

Pathway Enrichment with KNIME



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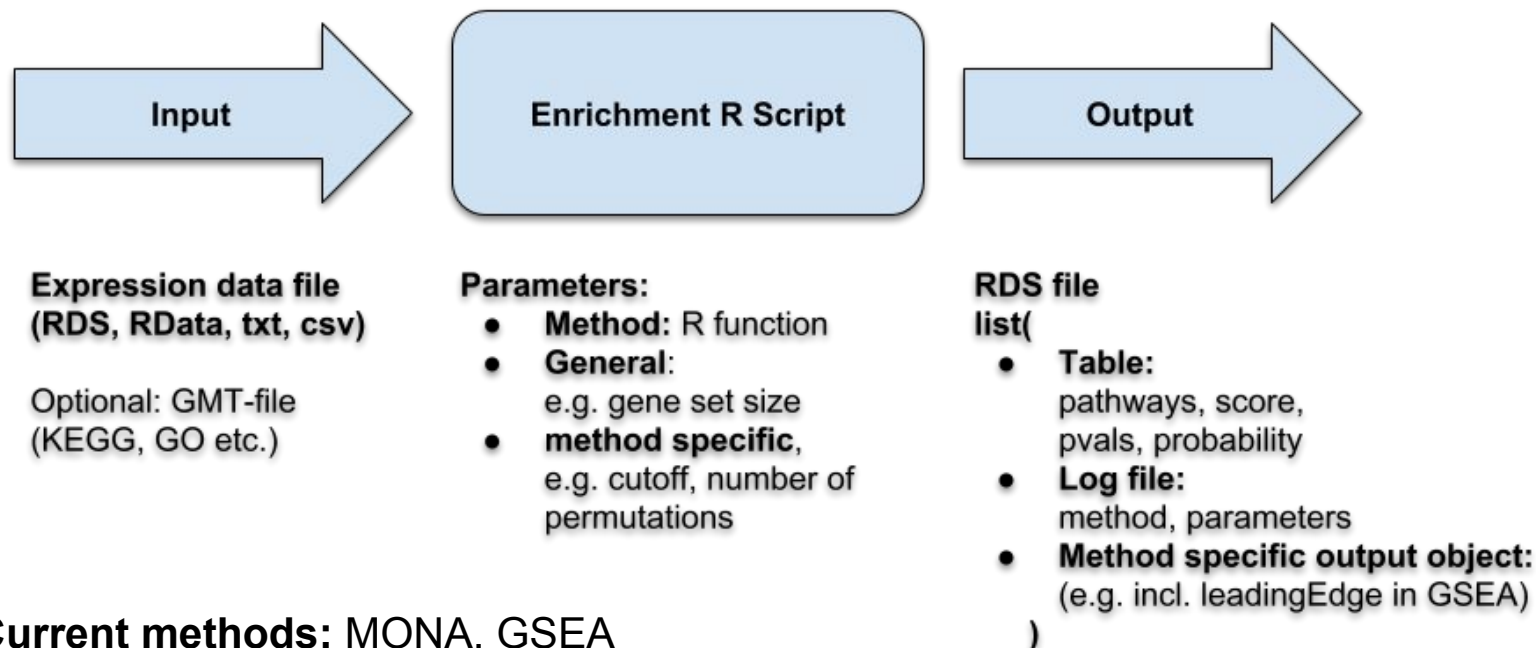
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Modular R library integrating multiple Pathway Enrichment methods

