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The website is available at <https://lfz.corefacility.ca/superphy/spfy/>. Spfy’s codebase is provided at <https://github.com/superphy/backend> and the documentation at <https://superphy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>.

Our proposal covers an update to Superphy [6], an online predictive genomics platform targeting *E. coli*. The update, called Spfy, adds real-time subtyping options and uses graph datastructures to store and retrieve results for additional analyses. Many of the comparative analyses that are run on current workflows chain different software, but lack storage methods which understand the relations between results. By making the storage and retrieval of results part of the platform, and effectively linked to the organisms of interest with a standardized ontology, we can mitigate the recomputing of analyses. We can also perform comparative analyses between any data points in the pipeline. Integrated data storage will be necessary as whole genome sequencing (WGS) data for bacterial pathogens of public health importance have accumulated in public databases in the tens of thousands, with hundreds of thousands set to be available within the next few years.

Existing scientific workflow technologies such as Galaxy [2], and pipelines such as the Bacterium Analysis Pipeline (BAP) [4] and the Integrated Rapid Infectious Disease Analysis (IRIDA) platform <http://www.irida.ca/> help automate the use of WGS data for public-health surveillance. Like IRIDA and BAP, Spfy automates workflows for users, and like Galaxy, Spfy uses task queues to distribute selected analysis. To these concepts, we add the use of Docker containerization for task queue workers, thus allowing analysis software to safely run in parallel. The main graph database uses annotations from the GenEpiO [3], FALDO [1], and TypOn [5] ontologies which describe biological data. The entire platform is packaged using Docker-Compose, and can be rebuilt with a simple command.

Spfy was tested with 59,5323 public *E. coli* assembled genomes, 5,353 genomes from GenBank and 54,181 genomes from Enterobase (596 GB), storing both the entire sequences and results for all included analysis modules. The resulting database had XYZ million nodes and XYZ million edges, with XYZ object properties, which worked out to X TB of data stored.