Towards a New Model Repository

The underlying software and support of CellML 1.1 models (and more)

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What is PMR?

- PMR is Physiome Model Repository
 - Currently running at http://www.cellml.org/models
 - Has close to 400 CellML models.
 - Was planned to support more than CellML
 - Unfortunately it was too difficult to even include support for CellML 1.1 due to architectural restrictions
 - So we did some soul searching...





We can has PMR2!

- We introduce the concept of Workspace and Exposures
- Workspaces store the model data
 - It will track versions.
 - It will support all kinds of data/model files
 - CellML 1.1 imports can use relative links as it will be supported (external links must be absolute, however)





Workspace

- Tracks complete version history of all contents
 - Version01
 - Version02 *** exposure ***
 - Version03
 - Version04
 - Version05
 - Version06 *** exposure ***
 - Version07





What is this DVCS thing?

- DVCS is similar to a VCS like Subversion, except it can work without a centralize server
 - This allows model authors to exchange work directly with each other
 - Graphical client: TortoiseHg, Eclipse





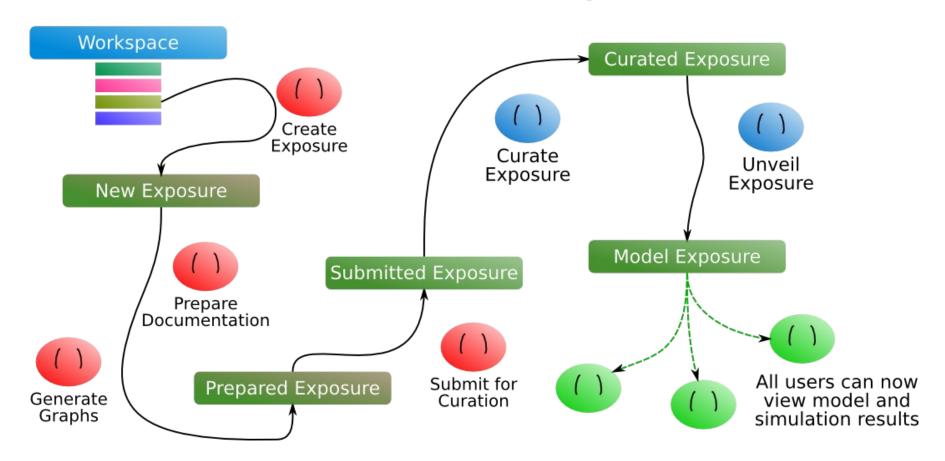
So we have data, now what?

- We do need some sort of gatekeeper to the models
 - We need to maintain the integrity of data within the repository.
 - Organize the data into a structure
- Model Curation
 - Curators annotate model with information about its status and functionality.
 - This info displayed via icons (e.g. stars)





Curation Workflow Diagram







What's next?

- Advanced Exposure Pages
 - CellML Simulator can be used to generate a reference description of a model
- Generate exposure pages for other file types, such as FieldML.
- Support for embedded workspaces through Mercurial Forests
 - This works like Subversion Externals
 - Makes importing models from a common library of shared components a lot easier