

Very Large Searches

Topics

- Combining data files
- Performing large searches
- The Protein Family summary
- Protein scoring - standard vs. MudPIT
- Exporting results

Very large searches present a number of challenges. These are the topics we will cover during this presentation.

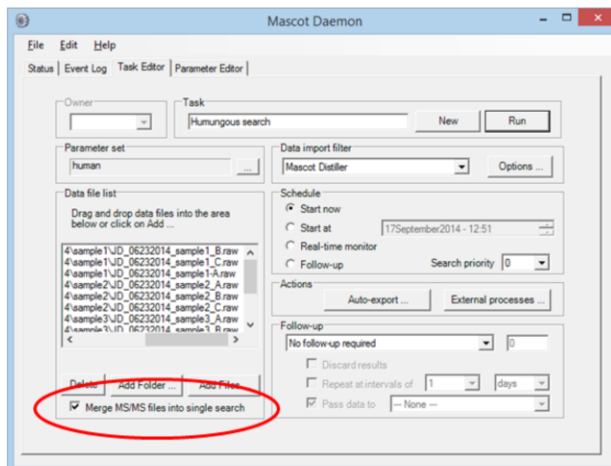
First though, what is a large search? And are there any search size limits to Mascot Server?

Data acquisition rates have sped up with each new generation of instrumentation and what was a large search 20 years ago is now a small search. For this talk we will consider an search with over 500,000 queries a large search.

There is no software limit to the maximum size of the search that Mascot Server supports, but larger searches do use more hardware resources and that is the ultimate limit. Given sufficient resources, we have had no problems with peak lists of 10GB or data sets with 50 x 1 hour Orbitrap runs.

Data files

- Can use Mascot Daemon to process and merge fractions
- Use Distiller or a file specific data import filter



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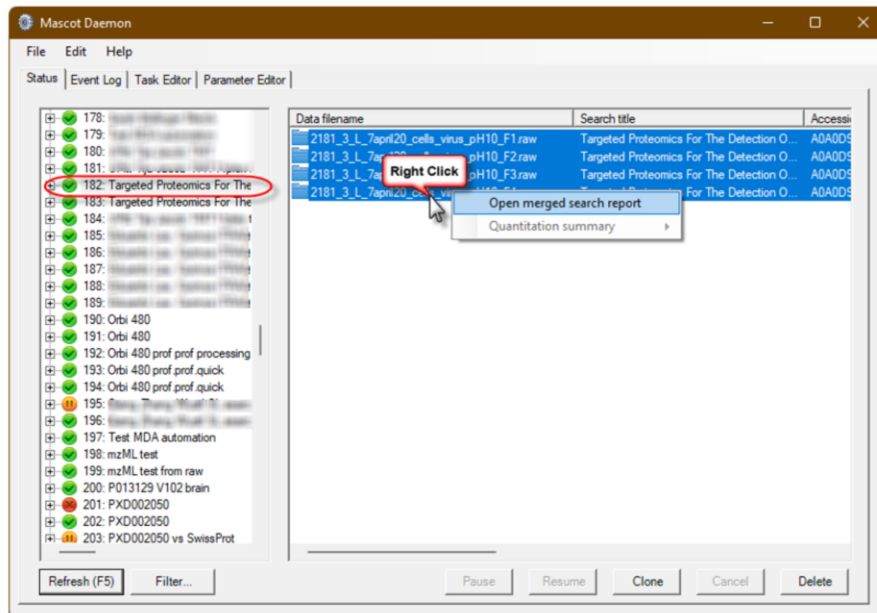
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The smartest way to merge files, like fractions from a fractionated run, is using Mascot Daemon. Just tick the box at the bottom left.

The batch can be peak lists or raw files.

For Windows web servers, the upload limit is 4 GB. Mascot Daemon can also run searches from the command line if Mascot Daemon and Mascot Server are installed on the same computer. This bypasses any web server file limit and search sizes are effectively unlimited.



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Mascot Daemon 2.7 and later give you another way to merge searches.

Select multiple searches in a Mascot Daemon task by CTRL+click individually searches or shift+click a range then right click and choose combined report.

MASCOT Search Results

Results collection set of 4 files

- ./data/20200513/F015421.dat
- ./data/20200513/F015422.dat
- ./data/20200513/F015423.dat
- ./data/20200513/F015424.dat

Results collection set limitations

Re-search: ☒ All ☐ Non-significant ☐ Unassigned [\[help\]](#) Export As CSV

Search parameters

Score distribution

Modification statistics for all protein families

Legend

Protein Family Summary

Format: Significance threshold p< 0.05 Max. number of families AUTO [\[help\]](#)

Display non-sig. matches ☐ Min. number of sig. unique sequences 1

Dendrograms cut at 0

Preferred taxonomy All entries

Sensitivity

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Protein families 1-10 (out of 4358)

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Accession contains Find Clear

Family	Accession	Count	Description
1	2::A0A0D9R924	10970	Flacin OS=Chlorococcus sabaeus OX=60711 G...
	2::A0A0D9S7P7	856	Monotubule actin crosslinking factor 1 OS=Chlor...
	2::A0A0D9RLP2	362	Dystonin OS=Chlorococcus sabaeus OX=60711 G...
2	2::A0A0D9S9M0	9915	Uncharacterized protein OS=Chlorococcus sabaeu...
	2::A0A0D9R4B0	5241	Actin alpha cardiac muscle 1 OS=Chlorococcus sa...
	2::A0A0D9RYK7	6588	Uncharacterized protein OS=Chlorococcus sabaeu...

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The combined search will open in a web page and list the results files that have been merged at the top of the report.

This will work with searches that have been processed by any peak picking software, including Mascot Distiller.

