
Supporting Data Quality Assessment in eScience

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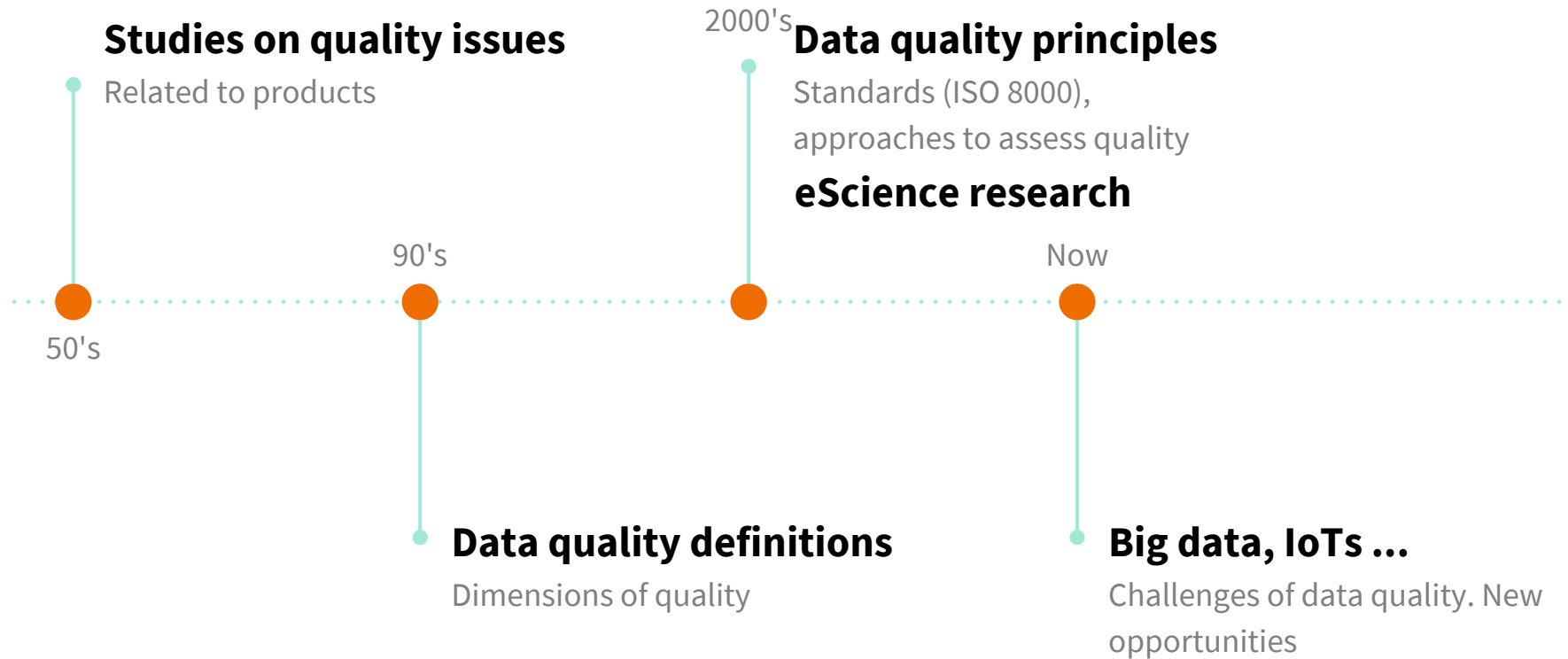
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Outline

- Foundations
- Our research
 - ProvenFrame
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- Conclusions
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Data quality research



Problems

- Different formats, standards and scales.
 - data from primary to secondary sources, raw or derived.
 - domain requirements and the intended use of the data.
- Data submitted to different transformation processes.
- Out-of-date data expressed as 'current'.

Issues of quality

- Attributes to represent a particular characteristic of quality.
 - Context-based
- Classification:
 - Qualitatives: reputation, completeness.
 - Quantitatives: consistency, timeliness.
 - Qualitatives & Quantitatives: accuracy.



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<https://wq.io/research/quality>

Example

Health data

- Temporally and geographically distributed.
- Stored in files (digital or not) and (research) databases.
- Data are fragmented.
- Data in an electronic record should be accurate, up-to-date and complete.
 - clear understanding of the meaning, context and intent of the data.
 - unambiguous and standardized.

Health data quality – a two-edged sword.

Link: <https://goo.gl/zTeKxQ>

Example

Health data

- Accurate:
 - data or values well reflects the true state of the source information.
 - data or values will not cause ambiguity.
- Up-to-date:
 - data are regularly updated.
 - the time interval from data collection and processing to release meets requirements.

How to assess these (and others) quality dimensions?

Issues of quality

- Different assessment approaches:
 - Attribute-based
 - Manual: user experience, crowdsourcing...
 - Automatic: parsing, validations rules, functions...
 - Provenance-based



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Quality assessment

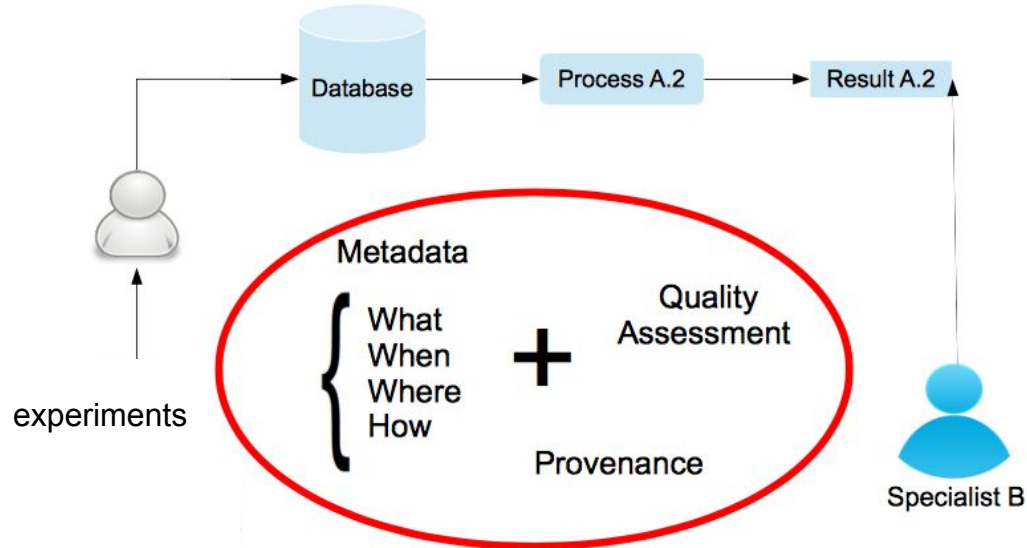
- Dimensions?
 - Timeliness, accuracy, reputation...
- Domain requirements?
- Models?
 - attribute or provenance-based?

