



# International ALA Workshop



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- CURRENT SITUATION -

# CURRENT SITUATION

- Home page: <http://datos.gbif.es>
- Information that's open in the Data Portal of GBIF Spain:



- Hosting by Institute of Physics of Cantabria (Super-computational centre)
  - [Infrastructure](#)
- Helping users to use the data portal - [youtube guide](#)
- Generic-hub
  - Implementations:
    - New layer on the map: Protected natural spaces.
    - Solved i18n problems in the JavaScript files.
    - Solved problem navigation in the graphic of Taxonomy tree.
  - Customizations:
    - New header with selector of languages.
    - New footer.
    - Clearing fields in the list of records (New structure).
    - Clearing facets that we don't need: IBRA, IMCRA,...

# CURRENT SITUATION

- Generic-hub
  - Customizations:
    - New structure of the record page (3 blocks):  
Origin of data, Taxonomy and Geospatial information.
    - Included more fields in the record page and more specific information.
- Collectory-hub (yet to be uploaded)
  - Implementations:
    - Solved problem with institutions/collections map.
    - Customizations:
      - New header with selector of languages.
      - New footer.
      - Adapting fields of MySQL database to data from Spanish institutions/collections/data resources.
- Biocache
  - Changed vocabs: basis of record (HUMAN\_OBSERVATION) and countries (e.g.: Republic of Venezuela)
  - Indexing with our owns taxonomies...



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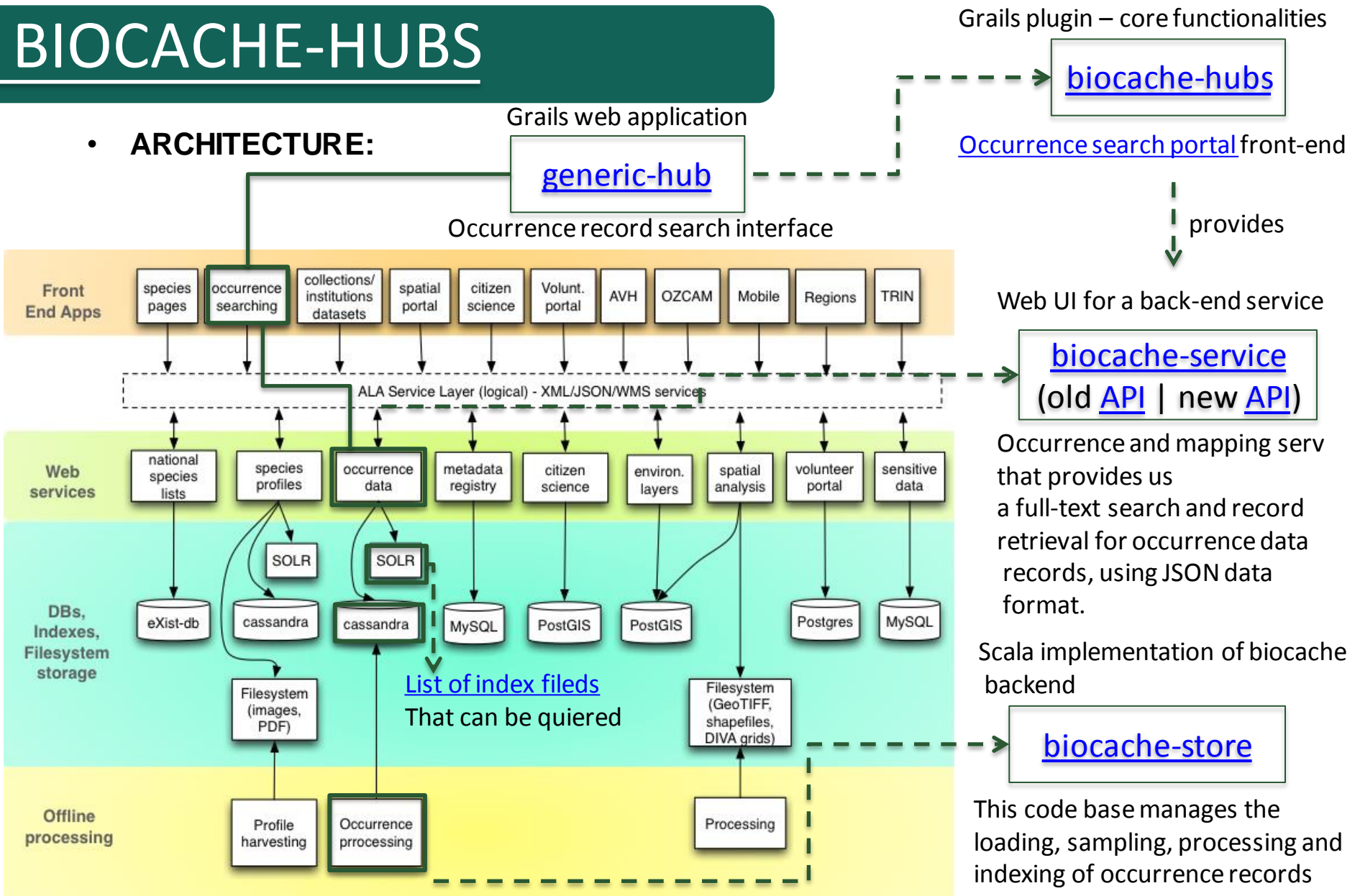
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- BIOCACHE-HUBS -