Data files

Concatenating peak lists:

- DTA or PKL

Download merge.pl from the Matrix Science Xcalibur help page
https://www.matrixscience.com/help/instruments_xcalibur.html

Retains filename as scan title

```
BEGIN IONS
TITLE=raft3031.1706.1706.2.dta
CHARGE=2+
PEPMASS=1243.577388
451.1228 5080
487.4352 3283
550.4203 5087
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If you don't want to use Daemon, you can merge peak lists manually.

For DTA or PKL, you can download a script from our web site.

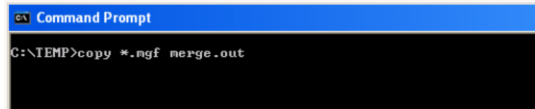
A nice feature of this script is that it puts the filename into the scan title, so you can tell which fraction a particular spectrum came from. The scan titles are displayed when you expand the rank column in the Mascot result report.

Data files

Concatenating peak lists:

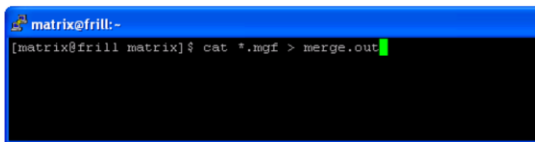
- MGF

Windows: copy



```
Command Prompt
C:\TEMP>copy *.mgf merge.out
```

Unix: cat



```
matrix@frill:~$ cat *.mgf > merge.out
```

As long as MGF files contain only peak lists, you don't need a script. Just use copy or cat. If the MGF files have search parameters at the beginning, you'll need to remove these before merging the files. Because a number of third party utilities add commands to MGF headers, and these cause a merged search to fail, Mascot Daemon strips out header lines when merging MGF files.

Data files

- Average spectrum might contain 100 real peaks
- Each peak might require ~ 20 bytes
967.41590 [tab] 470.20193 [newline]
- 2 GB should be sufficient for ~ 1 million spectra
- If your peak list is orders of magnitude larger than 2kB / spectrum, then something is not right!

In talking to Mascot users, it is clear that peak lists files are often much bigger than they should be. In other words, the peak detection is not very good. If you do a back of the envelope calculation, you can see that 2 GB should be enough for approximately 1 million spectra.

If you intend to do a lot of large searches, its worth getting the peak detection right. Shipping unnecessarily large files around wastes both time and disk space.

Performing large searches

Mascot divides large searches into chunks

- mascot.dat:
 `SplitNumberOfQueries 1000`
 `SplitDataFileSize 10000000`

Consequences:

- Search size is “unlimited” (except by hardware resources)
- No protein summary section in result file

Mascot divides large searches into smaller chunks, so as to avoid having everything in memory at the same time. The parameters to control this are `SplitNumberOfQueries` and `SplitDataFileSize` in the Options section of mascot.dat.

One consequence of splitting a search is that there is no protein summary section in the result file. This is not a problem, because no-one wants a protein summary report for a large MS/MS search. However, some old client software gets confused by the missing section. The work around is to increase the values so that large searches never split. Maybe setting `SplitNumberOfQueries` to 1 million spectra and `SplitDataFileSize` to 10 billion bytes.

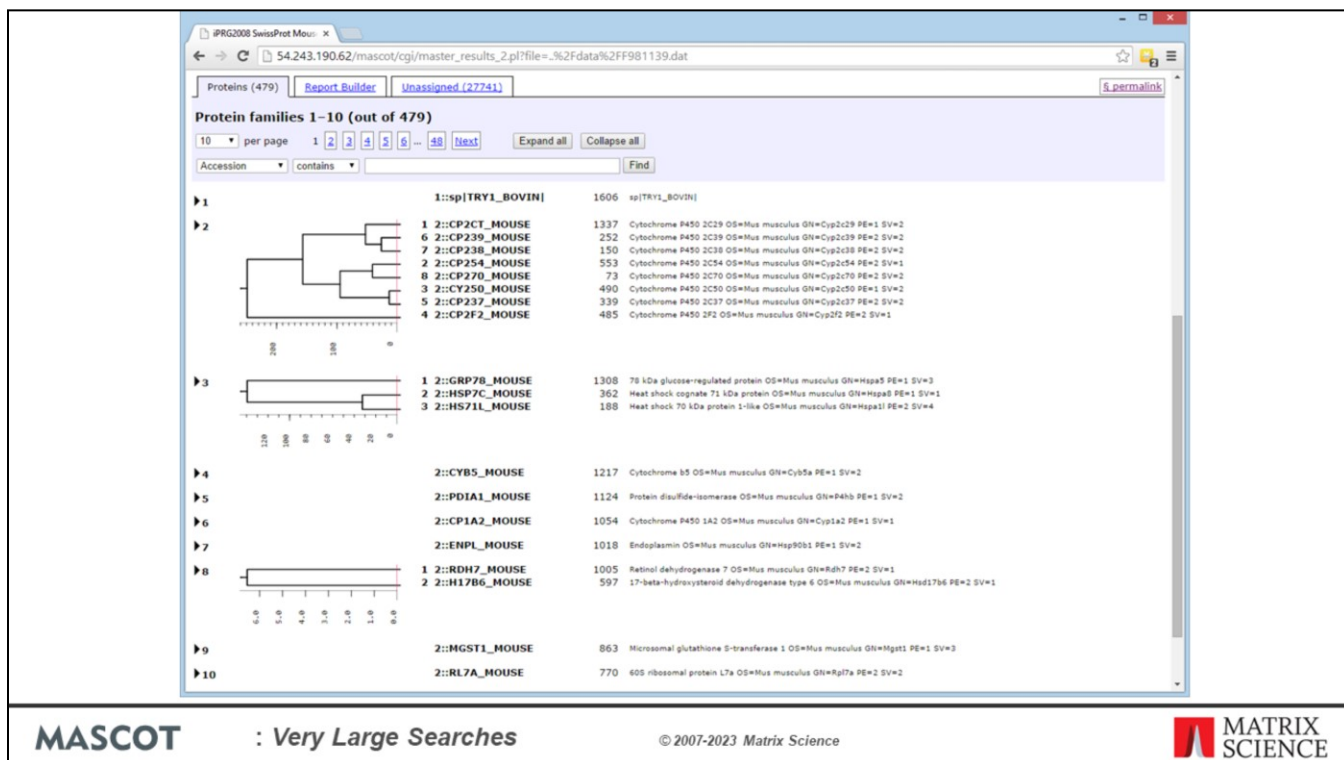
This is often OK, but remember to reset these values as soon as you are able to. Otherwise, you might find you run out of memory or address space for your large searches.

Reporting large searches

Protein Family Summary

- Paged report to conserve memory
- Detailed information is shown 'on demand'
- Index files are created and cached to speed loading in future
- Proteins grouped into families by means of shared peptide matches
- Hierarchical clustering within each protein family