Quality assessment

- Dimensions?
 - Timeliness, accuracy, reputation...
- Domain requirements?
- Models?
 - attribute or provenance-based?
- Research:
 - **Provenance** inducing quality assessment

Provenance

Provenance is information about **entities**, **activities**, and **people** involved in **producing** a piece of **data** or **thing**, which can be **used** to form **assessments** about its **quality**, reliability or trustworthiness (W3C).



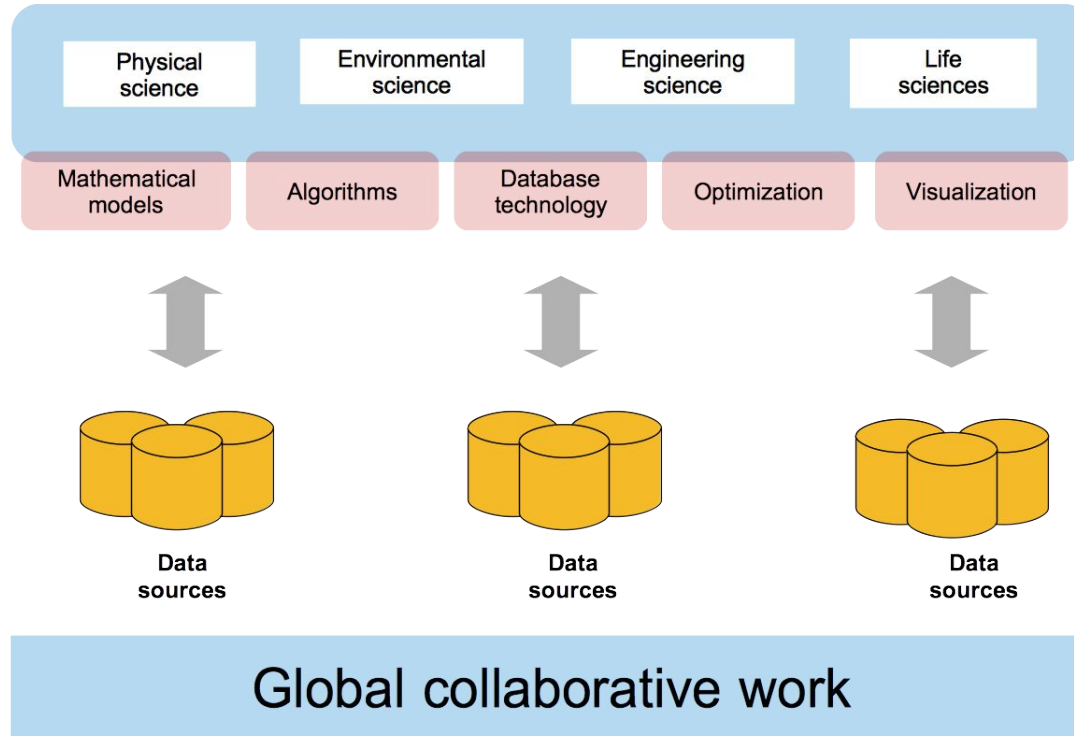
Our research

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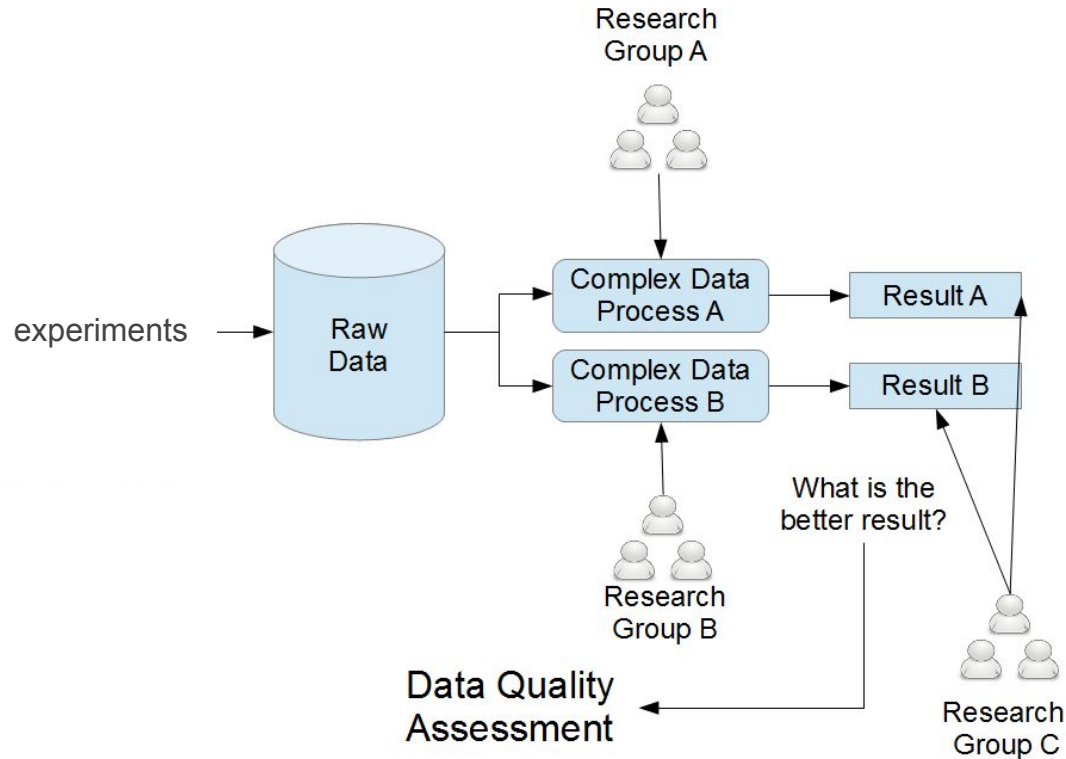
- ProvenFrame
- Quality Flow
- w2Share

What is eScience?

eScience



eScience - Example of a typical scenario



eScience - Challenges

- How to lead with data **heterogeneity** issues?
- How to support the **integration** and **sharing** of data?
- How to **evaluate** and **ensure** the **quality** of data?
- How to ensure the **reuse** and **reproducibility** of experiments?

What is scientific data?

- Any (digital) input to experiments.
- Any (digital) result of scientific experiments.

Scientific Workflow Management Systems (SFMSs)?



