

# RDKit: A software suite for cheminformatics, computational chemistry, and predictive modeling

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# Availability

- SourceForge Page:  
<http://rdkit.sourceforge.net>
- Source code:
  - Browse:  
<http://svn.sourceforge.net/viewcvs.cgi/rdkit/trunk/>
  - Download using subversion:  
`svn co https://svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/rdkit/trunk rdkit`
- Binaries: available for Win32
- Licensing: BSD license (except for GUI components, which are GPL)

# Components

## End User

- Command-line scripts
- Python interface
- Database extensions

## Developer

- Python programming library
- C++ programming library

# General Molecular Functionality

- Input/Output: SMILES/SMARTS, mol, SDF, TDT
- “Cheminformatics”:
  - Substructure searching
  - Canonical SMILES
  - Chirality support
  - Chemical transformations
  - Chemical reactions
  - Molecular serialization (e.g. mol <-> text)
- 2D depiction, including constrained depiction and mimicking 3D coords
- 2D->3D conversion/conformational analysis via distance geometry
- UFF implementation for cleaning up structures
- Fingerprinting (Daylight-like, circular, atom pairs, topological torsions, “MACCS keys”, etc.)
- Similarity/diversity picking (include fuzzy similarity)
- 2D pharmacophores
- Gasteiger-Marsili charges
- Hierarchical subgraph/fragment analysis
- Hierarchical RECAP implementation

# General Molecular Functionality, cntd

- Feature maps and feature-map vectors
- Shape-based similarity
- Molecule-molecule alignment
- Shape-based alignment (subshape alignment)\*
- Very fast 3D pharmacophore searching
- Integration with PyMOL for 3D visualization
- Database cartridge

*\* functional implementations, but  
not really recommended for use*

# General “QSAR” Functionality

- Molecular descriptor library:
    - Topological ( $\kappa_3$ , Balaban J, etc.)
    - Electrotopological state (EState)
    - clogP, MR (Wildman and Crippen approach)
    - “MOE like” VSA descriptors
    - Feature-map vectors
  - Machine Learning:
    - Clustering (hierarchical)
    - Information theory (Shannon entropy)
    - Decision trees, *naïve Bayes*\*, *kNN*\*
    - Bagging, random forests
    - Infrastructure:
      - data splitting
      - shuffling (y scrambling)
      - out-of-bag classification
      - serializable models and descriptor calculators
      - enrichment plots, screening, etc.
- \* functional implementations, but  
not really recommended for use

# Reading/Writing Molecules

**MolFromSmiles**  
**MolFromSmarts**  
**MolFromMolBlock**  
**MolFromMolFile**

```
mol = Chem.MolFromSmiles('CCCOCC')
```

**SmilesMolSupplier**  
**SDMolSupplier**  
**TDTMolSupplier**  
**SupplierFromFilename**

```
mols = [x for x in Chem.SDMolSupplier('input.sdf')]
```

**MolToSmiles**  
**MolToSmarts**  
**MolToMolBlock**

```
print >>outF,Chem.MolToMolBlock(mol)
```

**SmilesWriter**  
**SDWriter**  
**TDTWriter**

```
w = Chem.SDWriter('out.sdf')
for m in mols:
    w.write(m)
```

# Working with molecules: Substructure matching

```
>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('O=CCC=O')
>>> p = Chem.MolFromSmarts('C=O')
>>> m.HasSubstructMatch(p)
True
>>> m.GetSubstructMatch(p)
(1, 0)
>>> m.GetSubstructMatches(p)
((1, 0), (3, 4))
>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('C1CCC1C(=O)O')
>>> p= Chem.MolFromSmarts('C=O')
>>> m2 =Chem.DeleteSubstructs(m,p)
>>> Chem.MolToSmiles(m2)
'O.C1CCC1'
>>>
```

```
>>> def findcore(m):
...     smi = Chem.MolToSmiles(m)
...     patt = Chem.MolFromSmarts('[D1]')
...     while 1:
...         m2 = Chem.DeleteSubstructs(m, patt)
...         nSmi = Chem.MolToSmiles(m2)
...         m = m2
...         if nSmi==smi:
...             break
...         else:
...             smi = nSmi
...     return m
...
>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('CCC1CCC1')
>>> c = findcore(m)
>>> Chem.MolToSmiles(c)
'C1CCC1'
```

