Practical introduction to SPARQL for biologists and informaticians

Using the real world UniProt and neXtProt databases as illustrative examples

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Start sparql-playground for neXtProt

- Download the zip file: https://github.com/calipho-sib/sparql-playground/archive/1.5.0.zip
- Make sure you have Java 1.7 or Java 1.8
 You can check with java –version
- Unzip the file and execute the start script:
 - start-nextprot.bat for Windows users
 - start-nextprot.sh for Unix users
- Open your browser on: http://localhost:7777

neXtProt and SPARQL

SPARQL as the advanced search system

- Integrated in UI
- More than 100 sample queries
- Extension of SNORQL as a toolbox for users to work out queries
- Help service
- Persistence of user queries

neXtProt content

Specificity

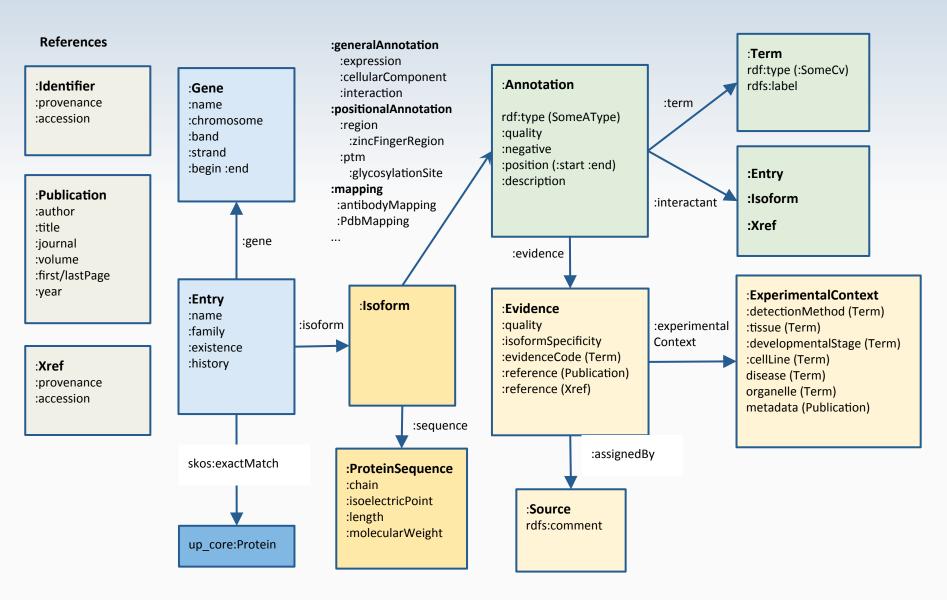
- Human centric
- Isoform centric

Data sources

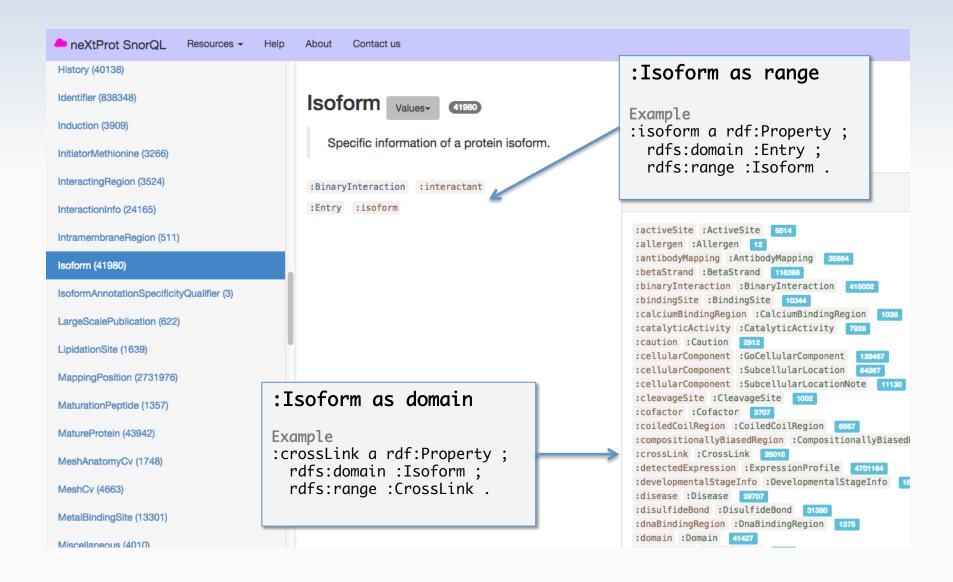
- UniProt
- proteomics: PeptideAtlas, SRM atlas
- localization: DKFZ, DYP, GO
- variants: UniProtKB, dbSNP via Ensembl, Cosmic, neXtProt
- expression: BGee, HPA
- function: full set of human GO annotations
- interactions: IntAct silver quality interactions