Taverna
www.taverna.org.uk



Kepler
<https://kepler-project.org>

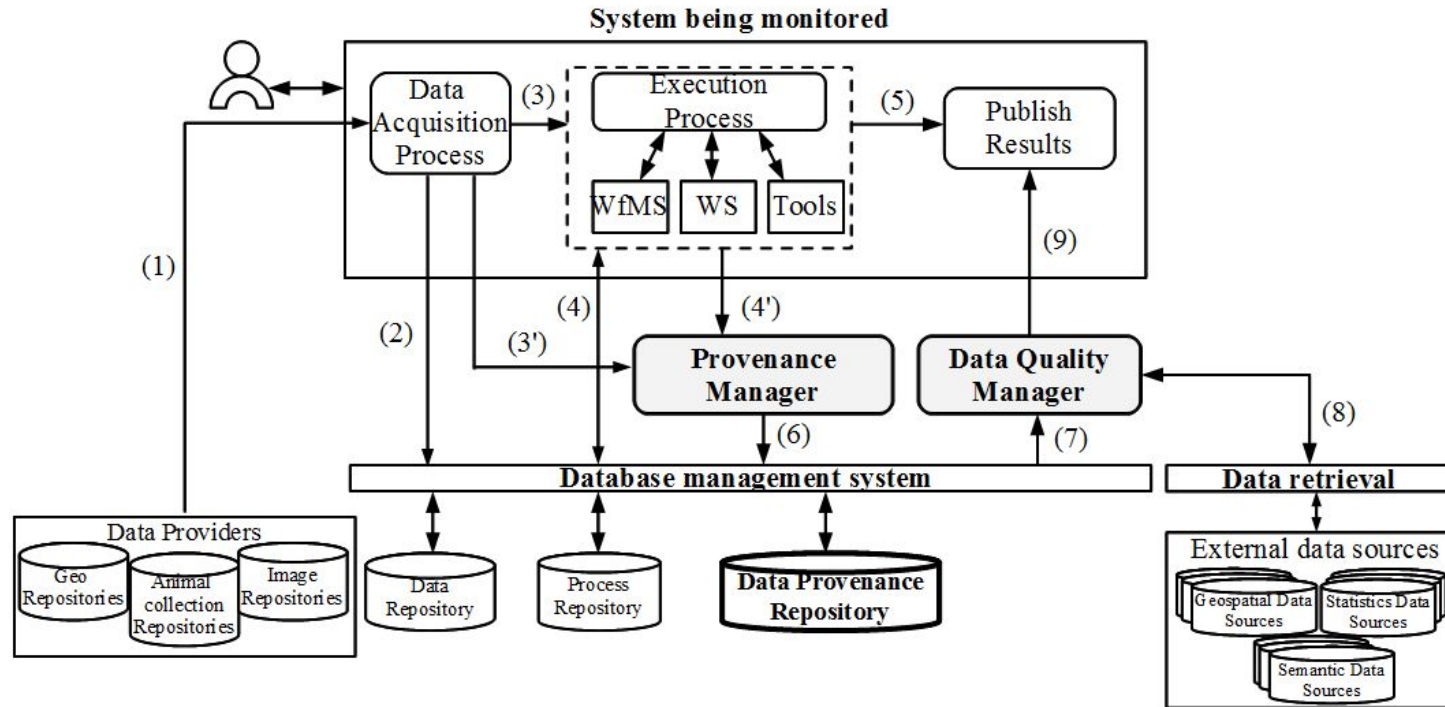


WINGS
www.wings-workflows.org

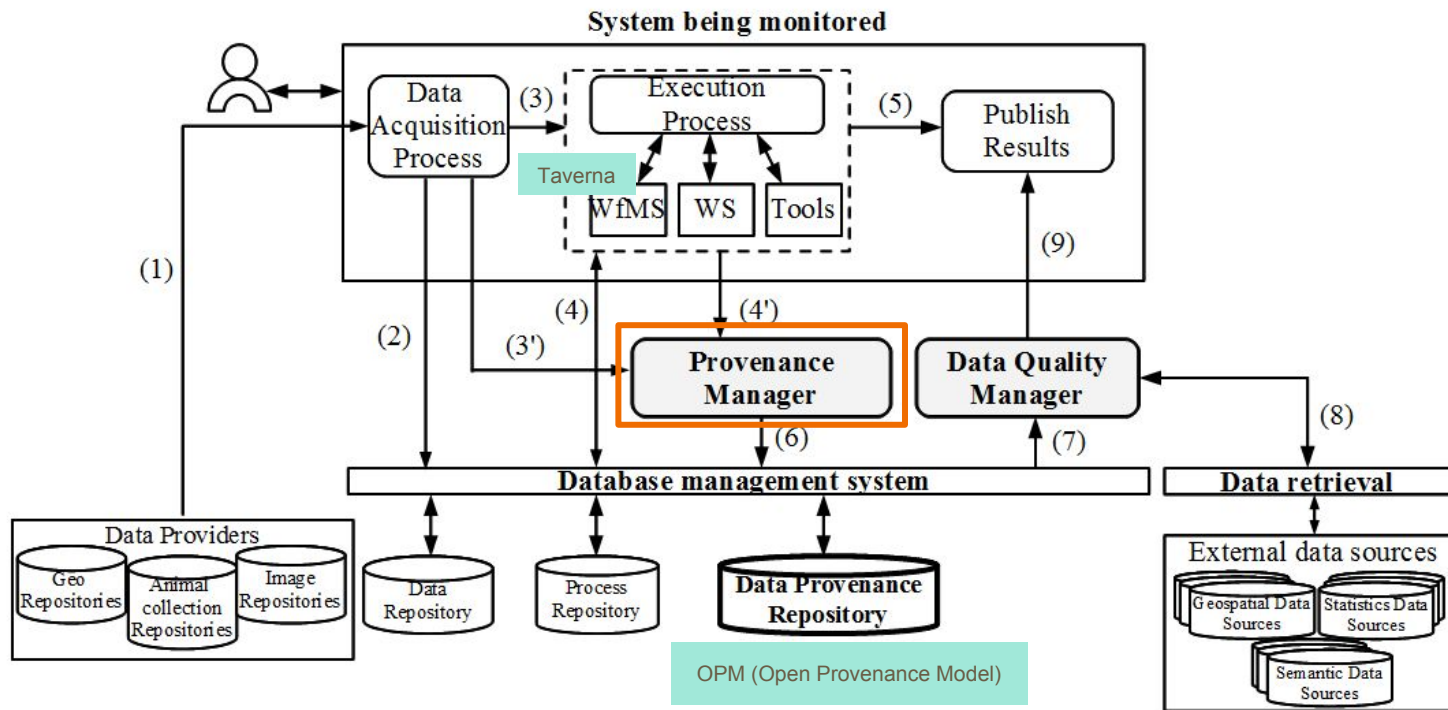
- Workflow
 - a set of inter-dependent steps needed to complete a certain task.
- Scientific workflows
 - specification of design, data capture, integration, processing, and analysis that leads to scientific discovery.
- SWfMS
 - computational tool to model, execute and monitor scientific processes.
 - generation of provenance information of scientific processes.

