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This document explains how one could submit a CMap query via the API. We assume that you are familiar with the CLUE Query App, that you have read and internalized the following connectopedia articles ("[How do I design a query?](#)" [\(/connectopedia/how to construct cmap queries\)](#) and "[Batch query tutorial](#)" [\(connectopedia/batch query tutorial\)](#)), and that you know how to make RESTful API requests either through a client, like POSTMan or via the command line (like cURL).

We also assume that you are a registered user of CLUE and you have an API Key, see [here \(/api\)](#) for details.

EndPoint

The api endpoint is at <https://api.clue.io/api/jobs> (<https://api.clue.io/api/jobs>)

For L1000 queries

There are two ways of submitting a query on the server. If you have a file you would like to use as input for your gene lists, you can use a cURL command to upload it directly and run the query. If you have a list you would like to use, you can convert it into a stringified gmt and use a post request or cURL command to submit the input as a string in the request JSON.

Post request

Request payload looks like the following (part in bold means that they are required)

```
**Content-Type : **multipart/form-data
```

The following is the cURL command for submitting a query by uploading a file.

```
curl -i -X POST \ -H "user_key: XXXXXXXXX" \ -H "Content-Type: multipart/form-data" \ -F 'tool_id=sig_gutc_tool' \ -F 'uptag-cmapfile=@/Users/foo/Downloads/uptag.gmt' \ -F "name=BAR" \ -F 'dntag-cmapfile=@/Users/foo/Downloads/dntag.gmt' \ -F 'ignoreWarnings': true \ -F "data_type=L1000" \ -F "dataset=Touchstone" api_url
```

Where api_url would be <https://api.clue.io/api/jobs>

```
**Content-Type : **application/json
```

```
"tool_id": "sig_gutc_tool",  
  
"name": "(GSE32547) Pitavastatin treated HUVEC cells (1 uM at 4H) vs. DMSO treated",  
  
"uptag-cmapfile": "foo\tbar\t12345",  
  
"data_type": "L1000",  
  
"dataset": "Touchstone",
```

```
"ignoreWarnings": true,  
"dntag-cmapfile": "foo\t\bar\t\6789",  
}``
```

****name****: the name of the query

****tool_id****: one of "sig_guttc_tool" or "sig_fastguttc_tool"

****uptag_cmapfile****: serialized gmt file of up-regulated genes or a local file

data_type: the data **type** of the **query** (Make **an** http GET request to https://api.clue.io/api/dataTypes to get a list of available dataTypes. Default is "L1000")

dataset: the dataset to **query** against. **For** now only Touchstone is available (Make **an** http GET request to https://api.clue.io/api/datasets to get a list of available datasets). Default is "Touchstone"

dntag_cmapfile: serialized gmt **file** of down-regulated genes or a **local file**

ignoreWarnings: whether to fail the request **if** the server produces warnings (**by** default it is **set** to true. I.e the request will be failed **if** there are warnings)

****Note**: That the user_key is required in the header of the payload******

A cURL example of the above payload is below:

```
``curl -X POST --header "Content-Type: application/json" --header "Accept:  
application/json" --header "user_key: XXXXXX" -d "{  
  \"tool_id\": \"sig_guttc_tool\",  
  \"data_type\": \"L1000\",  
  \"name\": \"(GSE32547) Pitavastatin treated HUVEC cells (1 uM at 4H) vs. DMSO  
treated\",  
  \"uptag-cmapfile\":  
  \"TAG\t\t10365\t1831\t9314\t4846\t678\t22992\t3397\t26136\t79637\t5551\t7056\t7  
9888\t1032\t51278\t64866\t29775\t994\t51696\t81839\t23580\t219654\t57178\t7014\  
57513\t51599\t55818\t4005\t4130\t4851\t2050\t50650\t9469\t54438\t3628\t54922\t3  
3691\t65981\t54820\t2261\t2591\t7133\t162427\t10912\t8581\t2523\t25807\t9922\t3  
0850\t4862\t8567\t79686\t55615\t51283\t3337\t2887\t3223\t6915\t6907\t26056\t259  
217\t6574\t23097\t5164\t57493\t7071\t5450\t113146\t8650\",  
  \"dntag-cmapfile\":  
  \"TAG\t\t5128\t5046\t956\t10426\t9188\t23403\t7204\t1827\t3491\t9076\t330\t8540  
\t22800\t10687\t19\t63875\t10979\t51154\t10370\t50628\t7128\t6617\t7187\t22916\  
81034\t58516\t3096\t4794\t5202\t26511\t8767\t2355\t22943\t1490\t133\t11010\t51  
025\t23160\t56902\t3981\t5209\t6347\t5806\t7357\t9425\t3399\t6446\t64328\t6722\  
8545\t688\t861\t390\t23034\t51330\t51474\t2633\t4609\",  
  \"dataset\": \"Touchstone\"  
}
```

```
} " [https://api.clue.io/api/jobs](https://api.clue.io/api/jobs) "````
```

