

## # Environment Setup Guide

### Prerequisites

- Install Java 8 or Java 11

### Download Cassandra

- [https://cassandra.apache.org/\\_/download.html](https://cassandra.apache.org/_/download.html)

### Configuration

- In conf/cassandra.yaml

### Getting started

- [http://cassandra.apache.org/doc/latest/getting\\_started/index.html](http://cassandra.apache.org/doc/latest/getting_started/index.html)

### Python Driver (DataStax Cassandra Driver)

- <https://docs.datastax.com/en/developer/python-driver/>

## # Detail steps for setup (Based on MacOS)

### 1. Download, extract and move Cassandra

Download the latest stable release: apache-cassandra-4.1.8-bin.tar

Extract: `tar -xvzf apache-cassandra-4.1.8-bin.tar`

Move the extracted folder to a permanent location: `ex sudo mv apache-cassandra-4.1.8 /opt/cassandra`

Navigate to the Cassandra directory

### 2. Setup environment variables

Open your shell configuration file: `sudo nano ~/.zshrc`

Add the following lines at the bottom:

```
export CASSANDRA_HOME=/opt/cassandra
```

```
export PATH=$CASSANDRA_HOME/bin:$PATH
```

Save and exit

Reload the terminal configuration: `source ~/.zshrc`

### 3. Start Cassandra

```
study_cassandra % cassandra -f (foreground)
```

```
study_cassandra % cassandra (background)
```

`nodetool status` (check if Cassandra is running): If you see UN(Up/Normal), Cassandra is running successfully

```
study_cassandra % nodetool status
```

```
Datacenter: datacenter1
```

```
=====
```

```
Status=Up/Down
```

```
|/ State=Normal/Leaving/Joining/Moving
```

```
-- Address      Load          Tokens   Owns (effective)  Host ID
```

```
Rack
```

```
UN 127.0.0.1 75.75 KiB 16      100.0%           c0ed76ed-ae82-46da-a767-e14d6269fa60 rack1
```

4. Connect to Cassandra by CQL shell (Cassandra Query Language shell) to interact with the database

```
study_cassandra % cqlsh
Connected to Test Cluster at 127.0.0.1:9042
[cqlsh 6.1.0 | Cassandra 4.1.8 | CQL spec 3.4.6 | Native
protocol v5]
Use HELP for help.
cqlsh> exit
```

5. Stop Cassandra

```
study_cassandra % pkill -f cassandra
or
study_cassandra % nodetool drain && pkill -f cassandra
```

6. Install the Cassandra Python Driver

```
study_cassandra % pip install cassandra-driver
or
study_cassandra % conda install -c conda-forge cassandra-driver
```

7. Verify the Python Driver installation

```
study_cassandra % python
Python 3.9.21 | packaged by conda-forge | (main, Dec 5 2024,
13:47:18)
[Clang 18.1.8 ] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more
information.
>>> import cassandra
>>> print(cassandra.__version__)
3.29.2
>>>
```

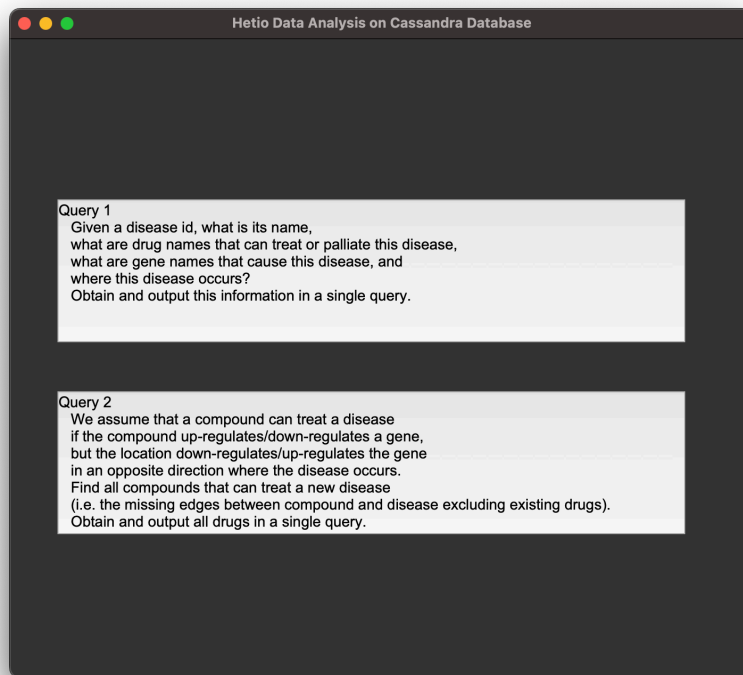
**# Run python script (python 3.9, tkinter 8.6)**

