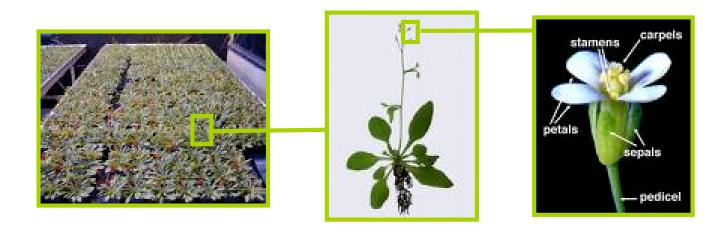
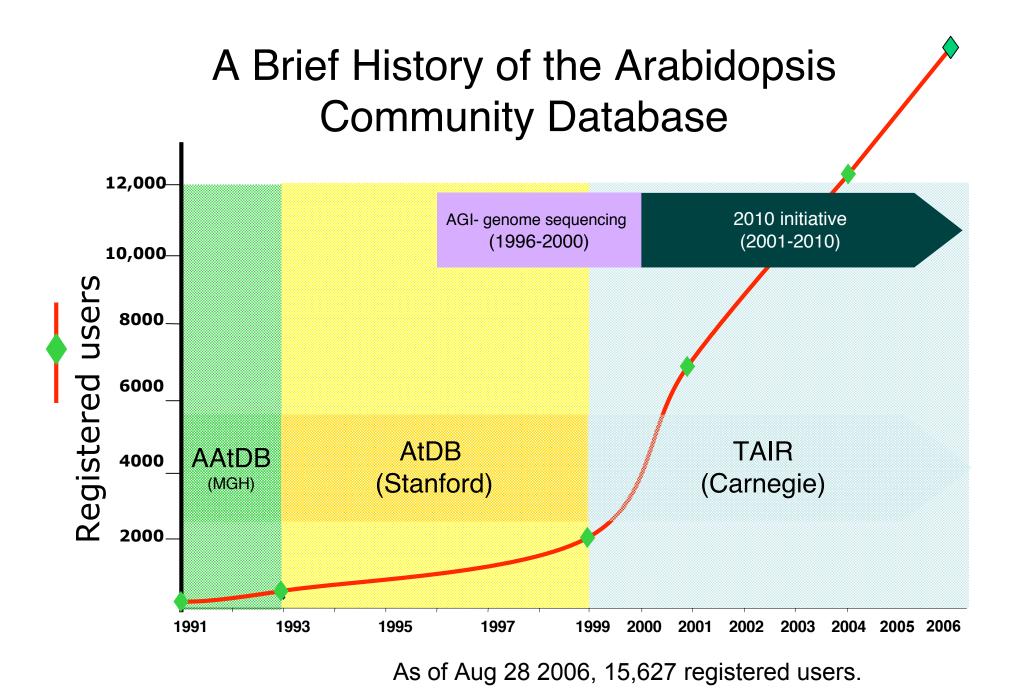
## TAIR User Interface

**MOD User Interface Caucus** 

### Talk outline

- TAIR intro
  - The Arabidopsis Information Resource
- 2 lessons learned
- Measuring usability
- TAIR interface examples





### Two lessons learned

When designing a web interface:

How to use it must be obvious

It must function as expected



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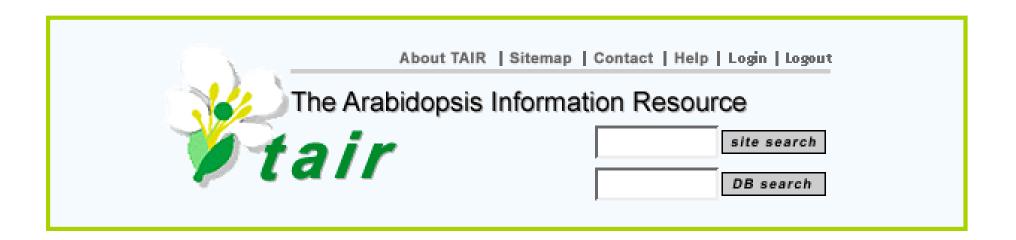
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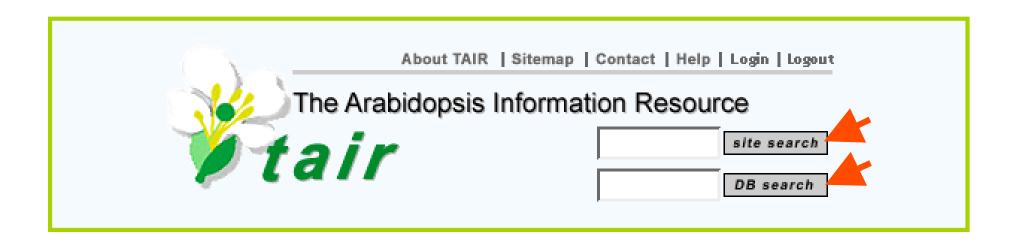
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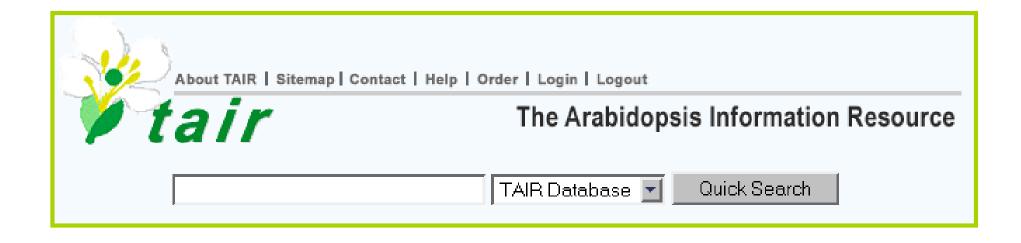
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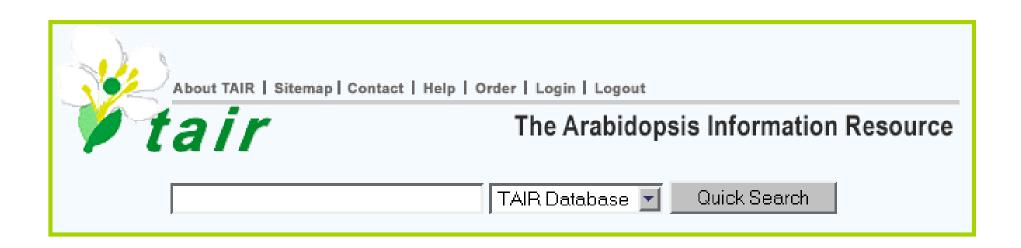
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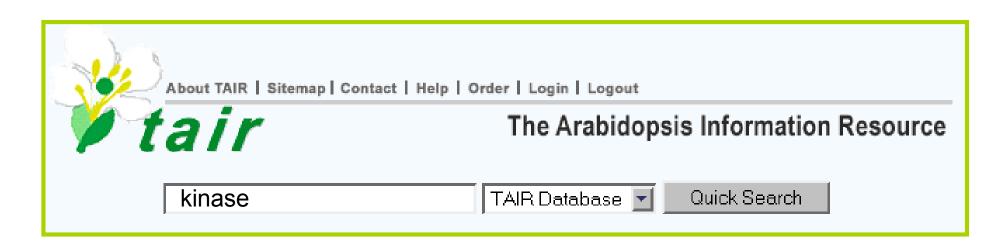
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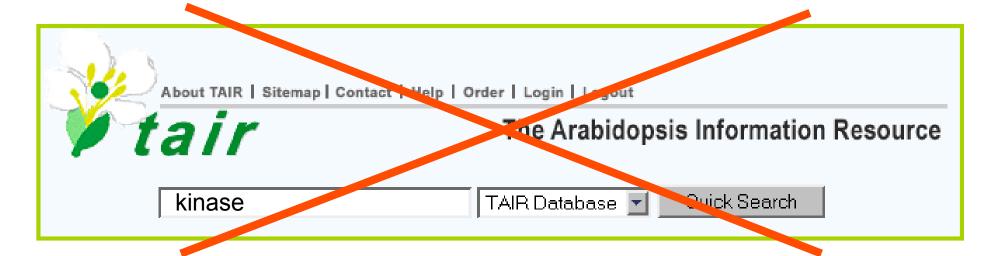


