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# KNIME

Dear Workshop Participant:

In order to facilitate a smooth KNIME Workshop experience, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Go to [www.knime.org](http://www.knime.org) and download the special distribution of KNIME provided for this workshop (link below). This special package provides the latest version of the KNIME Analytics Platform with all required extensions pre-installed. Additionally, it already contains the KNIME Workflows and data files that we will use in the workshop. The file is large (>1gb) so please do this well before the workshop begins.

<http://tech.knime.org/forum/knime-users/strasbourg-summer-school-2014>

- 2) Unpack the archive file (.zip, .dmg, or .tar.gz) to a local directory on your computer.

- 3) Feel free to post any questions you may have prior to the workshop in the linked forum thread.

- 4) If you want to learn more about KNIME before the workshop, consider having a look at our youtube channel for guides to getting started and many other topics.

<http://www.youtube.com/knimetv>

We look forward to seeing you all at the workshop!

Best regards,

The KNIME Team

## Strasbourg Summer School 2014

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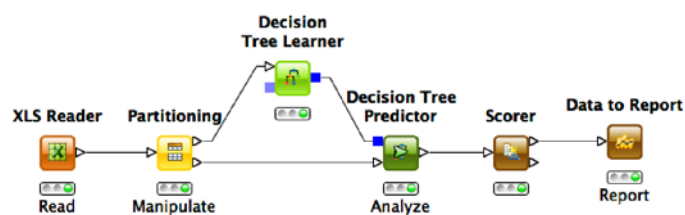
## Outline

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- Introduction
- Chemical data in KNIME
- Introduction to RDKit
- Retrieving data from ChEMBL
- Primer on chemical similarity

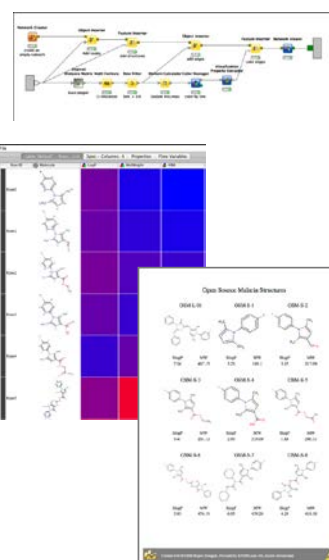
## What is KNIME?

- Konstanz Information Miner
- Graphical programming tool
- Open Source, and frequently extended
- Broadly Supported by the cheminfo community



## Why use KNIME?

- It's Free and Open Source
  - Fully functional, not crippleware!
  - An easy way to articulate complex processes - just annotate and share your workflow
- Integrate data from many potential sources (files, databases, web services)
- Mix and mash Commercial and Open Source tools



## Selected Open Source extensions

The screenshot displays a tree view of Open Source extensions in KNIME. The main categories are:

