4 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/P28482 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/B4DHN0 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/MAPK1	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 1 (Homo sapiens)
Name: http://identifiers.org/ensembl/ENSG0000002330	http://identifiers.org/uniprot/F5H1R6 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/Q6FH21 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/Q92934 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/A8MXU7 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/F5GYS3 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/F5H3B1 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/BAD http://identifiers.org/uniprot/F5GY71	BcI-XL/BcI-2-associated death promoter,BcI-2- binding component 6,BcI-2-like protein 8
Name: http://identifiers.org/ensembl/ENSG00000176749	http://identifiers.org/uniprot/Q15078 http://identifiers.org/uniprot/CDK5R1	Cyclin-dependent kinase 5/CDK5 activator 1





Antioxidant activity against free radicals



Description: DPPH radical scavenging activity at 100 uM



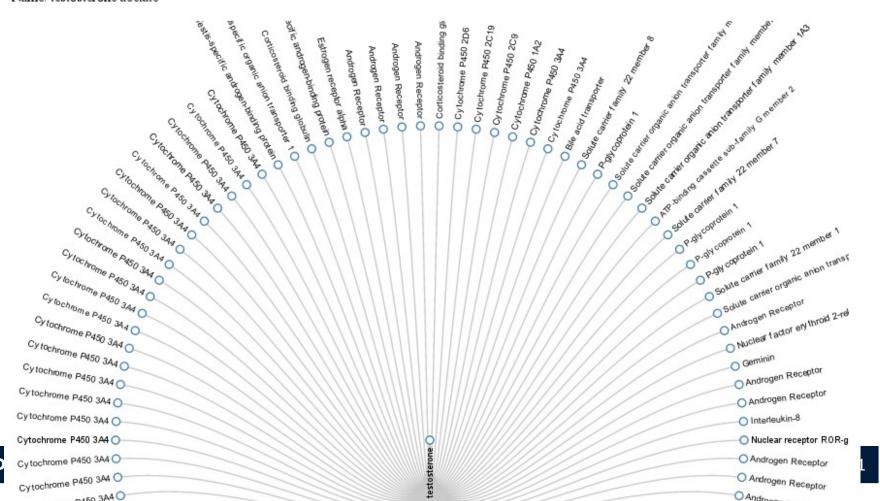
testosterone Search

Click on desired compound

Name: Testosterone

Name: tp

Name: Cloxotestosterone Name: Methyltestosterone Name: testosterone acetate





Conclusion

- A lot of languages to learn
 - HTML, CSS, JSON, JavaScript
- Many programming aspects
 - Basic stuff
 - Concurrency
 - Call-back functions
 - Complex data types (maps)
- OPS LDA allows monitoring of students



Conclusion

- Hard for students without programming experience
- Impressive results

- Again in 2014-2015
 - But with some preliminary programming adviced