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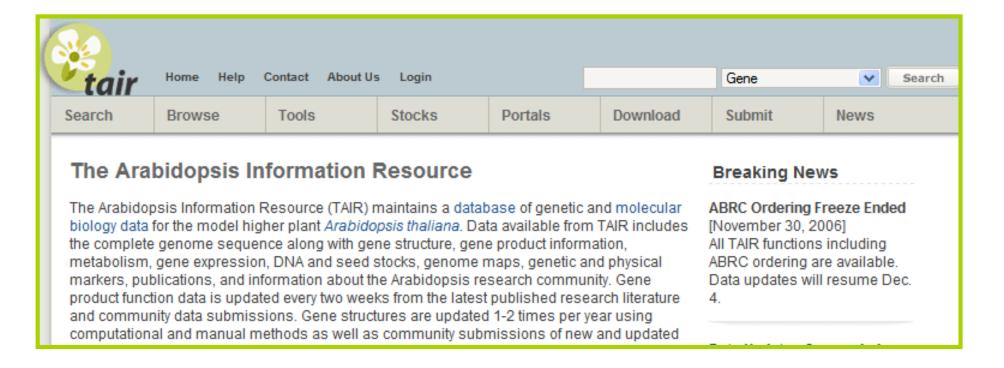


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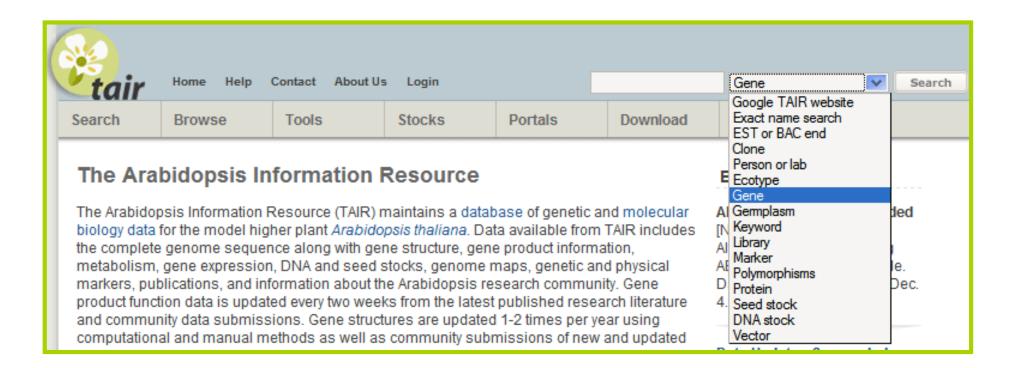
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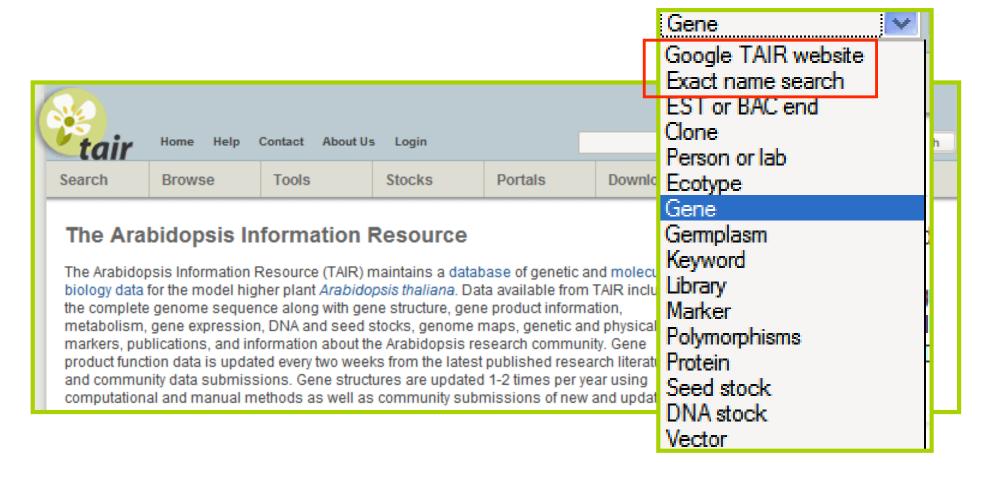
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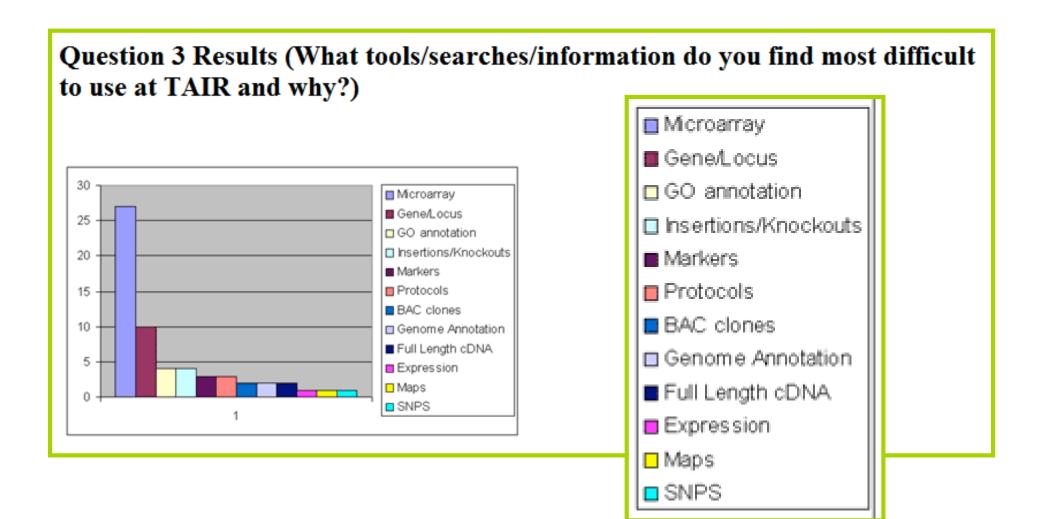
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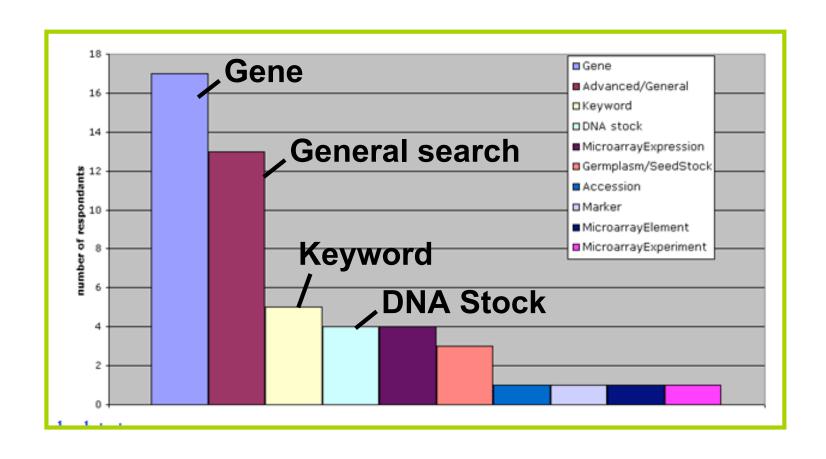
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- Community feedback
  - Email questions
  - Workshops
  - Surveys
- Site logging
- Live usability tests

