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Workflows Accessibility in Bioinformatics

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Workflows / Pipelines

- Large data sets
 - e.g. NGS
- Data analysis
 - multiple steps
 - automation
 - flexibility
 - reusability
- User groups
 - biologists
 - bioinformaticians

Simple Task

- List all enzymes catalyzing reactions involving a given compound
- Services on the Internet provide this functionality
 - e.g. KEGG services
 - <http://www.genome.jp/kegg/>
- Scripts
- Galaxy
- Taverna
- Taverna-Galaxy
- Taverna-Web

Script/Program (1)

```
#!/usr/bin/env ruby

require 'soap/wsdlDriver'

wsdl = "http://soap.genome.jp/KEGG.wsdl"
kegg_service = SOAP::WSDLDriverFactory.new(wsdl).create_rpc_driver

enzyme_classifications = []

begin
  reactions = kegg_service.get_reactions_by_compound(ARGV[0])
rescue => err
  puts err.message
end

reactions.each do |reaction|
  begin
    enzyme_classifications << kegg_service.get_enzymes_by_reaction(reaction)
  rescue => err
    puts err.message
  end
end

enzyme_classifications.uniq.each { |ec| puts ec }
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Script/Program (2)

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$ ./simpleGetEnzymesFromCompoundWkf.rb C15973  
  
ec:2.3.1.12  
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ec:1.8.1.4  
  
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superscript
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genes = []

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  rescue => err
    puts err.message
  end
end

genes.uniq.each { |gene| puts gene }
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```

e.g. GAPSS pipeline

Multiple Scripts - Issues

- Difficult to manage
 - many scripts/programs
 - many arguments per script/program
 - many directories/files (scripts' I/Os)
- Difficult to reuse
 - due to low-level description
 - inconsistent program arguments

In Galaxy Web Portal (1)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Web Portal interface in Mozilla Firefox. The main window displays the 'Get enzyme classifications of a compound' tool. On the left, a sidebar lists various tools under categories like 'manipulation', 'NGS', 'SNP/WGA', 'Human Genome Variation', 'VCF Tools', 'Taverna Workflows', and 'BioAID'. The 'Get enzyme classifications of a compound' tool is highlighted with a red dashed box and a red arrow pointing from the bottom left towards it. The main content area has a yellow header 'Get enzyme classifications of a compound'. It contains fields for 'Select source for compound_id' (with a dropdown menu 'Type manually'), 'Enter compound_id' (with input 'C15973'), and a dropdown for 'Would you also like the raw results as a zip file?' (set to 'No'). Below these are sections for 'What it does' (describing the tool's purpose) and 'Inputs' (listing 'compound_id' as an example). The 'Outputs' section lists 'enzymeClassificationList' as an example. The right side of the interface includes a 'History' panel with a message 'Your history is empty. Click 'Get Data' on the left pane to start'.

In Galaxy Web Portal (1)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Web Portal interface in Mozilla Firefox. The title bar reads "Galaxy - Mozilla Firefox". The main menu includes File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, and Help. The toolbar has various icons for different services like NBIC BioAS... and Spark.

The URL in the address bar is <http://localhost:8080/>.

The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with categories such as Tools, Options, manipulation, NGS: Mapping, NGS: Indel Analysis, NGS: RNA Analysis, NGS: SAM Tools, NGS: Peak Calling, NGS: Simulation, SNP/WGA: Data; Filters, SNP/WGA: QC; LD; Plots, SNP/WGA: Statistical Models, Human Genome Variation, VCF Tools, Taverna Workflows, EBI InterProScan for Taverna 2, Workflow1, Workflow2, BioAID ProteinDiscovery, and Get enzyme classifications of a compound. The "Get enzyme classifications of a compound" item is highlighted with a red dashed border.

The central panel displays the "Get enzyme classifications of a compound" tool. It has a header "Get enzyme classifications of a compound". A sub-header "Select source for compound_id:" with a dropdown menu "Type manually". Below it is a text input field labeled "Enter compound_id:" containing "C15973". A radio button group "Would you also like the raw results as a zip file?" with options "No" (selected) and "Yes". A "Execute" button. A section "What it does" explains the purpose: "Given a compound we want to know all the reactions that it participates in so that we get all the enzymes that drive those reactions. It uses KEGG services." A "Inputs" section lists "compound_id" as an example with value "C15973". An "Outputs" section lists "enzymeClassificationList" as an example with value "ec:2.3.1.168".

The right sidebar is titled "History" and shows a message: "Your history is empty. Click 'Get Data' on the left pane to start".

Who does what?



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In Galaxy Web Portal (1)

Galaxy - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

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http://localhost:8080/ Analyze Data Workflow Shared Data Help User

Galaxy

Tools Options manipulation NGS: Mapping NGS: Indel Analysis NGS: RNA Analysis NGS: SAM Tools NGS: Peak Calling NGS: Simulation SNP/WGA: Data; Filters SNP/WGA: QC; LD; Plots SNP/WGA: Statistical Models Human Genome Variation VCF Tools Taverna Workflows EBI InterProScan for Taverna 2 Workflow1 Workflow2 BioAID ProteinDiscovery Get enzyme classifications of a compound

Get enzyme classifications of a compound

Select source for compound_id:

Type manually

Enter compound_id: 

Would you also like the raw results as a zip file:

No Execute

What it does

Given a compound we want to know all the reactions that it participates in so that we get all the enzymes that drive those reactions. It uses KEGG services.

Inputs

- compound_id The compound id (from KEGG). Examples include:
 - C15973

Outputs

- enzymeClassificationList Enzyme classifications Examples include:
 - ec:2.3.1.168

History Options

Your history is empty. Click 'Get Data' on the left pane to start

In Galaxy Web Portal (2)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Web Portal interface in Mozilla Firefox. The title bar reads "Galaxy - Mozilla Firefox". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, and Help. The toolbar has various icons and tabs. The address bar shows "http://localhost:8080/". The main navigation bar has tabs: Analyze Data, Workflow (which is highlighted with a red arrow), Shared Data, Help, and User. On the left, a sidebar titled "Tools" lists categories like manipulation, NGS: Mapping, NGS: Indel Analysis, etc. A red dashed box highlights a list of tool IDs: ec:2.3.1.12, ec:2.3.1.61, ec:2.3.1.61, ec:2.3.1.168, ec:2.3.1.168, ec:2.3.1.168, and ec:1.8.1.4. To the right, the "History" panel shows a workflow step named "4: enzymeClassificationList".

In Galaxy Web Portal (3)

Galaxy - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

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http://localhost:8080/workflow/editor?id=f2db41e1fa331b3e

Galaxy Analyze Data Workflow Shared Data Help User

Tools Options

search tools

Get Data

Send Data

ENCODE Tools

Lift-Over

Text Manipulation

Filter and Sort

Join, Subtract and Group

Convert Formats

Extract Features

Fetch Sequences

Fetch Alignments

Get Genomic Scores

Operate on Genomic Intervals

Statistics

Wavelet Analysis

Graph/Display Data

Regional Variation

Multiple regression

Multivariate Analysis

Evolution

Motif Tools

Workflow Canvas | Get enzyme classification of a compound Options

Get enzyme classifications of a compound

enzymeClassificationList (tabular)

result_zip (zip)

Add column

to Dataset

out_file1

Details

Tool: Get enzyme classifications of a compound

Select source for compound_id:

Type manually

Enter compound_id: ▼

C15973

Would you also like the raw results as a zip file: ▼

No

Edit Step Actions

Rename Dataset

enzymeClassificationList Create

Add actions to this step; actions are applied when this workflow step completes.

