



Search and Rescue: logic and visualisation of biochemical networks

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overview

- position paper
- demonstrates
 - reactions as relations and search
 - strengths of R interface

logic programming for biology

- relations based knowledge representation
- selection as search
- database integration
- interactive operation
- scripting

but,...

- no visualisation
- no statistics
- no user-contributed code culture

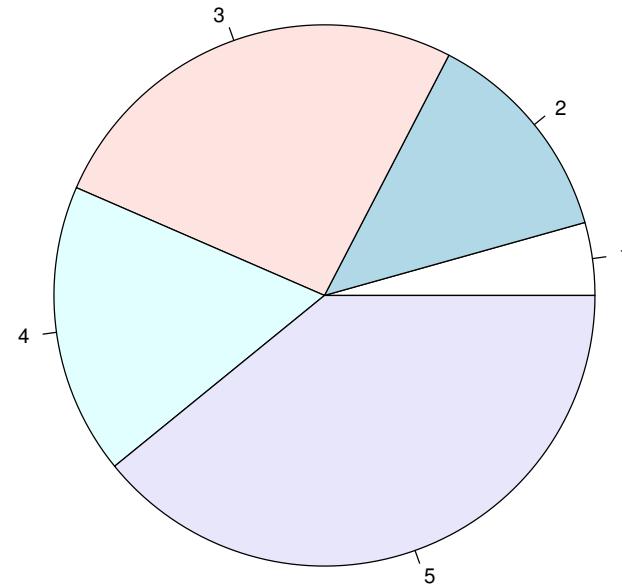


Interface to the R statistical software,

- visualisation
- statistics
- tons of user-contributed code

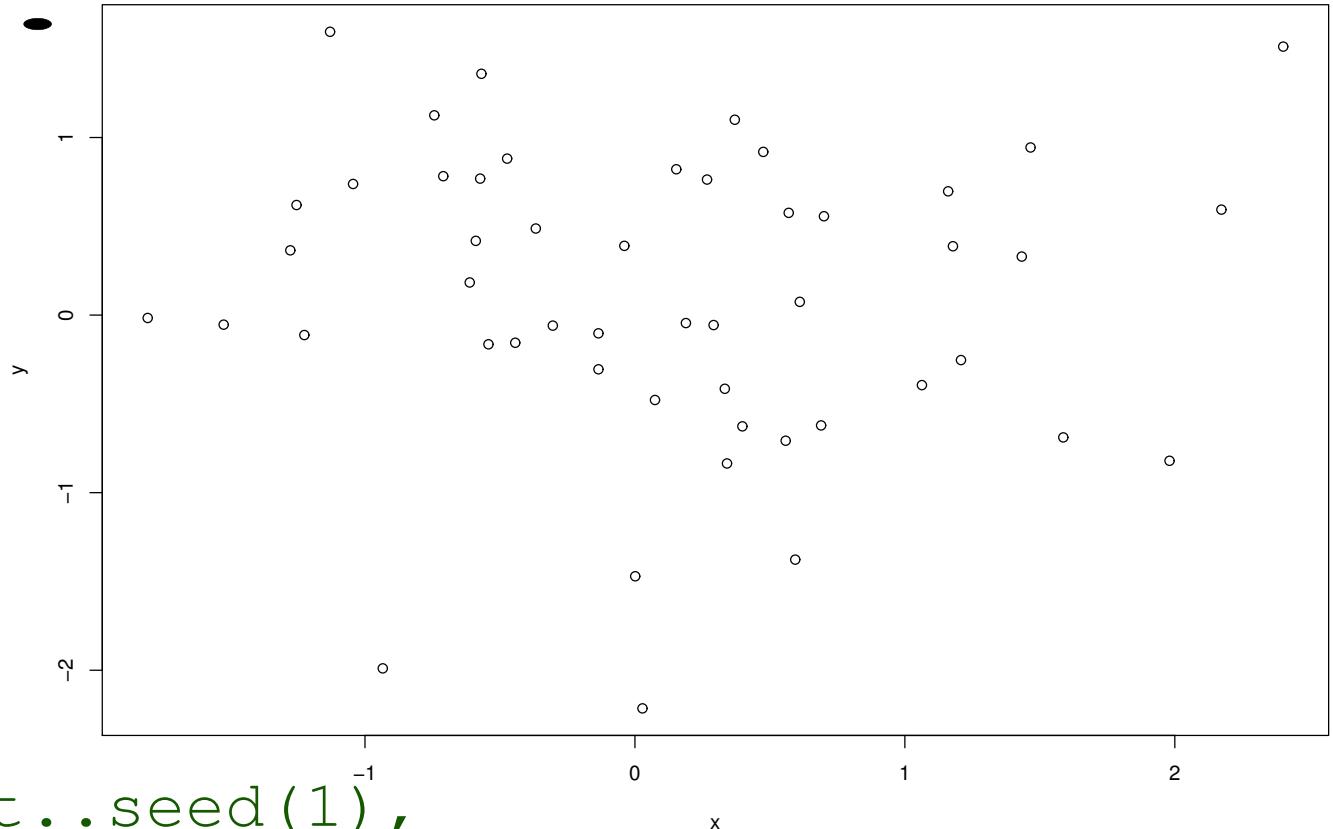
r..eal example

