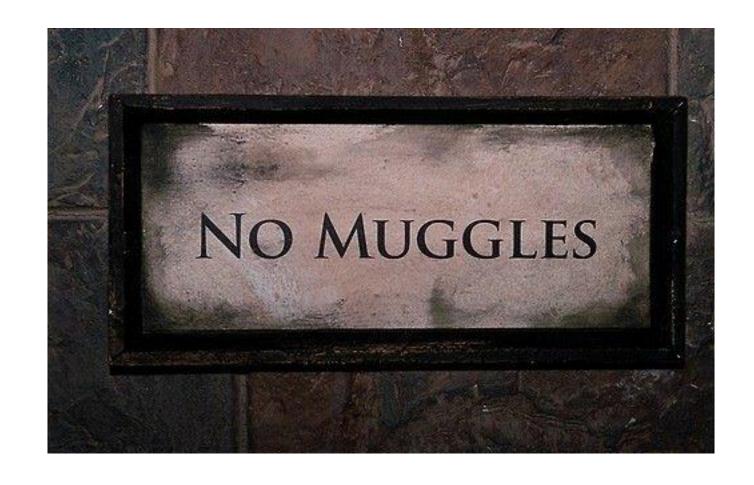
And then magic happens...

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If we don't do the magic



Lessons Learned from caBIG™

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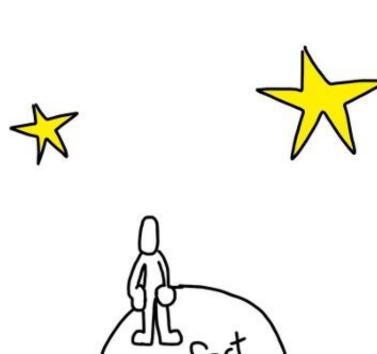
caBIG, the hard parts

- Progress is hard to measure
- Delivering exactly what people want is not the mission of caBIG
- Overspecifying, model-first, and semantic inflexibility are all enemies of caBIG's need to be agile and flexible
- The products are harder to use than anyone would like, but that is the nature of the space, so far...



caBIG, revisited

- Fuzzy semantics and semantic web technologies will be embraced
- Complete specification is an unrealistic goal
- Architect for change









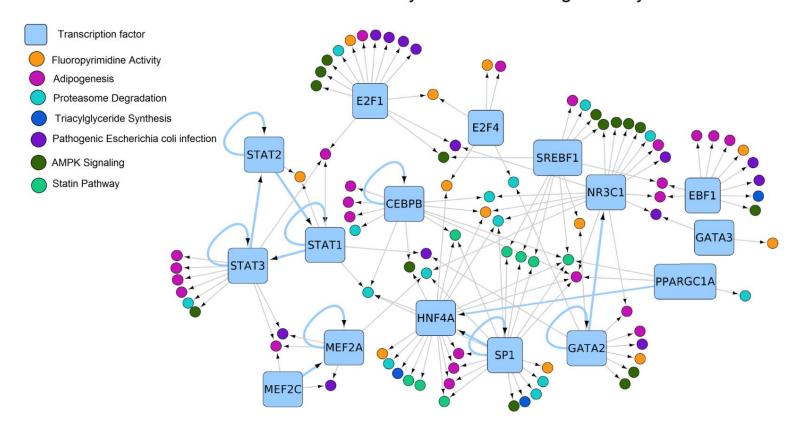


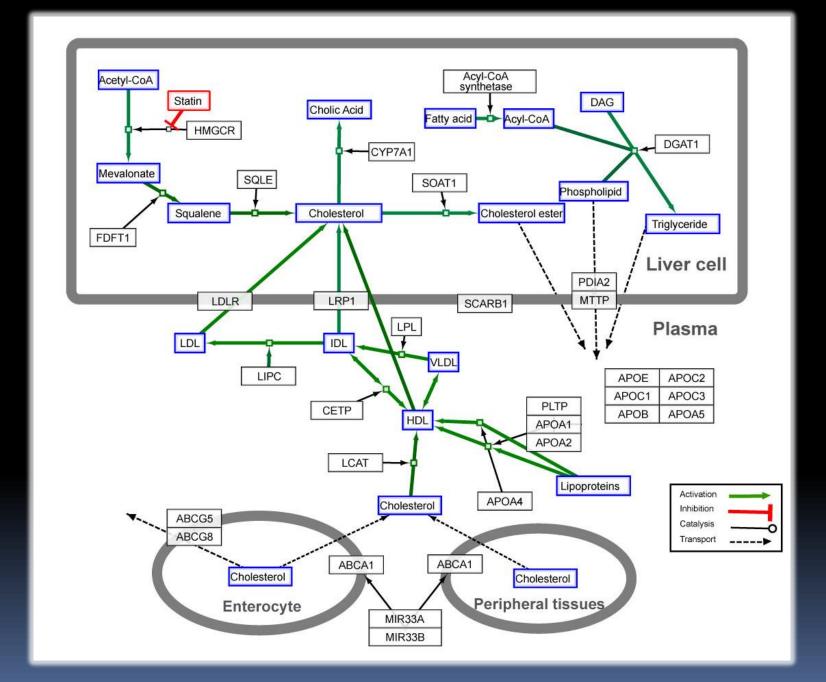


We can do things like this...