Edit Step Attributes

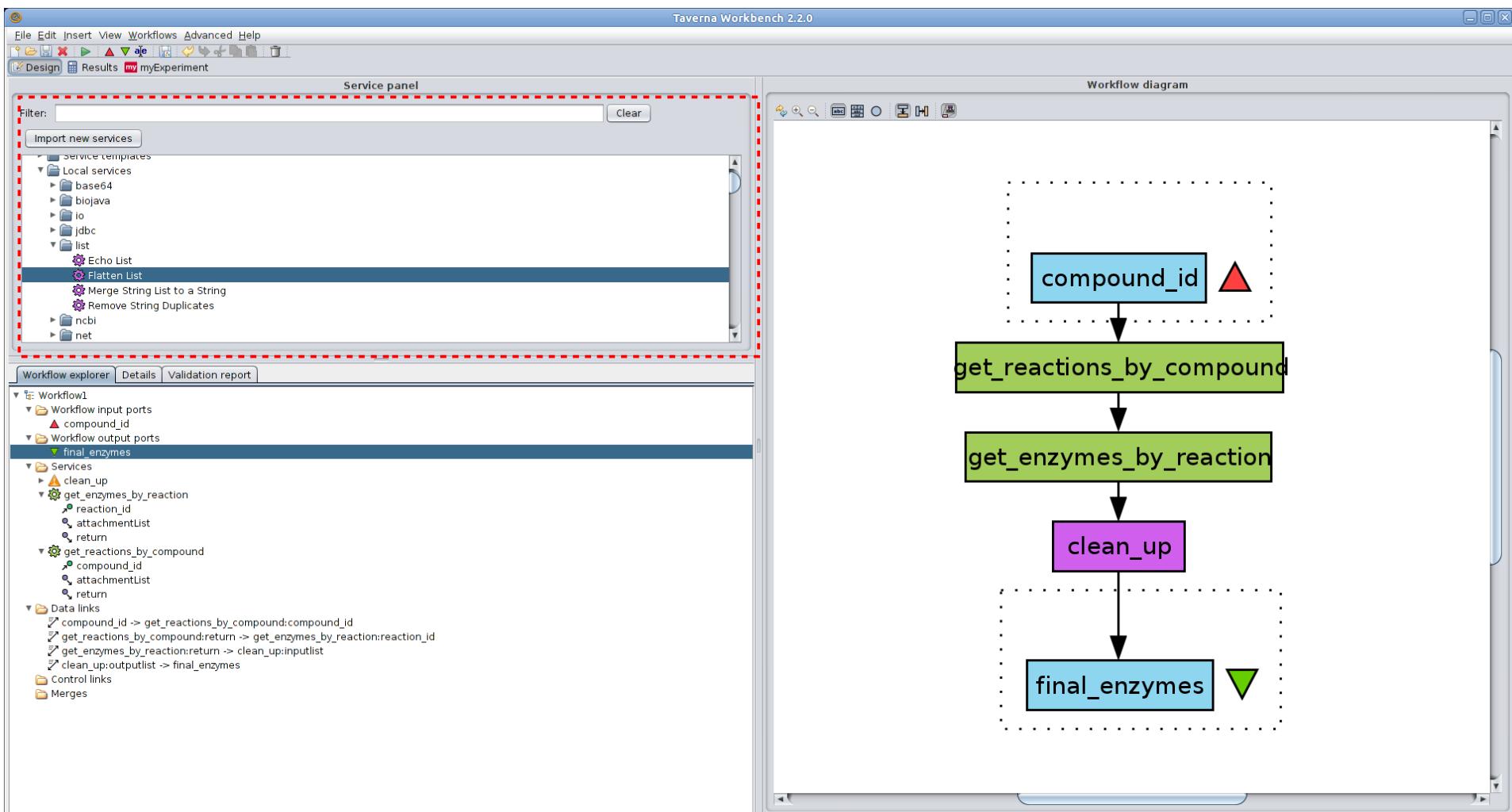
Annotation / Notes:

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graph LR; A[Get enzyme classifications of a compound] --> B[Add column]; B --> C[out_file1]
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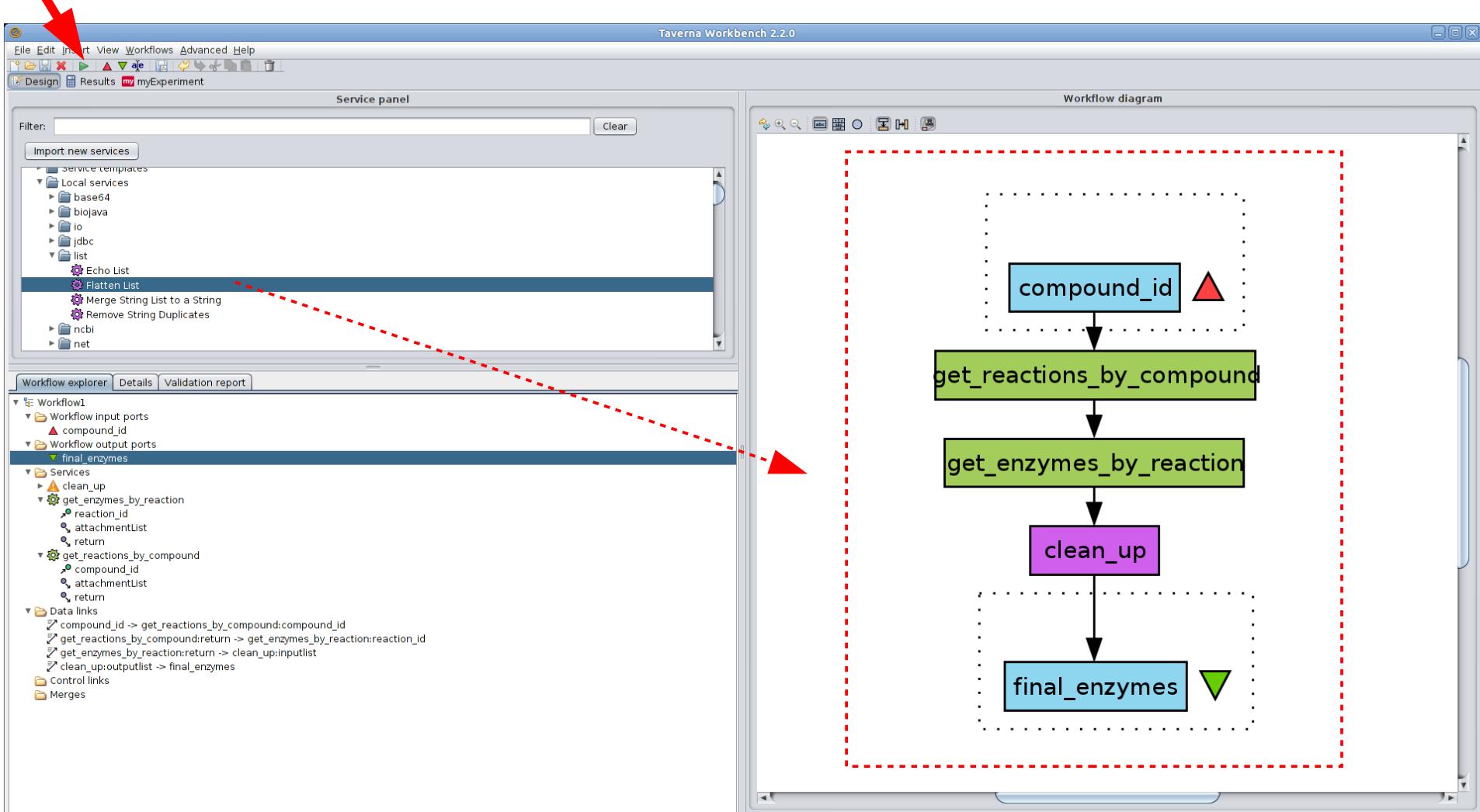
In Galaxy Web Portal (3)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Web Portal interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various bioinformatics tools under categories like Tools, ENCODE Tools, and Statistics. The main area is the Workflow Canvas titled "Workflow Canvas | Get enzyme classification of a compound". It contains a single step labeled "Get enzyme classifications of a compound". This step has two outputs: "enzymeClassificationList (tabular)" and "result_zip (zip)". A connection line from the "result_zip" output leads to a second step labeled "Add column". The "Add column" step has one output: "out_file1". To the right of the canvas, there is a "Details" panel. The "Tool" section shows the step details: "Tool: Get enzyme classifications of a compound", "Select source for compound_id: Type manually", and "Enter compound_id: C15973". There is also a question "Would you also like the raw results as a zip file? No". Below the canvas, a yellow box highlights the text "e.g. GAPSS pipeline".

