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Performance Metrics Report

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4/12/2021	1	March 2021 VEuPathDB Performance Metrics Report Note that in addition to current metrics, the report has been updated to reflect NIAID feedback from last month's report.

Joint-BRC Common System Performance Metrics Plan

This report will be made available from all VEuPathDB sites, e.g., <https://veupathdb.org/> , from the About menu.

This monthly systems performance metrics report provides a summary of the VEuPathDB BRC performance for the current reporting period in accordance with the Joint-BRC Common System Performance Metrics Plan developed by the BRCs and subsequently approved by NIAID.

As per the plan, each BRC will report and aggregate performance metrics for their constituent parts, i.e., FungiDB, PlasmoDB, OrthoMCL-DB, VectorBase, etc. for VEuPathDB. These metrics will serve as a basis for collecting quantitative measures of performance of the BRC resources to identify trends, areas that are performing well, and areas for improvement. Once the system performance plan is approved by NIAID, each BRC will submit a system performance report for their resource on a monthly basis. Annual summaries will be included in the Annual Progress Reports.

It is important to note that metrics across the two BRCs are highly dependent on the relative sizes of the respective research communities, the associated quantities and types of available data, complexity of various analysis tools, and how each of the resources delivers the data and tools to the user. Thus, cross-BRC comparisons of individual metrics are not necessarily indicative of relative usage or performance.

Common system performance metrics covering both BRCs (note that this list is subject to modification, based on feasibility of collection, changes in availability technologies, BRC website development, suggestions from NIAID program and other stakeholders, etc):

Website Performance

Every month, each BRC will report the performance of the key web pages from their website, starting with the pages listed in the table below and adding new pages as they are released on the website. For each page, the average page load time will be computed based on a predefined set of pages and compared against the target page load time set as a target benchmark. This will help us ensure that the performance of the individual pages and the overall website is maintained as the amount of data and usage increase with time over the life of the project. If performance of any of the pages is below the set benchmark, we will address it by performing necessary hardware or software optimizations.

- **Target page load time**

- *Definition* - Target page load time measured in seconds, set as a benchmark. The target page load times may vary for various pages depending on their complexity and amount of data they present / visualize to the user.
- *Measurement mechanism* - Manual / custom performance measurement scripts.
- *Measure* - Page load time in seconds.

- **Average page load time**

- *Definition* - Average page load time measured in seconds, after N executions. The average page load times may vary for various pages depending on their complexity and amount of data they present / visualize to the user. Hence, average load time for a web page should be compared only to the benchmark set for that page.
- *Measurement mechanism* - Manual / custom performance measurement scripts.
- *Measure* - Average page load time measured seconds, after N executions.

Table 1 VEuPathDB Website Performance (March 1-31, 2021)

Web Page	BRC Domain	Target Load Time (Seconds)	Avg. Load Time (Seconds)
Home page	VEuPathDB	5	2.26
Gene search form with filterParam	VEuPathDB	5	1.69
Gene search result (default organism)	VEuPathDB	5	2.29
Gene record page	VEuPathDB	5	2.27
Site search result	VEuPathDB	5	2.51
Organism table (search result on strategy panel)	VEuPathDB	5	1.42
Data Sets table (search result on answerController)	VEuPathDB	5	2.23
Fasta SRT result (click submit)	VEuPathDB	5	1.74

Service/Tool Performance

Both BRC analysis services and tools allow users to analyze data pulled from the respective BRC databases and their own private data, compare to other datasets, and save the results in their private workspaces. Both the BRCs will monitor and report the performance of all analysis services/tools available in their resource on a monthly basis. The performance reports will be generated based on the actual usage of these services/tools by BRC users in a given month. For each analysis service, we will compute the total number of jobs submitted by users, number of jobs completed successfully, failed, average wait time for the jobs queued in the system, and average run time. Monitoring the fraction of jobs that fail and/or reported by users will allow us to identify recurring problems and address them in a timely manner to make the services more robust and reliable. The job wait time depends on the variation in the usage patterns and system load, while the run time depends heavily on the size of the input data and the parameters selected. Monitoring these metrics will allow us to identify factors affecting the overall performance of the application services and tools and address them by performing necessary software and/or hardware scaling or optimization to meet the user expectations.

- **Analysis tasks submitted**

- *Definition* - A breakdown of total number of analysis tasks submitted by users, summarized by service/tool, during the specified date range.
- *Measurement mechanism* - Captured via website and server logs, which are used to tally the number.
- *Measure* - Jobs per month, tallied by service/tool.

- **Analysis tasks completed**

- *Definition* - A breakdown of total number of analysis tasks submitted by users and completed successfully, summarized by service/tool, during the specified date range.