- RDKit**
  - Experimental
    - RDKit Diversity Picker
    - RDKit Find Murcko Scaffolds
    - RDKit Molecule Fragmenter
    - RDKit R Group Decomposition
  - Molecule to RDKit
  - RDKit To Molecule
  - InChI to RDKit
  - RDKit To InChI
  - IUPAC to RDKit
  - RDKit Canon SMILES
  - RDKit Fingerprint
  - RDKit Substructure Filter
  - RDKit Dictionary Substructure Filter
  - RDKit One Component Reaction
  - RDKit Highlighting Atoms
  - RDKit Interactive Table
  - RDKit SMILES Headers
  - RDKit Descriptor Calculation
  - RDKit Fingerprint Reader
  - RDKit Fingerprint Writer
  - RDKit Functional Group Filter
  - RDKit Generate Coords
  - RDKit Molecule Substructure Filter
  - RDKit Salt Stripper
  - RDKit Substructure Counter
  - RDKit Two Component Reaction
- CDK**
  - 3D
    - 3D Coordinates
    - 3D D-Moments
    - 3D D-Similarity
    - 3D RMSD
    - 3D Viewer
    - 3D WHIM
  - I/O
    - CDK to Molecule
    - Molecule to CDK
    - 2D Coordinates
    - Atom Signatures
    - ChemSpider
    - Connectivity
    - Element Filter
    - Fingerprint Similarity
    - Fingerprints
    - Hydrogen Manipulator
    - Lipinski's Rule-of-Five
    - Mass Calculator
    - Molecular Properties
    - OPSIN
    - Structure Sketcher
    - Substructure Search
    - Sugar Remover
    - Sum Formula
    - Symmetry
    - XLogP
- Ed Wood Cheminformatics**
  - Activity Cliffs
    - Activity Cliffs Viewer
    - Similarity network viewer
  - Calculators
    - Column Merger
    - Fingerprint Similarity
    - Virtual Screening Metrics
  - Converters
    - Fingerprints Expander
    - Old Bit Vector To New Bit Vector
  - Docking
    - Docking Job Lister
    - Docking Job Retriever
    - Docking Job Submitter
  - IO
    - Chemical Reactions File Reader
    - Text Input
  - Multi-objective
    - Desirability
    - Multi-Objective Loop End
    - Multi-Objective Loop Start
    - Pareto Ranking
  - RGroup Analysis
    - MCS Distance
    - MCS Matrix
    - Matched Pairs Detector
    - Matched Pairs Finder
    - RGroup Efficiency
  - Reaction Generation
    - Reaction Generator
    - Reaction Vectors Database Reader
    - Reaction Vectors Database Writer
  - Viewers
    - 2D/3D Scatterplot
    - Jmol Docking Pose Viewer
    - Jmol Viewer
    - Similarity Viewer
    - Vida Viewer
- Indigo**
  - Molecule Translators
    - Molecule to Indigo
    - Query Molecule to Indigo
    - Indigo to Molecule
    - Indigo to Query Molecule
  - Reaction Translators
    - Reaction to Indigo
    - Query Reaction to Indigo
    - Indigo to Query Reaction
  - Molecule Nodes
    - Component Combiner
    - Component Separator
    - Highlighter
    - Isomer Enumerator
    - MCS Scaffold Finder
    - Molecule Transformation (beta)
    - Murcko Scaffold
    - R-Group Decomposer
    - Substructure Match Counter
    - Substructure Matcher
  - Reaction Nodes
    - Reaction Automapper
    - Reaction Builder
    - Reaction Splitter
    - Substructure Matcher
  - Combinatorial Chemistry
    - Combinatorial Reaction Enumeration (beta)
  - Manipulators
    - Aromatizer
    - Atom Replacer
    - Bond Replacer
    - De aromatizer
    - Feature Remover
    - Generate 2D Coordinates
    - Hydrogen Adder
    - Hydrogen Remover
  - Properties
    - Fingerprint Similarity
    - Indigo Fingerprints
    - Molecule Properties
    - Valence Checker

## Selected commercial extensions

The screenshot displays a tree view of Commercial extensions in KNIME. The main categories are:

- ChemAxon / Infocom**
  - JChem
    - IO
    - Converter
    - Marvin
    - Calculator Plugins
    - JChem Base
    - JChem Cartridge
    - Standardizer
    - Structure Checker
    - Name to Structure
    - Screen
    - Klustor
    - Reactor
    - Markush Viewer
    - Metabolizer
    - Fragmenter
  - Marvin
- MOE**
  - Input
  - Output
  - Convert
  - Transform
  - Process
  - Calculate
  - QuaSAR
  - Fingerprints
  - Simulations
  - Bioinformatics
  - Fragment Based Design
  - CombiChem
  - Miscellaneous
  - Pharmacophore
  - Materials
- Schrödinger**
  - Readers/Writers
  - Converters
  - Ligand Preparation
  - Property Generation
  - Cheminformatics
  - Pharmacophore Modeling
  - Protein Structure Prediction
  - Docking and Scoring
  - Molecular Mechanics
  - Molecular Dynamics
  - Quantum Mechanics
  - Workflows
  - Filtering
  - Reporting
  - Scripting
  - Tools
  - Deprecated
- Tripos**
  - Fingerprints
  - HQSAR
  - I/O
  - Property Calculators
  - Tools
  - Tuplets
  - UNITY
    - SYBYL Spreadsheet
    - Superimpose (SurflexSim)
    - Topomeric Distance