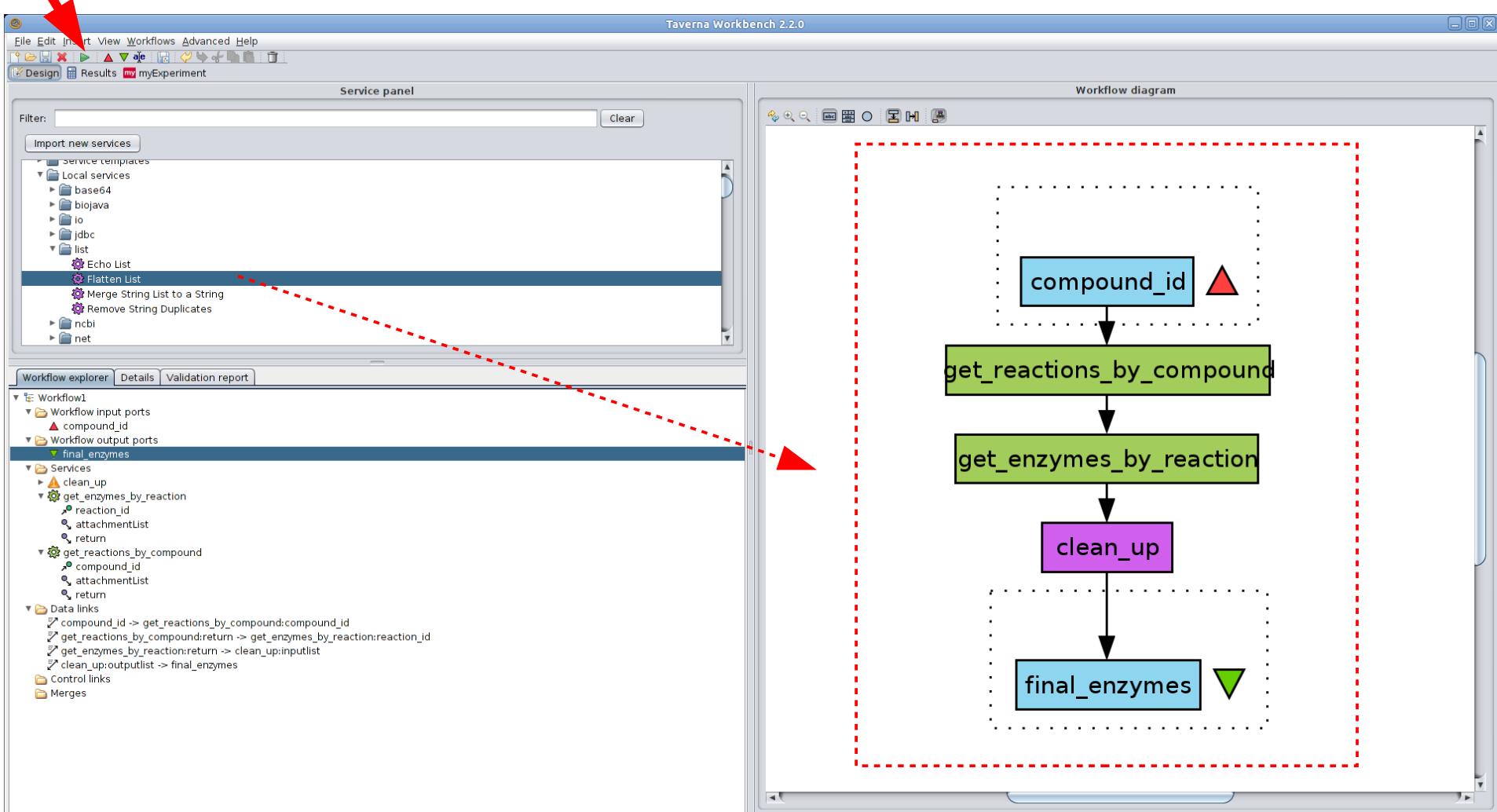
In Taverna Workbench (1)



In Taverna Workbench (2)

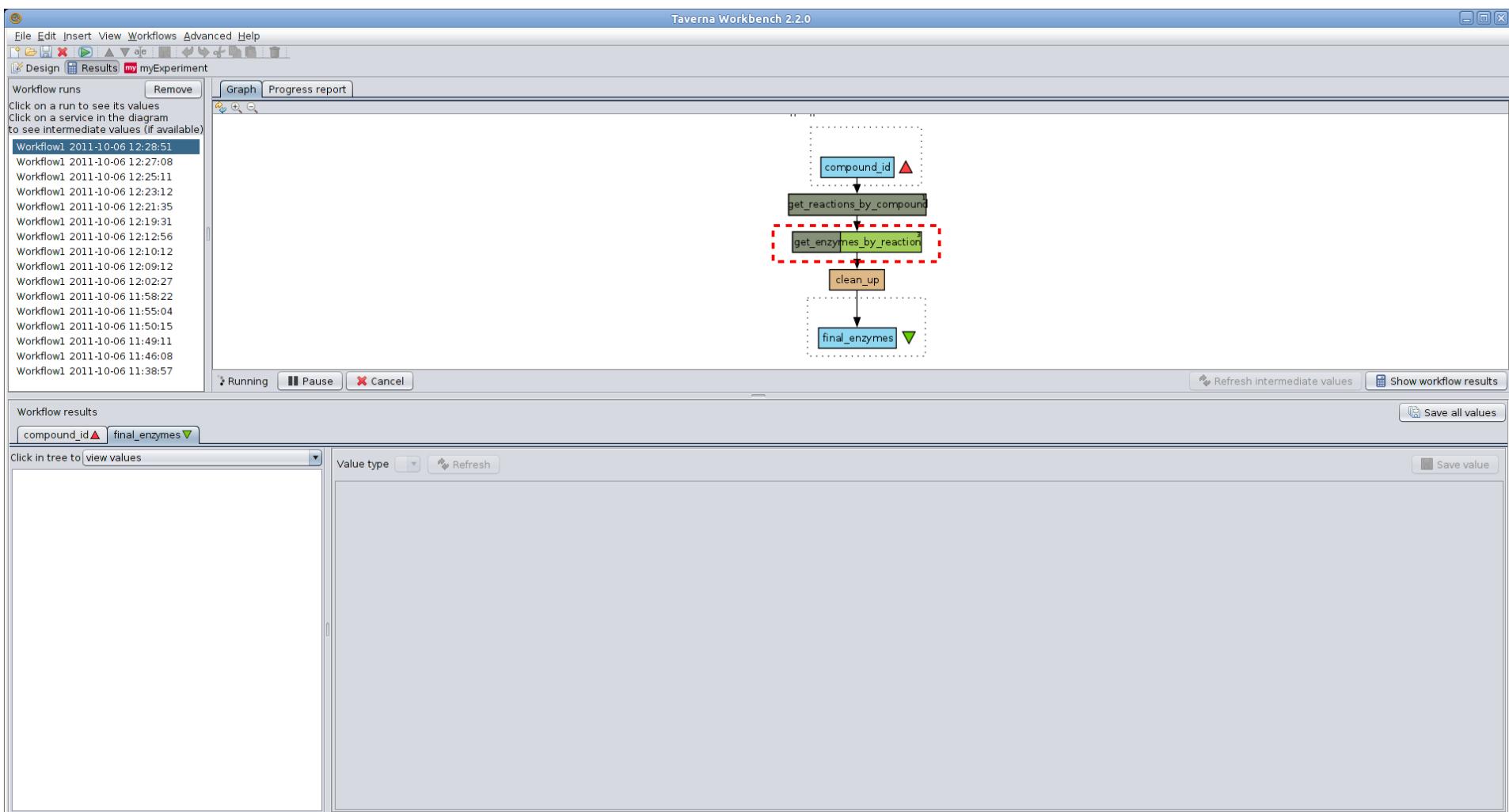


In Taverna Workbench (2)



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In Taverna Workbench (3)