UniProt neXtProt human species

neXtProt - RDF model overview



neXtProt – data model browser



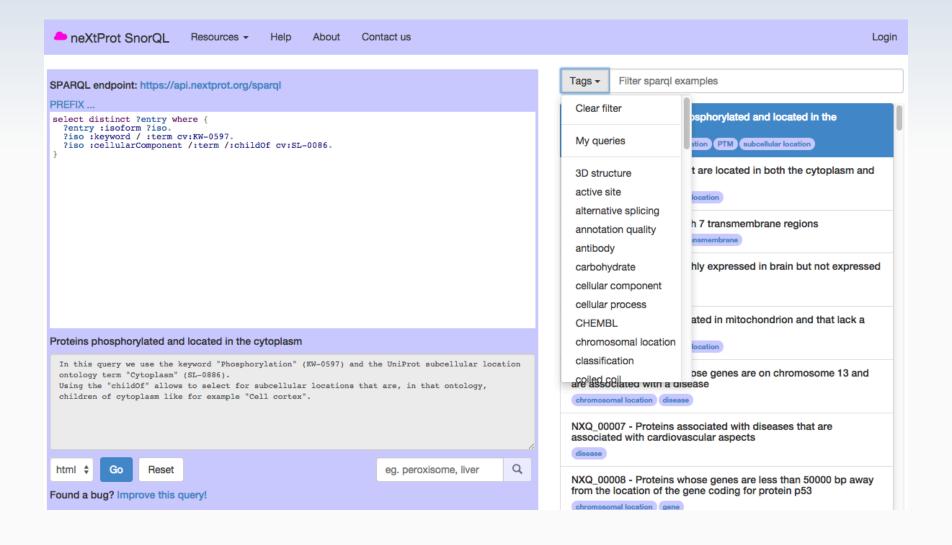
Example

Looking for

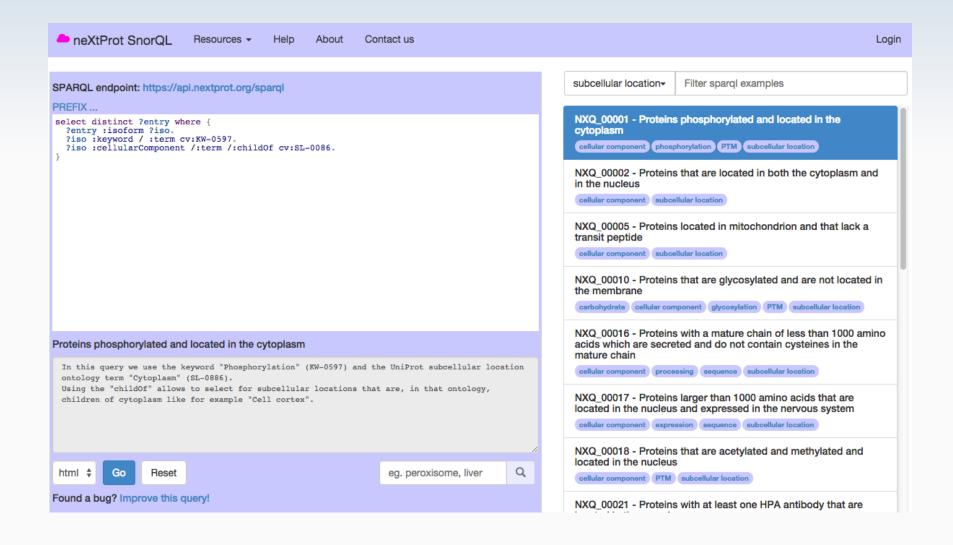
"phosphorylated proteins located in the Golgi apparatus"

