

# myExperiment

Repository | VRE | Experiment

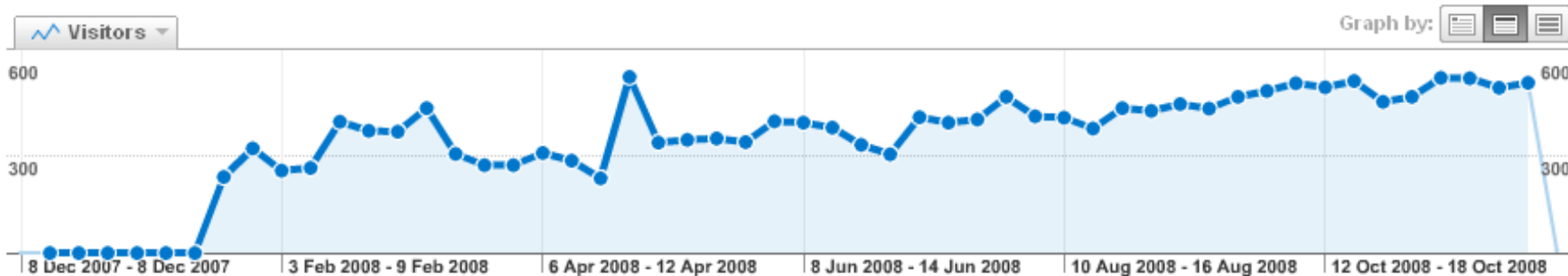
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Since its public launch in 2007, myExperiment has established the largest collection of scientific **workflows** publicly available.

Over 500 public workflows.



**15,902 Absolute Unique Visitors**



**Social | Web 2.0 | VRE | Repository**  
**... for Research Objects**



Tailored to the needs of **researchers**

Making it really easy to...

**Store | Share | Discover | Curate | Attribute**

**... Research Objects**



**Build communities | Form relationships**



## Share your workflows and files

Control access to your workflows and files

**Find workflows and files that others have shared**

**Tag and rate workflows and files**

**Reuse and repurpose workflows (and other files!)**

**Find people and make friends**

**Build your profile and reputation**

**Create and join groups of similar interests**

## Have discussions and collaborate

Maintain and use different versions of workflows

Execute workflows directly within myExperiment  
(if you have access to a remote Taverna enactor)

**Write reviews and comments**

**Build packs of related content**

Send messages to other people on myExperiment



- “Facebook for Scientists” ...but different to Facebook!
- A repository of research methods
- A community social network of people and things
- A Virtual Research Environment
- Open source (BSD) Ruby on Rails application with HTML, REST and SPARQL interfaces
- Project started March 2007
- Closed beta July 2007
- Open beta November 2007

myExperiment currently has over 1900 registered users, 150 groups, 700 workflows, 200 files and 60 packs.

Go to [www.myexperiment.org](http://www.myexperiment.org) to access publicly available content or create an account.