## Surveys



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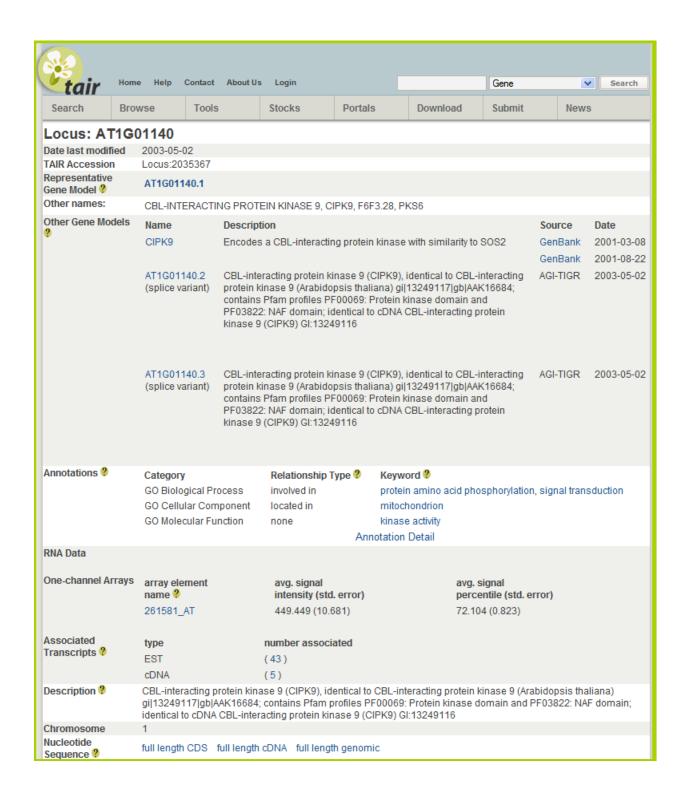
Which searches give the most trouble?

## Site Logging

- Log query strings with 0 results
- Eliminate misspellings, objects not stored
- Why did remainder fail?
  - Requires 'contained in' search
  - Requires separate matching of each word
  - General concept not associated to object

## **GMOD** interface topics

- Gene search
- Locus/gene page
- Search for gene by phenotype or GO annotation
- Custom report on some aspect of gene
- Bulk output based on a query
- Combine results with info from other data sources