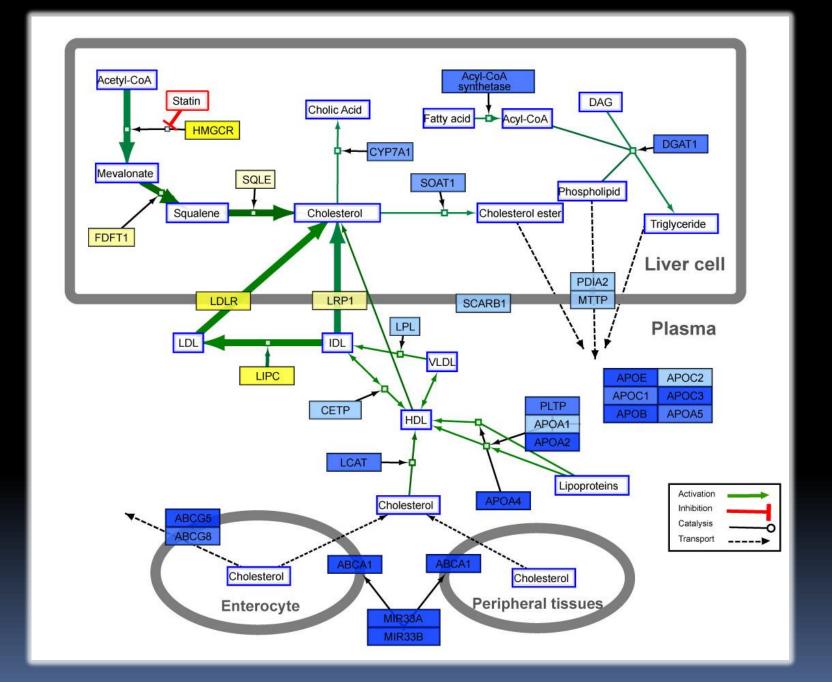
Transcriptional regulation

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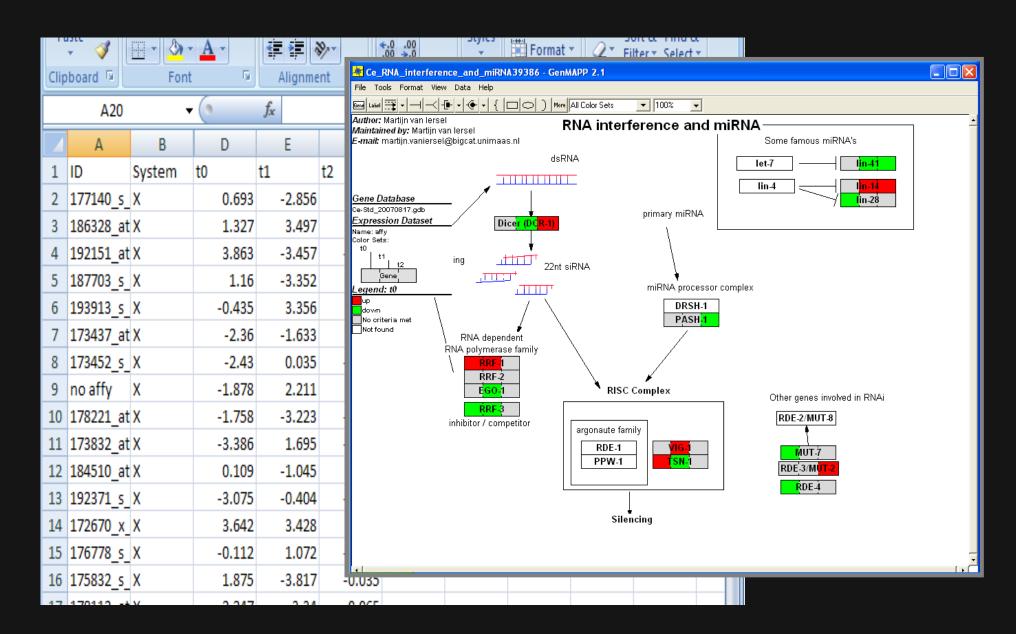


