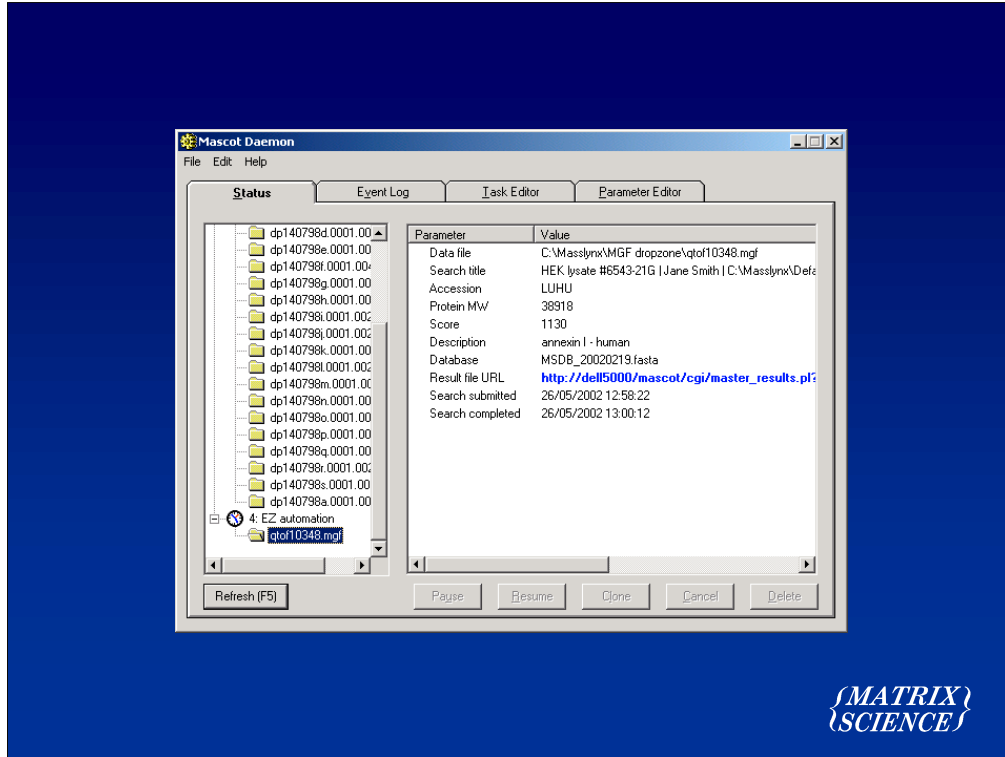


***Turn-key Automation
using
Mascot Daemon***

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Mascot Daemon is our automation client. It's a part of the Mascot package that is only available when you have Mascot on an in-house server

Mascot Daemon

1. Batch task

A batch of data files to be searched immediately or at a defined time

2. Real-time monitor task

New files on a defined path are searched as they are created

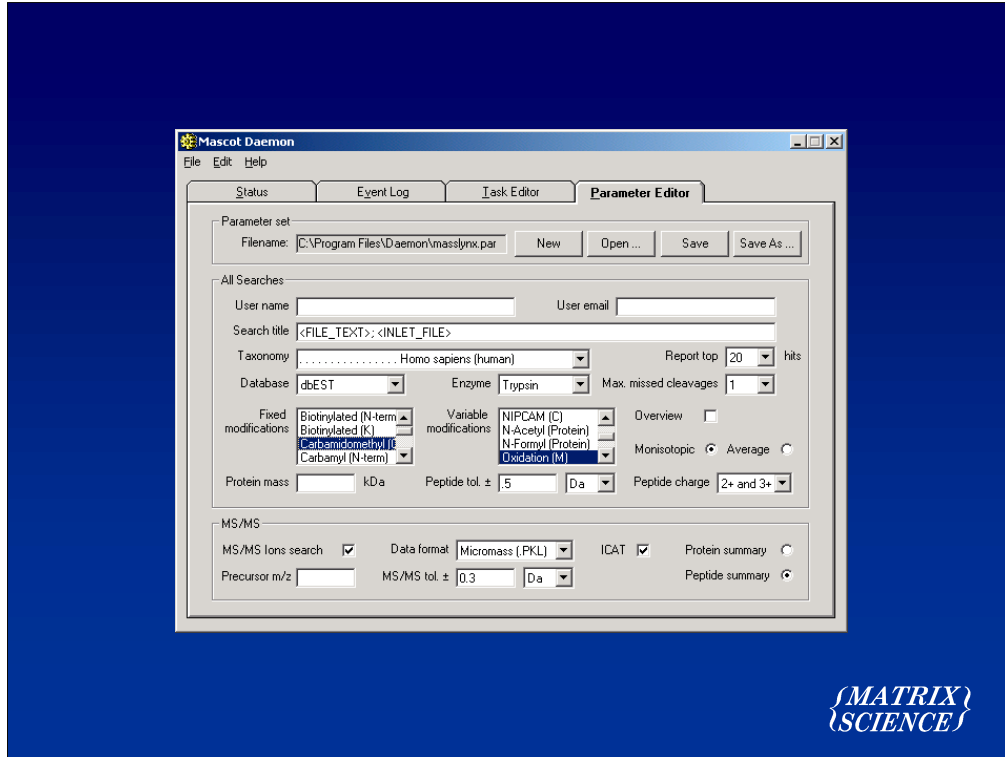
3. Follow-up task

Accepts data files from another task. For example, to repeat a search against a different database

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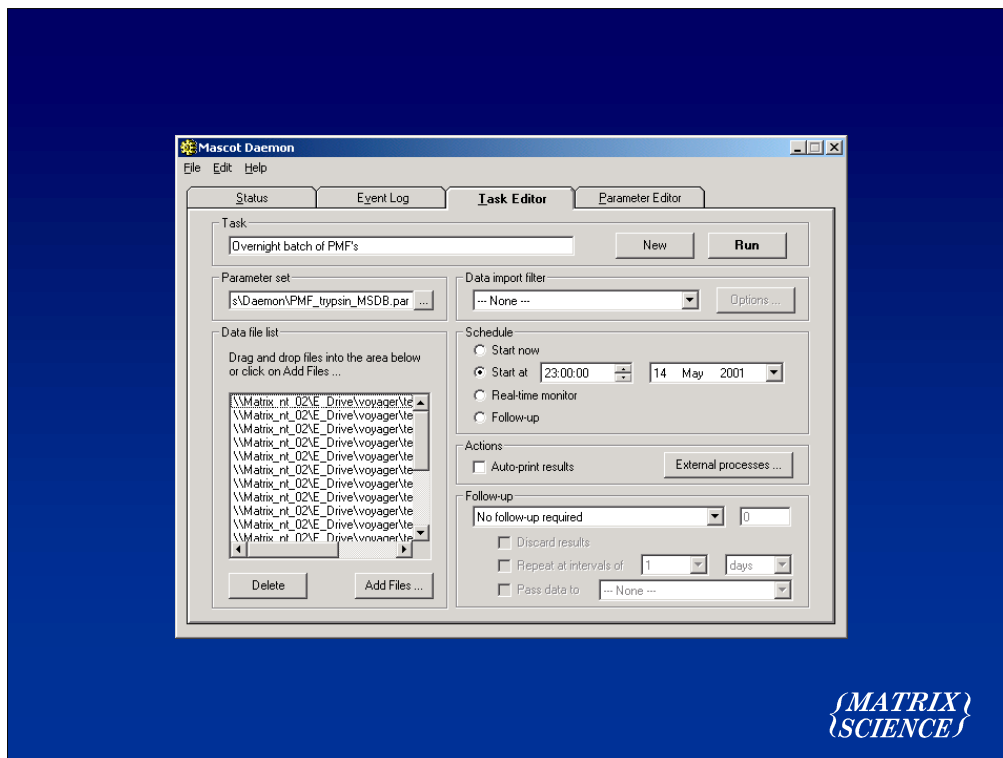
Mascot Daemon runs on any Win32 platform and supports three kinds of tasks.