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```
ensure_loaded( library(real) ) .  
cars <- [1, 3, 6, 4, 9] .  
<- plot( cars ) .  
  
<- plot( [1, 3, 6, 4, 9] ) .
```

r..eal example II



```
<- set.seed(1),  
y <- rnorm(50), x <- rnorm(y),  
<- x11(width=5, height=3.5)  
<- plot(x, y),  
X <- x.  
X = [0.39810588036706807, -0.6120263932507712,
```

sources of biological knowledge

deluge of data generated due to high throughput technologies
PPI protein-protein interactions

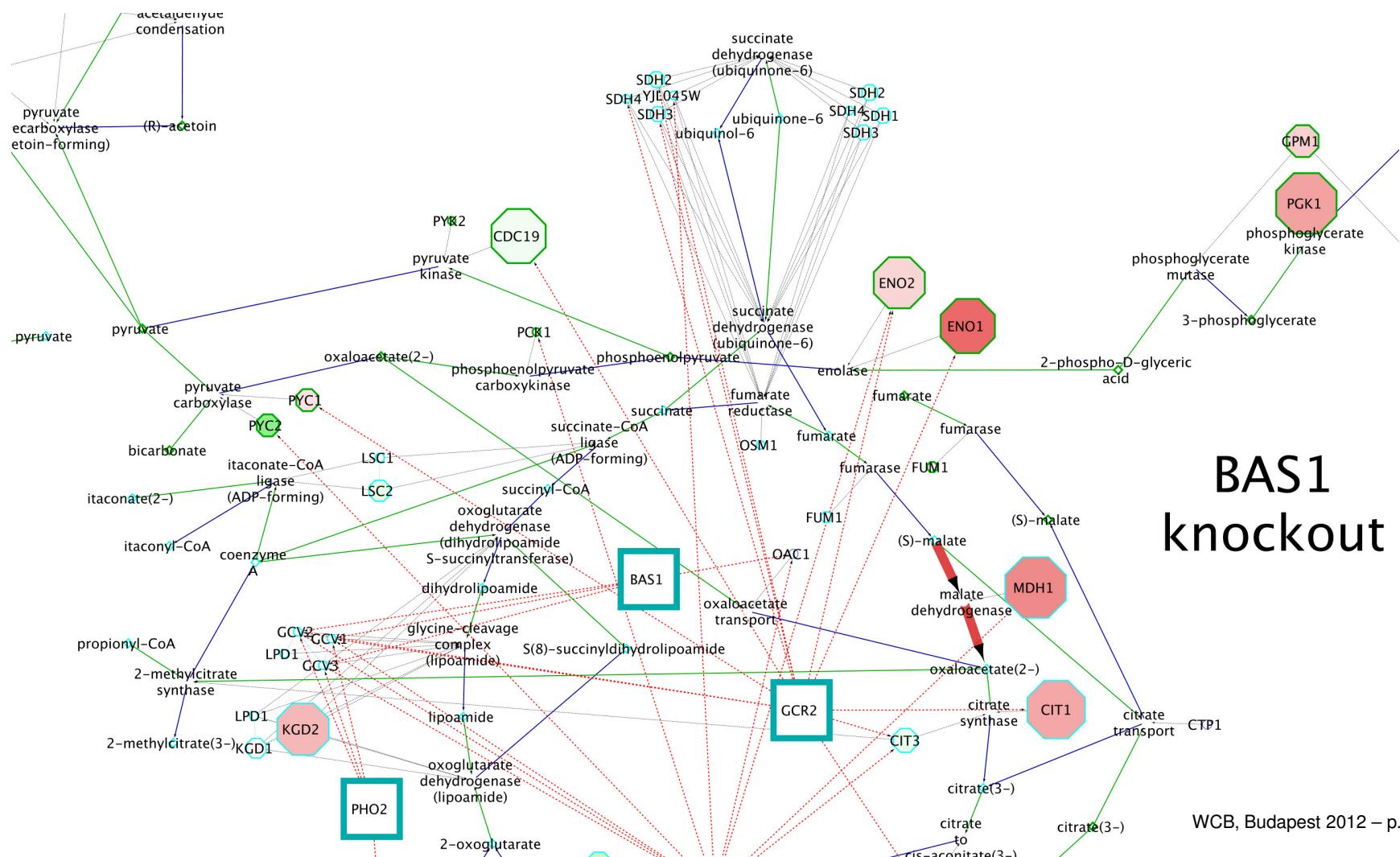
STRING

5,214,234 proteins
224,346,017 interactions
1133 organism

HPRD

39,194 interactions
homo sapiens

metabolic TFs in yeast



**BAS1
knockout**

representation