In *very* early versions of Mascot, trying to display result reports for very large searches would often lead to problems with timeouts and running out of memory. To address this, the Protein Family Summary loads most of the information 'on demand'. This requires some index files to be created on the server, and these index files are cached, so that the report loads much faster on the second and subsequent occasions. Proteins are grouped into families by means of shared peptide matches and, within each family, hierarchical clustering is used to illustrate which proteins are closely related and which are more distant.



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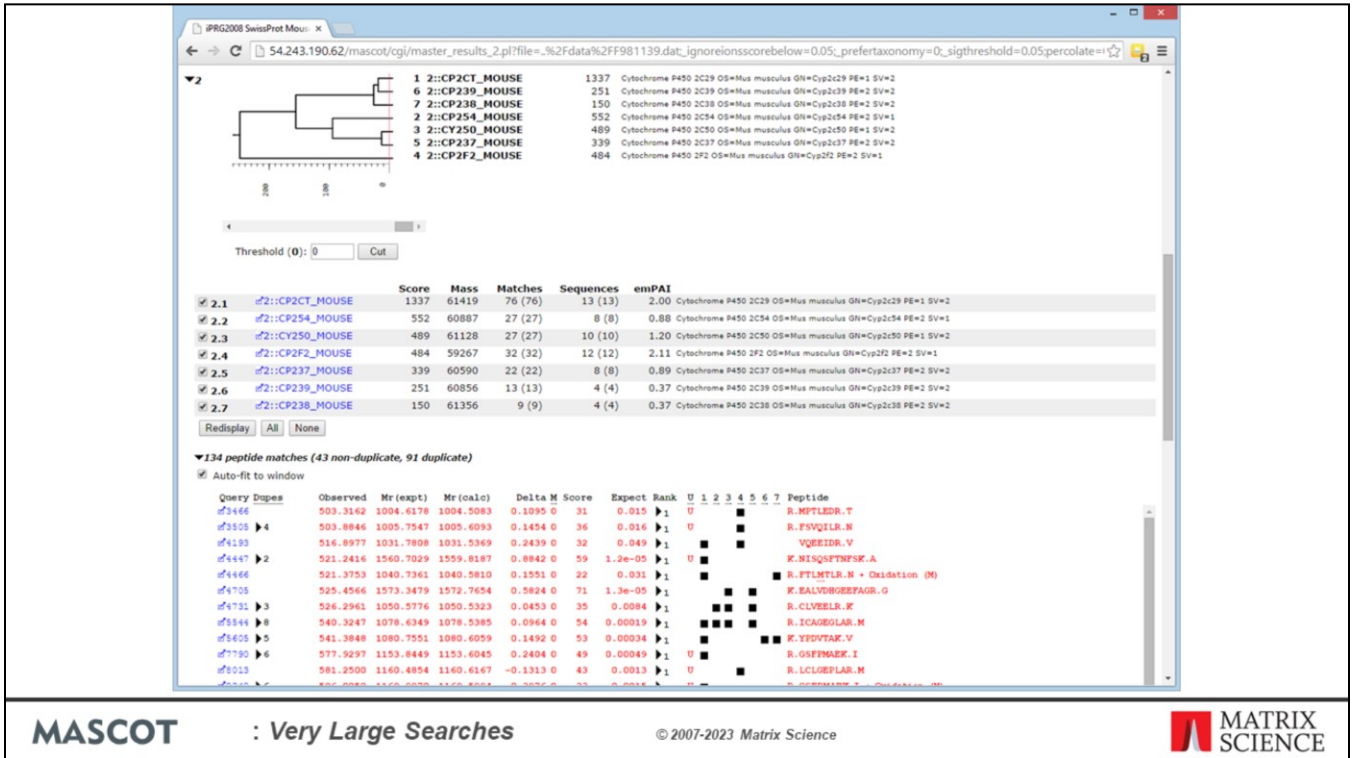


This is the appearance of a typical family report immediately after loading. The body of the report consists of three tabs, one for protein families, one for Report Builder, and one for unassigned matches. The report is paged, with a default page size of 10 families. If you wish, you can choose to display a larger number of families on a single page.

Proteins are grouped into families using a novel hierarchical clustering algorithm. If the family contains a single member, the accession string, protein score and description are listed. If the family contains multiple members, the accessions, scores and descriptions are aligned with a dendrogram, which illustrates the degree of similarity between members.

The scores for the proteins in family 2 vary from 1337 down to 73.

You can also find links to older report formats, the Peptide Summary and Select Summary reports, but these are not suitable for today's larger data sets.



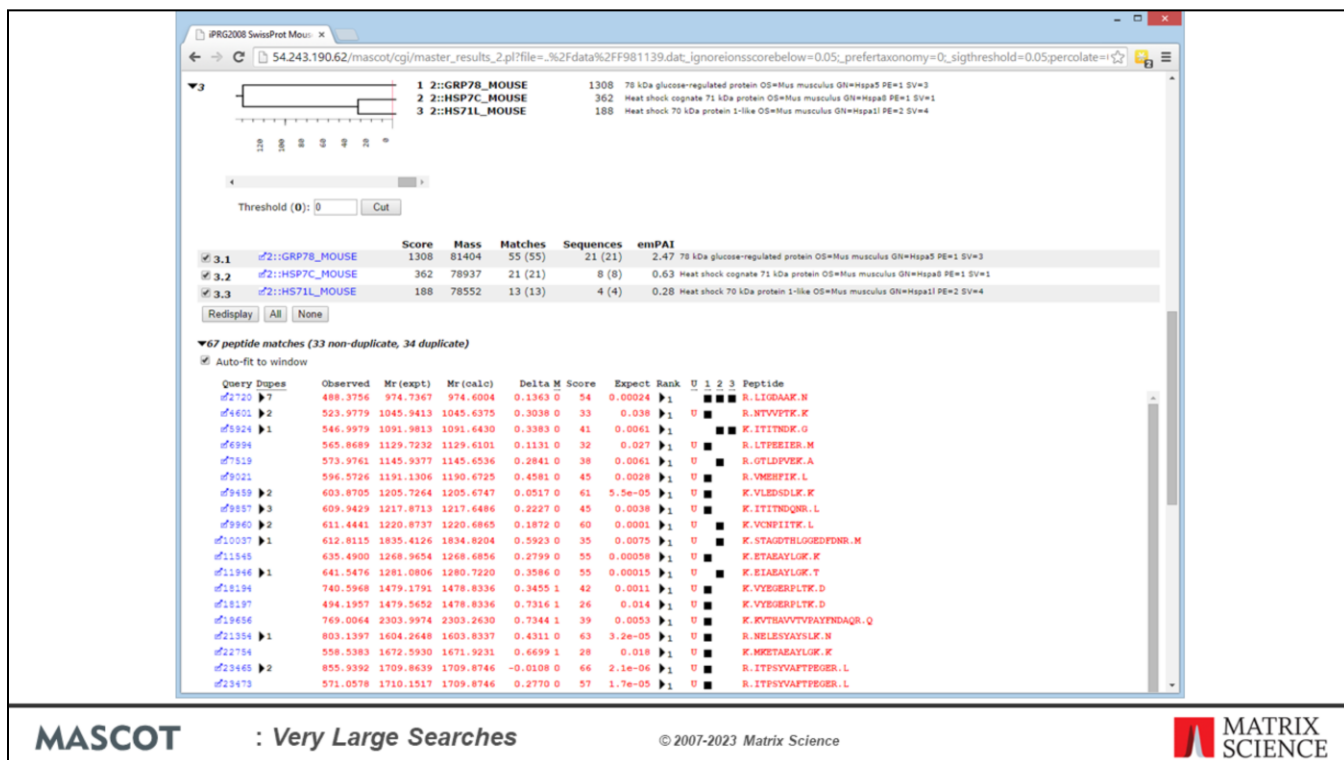
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If you are interested in family 2, then you click to expand it to show the details. Immediately under the dendrogram is a list of the proteins. The table of peptide matches is similar to that found in the other result reports. We only report statistically significant peptide matches. The default significance threshold is $p < 0.05$. Duplicate matches to the same sequence are collapsed into a single row. The columns headed 1, 2, 3, etc. represent the proteins and contain a black square if the peptide is found in the protein. Some matches are shared, but each protein has some unique peptide matches, otherwise it would be dropped as a sub-set.

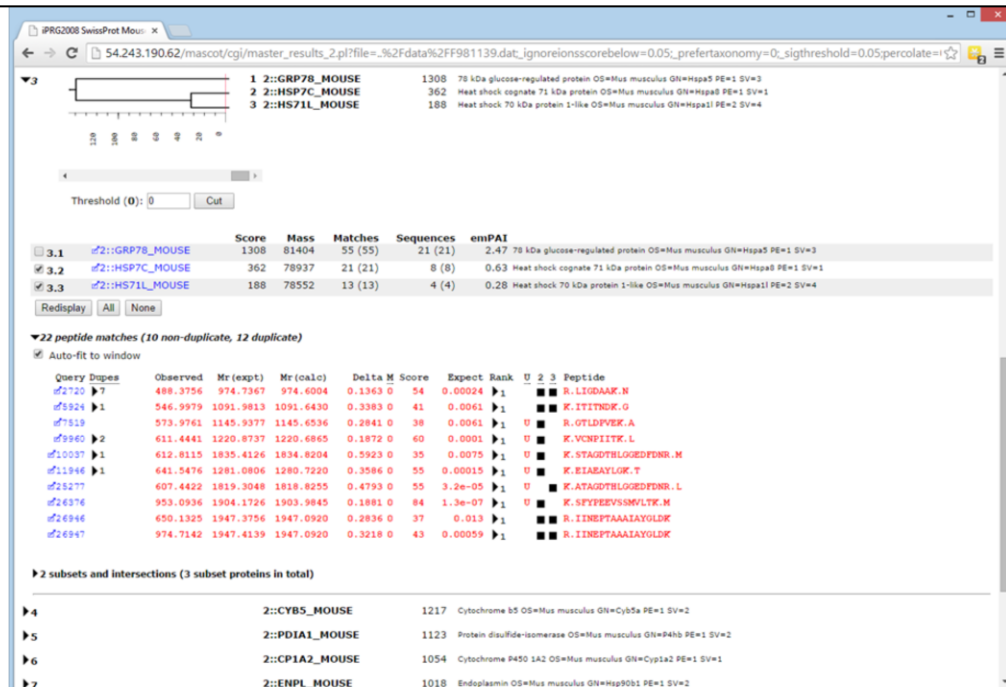


Moving down to family 3, the scale on the dendrogram is protein score, and HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE join at a score of approximately 30. This represents the score of the significant matches that would have to be discarded in order to make one protein a sub-set of the other. These two proteins are much more similar to one other than to GRP78_MOUSE, which has non-shared peptide matches with a total score of approximately 145. Note that, where there are multiple matches to the same peptide sequence, (ignoring charge state and modification state), it is the highest score for each sequence that is used.

Immediately under the dendrogram is a list of the proteins. In this example, because SwissProt has low redundancy, each family member is a single protein. In other cases, a family member will represent multiple same-set proteins. One of the proteins is chosen as the anchor protein, to be listed first, and the other same-set proteins are collapsed under a same-set heading. There is nothing special about the protein picked for the anchor position. You may have a preference for one according to taxonomy or description, but all proteins in a same-set group are indistinguishable on the basis of the peptide match evidence.

The table of peptide matches is similar to that found in the other result reports. Duplicate matches to the same sequence are collapsed into a single row. Click on the triangle to expand.

The black squares to the right show which peptides are found in which protein. To see the peptides that distinguish HSP7C_MOUSE and HS71L_MOUSE, clear the checkbox for GRP78_MOUSE and choose Redisplay.



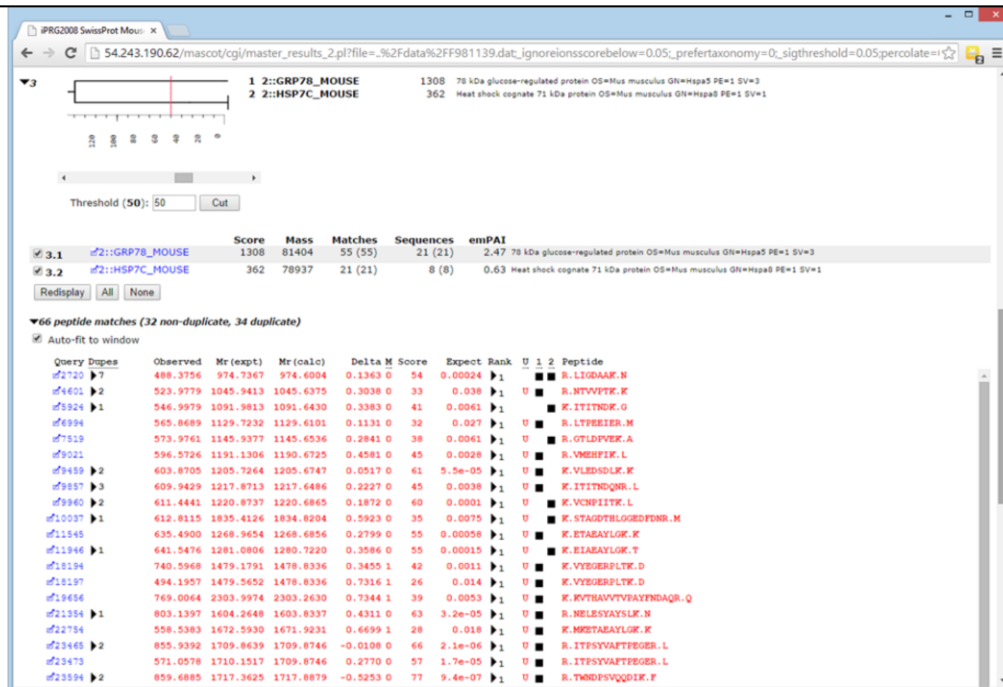