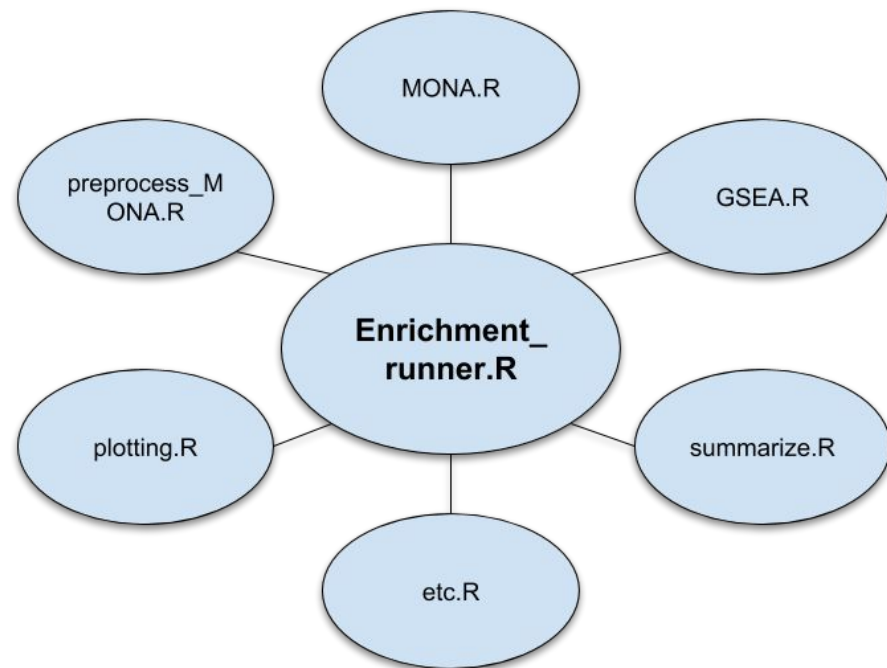
Modular R Framework



How to deal with different input data requirements,
i.e. raw data vs. summary statistics?

Modular R Framework

- Central runner script
- calls methods as R functions
- Idea: methods share common starting point (raw data)
- necessary preprocessing handled internally



```
#!/usr/bin/env Rscript
#
# Runner script for multiOMICS pathway enrichment
# @param method string // Select method for pathway enrichment
# @param data string // file path to .RDS input file: named numerical vector, names=gene symbols#
# @param result string // file path to save results as .RDS
# @param gmt string // pathway definition to use: KEGG, GO... default: KEGG
# @param minsize integer // min size of GSS to be considered, default: 15
# @param maxsize integer // max size of GSS to be considered, default: 500
# @param nperm integer // number of permutations, default: 10000
# @param mygmt string // custom .gmt file // not required
#
#
# @param gmt string // pathway definition to use: KEGG, GO... default: KEGG
# @param minsize integer // min size of GSS to be considered, default: 15
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# @param nperm integer // number of permutations, default: 10000
# @param mygmt string // custom .gmt file // not required
```

Modular R Framework

```
C:\Users\krisg\Documents>Rscript run_Peanalysis.R -m fgsea -input data.csv -o result.csv -g KEGG
[1] "Processing....."
[1] "Completed successful! See log file for more information."
[1] combi6fsg 20cc62210t: 256 t08 ltt6 lol wole tuolu9ftou:
```

- Run from command line
- run locally in R or
- use Docker support
- Full code and documentation available on [GitHub](#)

Suited for:

- big/advanced projects (simulations, benchmarking)
- anyone, who is using R anyway

...but what if you don't have a programming background ?

KNIME Enrichment for Users



KNIME Analytics Platform



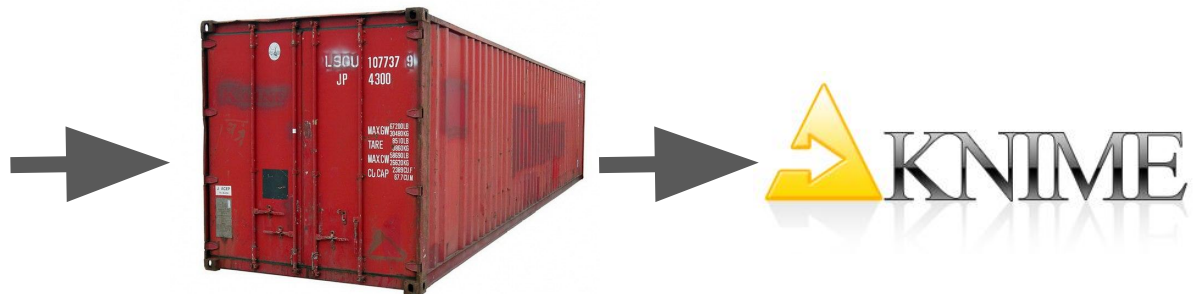
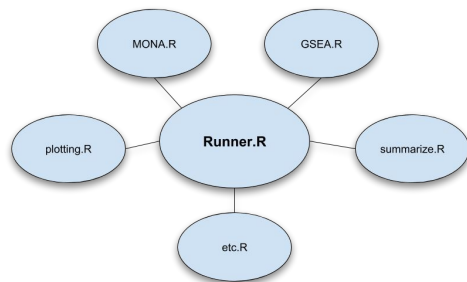
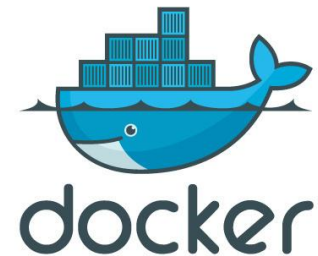
KNIME is a free software for interactive data analysis