```
interaction( From, To, Types, References ).  
  
activation( From, To, Organism, Pathway ).  
inhibition( From, To, Organism, Pathway ).  
phosphorylation( From, To, Organism, Pathway )  
ubiquination( From, To, Organism, Pathway ).
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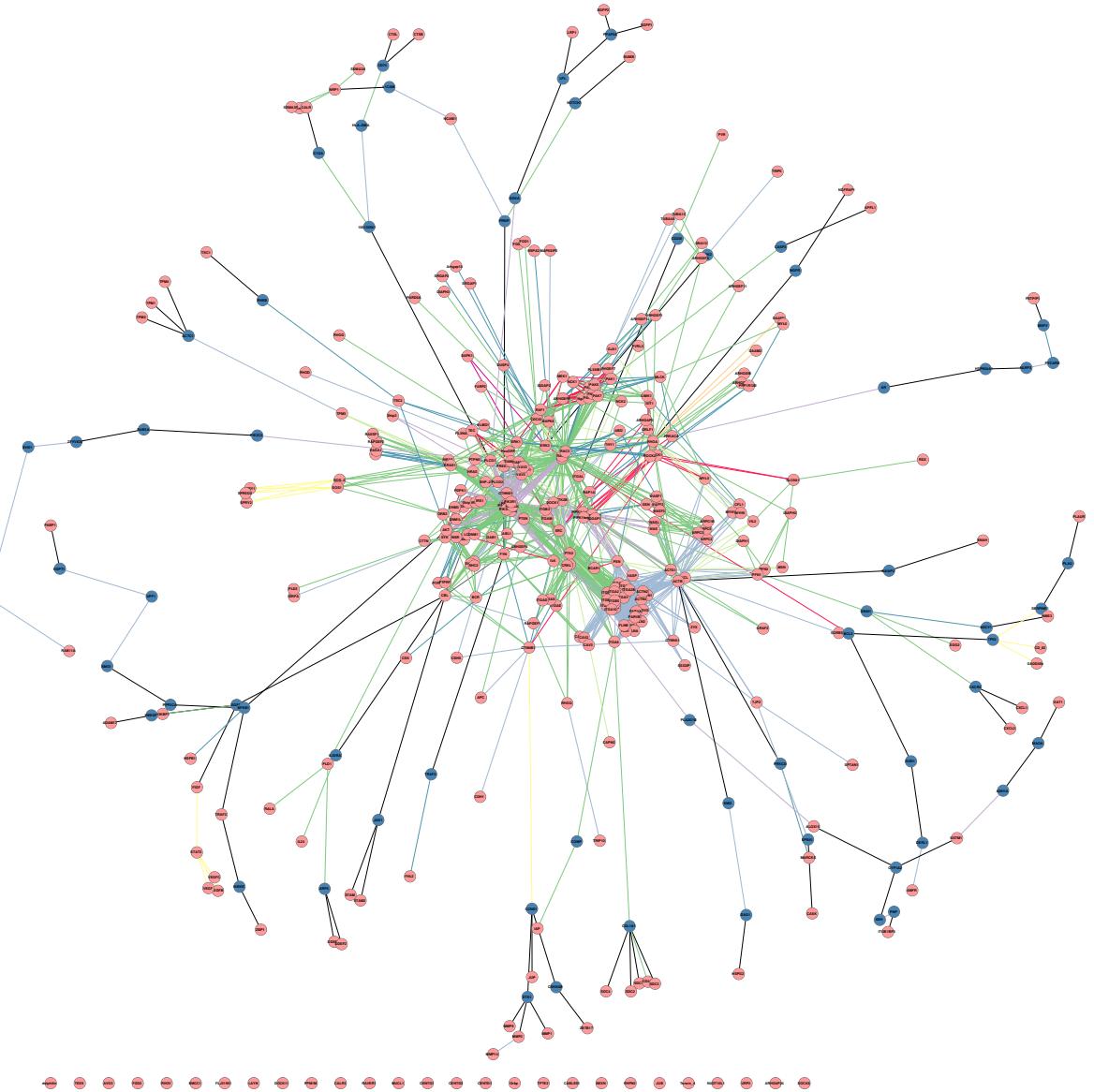
Dijkstra's algo w/ max depth and targets

```
connect( Sel, D, Paths ) :-  
    findall( path(0,S,[]), member(S,Sel), Emptys ),  
    list_to_ord_set( Sel, OrdSel ),  
    connect_paths( Emptys, D, OrdSel, Paths, [] ).  
  
connect_paths( [], _D, _Sel, Paths, Paths ).  
connect_paths( [path(Ds,S,Route)|T], D, Sel, Paths, TP ) :-  
    findall( X, edge(S,X), Xs ),  
    Ds1 is Ds + 1,  
    add_connecting_edges( Xs, Ds1, S, Route, T, D, Sel, Rem, Paths ),  
    connect_paths( Rem, D, Sel, ContPaths, TP ).
```