****Post response****

If successful, HTTP code of 2XX will be sent to user with a link to where they can poll **for** the status/fetch the data **for display**

If failed, HTTP code of 4XX is sent with **an error** or warning message

Payload **for** a successful response looks like:

```
````{  

"status": "pending",

"result": {

"job_id": "XXX",

"params": {

"tool_id": "sig_gutc_tool",

"data_type": "L1000",

"name": "test",

"dataset": "Touchstone",

"build_id": "a2geneid",

"tool_version": "1.1.1.2",

"Row_annot_path": "/cmap/data/Touchstone/gutc_background/annot/siginfo.txt",

"ignoreWarnings": false,

"numQueries": 1,

"undef_action": "warn",

"external_user_query": "true",

"es_tail": "up",

"uptag":
"http://data.clue.io/api/XXX@foo.org/results/Oct_04_2018/my_analysis.sig_gutc_t
ool.XXX/uptag.gmt",

"dntag":
"http://data.clue.io/api/XXX@foo.org/results/Oct_04_2018/my_analysis.sig_gutc_t
ool.XXX/dntag.gmt",
```

```
"config":
"http://data.clue.io/api/XXX@foo.org/results/Oct_04_2018/my_analysis.sig_gutc_t
ool.XXX/config.yaml"

},

"download_status": "completed",

"download_url":
"/s3.amazonaws.com/data.clue.io/api/XXX@foo.org/results/Oct_01_2018/my_analysi
s.sig_fastgutc_tool.XXX/my_analysis.sig_fastgutc_tool.XXX.tar.gz"

}

}```
```

**\*\*Error handling\*\***

HTTP Status codes:

We **use** HTTP codes of 2XX to **mean** that the **query** was successfully submitted.

4XX **means** that there was a user **error in** the request

A code of 5XX **means** a system **error**

**\*\*Responses with 4XX status codes\*\***

The structure of the **error** response object is **as** follows:

```
`` `{
"system": {
"warnings": [{"text" : "ABC"}],
"errors": [{"text" : "ABC"}]
},
"up": {
"warnings": [{"text" : "ABC"}],
"errors": [{"text" : "ABC"}]
},
"down": {
"warnings": [{"text" : "ABC"}],
```

```
"errors": [{"text" : "ABC"}]
},
"both": {
"warnings": [{"text" : "ABC"}],
"errors": [{"text" : "ABC"}]
}
} ````
```

**\*\*System errors/warnings\*\*** are errors/warnings associated with the submission. For instance if a required field is absent you will get a system error.

**\*\*Up\*\*** **\*\*errors/warnings\*\*** are errors/warnings associated with the up geneset. For example you get an error if you submit a query that has less than 10 entrez gene IDs. You get a warning if you use genesets that are not in BING space

**\*\*Down\*\*** **\*\*errors/warnings\*\*** similar to "up" errors/warnings\*\* \*\*

**\*\*Both error/warnings:\*\*** If the error/warning is associated with both genesets. For instance, if there are overlaps in the up and down genesets, that is where the error will be reported.

To check **for** errors, always check the status code of the HTTP response. **If** it is 4XX then check the payload **for** the appropriate **error** messages.

**\*\*Polling for completion\*\***

The response from a successful **query** should provide you with a job id (job\_id). To **query for** the status of your job, **use** the endpoint at api/jobs/job\_id, using the following curl command:

```
``curl -X GET --header "Accept: application/json" --header "user_key: XXX"
"http://api.clue.io/api/jobs/findByJobId/job_idXXX"``
```

**If** the download\_status is "completed," then you can download your results from the download\_url using curl or a web browser.

