# Socio-legal issues in the application of semantic web technology to chemical safety

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### Risk Assessment

- ▶ Risk assessment is the determination of the risk associated with a given hazard.
- ▶ In the context of chemistry research, risk assessment determines the risk associated with chemical hazards, e.g.,
  - ► Explosive,
  - ▶ Flammable,
  - ▶ Carcinogenic,
  - ▶ etc.

## COSHH

- ► The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 are a UK statutory instrument.
- ► COSHH requires employers to protect their employees from the effects of exposure to hazardous chemical substances.
  - ▶ (The main mechanism for this is risk assessment.)

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SUBSTANCE NAME	PHYSICAL FORM	QUANTITY	NATURE OF HAZARD
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c/o SmartTea project

# COSHH Risk Assessment Methodology

- 0. Plan scientific experiment.
- 1. Enumerate collection of chemical substances.
- 2. Discover relevant health and safety information.
- 3. Interpolate assessment form template.

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# GHS

- ► The Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is a UN system.
  - Designed to supersede the various C&L systems that are currently in use around the world.

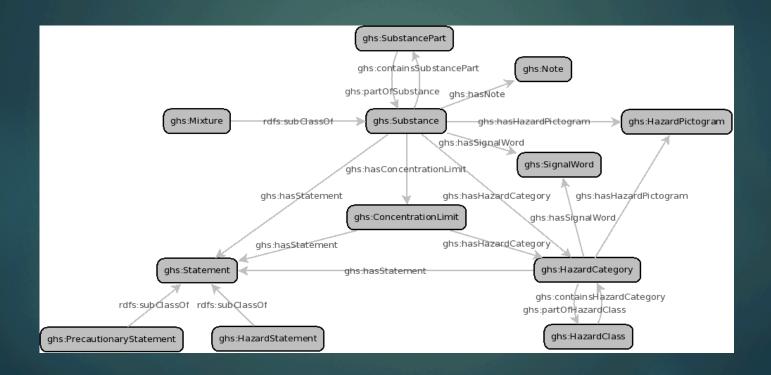


### Problem Statement

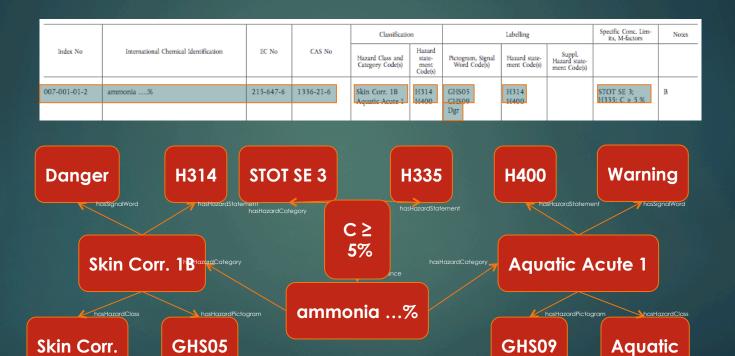
- ▶ For humans, performing a risk assessment has two main drawbacks:
  - ▶ Less time spent performing experiments; and,
  - ▶ Potential for human error, e.g.,
    - ▶ Incomplete enumeration of chemical substances;
    - ▶ Use of incorrect information;
    - ► Transcription errors; and,
    - ▶ Tacit assumption of "common" elements.