part II

```
add_connecting_edges( [], _Ds, _S, _Route, Rem, _D, _Sel, Rem, Paths,
add_connecting_edges( [X|Xs], Ds, S, Route, T, D, Sel, Rem, Paths, TP
( memberchk(X,Route) ->
    TRem = Rem,
    MidPaths = Paths
;
( ord_memberchk(X,Sel) ->
    Rem = TRem,
    Paths = [ [X,S|Route] |MidPaths]
;
    MidPaths = Paths,
    ( Ds > D ->
        Rem = TRem
;
        Rem = [path(Ds,X,[S|Route]) | TRem]
)
)
),
add_connecting_edges( Xs, Ds, S, Route, T, D, Sel, TRem, MidPaths
```

adhesome library



(R)Bioconductor

Bioconductor graphs visualisation software.

RBioconductor R bi-directional interface to Bioconductor.

rcy r..eal based routines for displaying Prolog graphs in
Bioconductor

r..eal availability

SWI and Yap from sources.
Yap windows binary

<http://bioinformatics.nki.nl/~nicos/sware/real>

also on

[git://www.swi-prolog.org/home/
pl/git/packages/real.git](git://www.swi-prolog.org/home/pl/git/packages/real.git)

piece-meal prolog bioinformatics

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Swi/Yap <-> R interface

pubmed

access pumed citation records

prosqlite

Swi/Yap <-> SQLite interface

rcty

graph visualisation

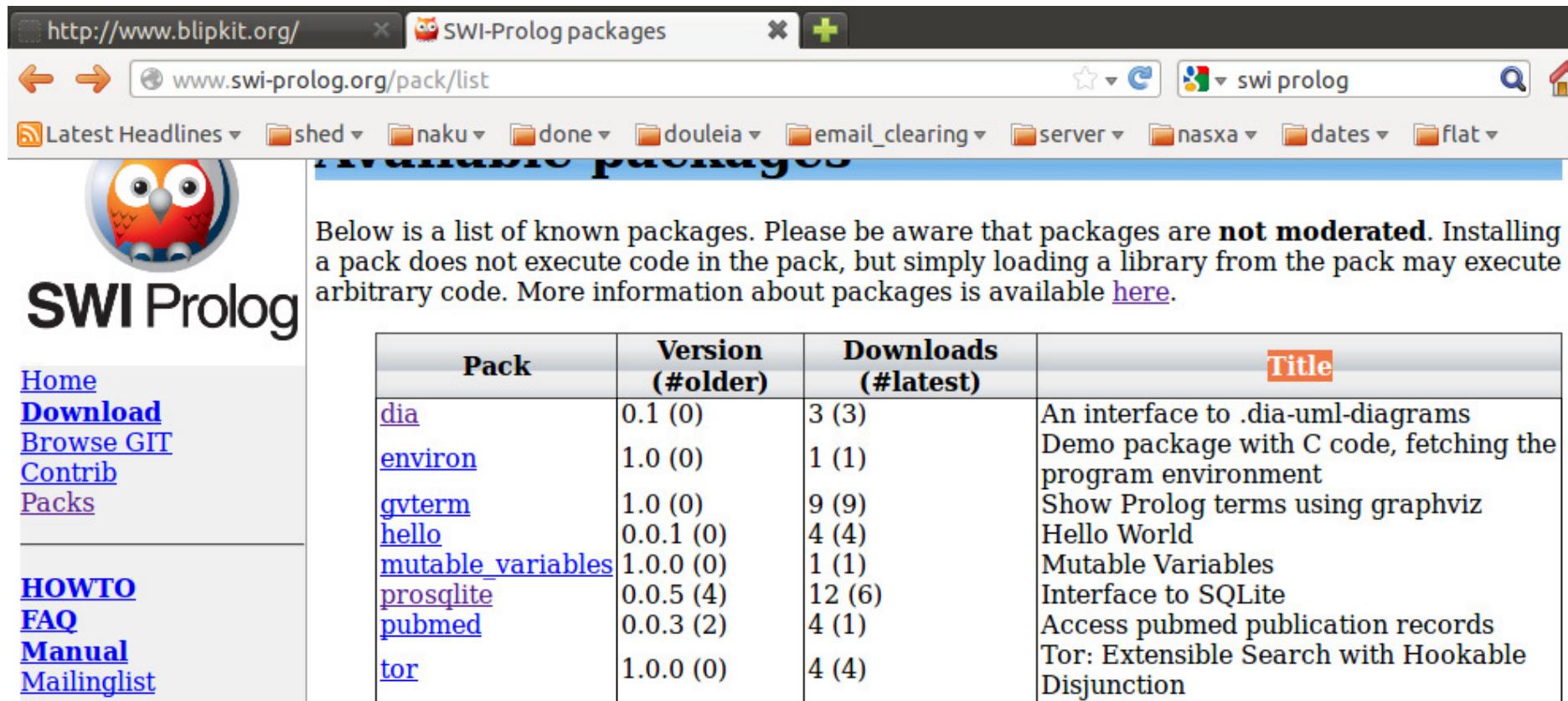
depth search

depth limited reachability

versus the more holistic

blip : <http://www.blipkit.org/>

SWI packs