- *Measurement mechanism* - Captured via website and server logs, which are used to tally the number.
- *Measure* - Jobs per month, tallied by service/tool.
- **Analysis Tasks Deleted**
 - *Definition* - A breakdown of total number of analysis tasks submitted by users and deleted, summarized by service/tool, during the specified date range.
 - *Measurement mechanism* - Captured via website and server logs, which are used to tally the number.
 - *Measure* - Jobs per month, tallied by service/tool.
- **Analysis tasks failed**
 - *Definition* - A breakdown of total number of analysis tasks submitted by users and failed, summarized by service/tool, during the specified date range.
 - *Measurement mechanism* - Captured via website and server logs, which are used to tally the number.
 - *Measure* - Jobs per month, tallied by service/tool.
- **Average run time by service/tool**
 - *Definition* - A breakdown of average run time for all analysis tasks submitted by users, summarized by service/tool, during the specified date range.
 - *Measurement mechanism* - Captured via website and server logs, which are used to tally the number.
 - *Measure* - Average run time measured in seconds, tallied by service/tool.
- **Input limits**
 - *Definition* - Maximum size of the input supported by a service/tool, beyond which it may degrade the performance or fail to produce results.
 - *Measurement mechanism* - Defined by requirements, design and/or testing of a service/tool.
 - *Measure* - Input size defined as number or size of the input parameters. The units can vary depending on tool/service.
 - *N/A* - We are not aware of any limits. If there are limits, they will be imposed as part of the standard Galaxy implementation outside our control.

Table 2. VEuPathDB Tools/Services Performance Metrics (March 1-31, 2021)

Tool/Service	BRC Domain	Jobs Submitted	Jobs Completed	Jobs Deleted	Jobs Failed	Avg Run Time	Input limits
BLAST	VEuPathDB	14070	13934	N/A	136	5.2 sec	31kb
Galaxy Jobs - Details below:	VEuPathDB						
FastQC	VEuPathDB	623	526	20	77	1785	N/A
Data Upload	VEuPathDB	1301	1288	1	12	18	N/A
FASTQ Groomer	VEuPathDB	571	401	28	142	9460	N/A
Trimmomatic	VEuPathDB	226	164	47	15	4378	N/A
HTSeqCountToTPM	VEuPathDB	209	109	58	42	10142	N/A
BAM to BigWig	VEuPathDB	202	137	50	15	5742	N/A

HISAT2	VEuPathDB	207	152	52	3	2969	N/A
OrthoMCL Blast Parser	VEuPathDB	189	121	58	10	404	N/A
OrthoMCL Preprocess Fasta File	VEuPathDB	131	95	23	13	816	N/A
OrthoMCL Map Proteome To Groups	VEuPathDB	119	80	39	0	272	N/A
MCL Clustering	VEuPathDB	86	56	30	0	158	N/A
Tophat2	VEuPathDB	4	4	0	0	22480	N/A
Deeptools BAM Coverage	VEuPathDB	8	0	8	0	0	N/A

Database / Data API Performance

Both the BRCs will monitor database performance using predefined search and retrieval queries for various data types, measure average response time in seconds, and report it on a monthly basis. These database queries will capture the most common data queries used by various web pages and tools on the BRC websites as well as user queries used to download large amounts of data in batch mode using the data API, web services, or Command Line Interface (CLI). For each query, the average response time will be compared to the set benchmark. This will help us ensure that the performance of individual data queries as well as the overall database meets the performance benchmarks as well as user expectations. If the performance of any query does not meet the benchmark, we will address it by performing necessary database, query, or hardware optimizations.

- **Target response time**

- *Definition* - Target response time measured in seconds, set as a benchmark. The target response times may vary for various queries depending on the complexity of the query and amount of data retrieved.
- *Measurement mechanism* - Manual / custom performance measurement scripts.
- *Measure* - Page load time in seconds.

- **Average response time**

- *Definition* - Average response time measured in seconds, after N executions. The average response times may vary for various pages depending on the complexity of the query and amount of data retrieved. Hence, average load time for a web page should be compared only to the benchmark set for that page.
- *Measurement mechanism* - Manual / custom performance measurement scripts.
- *Measure* - Average response time measured seconds, after N executions.

Table 3 VEuPathDB Database / Data API Performance (March 1-31, 2021)

Database Query	BRC Domain	Target Response Time (milliseconds)	Avg Response Time (milliseconds)
Data analysis searches (all, see below for breakdown):	VEuPathDB	NA	NA
Annotation searches	VEuPathDB	1000	41
Epigenomics	VEuPathDB	1000	50
Function prediction	VEuPathDB	1000	38
Gene models	VEuPathDB	1000	557
Genetic variation	VEuPathDB	1000	59
Genomic Location	VEuPathDB	1000	37
Immunology	VEuPathDB	1000	39
Orthology and synteny	VEuPathDB	1000	28
Pathways and interactions	VEuPathDB	1000	31
Phenotype	VEuPathDB	1000	54
Protein features and properties	VEuPathDB	1000	46
Protein targeting and localization	VEuPathDB	1000	40
Proteomics	VEuPathDB	1000	41
Sequence analysis	VEuPathDB	1000	41
Structure analysis	VEuPathDB	1000	46
Taxonomy	VEuPathDB	1000	52
Text	VEuPathDB	1000	37
Transcriptomics	VEuPathDB	1000	141
Popset Isolate Sequences	VEuPathDB	1000	30
Genomic Sequences	VEuPathDB	1000	37
Genomic Segments	VEuPathDB	1000	33
SNPs	VEuPathDB	1000	39
ESTs	VEuPathDB	1000	33
Metabolic Pathways	VEuPathDB	1000	27
Compounds	VEuPathDB	1000	31
Sequence retrieval tool	VEuPathDB	1000	650

Site Search	VEuPathDB	1000	353
User Comments	VEuPathDB	1000	45
Multiple sequence alignment (isolates)	VEuPathDB	10000	4784