BAR ThaleMine

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BAR: Bio-Analytic Resource

About us:

- One of the largest Plant Biology Resources
- ▶ Paper published in 2005¹
- Based in University of Toronto, Canada
- ► Free to access: http://bar.utoronto.ca

Resources Include:

- Web applications, web services, databases
- ► Gene Expression data (eFP, ePlant)
- Protein-Protein, Protein-DNA Interactions (AIV2)
- Protein structures (ePlant)



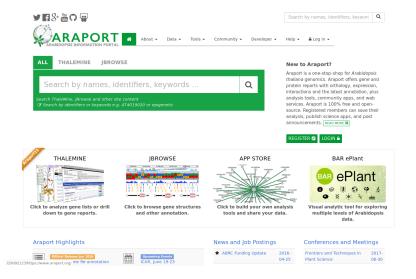
A centralized resource for Arabidopsis data²

- Started in 2013 under the leadership of Prof. Chris Town (JCVI)
- ► JCVI, TACC, University of Cambridge
- Drupal 7 based araport.org page
- ThaleMine (InterMine instance)
- App store on araport.org
- ▶ JBrowse
- Araport11 re-annotation project
- Single Sign on to all Araport resources
- RESTful API for scientific data
- Community outreach (workshops, conferences, etc)



BAR contribution to Araport

- Provided gene expression databases used by BAR eFP Arabidopsis Browser
- Attended Araport workshop in November 2014
- Interactions Viewer the first community app published on araport.org
- Contributed serveral apps and web services over the next few years
- ▶ Biggest contribution: BAR ePlant app



Funding status

- Lost all funding in 2016
- Lost almost all staff
- Application for new funding failed

Future of Araport team

- JCVI, TACC, BAR, TAIR, NCGR
- First meeting at JCVI in March, 2019
- ▶ BAR got ThaleMine, TAIR got JBrowse, NCGR contributed GCV
- Everything else was deprecated
- News update: araport.org



Welcome to Arabort.org, Funding of project has been discontinued so teams from The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR), the National Center for Genome Resources (NCGR), and the Bio-Analytic Resource for Plant Biology (BAR) have taken over its operation and have refreshed/expanded the functionalities that were available at Araport as in the table below. Legacy Araport data are still available at the following links, running on TACC infrastructure

	Legacy URL	New URL
ThaleMine	Araport ThaleMine	BAR ThaleMine
JBrowse	Araport JBrowse	TAIR JBrowse
GCV		NCGR GCV

























Araport ThaleMine to BAR ThaleMine

Araport ThaleMine: A few minor problems

- ▶ Not maintained since 2017
- ▶ Based on InterMine 1.8.5
- Used modified data
- Used several custom loader and displayers
- Some InterMine core and biosources changes where never made upstream
- ► To difficult to upgrade to InterMine 3.1.2

BAR ThaleMine: Principles

No initial funding. So we follow these rules³

Simplicity Keep code to minimum possible lines and contribute as many changes to InterMine (upstream) as possible.

Least Surprise Test and upgrade every minor release (Principle of least astonishment)

Clarity No modification to data

Extensibility Build for the near future (Java 11, etc)

Parsimony Write loaders and displayers only when we have to.

BAR ThaleMine

- We started from scratch (using make_mine script)
- Progress based on HumanMine, FlyMine, and Araport ThaleMine
- Got most of the loaders working
- Pushed changed to upstream InterMine
- So far: ThaleMine v4.1.2-20200127
- ► Also on GitHub ThaleMine and ThaleMine BioSources

ThaleMine: What's Working

>> More queries



ThaleMine: What's Working



BAR ThaleMine: Some Future Plans and Known Issues

The follow is planned

- Arabidopsis Strains⁴
- ► Gene expression data (Araport11 RNA-Seq⁵)
- Salk data (TDNA-Seq)
- Gene histories from JCVI
- TAIR annotations

Known Issues

- web properties from ThaleMine web services
- BlueGenes frontend



⁴ Jiao and Schneeberger 2019.

⁵Cheng et al. 2017.

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