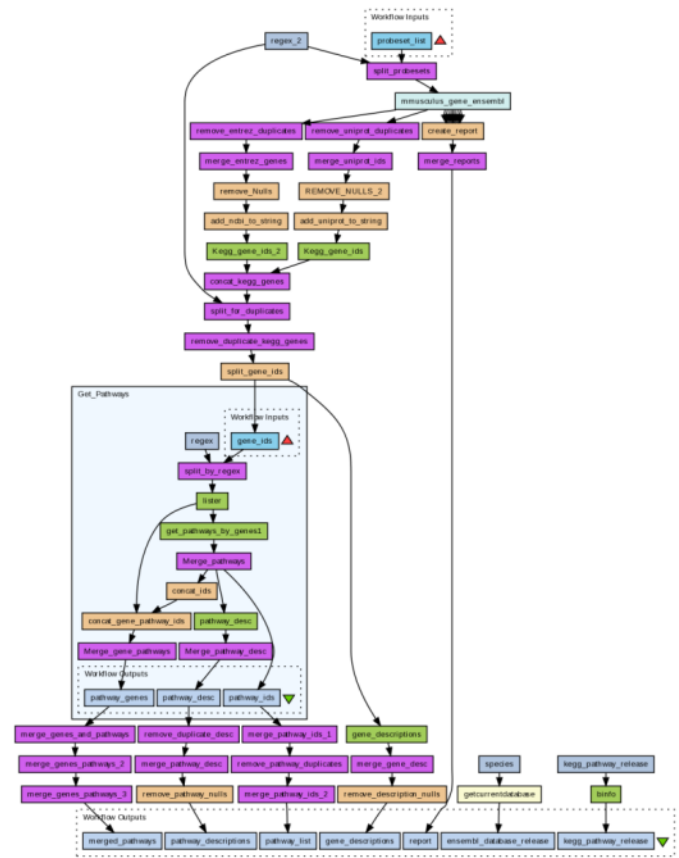


Why?

**What was the motivation?**

# Scientific Workflows

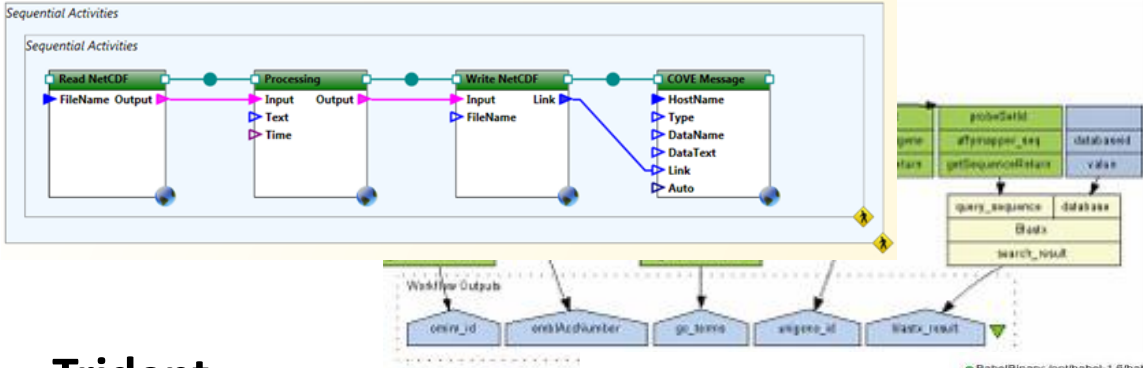
- Experimental protocols
- Automation of data flow
- Linking up data sets and iteration over large data sets
- Data gathering and annotation pipelines
- Data analysis from distributed tools
- Data mining and knowledge management
- Hypothesis generation and modelling
- Literature mining
- ... and so on



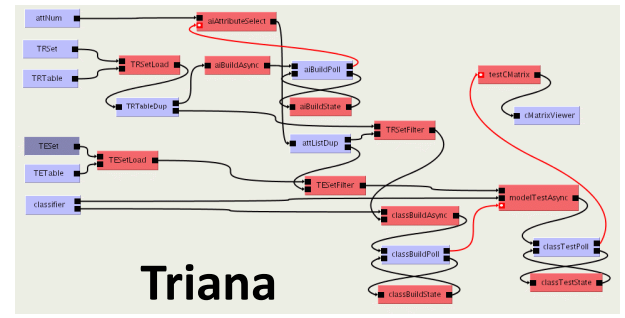
“Pathways from Diff Expressed Genes”