- Search the existing sample queries
- Understand the query best matching your needs
- Modify it or get help
- Run your query
- Save it for reuse (not in SPARQL playground)

neXtProt – searching samples queries



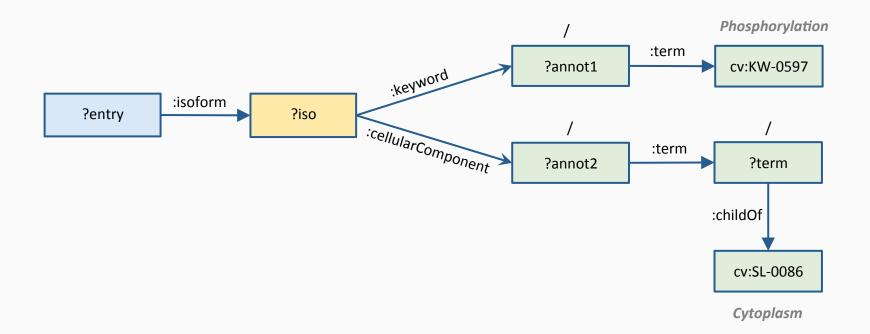
neXtProt – selecting a sample query



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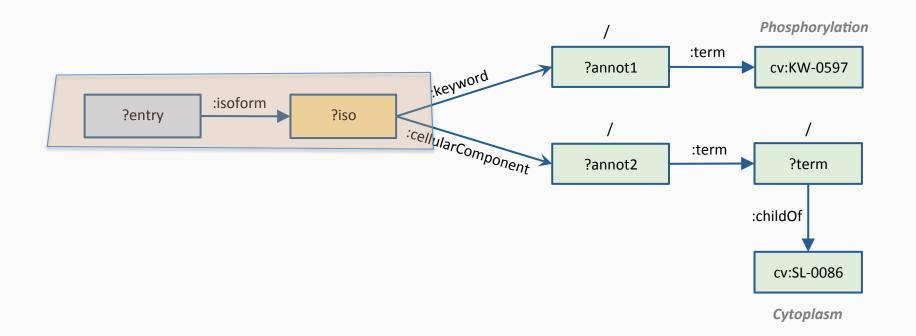
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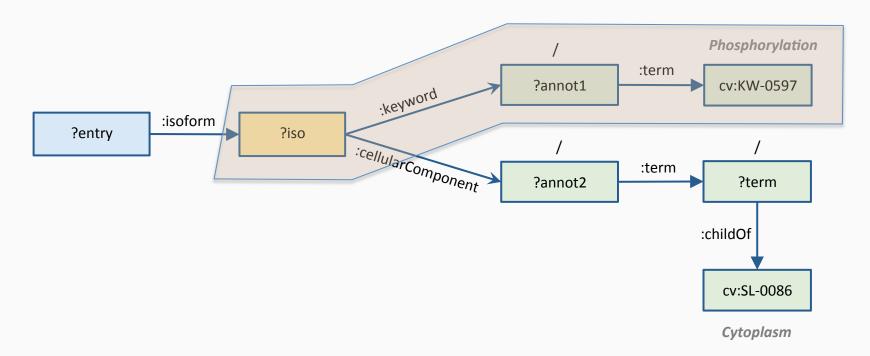
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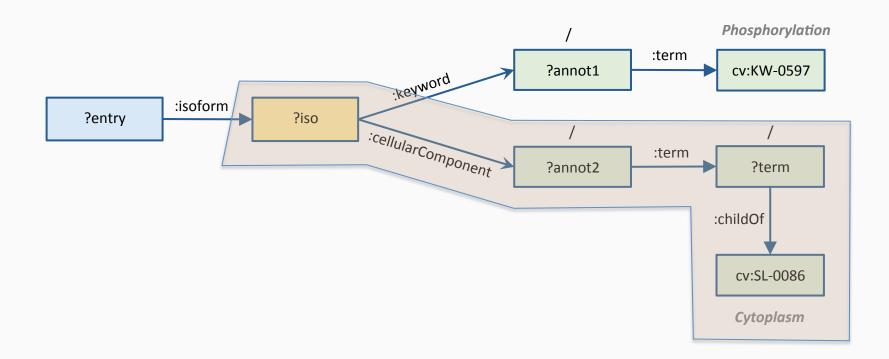