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It can now be seen that HS71L_MOUSE would be a sub-set of HSP7C_MOUSE if it was not for one match, K.ATAGDTHLGGEDFDNR.L. It is the significant score for this match that separates the two proteins in the dendrogram by a distance of 32 (score of 55 - homology threshold score of 23).

You can "cut" the dendrogram using the slider control.



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If we cut the dendrogram at a score of 50, HS71L_MOUSE will be dropped because it is now a sub-set protein. If you compare the matches to HSP7C_MOUSE with those to GRP78_MOUSE, it is clear that these are very different proteins. They are part of the same family because of two shared matches, but many highly significant matches would have to be discarded for either protein to become a sub-set of the other. In summary, we can quickly deduce from the Family Summary that there is abundant evidence that both GRP78_MOUSE and HSP7C_MOUSE were present in the sample. There is little evidence for HS71L_MOUSE. It is more likely that the HSP7C_MOUSE contained a SNP or two relative to the database sequence.

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Protein	Accession	Score	Mass	Matches	Sequences	emPAI
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NADH-cytochrome b5 reductase 3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyb5r3 PE=1 SV=3						
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40S ribosomal protein S19 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rps19 PE=1 SV=3						
▶43	2::CP2E1_MOUSE	358				
Cytochrome P450 2E1 OS=Mus musculus GN=Cyp2e1 PE=2 SV=1						
▶44	2::RL22_MOUSE	347				
60S ribosomal protein L22 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rpl22 PE=1 SV=2						
▼45	2::RS15A_MOUSE	344				
40S ribosomal protein S15a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rps15a PE=1 SV=2						
45.1	▼2::RS15A_MOUSE	344	16651	16 (16)	3 (3)	2.12
40S ribosomal protein S15a OS=Mus musculus GN=Rps15a PE=1 SV=2						

▼16 peptide matches (4 non-duplicate, 12 duplicate)

☒ Auto-fit to window

Query	Dupes	Observed	Mr (expt)	Mr (calc)	Delta M	Score	Expect	Rank	U	Peptide
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q11274		631.8868	1261.7591	1261.7308	0.0284	0	1.8e-05	▶1	U	R.MNVLADALK.S
q11275		631.8914	1261.7682	1261.7308	0.0375	0	9.7e-05	▶1	U	R.MNVLADALK.S
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q11288		632.0218	1262.0291	1261.7308	0.2983	0	6.4e-05	▶1	U	R.MNVLADALK.S
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q11780	▼1	639.8954	1277.7762	1277.7257	0.0505	0	0.00084	▶1	U	R.MNVLADALK.S + Oxidation (M)
q11790		639.9899	1277.9652	1277.7257	0.2396	0	0.00054	▶1	U	R.MNVLADALK.S + Oxidation (M)

▶46	2::UD2A3_MOUSE	333				
UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 2A3 OS=Mus musculus GN=Ugt2a3 PE=1 SV=1						
▶47	2::COHT_MOUSE	317				
Catechol O-methyltransferase OS=Mus musculus GN=Comt PE=1 SV=2						
▶48	2::FMO5_MOUSE	315				
Dimethylamine monooxygenase [N-oxide-forming] 5 OS=Mus musculus GN=Fmo5 PE=2 SV=4						
▶49	2::RS9_MOUSE	314				
40S ribosomal protein S9 OS=Mus musculus GN=Rps9 PE=1 SV=3						

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The family report also includes a text search facility, which is particularly important for a paged report. You can search by accession or description sub-string, or by query, mass or sequence. Here, for example, we searched for a peptide sequence. The display jumps to the first instance of the sequence, expands, and highlights (in green) the target peptides.

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Protein hits (476 proteins)

Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)

Filters: (none)

Export as CSV

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The Report Builder tab is useful when you need a table of proteins suitable for publication. Let's assume we want to drop the 'one hit wonders' and only report proteins that have significant matches to at least 2 different peptide sequences.