The image displays the KNIME Analytics Platform interface. On the left is the **Node Repository** pane, which lists various nodes under categories like **IO**, **Read**, **Write**, and **Other**. The **Read** category is expanded, showing nodes such as **Excel Reader (XLS)**, **File Reader**, **ARFF Reader**, **CSV Reader**, **Line Reader**, **Table Reader**, **PMML Reader**, **Model Reader**, **Fixed Width File Reader**, **List Files**, **ORC Reader**, **Parquet Reader**, **Read Excel Sheet Names (XLS)**, **Read Images**, and **Explorer Browser**. The main workspace shows a workflow with five nodes: **File Reader** (Node 1), **File Reader** (Node 4), **K Nearest Neighbor** (Node 3), **Box Plot** (Node 5), and **CSV Writer**. Node 4 is highlighted with a red border and a yellow warning icon. A large arrow points from Node 4 to the **Dialog - 0:1 - File Reader** window. This dialog has tabs for **Settings**, **Flow Variables**, **Job Manager Selection**, and **Memory Policy**. The **Settings** tab is active, showing the **File** section with a text field for **Enter ASCII data file location** and a **Browse...** button. Below this is a checkbox for **Preserve user settings for new location** and a **Rescan** button. The **Basic Settings** section includes checkboxes for **read row IDs** and **read column headers**, a **Column delimiter** dropdown set to **<none>**, checkboxes for **ignore spaces and tabs** and **Java-style comments**, and a **Single line comment** text field. At the bottom are **OK**, **Apply**, **Cancel**, and a help button.

Run

Introducing KNIME EnrichmentNodes

- KNIME Nodes are built on top of modular enrichment R scripts
- EnrichmentNodes use Docker containers that include
 - all software
 - all libraries and other dependencies
 - independent of local OS
- Docker image stored online at dockerhub.io and gets downloaded automatically



KNIME Pathway Enrichment with EnrichmentNodes

Requirements:

Platform independent using Docker Images

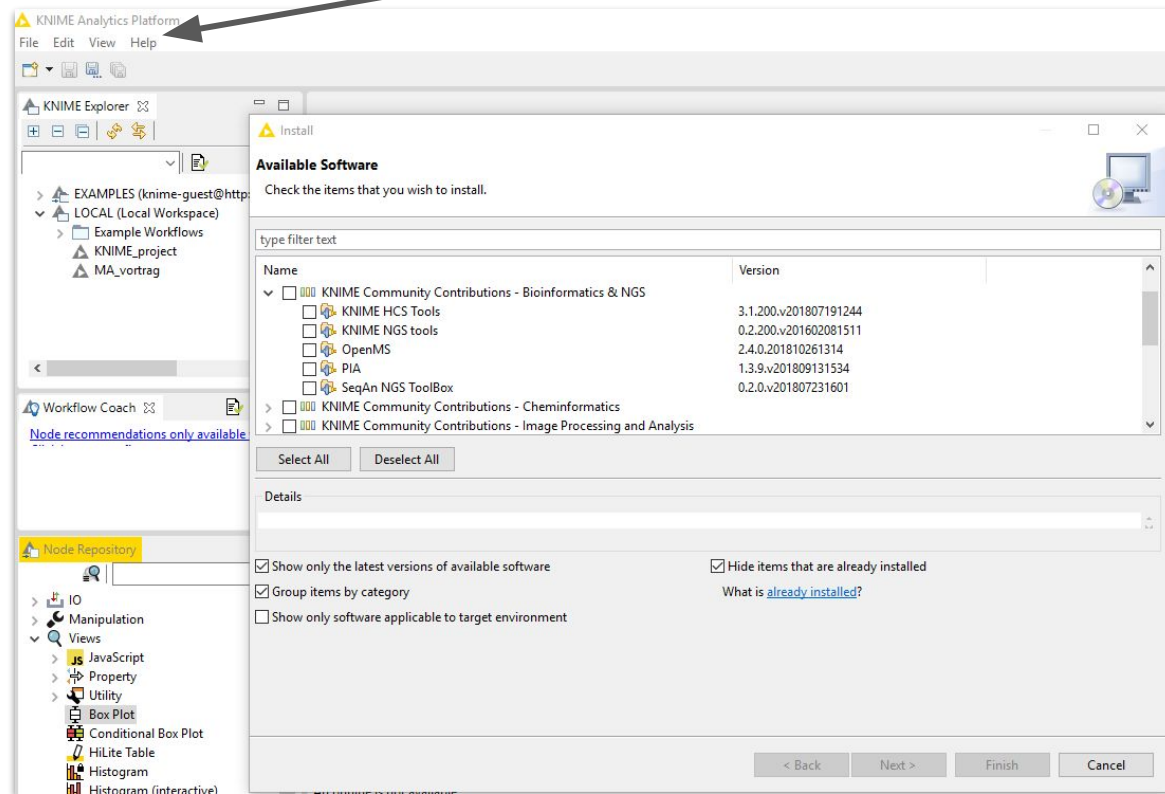
CPU must support VT-x or AMD-v

- KNIME >= 3.1: <http://www.knime.org>
- Docker >= 1.9: <https://www.docker.com/>
- Generic KNIME Node (with Docker support):
(<https://github.com/genericworkflownodes/GenericKnimeNodes>)

KNIME Pathway Enrichment with “EnrichmentNodes”

Requirements: KNIME, Docker, CPU supporting VT-x or AMD-v

- Install extensions in KNIME: GKN, EnrichmentNodes (Help->Install software...)
- Docker loads automatically
- alternatively build your own version locally (temporary)



Using KNIME

The image displays the KNIME software interface. On the left is the **Node Repository** pane, showing a tree structure of nodes categorized by IO, Manipulation, Views, Analytics, Database, Other Data Types, Structured Data, Scripting, Tools & Services, and Community Nodes. Under **Community Nodes** > **EnrichmentNodes** > **Data**, the **gsea** node is visible.

The main workspace shows a workflow with two parts. The first part uses two **Input File** nodes (labeled 'Select input data') connected to a **mona1** node (Node 58), which then connects to an **Output File** node (Node 55). The second part uses two **Input File** nodes (labeled 'Select input data') connected to a **gsea** node (Node 48), which then connects to an **Output File** node (Node 52).

A dialog box titled **Dialog - 0:48 - gsea** is open, showing the configuration for the **gsea** node. The **Parameters** tab is active, displaying a table of parameters:

Parameter	Value	Type
gsea		
maxSize	500	integer [1:1000]
minSize	5	integer [0:1000]
nperm	10000	integer [100:1000000000]
gmt	GO	string choice

The **gmt** parameter is selected, and a dropdown menu shows the available choices: **GO** (selected), **KEGG**, and **custom**.

Below the table, the **Parameter description:** field contains the text: **GMT file used for pathway definition**. There is a checkbox for **Show advanced parameter** which is currently unchecked.

At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for **OK**, **Apply**, **Cancel**, and a help icon.

KNIME Enrichment for Developers

Integrating own Methods into KNIME Nodes

First Step: integrate your R script/tool into our modular R framework

```
# -----  
# ' Script to run GSEA analysis  
# '  
# ' @author Ines Assum  
# ' @param input string // .RDS input file: named numerical vector (gene symbols)  
# ' @param output string // file path to save results as .RDS  
# ' @param gmt string // Gene set definition (KEGG / GO / custom [mygmt])  
# ' @param minSize integer // min size of GSs to be considered, default: 15  
# ' @param maxSize integer // max size of GSs to be considered, default: 500  
# ' @param nperm integer // number of permutations, default: 10000  
# ' @param mygmt string // custom .gmt file // not necessary  
# -----  
  
run_fgsea <- function(input, output, gmt, minSize, maxSize, nperm, mygmt){  
  library(fgsea)  
  pathways <- gmtPathways(gmt)  
  GSEA <- fgsea(pathways,  
                rank,  
                nperm,  
                minSize=minSize,  
                maxSize=maxSize)  
}
```