1. Run python script for GUI:

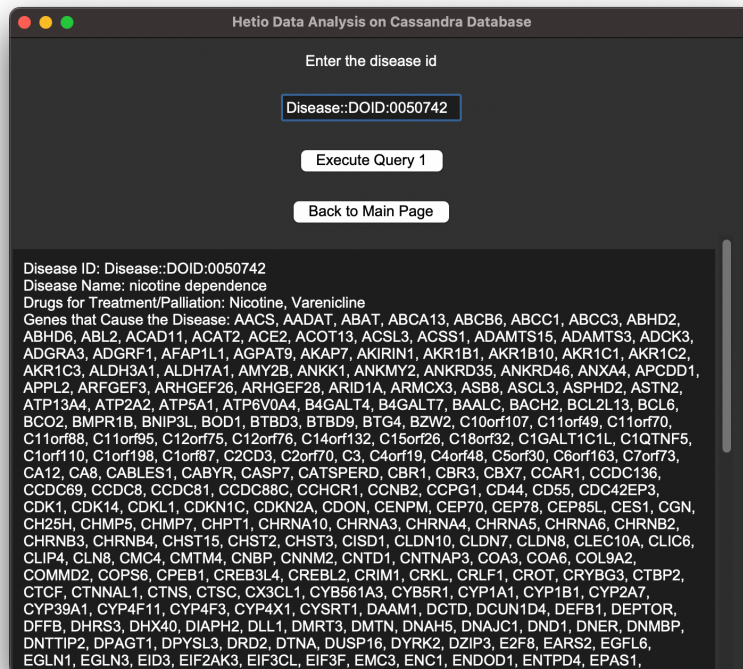
```
study_cassandra % python hetio_cassandra.py
```

2. Result file:

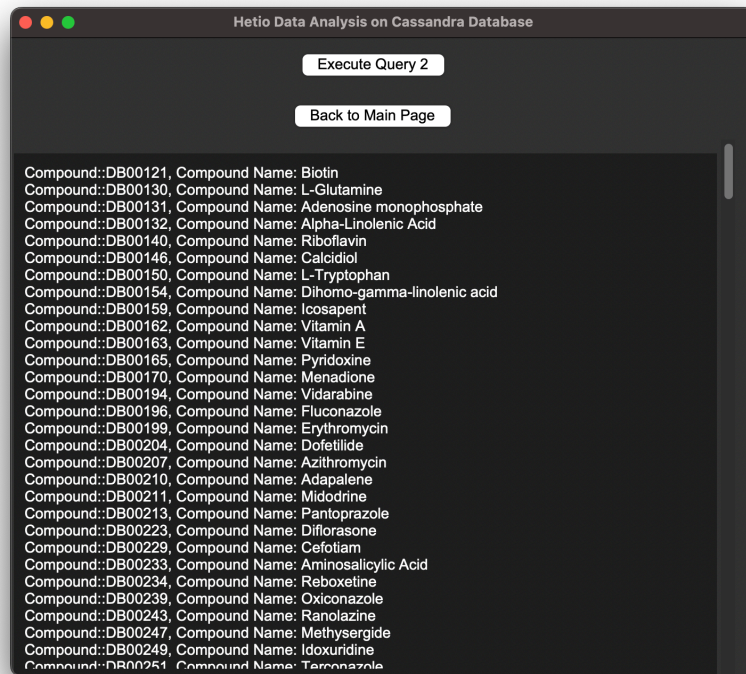
Test result files (cassandra\_query1.txt and cassandra\_query2.txt) will be stored under test\_results directory