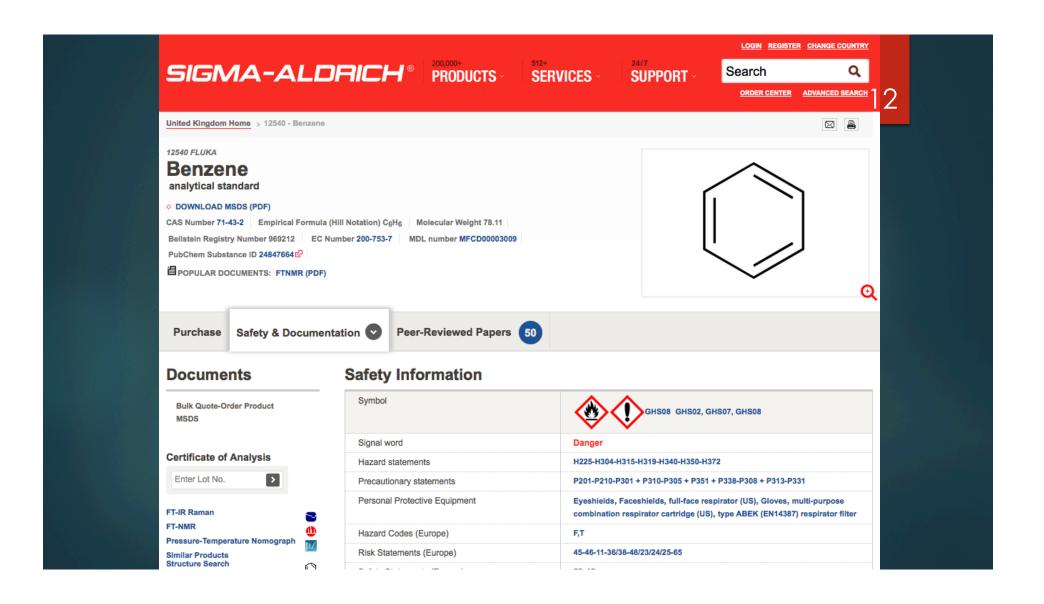


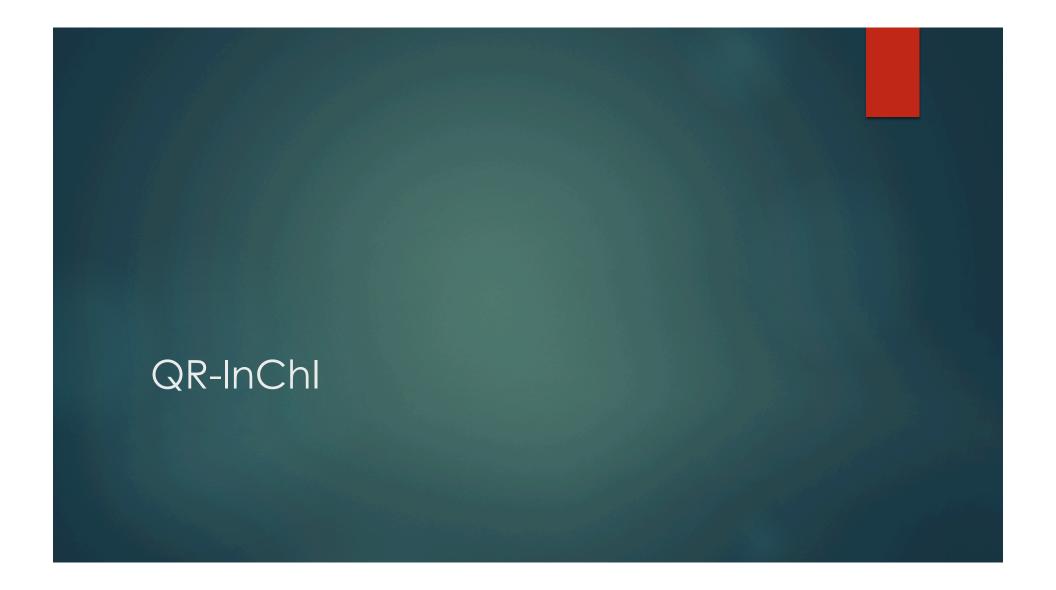
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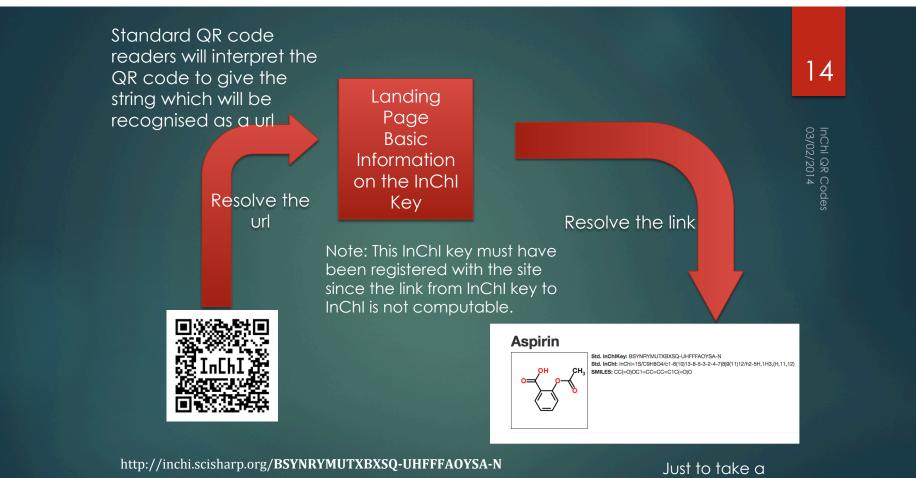