Integrating own Methods into KNIME

Step 2: Provide a CTD-file

```
<tool name="YourTool.R" >
  <description>Draw plot for a nucleotide sequence.</description>
  <cli>
    <clielement optionIdentifier="-sequence">
      <mapping referenceName="YourTool.sequence" />
    </clielement>
    <clielement optionIdentifier="-outfile">
      <mapping referenceName="YourTool.outputfile" />
    </clielement>
  </cli>
  <PARAMETERS >
    <NODE name="YourTool" description="Draw plot for a nucleotide sequence.">
      <ITEM name="sequence" value="" description="sequence filename" supported_formats="*.fasta"/>
      <ITEM name="outputfile" value="" description="Output file." supported_formats="*.ps"/>
    </NODE>
  </PARAMETERS>
</tool>
```

Integrating own Methods into KNIME

Step 3: Specify plugin.properties file

```
1  # the package of the plugin
2  pluginPackage=de.enrichment
3
4  # the name of the plugin
5  pluginName=EnrichmentNodes
6
7  # the version of the plugin
8  pluginVersion=1.0.0.0
9
10 # the path (starting from KNIMEs Community Nodes node)
11 nodeRepositoryRoot=community
12
13 executor=com.genericworkflownodes.knime.execution.impl.LocalDockerToolExecutor
14 commandGenerator=com.genericworkflownodes.knime.execution.impl.DockerCommandGenerator
15
16 #docker specific configurations
17 dockerMachine=default
18
19 #tool specific configurations
20 tool.monai.dockerImage=enrich
21 tool.gsea.dockerImage=enrich
22 tool.enrich.dockerImage=enrich
```


Integrating own Methods into KNIME Nodes

4. Provide predefined directory

```
Plugin_dir
|
|--- plugin.properties  (description file)
|
|--- descriptors
|   |-- yourTool.ctd
|   |-- mime.types
|
|--- DESCRIPTION        (short description of project)
|
|--- LICENSE             (Licensing information)
|
|--- COPYRIGHT           (Copyright information)
```

5. Get GenericKnimeNodes² and run ant

6. Import and run on KNIME SDK

Voila!

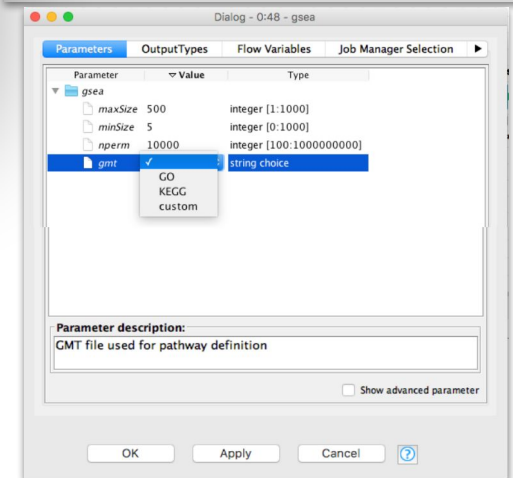
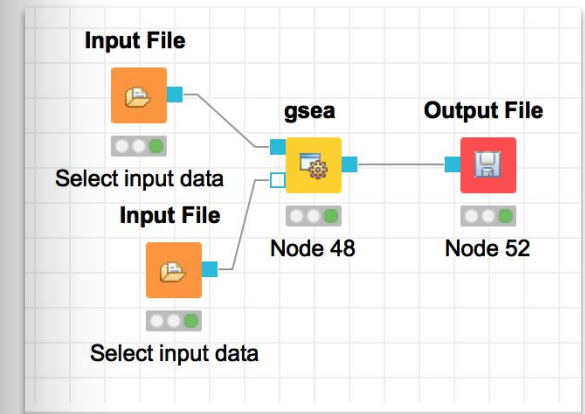
[2]: [GenericKNIMENodes \(GKN\)](#)