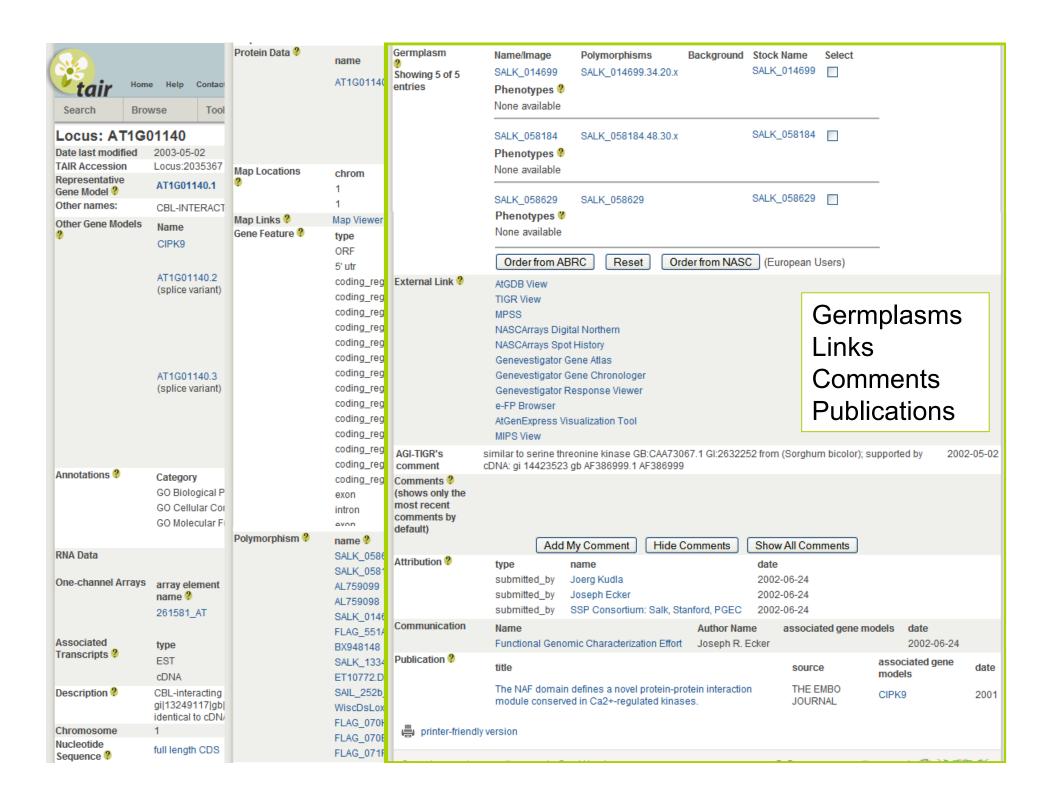


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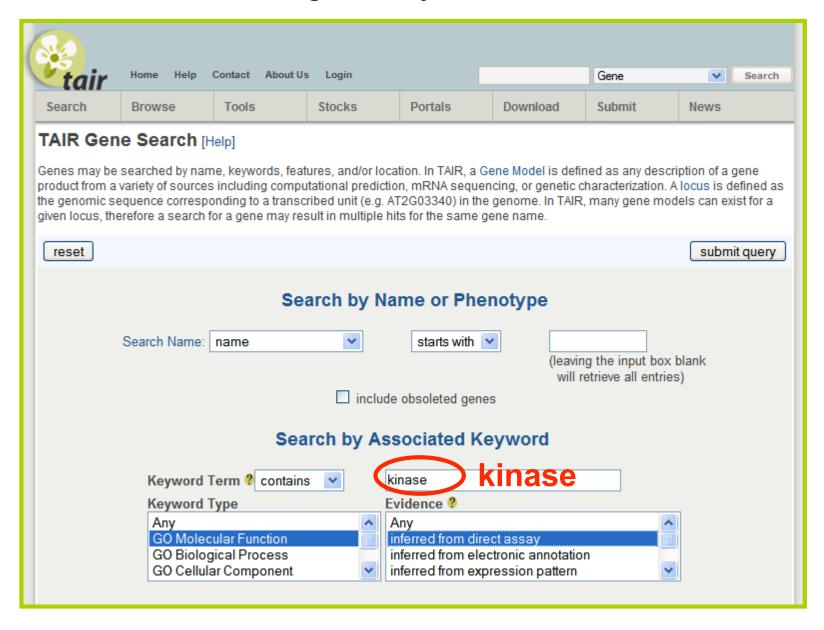
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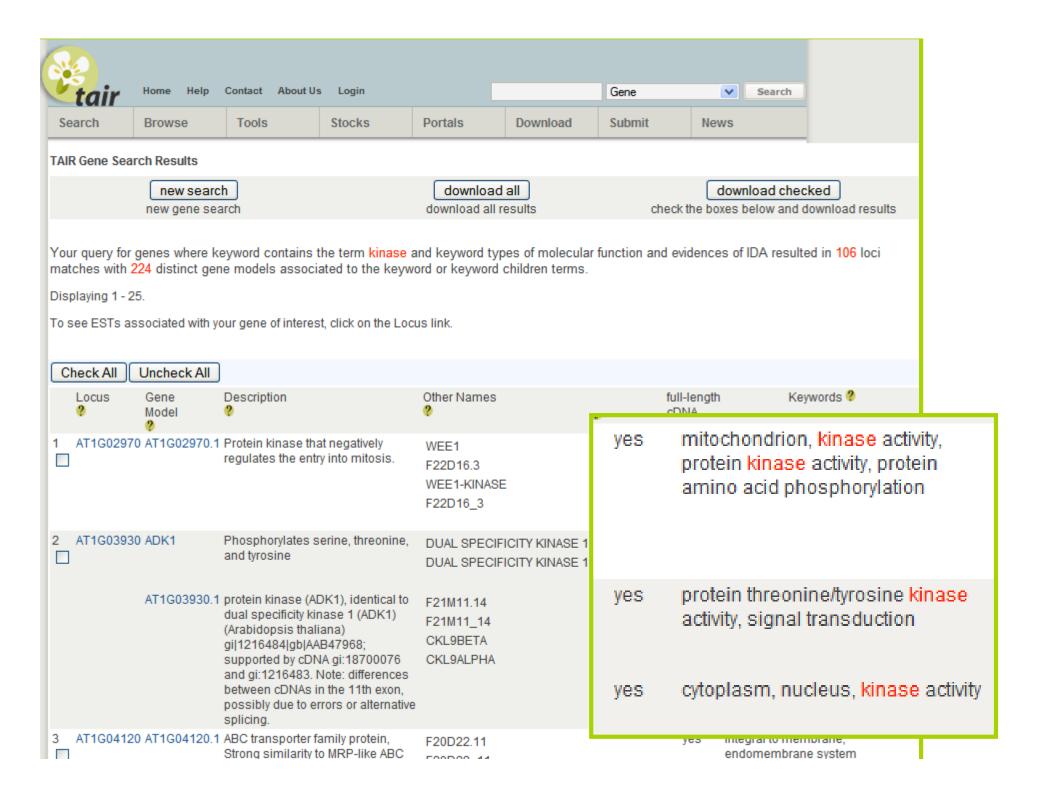
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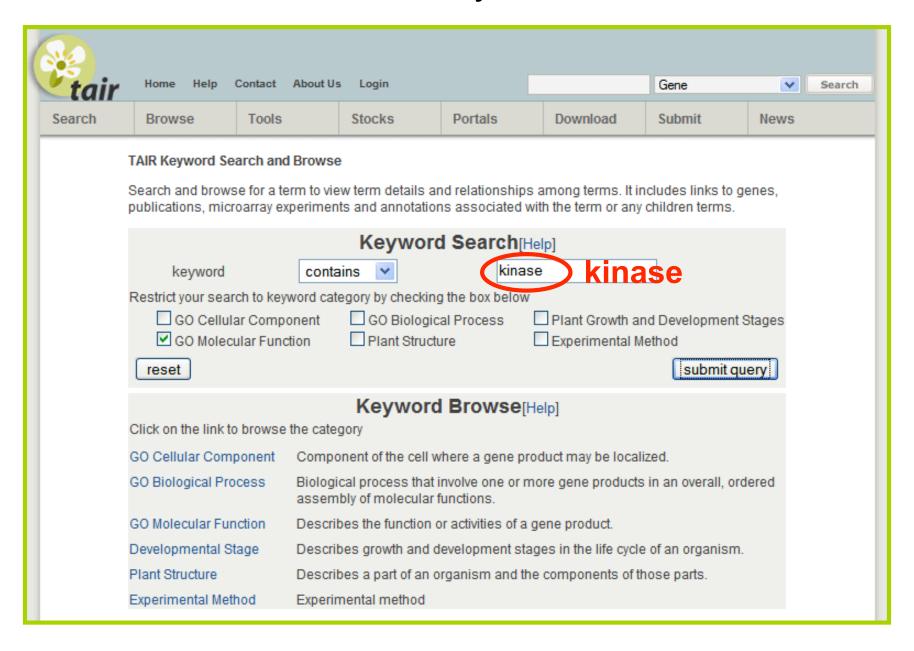


