Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors

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Document Conventions

In addition to the use of italics for names of documents, the font conventions that are used in this document are summarized in the table below.

Font	Example	Use
Sans serif	Project Table	Names of GUI features, such as panels, menus, menu items, buttons, and labels
Monospace	\$SCHRODINGER/maestro	File names, directory names, commands, environment variables, command input and output
Italic	filename	Text that the user must replace with a value
Sans serif uppercase	CTRL+H	Keyboard keys

Links to other locations in the current document or to other PDF documents are colored like this: Document Conventions.

In descriptions of command syntax, the following UNIX conventions are used: braces { } enclose a choice of required items, square brackets [] enclose optional items, and the bar symbol | separates items in a list from which one item must be chosen. Lines of command syntax that wrap should be interpreted as a single command.

File name, path, and environment variable syntax is generally given with the UNIX conventions. To obtain the Windows conventions, replace the forward slash / with the backslash \ in path or directory names, and replace the \$ at the beginning of an environment variable with a % at each end. For example, \$SCHRODINGER/maestro becomes *SCHRODINGER*\maestro.

Keyboard references are given in the Windows convention by default, with Mac equivalents in parentheses, for example CTRL+H (%H). Where Mac equivalents are not given, COMMAND should be read in place of CTRL. The convention CTRL-H is not used.

In this document, to *type* text means to type the required text in the specified location, and to *enter* text means to type the required text, then press the ENTER key.

References to literature sources are given in square brackets, like this: [10].

Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors

The Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors panel in Maestro provides a convenient interface to several Schrödinger programs, which are used to generate descriptors for a QSAR model. The focus is on generating descriptors for a set of ligands that are docked to a receptor. Three of the programs, Liaison, Prime MM-GBSA, and the Embrace module of MacroModel, operate on the ligand and the receptor. The other two, QikProp and Ligparse, operate on the ligand only. The descriptors extracted from Liaison, Prime MM-GBSA, and Embrace are energetic properties related to ligand binding. QikProp generates ADME properties, and Ligparse generates structure-based properties such as functional group counts. These descriptors can be used as input to the model-generation facility in Strike.

The results are collected as a set of descriptors in a comma-separated value (.csv) file, and are added to the structures in the output file, *jobname*-out.maegz file, which are copies of the input structures. If you chose entries from the Project Table for input, the descriptors are imported into the project when the calculations finish. You can then select the relevant entries in the Project Table, and use Strike to build a QSAR model.

In addition, the output structures from Prime MM-GBSA, Liaison, and Embrace are written to output files *jobname-product*-out.maeqz

Note: The receptor and the ligands must be properly prepared beforehand. See the *LigPrep User Manual* for information on ligand preparation, and the *Protein Preparation Guide* for information on protein preparation.

1 Running Schrödinger Software

Schrödinger applications can be run from a graphical interface or from the command line. The software writes input and output files to a directory (folder) which is termed the *working directory*. If you run applications from the command line, the directory from which you run the application is the working directory for the job.

Linux:

To run any Schrödinger program on a Linux platform, or start a Schrödinger job on a remote host from a Linux platform, you must first set the SCHRODINGER environment variable to the installation directory for your Schrödinger software. To set this variable, enter the following command at a shell prompt:

csh/tcsh: setenv SCHRODINGER installation-directory **bash/ksh:** export SCHRODINGER=installation-directory

Once you have set the SCHRODINGER environment variable, you can run programs and utilities with the following commands:

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$$CHRODINGER/program &
$$CHRODINGER/utilities/utility &
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You can start the Maestro interface with the following command:

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$SCHRODINGER/maestro &
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It is usually a good idea to change to the desired working directory before starting the Maestro interface. This directory then becomes the working directory.

Windows:

The primary way of running Schrödinger applications on a Windows platform is from a graphical interface. To start the Maestro interface, double-click on the Maestro icon, on a Maestro project, or on a structure file; or choose Start \rightarrow All Programs \rightarrow Schrödinger-2015-2 \rightarrow Maestro. You do not need to make any settings before starting Maestro or running programs. The default working directory is the Schrödinger folder in your Documents folder.

If you want to run applications from the command line, you can do so in one of the shells that are provided with the installation and have the Schrödinger environment set up:

- Schrödinger Command Prompt—DOS shell.
- Schrödinger Power Shell—Windows Power Shell (if available).