# Working with molecules: properties

```
>>> suppl = Chem.SDMolSupplier('divscreen.400.sdf')
>>> m = suppl.next()
>>> list(m.GetPropNames())
['Formula', 'MolWeight', 'Mol_ID', 'Smiles', 'cdk2_ic50', 'cdk2_inhib',
'cdk_act_bin_1', 'mol_name', 'scaffold', 'sourcepool']
>>> m.GetProp('scaffold')
'Scaffold_00'
>>> m.GetProp('missing')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in ?
KeyError: 'missing'
>>> m.HasProp('missing')
0
>>> m.SetProp('testing','value')
>>> m.GetProp('testing')
'value'
>>> m.SetProp('calcd','45',computed=True)
>>> list(m.GetPropNames())
['Formula', 'MolWeight', 'Mol_ID', 'Smiles', 'cdk2_ic50', 'cdk2_inhib',
'cdk_act_bin_1', 'mol_name', 'scaffold', 'sourcepool', 'testing']
```

# Generating Depictions

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from rdkit.Chem import AllChem
>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('C1CCC1')
>>> m.GetNumConformers()
0
>>> AllChem.Compute2DCoords(m)
0
>>> m.GetNumConformers()
1
>>> print Chem.MolToMolBlock(m)
```

```
4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0999 V2000
 1.0607 0.0000 0.0000 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 -0.0000 -1.0607 0.0000 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 -1.0607 0.0000 0.0000 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0.0000 1.0607 0.0000 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 1 2 1 0
 2 3 1 0
 3 4 1 0
 4 1 1 0
M END
```

```
>>>
```

# Generating 3D Coordinates

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from rdkit.Chem import AllChem
>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('C1CCC1')
>>> AllChem.EmbedMolecule(m)
0
>>> m.GetNumConformers()
1
>>> AllChem.UFFOptimizeMolecule(m)
0
>>> m.SetProp('_Name','testmol')
>>> print Chem.MolToMolBlock(m)
testmol
```

```
4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0999 V2000
 -0.8040 0.5715 -0.2537 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 -0.3727 -0.9165 -0.2471 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0.7942 -0.5376 0.6386 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0.3825 0.8826 0.6323 C 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 1 2 1 0
 2 3 1 0
 3 4 1 0
 4 1 1 0
M END
>>> list(AllChem.EmbedMultipleConfs(m,10))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> m.GetNumConformers()
10
```

# Low-budget conformational analysis

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from rdkit.Chem import AllChem
>>> from rdkit.Chem import PyMol
>>> v = PyMol.MolViewer()

>>> m=Chem.MolFromSmiles('OC(=O)C1CCC(CC(=O)O)CC1')
>>> AllChem.EmbedMultipleConfs(m,10)
<rdBase._vectint object at 0x00A2D2B8>

>>> for i in range(m.GetNumConformers()):
...     AllChem.UFFOptimizeMolecule(m,confId=i)
...     v.ShowMol(m,confId=i,name='conf-%d'%i,showOnly=False)

>>> w = Chem.SDWriter('foo.sdf')
>>> for i in range(m.GetNumConformers()):
...     w.write(m,confId=i)
...
>>> w.flush()
```

# Molecular Miscellany

```
>>> from rdkit import Chem
>>> from rdkit.Chem import Crippen
>>> Crippen.MolLogP(Chem.MolFromSmiles('c1ccccc1'))
1.081599999999999
>>> Crippen.MolMR(Chem.MolFromSmiles('c1ccccc1'))
24.23699999999991

>>> AllChem.ShapeTanimotoDist(m1,m2)