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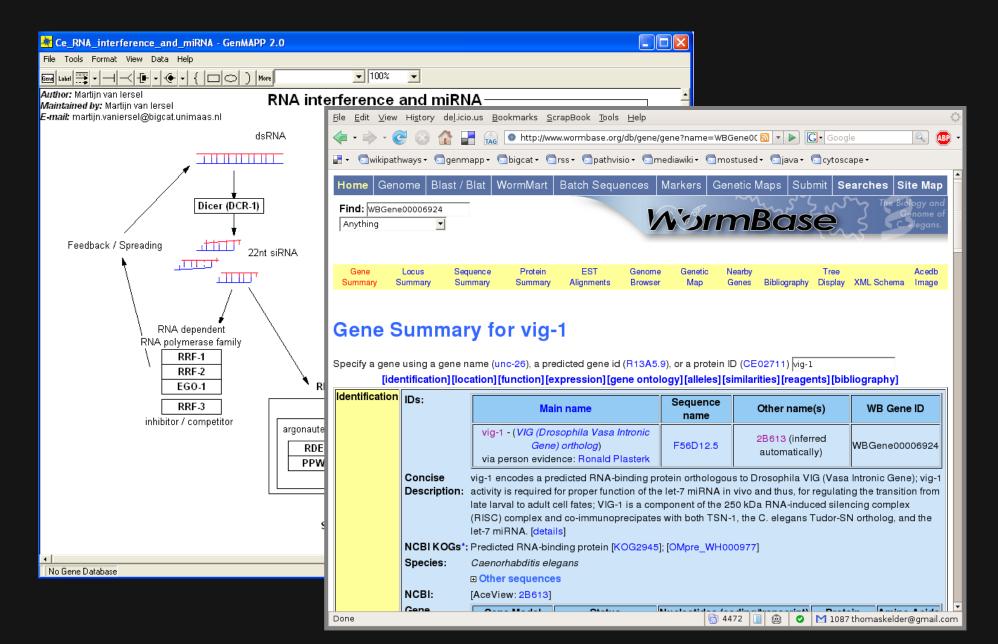
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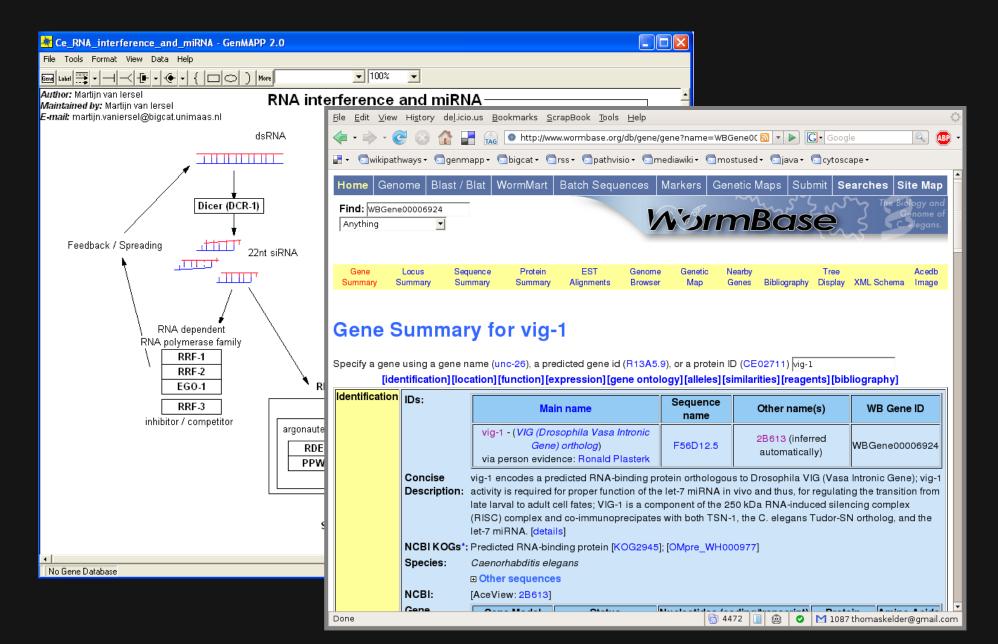