The follow-up task is very powerful because it allows searches to be chained together to implement complex decision paths. For example, as batch of data files might be screened against a contaminants database containing entries for keratins, BSA, trypsin, etc. Those data files which fail to find a match can then be automatically searched against a non-redundant protein database. Spectra which are still unmatched can then be searched against a large EST database, etc., etc.



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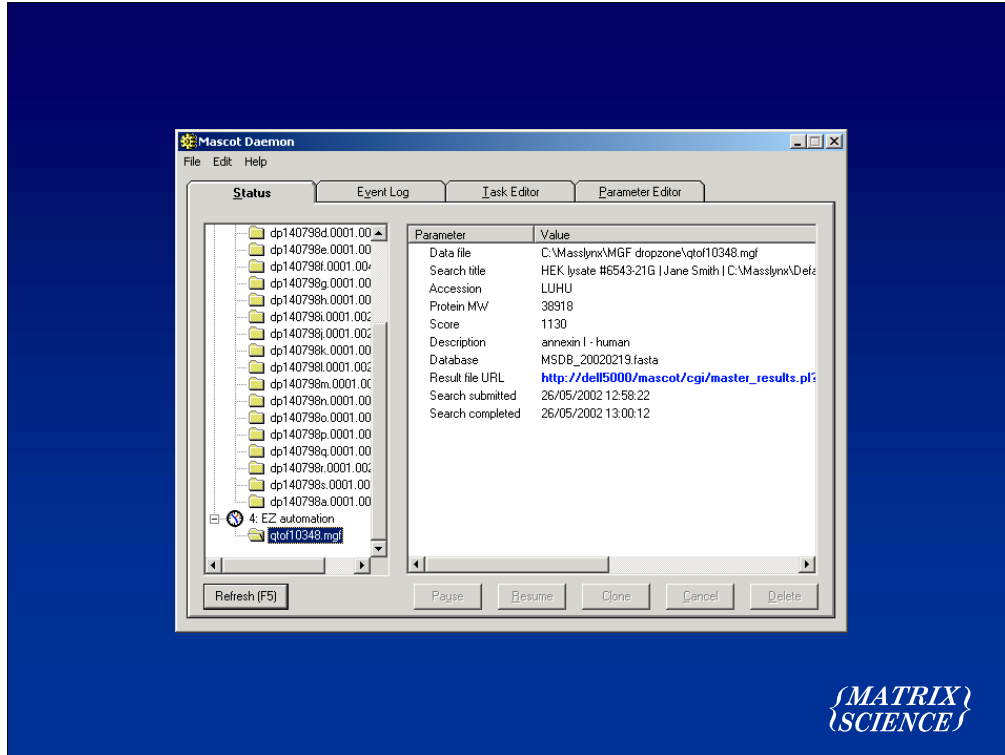
The parameter editor allows sets of search parameters to be defined and saved to disk, so that they can be used over and over again. The search parameters define *how* the data will be searched.



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The Task Editor tab is used to define each task. A task defines *what* data will be searched and *when* the search will take place.

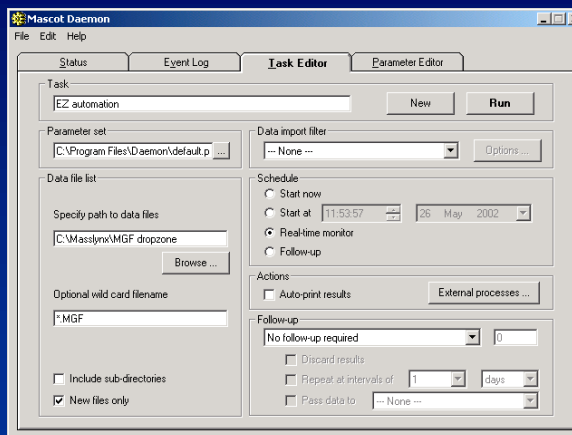
Here we have a simple batch task. A set of data files has been created, a parameter set has been chosen, and the task will run all the searches as a batch at a predefined time.



Each completed search is added to an Explorer-like tree. There is a minimum of summary information, and a hyperlink to the full result report

Automation: zero coding

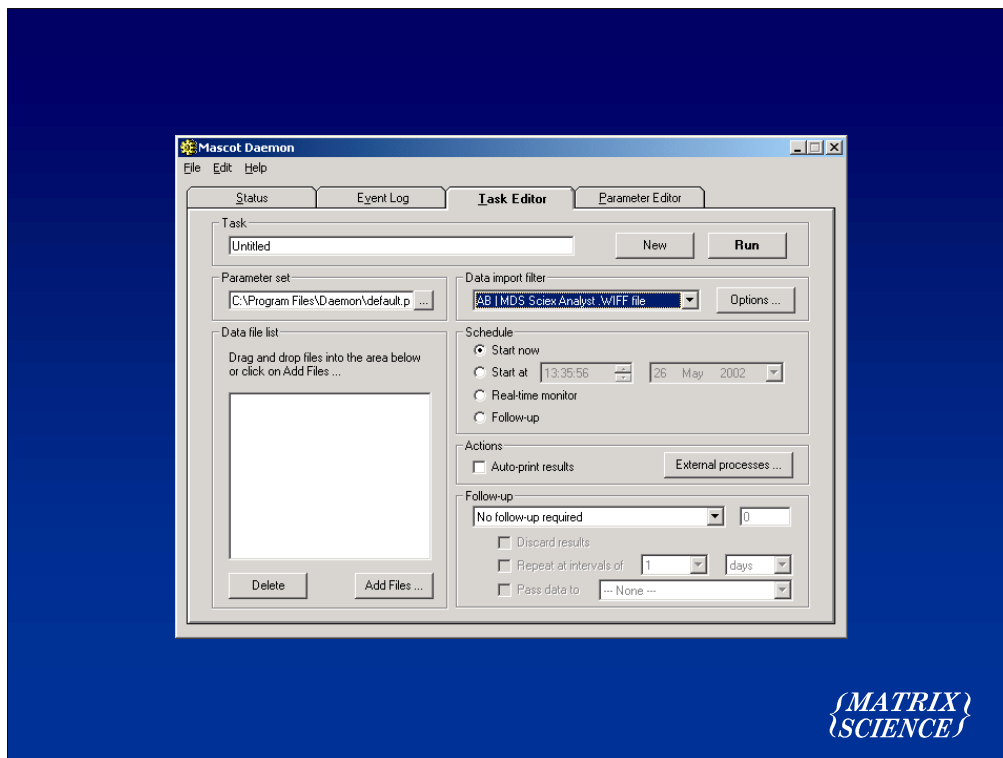
Use Mascot Daemon in real-time monitor mode to search files as they are created



