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The Workflow Hub

A new registry that is Workflow Management System (WfMS) agnostic.

Workflows may remain in their native repositories in their native forms.

Workflows makers are custodians of their own workflows.

Holds related supplementary information: test and example data, SOPs, presentations etc

Workflows can be crated into collections

Metadata is generated by and harvested from WfMS. Galaxy, Snakemake and Nextflow are working with the Hub to seamlessly support packaging and registration.

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Workflows presented as CWL or in native image and form

A Workflow Zoo...

Computational processing using workflows has taken hold in the life sciences. There are 280+ Workflow Management Systems in operation [1]. Workflow registries and repositories typically cater for specific workflow management systems and there is little standardisation of the metadata. But just like data, workflows should be FAIR - Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable [2].

Responding to COVID-19



The Hub is due for Beta release in September 2020. However, the team fast-tracked to open in April 2020 to take COVID-19 workflows. Consequently the Hub is being perpetual developed in the open. So we are rubbing off the rough edges with our users. The Hub is registered on the EU Covid-19 Data Portal (<https://www.covid19dataportal.org/>).

ID	Name	Description	Type
sars_cov_2_reference_genome	ref	ref	File
sars_cov_2_reference_2M_genome	ref	ref	File
masses_left_reads	ref	ref	File
masses_right_reads	ref	ref	File
sampleName	ref	ref	string

ID	Name	Description
index_reference_genome_with_bowtie2		
align_masses_reads_to_genome		
index_reference_genome_with_sambtools		
create_sequence_dictionary		
update_read_group		
sort_sam		

GitHub Visit source

Workflows can be viewed at their github or at their source – e.g. Galaxy instance.

Workflow RO-Crate

Workflows can be uploaded / downloaded as Research Objects

Credit for submitter & creators

Or registered as collections of files

Inputs, outputs and steps
May be annotated using the EDAM ontology

Metadata standards

Bioschemas.org about a workflow

COMMON WORKFLOW LANGUAGE describe the workflow

Workflow RO-Crate organise & package the workflow components

The Hub was established during the COVID-19 Virtual Biohackathon April 5-11 2020.

The Hub is an instance of the FAIRDOM-SEEK commons infrastructure [3].

How do I get involved in Workflow Hub?

- Join the Workflow Hub Club - an open community that works together to develop the Hub.
- Contribute your Workflows – the Hub Club will help you. <https://about.workflowhub.eu/>

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