# "EC (No) 007-001-01-2"









Just to take a ChemSpider example

## InChI QR Service

► The web site/service & API provided for suppliers to enter the molecule and the Molecular formation they wish to link to the InChI Key





InChI QR Codes 03/02/2014

Standard QR code readers will interpret the QR code to give the string which will be recognised as a url

Resolve the

Landing
Page
Basic
Information
on the InChl
Key

Note: This InChI key must have been registered by the supplier who provides the basic information according to an InChI Trust standard Supplier: Sigma Aldrich

Batch ID: 2929278373

Amount: 100g

Purity: 99%

The URL is broken down as follows

sid: Supplier ID

pid: Product ID bid: Batch ID

am: Amount as number with unit.

pure: Purity (default to express

as percentage)

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http://inchi.scisharp.org/BSYNRYMUTXBXSQ-UHFFFAOYSA-N?sid=sigmaaldrich&pid=A5376&bid=2929278373&am=100g&pure=99.0

### Alert user to supplied link



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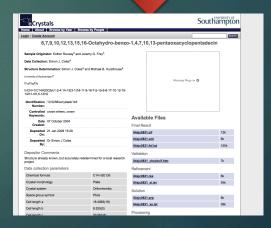
Note: This InChI key must have been registered by the supplier who provides a link on to a suitable source web site



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Link to the eCrystals Web site





App provides detailed information



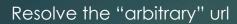
App recognizes the url

### Licence?

Note: The supplier would not in this case need to have registered the InChl QR Key with the trust