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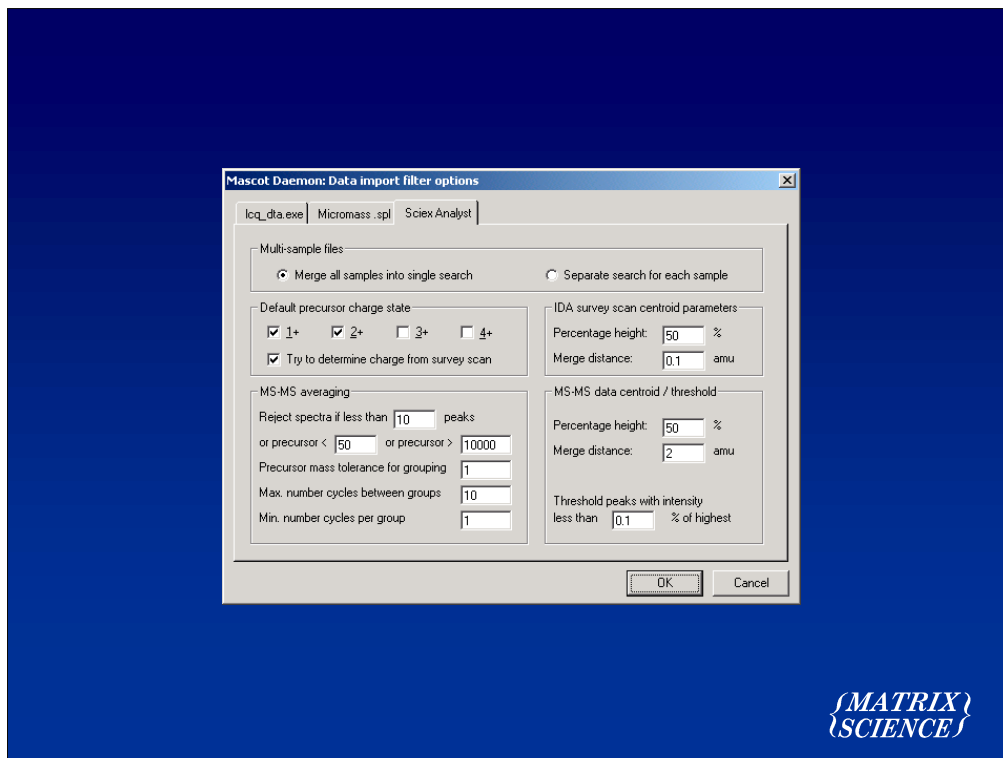
How far can you get in implementing this workflow with a minimum of coding? In fact, what can you do without any coding?

The starting point is to use Mascot Daemon in real-time monitor mode. This will pick up peak lists as they are created, and search them automatically.



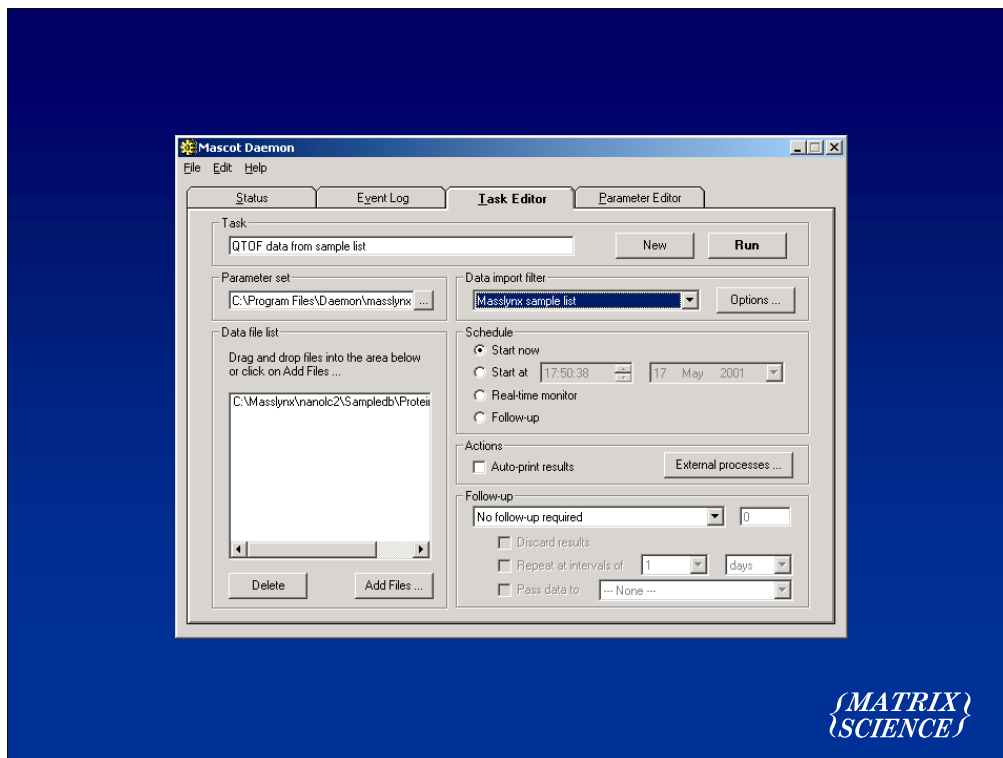
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For some file formats, we have data import filters. These allow Daemon to generate peak lists directly from the binary files created by the MS data system.



For example, the import filter for Sciex wiff files is fairly sophisticated.

We can also work directly from Xcalibur raw files and Applied Biosystems voyager data files



The MassLynx sample list import filter is a little different.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Access window titled 'Copy of ProteinLynx : Database'. A table named 'ANALYSIS' is displayed in Datasheet View. The table has the following structure and data:

VERSION	FILE_NAME	FILE_TEXT	MS_FILE	MS_TUNE_FILE	INLET_FILE	INLET_PREF
31.5	20010423-1	HEK digest band 1	MSMS35MIN		Nano-35min	
31.5	20010423-2	HEK digest band 2	MSMS35MIN		Nano-35min	
31.5	20010423-3	HEK digest band 3	MSMS35MIN		Nano-35min	

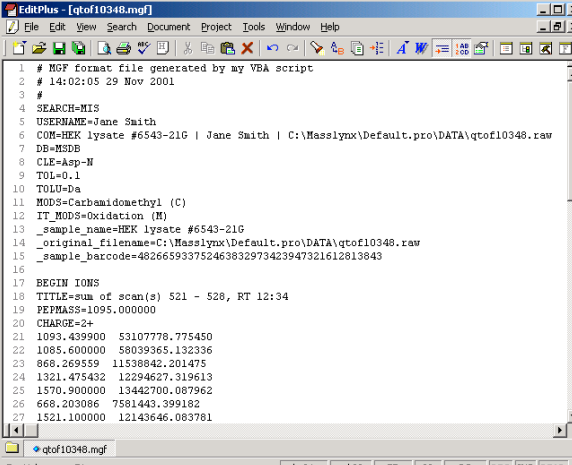
The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Record: 3 of 3'.

The aim is to extract filenames and sample information from the sample list. We still depend on Masslynx to generate PKL peak lists.

Tags in search title field can be substituted at run time by fields from the MassLynx sample list. For example, "HEK digest band 1", or any text from any of the columns, could appear at the top of the Mascot search report.

