

WasteFootprint

main.py

Arguments:

project_name
database_name

Optional
user input

WasteFootprint()
central function

dbExplode.py

dbExplode()
uses *wurst* to
unpack the database

Output:

a list of all exchanges
as a pickled DataFrame

WasteSearch.py

WasteSearch()
filters the exchanges
per query input

Optional user input:

query names
query parameters

Output:

.csv files in which
exchanges are categorised
according to the query
parameters

ExchangeEditor.py

ExchangeEditor()
uses *bw2data* to edit exchanges

Output:

An edited technosphere
database, in which flows
matching search queries
are categorised and
replicated as
biosphere flows

dbMakeCustom.py

dbWriteExcel()
reads the csv files and converts
them to a database

Output:

an .xlsx in the format of a Brightway2
database

dbExcel2BW()

builds and registers a
database with *bw2io*

Output:

a 'biosphere' database with
each search query as an entry

MethodEditor.py

AddMethods()
for each query, a custom waste
method is written to the *bw2* project

End of WasteFootprint

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Application in LCIA

The WasteFootprint methods in the manipulated database can now be used to calculate categorised waste-footprints and highlight hotspots in an activity's supply chain. As the development of this tool is in the β phase, precaution should be exercised when drawing any conclusions from the results. Activity-specific validation and investigation is advised.