# BIOCACHE-HUBS

• **ARCHITECTURE:**



# BIOCACHE-HUB

- **CONFIGURATION FILES:**

- Where is located the config file of generic-hub?
  - Depends on the configuration that we do in Grails Framework:
    - grails-app/conf/config.groovy:
      - grails.config.locations – [Externalized configuration](#)
      - default\_config = "/data/\${appName}/config/\${appName}-config.properties"

/data/generic-hub/config/generic-hub-config.properties

- Changing config directory:

We must set the new directory in the config.groovy file and also we have to change the "data\_dir" variable of our ansible inventory (ala\_install/inventories/our\_inventory)

- List of properties - <https://goo.gl/ZSk0XU>





# BIOCACHE-HUB

- How can we read the value of the properties that the config file has ?

Ultimately all configuration files get merged into the **config** property of the [GrailsApplication](#) object and are hence obtainable from there.

```
<g:set var="orgNameShort" value="${grailsApplication.config.skin.orgNameShort}"/>
```

↑ Property

- Other configuration files in grails-app/conf directory:

- **Config.groovy**
- **BuildConfig.groovy**
- **ApplicationResource.groovy**
- **UrlMappings.groovy**
- **BootStrap.groovy**
- **DataSource.groovy**

- application.properties



# BIOCACHE-HUB

- **CUSTOMIZATIONS:**

- Repository: <https://github.com/santiagomtzelariva/generic-hub-es>

1. New header and footer:

Portal de Datos

Inicio

Instituciones, colecciones y proyectos

Juegos de datos

Datos georeferenciados

Buscar

www.gbif.es

Idioma

Ayuda

Català  
English  
Español

Búsqueda avanzada

Búsqueda rápida

Registros

What we have to do if we want to change the header and footer([github wiki](#)):

- Create/Modify our own layout: gbif.es.gsp. (copy/paste generic.gsp)
- Define in the gbif.es.gsp the list of module that are required for the new layout: gbif.es
- Add js, css and images files that we need for the this new module in ApplicationResource.groovy file.
- Define in the Config.groovy the value of skin.layout.

**Practical session:** include a new basic header/footer of our organization with images and new styles.

# BIOCACHE-HUB

- CUSTOMIZATIONS:**

- 118n: (?lang=es/en)

- message.properties files located in /grails-app/i18n/
- How to read the properties that are included in the message.properties:

- .gsp files: (gbif.es.gsp)

```
<g:message code="footer.menu.02.01" default="Institutions, collections and projects"/>
```

- .js files: (charts2.js) - jQuery.i18n.prop('charts2.js.before')
- .groovy files: (OccurrenceTagLib.groovy) - `${message(code: 'occurrence.raw_date')}`
- How to manage the message.properties files throw IntelliJ

- How can we detect the language that's enabled? `${lang == 'es'}`
- How can we include the [lang\\_selector plugin](#)?
  1. Modify BuildConfig.groovy to include runtime `":lang-selector:0.3"`
  2. Modify your header to include the selector: `<li><langs:selector langs="ca"/></li>`



**Practical session:** Modify the plugin: Display the name of the language.

# BIOCACHE-HUB

- **CUSTOMIZATIONS:**

3. Advance\_search: (advanced.gsp)

- Included customize list provinces of Spain and Portugal.
- Deleted IBRA, IMCRA and Iga filters:  

```
<select class="biogeographic_region" name="ibra" id="ibra">  
<select class="biogeographic_region" name="imcra" id="imcra">  
<select class="lga" name="lga" id="lga">
```

