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# Setting up your own ODK ontology repository



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# Prerequisites: Your Setup

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You will need



- ODK installed in a Docker environment
  - `docker pull obolibrary/odkfull`
- Git (e.g. [Github Desktop](#))
- a GitHub or GitLab account



## Prerequisites: ODK seed wrapper script

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- a convenient way
  - to start the ODK Docker container
  - to pass it your working directory, Git username & email
  - and to call the ODK seed method with all its parameters
- download it from the ODK repo
  - [seed-via-docker.sh](#) (Mac/Linux) or [seed-via-docker.bat](#) (Win)
- it must be in your working directory
  - a temp folder for the seed process output (e.g. `~/my_ODK_saplings`)

# Creating an ODK based repository

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Step 1: Configure ODK parameters in a `project.yaml`

Step 2: Seed your repository with the wrapper script

Step 3: Upload the repo to GitHub / GitLab

→ Enjoy maintaining your ontology with ODK





# Step 1: Configure general metadata

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```
id: cato
title: "Cat Anatomy Ontology"
github_org: obophenotype
git_main_branch: main
repo: cat_anatomy_ontology
release_artefacts:
  - base
  - full
  - simple
primary_release: full
export_formats:
  - owl
  - obo
  - json
import_group:
  products:
    - id: ro
    - id: pato
    - id: omo
robot_java_args: "-Xmx8G"
```

## id (required)

- your ontology acronym
  - used to build file names & term IDs
  - should be lower case, usually ~ 4 characters

## title (required)

- to generate various default values (e.g. in docs)

## more is possible (optional)

- e.g. use `description`, `licence` or `creators` to generate `dcterms` ontology annotations



# Step 1: Configure Git parameters

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## github\_org

- your GitHub or GitLab handle / organisation
  - used for some basic configs of the Git repo
  - defaults to your Git username

## repo

- set the name of your repository

## git\_main\_branch

- set the name of your main (master) branch

# Step 1: Configure pipeline parameters

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## release\_artefacts

- six different logical types (sets of axioms) possible
- generated according to [these](#) OBO/ROBOT conventions

## primary\_release

- what logical type is to be your main release artefact

## export\_formats

- the file formats you want to provide, such as OWL, OBO, TTL or OBOGraphs JSON



# Step 1: Configure import modules

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## import\_groups products

- lists all the ontologies you want to import
- for OBO ontologies `id` usually suffices
- but, you can configure much more, e.g.:
  - `mirror_from` → e.g. for non-OBO ontologies
  - `module_type` → to customize import modules
  - `is_large` & `use_gzipped` → for large ontologies





# Step 1: Configure arguments passed to ROBOT

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## robot\_java\_args

- e.g. set the max RAM used by ROBOT
  - CAVE: give Docker at least ~20% more

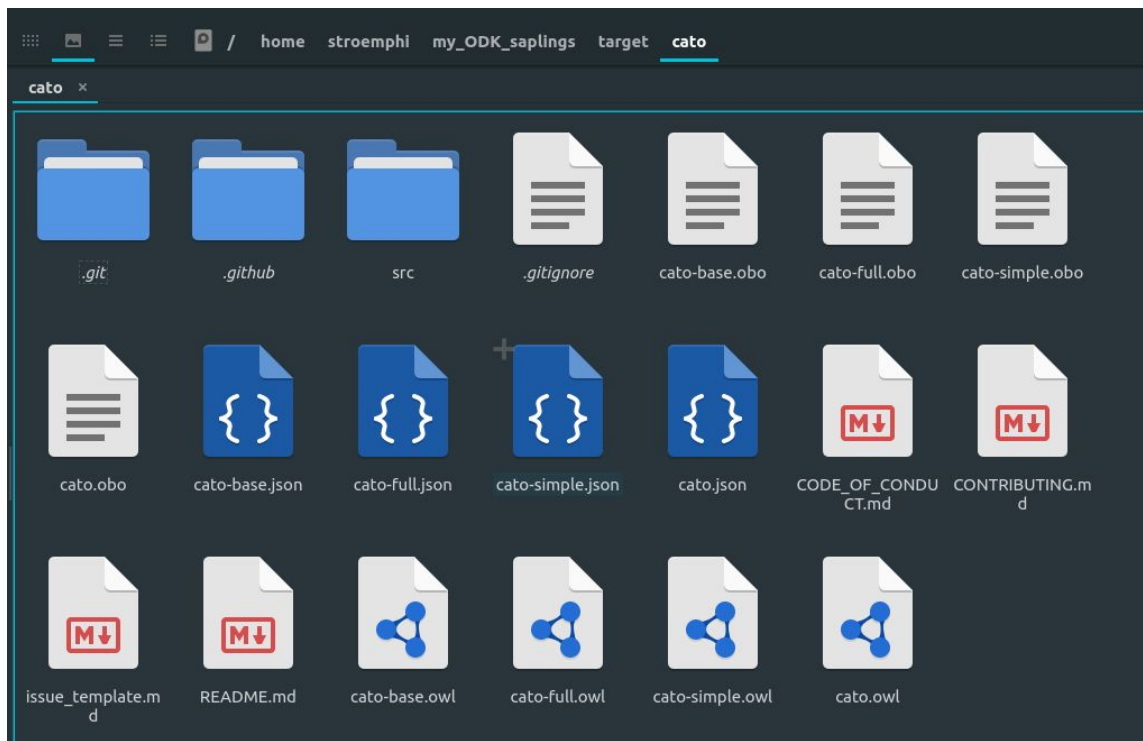
for other possible options

- many examples to learn from

## Step 2: Let ODK seed your repo

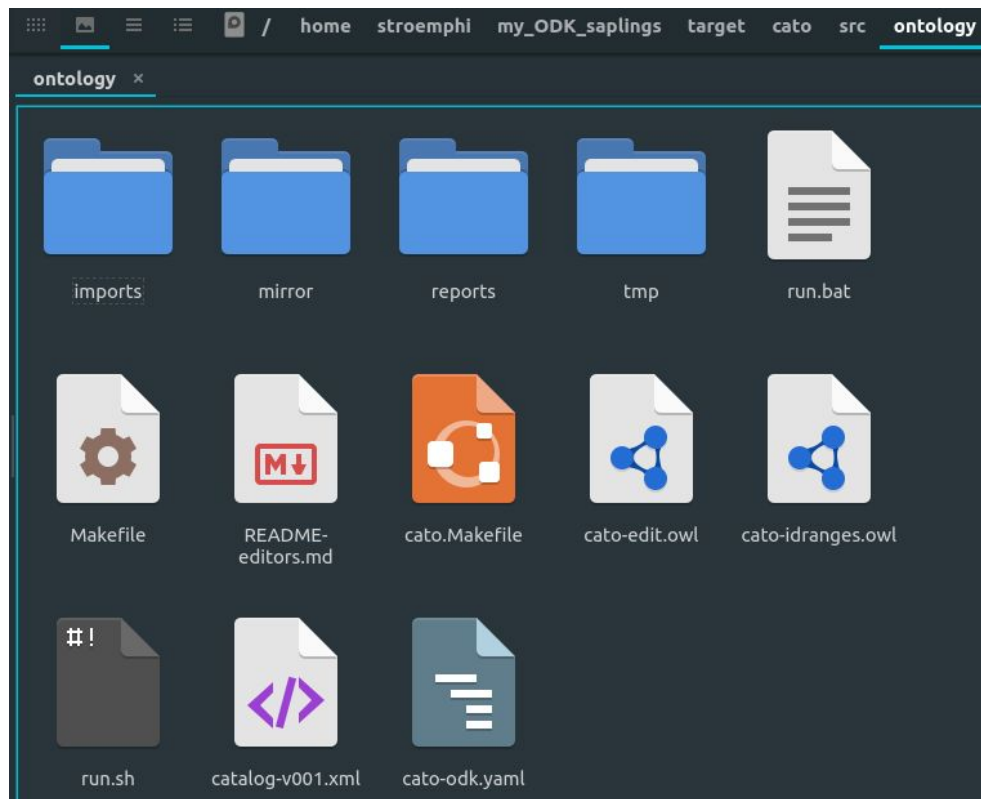