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PRG2008 SwissProt Mous: x

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Only proteins with significant matches to at least 2 sequences remain. The filtering is very flexible, with lots of useful terms.

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Protein hits (228 proteins)

Columns: Standard (12 out of 16)

Filters: (NOT(Database is cRAP) AND "Num. of significant sequences" >= 2)

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Another thing that you could easily do would be to exclude proteins from the contaminants database.

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Filters: Num. of significant sequences >= 2

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Once the list is filtered and the columns arranged as required, there is a button to export the table as CSV, which can be pasted into Excel and formatted to create a suitable figure for dropping into a publication.

Large search results in 2.2 and earlier

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Select Summary Report

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The older Peptide Summary and Select summary (Proteins) reports have an options choose between Standard scoring and MudPIT scoring. The standard protein family report always uses MudPIT scoring. What do we mean by Standard scoring and MudPIT scoring?

Protein Scores for MS/MS Searches

Standard protein score

- the sum of the ions scores
- excluding the scores for duplicate matches, which are shown in parentheses
- correction to reduce the contribution of low-scoring random matches

342. [2::IPI00023283](#) Mass: 3832803 Score: 181 Hatches: 51(0) Sequences: 48(0)
Tax_Id=9606 Gene_Symbol=TTN Isoform 2 of Titin

Query	Observed	Mr(expt)	Mr(calc)	ppm	Miss	Score	Expect	Rank	Unique	Peptide
28	359.7341	717.4537	717.4537	-0.09	0	7	4.2	5	U	R.LFAIVR.G
209	394.2371	786.4596	786.4599	-0.46	0	8	13	3	U	K.LTIADV.R.A
334	411.2073	820.4000	820.3954	5.61	0	3	15	4	U	K.TDSGLYR.C
357	413.2642	824.5139	824.5135	0.48	1	12	1.1	5	U	K.RFLTLR.K
715	450.7365	899.4584	899.4588	-0.38	0	10	2.9	2	U	K.IVDVSSDR.C
740	451.7681	901.5217	901.5233	-1.72	0	3	24	3	U	R.VTLVDVTR.N
840	459.2484	916.4821	916.4767	5.98	0	2	29	2	U	K.GVEFNVPR.L
844	459.7299	917.4452	917.4454	-0.24	0	4	15	6	U	K.ELEETAA.R.N
1029	473.2757	944.5368	944.5331	3.97	1	3	21	3	U	R.EPPSFYKK.I
1058	475.7505	949.4864	949.4869	-0.47	0	4	22	5	U	R.SSVSLWGR.P
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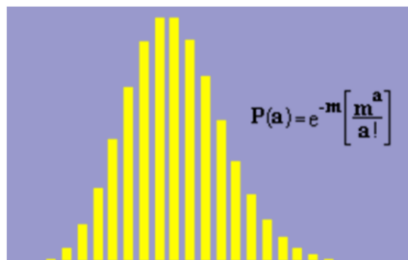
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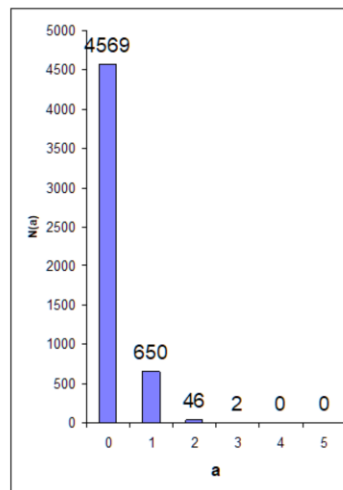
With standard peptide summary scoring, the protein score is essentially the sum of the ions scores of all the peptides assigned to the protein. Where there are duplicate matches to the same peptide, the highest scoring match is used. A correction is applied based on the number of candidate peptides that were tested. This correction is very small unless it is a very large protein, like here, or a no-enzyme search.

Despite this correction, as this example shows, when we have many low scoring matches assigned to the same protein, we can still get a high protein score, even though none of the individual peptide matches are significant.

Protein Inference



- Huge MudPIT data set
- Search Swiss-Prot using drosophila taxonomy filter (5268 entries)
- 75,000 matches with 1% FDR
- i.e. 750 false matches