Example

```
# -----
#' Script to run GSEA analysis
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#' @param input string // .RDS input file: named numerical vector (gene symbols)
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# -----

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  pathways <- gmtPathways(gmt)
  GSEA <- fgsea(pathways,
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    minSize=minSize,
    maxSize=maxSize)
}
```

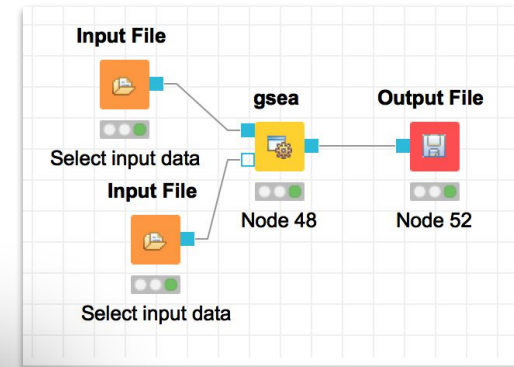
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7 <ITEM description="GMT file used for pathway definition" name="gmt" restrictions="GO,KEGG,c
8 <ITEM description="min Size" name="minSize" restrictions="0:1000" type="int" value="15"/>
9 <ITEM description="max Size" name="maxSize" restrictions="1:1000" type="int" value="500"/>
10 <ITEM description="Permutations" name="nperm" restrictions="100:1000000000" type="int" valu
11 </NODE>
12 </PARAMETERS>
13 <cli>
14 <cliElement optionIdentifier="-gmt">
15 <mapping referenceName="gsea.gmt"/>
16 </cliElement>
17 <cliElement optionIdentifier="-min">
18 <mapping referenceName="gsea.minSize"/>
19 </cliElement>
20 <cliElement optionIdentifier="-max">
21 <mapping referenceName="gsea.maxSize"/>
22 </cliElement>
23 <cliElement optionIdentifier="-p">
24 <mapping referenceName="gsea.nperm"/>
25 </cliElement>
26 </cli>
27 </tool>
```



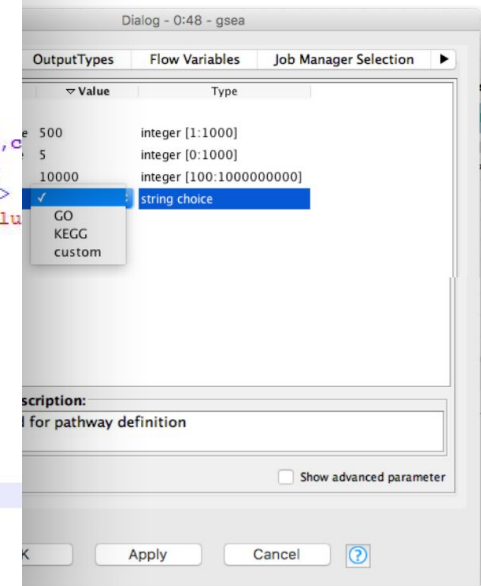
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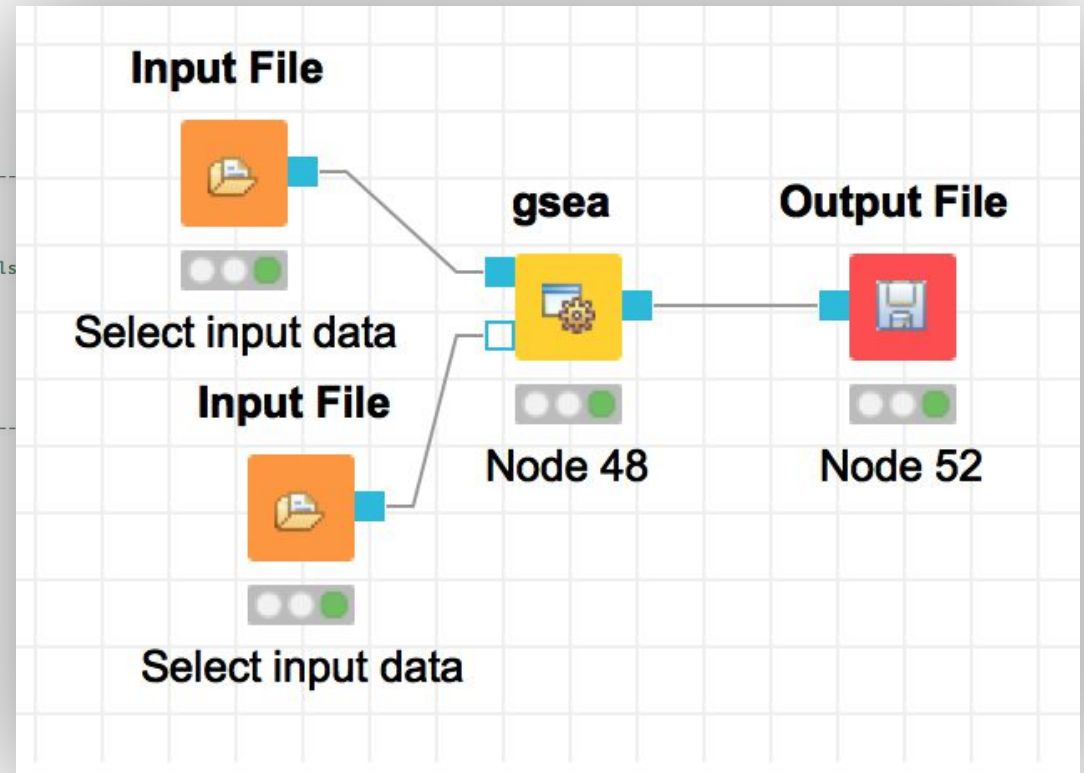
```
<tool name="gsea">
  <description>Runs GSEA using fgsea R package.</description>
  <manual>Detailed description goes here.</manual>
  <executableName>run_fgsea.R</executableName>
  <PARAMETERS >
    <NODE name="gsea" description="Node the runs GSEA">
      <ITEM description="GMT file used for pathway definition" name="gmt" restrictions="GO,KEGG,c
      <ITEM description="min Size" name="minSize" restrictions="0:1000" type="int" value="15"/>
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    </clielement>
  </cli>
</tool>
```



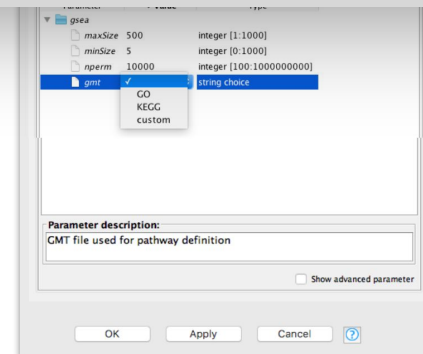
Example