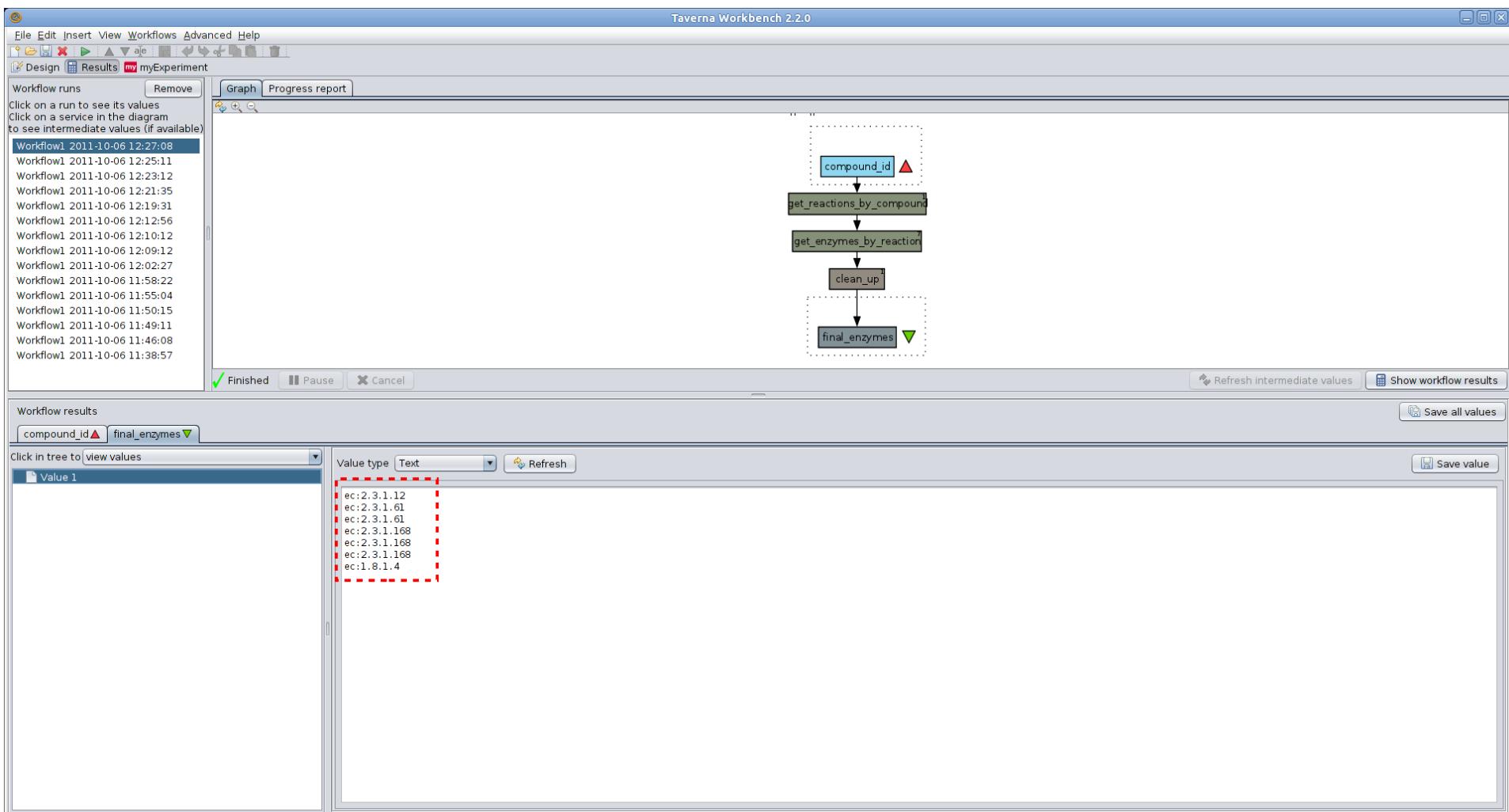


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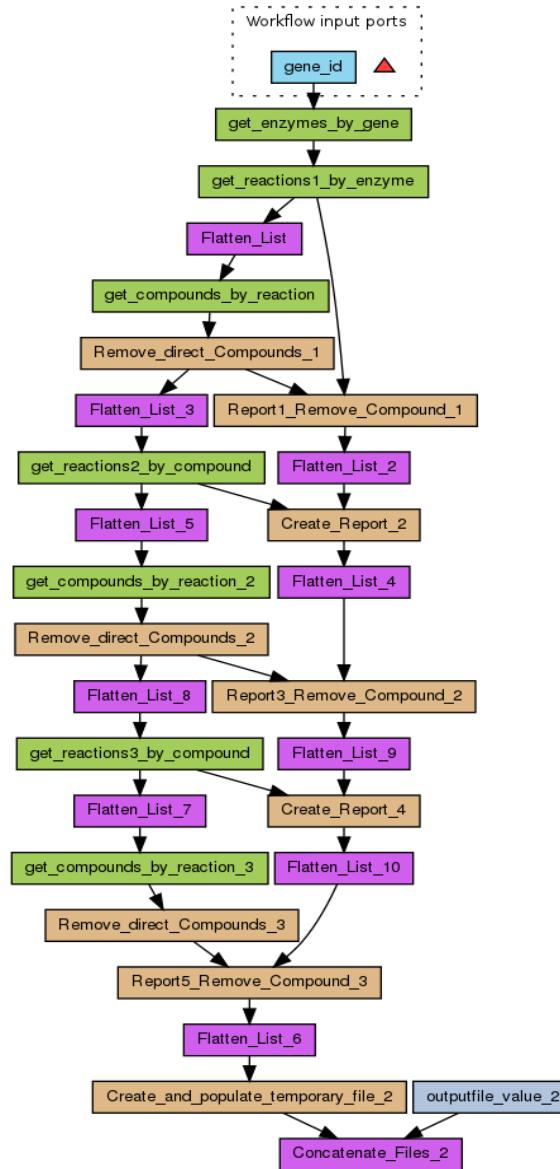
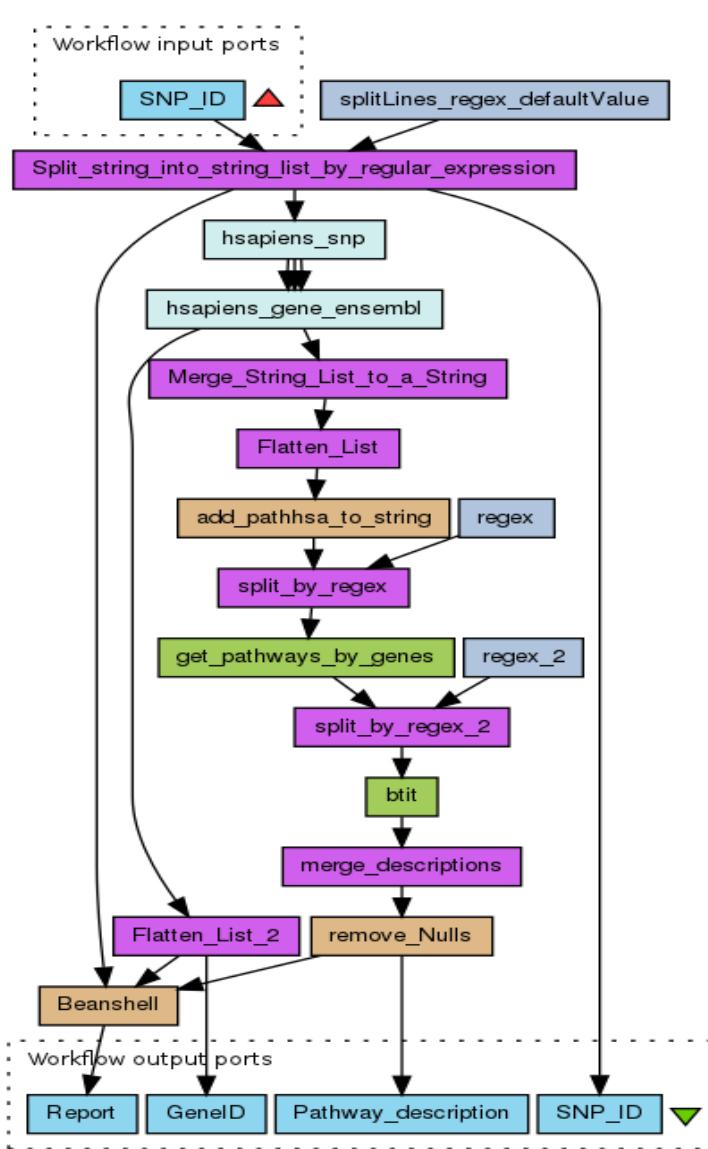


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