ProvenFrame

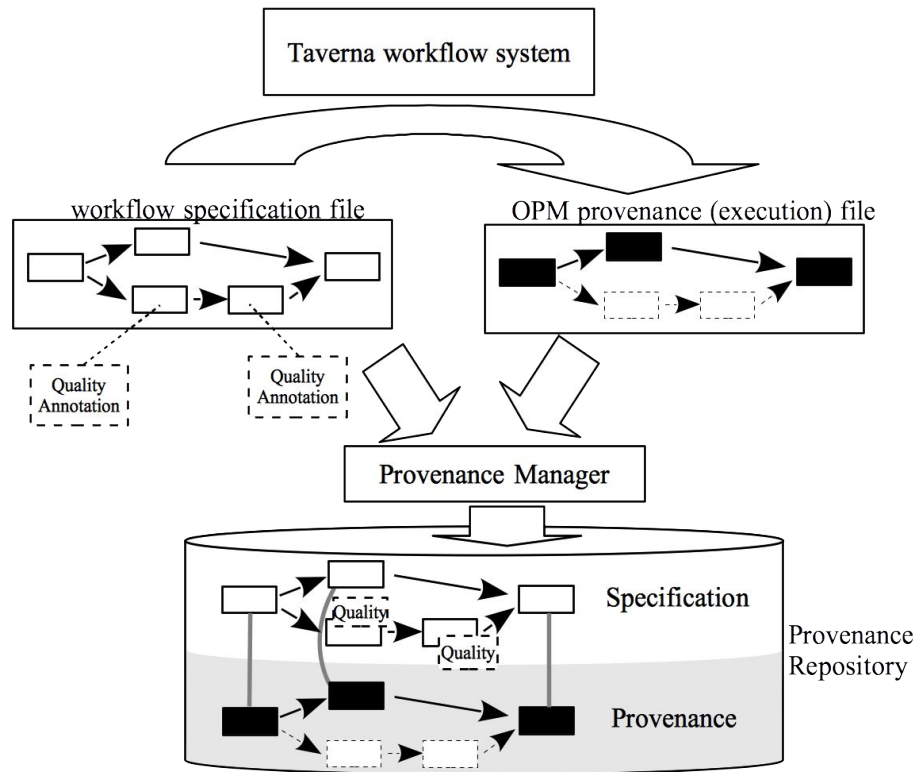
ProvenFrame - architecture



ProvenFrame - architecture



ProvenFrame interacting with the Taverna WfMS



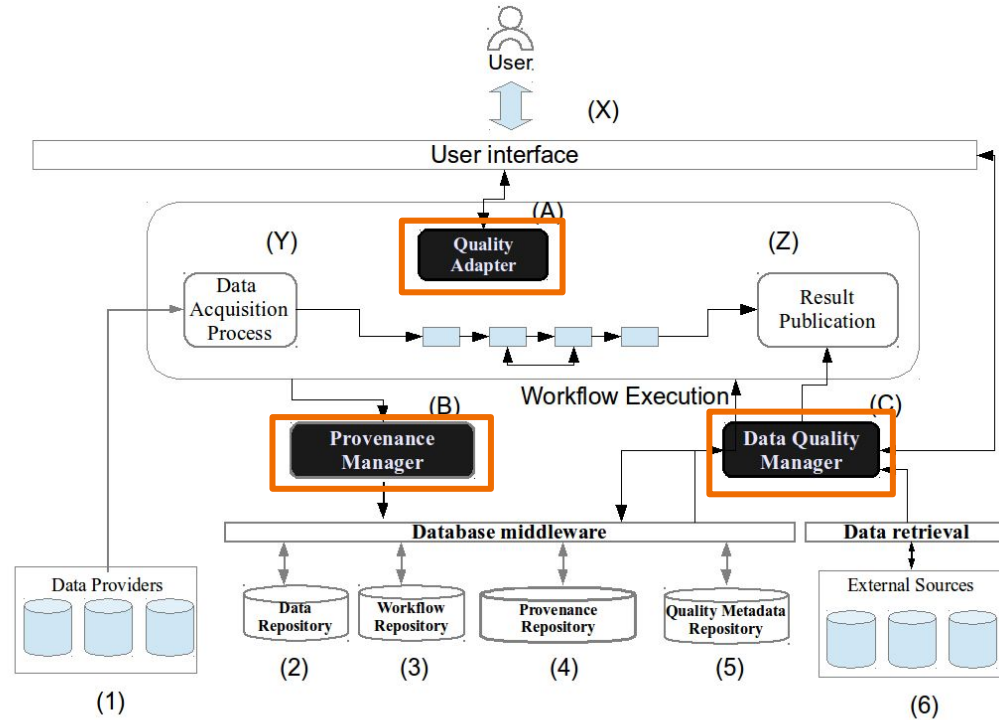
Quality Flow

Sousa, Renato B. Master thesis

Quality Flow (Sousa, Renato B. Master thesis)

- Improvement and instantiation of ProvenFrame.
- A workflow-based system for data quality assessment of scientific experiments.
- Case study: Long term data preservation and curation.
 - Why? It requires ensuring (meta)data quality.

Quality Flow - architecture



Quality Flow - web prototype

Quality Flow

Site administration

Authentication and Authorization		
Groups	 Add	 Change
Users	 Add	 Change
Wmanager		
Data result gas	 Add	 Change
Data results	 Add	 Change
Processs	 Add	 Change
Quality annotations	 Add	 Change
Quality dimensions	 Add	 Change
Trace logs	 Add	 Change
Workflows	 Add	 Change

Case study: Long term data preservation and curation



Animal sound recording metadata system

outdatedBinomial dataDerivation coordinatesPlot Home Browse Search Geographic Search Upload Sound File Management Request and Deposit Profile Examples Latest news Contact us

This tab provides resource to verify which binomial names are outdated.

Verify

Total of distinct binomials in the database: 1929

Records processed: 1929

Outdated binomials detected: 134

Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*

FNJV Species name.....: *Todiostrostrum plumbeiceps*
Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*

FNJV Species name.....: *Touit purpurata*
Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Touit purpuratus*

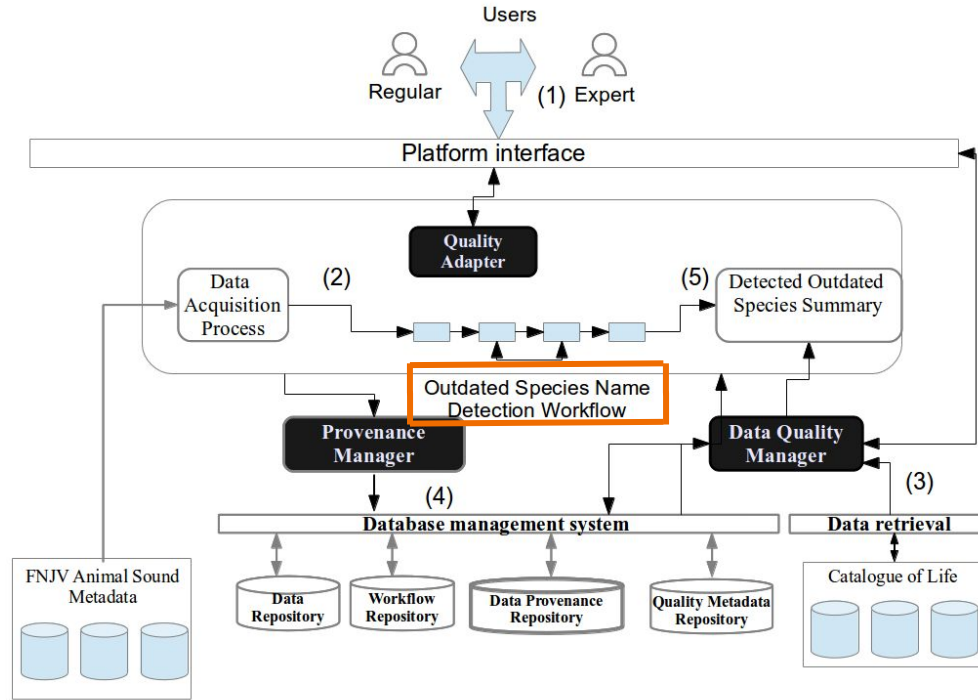
FNJV Species name.....: *Xolmis cinerea*
Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Xolmis cinereus*