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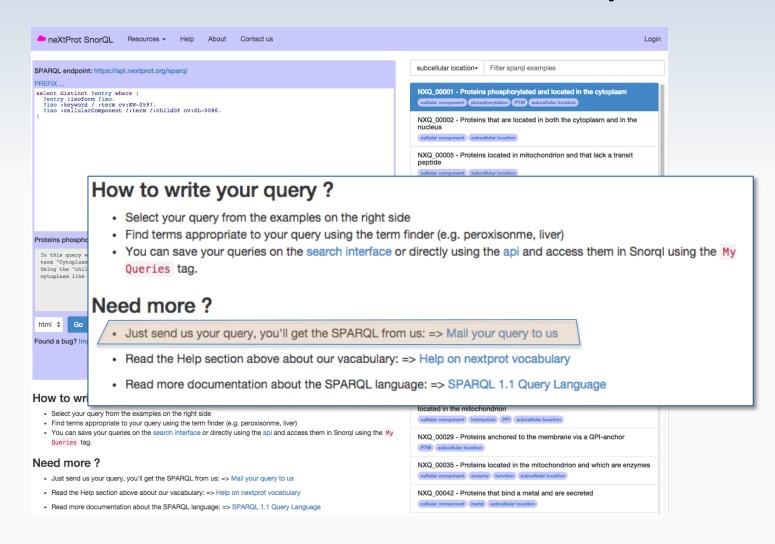
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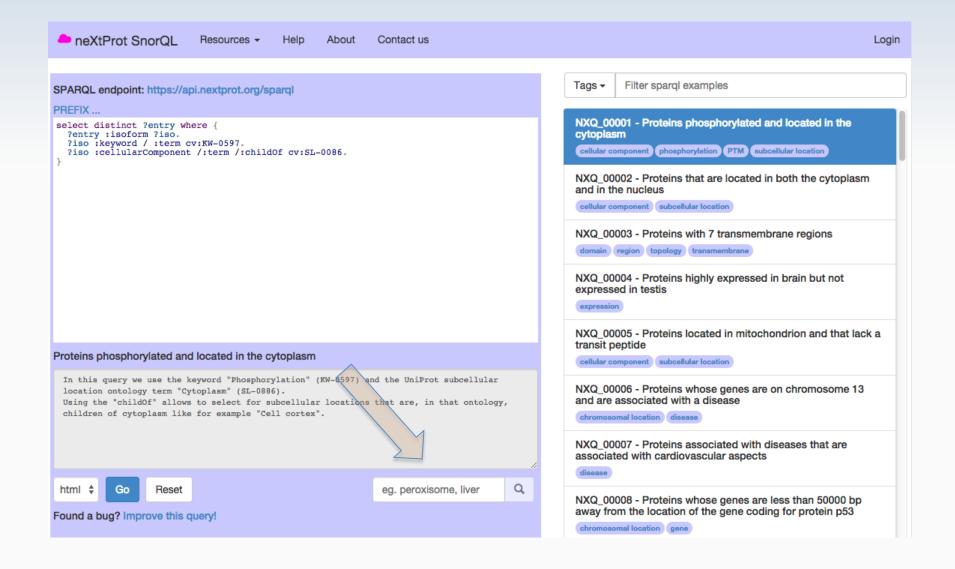
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neXtProt - I am lost, help!