# The KNIME Analytics Platform

## The KNIME Workbench

The screenshot displays the KNIME Workbench interface. The main window shows a workflow editor with a sequence of nodes: File Reader, Column Filter, Row Filter, and CSV Writer. The Column Filter node has a tooltip that reads: "Remove not interesting columns and rows. This workflow is my first KNIME workflow. It reads data, removes uninteresting columns and rows from the data table and writes the result to a CSV file." The Row Filter node has a tooltip: "This node is set to override the output file if it already exists." The CSV Writer node has a tooltip: "write new file".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with several panels: "Servers and Workflows" (highlighted with a red box), "Favorite Nodes" (listing Personal favorite nodes, Most frequently used nodes, and Last used nodes), and "Node Repository" (listing various categories like Database, Data Manipulation, Data Views, Statistics, Mining, Chemistry, Distance Matrix, Meta, Flow Control, Misc, KNIME Labs, Time Series, Reporting, and XML). The "Node Repository" panel is also highlighted with a red box.

On the right side, there is a "Node Description" panel for the "File Reader" node. It contains the following text: "This node can be used to read data from an ASCII file or URL location. It can be configured to read various formats. When you open the node's configuration dialog and provide a filename, it tries to guess the reader's settings by analyzing the content of the file. Check the results of these settings in the preview table. If the data shown is not correct or an error is reported, you can adjust the settings manually (see below)." Below this text is a "Dialog Options" section. The "Node Description" panel is highlighted with a red box.

At the bottom of the interface, there are two panels: "Outline" (showing a tree view of the workflow) and "Console" (showing KNIME console output). The "Console" panel is highlighted with a red box.

## Nodes in KNIME

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- May be provided by us, commercial partners, or the KNIME Open Source Community
  - Nodes may be used to read, manipulate or write data.
  - KNIME's philosophy is to lean towards "1 node per task"
  - Mixing and matching nodes from many providers is seamless.

## More on nodes...

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A node can have 3 states:

### File Reader



Idle:

The node is not yet configured and can not be executed with its current settings.

### File Reader



Configured:

The node has been set up correctly, and may be executed at any time

### File Reader



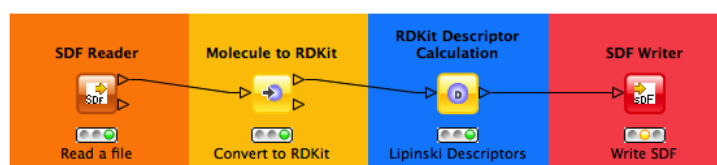
Executed:

The node has been successfully executed. Results may be viewed and used in downstream nodes.

## And what is a workflow?

In KNIME, a workflow is just a few nodes strung together to complete a task...

Step 1: Read data file  
Step 2: Manipulate types  
Step 3: Analyze  
Step 4: Export Results



## Hotkeys

Task	Hotkey	Description
Node Configuration	F6	opens the configuration dialog of a node
	F7	executes selected nodes
Node Execution	Shift + F7	executes all configured nodes
	Shift + F10	executes configured nodes and opens all views
	F9	cancels selected running nodes
	Shift + F9	cancels all running nodes
Move Nodes and Annotations	Ctrl + Shift + Arrow	moves a selected node in the workflow editor
	Ctrl + Shift + PgUp/PgDown	Moves the selected up or down in z order
	F8	resets selected nodes
Workflow Operations	Ctrl + S	Saves the workflow
	Ctrl + Shift + S	Saves all open workflows
	Ctrl + Shift + W	Closes all open workflows
Meta-node	Shift + F12	Opens meta-node wizard

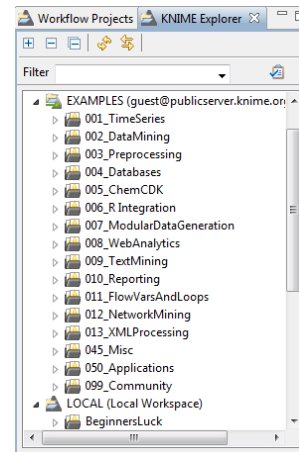
## The Public Example Server

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The KNIME Example Server provides access to many explanatory workflows.

In the KNIME Explorer panel:

- right click the public server
- select "Login"
- No login credentials required



## Exercise 1

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Launch KNIME.

Open a workflow by double clicking on it.