FNJV Species name.....: *Xolmis coronata*
Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Xolmis coronatus*

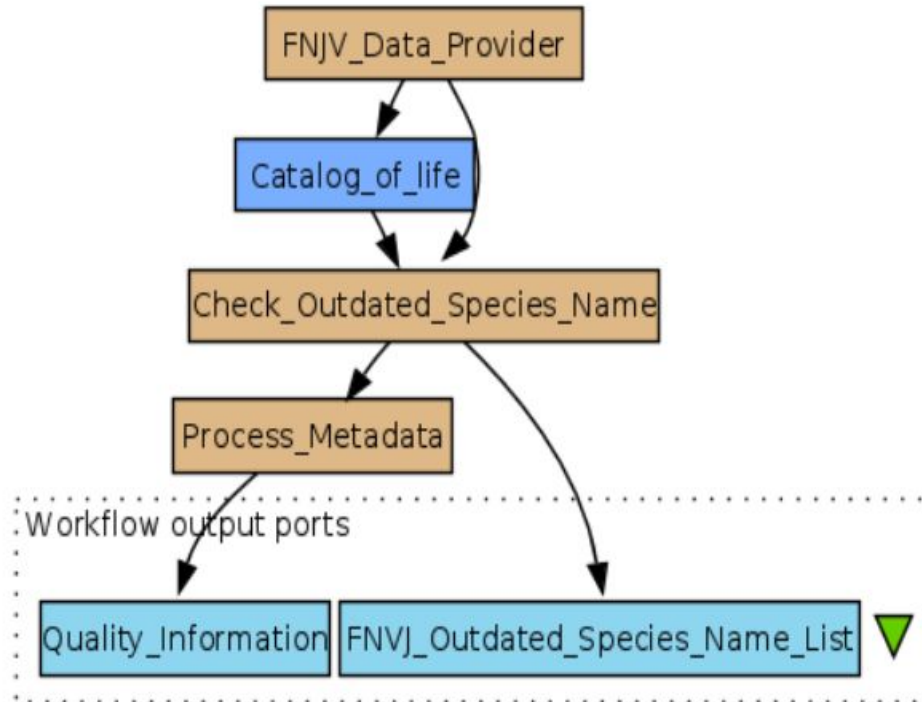
FNJV Species name.....: *Xolmis velata*
Web service informed that the accepted name is: *Xolmis velatus*

Outdated names – 7% (134 species)

Using Quality Flow



Abstract workflow: Quality Processing



Quality Adapter

Change workflow

[Download annotated workflow](#)

History

View on site →

Title:

Author:

Description:


File: Currently: `wmanager/t2flow/FNJV_Species_Name_Checking_3.t2flow`

Change: No file chosen

Wid:

Quality annotations

Dimension	Value	Delete?
Reputation = 0.777		
Reputation: double ▼ 	<input type="text" value="0.777"/>	
----- ▼ 	<input type="text"/>	

 Add another Quality Annotation

Quality Adapter

- Insert quality information to a workflow specification
- No changes to workflow model

```
<annotationAssertions>
  <net.sf.taverna.t2.annotation.AnnotationAssertionImpl>
    <annotationBean class="net.sf.taverna.t2.annotation.annotationbeans.
      FreeTextDescription">
      <text>Q(reputation): 1;
      Q(availability): 0.9;
    </text>
    </annotationBean>
    <date>2013-11-12 19:58:09.767 UTC</date>
    <creators />
    <curationEventList />
  </net.sf.taverna.t2.annotation.AnnotationAssertionImpl>
</annotationAssertions>
```



Provenance Manager

Extraction of provenance information from trace logs

```
<a:Used xmlns:a="http://www.ipaw.info/2007/opm#" rdf:about="tag:tupel...
org,2006:4389f22258f6eb8db4d419b6c9625e26e7b68055">
  <a:eventAccount rdf:resource="http://ns.taverna.org.uk/2011/run/fead4921-4b25-
41b8-ba43-3d30df37cdd3/" />
  <a:usedArtifact rdf:resource="http://ns.taverna.org.uk/2011/data/fead4921-4b25-
41b8-ba43-3d30df37cdd3/ref/d143736f-dbe9-4543-82d8-4e4a0cad0171" />
  <a:usedByProcess rdf:resource="http://ns.taverna.org.uk/2010/workflow/235b7208-
alee-423f-b852-2fba9d8ecf4b/processor/Simple_Processor/" />
  <a:usedRole>
    <a:Role rdf:about="http://ns.taverna.org.uk/2011/run/fead4921-4b25-41b8-ba43-
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    </a:Role>
  </a:usedRole>
```



Process ID

Quality Manager

Data quality assessment:

- From provenance.
- From annotations – quality attributes generated by Quality Adapter.

Papers:

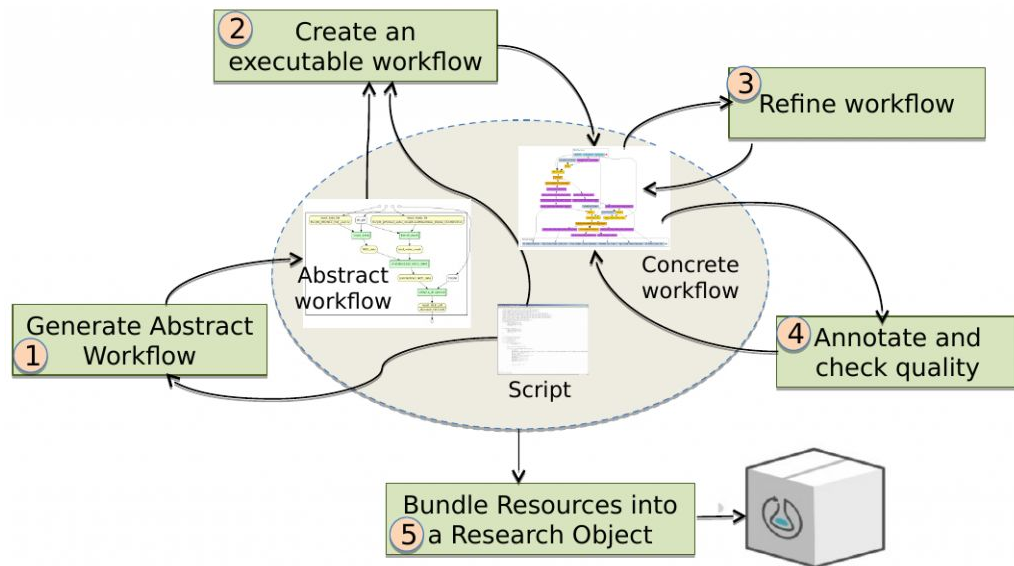
- 2017. A User-Sensitive Quality Assessment Approach for Experiments in eScience. Journal of Data and Information Quality (JDIQ). (**under review**)