Paul Fisher

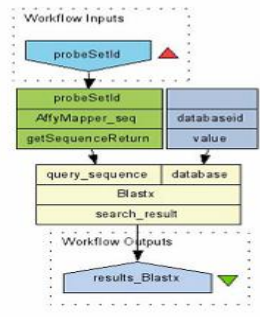
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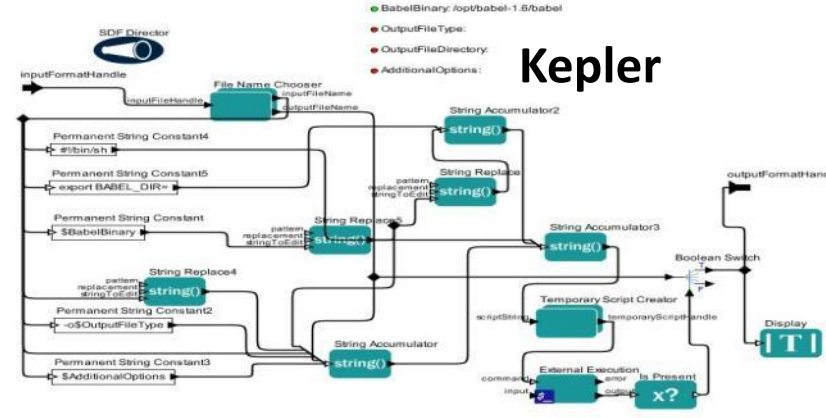
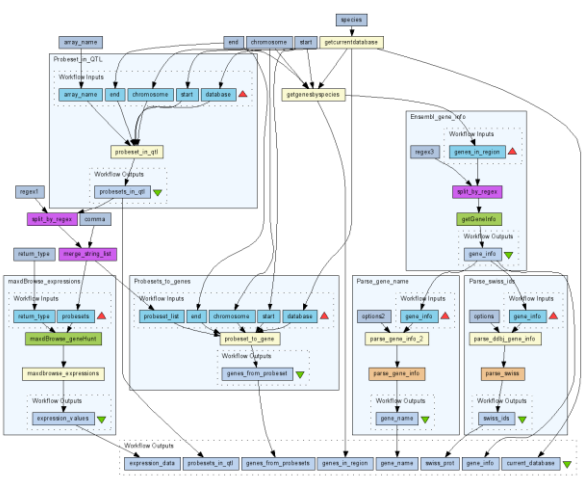
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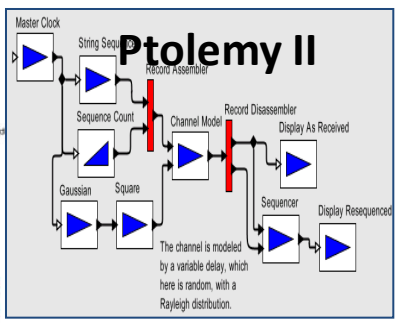
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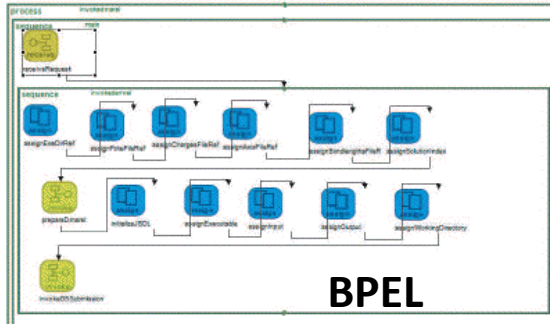
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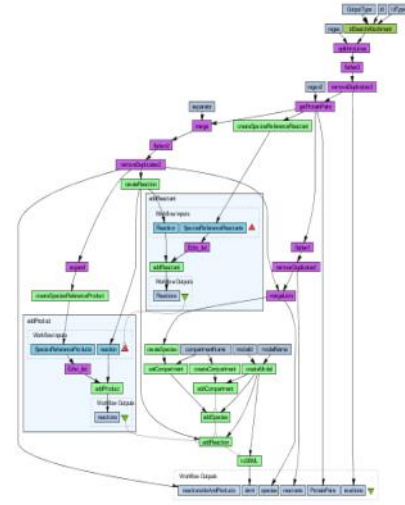
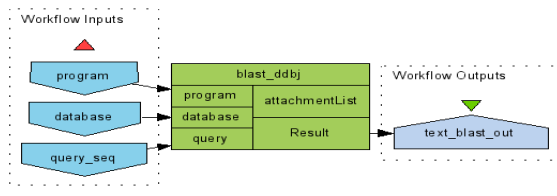
**Kepler**



**Ptolemy II**



**BPEL**



## Experiments & Reuse

- Workflows are protocols and records.
- Workflows are know-how.
- Workflows are collaborations.
  
