

VIVO Release 1 version 0.9 Announcement 2010-01-29

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The VIVO project is pleased to release the first version of VIVO since the announcement of the NIH award "VIVO: Enabling National Networking of Scientists" (1UL1RR029890-01). This release includes work from the three development sites on the project - Cornell University, University of Florida, and Indiana University Bloomington - and includes contributions on installation, documentation, and a new ontology strongly influenced by feedback from all partner institutions.

The goal of this release is to enable the partners on the project to move forward beyond their initial test installations with confidence that the structure of the application, its requirements for operating environments, and the data model expressed in the new VIVO ontology will carry forward through the project with subsequent releases. Our priority has been on code cleanup, organization, and on developing an ontology capable of modeling the relationships among researchers across multiple institutions. The preparations for this release have put the project on a strong footing to enable full-scale testing and implementation using data feeds from institutional sources of record as well as from individual users. Contributions from Florida include authentication services tested with the UF Shibboleth service, and the Indiana team has contributed a tool to monitor the growth of key data elements and relationships of interest across multiple sites.

This release also provides parties outside the project a better vehicle for evaluating VIVO. The release of the new code base and ontology is accompanied by the release of the <http://www.vivoweb.org> site as a public home for information about the project, technical and user documentation, contact information, and software downloads.

As this is a first release we anticipate continued rapid evolution of important features in the coming months, including the ability of VIVO installations to respond to requests for RDF data following linked data standards (<http://linkeddata.org>). In the next release we will respond to initial feedback and hope to move forward on a number of fronts including support for more substantive local customization of VIVO display, improved editing and display to mask more of VIVO's highly granular internal ontology model, and improved search functionality.

- Release 1 development priorities
 - Next incremental release priorities
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- Retrospective of the Release Process