**Practical session:** Delete the filters that you don't need.

4. recordsView (grails-app/taglib/au/org/ala/biocache/hubs/OccurrenceTagLib.groovy)
  - <http://datos.gbif.es/biocache-service/occurrences/68b1b58a-a35b-45d5-8ea3-6d9d04c4d9a5>
  - def JSONObject occurrence = attrs.occurrence / def record = attrs.record

**Practical session:** Create your own way to structure the list of records.

# BIOCACHE-HUB

- **CUSTOMIZATIONS:**

- 5. Added new WMS layer:

- Layer capabilities:

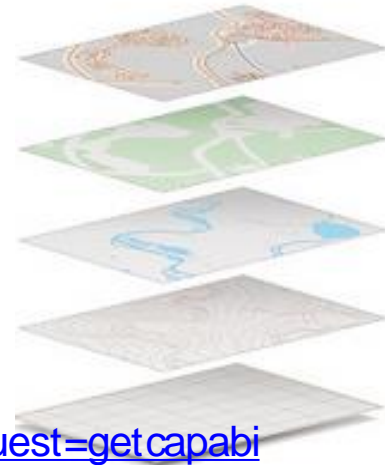
- <http://wms.magrama.es/sig/Biodiversidad/ENP/wms.aspx?request=getcapabilities>

- `_map.gsp`: Define a new overlay in a `MAP_VAR`.

We have to define the next properties: layers, format, transparent, version, attribution. All this properties are based on the capabilities of the WMS layer.

**Practical session:** Include a new layer. (\* `Config.groovy`)

Note: [Cartographic server \(WMS\)](#)



# BIOCACHE-HUB

- **CUSTOMIZATIONS:**

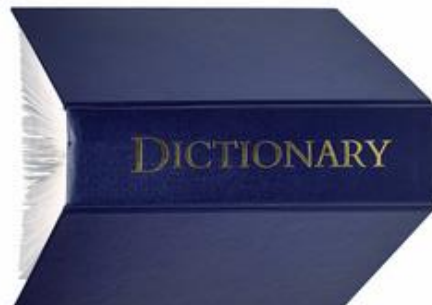
6. I18n of vocabs: Adding new properties in message.properties.

- type\_status and basis\_of\_record: (`_advance.gsp`)
- speciesGroup (`yourAreaMap.js`)

**Practical session:** What is the best way to include this i18n?

Note: Compare ALA [bor](#) with GBIF.org [bor](#).

**BIOCACHE-STORE.** How can we define new terms in our vocabs??



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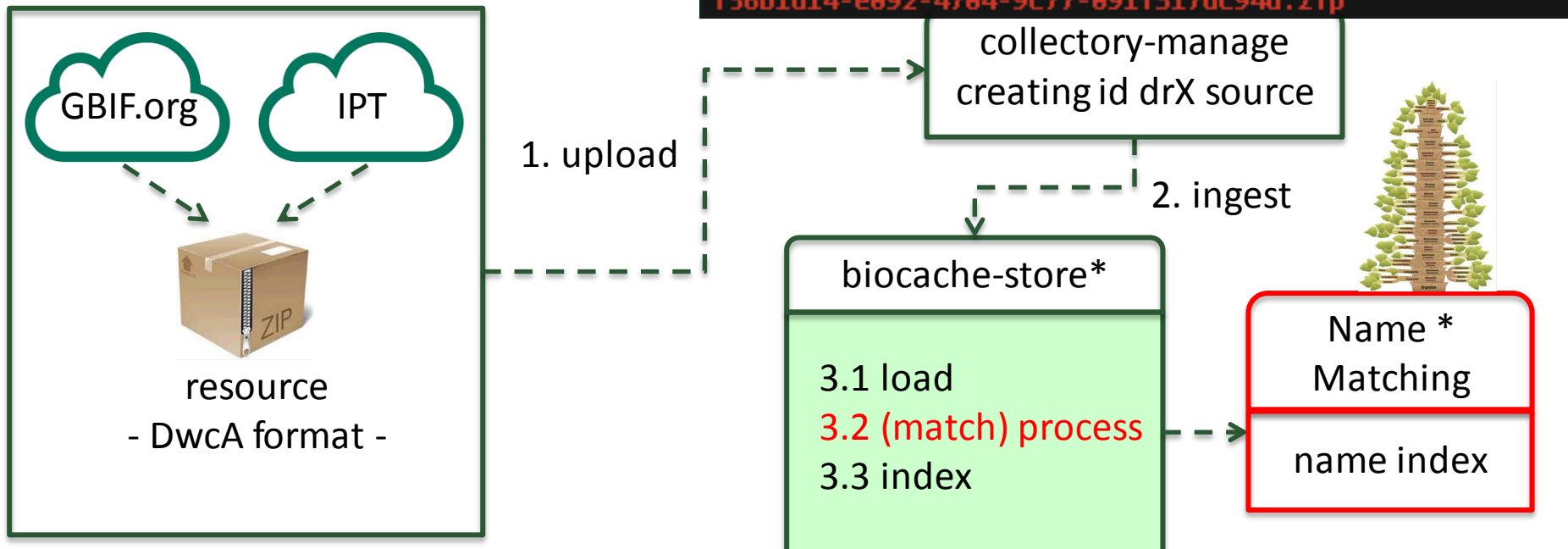
- TAXONOMY -