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Carvalho, Lucas PhD (ongoing)

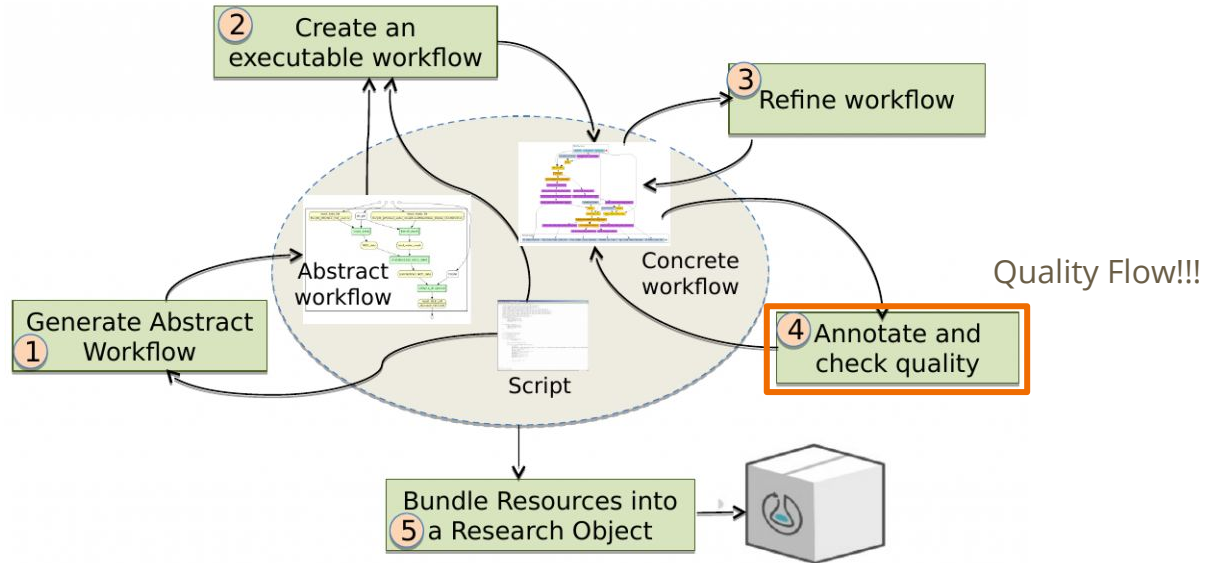
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Reproducibility and workflow management across scientific disciplines

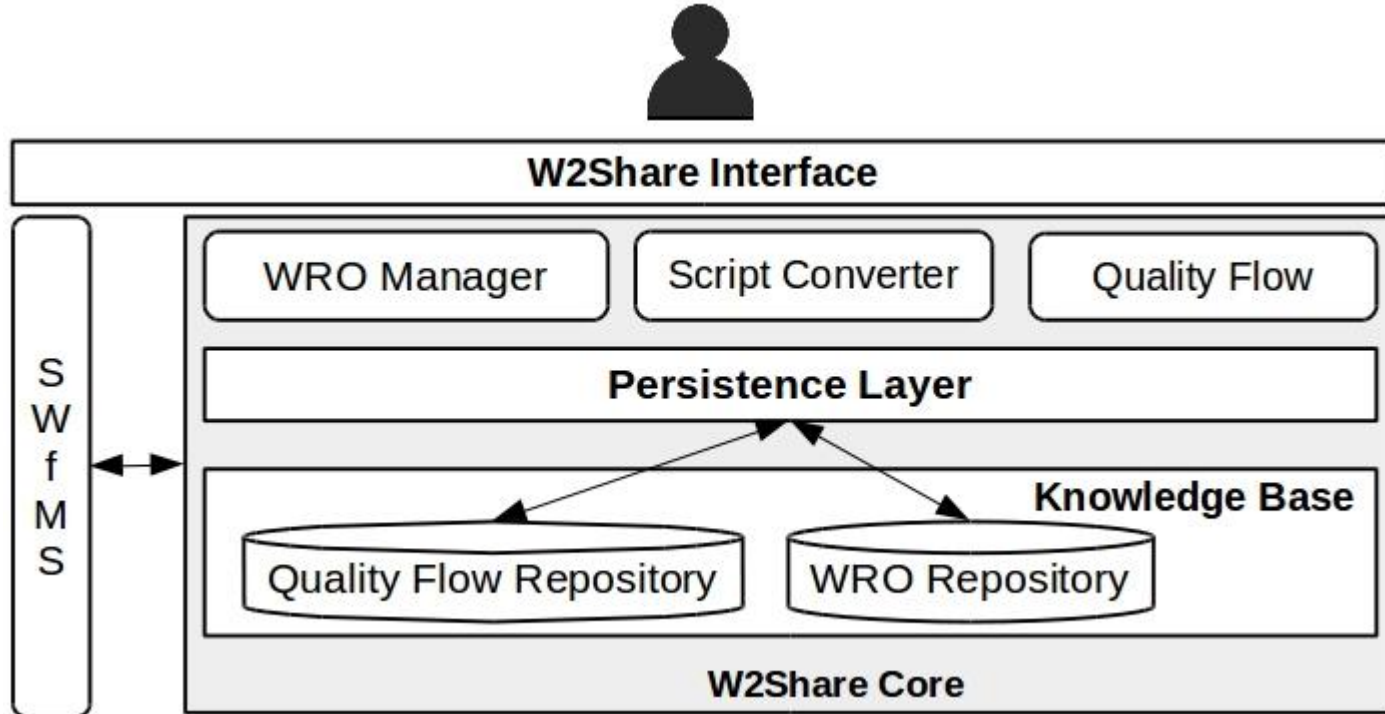


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Script Converter About

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<http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#Associationx>

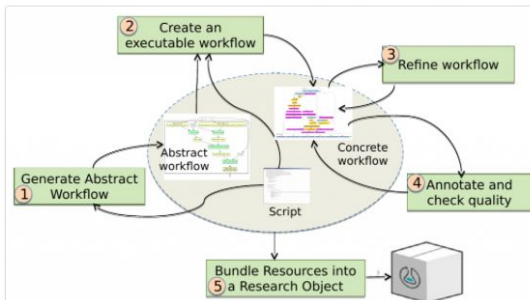
Submit

This is the module responsible for guiding and supporting the user during the process of converting scripts into executable workflows and the bundle all resources into a Workflow Research Object.

