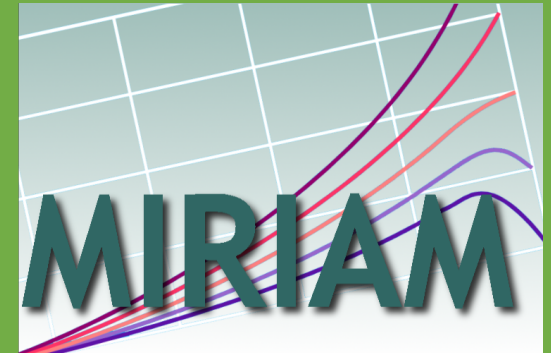


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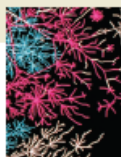


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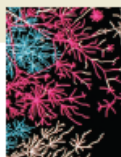
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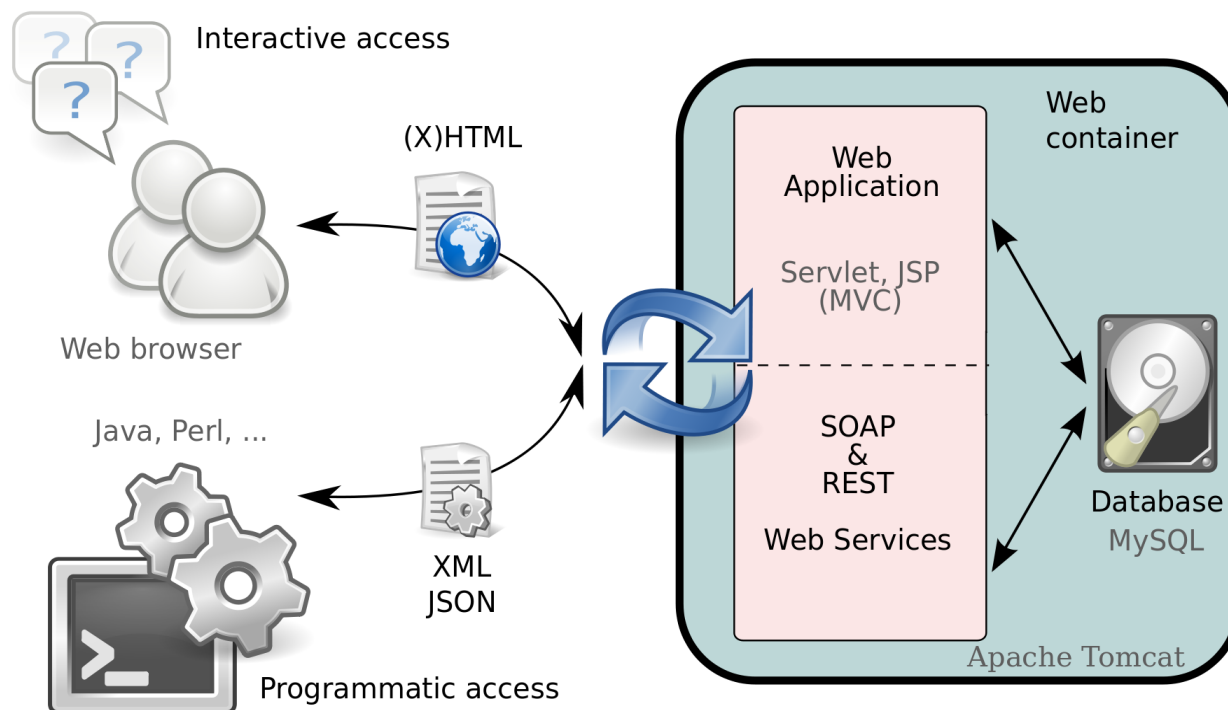


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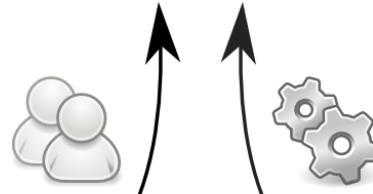
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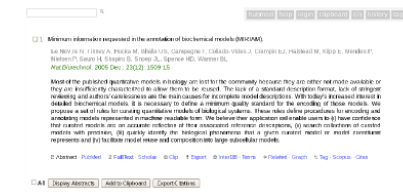
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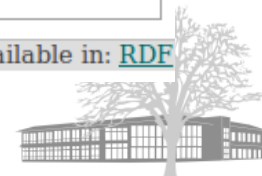
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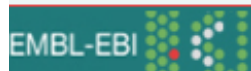
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Entry	EC 1.1.1.1 Enzyme
<b>Name</b>	alcohol dehydrogenase; aldehyde reductase; ADH; alcohol dehydrogenase (NAD); aliphatic alcohol dehydrogenase; ethanol dehydrogenase; NAD-dependent alcohol dehydrogenase; NAD-specific aromatic alcohol dehydrogenase; NADH-alcohol dehydrogenase; NADH-aldehyde dehydrogenase; primary alcohol dehydrogenase; yeast alcohol dehydrogenase
<b>Class</b>	Oxidoreductases; Acting on the CH-OH group of donors; With NAD <sup>+</sup> or NADP <sup>+</sup> as acceptor <a href="#">BRITE hierarchy</a>
<b>Sysname</b>	alcohol:NAD <sup>+</sup> oxidoreductase
<b>Reaction(IUBMB)</b>	(1) a primary alcohol + NAD <sup>+</sup> = an aldehyde + NADH + H <sup>+</sup> [RN: <a href="#">R07326</a> ]; (2) a secondary alcohol + NAD <sup>+</sup> = a ketone + NADH + H <sup>+</sup> [RN: <a href="#">R07327</a> ]
<b>Reaction(KEGG)</b>	<a href="#">R07326</a> > <a href="#">R00623</a> <a href="#">R00754</a> <a href="#">R02124</a> <a href="#">R04805</a> <a href="#">R04880</a> <a href="#">R05233</a> <a href="#">R05234</a> <a href="#">R06917</a> <a href="#">R06927</a> <a href="#">R08281</a> <a href="#">R08306</a> <a href="#">R08557</a> <a href="#">R08558</a> ; <a href="#">R07327</a> > <a href="#">R00624</a> <a href="#">R08310</a> ; (other) <a href="#">R07105</a> <a href="#">Show all</a>
<b>Substrate</b>	primary alcohol [CPD: <a href="#">C00026</a> ].

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Name	alcohol dehydrogenase; aldehyde reductase; ADH; alcohol dehydrogenase (NAD); aliphatic alcohol dehydrogenase; ethanol dehydrogenase; NAD-dependent alcohol dehydrogenase; NAD-specific aromatic alcohol dehydrogenase; NADH-alcohol dehydrogenase; NADH-aldehyde dehydrogenase; primary alcohol dehydrogenase; yeast alcohol dehydrogenase	
Class	Oxidoreductases; Acting on the CH-OH group of donors; With NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor <a href="#">BRITE hierarchy</a>	
Sysname	alcohol:NAD+ oxidoreductase	
Reaction(IUBMB)	(1) a primary alcohol + NAD+ = an aldehyde + NADH + H+ [RN:R07326]; (2) a secondary alcohol + NAD+ = a ketone + NADH + H+ [RN:R07327]	
Reaction(KEGG)	R07326 > R00623 R00754 R02124 R04805 R04880 R05233 R05234 R06917 R06927 R08281 R08306 R08557 R08558; R07327 > R00624 R08310; (ethanol dehydrogenase)	
Substrate	primary alcohol [CPD:C00226].	

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