# TAXONOMY

- **WORKING WITH TAXONOMIES:**

- **Taxonomy** is the science of defining groups of biological organism on the basis of shared characteristics and giving names to those groups. Organisms are grouped together into taxa and these groups are given a taxonomic rank.

- Understanding the process:





# TAXONOMY

- **NAME MATCHING:** is the API in use by the data portal to match scientific name to taxon concepts

We have two phases in the match process:

1. Finding the potential match candidate
    - a. Attempt to match the exact the scientific name that is supplied.
    - b. Parse the supplied scientific name.
  2. Validating the match:
    - a. Check if the results are "excluded"
    - b. Check if the result represent a "Split species"
    - c. Check if the result is a "misapplied name"
- When the name matching is created the names is stored in several formats:
    - a. Raw scientific name including authorship.
    - b. Canonical scientific name, without authorship
    - c. In "taxa match" form that will allow fuzzy matches.
    - d. In component to allow for phrases name patching.

# TAXONOMY

- **NAME MATCHING:**

- **Built a DwCA(s)** that contains all the scientific names that we want to add:



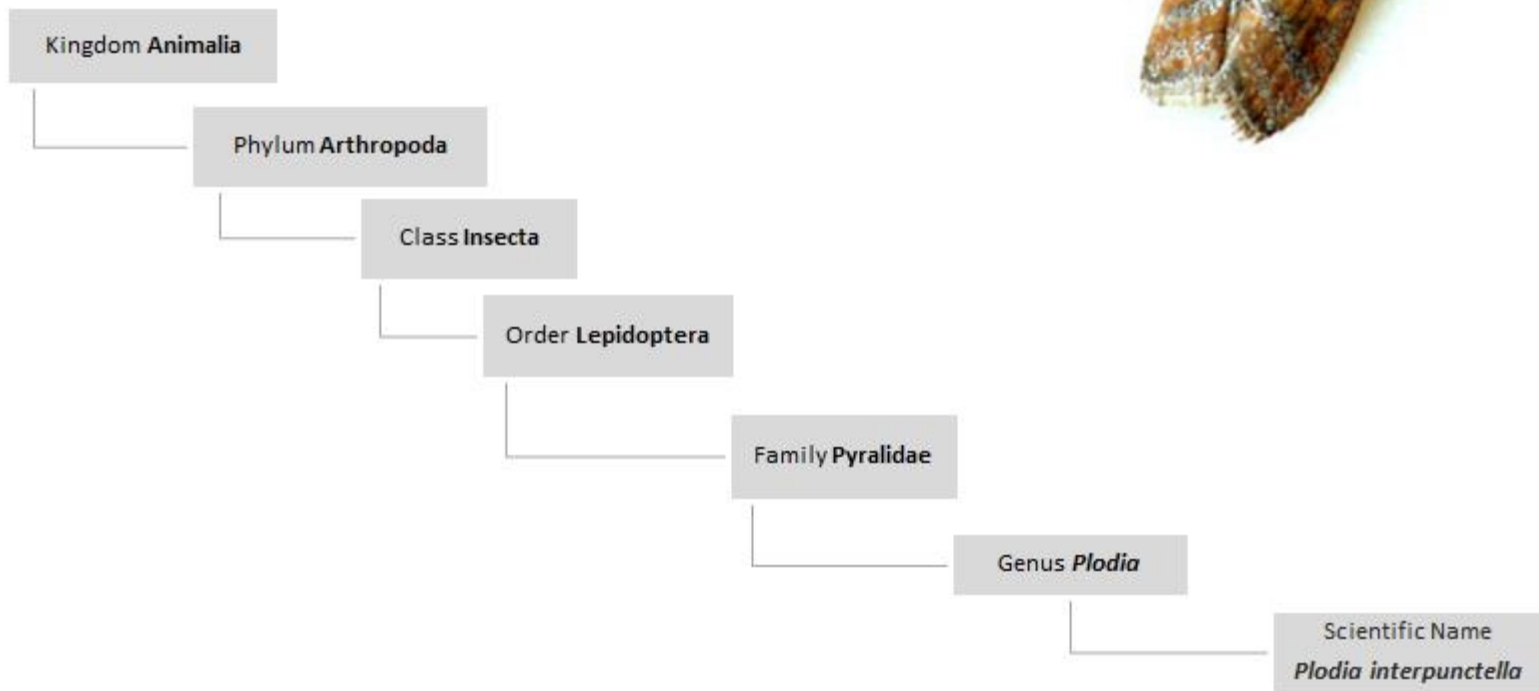
- eml.xml
- meta.xml
- Spain\_species\_taxa\_2016.txt
- vernacular.txt

