

# Integrating R with the CDK for QSAR modeling

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# What is the CDK?

## The Chemistry Development Kit

- A Java framework for cheminformatics development
- Open-source
- Suitable for experimentation as well as application development

## Useful Links

- The CDK home page:  
[http://almost.cubic.uni-koeln.de/cdk/cdk\\_top/](http://almost.cubic.uni-koeln.de/cdk/cdk_top/)
- The CDK showcase website:  
<http://www.chemistry-development-kit.org/>
- Examples, tips and tricks:  
<http://blue.chem.psu.edu/~rajarshi/code/java/>

# Philosophy

- Source is available to the user
- Functionality is not restricted to what the core developers want and user contributions are welcome
- Provide reliable core cheminformatics functionality
- Clear documentation of
  - algorithms
  - data
  - modifications
- Interoperability with other libraries

# Capabilities

## Representation

- Atoms, Bonds, Molecules
- Collections of molecules (for reactions)

## Manipulation

- Tools to manipulate atoms, bonds, molecules
- Reading and writing a variety of molecular formats (including CML2 and InChI)

## Support

- Geometry tools
- Graph tools - ring detection, substructure search
- Structure rendering, 2D & 3D coordinate generation
- IUPAC name generation

# Current Usage

- NMRShiftDB
- Seneca
- Cheminformatics web services - descriptors, similarity calculator
- Proteochemometrics
- JChemPaint

Steinbeck, C. et al., *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.*, **2003**, 43(2), 1733–1739

<http://almost.cubic.uni-koeln.de/jrg/software/seneca/>

<http://blue.chem.psu.edu/~rajarshi/code/java/cdkws.html>

Spjuth, O. et al., *CDK News*, 2(2), 54–56

<http://almost.cubic.uni-koeln.de/cdk/jcp>

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# QSAR Modeling Requirements

## Components

- Statistics
- Cheminformatics

## Approaches

- Access cheminformatics functionality from a statistical environment.
- Access statistical functionality from within a cheminformatics environment.



# Designing The CDK Descriptor Classes

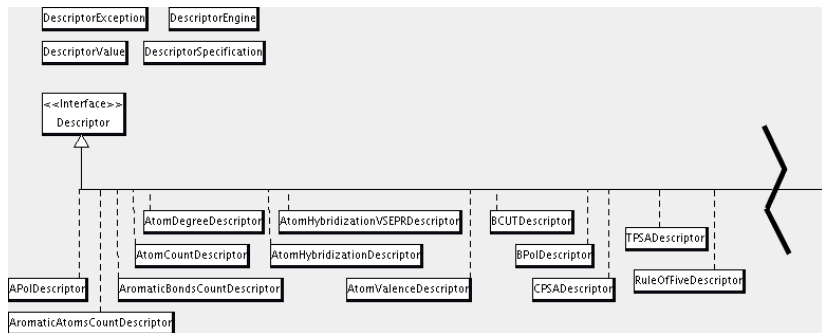
## Design Goal

The aim is to allow descriptor calculations to include numerical data as well as provenance. Using CML as an output format, both types of information can be reliably encapsulated

## Design Details

- Each descriptor routine has a uniform calling and return interface
- Descriptor specific details can be set via parameters
- Each descriptor has an associated *DescriptorSpecification* object that contains
  - title
  - author
  - reference to a *dictionary* entry which can contain further information

# The CDK Descriptor Hierarchy

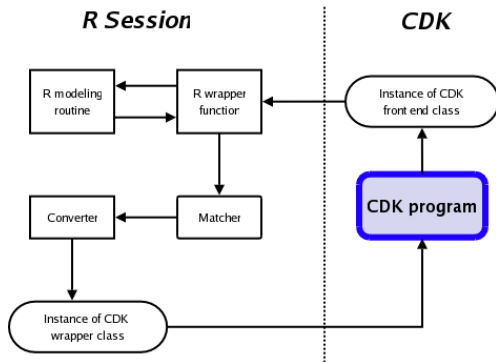


# Using The CDK Descriptors

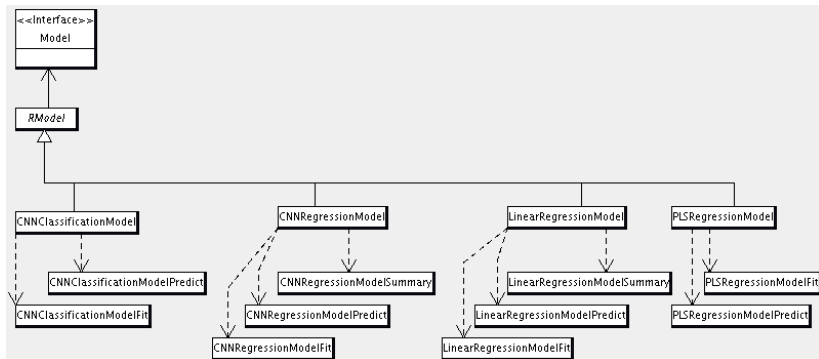
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AtomContainer ac;  
  
// Instantiate the descriptor  
Descriptor descriptor = new BCUTDescriptor();  
  
// Set the parameters  
Object[] params = {new Integer(3),new Integer(3)};  
descriptor.setParameters(params);  
  
