


Project Report: PubMed CLI Tool with TestPyPI Deployment

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Project: get-papers-list-Vignesh_R

Duration: 4 days

Status:  Successfully developed, tested, and published to TestPyPI

Objective

To build a Python CLI tool that queries **PubMed**, extracts papers with **at least one non-academic author affiliated with a biotech/pharma company**, and exports results to a structured CSV file. The tool must:

- Support **PubMed's full query syntax**
 - Run via the **command line**
 - Be packaged and published using **Poetry**
 - Be validated via **TestPyPI**
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Approach & Methodology

1. PubMed API Integration

- Used **NCBI E-Utilities (esearch & efetch)** for data fetching
- Added batching & rate-limiting support
- Supported full query syntax ([dp], AND, OR, MeSH terms)

2. Affiliation Filtering

- Created heuristics using keyword matching:
 - **Academic:** "university", "institute", "hospital", etc.
 - **Biotech/Pharma:** "biotech", "pharma", "inc", known company names
- Parsed XML using `xml.etree.ElementTree`

3. CSV Export

- Used `csv.DictWriter`
- Cleaned affiliation info and handled UTF-8 characters
- Included columns: PubMed ID, Title, Date, Company Affiliations, Emails

4. Command-Line Interface

- Added CLI entry point via `pyproject.toml`:

```
[tool.poetry.scripts]
get-papers-list = "get_papers.cli:main"
```

- Handled --help, --file, and --debug flags using argparse

5. Error Handling

- Handled HTTP errors, XML parsing errors, I/O errors, malformed data
- Included --debug mode for traceability

6. Testing

- Unit tested:
 - PubMed ID fetcher
 - XML parser
 - Affiliation classifiers
 - CSV exporter
- Used pytest, monkeypatch, and tempfile

7. Packaging & Publishing

- Managed dependencies via **Poetry**
- Published to **TestPyPI**:



```
poetry publish --build -r test-pypi
```

- Installed and tested CLI using:

```
pip install --index-url https://test.pypi.org/simple/ --extra-index-
url https://pypi.org/simple get-papers-list-Vignesh_R
```






Results

-  CLI works as expected with full PubMed queries
-  Exports data for queries like:

bash

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```
get-papers-list "CRISPR AND 2023[dp]" --file crispr.csv
```

-  Handles mixed academic & corporate authors
-  Upload verified on TestPyPI: [TestPyPI Project Page](#)
-  Full test coverage across major components

Next Steps

- Automate testing + publishing using **GitHub Actions**
- Publish to **real PyPI** after validation
- Expand affiliation filtering using ORCID/ROR/GRID datasets