You can open these shells from $Start \rightarrow All \ Programs \rightarrow Schrodinger-2015-2$. You do not need to include the path to a program or utility when you type the command to run it. If you want access to Unix-style utilities (such as awk, grep, and sed), preface the commands with sh, or type sh in either of these shells to start a Unix-style shell.

Mac:

The primary way of running Schrödinger software on a Mac is from a graphical interface. To start the Maestro interface, click its icon on the dock. If there is no Maestro icon on the dock,

you can put one there by dragging it from the SchrodingerSuite2015-2 folder in your Applications folder. This folder contains icons for all the available interfaces. The default working directory is the Schrodinger folder in your Documents folder (\$HOME/Documents/Schrodinger).

Running software from the command line is similar to Linux—open a terminal window and run the program. You can also start Maestro from the command line in the same way as on Linux. The default working directory is then the directory from which you start Maestro. You do not need to set the SCHRODINGER environment variable, as this is set in your default environment on installation. To set other variables, on OS X 10.7 use the command

defaults write ~/.MacOSX/environment variable "value"

and on OS X 10.8, 10.9, and 10.10 use the command

launchctl setenv variable "value"

2 Starting Jobs from the Maestro Interface

To run a job from the Maestro interface, you open a panel from one of the menus (e.g. Tasks), make settings, and then submit the job to a host or a queueing system for execution. The panel settings are described in the help topics and in the user manuals. When you have finished making settings, you can use the Job toolbar to start the job.



You can start a job immediately by clicking Run. The job is run on the currently selected host with the current job settings and the job name in the Job name text box. If you want to change the job name, you can edit it in the text box before starting the job. Details of the job settings are reported in the status bar, which is below the Job toolbar.

If you want to change the job settings, such as the host on which to run the job and the number of processors to use, click the Settings button. (You can also click the arrow next to the button and choose Job Settings from the menu that is displayed.)



You can then make the settings in the Job Settings dialog box, and choose to just save the settings by clicking OK, or save the settings and start the job by clicking Run. These settings apply only to jobs that are started from the current panel.

If you want to save the input files for the job but not run it, click the Settings button and choose Write. A dialog box opens in which you can provide the job name, which is used to name the files. The files are written to the current working directory.

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The Settings button also allows you to change the panel settings. You can choose Read, to read settings from an input file for the job and apply them to the panel, or you can choose Reset Panel to reset all the panel settings to their default values.

You can also set preferences for all jobs and how the interface interacts with the job at various stages. This is done in the Preferences panel, which you can open at the Jobs section by choosing Preferences from the Settings button menu.

Note: The items present on the Settings menu can vary with the application. The descriptions above cover all of the items.

The icon on the Job Status button shows the status of jobs for the application that belong to the current project. It starts spinning when the first job is successfully launched, and stops spinning when the last job finishes. It changes to an exclamation point if a job is not launched successfully.



Clicking the button shows a small job status window that lists the job name and status for all active jobs submitted for the application from the current project, and a summary message at the bottom. The rows are colored according to the status: yellow for submitted, green for launched, running, or finished, red for incorporated, died, or killed. You can double-click on a row to open the Monitor panel and monitor the job, or click the Monitor button to open the Monitor panel and close the job status window. The job status is updated while the window is open. If a job finishes while the window is open, the job remains displayed but with the new status. Click anywhere outside the window to close it.

Jobs are run under the Job Control facility, which manages the details of starting the job, transferring files, checking on status, and so on. For more information about this facility and how it operates, as well as details of the Job Settings dialog box, see the *Job Control Guide*.

3 The Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors Panel

The Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors panel in Maestro is used to generate ligand and structure-based descriptors for a structure-based QSAR model of ligand binding to a receptor. The panel is divided into three sections, which are described below.

To open the Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors panel, choose Applications \rightarrow Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors or Tasks \rightarrow Ligand Properties in the main window.

3.1 Selecting the Ligands and the Receptor

To set up a calculation, you must select a receptor and a source of ligands. The receptor and ligands can come from a pose viewer file, or from separate files, or from the current project. The selections are made in the Source of Ligands and Receptor section.

Maestro Pose Viewer file options

If you want to use a pose viewer file for both the receptor and the ligands, select this option. To specify the file, enter the file name and path in the text box, or click Browse and navigate to the file. This option is useful if you have run Glide and want to obtain descriptors for a selected set of poses.