- Workflow design is challenging and labour-intensive.
- Reuse is highly desirable.
- Reuse is a challenge.

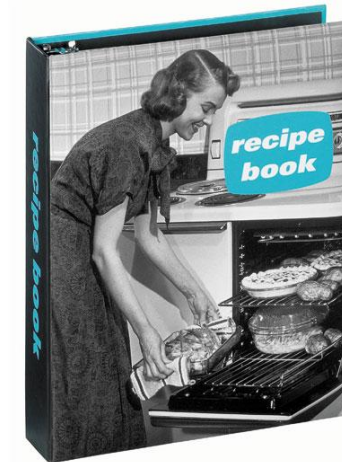
# Workflows are....

- explicit method
- blueprints
- protocols and records.
- know-how.
  
- asynchronous collaborations.
- promoters of cross-disciplinary collaborations.
  
- often complex.
- need explanations to use properly and safely.
- challenging to develop.
- can be good and can be bad.

- research assets.
- tradable commodities.
- publishable.
- combined with data and scholarly works.
- reproducible science.
- or at least transparent.
- and accountable.



Peer review



**my** experiment

### Workflow Entry: Microarray CEL file to candidate pathways (Taverna Workflow)

Created at: 08/02/08 @ 14:17:23 Last updated: 14/05/08 @ 15:43:16

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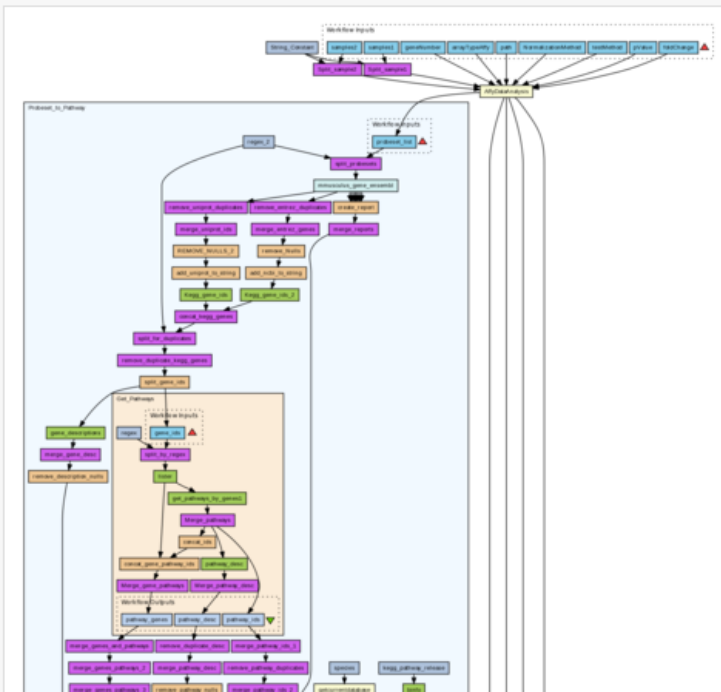
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Type: application/vnd.taverna.scufl+xml

#### Preview

(Click on the image to get the full size)



#### Uploader



Paul Fisher

#### License

All versions of this Workflow are licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License.

#### Credits (2)

(People/Groups)

- Paul Fisher
- Saeedeh

#### Attributions (0)

(Workflows/Files)

None

#### Tags (17)

All Tags Uploader Tags

affymetrix | cel | data-driven | ddbj | disease | entrez | gene identifier | genotype | kegg | microarray | mouse | pathway | pathway-driven | pathways | shim |

#### New/Upload

Workflow GO



Jiten Bhagat

- My Profile [ edit ]
- My Messages
- My Memberships
- My History
- My News

Manage Announcements

#### My Stuff

21 friends | 2 groups | 1 Blogs | 1 Forums | 1 Packs | 2 Workflows

- David R Newman
- David Withers
- Don Cruickshank
- Franck Tanoh
- Hanny
- Katy Wolstencroft
- Marco Roos
- Mark Borkum

#### My Favourites

2 favourites

- Taverna 1.7.1 sta...
- web services info

#### My Tags

14 tags






Emphasis on the **special requirements** of  
researchers...