```
``{
"status": "completed",
"job_id": "XXX",
"download_status": "completed",
"download_url":
```

```
"/s3.amazonaws.com/data.clue.io/api/XXX@foo.org/results/Oct_01_2018/my_analysis.sig_fastgutc_tool.XXX/my_analysis.sig_fastgutc_tool.XXX.tar.gz"
```

```
}````
```

```
Contents of downloaded folder
```

```
* cs_n1x476251.gct -- GCT version of the raw combined scores
* gutc_config.yaml -- The configuration file that was used to run the tool
* **matrices/**
* **gutc/**
* cs_sig.gctx - Connectivity scores
* ns_sig.gctx - Normalized score
* ns_pcl_cell.gctx - Normalized connectivity based on pcl and cell lines
* ns_pcl_summary.gctx - Summary of normalized scores for PCL
* ns_pert_cell.gctx
* ns_pert_summary.gctx
* ps_pcl_cell.gctx - percentile(tau) scores for pcl and cell lines
* ps_pcl_summary.gctx - percentile(tau) scores for pcl and cell lines
* ps_pert_cell.gctx
* ps_pert_summary.gctx
* query_info.txt
* **query**/
* cs_n1x476251.gctx - Raw combined connectivity scores
* cs_up_n1x476251.gctx - Raw up regulated connectivity scores
* cs_dn_n1x476251.gctx - Raw down regulated connectivity scores
* dn.gmt - The down genesets that you uploaded
* up.gmt - The up genesets that you uploaded
```

**For more information about reading the gctx format**, see [here] (<https://clue.io/cmapPy/pandasGEXpress.html>).

**\*\*For Proteomics queries\*\***

Like L1000 queries, there are **two** ways of submitting a proteomics **query** through the API: **file** upload and **post** request.

**\*\*Uploading a file\*\***

The cURL command **for** uploading a **file for** a proteomics **query** looks like the following

```
```curl -i -X POST \  
  
-H "user_key: xxxxxxxxxxxx" \  
  
-H "Content-Type: multipart/form-data" \  
  
-F "input_file-cmapfile=@/Users/foo/Downloads/GCP.gct" \  
  
-F "assay=GCP" \  
  
-F "name=BAR-P" \  
  
-F "tool_id=sig_prot_query_tool" \  
  
-F "introspect=true" \  
  
-F "dataset=Touchstone-P" https://api.clue.io/api/jobs ```
```

****name****: the name of the query

****assay****: one of "P100" or "GCP"

****input_file-cmapfile****: serialized gmt file or a local file

introspect: true or false value that determines **if** introspect will be calculated

fields_to_aggregate: array of fields to aggregate

****Post request****

Request payload looks like **one** of the following (part **in bold means** that they are required), including **an** example of a P100 payload and **an** example of a GCP payload

```
```{  

"assay": "GCP",

"name": "GCP EZH2 LOF mutants (n=5)",

"input_file-cmapfile": "#1.3\n42\t5\t4\t10\nid\tpr_gcp_base_peptide\t...",
```

```
"dataset": "Touchstone-P",
"introspect": "true",
"tool_id": "sig_prot_query_tool",
}
{
"assay": "P100",
"name": "P100 MCF7 6H and 24H Jnk inhibitors (n=2 drugs)",
"Input_file-
cmapfile": "#1.3\n96\t12\t9\t26\nid\tpr_gene_id\tpr_gene_symbol\tpr_p100_base_pe
ptide\t...",
"tool_id": "sig_prot_query_tool",
"dataset": "Touchstone-P",
"fields_to_aggregate": ["cell_id"]
}

Contents of downloaded folder
CONCATED_CONN.gct -- concatenated connectivity results

input_file.gct -- input file

INTROSPECT_CONN.gct -- concatenated introspect results

proteomics_config.yml -- proteomics configuration file

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