// Get the results  
DescriptorValue value = descriptor.calculate(ac);  
DoubleArrayResult result = value.getValue();
```

# The CDK-R Interface

- Based on the SJava package
- Allows Java code to pass a number of primitives directly to R
- Complex R objects need to have Java wrappers



# The QSAR Modeling Hierarchy



## Extending the Code

### For a model type X . . .

- Create a front-end class: XModel
- Create classes to represent the fitted model and the predictions from that model type: XModelFit & XModelPredict
- Create a class to contain the summary for the model type: XModelSummary
- Provide functions wrappers on the R side to ensure that the proper Java classes are instantiated when returning the X mode object (or its predictions)

## Extending the Code

### Other Statistical Systems

- The CDK-R hierarchy is a specialization of the *Model* interface
- The *Model* interface specifies two basic functions: **build()** & **predict()**
- Other statistical engines can be easily integrated into the CDK hierarchy
- Future work involves the integration of Weka and Matlab into the CDK QSAR hierarchy

## Restrictions

- Embedded R is not multi-threaded
- This implies that in a given Java program all R objects share the same R session
- Since Java garbage collection is not manual, deleting R objects cannot be automated (in general)
- Direct graphical output can be tricky



# An Application of the CDK-R Interface

## Goal

Provide a web-enabled, easily accessible interface for the use of prebuilt QSAR models as well as to provide facilities for building QSAR models with new data

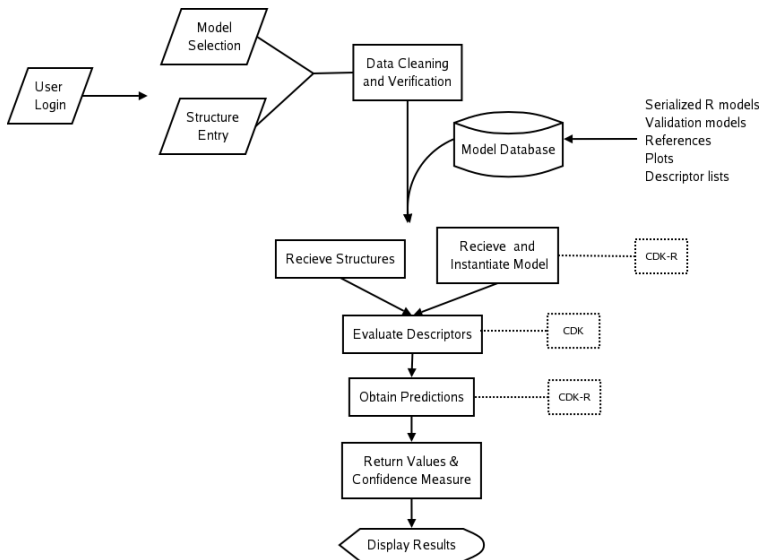
## Philosophy

- The use of the application should be black box in nature
- The underlying code and data should be accessible and documented

## Features

- Based on open-source technologies
- Tomcat and Apache provide the web backend
- Spring provides the framework to handle user interaction
- Hibernate provides transparent database access
- CDK and R provide the backend computational facilities

# An Application of the CDK-R Interface



# QSAROnline

## What is Available Now?

- Currently we provide boiling point and melting point models
- Models for other properties are being prepared
- Each model is associated with a measure of validity
- Models also have descriptions including references for data associated with them.

<http://white.chem.psu.edu/>

# Confidence Measures

## How Do We Provide Confidence in the Predictions?

A classification technique is used to decide whether the model will predict the property for an observation with low or high residual error

## Procedure

- Take the TSET residuals and divide them into 2 classes
- Train a CNN classifier on the 2 classes
- The method can be applied to any regression model and provides a probability that a new prediction will be *good* or *bad*

## Are the Models & Data Available?

- The data used to build models is obtained from published sources
- The descriptors used to perform modeling are available within the CDK
- The final models are simply serialized R objects and can be downloaded by the user and loaded into a personal R session

## QSAROnline

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Predict

### Predict

- Home
- Predict
- Log out

**Model Type** Boiling Point

**SD File Entry**

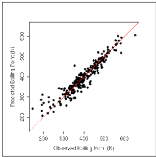
**Model Description**

A boiling point model based on data studied by Goll et al. (J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci., 1999, 39, 974-983). The dataset consists of 277 compounds and the model was a linear regression model containing 5 descriptors: BCUT, molecular weight and CPSA.

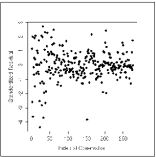
**Model Statistics**

Adj  $R^2 = 0.89$   
F-value = 1120  
df = 5, 272

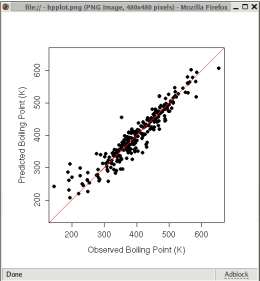
**Predicted vs. Observed Plot**



**Residuals Plot**



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## Future Work

- Larger set of descriptors
- Wrappers for more modeling routines
- Allow users to supply data to build models - difficult!

## Conclusions

- The CDK provides a comprehensive platform for cheminformatics projects
- The interface to R provides access to a wide range of statistical functionality
- The open nature of the QSAROnline project allows for user contributions as well as transparency in terms of techniques and data

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