Germinate 2: A platform for Illumina SNP genotyping and high volume phenotypic data.

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Introduction

Germinate 2 is a generic plant data management platform designed to hold phenotypic, genotypic and passport data and was developed at SCRI. We have recently added components to the system specifically developed and optimised to deal with high throughput genotyping technologies and large scale field trial experiments.

Germinate allows the integration of different data types into a number of export formats suitable for external analysis tools.



Design and Technologies

The Illumina genotype storage module and phenotype modules have been developed using the standard Germinate platform using Perl, Java and modifications to the Germinate 2 database schema. The components can easily handle millions of genotypes and phenotypic scores and have been developed to allow multiple experiments and datasets to coexist together. This allows data from collaborative projects to be easily identified and stored in the same database.

Overviews of data within a dataset are presented to users as well as computed statistics and graphical reports. These graphical reports can be customised in a number of different ways. Datapoints are all interactive offering links back to the original data. This gives users an overview of their data before exporting for further analysis.



Data Pooling

Information sources for markers are brought together in one place including both internal and external data sources.







Data Export Options

Germinate facilitates the export of data in a number of formats. Data is grouped into experiments and datasets and data is exported using a marker and line grouping which allows the intersection of 2 groups to be exported. In this way complex groupings can be easily defined. The use of these logical groupings also means that if multiple datasets exist on the same genotyping plate they can be distinguised and treated separately for analysis.

Data exported to our genotype visualization application Flapjack (see poster 815) contains embedded information to allow data to be retrieved from the Germinate database from which it was exported.

Additional data export options include the ability to restrict exported data based on data quality filters. The cut-off levels for these filters can be user defined.



Line Passport and Additional Information All information including annotations on a particular line are available on a single line profile page.



http://bioinf.scri.ac.uk/germinate

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