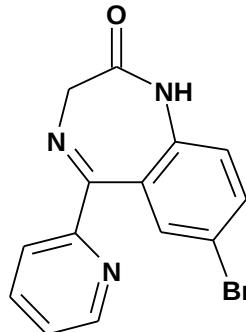
>>> Chem.Kekulize(m)

>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles('F[C@H]([Cl])Br')
>>> Chem.AssignAtomChiralCodes(m)
>>> m.GetAtomWithIdx(1).GetProp('_CIPCode')
'R'

>>> m = Chem.MolFromSmiles(r'F\c=C\Cl')
>>> Chem.AssignBondStereoCodes(m)
>>> m.GetBondWithIdx(1).GetStereo()
Chem.rdcchem.BondStereo.STEREOZ
```

# Database CLI tools

```
# building a database:  
% python $RDBASE/Projects/DbCLI/CreateDb.py --dbDir=bzr --molFormat=sdf bzr.sdf  
  
# similarity searching:  
% python $RDBASE/Projects/DbCLI/SearchDb.py --dbDir=bzr --molFormat=smiles \  
--similarityType=AtomPairs --topN=5 bzr.smi  
[18:23:21] INFO: Reading query molecules and generating fingerprints  
[18:23:21] INFO: Finding Neighbors  
[18:23:21] INFO: The search took 0.1 seconds  
[18:23:21] INFO: Creating output  
Alprazolam,Alprazolam,1.000,Ro13-9868,0.918,Triazolam,0.897,Estazolam,0.871,U-35005,0.870  
Bromazepam,Bromazepam,1.000,Ro05-3072,0.801,Ro05-3061,0.801,Nordazepam,0.801,Ro05-2921,0.772  
...  
Delorazepam,Delorazepam,1.000,Ro05-4619,0.900,Nordazepam,0.881,Lorazepam,0.855,Ro20-8065,0.840  
  
# substructure and property searching:  
% python $RDBASE/Projects/DbCLI/SearchDb.py --dbDir=bzr --smarts='c1ncccc1' \  
-q 'activity>6.5' --sdfOut=search1.sdf  
[18:27:25] INFO: Doing substructure query  
[18:27:25] INFO: Found 1 molecules matching the query  
[18:27:25] INFO: Creating output  
Bromazepam  
[18:27:25] INFO: Done!
```



# RDKit Developer's Overview

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# Installation

- Download and install boost libraries ([www.boost.org](http://www.boost.org))
- Download distribution from <http://rdkit.sourceforge.net> (or get the latest version using subversion)
- Download and install other python dependencies (see \$RDBASE/Docs/SoftwareRequirements.txt)
- Follow build instructions in \$RDBASE/INSTALL

# Documentation

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- C++:

Generated using doxygen:

```
cd $RDBASE/Code
```

```
doxygen doxygen.config
```

- Python:

Currently generated using epydoc:

```
cd $RDBASE/rdkit
```

```
epydoc --config epydoc.config
```

## RDCode Directories

This directory hierarchy is sorted roughly, but not completely, alphabetically:

- ◆ [Catalogs](#)
- ◆ [ChemicalFeatures](#)
- ◆ [DataManip](#)
  - [MetricMatrixCalc](#)
- ◆ [DataStructs](#)
- ◆ [DistGeom](#)
- ◆ [Features](#)
- ◆ [ForceField](#)
  - [UFF](#)
- ◆ [Geometry](#)
- ◆ [GraphMol](#)
  - [Depictor](#)
  - [Descriptors](#)
  - [DistGeomHelpers](#)
  - [FeatTrees](#)
  - [FileParsers](#)
  - [Fingerprints](#)
  - [ForceFieldHelpers](#)
    - [UFF](#)
  - [FragCatalog](#)
  - [MolAlign](#)
  - [MolChemicalFeatures](#)
  - [MolTransforms](#)
  - [PartialCharges](#)
  - [ShapeHelpers](#)
  - [SmilesParse](#)
  - [Subgraphs](#)
  - [Substruct](#)
- ◆ [ML](#)
  - [Cluster](#)
    - [Murtagh](#)
  - [Data](#)
  - [InfoTheory](#)
- ◆ [Numerics](#)
  - [Alignment](#)
  - [EigenSolvers](#)
  - [Optimizer](#)
- ◆ [Query](#)
- ◆ [RDBoost](#)
- ◆ [RDGeneral](#)
- ◆ [SimDivPickers](#)

# Organization

- \$RDBASE/
  - External/: essential 3rd party components that are hard to get or have been modified
  - Code/: C++ library, wrapper, and testing code
  - rdkit/: Python library, GUI, and scripts
  - Docs/: Manually and automatically generated documentation
  - Data/: Testing and reference data
  - Scripts/: a couple of useful utility scripts
  - Web/: some simple CGI applications
  - bin/: installation dir for DLLs/shared libraries

# C++ "Guiding Ideas"

- If boost already has the wheel, don't re-invent it.
- Try to keep classes lightweight
- Maintain const-correctness
- Test, test, test
- Include tests with code
- Keep namespaces explicit (i.e. no using `namespace std;`)
- Keep most everything in namespace RDKit
- Test, test, test

# Test Harness

Sample test\_list.py:

```
import sys

tests=[
    ("testExecs/iteretest.exe","",()),
    ("testExecs/MolOpsTest.exe","",()),
    ("testExecs/testCanon.exe","C1OCCCC1 C1CCOC1",()),

    ("python","test_list.py",'dir':'Depictor'),
    ("python","test_list.py",'dir':'ShapeHelpers')
]

if sys.platform != 'win32':
    tests.extend([
        ("testExecs/cptest.exe","",()),
        ("testExecs/querytest.exe","",()),
    ])

longTests=[

]

if __name__=='__main__':
    import sys
    import TestRunner
    failed,tests = TestRunner.RunScript('test_list.py',0,1)
    sys.exit(len(failed))
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: Intro

- boost::python is not an automatic wrapper generator: wrappers must be written by hand.
- very flexible handling of "primitive types"
- tight python type integration
- allows subclassing of C++ extension classes

# Wrapping code using BPL: defining a module

DataStructs/Wrap/DataStructs.cpp

```
#include <boost/python.hpp>
#include <RDBBoost/Wrap.h>
#include "DataStructs.h"

namespace python = boost::python;

void wrap_SBV();
void wrap_EBV();
...

BOOST_PYTHON_MODULE(cDataStructs)
{
    python::scope().attr("__doc__") =
        "Module containing an assortment of functionality for basic data structures.\n"
        "\n"
        "At the moment the data structures defined are:\n"
        ...
        ;
    python::register_exception_translator<IndexErrorException>(&translate_index_error);
    python::register_exception_translator<ValueErrorException>(&translate_value_error);
    ...
    wrap_SBV();
    wrap_EBV();
    ...
}
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: defining a class

DataStructs/Wrap/wrap\_SparseBV.cpp

```
struct SBV_wrapper {
    static void wrap(){
        python::class_<SparseBitVect>("SparseBitVect",
                                         "Class documentation",
                                         python::init<unsigned int>())
        .def(python::init<std::string>())
        .def("SetBit", (bool (SBV::*)(unsigned int))&SBV::SetBit,
             "Turns on a particular bit on. Returns the original state of the bit.\n")
        ...
        .def("GetNumBits",&SBV::GetNumBits,
             "Returns the number of bits in the vector (the vector's size).\n")
    };

    void wrap_SBV() {
        SBV_wrapper::wrap();
    }
}
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: making it "pythonic"

DataStructs/Wrap/wrap\_SparseBV.cpp

```
struct SBV_wrapper {
    static void wrap(){
        python::class_<SparseBitVect>("SparseBitVect",
                                         "Class documentation",
                                         python::init<unsigned int>())
        ...
        .def("__len__",&SBV::GetNumBits)
        ...
        .def("__getitem__",
              (const int (*)(const SBV&, unsigned int))get_VectItem)
        .def("__setitem__",
              (const int (*)(SBV&, unsigned int, int))set_VectItem)
        ...
        .def(python::self & python::self)
        .def(python::self | python::self)
        .def(python::self ^ python::self)
        .def(~python::self)
        ...
    }
};
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: supporting pickling

DataStructs/Wrap/wrap\_SparseBV.cpp