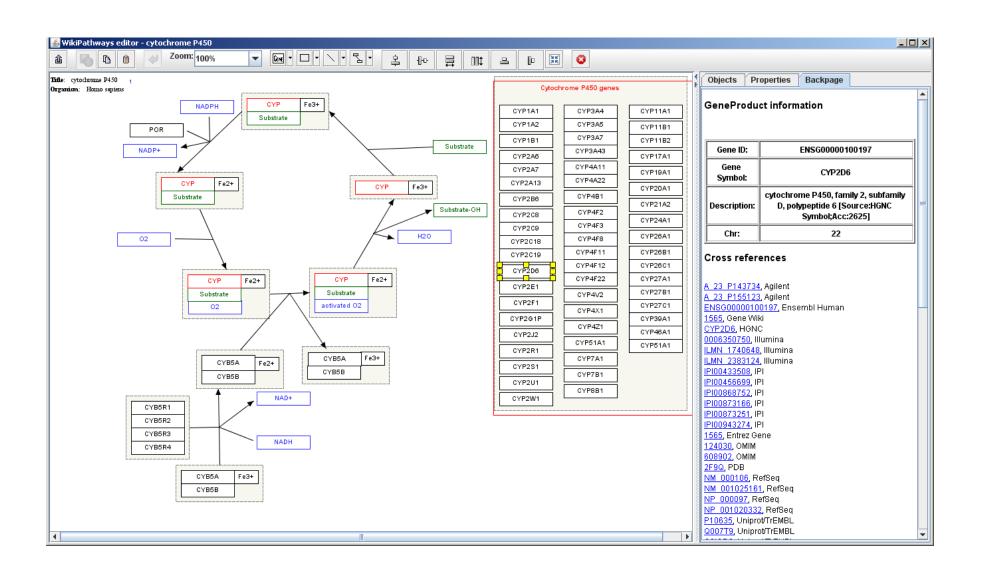
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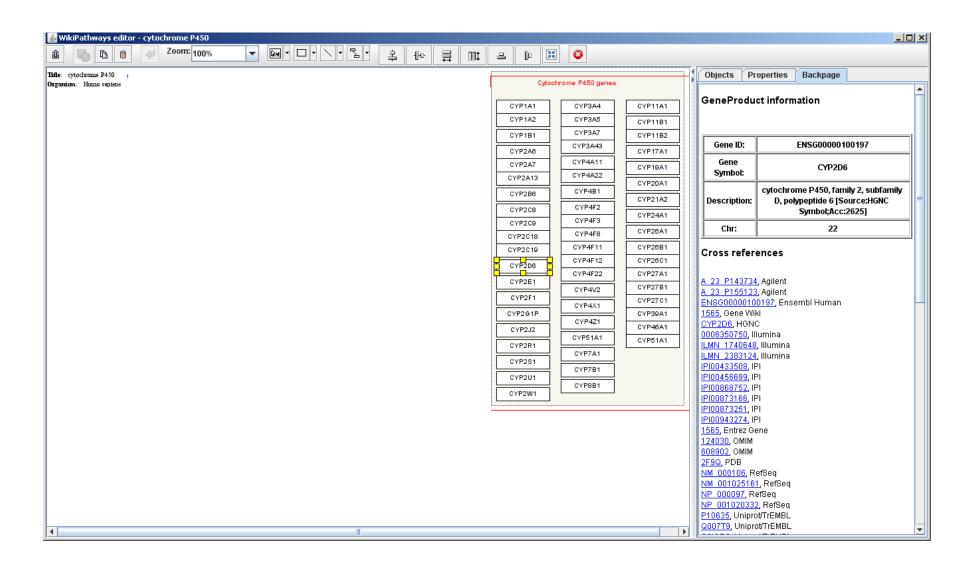
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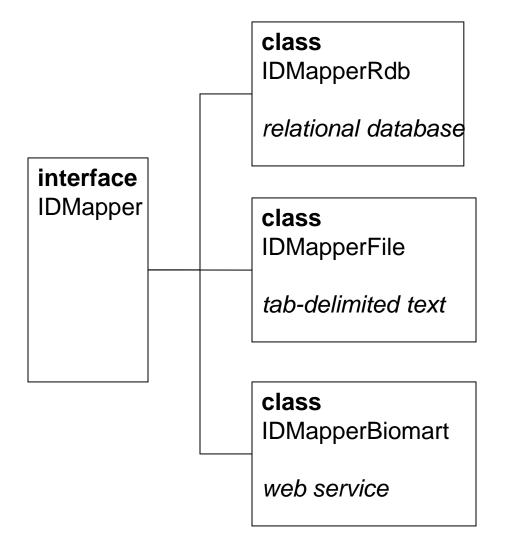
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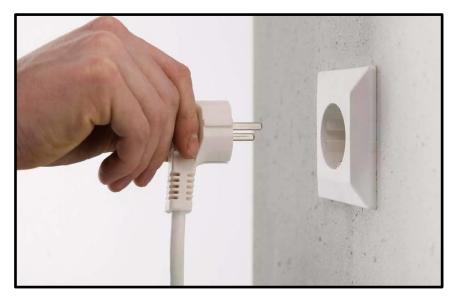


You could do this for gene lists



BridgeDb: Abstraction Layer











The BridgeDb Framework: Standardized Access to Gene, Protein and Metabolite Identifier Mapping Services. Martijn P van Iersel, Alexander R Pico, Thomas Kelder, Jianjiong Gao, Isaac Ho, Kristina Hanspers, Bruce R Conklin, Chris T Evelo. BMC Bioinformatics 2010, 11: 5.