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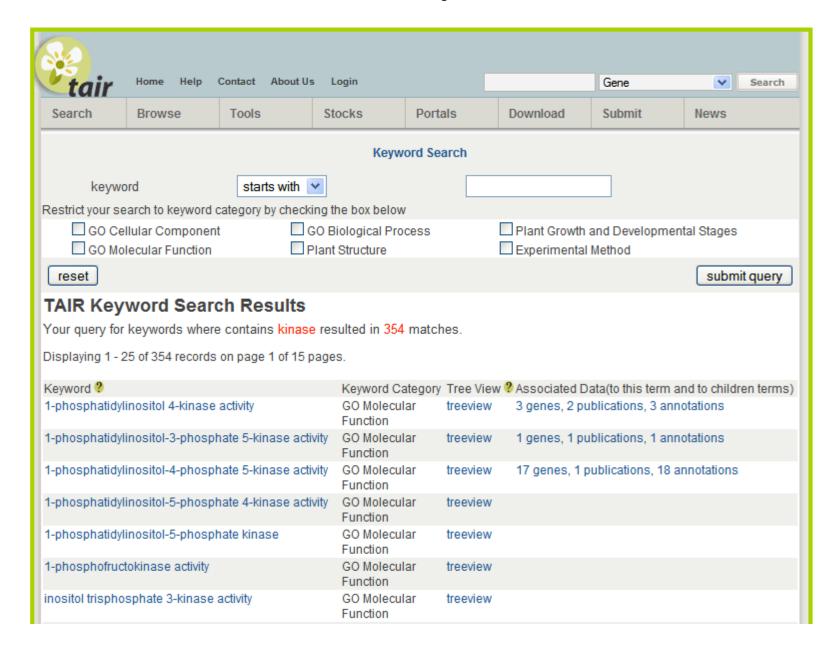




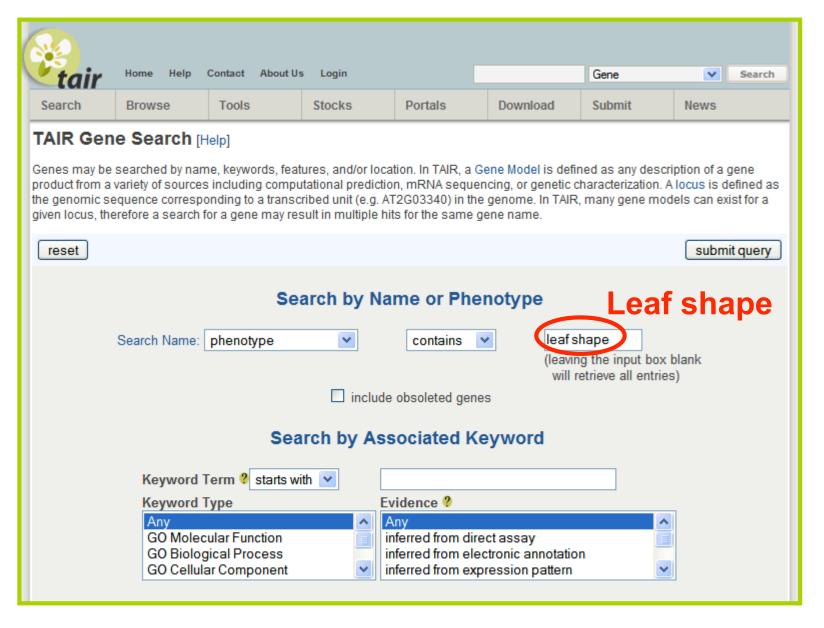
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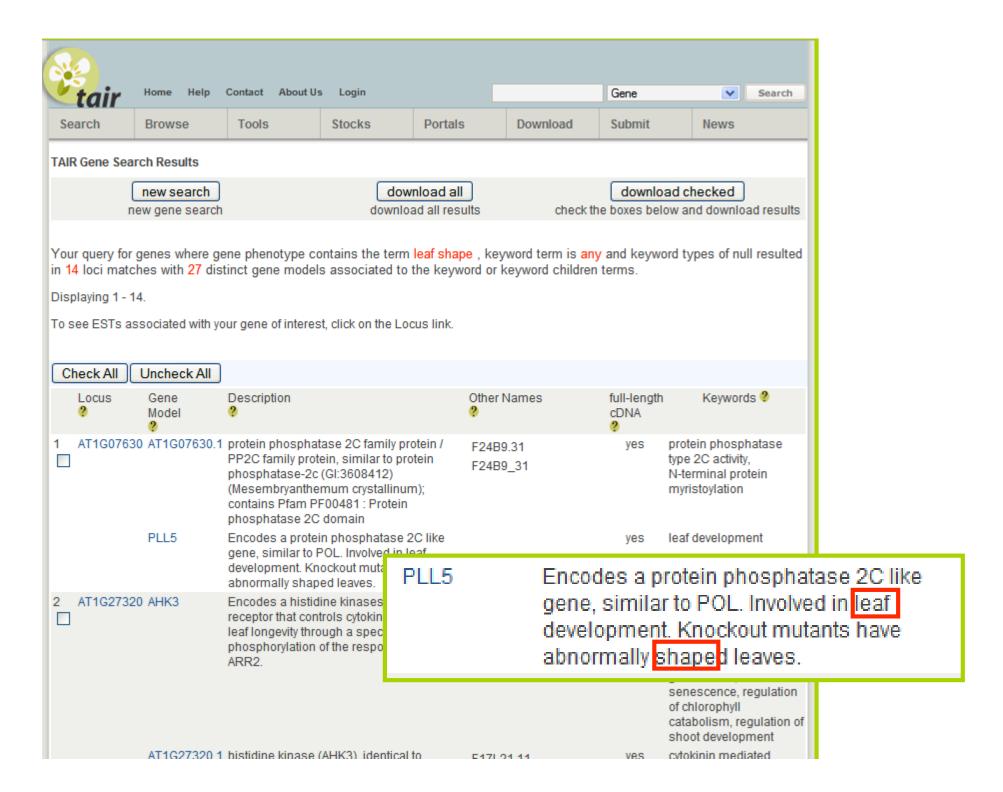