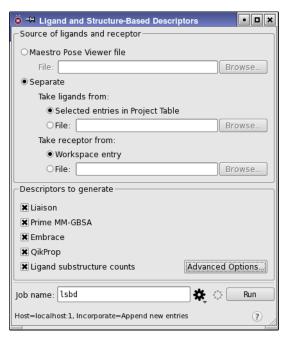


Figure 1. The Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors panel.

Separate options

If you choose to obtain the receptor and the ligands from separate sources, you can read them from files, or obtain them from the project.

To use the selected entries in the Project Table as the source of ligands, select Selected entries in Project Table, and select the ligands. When the job starts, the ligands are written to a Maestro file. To read the ligands from a file, select File and enter the file name and path in the text box, or click Browse and navigate to the file.

If the receptor is in the current project, you can display it in the Workspace and select Workspace entry. The receptor structure is written to a file when the job is launched. Otherwise you can read the receptor from a file. To do so, select File and enter the file name and path in the text box, or click Browse and navigate to a file.

3.2 Selecting the Descriptors To Generate

After choosing a receptor and ligands, you can choose the descriptors you want to generate. For each of the five descriptor sets, there is an option in the Descriptors to generate section of the panel. You can select more than one option; the jobs will be run simultaneously.

The programs that generate the descriptors are run with default options that were chosen to produce reasonable descriptors. To change any of these options or change some of the job options, click Advanced Options, and make your choices in the Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors - Advanced Options dialog box. The settings in this dialog box are a limited set of the full range of settings, designed to provide useful descriptors for a QSAR model. For more information on the advanced options, see page 14. The descriptor types are described below.

3.2.1 Liaison Descriptors

Liaison calculates ligand-receptor binding affinities using a linear interaction approximation. It runs molecular mechanics (MM) simulations of the ligand-receptor complex and of the free ligand and free receptor, with an SGB continuum solvation model. Three simulation methods are available: energy minimization (the default), molecular dynamics simulation, or hybrid Monte Carlo simulation. The latter explicitly include temperature effects. For more information on the Liaison model and methods, see Chapter 1 of the *Liaison User Manual*.

The Liaison descriptors include the five terms that contribute to the linear interaction model energy.

3.2.2 Prime MM-GBSA Descriptors

The Prime MM-GBSA approach is used to predict the free energy of binding for a receptor and a set of ligands. MM-GBSA is an acronym for a method that combines OPLS molecular mechanics energies ($E_{\rm MM}$), an SGB solvation model for polar solvation ($G_{\rm SGB}$), and a nonpolar solvation term ($G_{\rm NP}$) composed of the nonpolar solvent accessible surface area and van der Waals interactions. The total free energy of binding is then expressed as:

$$\Delta G_{\text{bind}} = G_{\text{complex}} - (G_{\text{protein}} + G_{\text{ligand}})$$

where

$$G = E_{MM} + G_{SGB} + G_{NP}$$

The ligand in the unbound state is minimized in SGB solvent but is not otherwise sampled. In the calculation of the complex, the ligand is minimized in the context of the receptor. The protein is currently held fixed in all calculations. The following descriptors generated by the Prime MM-GBSA approach:

MM-GBSA_DG_bind Ligand binding energy, $\Delta G_{\rm bind}$ MM-GBSA_E_complex Energy of the complex, $G_{\rm complex}$

MM-GBSA_E_protein Energy of the receptor without the ligand, G_{protein}

MM-GBSA_E_ligand Energy of the unbound ligand, G_{ligand}

3.2.3 Embrace Descriptors

Embrace calculates ligand-receptor binding energies by molecular mechanics energy minimization of the complex and the separated receptor and ligand, with or without continuum solvation. The Embrace calculation is run in energy difference mode. The following descriptors are generated from the calculation:

Embrace_Total_Energy_without_constraints Ligand binding energy

Embrace_Valence_Energy Valence energy difference

Embrace_vdW_Energy van der Waals energy difference

Embrace_Electrostatic_Energy Coulomb energy difference
Embrace_Solvation_Energy Solvation energy difference
Embrace_Constraint_Energy Constraint energy difference

For more information on Embrace, see Chapter 13 of the MacroModel User Manual.