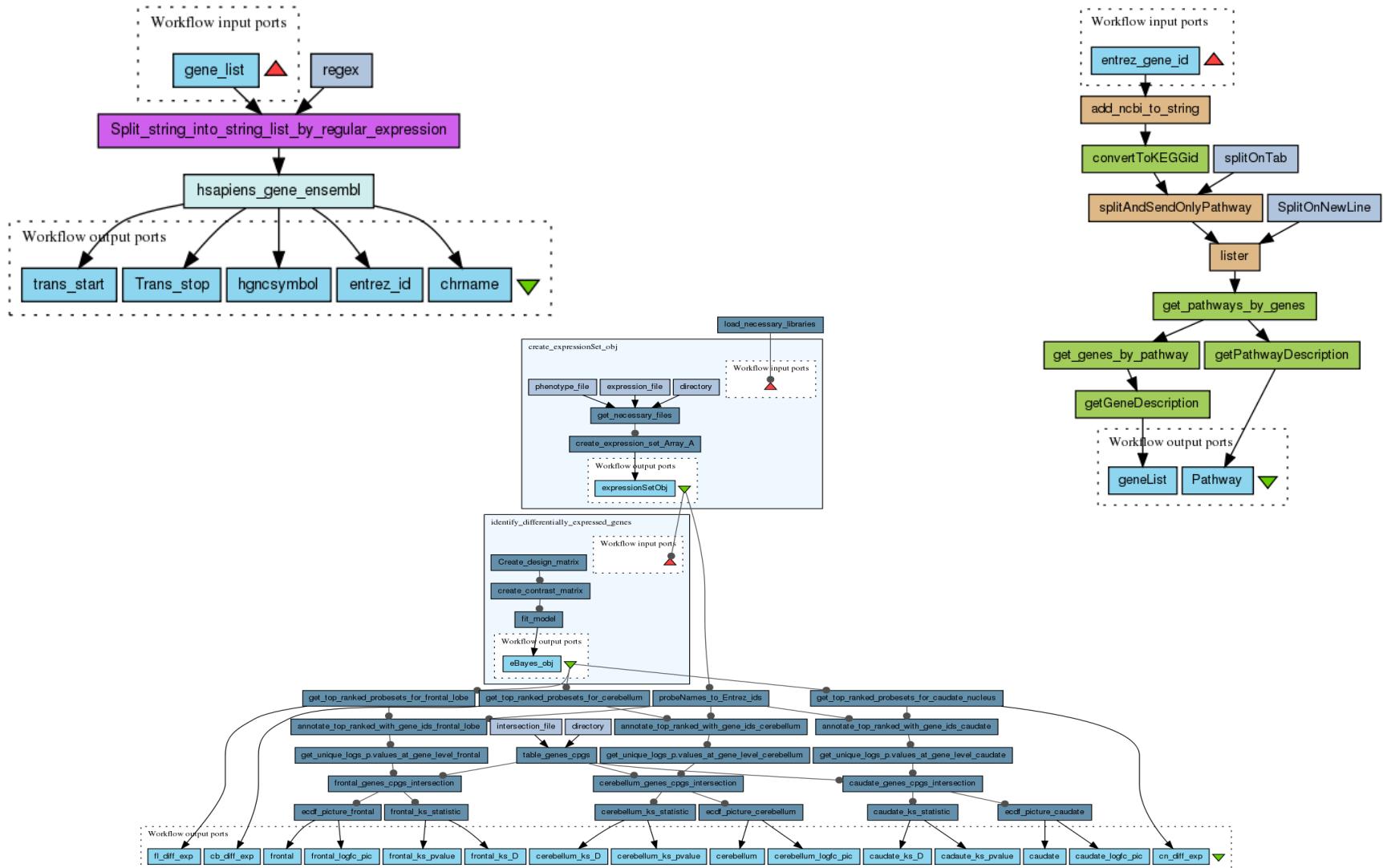
In Taverna Workbench (4)



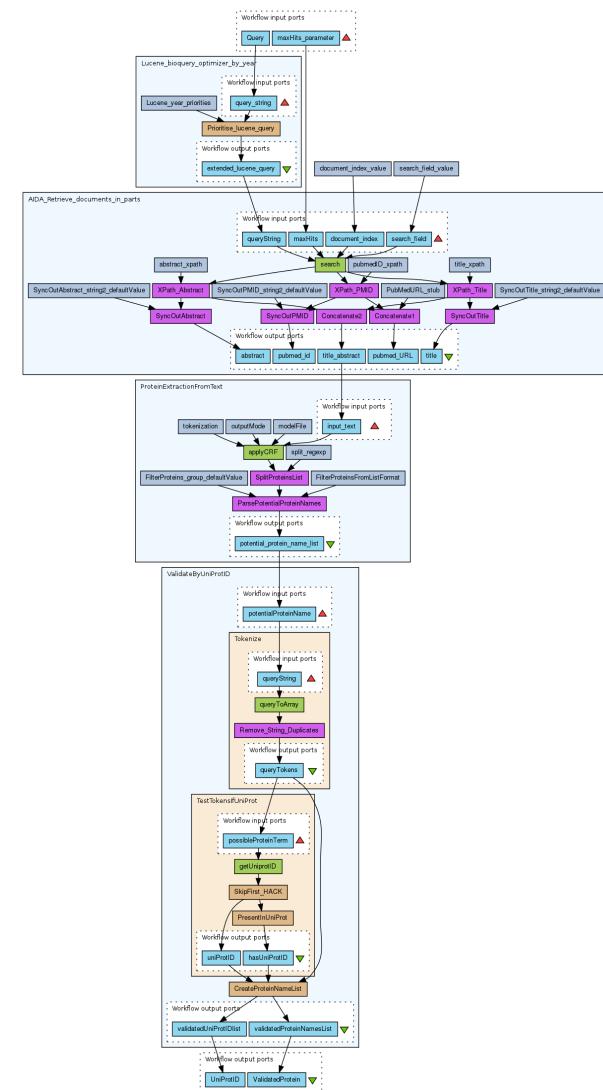
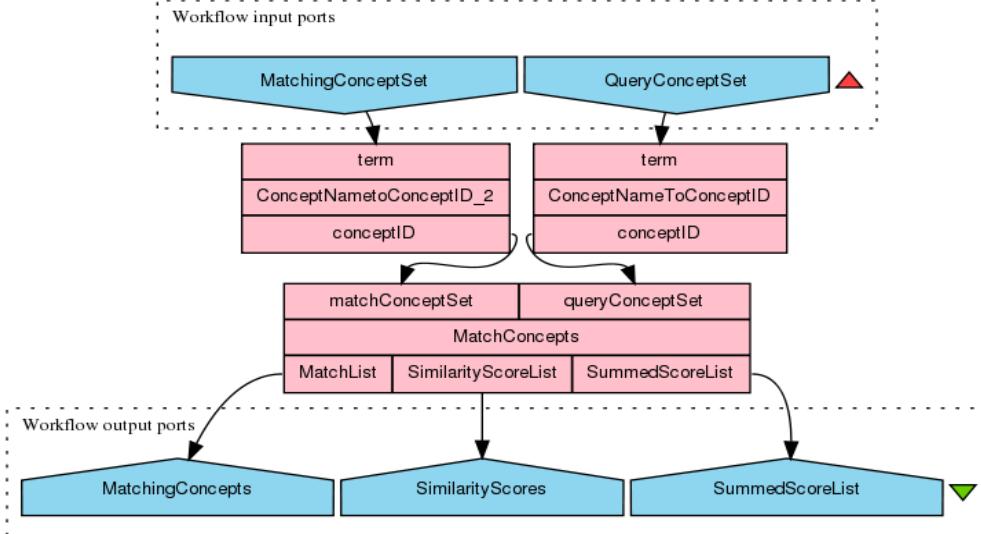
Harish's Workflows (GWAS: Metabolic Syndrome)



Eleni's Workflows (Huntington's Disease)