**Ownership | Credit | Attribution | Licensing |  
Visibility | Sharing |**


# Upload Workflow

## 1. Workflow file/script

## 2. Main metadata

- Attempt to infer metadata (and possibly generate preview images) from the workflow file/script 
- Enter custom metadata

## 3. Other metadata and settings

 Tags



 Credit and Attribution




Defaults: you are the only person who gets credit; no attributions.

 Sharing



Defaults: anyone can view and download; no one is allowed to update; and not shared with any Groups.


 License/Rights



Default: people are allowed to build on this Workflow, but must give author(s) credit and give attribution to this Workflow. They must also share under the same conditions. ([Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License](#))

Defaults: anyone can view, but only Friends can download; no one is allowed to update; and not shared with any Groups.

Here you can specify who can **view** and **download** this Workflow on myExperiment.

You can also set **update** permissions for this Workflow. [Click here](#)  for more information.

You can also explicitly share this Workflow with your Groups.

### Who can view and download this Workflow on myExperiment?




- Anyone can view and download.
- Anyone can view, but only my Friends are allowed to download.
- Anyone can view, but no one can download.
- Only my Friends can view and download.
- Only my Friends can view, but no one can download.
- This is a private Workflow - only I can view and download (and any Groups I explicitly share with).

### Who can update this Workflow on myExperiment?

Note that settings here take precedence over the Sharing permissions above. So those with updating privileges will automatically get to view and download as well.

- All those who can view AND download (from your View/Download permissions above).
- All my Friends.
- Some of my Friends
- No one else (except for me and any Groups explicitly given update permissions).

### Share with my Groups:

- NBIConWorkflows  
- myGrid  
- myExperiment Hackers  



Keeping up with **activity...**

**New | Tags | People | Friends | Items |  
Updates | Events**

## Today

- 17:34 Ssa and Sergey **became friends**.
- 17:34 Sergey **requested** friendship with Ssa.
- 17:28 Pete **shared** (full access) WRS Form File with Sergey.
- 17:25 Sergey **invited** Pete to join the SKUA Group.
- 13:52 Sergey **updated** version 2 of the Unique keywords Workflow.
- 11:44 Sergey **added** version 2 of the Unique keywords Workflow.
- 11:42 Sergey **updated** version 1 of the Unique keywords Workflow.
- 11:36 Sergey **created** the Unique keywords Workflow.
- 11:36 Sergey **credited** themselves for Unique keywords Workflow.

## Yesterday

- 17:44 Sergey **shared** (view & download only) Batch script to start GemServer File with Poiuy Group.
- 17:44 Sergey **updated** the Batch script to start GemServer File.
- 17:44 Sergey **shared** (full access) Batch script to start GemServer File with Pete.
- 17:44 Sergey **shared** (view & download only) Event Logging Suggestions File with Poiuy Group.
- 17:44 Sergey **updated** the Event Logging Suggestions File.
- 17:43 Sergey **shared** (view only) asdfasdfasdf3d Pack with myGroup Group.
- 17:43 Sergey **updated** the asdfasdfasdf3d Pack.
- 17:43 Sergey **shared** (full access) asdfasdfasdf3d Pack with Stephen.
- 17:43 Sergey **updated** the asdfghjkl; Pack.
- 17:43 Sergey **shared** (full access) asdfghjkl; Pack with Poiuy Group.
- 17:43 Sergey **updated** the Test pack Pack.
- 17:43 Sergey **shared** (view & download only) Test pack Pack with SKUA Group.
- 17:42 Sergey **updated** the test\_pack\_first\_activity Pack.
- 17:42 Sergey **shared** (view & download only) test\_pack\_first\_activity Pack with myGroup Group.
- 17:41 Sergey **tagged** Various Stuff Pack with "test".
- 17:41 Sergey **updated** the Various Stuff Pack.
- 17:41 Sergey **credited** the myExperiment Hackers United Group for events table sketch File.
- 17:41 Sergey **updated** the events table sketch File.