The magic is only in part in the tool



And mostly in the content



For database identifier mapping tools we have:

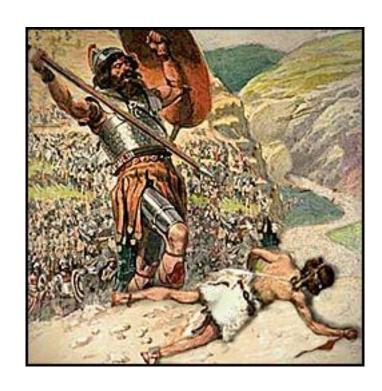
- A software framework (BridgeDb)
 - Application in WikiPathways, PathVisio, Cytoscape, R/Bioconductor
 - An installable webservice
 - Open source
 - Community based
 - Database based (small)
- A semantic web implementation (Open PHACTS IMS)
 - With installable Docker image
 - Linkset based (fast)
 - Does do transivity
- Identifiers.org for ID schema's and resolution

For ID mappings we have:

- Gene product, ENSEMBL derived, databases for:
 - most health related species
 - Some bacteria
 - Some plants
- Metabolite database, HMDB & CheBi derived, for most "human" metabolites
- Reaction database from RHEA
- Linksets for all of these

Other relevant:

- MyGene.info (Su lab)
 - also connected to WikiData
- DAVID (from Tigr)
 - recently updated (after years of inactivity)
 - often used (even in that period)
 - Should watch out for Goliath



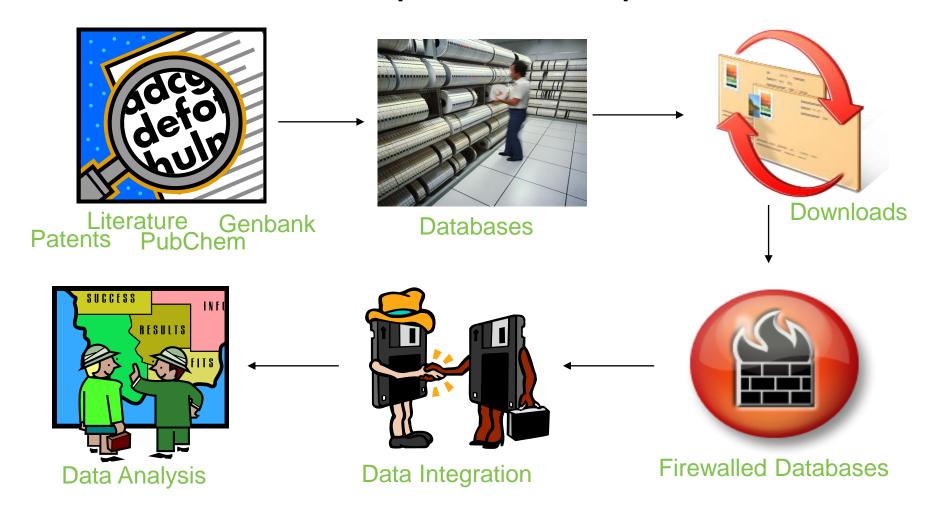








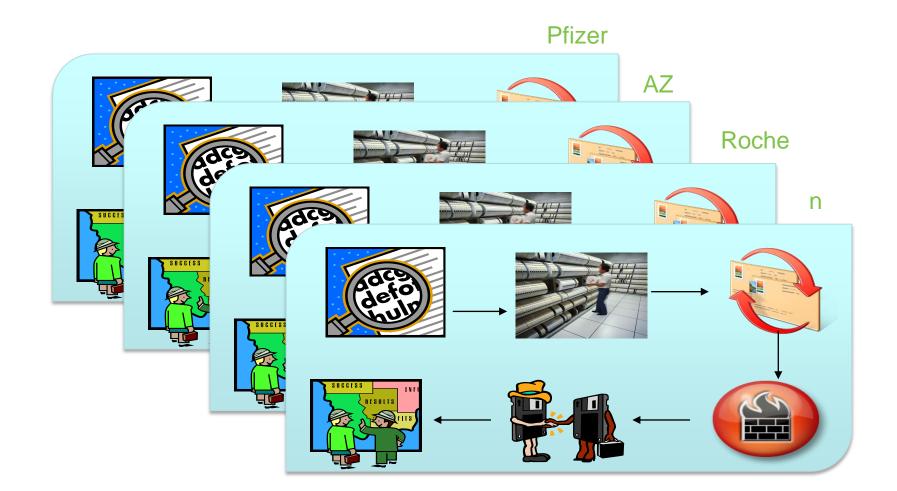
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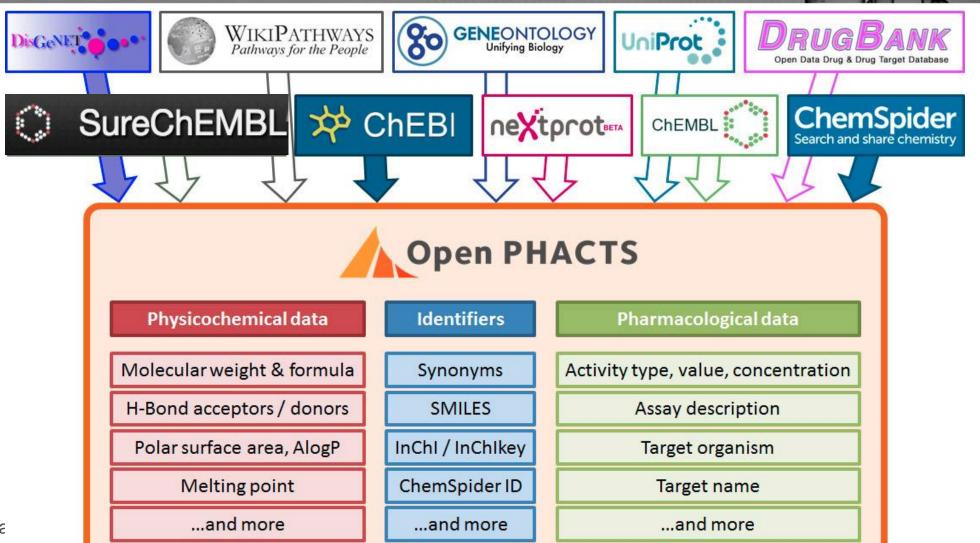


