

Building a knowledge base for biology publications using event stream processing

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Project link:

- <https://github.com/elixir-europe/BioHackathon>

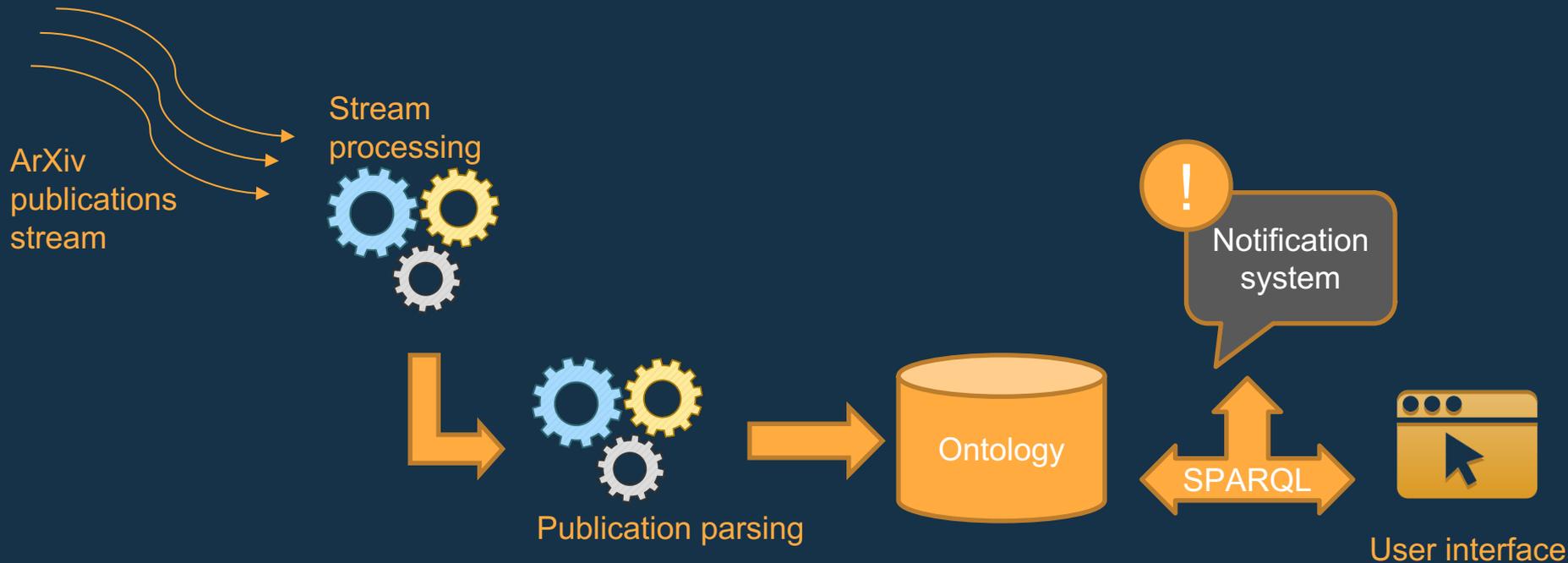
Background information

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- Keeping up with the constant flow of new articles being published in various journals is a challenge
- Using event stream processing, we aim at updating the biomedical publications ontology in real time



System overview



Goals of the hacking project

Goal and expected outcome

- **General goal of the hacking project**
 - The goal is to create an ontology for biomedical publications and to update it in real-time using event stream processes
- **Expected results** at the end of the hackathon
 - A service that monitors the ArXiv/BioRxiv twitter feeds and continuously parses relevant metainformation into easily machine-readable BioSchemas.
 - An interface to allow users to perform SPARQL queries on the continuously updated publications ontology
 - A notification system that informs the user on the most relevant subset of topics within the stream of publications

Post-biohackathon perspectives

- Expanding the knowledge base
- Integration with other platforms such as PubMed
- Integrating our ontology with outcome of the BioTea to BioSchemas project
- Extending the end product to serve as a basis for creating knowledge bases from streaming data

Hack organisation

Organisation of the hacking project

- Duration: 5 hacking days

- **Call for additional expertise from biohackathon attendees**
 - NLP experts to extract biological information from text
 - Experience in web-technologies
 - Biologists for domain knowledge e.g. what information to parse from the publications
 - People with curiosity 😊

Steps and tasks

- Retrieving stream data from ArXiv/BioarXiv feeds using twitter stream api
- Retrieving the pdf/latex of the publication from ArXiv/BioarXiv/PubMed
- Extracting information from the latex/pdf files
- Creating/reusing the ontology
- Updating the ontology whenever a new paper is published
- Starting the sparql server (apache jena fuseki, python flask/rdfliib, etc.)
- User interface
 - Querying page UI
 - Results in both text and graph

Contact and links

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- Links related to the project
 - Event stream processing: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Event_stream_processing
 - RDFLib: <https://github.com/RDFLib/rdflib>
 - Twitter stream api: <https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs/tutorials/consuming-streaming-data.html>
 - Apache Jena Fuseki Sparql server: <https://jena.apache.org/documentation/fuseki2/>