+ New

List

Methodology for Conversion of Scripts



The Methodology

The scientist is guided through five steps to convert scripts into Reproducible Workflow Research Objects.

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- **Step 1:** To generate the abstract workflow, access [Editor](#).
- **Step 2 & 3:** To generate and refine the executable workflow and collect provenance data, download the workflow specification and use the SW/MS. Then upload the workflow specification and the provenance data from the workflow executions into W2Share.
- **Step 4:** To add quality information, use the Quality Flow.
- **Step 5:** to add annotations and create the Workflow Research Object, access the corresponding module.

At this moment, we only support Taverna workflows [↗](#).

Case study: DNA Methylation Microarray Analysis

w2Share: Generating the abstract workflow

Script
annotations

```
1 # @begin GSE37579_analysis @desc Identification of differentially methylated genes potentially as:
2 # @param geo_id @desc GEO accession number.
3 # @param groups @desc List of sample groups.
4 # @in genes @URI genes.Rda @desc Names of genes related to epilepsy and stroke diseases
5 # @out eda_plots @URI eda_plots.pdf @desc Document with graphic charts from EDA.
6 # @out pca_fit_plot @URI pca_fit.pdf @desc Document containing PCA graphic chart of corrected data.
7 # @out dmrs_table @URI dmrs.csv @desc CSV file containing DMRs found.
8 # @out dmrs_plots @URI dmrs_plots.pdf @desc Document containing graphic charts of DMRs.
9
10 # -----
11 # @begin get_data @desc Download data from Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO).
12 # @param geo_id @desc GEO accession number.
13 # @out eset @URI eset.rds @desc RDS file containing serialized ExpressionSet object.
14 library(GEOquery)
15 eset <- getGEO("GSE37579", GSEMatrix=TRUE)[[1]]
16 saveRDS(eset, "eset.rds")
17 # @end get_data
18
19 # -----
20 # @begin sub_data @desc Subset Eset object by selected sample groups.
21 # @param group @desc List of sample groups. Examples: control, treatent
22 # @in eset @URI eset.rds @desc RDS file containing serialized ExpressionSet object.
23 # @out eset_sub @URI eset_sub.rds @desc RDS file containing serialized Eset object (subset).
24 library(Biobase)
25 eset <- readRDS("eset.rds")
26 groups <- c("white blood cells, control", "prefrontal cortex, control")
27 idx <- which(Data(eset)$SPOT_ID == "CONTROL")
28 eset_sub <- eset[idx, which(eset$source_name_ch1 %in% groups)]
29 eset_sub$source_name_ch1 <- droplevels(eset_sub$source_name_ch1)
30 eset_sub <- eset_sub[Data(eset_sub)[["Genome Location"]] != "", ]
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39 library(Biobase)
40 library(quantro)
41 library(ggplot2)
42 eset_sub <- readRDS("eset_sub.rds")
43 groups <- c("white blood cells, control", "prefrontal cortex, control")
44 meth <- exprs(eset_sub)
45 pdf("eda_plots.pdf")
46 hist(meth)
47
48 matboxplot(exprs(eset_sub), groupFactor = eset_sub$source_name_ch1,
49            xaxt = "n", main = "Beta Values")
50
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52            xlab = "", ylab = "density", main = "Beta Values")
53 legend("top", groups, col = c(1,2), lty= 1, lwd = 3)
54
55 pc <- prcomp(t(meth))$x
56 df <- data.frame(PC1 = pc[,1], PC2 = pc[,2],
57                 Tissue = sub(pattern = "+", "+", eset_sub$source_name_ch1),
58                 Origin = sub("\\s+", "", pData(eset_sub)$title))
59 qplot(data = df, PC1, PC2, colour = Tissue, shape = Origin, geom = "point") +
60   theme_bw()
61 dev.off()
62 # @end eda
63
64
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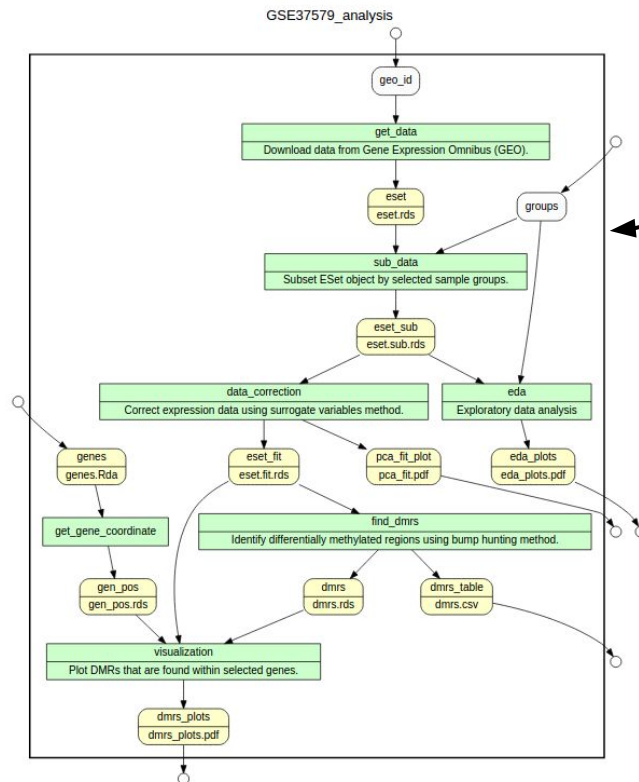
Script annotations

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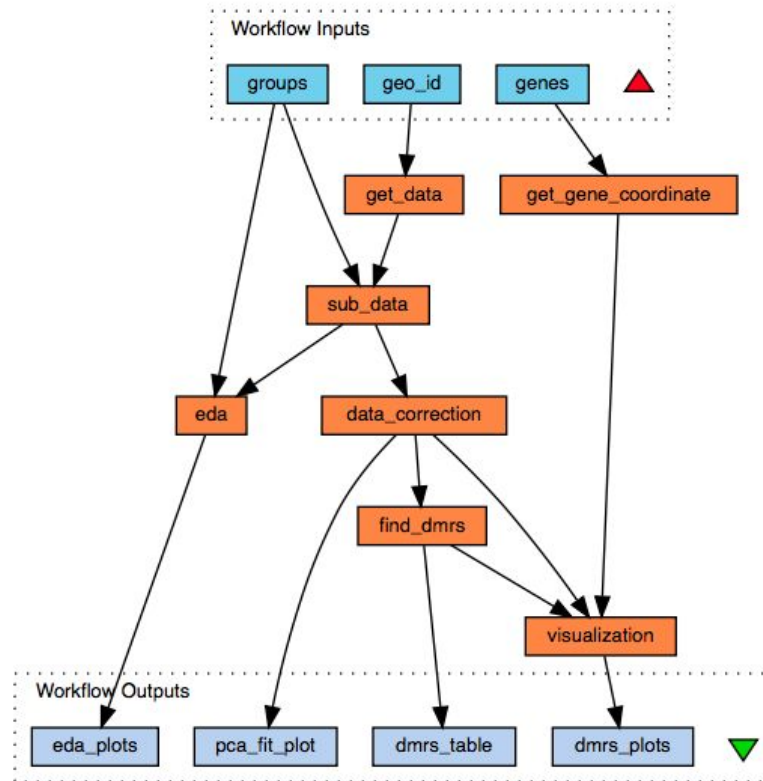
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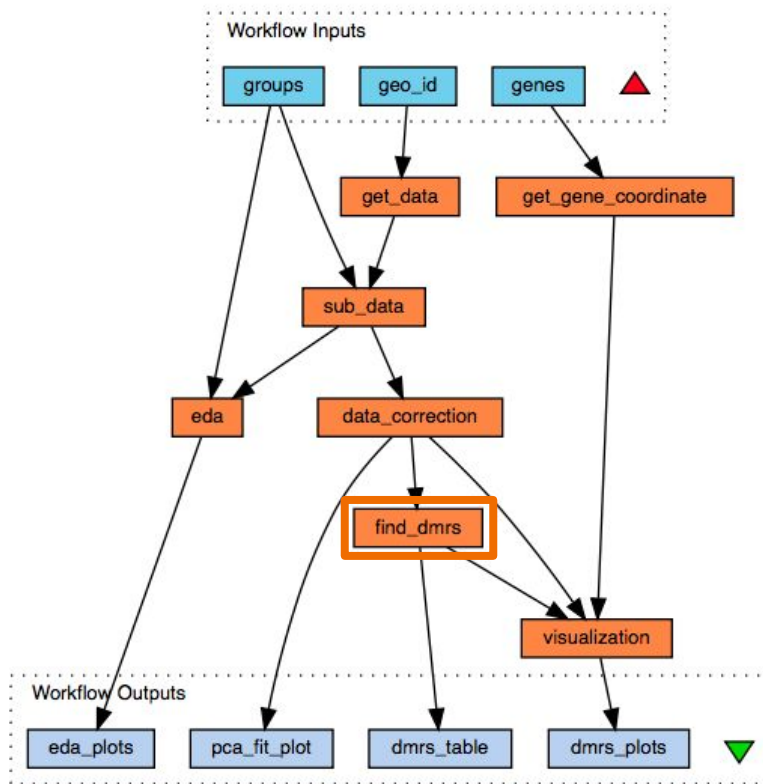
Abstract workflow



w2Share: Generating the executable workflow



w2Share: Annotating with quality information




Annotating with quality information

Process Name	Process Description	Workflow
find_dmrs	Identify differentially methylated regions using bump hunting method.	GSE37579_analysis

Quality Dimension

Value

 Add  List

Actions	Dimension	Value	Author
 	accuracy	0.8	Lucas

