Interfacing PV in Galaxy

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Introduction

3D Visualisation

- 3D visualisation is very important for molecular modeling
- Many high quality desktop tools already exist – e.g. VMD, PyMol, ...
- These all use OpenGL to exploit graphics hardware (nVidia, Radeon, Intel, ...)

3D Web Interfaces?

- Until recently, the only software available was Jmol / JSmol (non-OpenGL)
  - Web interfaces for 3D graphics were very low quality & slow
- New HTML-5 offers access to hardware through “WebGL” (PV, NGL, webmol, ...)

PV + Galaxy

- We chose PV as the “best” WebGL-based viewer for 3D protein structures
- We chose Galaxy as the “de facto standard” bioinformatics work-bench
PV – JavaScript Protein Viewer

https://biasmv.github.io/pv/

About PV

- Developed by Marco Biasini (SwissProt)
- Open source JavaScript + WebGL
- Used in PDB and SwissProt web sites

Features

- Good JavaScript API
- Good documentation and example scripts
- Handles multiple proteins simultaneously
- Supports many ways to render proteins:
  - Ribbon cartoons
  - Ball-and-stick
  - … etc.
PV Programming – HTML Side

In the HTML code “div”s identify the JS parts:

```html
<html>
<body>
<div class="row">
  <div class="col-md-8" id="viewerwrap">
    <div id="viewer"></div>
  </div>
  <div class="col-md-4">
    <select id="interactions">
      <option value="structure-1.pdb"></option>
      <option value="structure-2.pdb"></option>
      ...
    </select>
  </div>
</div>

...<script src="../js/pv-bio.min.js"></script>
<script src="../js/pvviewer.js"></script>
<script> $(document).ready(function() {}) </script>
</body>
</html>
```
In the JavaScript code (our file ../js/pvviewer.js):

```
// define viewer rendering options
var options = {width: 'auto', height: 435, antialias: true, quality: 'medium',
                fog: 'false', forceManualAntialiasing: false, background: 'white'};

// insert PV in the div named 'viewer'
var viewer = pv.Viewer(document.getElementById('viewer'), options);

$(function() {
    // launch the viewer
    document.getElementById('viewer').addEventListener('mousemove',
        function(event) {
            // more stuff here for handling mouse events ...
        });

    pv.io.fetchPdb(prot, function(structure) {
        // more stuff here for loading and processing a PDB file...
    });
});
```
PV Inside Galaxy (Kpax Superposition)

https://galaxy.loria.fr (login required)
PV Programming in Galaxy

In Galaxy tool definition, set output format = “html”
Example: /galaxy/tools/kpax/kpax.xml

```xml
<tool id="kpax" name="Kpax" version="1">
  <input>
    // define command input parameters and options here (not shown)
  </input>
  <outputs>
    <data format="zip" name="output_zip"
      label="${query_structure.name}_${tool.name}_zip">
    </data>
    <data format="html" name="html_file" label="Kpax Visu">
    </data>
  </outputs>
  <command>
    // run script to execute Kpax (also generates html results page)
    /kpax/kpaxwrapper.sh $html_file -nosubdirs
      -sort="$sort_by" -top="$advanced.top"
      -show="$advanced.show" ...
  </command>
</tool>
```
PV – On-Line Resources

PV Base Distribution
https://biasmv.github.io/pv

PV Documentation & Examples
http://pv.readthedocs.io

PV + Galaxy from Inria Nancy
https://gitlab.loria.fr/capsid/ (request password)

Inria/LORIA Galaxy instance with PV + Kpax + Hex
https://galaxy.loria.fr/ (login required)
PV – Conclusions

Advantages

- Relatively easy to program in JavaScript
- Good documentation & examples
- Can load arbitrary number of protein structures
- Easy to customise (picking, coloring, mouse interaction, ...)
- Original developer responds to questions + bug reports

Disadvantages / Limitations

- Requires JavaScript (which is no longer acceptable for NAR web server)
- Has many advanced features – colour by residue, measure distances, ...
- The API seems to encourage nasty (recursive-style) function invocation
- Needs secondary structure definitions in PDB files
- Does not yet support orthographic viewport...
Thank You!

Questions?