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A protein with matches to just a single peptide sequence is commonly referred to as a “one-hit wonder” and is often treated as suspect. This is actually a slight oversimplification. In a search with a large number of spectra and a small database, even though the peptide false discovery rate is low, a protein can pick up multiple false matches by chance. This is easily calculated using a Poisson Distribution, where m is the average number of false matches per protein. In this example, m is $750/5268$, and we would expect 650 database entries to be one-hit wonders. However, 46 entries will pick up two false matches and 2 entries will pick up three, which could mean we report 48 false proteins.

The problem isn’t limited to large searches. It is the ratio between the number of spectra and the number of entries in the database that matters. So, a small search against a small database can give similar numbers.

Protein Scores for MS/MS Searches

MudPIT protein score

- The sum of the excess of the ions score over the identity or homology threshold for each query
- Plus 1 x the average threshold

1249. [2::IP100023283](#) Mass: 3832803 Score: 0 Matches: 51(0) Sequences: 48(0)

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715	450.7365	899.4584	899.4588	-0.38	0	10	2.9	2	U	K.IVDVSSDR.C
740	451.7681	901.5217	901.5233	-1.72	0	3	24	3	U	R.VTLVDVTR.N
840	459.2484	916.4821	916.4767	5.98	0	2	29	2	U	K.GVEFNVPR.L
844	459.7299	917.4452	917.4454	-0.24	0	4	15	6	U	K.ELEETAAR.N
1029	473.2757	944.5368	944.5331	3.97	1	3	21	3	U	R.EPPSFYKK.I
1058	475.7505	949.4864	949.4869	-0.47	0	4	22	5	U	R.SSVSLSWK.P
1066	476.2790	950.5433	950.5425	0.94	0	1	23	4	U	R.PLTLQVR.E

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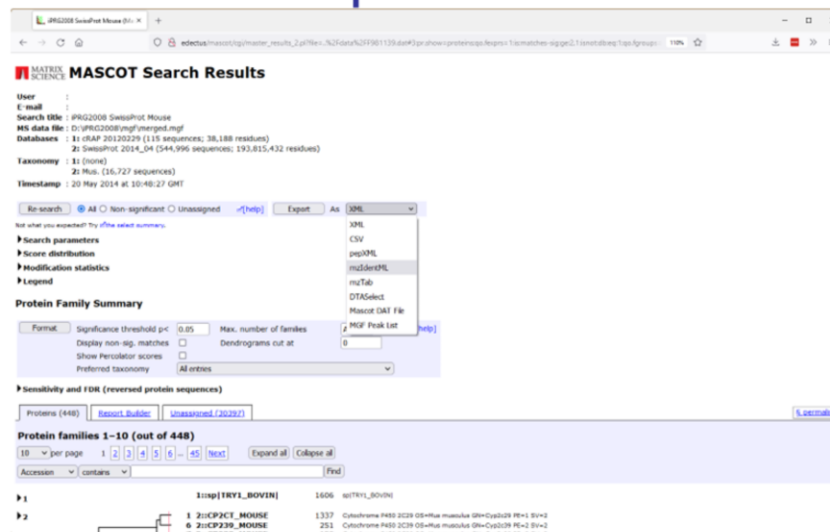


To avoid this problem, we use MudPIT protein scoring, in which the score for each peptide match is not its absolute score, but the amount that it is above the threshold. Therefore, matches with a score below the threshold do not contribute to the score. The MudPIT protein score is the sum of the score excess over threshold for each of the matching peptides plus one times the average threshold. For each peptide, the "threshold" is the homology threshold if it exists, otherwise it is the identity threshold.

So, even though a large protein like titin may pick up several random matches, with MudPIT scoring, the protein score is zero, so you don't see it listed in the report unless you specify a huge number of protein hits, as was done here to capture this screen shot.

By default, MudPIT protein scoring is used when the ratio between the number of queries and the number of database entries, (after any taxonomy filter), exceeds 0.001 and always used on the Protein Family Summary. This default switching point can be moved by changing the value of MudpitSwitch in mascot.dat. You can also switch between the two scoring methods by using the format controls at the top of the report.

Search result export



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At some stage, it is likely that you will want to export the search results to another application or a relational database. If you want to write your own code, we provide a free library called Mascot Parser that provides a clean, object oriented programming interface to the result file. The supported languages are Python, C#, C++, Java, and Perl.

Mascot also includes a flexible export utility.

If you want the XML format, you probably know that this is what you want. If you've no idea what XML is, chances are you don't want it.

Choose CSV if you want to export to Excel - I'll show an example in a moment.

Choose pepXML, v1.8, if you want to export to Protein Prophet from ISB.

mzIdentML and mzTab are the standard formats from PSI for search result interchange. Mascot provides a very full implementation of mzIdentML and this is the one to choose if you are writing new application software that will use Mascot results.

DTASelect, v1.9, is the tab separated format used by David Tabb's DTASelect program.

The Mascot DAT file is the raw result file. If you need the result file for some reason, and don't have FTP or SCP access to your Mascot server, this is a convenient way to get the file.