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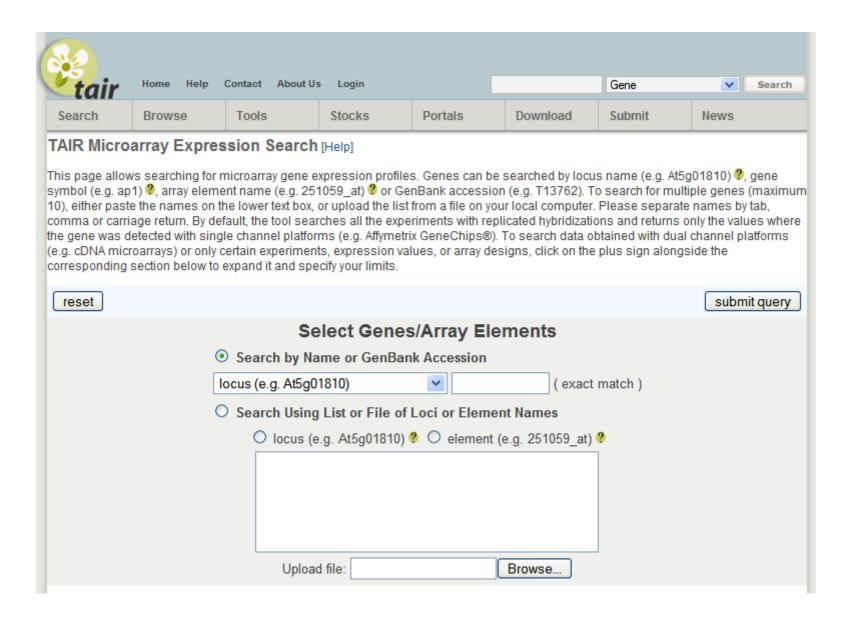


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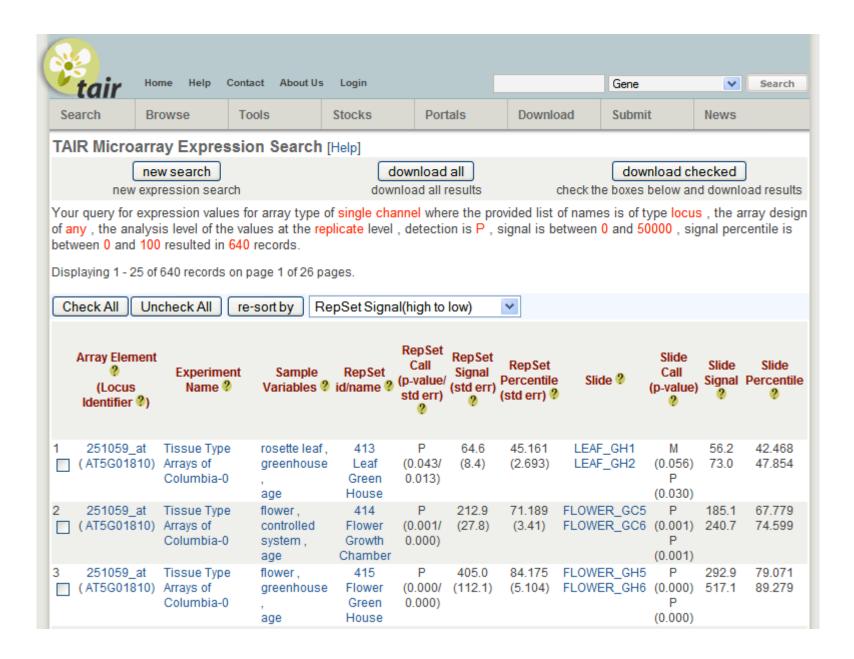




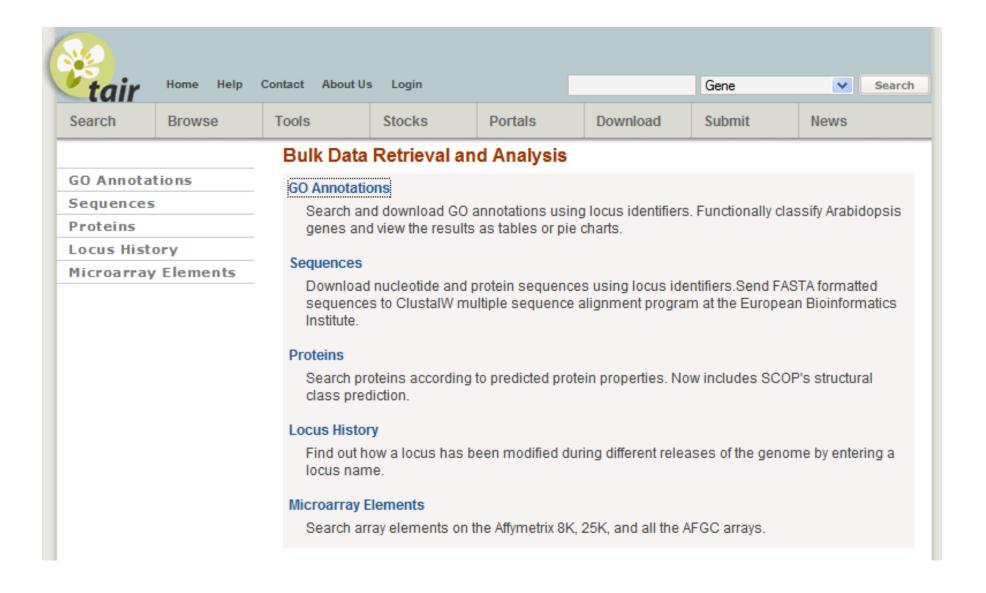
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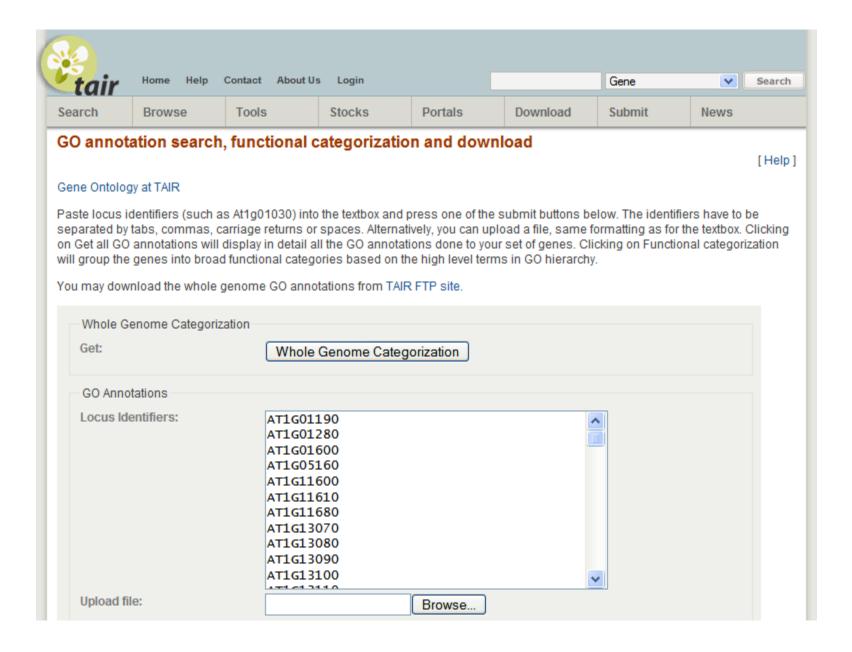