Automation: more flexibility

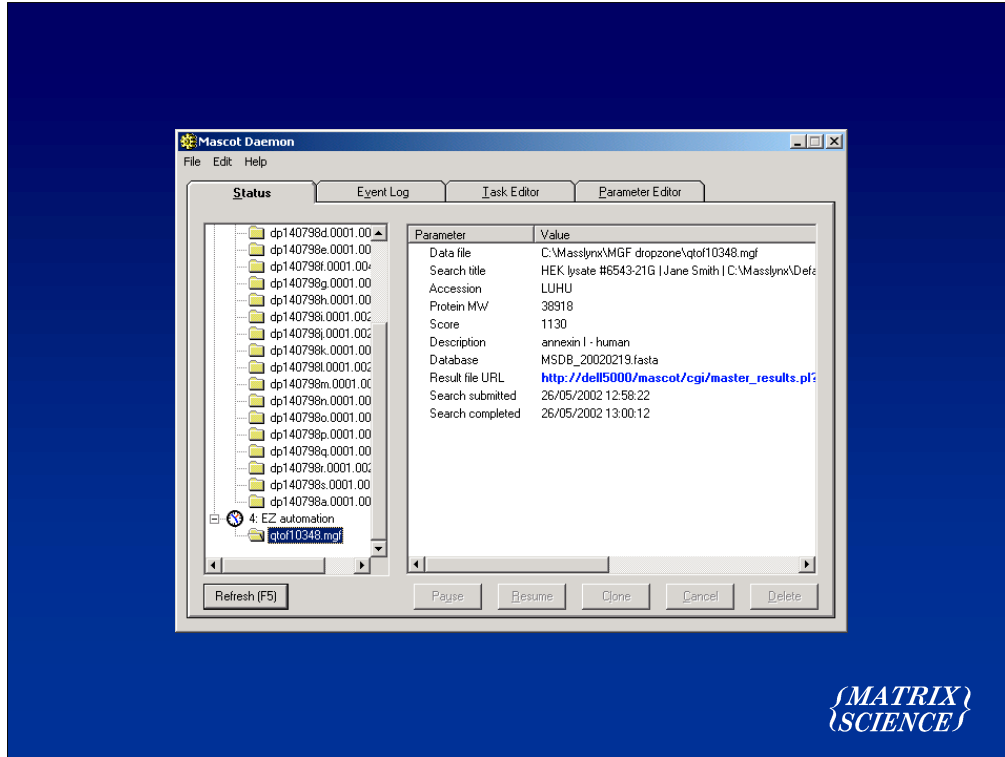
Use a script or macro to write peak lists in MGF format, including search parameters



```
1 # MGF format file generated by my VBA script
2 # 14:02:05 29 Nov 2001
3 #
4 SEARCH=MIS
5 USERNAME=Jane Smith
6 COM=HEK lysate #6543-21G | Jane Smith | C:\Masslynx\Default.pro\DATA\qtof10348.raw
7 DB=MSDB
8 CLE=asp-N
9 TOL=0.1
10 TOLU=Da
11 MODS=Carbamidomethyl (C)
12 IT_MODS=Oxidation (M)
13 _sample_name=HEK lysate #6543-21G
14 _original_filename=C:\Masslynx\Default.pro\DATA\qtof10348.raw
15 _sample_barcode=482665933752463832973423947321612813843
16
17 BEGIN IONS
18 TITLE=sum of scan(s) 521 - 528, RT 12:34
19 PEPMASS=1095.000000
20 CHARGE=2+
21 1099.439900 53107776.775450
22 1085.600000 58039365.132336
23 868.269559 11538842.201475
24 1321.475432 12294627.319613
25 1570.900000 13442700.087962
26 668.203086 7581443.399182
27 1521.100000 12143646.083781
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That is about as far as we can get with zero coding. Some simple coding is required to achieve more flexibility. Maybe the MS data system supports a macro language, such as VBA. If so, you can write out peak lists in the Mascot Generic Format (MGF). This allows the search parameters to be embedded into the data file, avoiding the need to set up search parameters manually in Daemon. You can also add your own parameters, which will be passed through the search engine into the results file. Any parameter that starts with an underscore is a 'user' parameter.



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It is also important to make full use of the search title field. This is displayed in Daemon

Mascot Search Results - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_results.pl?file=..jdata/20020526/F045249.dat

Mascot Search Results

User : Jane Smith
 Email :
 Search title : HEK lysate #6343-216 | Jane Smith | C:\Masslynx\Default.pro\DATA\qtof10348.raw
 MS data file : C:\Masslynx\MGF dropzone\qtof10348.mgf
 Database : MSDB 20020219 (823359 sequences; 256630542 residues)
 Timestamp : 26 May 2002 at 11:39:38 GMT

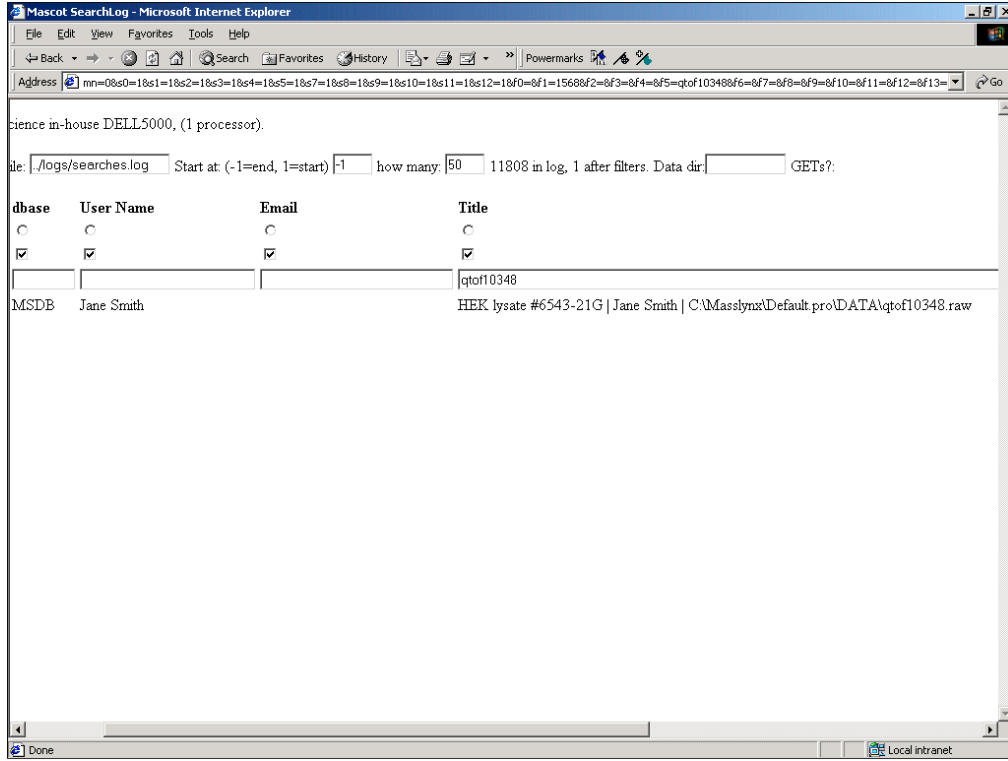
Significant hits:

LUHU	annexin I - human
AAH10103	BCU10103 MID: - Homo sapiens
AAB60650	HSRNP114 MID: - Homo sapiens
Q91TV2	VITAMIN D RESPONSE ELEMENT BINDING PROTEIN.- Saguinus oedipus (Cotton-top tamarin).
I1G5Z	trypsin (EC 3.4.21.4) precursor (with pancreatic secretory trypsin inhibitor), chain Z - b
Q5X3Y6	HNRNP A/B RELATED PROTEIN (FRAGMENT) - Felis silvestris catus (Cat).
Q96AT6	NUCLEOPHOSMIN (NUCLEOLAR PHOSPHOPROTEIN B23, NUMATRIN).- Homo sapiens (Human).
Q9D6R2	1500012E04RIK PROTEIN.- Mus musculus (Mouse).
E35838	casein kinase II (EC 2.7.1.-) alpha' chain - human
Q9QZD9	TGF-BETA RECEPTOR BINDING PROTEIN (TGF-BETA RECEPTOR INTERACTING PROTEIN 1) (EUKARYOTIC TR
LUGP1	annexin I - guinea pig
S40776	ribonucleoprotein - African clawed frog
AAQ41947	AF304164 MID: - Homo sapiens
CAA64477	SSANMEXHI MID: - Sus scrofa
AA559468	HMKRT10A MID: - Homo sapiens
Q93446	ANNEXIN MAX3.- Oryzias latipes (Medaka fish).
CAA25833	HSGAPDR MID: - Homo sapiens
PC4375	telomeric and tetraplex DNA binding protein qTBP42 V - rat (fragment)
S58352	SH2/SH3 adaptor protein - mouse
A44882	embryogenesis protein H beta 58 - mouse

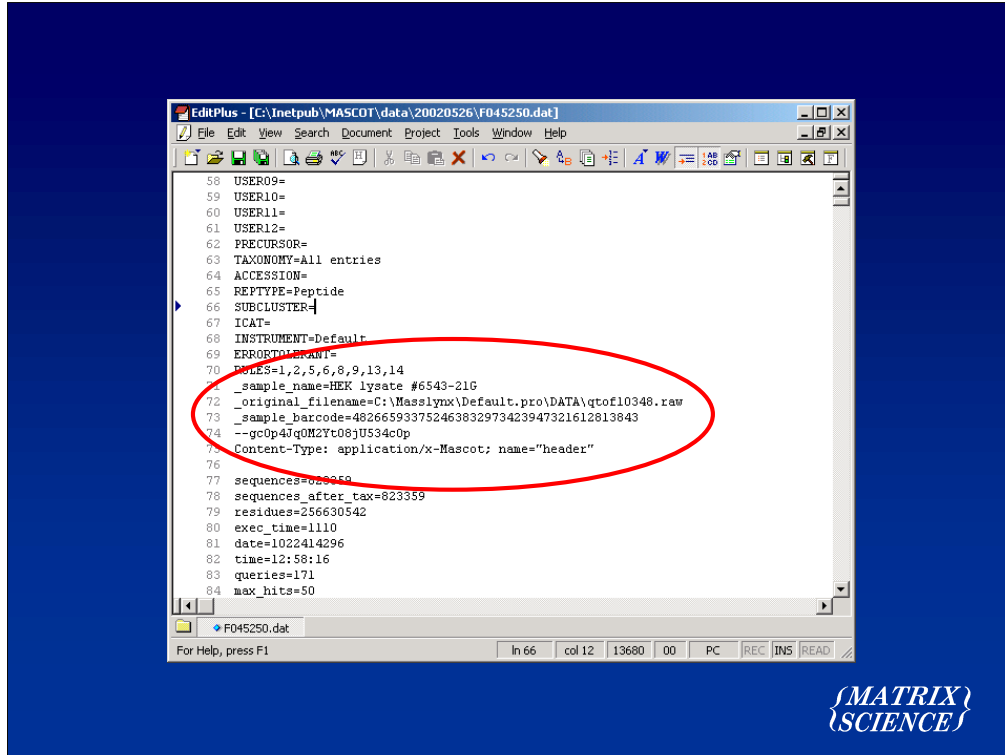
Probability Based Mowse Score

Score is $-10 \cdot \log(P)$, where P is the probability that the observed match is a random event.
 Individual ions scores > 45 indicate identity or extensive homology ($p < 0.05$).

And also at the top of the results report. So, it is worth taking the trouble to include key sample tracking information in the title field



Especially when you need to find an old search from among the tens of thousands on the Mascot server

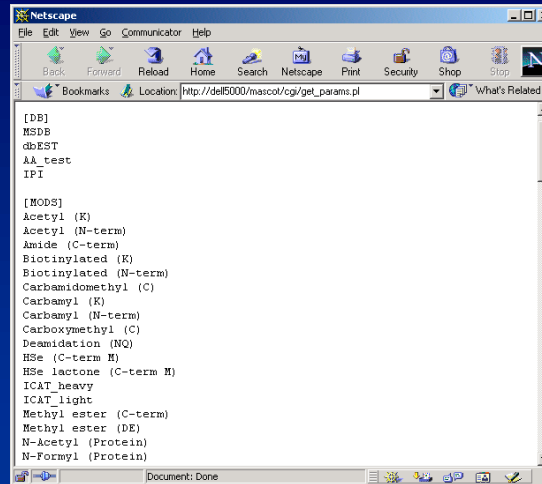


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As mentioned earlier, any parameters with an underscore will be passed through to the result file. So you can include structured sample tracking information.

Automation: configuration

Use
get_params.pl
to query
Mascot server
configuration