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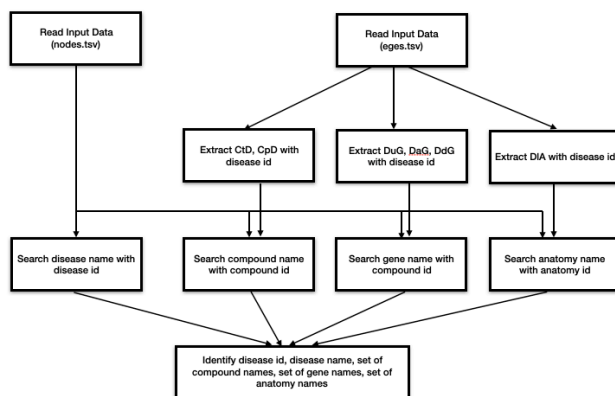
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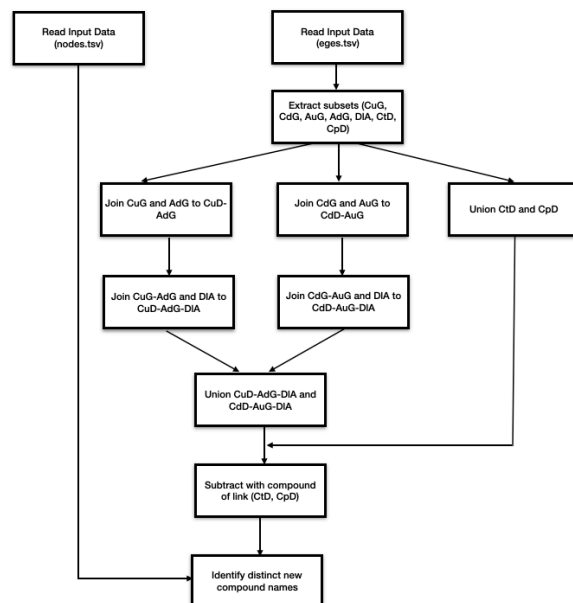
Query 2 Page

## # Design diagram

Design diagram: Query 1



Design diagram: Query 2



Design Diagram

# Cassandra database for HetioNet

1. HetioNet

node data: nodes.tsv

edge data: edges.tsv

2. keyspace: hetio\_db

```
session.execute("""
    CREATE KEYSPACE IF NOT EXISTS hetio_db
    WITH replication = {'class': 'SimpleStrategy',
'replication_factor': '1'};
    """)
```

3. tables:

disease\_info

```
session.execute("""
    CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS disease_info (
        disease_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
        disease_name TEXT,
        drug_names SET<TEXT>,
        gene_names SET<TEXT>,
        location_names SET<TEXT>
    );
    """)

session.execute("""
    INSERT INTO disease_info (disease_id, disease_name,
drug_names, gene_names, location_names)
    VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s);
    """, (disease_id, disease_name, drugs, genes,
locations))
```

compound\_info

```
session.execute("""
    CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS compound_info (
        compound_id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
        compound_name TEXT,
        is_connected_with_disease BOOLEAN
    );
    """)

session.execute("""
    INSERT INTO compound_info (compound_id,
compound_name, is_connected_with_disease)
    VALUES (%s, %s, %s);
    """, (compound_id, drugs_names[compound_id], False))
session.execute("""
```

```
INSERT INTO compound_info (compound_id,
compound_name, is_connected_with_disease)
VALUES (%s, %s, %s);
""", (compound_id, drugs_names[compound_id], True))
```

## **# Queries for Cassandra**

### Query 1:

Given a disease id, what is its name,  
what are drug names that can treat or palliate this disease,  
what are gene names that cause this disease, and  
where this disease occurs?  
Obtain and output this information in a single query.

```
session.execute("SELECT * FROM disease_info WHERE disease_id  
= %s", [disease_id])
```

### Query 2:

We assume that a compound can treat a disease  
if the compound up-regulates/down-regulates a gene,  
but the location down-regulates/up-regulates the gene  
in an opposite direction where the disease occurs.  
Find all compounds that can treat a new disease  
(i.e. the missing edges between compound and disease  
excluding existing drugs).  
Obtain and output all drugs in a single query.

```
session.execute("SELECT compound_id, compound_name FROM  
compound_info WHERE is_connected_with_disease = %s ALLOW  
FILTERING", [False])
```

## **# Potential improvement**

1. Since Cassandra does not support joins, we use pre-processing functions with basic Python data structures like lists and sets. This could be improved by utilizing Pandas' merge function for more efficient joins.

See test\_alternative\_approach\_with\_pandas.py under test directory.

2. The current column family (table) structure is simple and optimized for two specific queries.

By storing a Pandas DataFrame after joining edge and node information, we could create a more flexible and generic table structure.

3. We will explore alternative methods that reduce dependency on Python.