Ontology Lookup Service (OLS)

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Ontologies
Beginner
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The Ontology Lookup Service (OLS) [2] provides access to over 150 public biomedical ontologies. You can use OLS to search and visualise ontologies, and an API is also provided for programmatic access. Ontologies provide standard terminology for describing data that help us integrate and analyse data.

This webinar will introduce the OLS system and show how it can be used to find ontologies and ontology terms. We will also cover how you can use OLS services to map existing data to ontologies.

This webinar is aimed at individuals who want to learn about OLS and the use of ontologies in the life sciences. We will cover how OLS services can be used to annotate data with ontologies and touch upon how you can incorporate OLS into your own applications.

This webinar was recorded on 28 July 2016. It is best viewed in full screen mode using Google Chrome.

**Learning objectives:**

- Evaluate what ontologies are and why we need them
- Explore the Ontology Lookup Service website

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