How do pharma companies use public data?









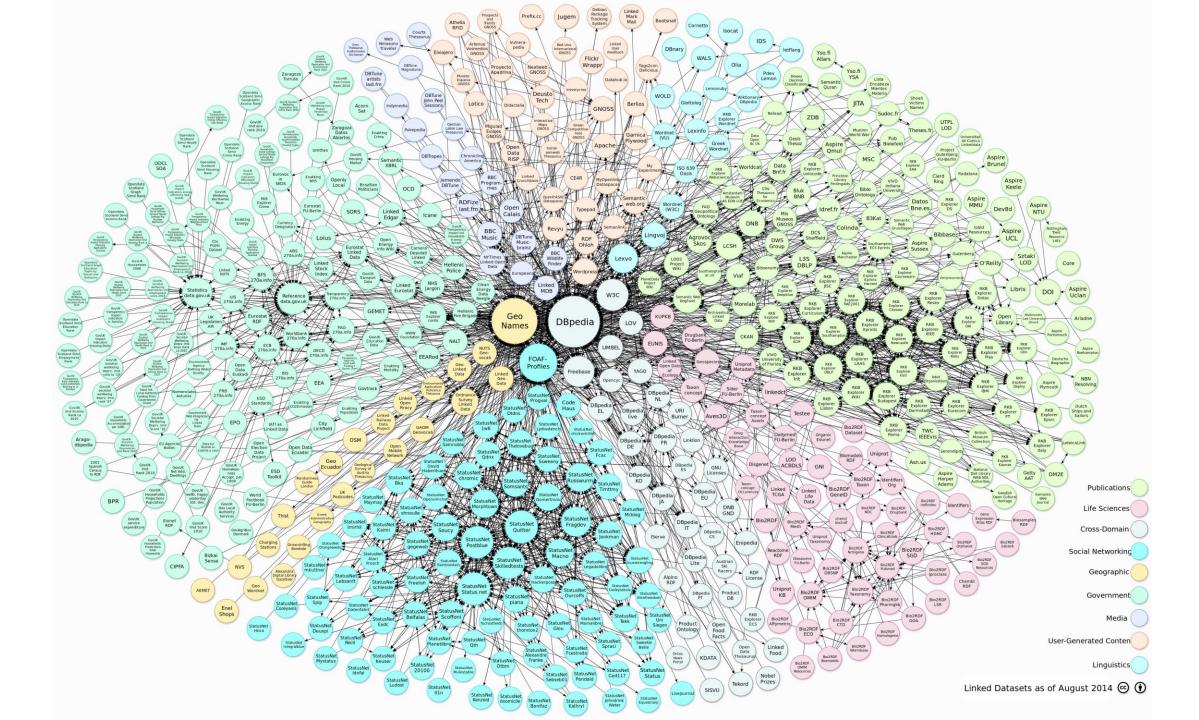
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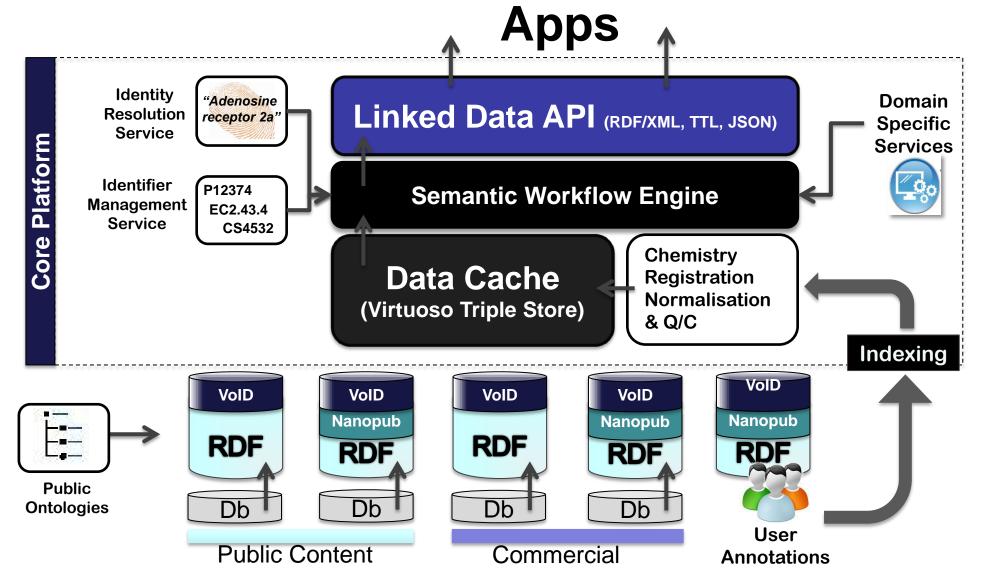