Marco's workflows (Semantic Text Mining)



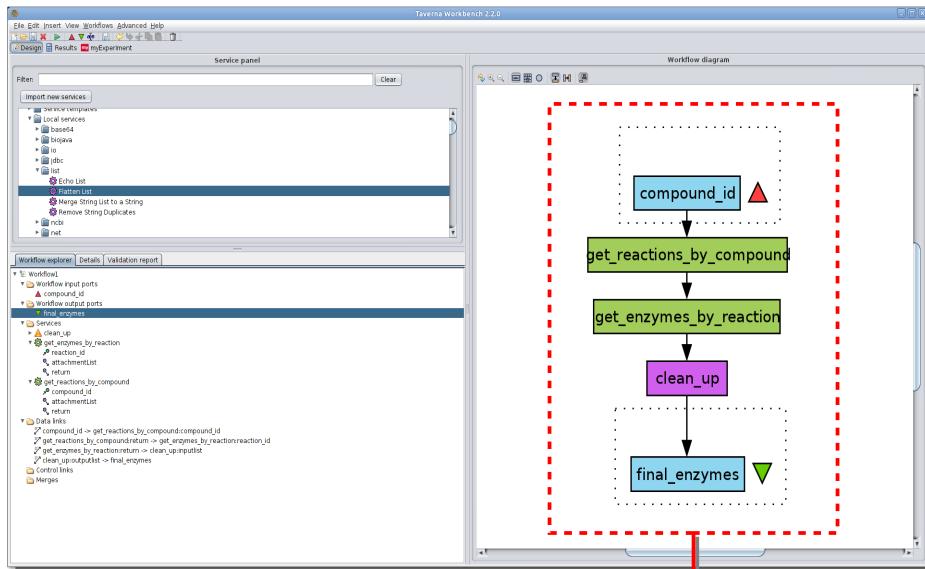
Taverna and Galaxy workflows

- The systems have a different focus
 - Some overlapping functionality but different strengths
 - Different fan clubs!