```
[DB]
MSDB
dbEST
AA_test
IPI

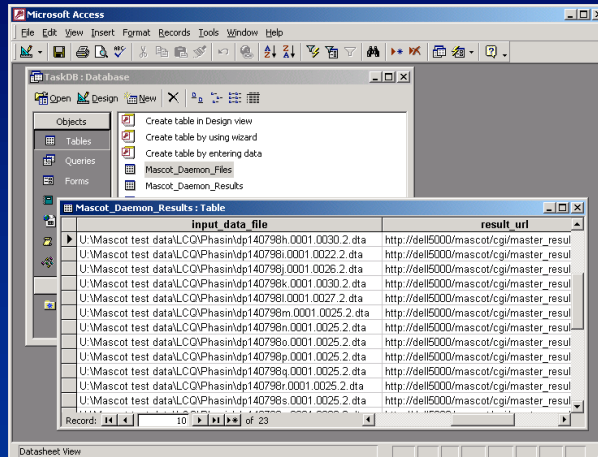
[MODS]
Acetyl (K)
Acetyl (N-term)
Amide (C-term)
Biotinylated (K)
Biotinylated (N-term)
Carbamidomethyl (C)
Carbamyl (K)
Carbamyl (N-term)
Carboxymethyl (C)
Demidation (NQ)
HSe (C-term M)
HSe lactone (C-term M)
ICAT_heavy
ICAT_light
Methyl ester (C-term)
Methyl ester (DE)
N-Acetyl (Protein)
N-Formyl (Protein)
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Another improvement to the workflow is to query the Mascot server to find out what databases are available, as well as the choice of enzymes, modifications, taxonomy, etc. This is achieved using a utility called get_params.pl

Automation: search results

Query Mascot
Daemon's
local database



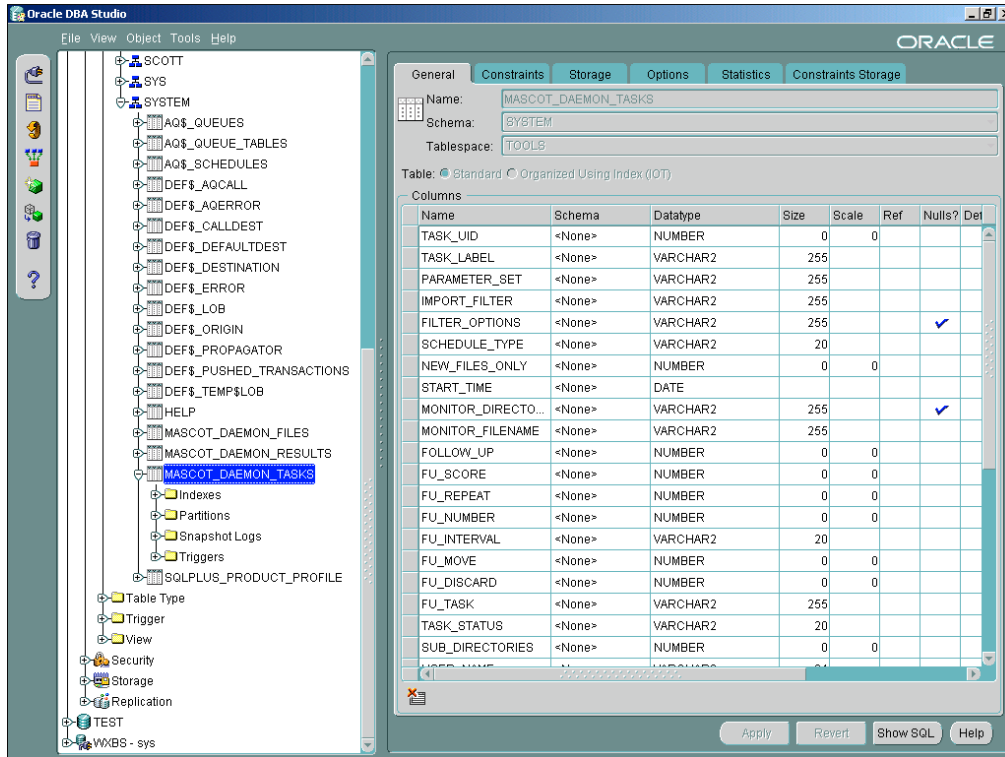
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Access interface. The 'Task Pane' on the left shows the 'Mascot_Daemon_Results' table selected. The main window displays a datasheet view of this table with two columns: 'input_data_file' and 'result_url'. The data consists of multiple rows of file paths and their corresponding URLs.

input_data_file	result_url
U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798h.0001.0030.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul
U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798i.0001.0022.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul
U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798j.0001.0025.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul
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U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798n.0001.0025.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul
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U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798r.0001.0025.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul
U:\Mascot test data\LCO\Phasin\dp140798s.0001.0025.2.dta	http://dell5000/mascot/cgi/master_resul

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One thing we haven't addressed yet is how to tie up the result file to the input data.