```
// allows BitVects to be pickled
struct sbv_pickle_suite : python::pickle_suite
{
    static python::tuple
getinitargs(const SparseBitVect& self)
    {
        return python::make_tuple(self.ToString());
    };
};

struct SBV_wrapper {
    static void wrap(){
        python::class_<SparseBitVect>("SparseBitVect",
                                         "Class documentation",
                                         python::init<unsigned int>())
...
        .def_pickle(sbv_pickle_suite())
    ;
}
};
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: returning complex types

DataStructs/Wrap/wrap\_SparseBV.cpp

```
struct SBV_wrapper {
    static void wrap(){
        python::class_<SparseBitVect>("SparseBitVect",
                                         "Class documentation",
                                         python::init<unsigned int>())
        ...
        .def("GetOnBits",
             (IntVect (*)(&SBV))GetOnBits,
             "Returns a tuple containing IDs of the on bits.\n")
        ...
        ;
    }
};
```

- IntVect is a std::vector<int>
- Convertors provided for: std::vector<int>, std::vector<unsigned>, std::vector<string>, std::vector<double>, std::vector< std::vector<int> >, std::vector< std::vector<unsigned> >, std::vector< std::vector<double> >, std::list<int>, std::list< std::vector<int> > in rdBase.dll
- Others can be created using:

```
RegisterVectorConverter<RDKit::Atom*>();
RegisterListConverter<RDKit::Atom*>();
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: accepting Python types

DataStructs/Wrap/wrap\_SparseBV.cpp

```
void SetBitsFromList(SparseBitVect *bv, python::object onBitList) {
    PySequenceHolder<int> bitL(onBitList);
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < bitL.size(); i++) {
        bv->SetBit(bitL[i]);
    }
}

struct SBV_wrapper {
    static void wrap(){
        python::class_<SparseBitVect>("SparseBitVect",
                                         "Class documentation",
                                         python::init<unsigned int>())
        ...
        .def("SetBitsFromList", SetBitsFromList,
             "Turns on a set of bits. The argument should be a tuple or list of bit
ids.\n")
        ...
        ;
    }
};
```

# Wrapping code using BPL: keyword arguments

GraphMol/Wrap/rdmolfiles.cpp

```
docString="Returns the a Mol block for a molecule\n\n ARGUMENTS:\n\n - mol: the molecule\n - includeStereo: (optional) toggles inclusion of stereochemical\n   information in the output\n - confId: (optional) selects which conformation to output (-1 = default)\n\n RETURNS:\n\n a string\n";\n\npython::def("MolToMolBlock",RDKit::MolToMolBlock,\n           (python::arg("mol"),python::arg("includeStereo")=false,\n            python::arg("confId")=-1),\n           docString.c_str());
```

This also demonstrates defining a function and taking a complex (wrapped) type as an argument

# Wrapping code using BPL: returning pointers

GraphMol/Wrap/rdmolfiles.cpp

```
docString="Construct a molecule from a SMILES string.\n\n\nARGUMENTS:\n- SMILES: the smiles string\n- sanitize: (optional) toggles sanitization of the molecule.\n  Defaults to 1.\n\nRETURNS:\n  a Mol object, None on failure.\n\n";
python::def("MolFromSmiles", RDKit::MolFromSmiles,
           (python::arg("SMILES"),
            python::arg("sanitize")=true),
           docString.c_str(),
           python::return_value_policy<python::manage_new_object>());
```

GraphMol/Wrap/Mol.cpp

```
.def("GetAtomWithIdx", (ROMol::GRAPH_NODE_TYPE (ROMol::*)(unsigned int))
      &ROMol::getAtomWithIdx,
      python::return_value_policy<python::reference_existing_object>(),
      "Returns a particular Atom.\n\n"
      "  ARGUMENTS:\n- idx: which Atom to return\n\n"
      "  NOTE: atom indices start at 0\n")
```