neXtProt – searching terms



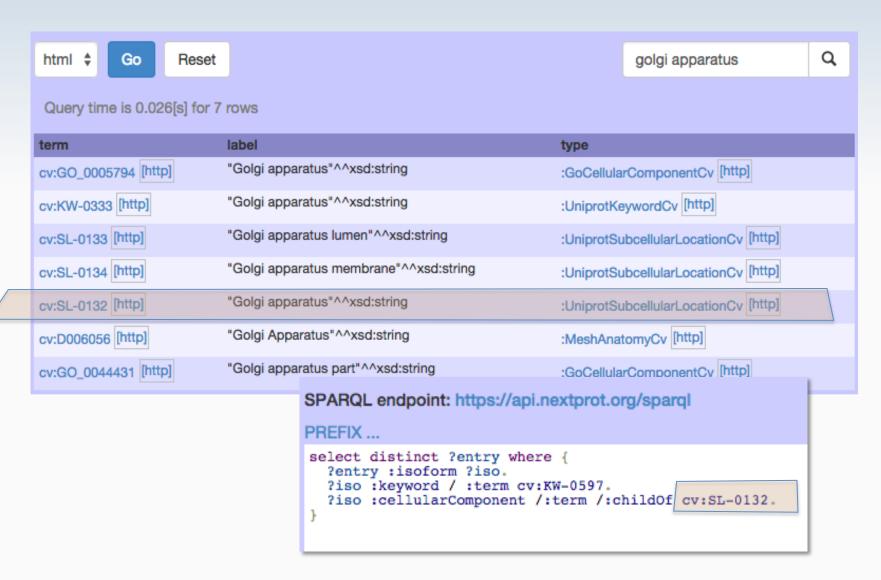
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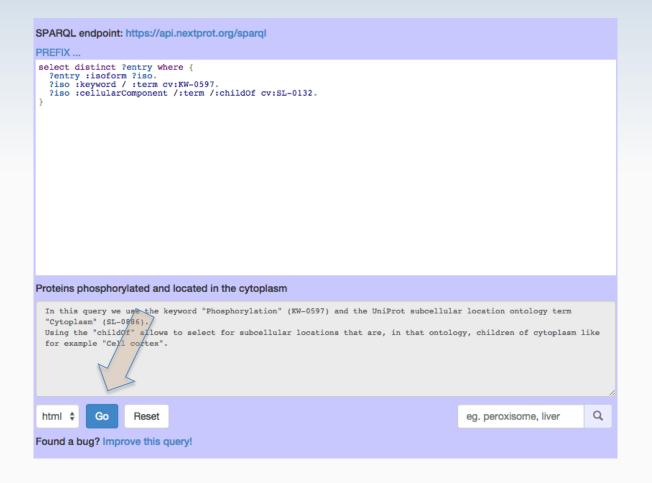
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neXtProt – modifying the query