This information can be found in the Mascot Daemon database. By default, this is an Access database.



However, the Mascot Daemon tables can live in any ODBC compliant database engine, such as Oracle or SQL Server. So, if you have an Oracle based LIMS, the Daemon tables can be inside the LIMS.

Automation: parsing results

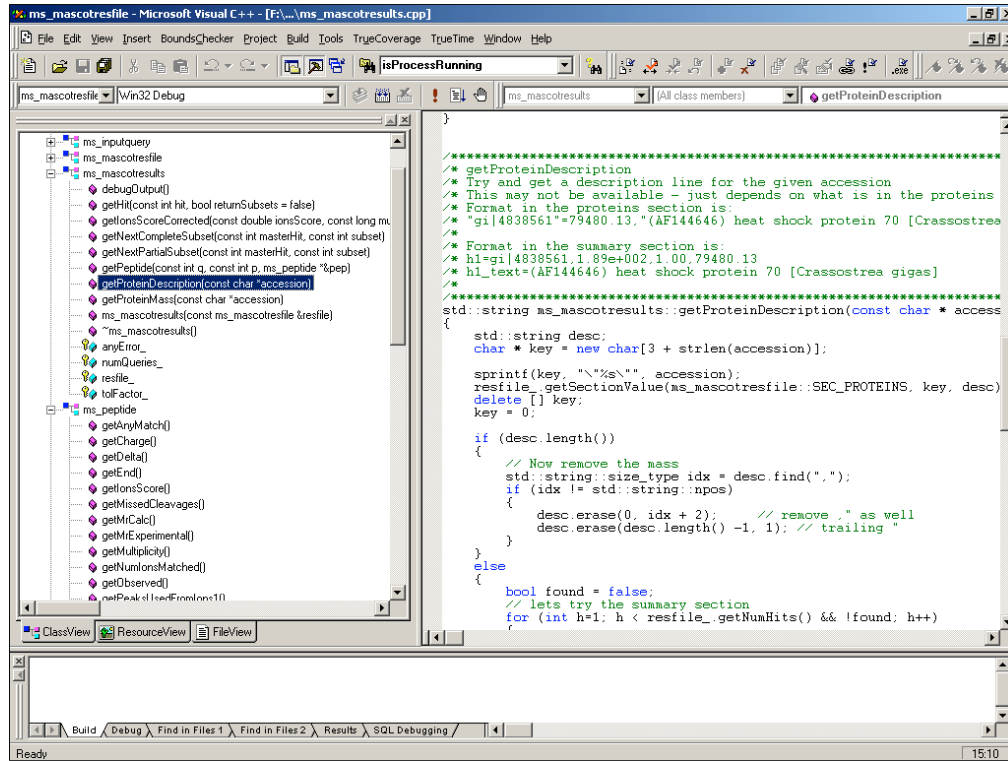
Mascot result files are simple text files. No need for screen scraping.

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11155 q170_p1=1,3625.052750,-0.684050,6,VIQIIGLVNTMLTQLTLTVIISSEIUSMKNK,26,000000000000
11156 q170_p2=1,3624.889832,-0.521132,15,INVDGVVYAGPEPLRFVDENETGGKPFYVLR,64,0000000000
11157 q170_p3=1,3624.912521,-0.543821,4,QEFGLTIQATSLISAALFISRFVGGVGLGAMGDR,14,0000000000
11158 q170_p4=0,3625.093781,-0.725081,14,DLDFTQFHGLDWTGLLIATTFVSLLYVILK,49,0000000000
11159 q170_p5=1,3624.937073,-0.568373,7,LSLNTMLFQHSVEVFLSTQIAHLRLQLER,49,0000000000
11160 q170_p6=0,3624.661423,-0.292723,6,ENTAAFYAAGCFYQVAVNSDILNGVIMLDFE,26,001000000000
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11162 q170_p8=1,3623.808182,0.560518,4,HLWQDMLGVIEDMLKITIDQLHDFDAER,14,00000000000000
11163 q170_p9=1,3623.648041,0.720659,7,DFYTDRETDVNLFFFLSIDQSDFSHTPEFR,49,00000000000000
11164 q170_p10=0,3624.770447,-0.401747,6,ALQLMHSVYQANEWLEHAEDPTIDTFLPGR,38,00000001000
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11167 q171_p3=1,3722.996277,-0.306129,14,AAARMYTIALLGWAHLSLSELGTGGHVAASISGR,79,00000000
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11169 q171_p5=0,3721.727280,0.962868,10,SVWVSVYQSMVYFEPGVFAPAGDETADLIDHALCGTG,83,00000000
11170 q171_p6=0,3721.873917,0.816231,18,TLDSLWYQFSGFVYVQDLSGLPNLTHLMLSYNR,83,000000000000
11171 q171_p7=1,3721.837097,0.853051,15,SHIYPLAFTIDNSETLYELDMQYRMAER,83,00000000000000
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11174 q171_p10=1,3722.977844,-0.287696,10,KLTCVYIVAVLFLTAMTLVMAHDSMNGLANLFSK,86,00000000
11175 --gcOp4q0MZYt08jU534C0p
11176 Content-Type: application/x-Mascot; name="proteins"
11177
11178 "LAIN"=35246.30,"smnexin I - human"
11179 "ITGSZ"=24217.69,"trypsin (EC 3.4.21.4) precursor (with pancreatic secretory tryp:
11180 "2TLEZ"=23740.44,"trypsin (EC 3.4.21.4) (with mutant streptococcal subtilisin inh1
11181 "2TFIZ"=23705.40,"trypsin (EC 3.4.21.4) precursor (with basic proteinase inhibitor)
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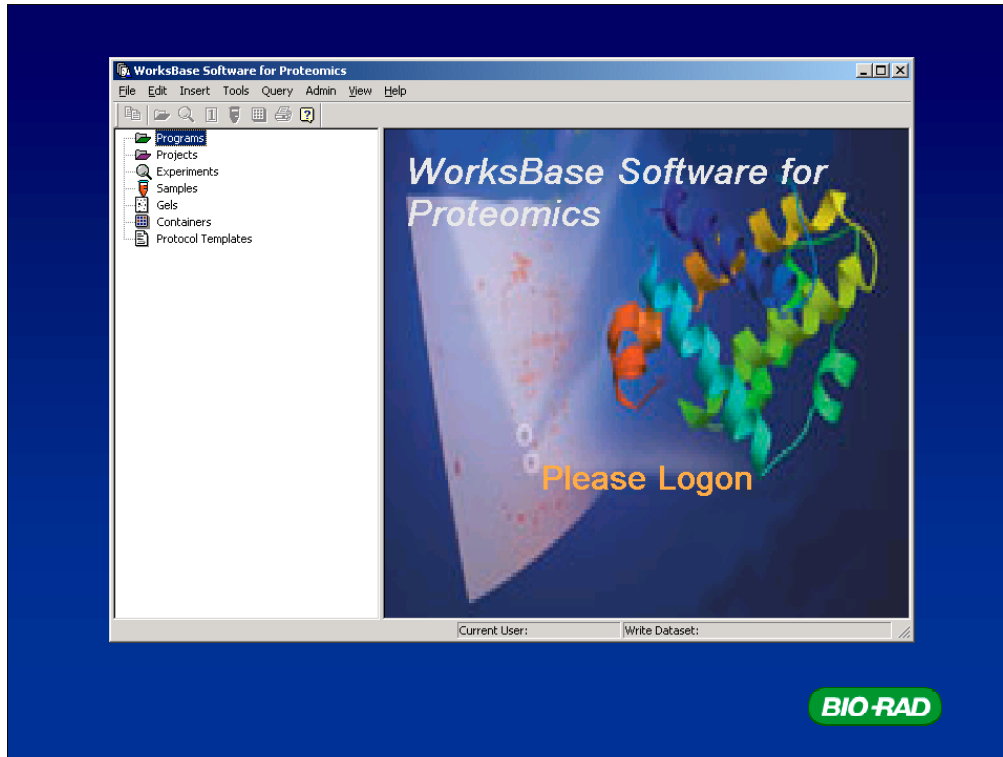
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The next link in the chain is to export the results to a relational database, possibly the LIMS.