Right click on a node, and look view the resulting table (bottom option in the context menu)



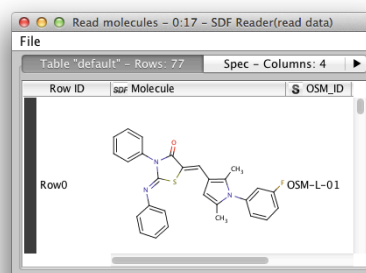
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## Chemistry data in KNIME reading, writing and types

### Overview of types in KNIME

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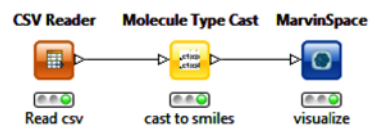
- Basic KNIME types
  - string, integer, double
- KNIME core chemistry types:
  - smiles, sdf, mol, mol2
  - Structures in these formats can be rendered in KNIME tables



## Nodes for type manipulation

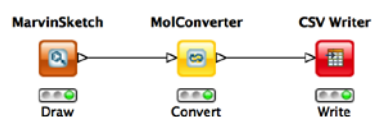
- Molecule Type Cast

- Casts any string as a chemical type (ie. It tells KNIME "This is a smiles string")
- Useful when reading data form a csv file or database.



- Marvin MolConverter

- Provided by Chemaxon/Infocom
- Translates seamlessly between types (smiles ⇔ sdf ⇔ mrv)



## Nodes for reading and writing files

Reader and writers provided for:

- sdf, smiles, mol, mol2



## A bit more about reading sdf files

The screenshot shows the 'File selection' dialog in KNIME. The 'Property handling' tab is active, displaying options for reading SDF files. Below the options, a table shows the results of scanning 3 molecules.

Extract?	Name	Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SlogP	Double
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ExactMW	Double
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NumLipinskiHBA	Integer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NumLipinskiHBD	Integer

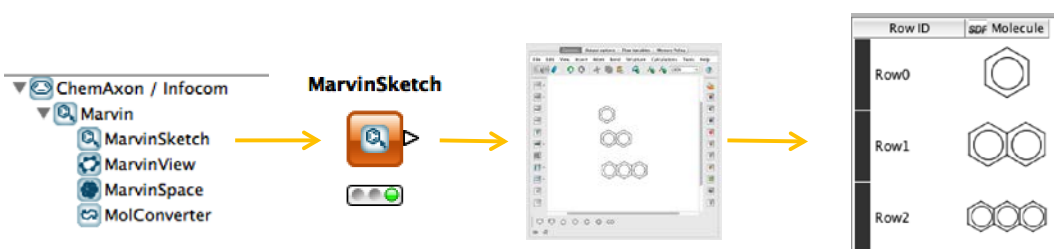
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## Sketching chemical structures – use Marvin

### MarvinSketch

- Provided by Chemaxon/Infocom
- Sketch structures in the configuration dialog
- Execute node to inject structures into workflow



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## Exercise 2

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Use MarvinSketch to draw a chemical structure.

Use the MolConverter node to replace the Marvin column with a smiles column.

Write the smiles to your desktop using a CSV Writer.

Read the CSV file back into KNIME with the CSV Reader.

Convert the structure from a string to smiles column with the Molecule Type Cast node.

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## Introduction to RDKit

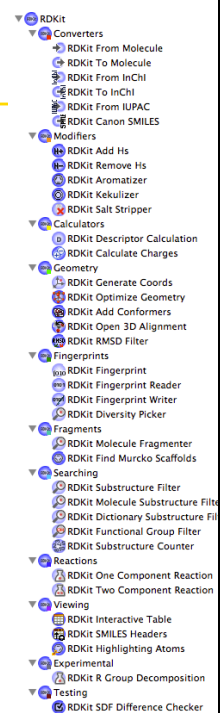


Open-Source Cheminformatics  
and Machine Learning

## What is RDKit?

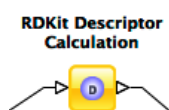
- Open source cheminfo library in c++
- Wrappers for KNIME maintained by the open source community
- Useful for:

Descriptor calculation  
Cleaning structures  
InChi conversion  
Standardizing smiles  
Fingerprints  
Scaffolds/substructures  
Reaction simulation  
and more...



