

# Resource Summary Report

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## Ontology Lookup Service

RRID:SCR\_006596

Type: Tool

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### Proper Citation

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### Resource Information

**URL:** <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ontology-lookup/>

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**Description:** Interactive and programmatic interfaces to query, browse and navigate an increasing number of biomedical ontologies and controlled vocabularies. It provides a web service interface to query multiple ontologies from a single location with a unified output format. It can integrate any ontology available in the Open Biomedical Ontology (OBO) format. The database can be queried to obtain information on a single term or to browse a complete ontology using AJAX. Auto-completion provides a user-friendly search mechanism. An AJAX-based ontology viewer is available to browse a complete ontology or subsets of it. A weekly MySQL database export file can be downloaded from the EBI public FTP directory.

**Abbreviations:** OLS

**Synonyms:** OLS - Ontology Lookup Service, Ontology Lookup Service (OLS)

**Resource Type:** data access protocol, data or information resource, database, software resource, source code, web service

**Defining Citation:** [PMID:18467421](#), [PMID:16507094](#)

**Keywords:** ontology, ontology or annotation browser, ontology or annotation search engine, gold standard

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**Availability:** Apache License, v2, Acknowledgement requested

**Resource Name:** Ontology Lookup Service

**Resource ID:** SCR\_006596

**Alternate IDs:** OMICS\_02275, nif-0000-10390, r3d100010413

**Alternate URLs:** <https://doi.org/10.17616/R3GS9G>

**Old URLs:** <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ols>

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**Record Last Update:** 20260919T195114+0000

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## Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Ontology Lookup Service.

No alerts have been found for Ontology Lookup Service.

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## Data and Source Information

**Source:** [SciCrunch Registry](#)

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## Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 24 mentions in open access literature.

**Listed below are recent publications.** The full list is available at [nidm-terms](#) .

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