3.2.4 QikProp Descriptors

QikProp produces a list of 44 descriptors related to absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion. These descriptors include properties like skin permeability and octanol/water partition coefficients, and counts of important functional groups. For a complete list of descriptors, see Chapter 1 of the *QikProp User Manual*

3.2.5 Ligand Substructure Counts

Counts of various substructures are generated from ligparse, and include counts of a wide range of functional groups (defined by single SMARTS pattern), counts of composite groups (defined by multiple SMARTS patterns), and some other counts. Over 100 functional groups are identified by ligparse. The following composite group counts are reported:

Num acceptor groups Num acidic hydrogens

Num amide hydrogensNum charged acceptor groupsNum charged donor groupsNum divalent oxygen atomsNum donor groupsNum neutral acceptor groupsNum neutral aminesNum neutral donor groups

Num reactive groups

and the remaining counts are of the following:

Num rings Num heteroaromatic rings

Num aromatic rings Num aliphatic rings

Num rotatable bonds Num atoms

Molecular weight Num chiral centers

3.3 Running the Jobs

When you have made all your selections, click the Settings button (see Section 2 on page 7). The Job Settings dialog box opens, in which you can set a job name and select a host for running the jobs.

The choice you make from the Host option menu is the host on which the computationally intensive jobs will be run. The master job and the ligand substructure counts job always run on the local host. The other jobs are run concurrently on the chosen host if the host allows it, and jobs for individual programs can be distributed over multiple processors if the program allows it.

If you choose a remote host or batch queue as the host for the job, you must ensure that the current working directory is mounted on the remote host. This requirement is equivalent to running the computational jobs from the Linux command line with the -LOCAL option. All driver jobs are run locally.

When you click Run in the Job Settings dialog box, the input files are written, directories are set up for each kind of job, and the jobs are started. The calculations are run under Job Control, and can be monitored in the Monitor panel.

If you want to postpone running the jobs, save settings for use with other systems, or edit the input files to change options that are not available from the panel, you can choose Write from the Settings button menu to write the input files without running the jobs. The main input file is written to *jobname*. inp, and is used to set up input files for the various programs. Job settings made in the Advanced Options panel override those made in the main panel, and are stored in the input file.

To retrieve the settings from an input file, either to modify them or to run a job, choose Read from the Settings button menu. A dialog box opens, in which you can navigate to and choose an input file, which has a file extension of .inp.

If you edit the input files, you must then run the jobs for each program from the Linux command line with the following command:

\$SCHRODINGER/lsbd [options] input-file [output-dir]

The standard Job Control options, described in Section 2.3 of the *Job Control Guide*, are supported. \$SCHRODINGER/1sbd -h displays a usage message that describes other options.

If you want to clear all custom settings and return to the default settings, click Reset. The calculation settings for all programs are returned to their defaults, which are as follows:

Liaison: Truncated Newton minimization with OPLS_2005 force field, 1000 steps, 15 Å residue-based cutoff, medium constraints option.

Embrace: OPLS_2005 force field, no solvent, constant dielectric (1.0), normal cutoffs, PRCG minimization method with 5000 iterations, tiny constraints option.

QikProp: Normal mode.

4 Advanced Options for Descriptor Generation

You can set nondefault options for the various programs that generate descriptors in the Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors - Advanced Options panel. To open this panel, click Advanced Options. There are no options for ligand substructure counts.

4.1 Liaison Options

For Liaison, the options related to the calculation itself are the same as in the Parameters tab of the Liaison panel. For details, see Section 4.2.2 of the *Liaison User Manual*. These options provide most of the flexibility that is available for Liaison calculations.

The Host options section provides a choice of the number of processors over which to distribute the Liaison calculation.

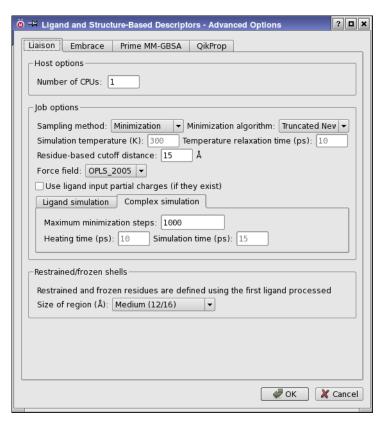


Figure 2. The Liaison tab of the Advanced Options panel.

4.2 Embrace Options

The Host options section allows you to select the number of CPUs to use for the job and the number of subjobs to split the calculation into.