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.swi-prolog.org/pack/list>. The page displays a list of SWI-Prolog packages. On the left, there is a sidebar with links to Home, Download, Browse GIT, Contrib, Packs, HOWTO, FAQ, Manual, and Mailinglist. The main content area features a large owl logo and the text: "Below is a list of known packages. Please be aware that packages are **not moderated**. Installing a pack does not execute code in the pack, but simply loading a library from the pack may execute arbitrary code. More information about packages is available [here](#)". A table lists the packages with columns for Pack, Version (#older), Downloads (#latest), and Title.

Pack	Version (#older)	Downloads (#latest)	Title
dia	0.1 (0)	3 (3)	An interface to .dia-uml-diagrams
environ	1.0 (0)	1 (1)	Demo package with C code, fetching the program environment
gvterm	1.0 (0)	9 (9)	Show Prolog terms using graphviz
hello	0.0.1 (0)	4 (4)	Hello World
mutable_variables	1.0.0 (0)	1 (1)	Mutable Variables
prosqlite	0.0.5 (4)	12 (6)	Interface to SQLite
pubmed	0.0.3 (2)	4 (1)	Access pubmed publication records
tor	1.0.0 (0)	4 (4)	Tor: Extensible Search with Hookable Disjunction

bottom-line

relations provide an intuitive interface to biological data
which the lp engine can powerfully exploit

Future work.

- publish rcy and the search routine
- access large datasets via prosqlite