Galaxy	Taverna
straightforward workflows	very expressive workflows
exposing existing scripts	exposing existing web services
typically local tools	typically remote tools

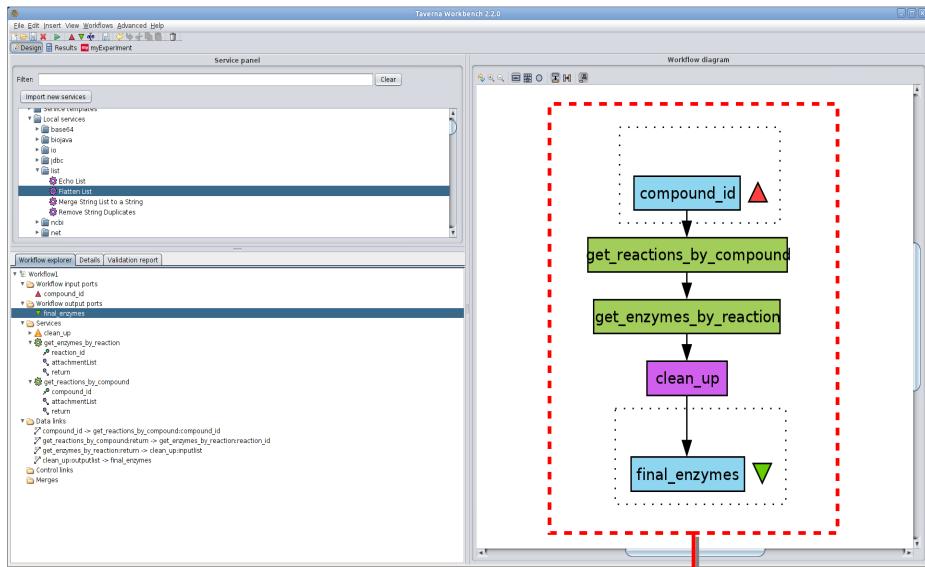
- Do we have to make a choice?
- Does that limit our potential users?
- How to make them more interoperable?

Taverna Workflows in Galaxy (1)



The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. The URL is `http://localhost:8080/`. The page displays a workflow step titled "Get enzyme classifications of a compound". The input field "Enter compound_id:" contains "C15973". The "Execute" button is visible. The "Outputs" section lists "enzymeClassificationList" with examples like "ec:2.3.1.168". A red box highlights the "Get enzyme classifications of a compound" step in the Galaxy interface, and a red arrow points from this box to the corresponding step in the Taverna diagram.

Taverna Workflows in Galaxy (1)



The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. A workflow step titled "Get enzyme classifications of a compound" is selected. The step has the following configuration:

- Select source for compound_id: Type manually
- Enter compound_id: C15973
- Would you also like the raw results as a zip file? No
- Execute button

The "Tools" sidebar on the left includes sections for manipulation, NGS, and Taverna Workflows. The Taverna Workflows section lists several workflows, including "Workflow1" and "Workflow2".

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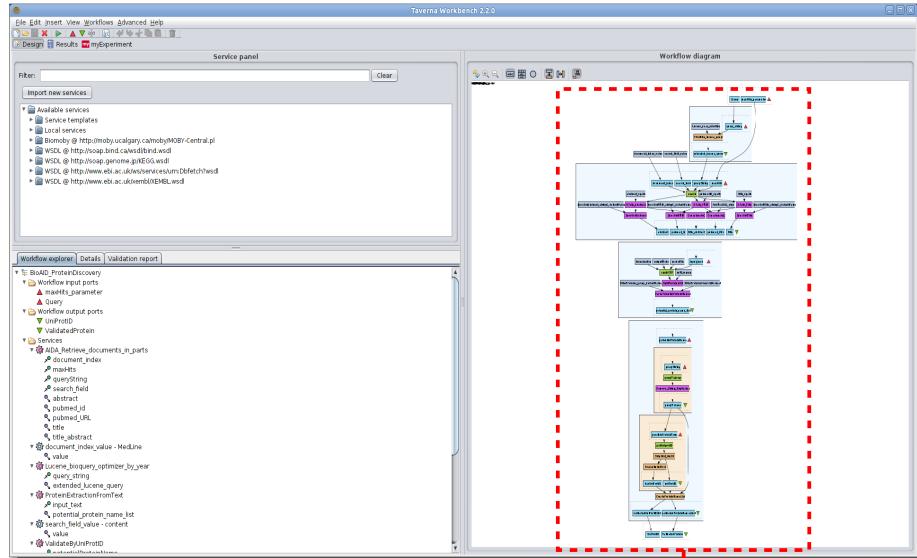


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Taverna Workflows in Galaxy (2)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface running in Mozilla Firefox. The title bar reads "Galaxy - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL "http://localhost:8080/". The main navigation menu includes "File", "Edit", "View", "History", "Bookmarks", "Tools", and "Help". Below the menu, there are tabs for "NBIC BioAs... Spark Workflow... BullionVaul... Διαδικτυα... Problem lo... Rich UI Wid... Outlook W... Firefox 4: e... Screencast... Galaxy-Tav... eGalaxy – el... Galaxy 'start_tcp... my myExperim...". The main content area has a "Galaxy" logo and a "Tools" dropdown menu. The "Tools" menu lists various bioinformatics categories: manipulation, NGS: Mapping, NGS: Indel Analysis, NGS: RNA Analysis, NGS: SAM Tools, NGS: Peak Calling, NGS: Simulation, SNP/WGA: Data; Filters, SNP/WGA: QC; LD; Plots, SNP/WGA: Statistical Models, Human Genome Variation, VCF Tools, Taverna Workflows, EBI InterProScan for Taverna 2, Workflow1, Workflow2, BioAID ProteinDiscovery, Get enzyme classifications of a compound. To the right of the tools menu is a search bar and a user menu with "Analyze Data", "Workflow", "Shared Data", "Help", and "User". The central workspace displays a list of tool IDs: ec:2.3.1.12, ec:2.3.1.61, ec:2.3.1.61, ec:2.3.1.168, ec:2.3.1.168, ec:2.3.1.168, ec:1.8.1.4. On the right side, there is a "History" panel with a green box containing the entry "4: final_enzymes".

Taverna Workflows on a Web Browser (1)



Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery - Mozilla Firefox

Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery
workflow by Marco Roos

Configure Workflow Inputs

Enter Query:
"transmembrane proteins" AND sky513

Upload file?

Enter maxHits_parameter:
3

Upload file?

Execute

Workflow Description

The workflow extracts protein names from documents retrieved from MedLine based on a user Query (cf Apache Lucene syntax). The protein names are filtered by checking if there exists a valid UniProt ID for the given protein name.

Output	Description	Examples
ValidatedProtein		UniProtID

Please Note

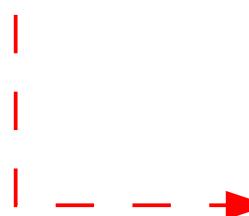
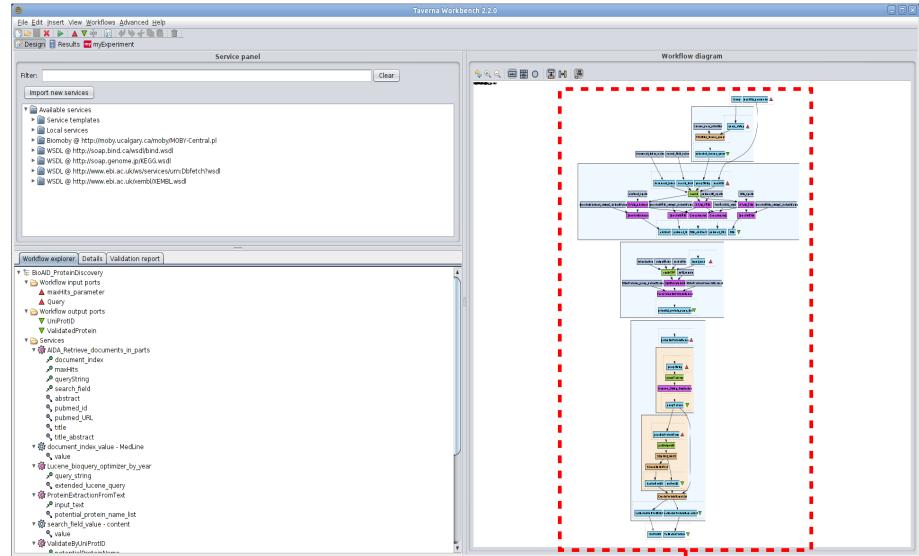


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Taverna Workflows on a Web Browser (1)



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery" by Marco Roos. The page includes:

- Configure Workflow Inputs:** Fields for "Enter Query:" (set to "transmembrane proteins" AND sky515) and "Enter maxHits_parameter:" (set to 5).