MGF peak list is useful when you have the search result but can't find the peak list.

Search result export

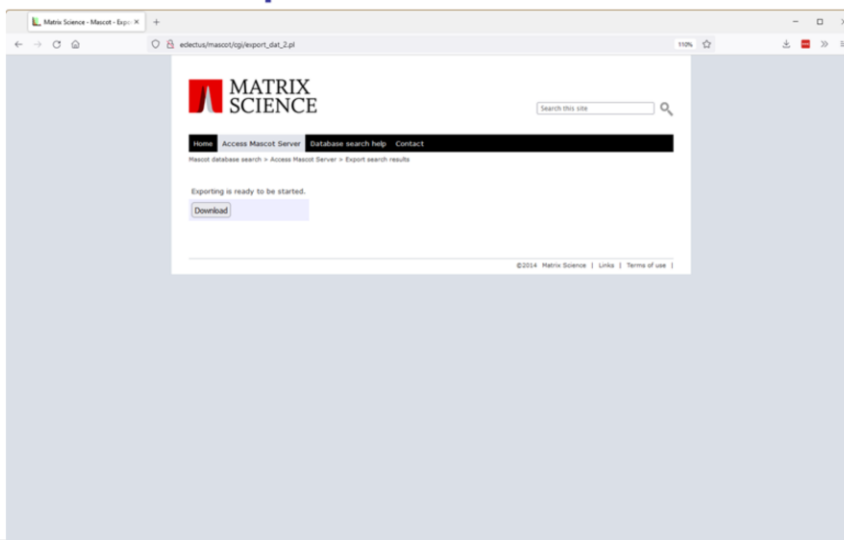
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost/mascot/cgi/export_data.cgi?server_name=...`. The page title is "Export search results". The interface includes a navigation bar with "Home", "Access Mascot Server", "Database search help", and "Contact". Below the navigation bar, the page content is titled "Export search results" and includes a "Help" link. The main form contains the following options:

- Export format: **CSV** (selected)
- Significance threshold $p < 0.05$ at ☐ Identity ☒ Homology
- Target FDR (overrides significance threshold if set): **<not set>** (selected)
- FDR type: **Distinct PSMs** (selected)
- Display non-significant matches: ☐
- Max. number of hits: **AUTO** (selected)
- Min. number of sig. unique sequences: **1** (selected)
- Protein scoring: ☐ Standard ☒ MudPIT
- Include same-set protein hits (additional proteins that span the same set of peptides): ☐
- Include sub-set protein hits (additional proteins that span a sub-set of peptides): **1** (selected)
- Group protein families: ☒
- Require bold red: ☐
- Show Percolator scores: ☐
- Preferred Taxonomy: **All entries** (selected)

* Occasionally requires information to be retrieved from external utilities, which can be slow

If you arrive here from one of the older reports, to begin with, you may need to select the required output format. Different formats have different options further down the page.

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To export to Excel, simply select CSV as the format, and click on the Export Search Results button at the bottom of the page. In recent versions of Mascot, the report is prepared and then a download button is displayed. In older versions, the download would start immediately. Once the download is finished, you can open it into Excel.

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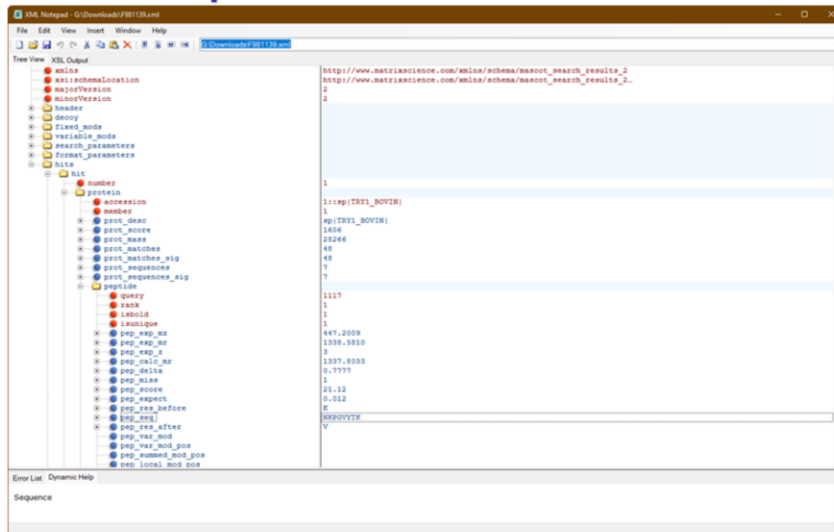
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Much easier and safer than “screen scraping”.

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For those of you into XML, here is a sample XML file. The schema is available from our web site or your local Mascot installation.

Please read the help for details.

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Microsoft Access

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Importing in schemas

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peptide : Table

pep_exp_mz	pep_exp_mv	pep_calc_mv	pep_delta	pep	pep_score	pep_expect	pep	pep_seq	pep		
417.1822	832.3498	2	832.3827	-0.0329	0	45.35	0.1	1	K	APGFGDNR	K
451.2499	900.4853	2	900.5280	-0.0427	0	51.95	0.025	1	K	LSGIVAVLK	V
456.7906	911.5457	2	911.5803	-0.0337	0	59	0.0041	1	K	VGLGVAVLK	A
480.7447	959.4748	2	959.5036	-0.0288	0	45.33	0.11	1	R	VTDAIATR	A
595.7855	1189.5565	2	1189.6012	-0.0447	0	56.55	0.0068	1	K	EIGNISDAMK	K
603.7720	1205.5294	2	1205.5961	-0.0668	0	50.13	0.027	1	K	EIGNISDAMK	K
608.3099	1214.6052	2	1214.6506	-0.0454	0	73.21	0.00015	1	K	NAGVEGSLVEK	I
617.2857	1232.5569	2	1232.5884	-0.0315	0	80.63	2.7e-05	1	K	VGGTSDVEVNEK	K
672.8375	1343.6605	2	1343.7095	-0.0480	0	64.38	0.001	1	R	TVIEQSWGSPK	V
714.8884	1427.7623	2	1427.8057	-0.0434	0	64.52	0.00086	1	R	GVMLAVDAVIAELK	K
714.8838	1427.7730	2	1427.8057	-0.0327	0	72.61	0.00013	1	R	GVMLAVDAVIAELK	K
722.8849	1443.7552	2	1443.8006	-0.0454	0	72.71	0.00014	1	R	GVMLAVDAVIAELK	K
722.8934	1443.7722	2	1443.8006	-0.0284	0	70.08	0.00025	1	R	GVMLAVDAVIAELK	K
752.8643	1503.7141	2	1503.7490	-0.0349	0	89.56	2.7e-06	1	K	TUNDELEIEGMK	F
760.8461	1519.6777	2	1519.7439	-0.0662	0	84.43	8.9e-06	1	K	TUNDELEIEGMK	F
640.3281	1917.9625	3	1918.0636	-0.1010	0	101.5	1.3e-07	1	K	ISSIQSVPALSIANHR	K
