

The *ClustScan* program package architecture

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Abstract

The *ClustScan* program package was developed as *Java* client and *Linux* server application. To develop the *Linux* server application several programming languages (*Java*, *Perl*, *PHP*, etc.) were used and implemented as a Web service (SOAP) that acts as a wrapper for a number of command-line bioinformatics tools (*HMMER*, *GeneMark*, *Glimmer*, *ClustalW*, etc.) specific for *Linux* operating system. On the other hand, for the database (DBMS) implemented within the *ClustScan* program package the *PostgreSQL* was used. To develop the backbone of *Java* client application the *eclipse RCP* (Rich Client Platform) technology was used featuring fast SWT graphical interface. In the near future we will develop the *ClustScan* database (*CSDB*) as a publically available Web application. The *CSDB* will allow browsing, searching and manipulation of data from polyketide and peptide gene clusters annotated by *ClustScan* program package using bioinformatics programs such as *BLAST*, *ClustalW*, *Phylip* and others. The *ClustScan* program package and the *CSDB* database will offer novel and user friendly approaches for the presentation of the biological data.