Collecting together **different types of research assets...**

**Workflows | Data | Results | Examples |  
Provenance | Tags | Documentation |  
Papers | Websites | Images**



**User X: “my experiment is not just a  
workflow!”**

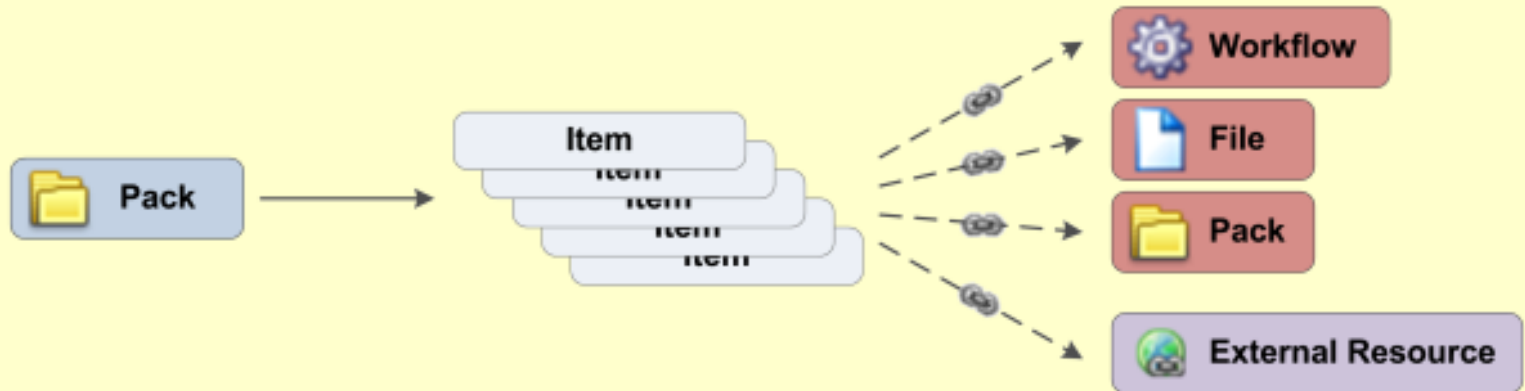
# Packs

## What are Packs?

Packs allow you to **collect different items** together, like you might with a "wish list" or "shopping basket". You do this by **linking** to different things.

You can link to internal things (such as workflows, files and even other packs) as well as link to things outside of myExperiment.

Your packs can then be shared, tagged, discovered and discussed easily on myExperiment.







Functionality can be accessed through **simple**  
**RESTful APIs...**

**Wikis | Web apps | Desktop tools |  
Workbenches | Web services | Google  
gadgets | Facebook | Mashups | Other  
interfaces**

# Google Gadgets

myExperiment Tag Cloud



All (396 / 396)

AIDA BLAST BioAID DNA DNA sequence DailyDilbert  
**FASTA** go Kegg Pathways KeggID NE  
ORF PSI-BLAST RNA SEG VL-e abstracts acc  
accurate mass active address affmetrix affym  
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myExperiment Workflow Search




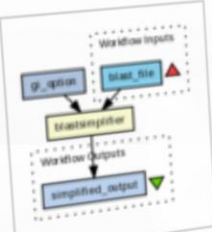
Search

20 results found for "disease".

1. **WORKFLOW**  
[Gene annotation pipeline for the Graves disease scenario](#)
- WORKFLOW**  
[BioAID ProteinToDiseases](#)
- WORKFLOW**  
[Link protein to OMIM disease](#)
- WORKFLOW**


myExperiment Recent Workflows

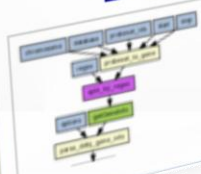
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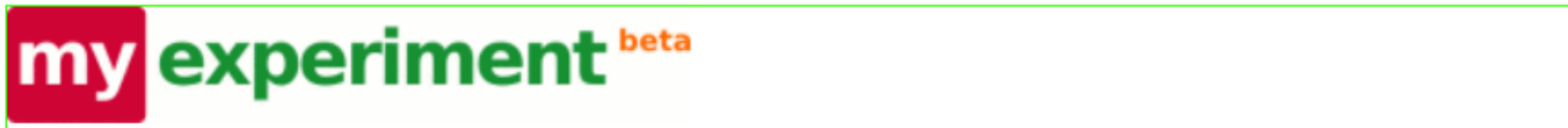
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Tags: [benchmarks](#)