Notes:

- The taxon DwCA must have a core row type of <http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/terms/Taxon>
- The vernacular name extension must have a row type of <http://rs.gbif.org/terms/1.0/VernacularName>
- **Relevant fields** of Taxon core and Vernacular Names extension:
  - Taxon: id, taxonID, parentNameUsage, acceptedNameUsage, taxonomicStatus...
  - Vernacular names: id, taxonID, vernacularName, language.

# TAXONOMY

- **NAME MATCHING:**
  - How do you have to be build your occurrence.txt ?



# TAXONOMY

- **CONFIGURATION - NAME MATCHING:**

- Where do you have to specify the location of your name-index directory? /data/biocache/config/biocache-config.properties

You have to set the value of the next property:

```
# Lucene indexes for name matching
name.index.dir=/data/lucene/namematching13
#name.index.dir=/data/lucene/col_namematching
#name.index.dir=/data/lucene/namematching_plantae
#name.index.dir=/data/lucene/namematching_animalia_plantae
#name.index.dir=/data/lucene/namematching_animalia
#name.index.dir=/mnt/col_namematching_20160226
```



# TAXONOMY

- **NAME MATCHING:**

- **Searching sources** to create our own Name Index:

Nº Names

1. National Species List (NSL)
2. [Catalogue of Life](#)
3. [GBIF Backbone Taxonomy](#) (54 sources)

- **2) Creating the name index:**

- a. Fork [ala-name-matching](#) in our repository or
- b. Clone it in our machine.
- c. Create new module from existing files with IntelliJ
- d. Select ala-name-matching directory
- e. Import module from external model: Maven
- f. Next / Next / Next / Finish
- g. Specify the SDK (Open module settings)
- h. Right click on /src/main/java/search/DwcaNameIndexer - Make module
- i. Run and edit configurations:
  - a. VM options: -Xmx4g -Xms4g
  - b. Program arguments: -dwca /dwca\_folder



# TAXONOMY

- **NATIONAL CHECKLIST (SPECIESLIST-WEBAPP):**

This is a grails application for managing species list. It supports:

- Upload of species profile data in CSV format
- UI for viewing and faceting species
- Supports any number of key/value pairs
- JSON services used by
  - BIE - species pages
  - Biocache - indexing occurrences
- Supports single owner & multiple editors of a single list
- Lists can be tagged as:
  - authoritative
  - conservation
- Supports sensitive species lists

**Architecture:** Grails web application and MySQL database

# TAXONOMY

- **NATIONAL CHECKLIST (SPECIESLIST-WEBAPP):**

- **Installation:** There is an Ansible playbook for this application [ala-install/ansible/species-list-standalone.yml](#)

See example inventory [ala-install/ansible/inventories/vagrant/species-list-vagrant](#)

- **Steps:**

1. Run the species list playbook to install on vagrant VH or in the local machine

```
ansible-playbook -i inventories/vagrant/species-list-vagrant species-list-standalone.yml --private-key ~/.vagrant.d/insecure_private_key -u vagrant -s
```

```
ansible-playbook -l inventories/vagrant/species-list-vagrant species-list-standalone.yml -u root -s -connection=local
```