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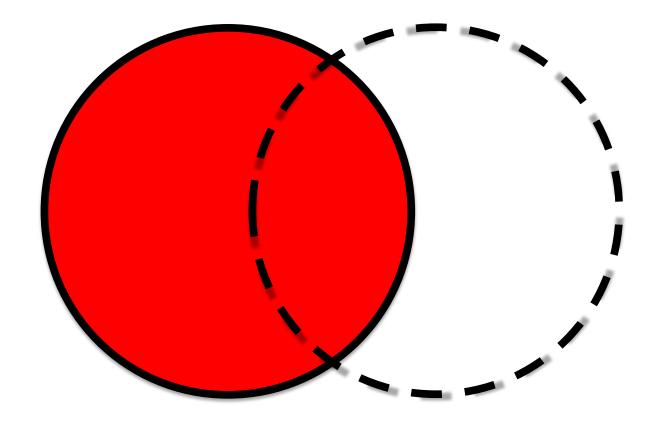








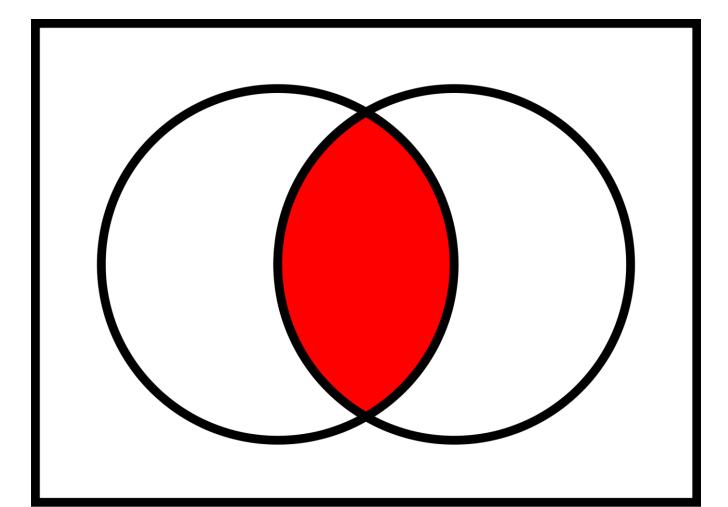
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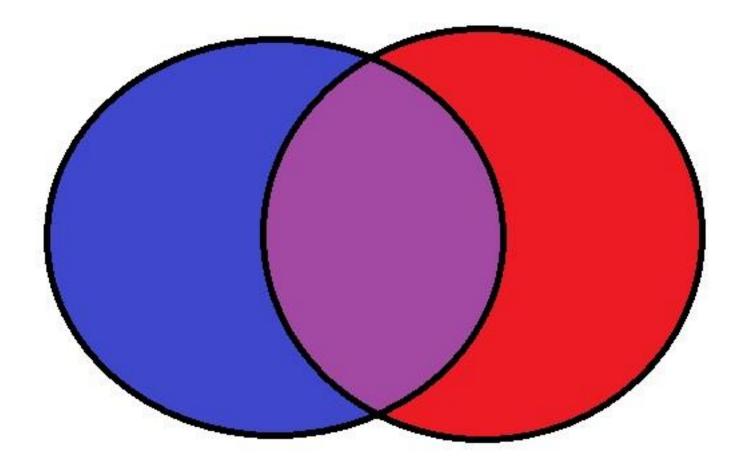
Link one resource to another







Or use both and map



ID mapping in Open PHACTS:

- Semweb enabled (full URIs)
- Using linksets
- Transitivity (and limits for that)
 - gene -> protein -> has enzyme code
 - Protein -> has enzyme code -> other proteins

This is not just Open PHACTS

Federated SPARQL queries:

e.g. find all genes related to disease, then all pathways with these genes...