960.0327	1918.0609	2	1918.0636	-0.0127	0	87.34	3.2e-06	1	K	ISSIQSVPALSIANHR	K
1019.5106	2037.0067	2	2037.0153	-0.0086	0	52.42	0.01	1	R	IOEREGLDVTSEYEK	E
1057.0537	2112.0509	2	2112.1322	-0.0393	0	115.78	4.6e-09	1	R	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
1065.0399	2128.0653	2	2128.1271	-0.0618	0	68.73	0.00022	1	R	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
1073.0477	2144.0809	2	2144.1220	-0.0411	0	69.64	0.00018	1	R	ALMLGGVOLLADAVAVTMGPK	G
789.1062	2364.2968	3	2364.3263	-0.0296	0	55.53	0.0038	1	R	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
1183.1570	2364.2994	2	2364.3263	-0.0269	0	65.46	0.00038	1	R	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
789.1094	2364.3263	3	2364.3263	-0.0200	0	94.59	4.5e-07	1	R	KPLVIAEDVDGEALSTLVNLR	L
1676.1777	3481.3748	2	3481.3641	0.0103	0	47.63	0.03	1	D	TAIIIAAGVADIITDAAMTER	E

Records: 41

Database View

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XML is ideal for transferring the results to a relational database. Even Microsoft Access can open the XML file directly into database tables

Search result export

The screenshot shows the 'Export search results' page on the Matrix Science Mascot website. The page includes a navigation bar with links to Home, Access Mascot Server, Database search help, and Contact. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area is titled 'Export search results' and explains that the utility enables Mascot search results to be exported in various 'machine readable' formats. It mentions that the format is chosen and customized using a web browser form, and that the utility can be executed by scripts with options specified on the command line.

Under the 'Custom XML and CSV' section, it states that the information in these two formats is identical and is ideal for importing into a relational database. It also notes that CSV can be opened in spreadsheets like Microsoft Excel. For a Peptide Mass Fingerprint, the result information is structured in a very similar way to a Concise Protein Summary report. For search results that include MS/MS data, users can choose whether to structure the protein list and associated peptide matches in a similar way to a Peptide Summary report or a Protein Family report. To create an export that contains information equivalent to a particular Mascot HTML report, the settings of the format controls must match.

A table at the bottom of the page shows the format controls for different report types:

Type of search	HTML Report	Threshold type	Protein Scoring	Same-sets	Sub-sets	Group proteins
PMF	Concise Protein Summary	N/A	N/A	checked	1	N/A
MS/MS	Peptide Summary	Identity	As format controls	checked	As format controls	not checked
MS/MS	Protein Family Report	Homology	MS/MS	checked	1	checked

At the bottom left, there is a file download icon and the text 'F881138.csv'. At the bottom right, there is a link to 'Show all downloads...'.

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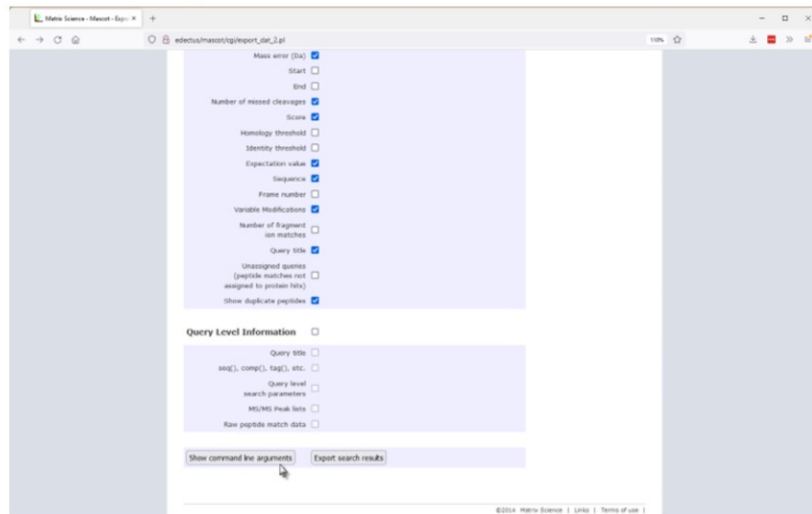
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There is a very detailed help page for all of this.

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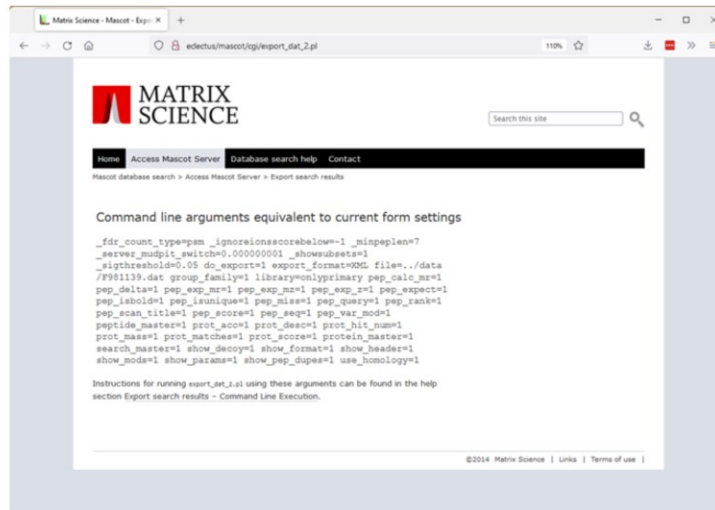


The help describes how the export script can be called from the command line or a shell prompt, as part of an automated pipeline.

I won't go into any detail here, but this means that it is possible to set up a script that will, for example, automatically convert all of your Mascot results to XML files.

Figuring out the command line arguments from the help can be tricky so, there is a function to display the command line corresponding to the selected options.

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By the way, don't delete the original result files after exporting them or you won't be able to view the standard Mascot reports in a browser.