Created: 12 July 2008 09:17:40  
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**Antoon Goderis**  
Tags: [benchmarks](#)



MyExperiment

All Search

Advanced Search

Search result for keyword: marco roos

workflows(28) users(1) groups(10)

Page 1

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- Frack Tanoh
- Saeedeh
- Sirisha Gollapudi
- George
- Fong Chun Chan
- Paul Fisher
- metabolomics
- keggID to Kegg pathways with BioMoby services
- Mouse Pathways and Gene annotations for QTL Phenotype
- Pathway to PubMed
- KEGG pathways common to both QTL and microarray based investigations
- DataBiNS - Data Mining Workflow for Biological Pathways and Non-Synonymous SNP:
- kegg\_gene\_to\_swissprot\_identifier
- casimir\_paper
- Entrez Gene to KEGG Pathway
- MOUSE Pathways from Diff Expressed Genes

Top Tags

- AIDA
- BioAID
- bioassist\_nl
- bioinformatics
- biorange\_nl
- BLAST
- demo
- disease
- example
- genotype
- kegg
- mygrid
- pathway-driven
- pathways
- phenotype
- protein

19 items found



# Taverna Plugin

- One click' workflow launch from myExperiment to Taverna (using WHIP).
- Browse the example workflows maintained and curated by a member of the Taverna team (Alan Williams).
- Browse the latest workflows from myExperiment.
- Search for workflows from myExperiment.
- View a dynamic and resizable tag cloud from myExperiment.
- Get workflows based on a tag.

The screenshot shows the Taverna Workbench interface. On the left, a list of example workflows is displayed, including 'Example of a conditional execution workflow (version 1)', 'BiomartAndEMBOSSAnalysis (version 2)', and 'A workflow version of the EMBOSS tutorial (version 1)'. Each entry includes a thumbnail, the uploader's name (Alan Williams), and a brief description. On the right, the 'Workflow Preview' window for 'BiomartAndEMBOSSAnalysis (version 2)' is shown. It details the workflow's metadata (uploader: Alan Williams, created: Wed Mar 05 14:01:15 GMT 2008, license: Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 License) and a flowchart of its steps: 'getSequence' (three instances), 'Createfasta', 'seqret', 'emmsa', 'plot', and 'FlattenList'. The workflow outputs are listed as 'outputPlot', 'HSapiDs', 'MMusDs', and 'RNorDs'.

- 'Preview' a workflow - get more information from myExperiment about a workflow.
- Open a workflow in design mode (when in the myExperiment section of the plugin).
- Import a workflow into a current workflow in design mode.

The screenshot shows the Taverna Workbench interface with a tag cloud search. The top window displays a tag cloud for the search term 'emboss', with various related terms like 'AIDA', 'bioinformatics', 'BLAST', 'FASTA', 'protein', and 'taverna' visible. Below the tag cloud, a list of workflows found for the tag 'emboss' is shown, including 'BiomartAndEMBOSSAnalysis (version 2)' and 'A workflow version of the EMBOSS tutorial (version 1)'. On the right, the 'Workflow Preview' window for 'Link\_protein\_to\_OMIM\_disease (version 1)' is shown. It details the workflow's metadata (uploader: Marco Roos, created: Mon Dec 10 22:13:35 GMT 2007, license: Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License) and a flowchart of its steps: 'keyword', 'search', 'split\_OMIM\_regexp', 'Split\_OMIM\_results', 'filter\_disease\_regexp', 'Extract\_diseases\_from\_OMIM', 'label\_OMIM\_disease', 'Flatten\_list', 'Remove\_duplicate\_strings', and 'OMIM\_disease\_label'.