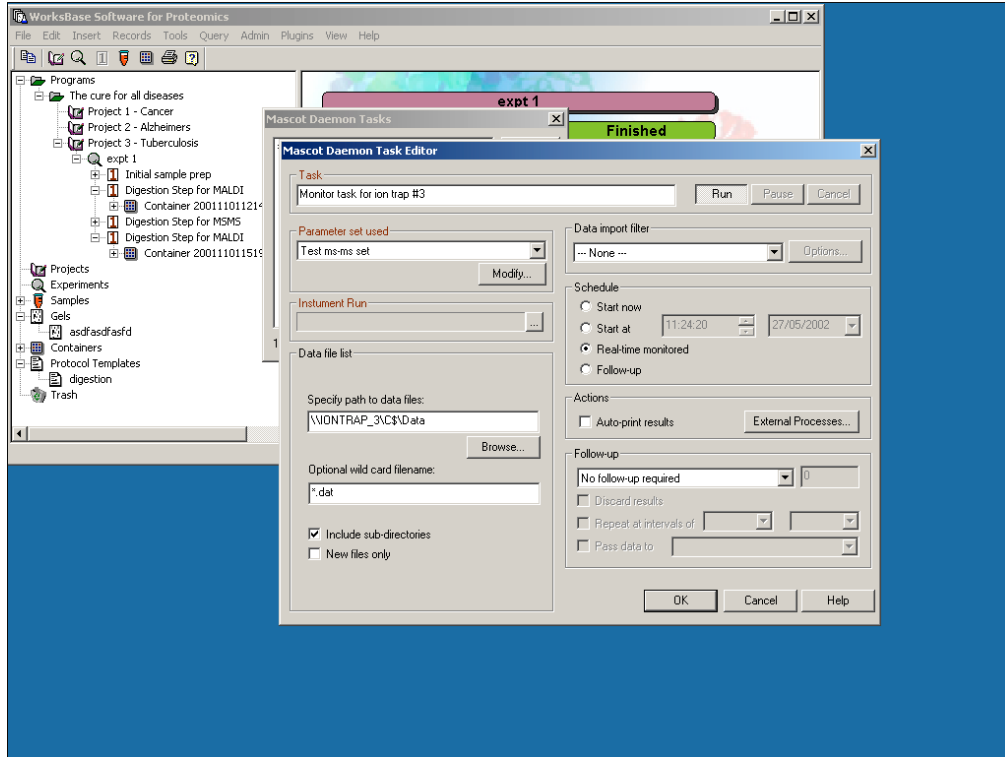
Mascot result files are structured text files, and it isn't difficult to write Perl scripts to fish out the information of interest



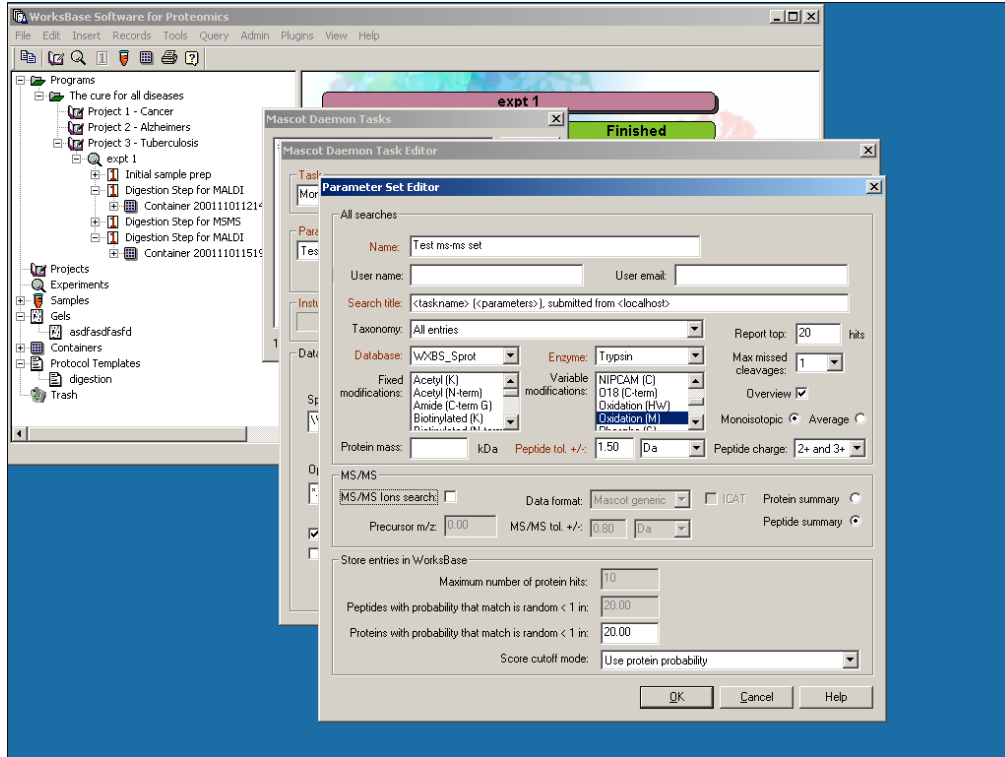
However, many programmers prefer to work in C++, so we are developing a class library that will support an object oriented approach to extracting the result information