```
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# Script to run GSEA analysis
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  pathways <- gmtPathways(gmt)
  GSEA <- fgsea(pathways,
    rank,
    nperm,
    minSize=minSize,
    maxSize=maxSize)
}
```



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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<tool name="gsea">
  <description>Runs GSEA using fgsea R package.</description>
  <manual>Detailed description goes here.</manual>
  <executableName>run_fgsea.R</executableName>
  <PARAMETERS>
    <NODE name="gsea" description="Node the runs GSEA">
      <ITEM description="GMT file used for pathway definition" name="gmt" restrictions="GO,KEGG,custom" type="string choice"/>
      <ITEM description="min Size" name="minSize" restrictions="0:1000" type="int" value="15"/>
      <ITEM description="max Size" name="maxSize" restrictions="1:1000" type="int" value="500"/>
      <ITEM description="Permutations" name="nperm" restrictions="100:1000000000" type="int" value="10000"/>
    </NODE>
  </PARAMETERS>
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    </cliElement>
  </cli>
</tool>
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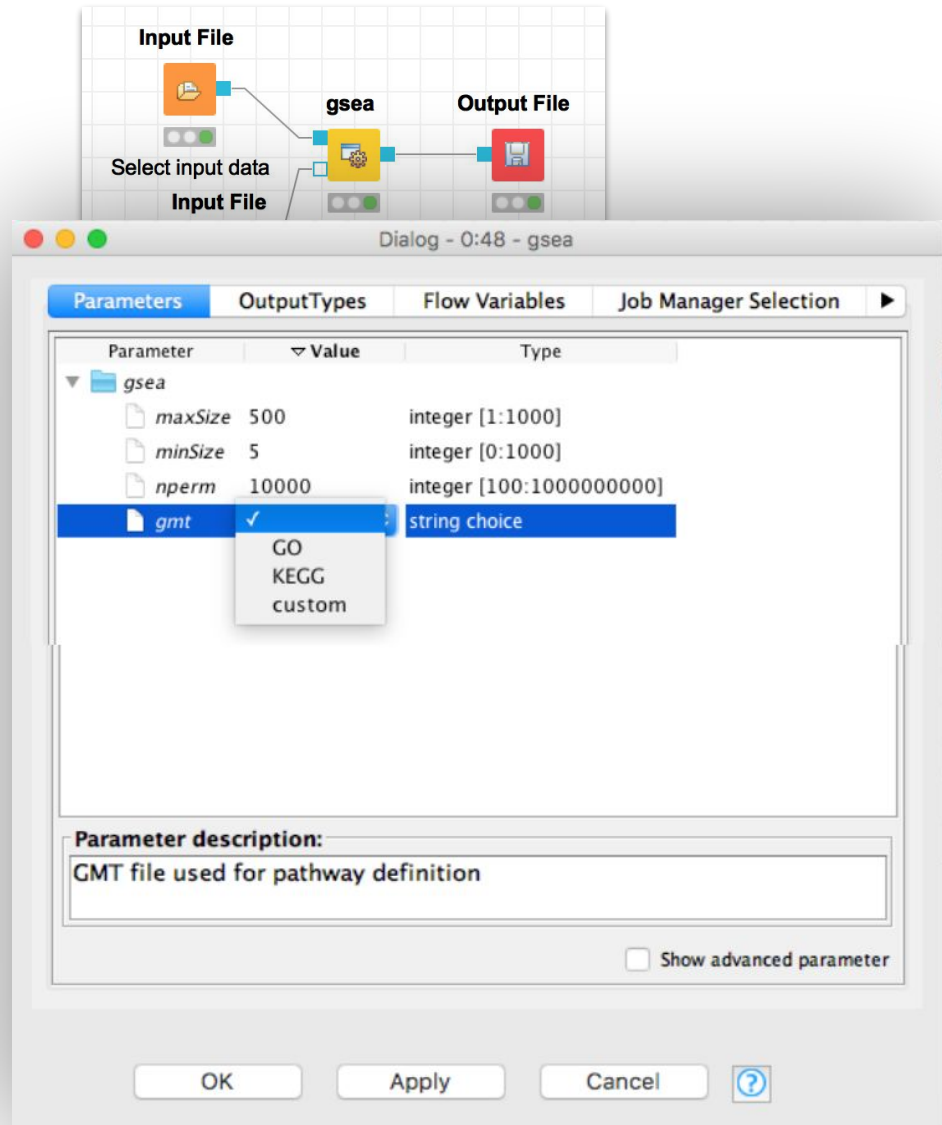


Example