The options for the potential and minimization are those from the Potential tab and Mini tab of the MacroModel panels. For more information on these options, see Section 4.2 and Section of the *MacroModel User Manual*.

Constraints can be set by choosing from a menu that supplies a set of predetermined distances for restrained, frozen, and ignored shells. A Maestro file named *jobname*-emb_cons.mae is written and used to specify constraints relative to a single structure, so the calculations will be repeatable. From this file, the substructure.sbc file is written for each complex.

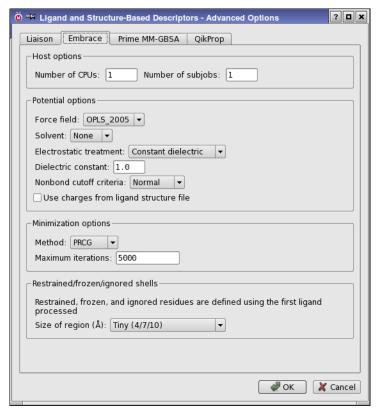


Figure 3. The Embrace tab of the Advanced Options panel.

4.3 Prime MM-GBSA Options

The Host options section allows you to select the number of CPUs to use for the job and the number of subjobs to split the calculation into.

The Settings section provides one option, for using partial charges read in as properties with the input ligand (rather than those calculated by the force field).

The Protein Flexibility section contains an option menu from which you can choose various ranges relative to the first input ligand for which protein atoms are allowed to move.

4.4 QikProp Options

For QikProp, the only program setting is whether or not to use fast mode. For a description of fast mode, see Chapter 1 of the *QikProp User Manual*.

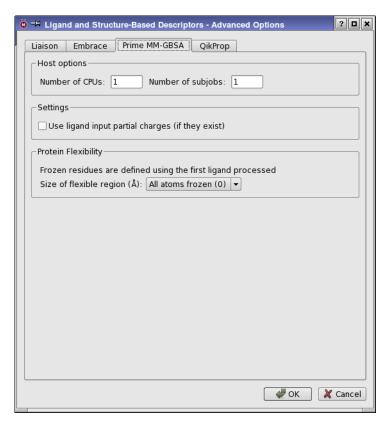


Figure 4. The Prime MM-GBSA tab of the Advanced Options panel.

5 Citing Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors in Publications

Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors 2015-2, Liaison version 5.9, MacroModel version 10.0, Prime version 3.2, QikProp version 3.6, Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2015.

Getting Help

Information about Schrödinger software is available in two main places:

- The docs folder (directory) of your software installation, which contains HTML and PDF documentation. Index pages are available in this folder.
- The Schrödinger web site, http://www.schrodinger.com/, In particular, you can use the Knowledge Base, http://www.schrodinger.com/kb, to find current information on a range of topics, and the Known Issues page, http://www.schrodinger.com/knownissues, to find information on software issues.

Finding Information in Maestro

Maestro provides access to nearly all the information available on Schrödinger software.

To get information:

- Pause the pointer over a GUI feature (button, menu item, menu, ...). In the main window, information is displayed in the Auto-Help text box, which is located at the foot of the main window, or in a tooltip. In other panels, information is displayed in a tooltip.
 - If the tooltip does not appear within a second, check that Show tooltips is selected under General \rightarrow Appearance in the Preferences panel, which you can open with CTRL+, (\Re ,). Not all features have tooltips.
- Click the Help button in the lower right corner of a panel or press F1, for information about a panel or the tab that is displayed in a panel. The help topic is displayed in the Help panel. The button may have text or an icon:



- Choose Help → Online Help or press CTRL+H (第H) to open the default help topic.
- When help is displayed in the Help panel, use the navigation links in the help topic or search the help.
- Choose Help → Documentation Index, to open a page that has links to all the documents.
 Click a link to open the document.

 Choose Help → Search Manuals to search the manuals. The search tab in Adobe Reader opens, and you can search across all the PDF documents. You must have Adobe Reader installed to use this feature.

For information on:

- Problems and solutions: choose Help → Knowledge Base or Help → Known Issues → product.
- New software features: choose $Help \rightarrow New$ Features.
- Python scripting: choose Help → Python Module Overview.
- Utility programs: choose Help → About Utilities.
- Keyboard shortcuts: choose Help → Keyboard Shortcuts.
- Installation and licensing: see the *Installation Guide*.
- Running and managing jobs: see the *Job Control Guide*.
- Using Maestro: see the *Maestro User Manual*.
- Maestro commands: see the Maestro Command Reference Manual.