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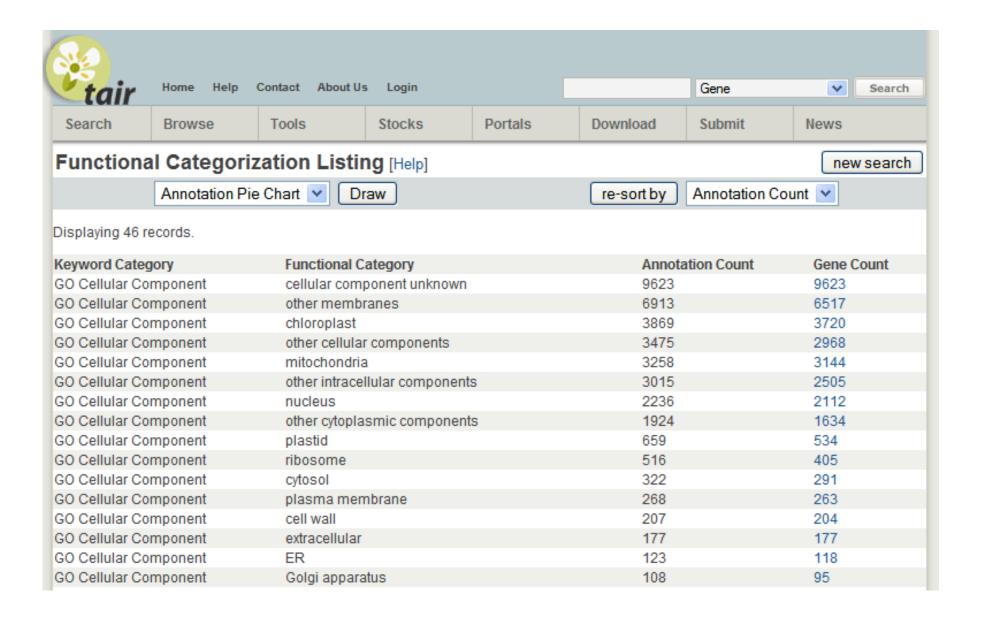


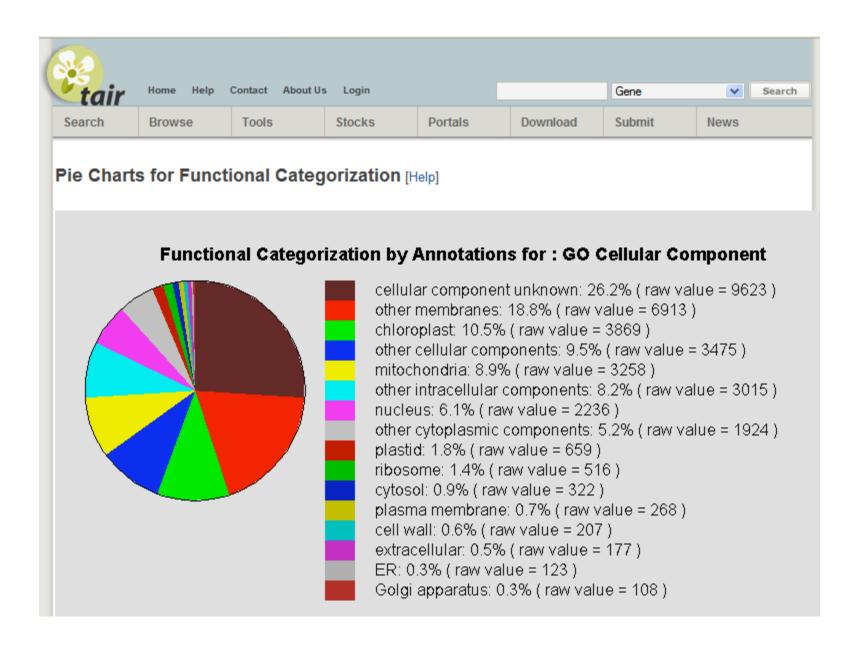
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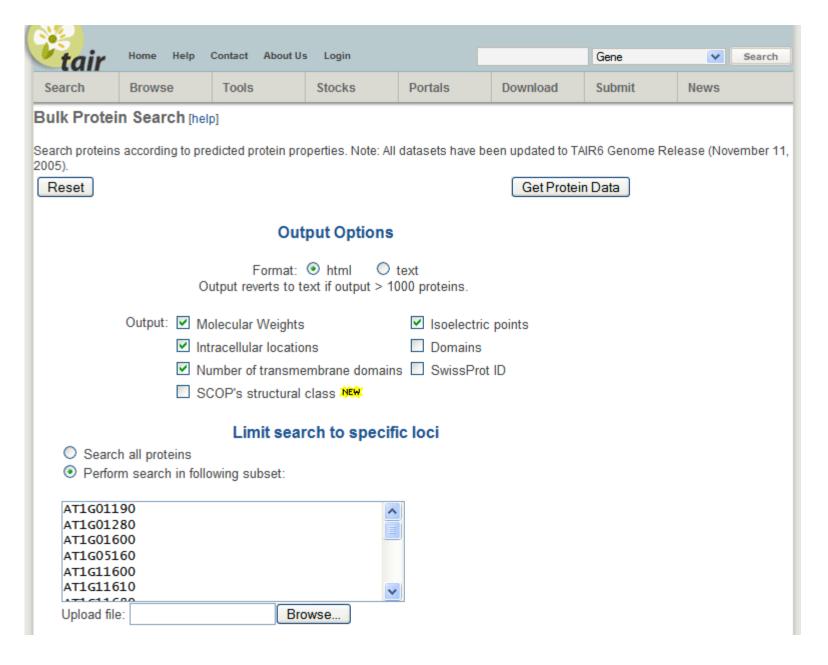