```
# -----
# ' Script to run GSEA analysis
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# ' @author Ines Assum
# ' @param input string // .RDS input file: named numerical vector (gene symbols)
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3   <manual>Detailed description goes here.</manual>
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5   <PARAMETERS >
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8       <ITEM description="min Size" name="minSize" restrictions="0:1000" type="int" value="15"/>
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25    </cliElement>
26  </cli>
27 </tool>
```



```
# -----
# Script to run GSEA analysis
#
# @author Ines Assum
# @param input string // .RDS input file: named numerical vector (gene symbols)
```

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p
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Dialog - 0:48 - gsea

Parameters OutputTypes Flow Variables Job Manager Selection ▶

Parameter	Value	Type
gsea		
maxSize	500	integer [1:1000]
minSize	5	integer [0:1000]
nperm	10000	integer [100:10000000000]
gmt	✓	string choice

GO
KEGG
custom

Parameter description:
GMT file used for pathway definition

☐ Show advanced parameter

OK Apply Cancel ?

Summary

- Modular R library integrated into easy-to-use KNIME nodes
- Expand functionality with minimal effort
- We will soon make the “EnrichmentNodes” project on GitHub public:
-> <https://github.com/InesAssum/EnrichmentNodes>
- Template for exemplary node provided
- Collect and share methods
- Join our slack workspace for discussion and support
-> [Slack.com/KNIME-setup](https://slack.com/KNIME-setup)
- Check out Benni’s ImmunoNodes: github.com/FRED-2/ImmunoNodes/

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