## Popular RDKit nodes: Descriptor Calculator

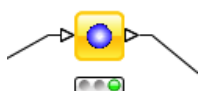
- Input smiles/sdf
  - Can predict/calculate many descriptors
- (e.g. logP, MW, HBA, HBD)



## Popular RDKit nodes: Canon SMILES

- Input smiles/sdf
- Calculate smiles such that one string is produced per molecule. Useful for resolving duplicate structures in data from several sources

RDKit Canon SMILES



Options | Flow Variables | Memory Policy

RDKit Mol column: Molecule (RDKit Mol)

New column name: Smiles

Remove source column

## Popular RDKit nodes: InChi Keys

- Input smiles/sdf
- Generate InChi keys and codes. Useful when searching for information about your structure, without revealing it.

RDKit To InChi



Options | Advanced | Flow Variables | Memory Policy

RDKit Mol column: Molecule (RDKit Mol)

Remove source column

InChi Code Generation

New column name for InChi codes: InChi

InChi Key Generation

Generate also InChi keys

New column name for InChi keys: InChi Key

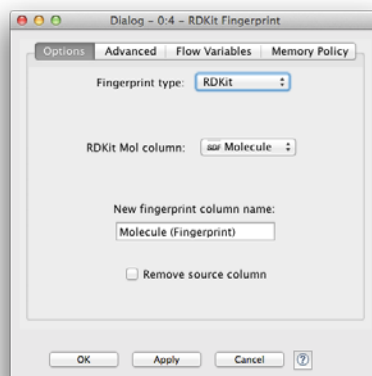
Extra InChi Generation Information

New column name prefix for extra information:

Return Code Column  Aux Info Column  Message Column  Log Column

## Popular RDKit nodes: RDKit Fingerprint

- Generate chemical hashed fingerprints using a variety of methods. May be later used for building activity models, diversity picking, or clustering.



## Exercise 3

Read the OSM Structures by dragging the SD File from the explorer to your workflow.

Calculate the Molecular Weight of the structures using RDKit Descriptors

Standardize the smiles using Cannon Smiles.

Generate InChi Keys and Codes for the OSM Structures

Write the structures to your desktop using the SDF Writer. Include the mw as a property in the output file.

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## Accessing ChEMBL



## What is ChEMBL?

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A public database of bioactive druglike compounds

~1.3 mio compounds

~ 9k targets

~12 mio bioactivities

Provided by the European Bioinformatics Institute

Accessible online at [www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl)

or via EBI provided KNIME nodes...

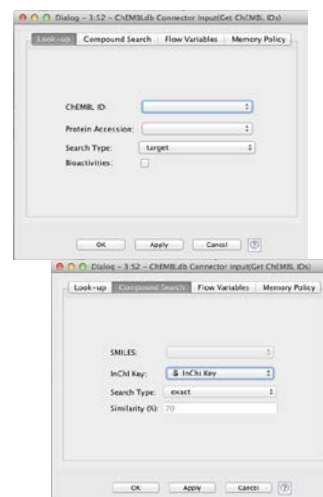
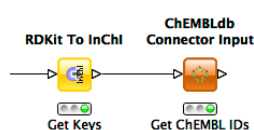


## New Node: ChEMBLdb Connector

Access data in ChEMBL via a web service call  
(internet access required)

Lookup by ChEMBLID or InChi Key  
Retrieve structure and bioactivity data

Compound search using smiles  
exact, similarity, or substructure



## Exercise 4

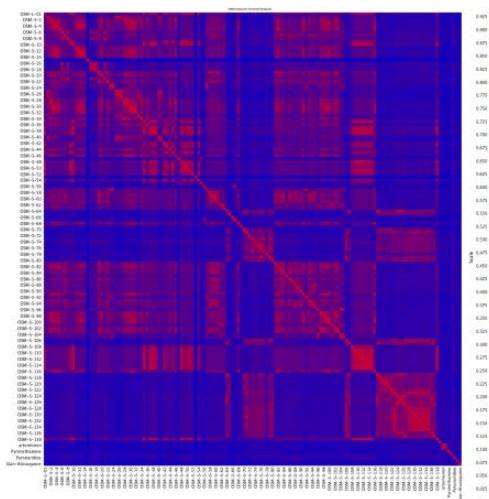
Read the OSM Structures by dragging the SD File from the explorer to your workflow.