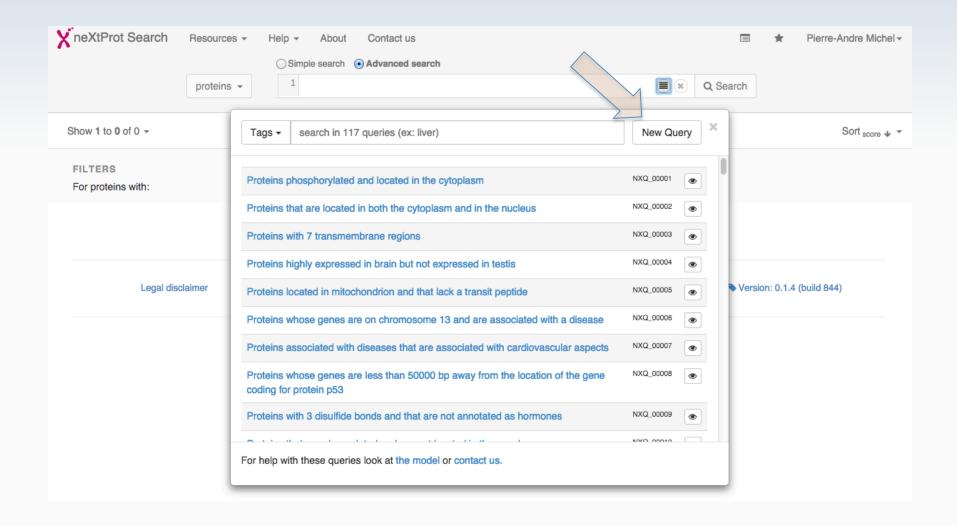
neXtProt – running the query



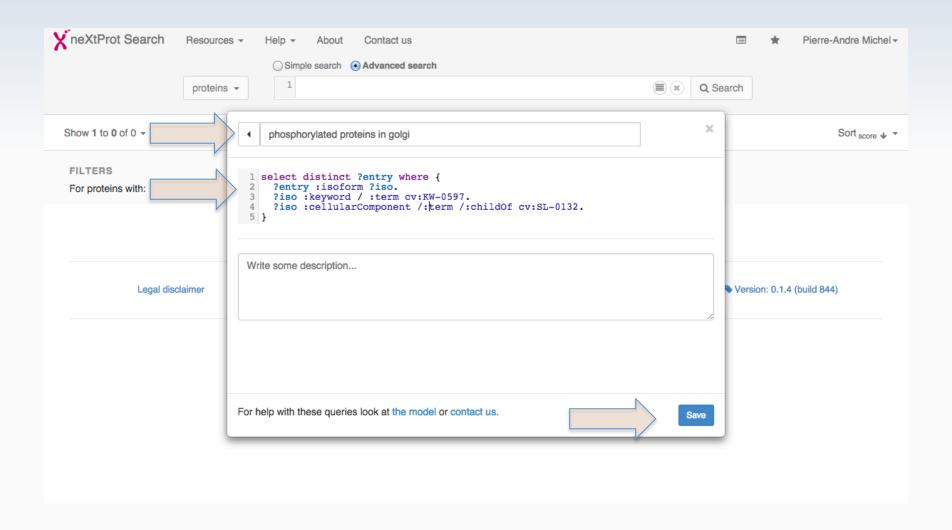
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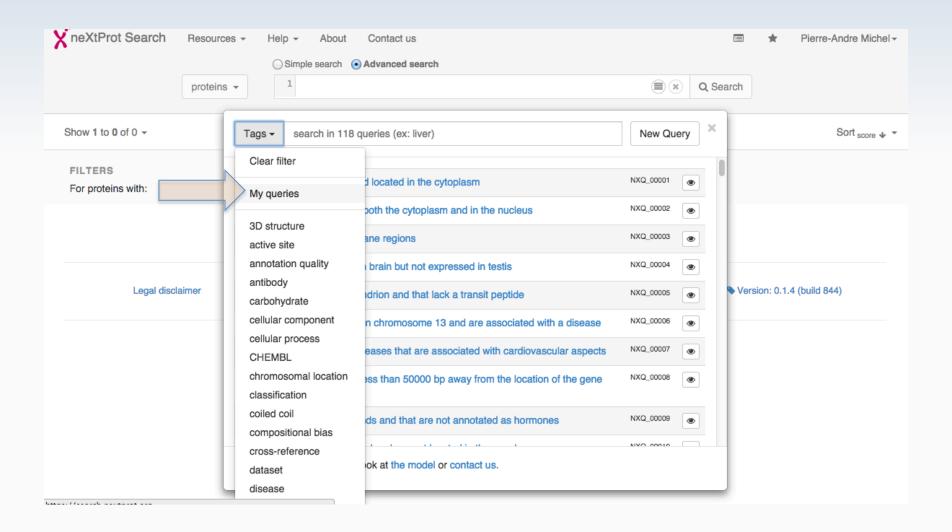
neXtProt – saving your query



