

Resource Summary Report

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VisTrails

RRID:SCR_006261

Type: Tool

Proper Citation

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.vistrails.org/>

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Description: Open-source scientific workflow and provenance management system that provides support for simulations, data exploration and visualization. It was designed to manage these rapidly-evolving workflows. VisTrails has a comprehensive provenance infrastructure that maintains detailed history information about the steps followed and data derived in the course of an exploratory task: VisTrails maintains provenance of data products, of the workflows that derive these products and their executions. This information is persisted as XML files or in a relational database, and it allows users to navigate workflow versions in an intuitive way, to undo changes but not lose any results, to visually compare different workflows and their results, and to examine the actions that led to a result. It also enables a series operations and user interfaces that simplify workflow design and use, including the ability to create and refine workflows by analogy and to query workflows by example. VisTrails supports the creation and execution of workflows. It allows the combination of loosely-coupled resources, specialized libraries, grid and Web services. The released version comes with support for several packages including, VTK, Image Magick, Web Services, and pylab. You can also download packages contributed by users, as well as create your own packages/modules. Workflows can be run interactively, through the VisTrails GUI, or in batch using a VisTrails server. VisTrails is written in Python and it uses the multi-platform Qt library for its user interface. It runs on Mac, Linux and Windows. Provenance-rich results derived by VisTrails can be included in LaTeX, Wiki, Microsoft Word and PowerPoint documents.

Abbreviations: VisTrails

Synonyms: Vis Trails

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Resource Name: VisTrails

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for VisTrails.

No alerts have been found for VisTrails.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 20 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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