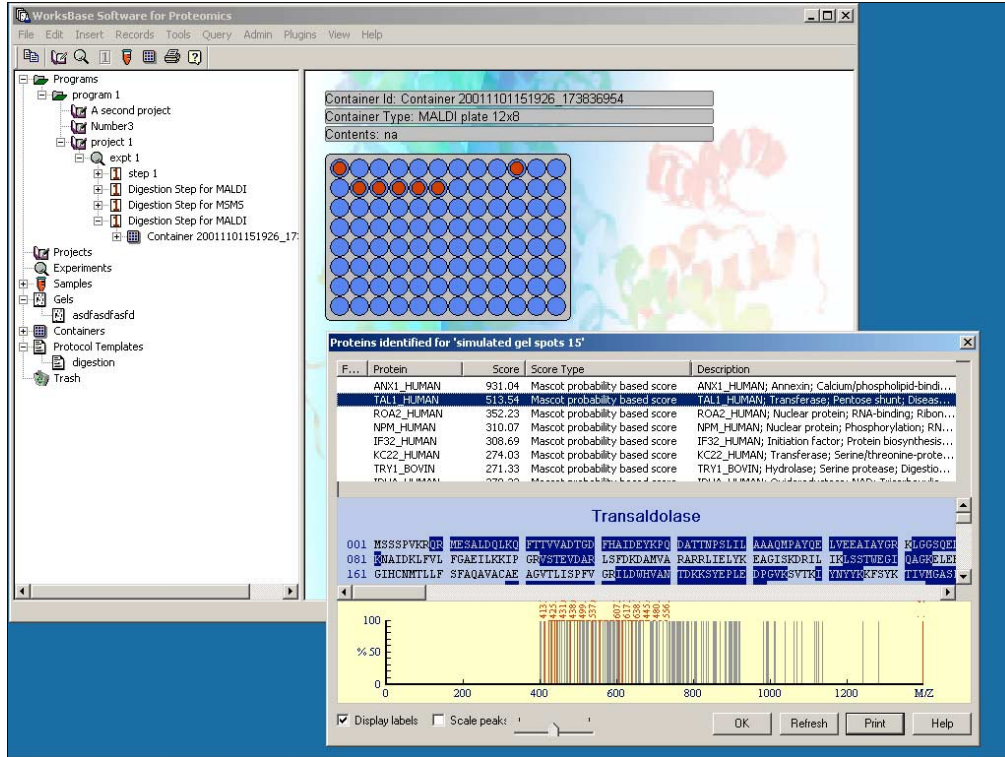
A good illustration of extensive integration between Mascot and a relational database is the WorksBase package from Bio-Rad. WorksBase is a proteomics LIMS



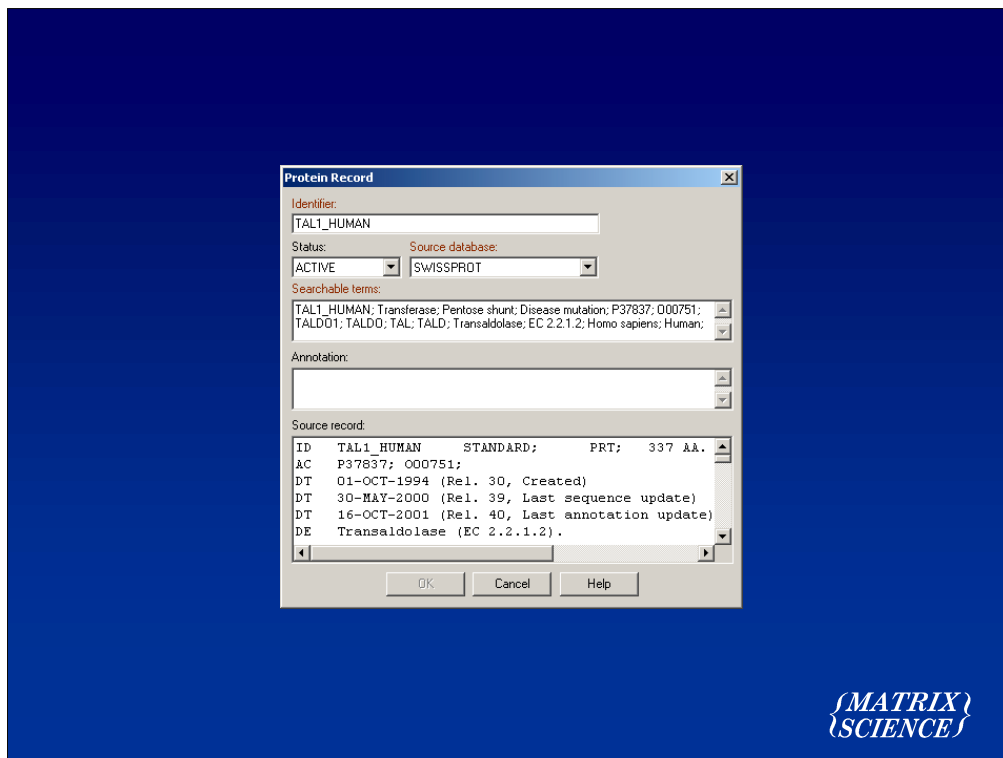
WorksBase provides the user interface for all aspects of Mascot searching. For example, tasks are defined in WorksBase dialogs and saved to WorksBase tables



As are sets of search parameters

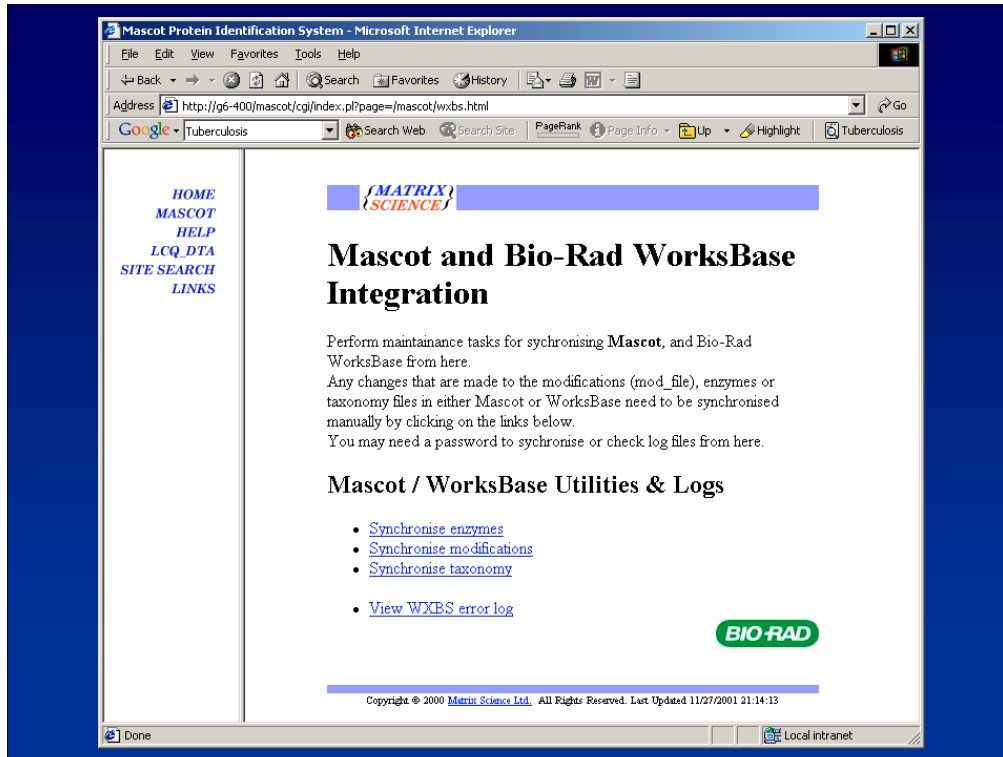


The results are automatically exported to WorksBase, and reports can be generated by querying the database



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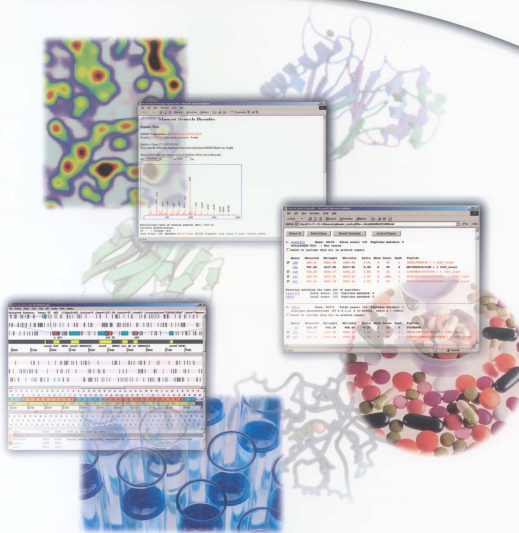
Even the sequence database is contained within WorksBase tables



And there are web page links for administration tasks

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