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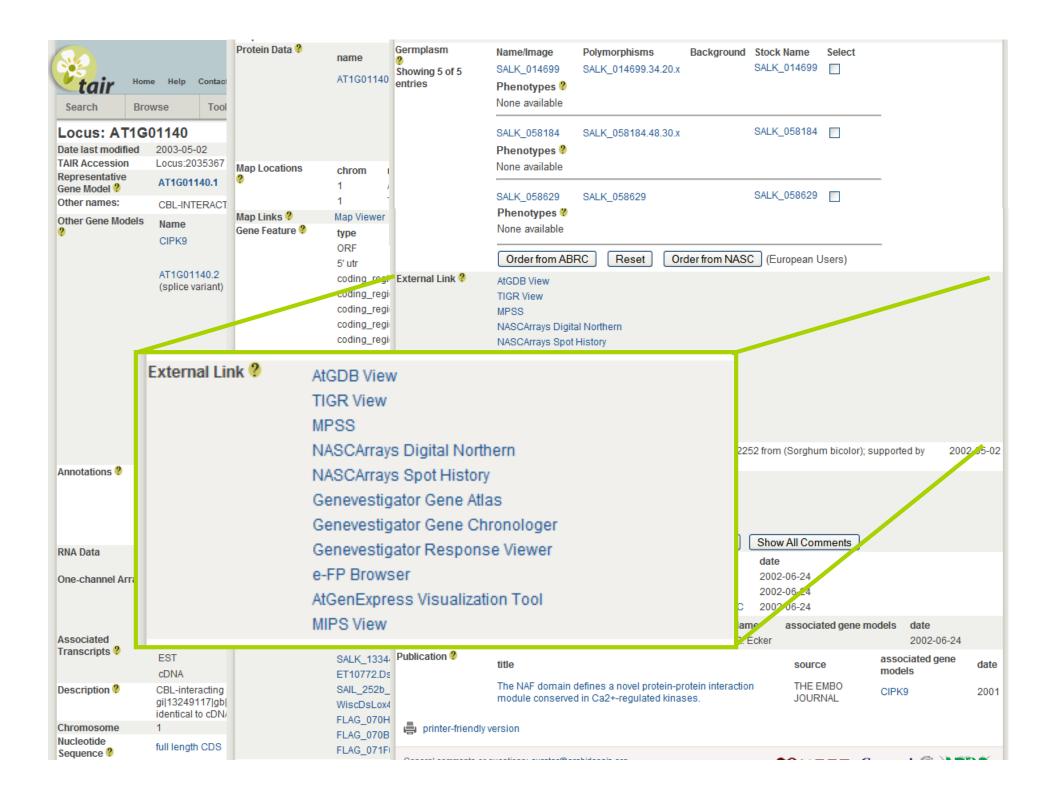


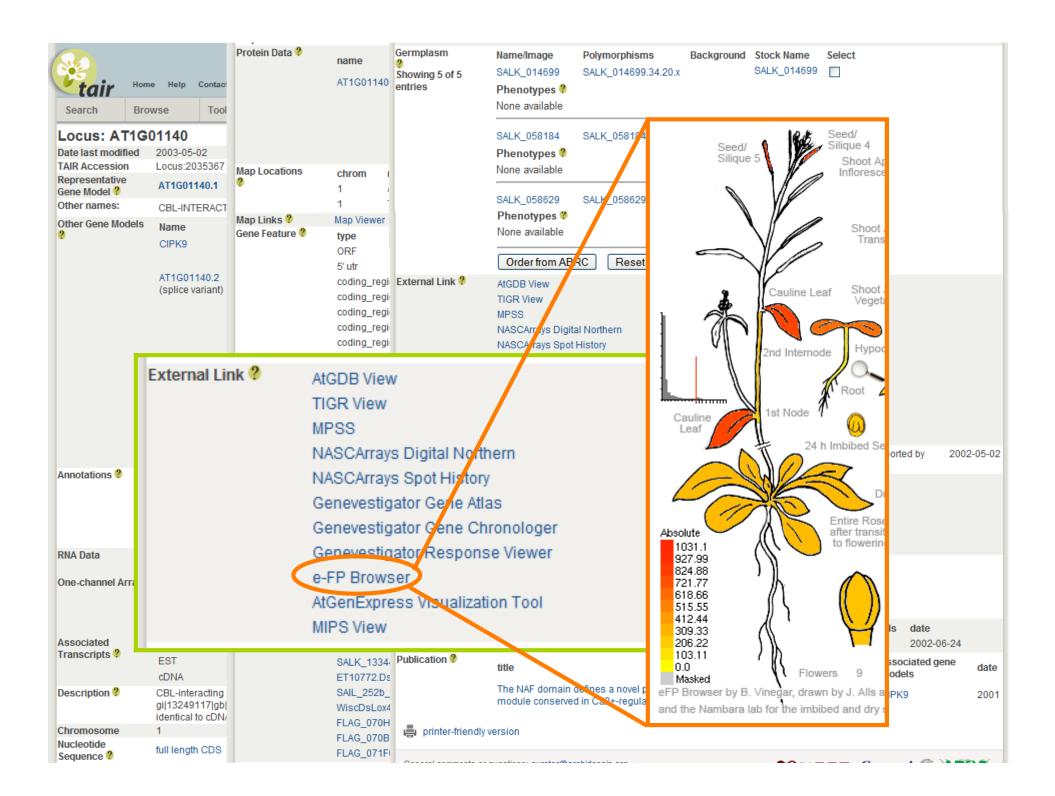
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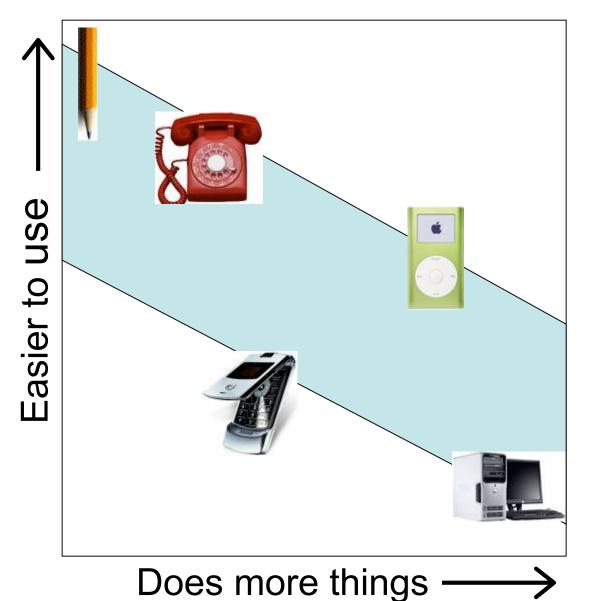
# Combine results with info from other data sources

- External links on TAIR data pages
  - Links go directly to relevant data in other resource
- Inclusion of IDs from other databases
  - GenBank accession, pubmed ID
- Web services in progress





### The Tradeoff



#### A Good Design

- "How to use" is obvious
- Results match expectations