2. Edit /etc/hosts file:

```
10.1.1.3 vagrant1 ala.vagrant1.dev lists.vagrant1.ala.org.au vagrant1.ala.org.au demo.vagrant1.ala.org.au
```

# TAXONOMY

- **NATIONAL CHECKLIST (SPECIESLIST-WEBAPP):**

- **Steps:**

3. Check the service: <http://lists.vagrant1.ala.org.au>
4. Logged in with ALA account.
5. Download checklist or built it. e.g.: <http://www.gbif.org/dataset/888b4cc1-7342-4d6c-ba5c-c1b29c8d27fd>
6. Unzip the archive
7. Upload the DarwinCoreA\_Pli.txt from the DwC-A using the form
8. Fill in fields (Title, Description, URL and type (List of species with characters))
9. We reprocessed the file to do the following:
  - remove taxon remarks
  - make a UTF-8 tab delimited file
10. Edit the config file specieslist-webapp-config.properties

bie.nameIndexLocation= /data/lucene/col\_namematching

11. ran out of time. Should have matched and provided an example like:

<http://lists.ala.org.au/ws/species/urn:lsid:biodiversity.org.au:afd.taxon:5b72fb29-0318-43f8-bc0a-58b879b17601>



# TAXONOMY

- **NATIONAL CHECKLIST (SPECIESLIST-WEBAPP):**
  - **Example of how to link:**

Webpage for an occurrence page (has no species IDs) <http://datos.gbif.es/generic-hub/occurrences/c4abc981-6cf7-413a-9085-c8195ccccf4f>

Has an example API call which has the taxa IDs: <http://datos.gbif.es/biocache-service/occurrences/c4abc981-6cf7-413a-9085-c8195ccccf4f>

# TAXONOMY

- **QUESTIONS:**

- Can we work with different names index or taxonomies? (by Jörg)

Yes, but It's no recommended. We have to have one name index for BIE-index and Biocache. In this way we can relate the names that we have indexed with biocache with the related species pages that are indexed with BIE-index, because they will have the same TaxonID.

- Is it possible use empty taxonomies? (by Jörg)

I don't understand this question.



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- SECURITY -

# SECURITY

- **CASSANDRA:**
  - Hosted in a virtual machine with Private IP, 14GB RAM and 190GB HD.
  - Access to Cassandra using “Cassandra-cli” directly on VM.
  - The occurrence data is stored in: “/data/cassandra/data/occ”.
  - Connection to Cassandra throw: `$ cassandra-cli`
- **SOLR:**
  - Hosted in a virtual machine with Public IP, 32GB RAM and 50GB HD.
  - Access to SOLR interface throw SSH.

# SECURITY

- **ADMINISTRATION PAGES:**
  - Filter access by IP - Modify Apache2 configuration file:

```
<Location /generic-hub/admin>  
    Order Deny,Allow  
    Deny from all  
    Allow from [REDACTED]  
</Location>
```

```
<Location /collectory/manage>  
    Order Deny,Allow  
    Deny from all  
    Allow from [REDACTED]  
</Location>
```

```
<Location /collectory/collection>  
    Order Deny,Allow  
    Deny from all  
    Allow from [REDACTED]  
</Location>
```

```
<Location /collectory/dataProvider>  
    Order Deny,Allow  
    Deny from all  
    Allow from [REDACTED]  
</Location>
```

```
<Location /collectory/institution>  
    Order Deny,Allow  
    Deny from all  
    Allow from [REDACTED]  
</Location>
```

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**- INTERNATIONALIZATION -**

# INTERNATIONALIZATION

- **INTERNATIONALIZATION:**

- Where are the message.properties located in the modules?
- How can you manage the message.properties?
  - How can add/delete/modify new properties.
  - Collaborative work using [Crowdin platform](#)
    - Project name: [ALA Internationalization](#)
      1. Sign up or sign in with one of possible social networks.
      2. Go to ALA internationalization project.
      3. Select the language that you want to translate. Eg.: German
      4. Select the message.properties that you want to translate
      5. Translate all messages
      6. When you finish you have to ask to one manager that build the project and send you the zip with with the message.properties that you translated

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- FUTURE STEPS -



# FUTURE STEPS

- Solve problems with collectory module.
- Implement BIE and Species modules in the production environment.
- Implement logger-service.
- Upgrade biocache-service
- Upgrade biocache-store.
- Upgrade taxonomy.
- Include data resource with images.
- Test Spatial Portal module.





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