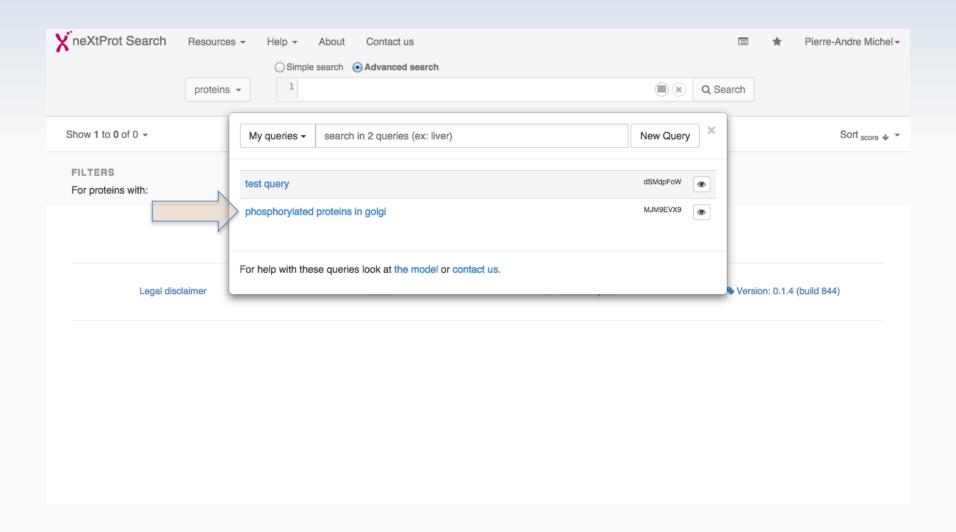
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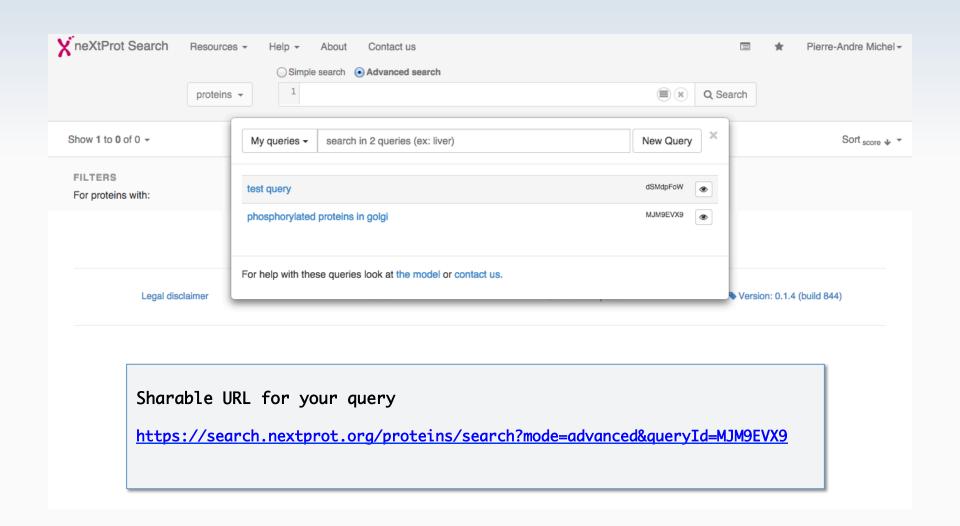
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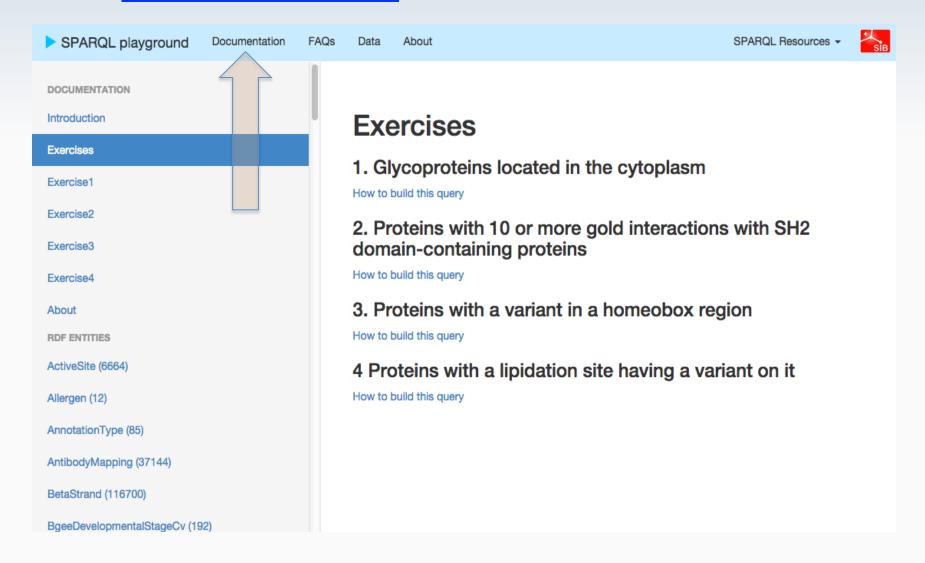
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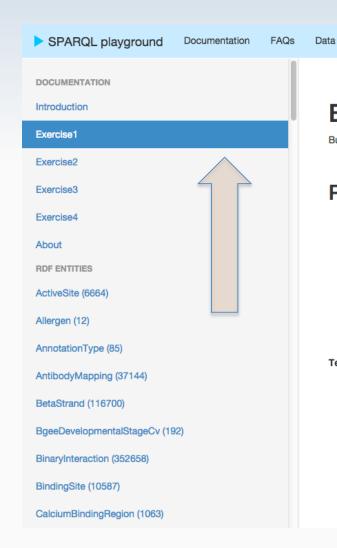
Now do it yourself!

from: http://sparql-playground.nextprot.org

or: http://localhost:7777



Exercises



Exercise 1

About

Build a SPARQL query to find:

· Glycoproteins located in the cytoplasm

Procedure

- Select sample query 1 (NXQ_00001)
- Use the term finder to get the accession code of glycoprotein
- · Modify the keyword term accession in the query
- · Run the query
- Check the result you get by clicking one of the (neXtProt link) in the result:
- bottom of Localisation TAB should contain the term Cytoplasm or a more specific one (a :childOf Cytoplasm)
 - Keyword section of Sequence TAB should contain the Glycoprotein term

Terms

Cytoplasm [cv:SL-0086], Golgi apparatus [cv:SL-0132], Phosphoprotein [cv:KW-0597], Glycoprotein [cv:KW-0325]

The end

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