Used as hackaton (swat4ls) examples/

Only works sometimes, by chance

Needs integrated ID mapping!

Metabolite mapping needs

- More mappings! (plant products, drugs, xenobiotics)
- Ontology based mapping (CheBi)
- Because:
 - Palmitic acid is a fatty acid
 - R,R,R-tocopherol is a form of Vitamin E
- And these should (sometimes) map

Also applies to biology: scientific lenses

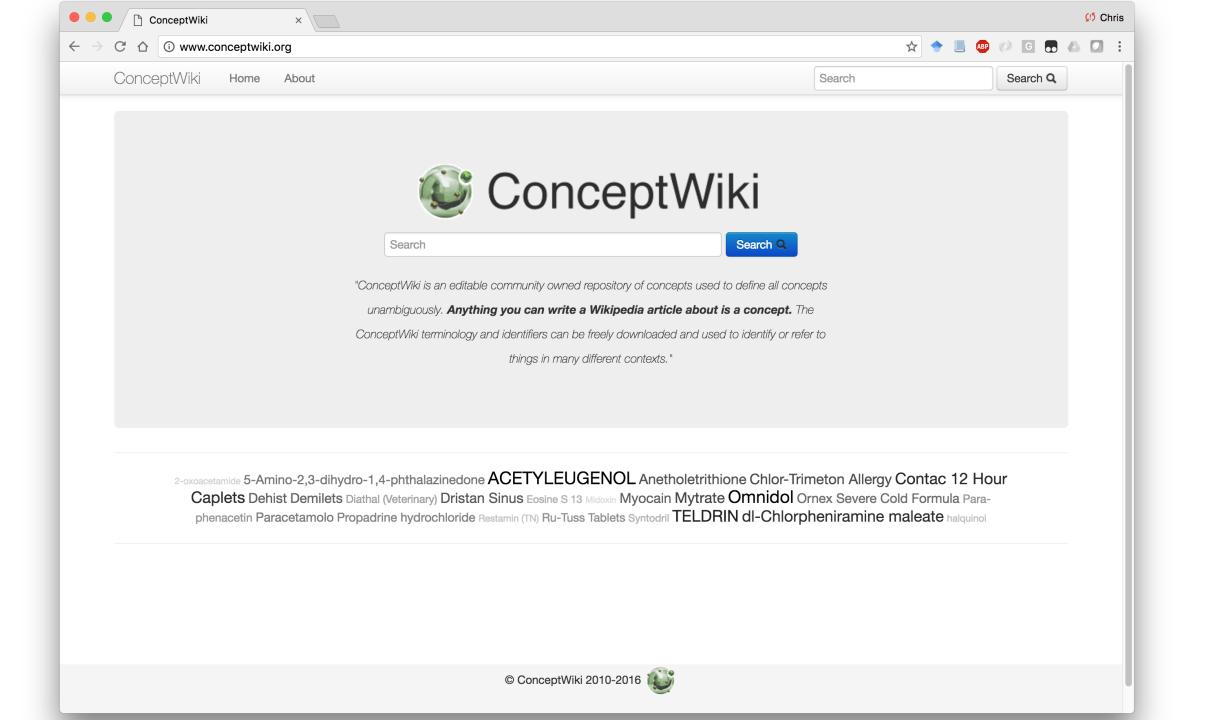
"SoMeTiMes i Wonder wOuldit have EnDeD differently iF iChOsE AnOtHeR sToRy...?"

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Sunday - Sep 23, 2012(1:30 pm)

Concepts

- What we need is a big ARTA (also referred to as, synonyms) table
 - That allows typos..
- E.g. synonyms for things found by text mining
- Mapping to ontologies is only a partial solution



It failed!

Because ...

- Try it!
- Calling on a million minds for community annotation ...
- But... people work on wikis because it gives them something right away

And we still need it!

- Open PHACTS used an indexer
- These only know what is in there
- Doesn't for instance allow connecting text mining results

Don't be afraid to reinvent wheels!



Chemistry mapping

- Structure not ID based
- Allow substructure searches
- Open PHACTS open source ???
- We need it, may have to redo

Ontology mapping

- Many available, even as services
- Often part of met resources
- Meta resources need feedback to original!

Annotation tools use ontology terms

- But do not allow lookup
- Often (typically) do not show what ontology used
- Need frameworks

Special cases

- Proteomics: peptides/fragments to proteins (Dutch proteomics meeting)
- Sequences: typical short sequence resolution (why BLAST the same things over and over?) (Natasa Przulj at NetBio SIG)

Mapping tools are core tools: need funding and sustainability



Delivering

- Not what people want
- But what people need
- For what they want

Where we will run into the next problem:

If we curate data well, and make all the technical connections real it may still be incomparable. Needs.... brains



People think that mathematics is complicated. Mathematics is the simple bit, it's the stuff we CAN understand. It's cats that are complicated.

— John Horton Conway —

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