## Developer's Perspective

- Completely user-driven design and development
- Constant interactions with users
- Being agile
- Being proactive AND reactive
- Understanding pros and cons
- Being practical!
- Building highly usable interfaces (HTML, REST, RDF, etc!)



"The Life Science Web Service Registry"

[www.biocatalogue.org](http://www.biocatalogue.org)


**Sister project** to myExperiment...

**Web Services | Registry | Catalogue | Curated  
| Social | Web 2.0 | Search | Register |  
Browse | Annotations | Community |  
Awesome**

# BioCatalogue

"The Life Science Web Service Registry"

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**BioCatalogue** beta   
The Life Science Web Services Registry

Home | About us | Contact us

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Search:   | [Browse](#) | [Register a Service](#)

Home » SHARE

## Browse

You can have an overview of the content of the BioCatalogue by *browsing our registry* and sorting or filtering down the list of Web Services registered.

## Register

You can easily *register Web Services* in the BioCatalogue, making them instantly available to the scientific community as well as the tool developers.

To register a Web Service you will need to [sign in](#) first.

BioCatalogue currently has **1070 services** and **83 users**

## BioCatalogue: providing a curated catalogue of Life Science Web Services.

## Search

The easiest way to *find the Web Service* you are looking for is to use the BioCatalogue search functionality below (also available in the action bar at the top of every page).





Search:

### Our goals:

- Providing a *single registration point* for Web Service providers and a *single search site* for scientists and developers.
- Providers, Expert curators and Users will provide oversight, monitor the catalogue and provide *high quality annotations* for services.
- BioCatalogue is a place where the *community* can find contacts and meet the experts and maintainers of these services.



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The BioCatalogue is brought to you by:

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Search:   | [Browse](#) | [Register a Service](#)  

[Home](#) » [Services](#)   

Top 20 tags on BioCatalogue [\[ See All Tags \]](#)

bioinformatics | biology | [BioMoby](#) | [DDBJ](#) | [DDBJ\\_record](#) | [DNA](#) | [edit](#) | [EMBOSS](#) | [EMBRACE](#) | [fasta\\_format](#) | [KEGG](#) | [KEGG\\_record](#) | [KEGG\\_record\\_id](#) | [locus](#) | [Organ](#) | [protein sequence](#) | [retrieving](#) | [ma](#) | [simpleParameter](#) | [soaplab](#)

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**Filtering** 

Current Filters Applied  
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Select filters from below...


**Service Types (2)**

[SOAP \(1053\)](#)  
[REST \(17\)](#)








**Service Categories (57)**

- [Biostatistics \(12\)](#)
- [Chemoinformatics \(2\)](#)
- [Data Retrieval \(37\)](#)
- [Genomics \(7\)](#)
- [Microarrays \(38\)](#)
- [Ontology \(7\)](#)
- [Phylogeny \(2\)](#)
- [Proteomics \(7\)](#)
- [Sequence Analysis \(55\)](#)
- [Systems Biology \(7\)](#)
- [Text Mining \(0\)](#)




Displaying services **1061 - 1070** of **1070** in total Sort by: [Newest](#) 



« Previous 1 2 ... 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 Next »

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aka [GetEntry -- Data retrieval by accession numbers etc -- \(DDBJ\)](#) aka [ddbj](#)








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Service Description "getentry" provides an easy way to retrieve entries from various data... by  [The EMBRACE Registry](#) (17 days ago)

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Tags on this service: [ddbj](#) | [DNA sequence](#) | [protein sequence](#) | [RNA sequence](#)



WSDL Location: <http://xml.nig.ac.jp/wsdl/GetEntry.wsdl> | 88 Soap Operations 

**DDBJ** SOAP   6  0 Annotations: 157  33  0  124 


aka [ddbj](#)








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
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
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aka [BLAST \(DDBJ\)](#) aka [blast](#)


Categories: [Nucleotide Sequence Similarity](#) | [Protein Sequence Similarity](#)

Uses the DDBJ's UniProt BLAST service that forms part of its Web API for Bioinformatics pages. by  [The EMBRACE Registry](#) (17 days ago)

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**Thank | You**