Generate InChi Keys for the OSM Structures. Use these to execute an exact search in ChEMBL

Use GroupBy on chemblid to find unique entries.

Search for bioactivities for these compounds and filter to keep activities against target CHEMBL364 (*Plasmodium falciparum*) that are IC50 values and reported in "nM". Hint: use 3 Row Filter nodes.

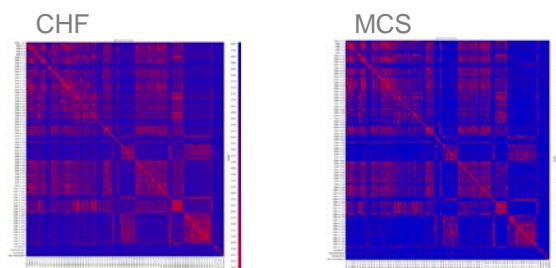
## Chemical Similarity



## Chemical Similarity Overview

Two methods commonly used for evaluating similarity:

1. Chemical hashed fingerprints  
The more similar the fingerprint, the more similar the molecule
2. Maximum common substructure  
The larger the MCS, the more similar the molecules



## New node: Distance Matrix Calculate

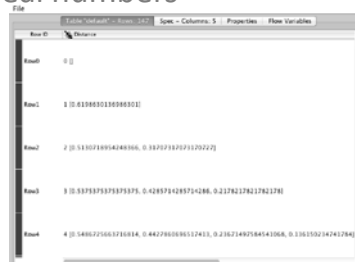
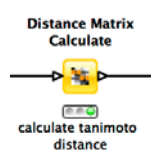
Creates a special column with pairwise similarities

$(n^2-n)/2$  distances = Heavy computation for large libraries

Several methods

Tanimoto for fingerprint comparison  
(number of shared bits/number of bits)

Euclidean for normalized real numbers

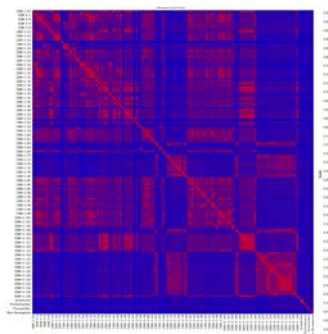


## New node: JFreeChart Heatmap

Provides a nice quick view of compound similarity.

Works directly with distance matrices

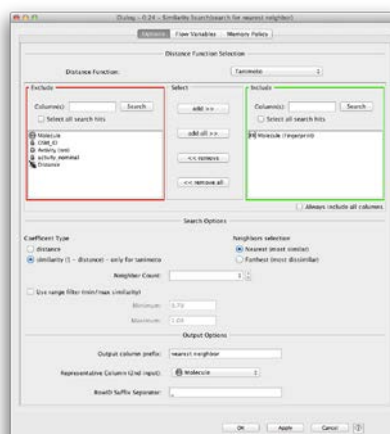
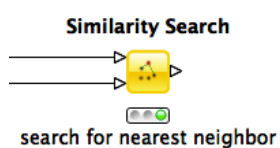
Uses RowIDs for axis labels



## New node: Similarity Search

Query molecules in top port, corpus to search in bottom port

Find n nearest neighbors, possible within a similarity threshold (e.g. 0.7-1.0)



## Exercise 5

Read the sd files, import the OSM\_ID for each structure.

Use a RowID node to label each row by its OSM\_ID

Use RDKit to generate fingerprints for your structures

Create a Distance Matrix using Tanimoto similarity for the structures.

Create a similarity heatmap of our library. Hint: Use JfreeChart Heatmap

Use a Row Splitter to take the first structure and search for the most similar entry out of the remaining structures.

## Additional Resources

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- **KNIME** pages ([www.knime.org](http://www.knime.org))
  - **APPLICATIONS** for example workflows
  - **LEARNING HUB** under RESOURCES  
[www.knime.org/learning-hub](http://www.knime.org/learning-hub)
- **KNIME Tech** pages ([tech.knime.org](http://tech.knime.org))
  - **FORUM** for questions and answers
  - **DOCUMENTATION** for documentation, FAQ, changelogs,  
...
  - **LABS** where to find new experimental nodes
  - **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS** for development  
instructions and third party nodes
- **KNIME TV** channel on YouTube