http://inchi.scisharp.org/BSYNRYMUTXBXSQ-UHFFFAOYSA-N







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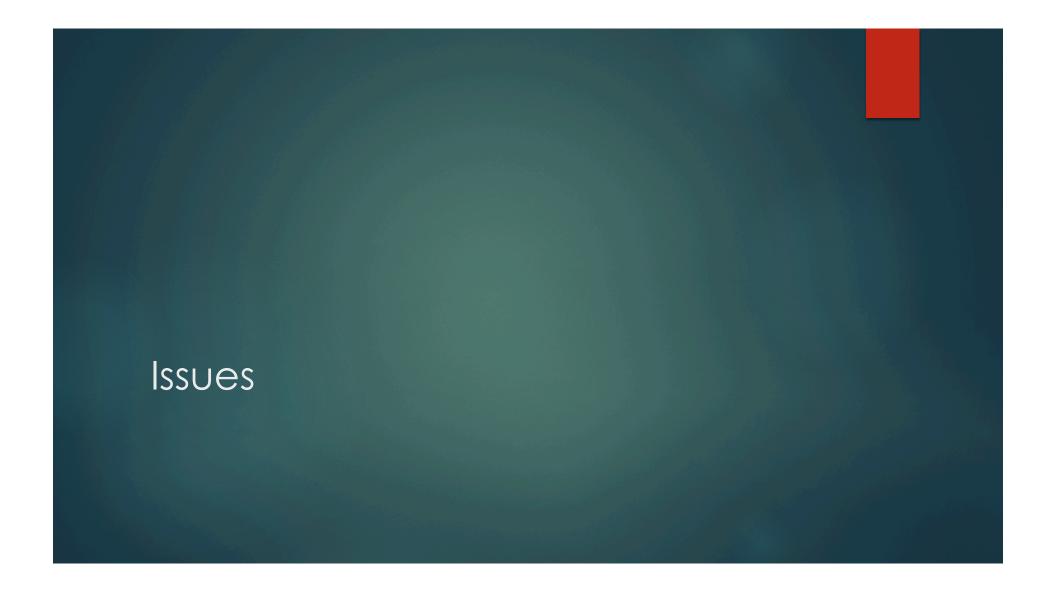


Obtain the InChI & InChI Key Provide generic information and Supplier specific Link

Resolve the supplier unique url e.g. http://goo.gl/y6WkDF

Transfer on to suppliers unique link

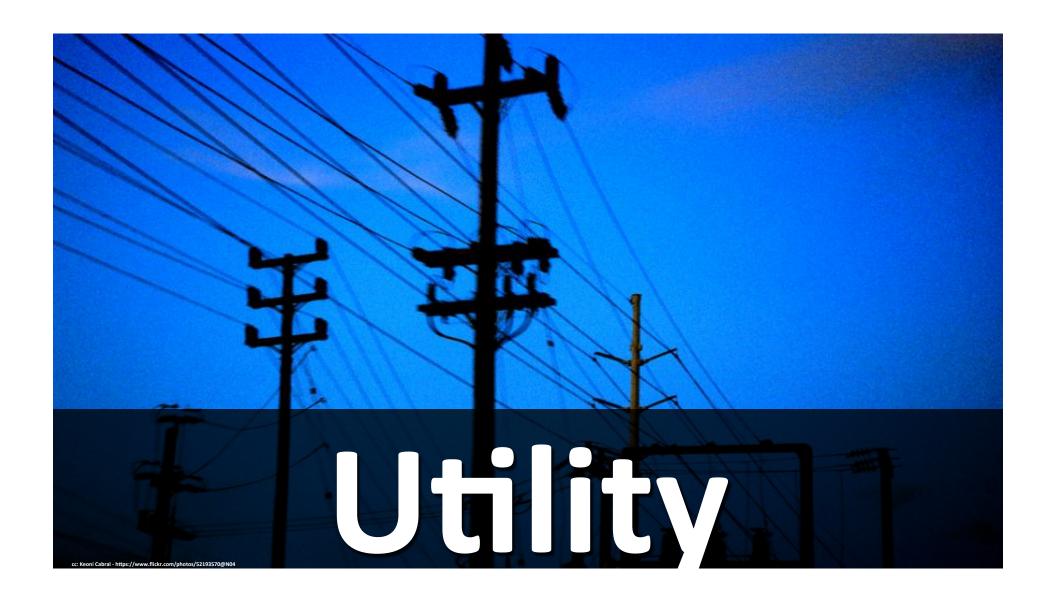
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# Legal

- QR Code is an unenforced patent
- Would the Trust want/need to review the validity of the data/links provided?
- What commitment to longevity would be made by the Trust and Suppliers?
- ▶ How "public" should the QR code contents to be?
- ▶ Potentially hold supplier information in aggregate that could be significant (i.e. whole catalogues of many suppliers)







### **Reid Hoffman: Why the block chain matters**

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