Contacting Technical Support

If you have questions that are not answered from any of the above sources, contact Schrödinger using the information below.

Web: http://www.schrodinger.com/supportcenter

E-mail: <u>help@schrodinger.com</u>

Mail: Schrödinger, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, OR 97204

Phone: +1 888 891-4701 (USA, 8am – 8pm Eastern Time)

+49 621 438-55173 (Europe, 9am – 5pm Central European Time)

Fax: +1 503 299-4532 (USA, Portland office)

FTP: ftp://ftp.schrodinger.com

Generally, using the web form is best because you can add machine output and upload files, if necessary. You will need to include the following information:

- All relevant user input and machine output
- Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors purchaser (company, research institution, or individual)
- Primary Ligand and Structure-Based Descriptors user
- Installation, licensing, and machine information as described below.

Gathering Information for Technical Support

The instructions below describe how to gather the required machine, licensing, and installation information, and any other job-related or failure-related information, to send to technical support. Where the instructions depend on the profile used for Maestro, the profile is indicated.

For general enquiries or problems:

- 1. Open the Diagnostics panel.
 - Maestro: Help → Diagnostics
 - Windows: Start → All Programs → Schrodinger-2015-2 → Diagnostics
 - Mac: Applications → Schrodinger2015-2 → Diagnostics
 - Command line: \$SCHRODINGER/diagnostics
- 2. When the diagnostics have run, click Technical Support.

A dialog box opens, with instructions. You can highlight and copy the name of the file.

3. Upload the file specified in the dialog box to the support web form.

If you have already submitted a support request, use the upload link in the email response from Schrödinger to upload the file. If you need to submit a new request, you can upload the file when you fill in the form.

If your job failed:

- 1. Open the Monitor panel, using the instructions for your profile as given below:
 - Maestro/Jaguar/Elements: Tasks \rightarrow Monitor Jobs
 - BioLuminate/MaterialsScience: Tasks → Job Monitor
- 2. Select the failed job in the table, and click Postmortem.

The Postmortem panel opens.

- 3. If your data is not sensitive and you can send it, select Include structures and deselect Automatically obfuscate path names.
- 4. Click Create.

An archive file is created, and an information dialog box with the name and location of the file opens. You can highlight and copy the name of the file.

5. Upload the file specified in the dialog box to the support web form.

If you have already submitted a support request, use the upload link in the email response from Schrödinger to upload the file. If you need to submit a new request, you can upload the file when you fill in the form.

- 6. Copy and paste any log messages from the window used to start the interface or the job into the web form (or an e-mail message), or attach them as a file.
 - Windows: Right-click in the window and choose Select All, then press ENTER to copy the text.
 - Mac: Start the Console application (Applications → Utilities), filter on the application that you used to start the job (Maestro, BioLuminate, Elements), copy the text.

If Maestro failed:

- 1. Open the Diagnostics panel.
 - Windows: Start → All Programs → Schrodinger-2015-2 → Diagnostics
 - Mac: Applications → SchrodingerSuite2015-2 → Diagnostics
 - Linux/command line: \$SCHRODINGER/diagnostics
- 2. When the diagnostics have run, click Technical Support.

A dialog box opens, with instructions. You can highlight and copy the name of the file.

3. Upload the file specified in the dialog box to the support web form.

If you have already submitted a support request, use the upload link in the email response from Schrödinger to upload the file. If you need to submit a new request, you can upload the file when you fill in the form.

4. Upload the error files to the support web form.

The files should be in the following location:

- Windows: %LOCALAPPDATA%\Schrodinger\appcrash
 (Choose Start → Run and paste this location into the Open text box.)
 Attach maestro error pid.txt and maestro.exe pid timestamp.dmp.
- Mac: \$HOME/Library/Logs/CrashReporter
 (Go → Home → Library → Logs → CrashReporter)
 Attach maestro error pid.txt and maestro timestamp machinename.crash.
- Linux: \$HOME/.schrodinger/appcrash
 Attach maestro error pid.txt and crash report timestamp pid.txt.

If a Maestro panel failed to open:

- 1. Copy the text in the dialog box that opens.
- 2. Paste the text into the support web form.

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