Actions	Metric	Description	Play	Result
				

Annotating with quality information



Process Name Process Description Workflow

find_dmrs 579_analysis

Quality Dim select...

Add

Actions

Actions

+ Metric

Choose Quality Metric

Metric	Description	Creator
<input type="radio"/>	quality metric to compute the accuracy for find_dmrs process	Joana

Result:

ongoing!!!

Save changes

Close

Result

w2Share: Generating the WRO

Converting Scripts into Reproducible Workflow Research Object

This page shows supplementary resources used to demonstrate how our methodology works. Below we show the Reproducible Workflow Research Object Bundle created following our methodological steps defined in the article submitted to the 2016 IEEE 12th International Conference on eScience.

The bundle was created using the [Research Object Bundle specification 1.0](#) and [RO Manager](#). We created a [script](#) to define the resources to be aggregated in the bundle and invoke RO Manager.

[Download the Reproducible Workflow Research Object Bundle](#)

A Research Object Bundle provides a way to collect the resources that are aggregated in a research object, represented as files in a ZIP archive, in addition to their metadata and annotations. The ZIP archive thus becomes a single representation of a research object and which can be exported, archived, published and transferred like a regular file or resource.

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<https://w3id.org/w2share/s2rwro/>

Case Study - Molecular Dynamics

Our case study is based on a molecular dynamics simulation defined in the following article:

Silveira, R.L. and Skaf, M. S. Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Family 7 Cellobiohydrolase Mutants Aimed at Reducing Product Inhibition. J. Phys. Chem. B 119, 9295-9303 (2015). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1021/jp509911m>

Manifest

File	Description
build/structure.pdb	crystal structure of the protein
build/water.pdb	coordinates of water molecules present in the crystal structure
build/protein.pdb	coordinates of the protein atoms
build/cal.pdb	coordinates of calcium ions present in the crystal structure
toppar/par_all22_prot.pm	force field parameter for the non-standard residue PCA
toppar/par_all36_carb.pm	force field parameters for carbohydrates
toppar/pca.pm	force field parameter for the non-standard residue PCA
toppar/pca.rtf	topology file for the non-standard residue PCA
toppar/top_all36_prot.rtf	topology file for proteins
toppar/top_all36_carb.rtf	topology file for carbohydrates
build/hyd.pdb	crystal structure with hydrogen atoms added

w2Share

Papers:

- 2017. Implementing W2Share: Supporting Reproducibility and Quality Assessment in eScience. XI Brazilian e-Science Workshop (BreSci). ([under review](#))

Contributions

- A solution to explore the assessment of quality in the context of scientific experiments:
 - scientific workflows systems + provenance + (semantic) models + standards
 - Enrichment of provenance to provide a greater amount of information
- Quality-aware workflows
 - provide user-dependent quality assessment

What's next?

Ongoing work

- How to combine the information from workflow executions to feed and compute the quality metrics
- (Semantic) rules to derive quality
 - Minim model for defining checklists (must/should/may requirements, associated with rules)

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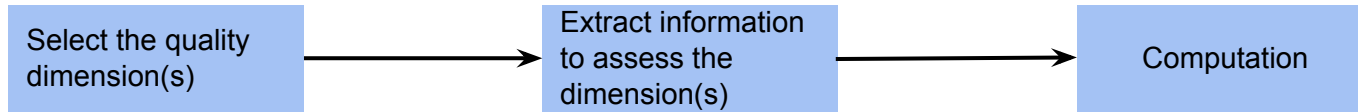


Research on Data Quality

- 50s: researchers began to study quality issues related to products
- 90s: different definitions of data quality and division methods of quality dimensions.
 - 96 (Wang & Strong): MIT data quality group - fitness for use and data quality judgment depends on data consumers.
 - data quality dimension a set of data quality attributes.
- 2000:
 - data quality principles, ISO 8000
 - Approaches to assess quality: mathematical models, cleansing techniques, user feedback...

Extras:



Methodology



w2Share: Annotating with quality information

Quality Metrics

[Filter Options](#)

Action	Dimension	Metric	Description
 	accuracy	correctly_identified_methylate_regions/total_selecting_samples	quality metric to compute the accuracy for

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