- Workflow Description:** A detailed description of the workflow's function.
- Output:** A table showing the output "ValidatedProtein" and its "Description" (UniProtID).
- Please Note:** A section containing the note: "The workflow extracts protein names from documents retrieved from MedLine based on a user Query (cf Apache Lucene syntax). The protein names are filtered by checking if there exists a valid UniProt ID for the given protein name."

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Taverna Workflows on a Web Browser (2)

Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery - Mozilla Firefox

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http://workflow.mybiobank.org/t2web/workflow/74

Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery
workflow by Marco Roos

Configure Workflow Inputs

Enter Query:
"transmembrane proteins" AND amyloid

Upload file?

Enter maxHits_parameter:
3

Upload file?

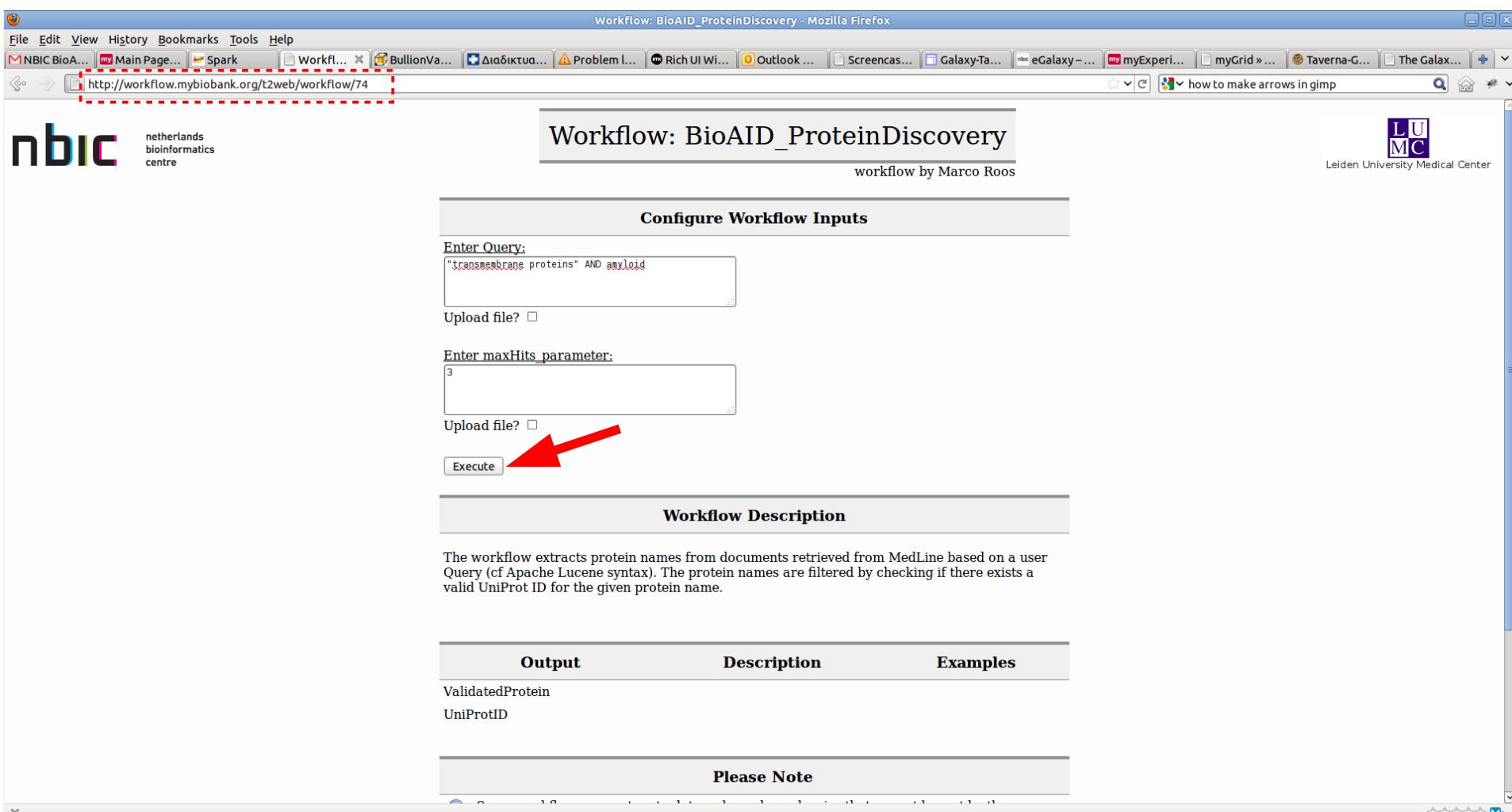
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Output	Description	Examples
ValidatedProtein		
UniProtID		

Please Note



Taverna Workflows on a Web Browser (3)

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "Results: - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays the URL <http://workflow.mybiobank.org/t2web/enact>. The main content area is titled "Workflow: BioAID_ProteinDiscovery" and is attributed to "workflow by Marco Roos". On the left, there is a sidebar with two sections: "ValidatedProtein" and "UniProtID", both enclosed in dashed red boxes. The "ValidatedProtein" section lists protein identifiers: P70386, Q02527, Q09327, Q10470, Q14CK5, Q6IC49, Q9UH32, A8K7C2, O73815, P02571, P02579, P12714, P14104, P53478, P60010, P63259, P63260, P63261, and P63262. The "UniProtID" section lists: P70386, Q02527, Q09327, Q10470, Q14CK5, Q6IC49, Q9UH32, P70386, Q02527, Q09327, Q10470, Q14CK5, Q6IC49, Q9UH32, P70386, Q02527, Q09327, Q10470, Q14CK5, Q6IC49, Q9UH32, A8K7C2, O73815, P02571, P02579, P12714, P14104, P53478, P60010, P63259, P63260, P63261, and P63262. A status message at the bottom left says "Transferring data from workflow.mybiobank.org...". The browser's toolbar and menu bar are visible at the top, and the nbic logo is present in the top left corner.



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Summary

- Workflow example using several approaches
- Taverna workflows can be accessed in Galaxy
 - Bioinformatician *creates/finds* appropriate workflow
 - He uses Taverna-Galaxy to create new tool and installs it
 - ... biologist will see the new tool in the Galaxy server
 - The taverna workflow can now take part in a Galaxy workflow
- Taverna workflows can be accessed via the web
 - Bioinformatician *creates/finds* appropriate workflow
 - ... sends the URL to biologist

- More information
 - <http://galaxy.psu.edu/>
 - <http://www.taverna.org.uk/>
 - <https://trac.nbic.nl/elabfactory/wiki/eGalaxy>
- Questions?
 - kostas.karasavvas@nbic.nl