```
sh seed-via-docker.sh -C project.yaml
```



- complete git repo
- release artefacts
- README
- templates
  - NTRs
  - contributing
  - code of conduct

# Your ODK repository workspace





## Step 3: Upload the repo to GitHub / GitLab

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- copy the generated dir to desired place (e.g. \$HOME)
- in GitHub Desktop
  - File → Add local repository
  - Publish the repository
- on the command line → instructions provided in seed script output

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####  
NEXT STEPS:  
0. Examine target/cato and check it meets your expectations. If not blow it away and start again  
1. Go to: https://github.com/new  
2. The owner MUST be StroemPhi. The Repository name MUST be cat_anatomy_ontology  
3. Do not initialize with a README (you already have one)  
4. Click Create  
5. See the section under '...or push an existing repository from the command line'  
   E.g.:  
cd target/cato  
git remote add origin git@github.com:StroemPhi/cat_anatomy_ontology.git  
git branch -M main  
  
git push -u origin main  
  
BE BOLD: you can always delete your repo and start again
```



# Enjoy maintaining your ontology with ODK

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- build import modules automatically
  - add needed terms to the TXT files in `./src/ontology/imports`
  - refresh with `sh run.sh make refresh-imports`
  - customize the module build process via your custom Makefile
- run the release pipeline
  - `sh run.sh make prepare_release`
- run all QC checks or check the OWL2 DL profile validity
  - `sh run.sh make test`
  - `sh run.sh make validate_profile_cato-edit.owl`

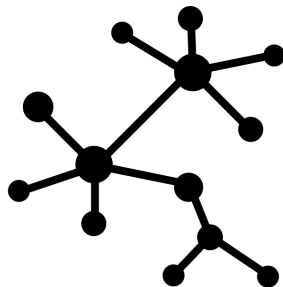
# Continuous Integration Testing



Developer



edit locally



Make pull request



CI System (GH actions) runs ODK checks



- No more broken ontologies on “main”
- No more fear you might “break stuff”
- Rich set of checks:
  - OWL profile checking
  - ROBOT report (incl. many best practices)
  - Customisable with SPARQL-based unit testing
  - Logical consistency

creating cheek tooth row #2639

Open megbalk wants to merge 3 commits into master from issue-

Conversation 0 Commits 3 Checks 3



megbalk commented 2 days ago

issue #2617

megbalk added 3 commits 17 days ago

- Update uberon-edit.obo ...
- Merge branch 'master' into issue-2617
- Update uberon-edit.obo

megbalk requested a review from bvarner-ebi 2 days ago

Add more commits by pushing to the issue-2617 branch on obophe



This branch has not been deployed

No deployments



Review required

At least 1 approving review is required by reviewers with write :  
No results found for "title"



1 pending reviewer



Some checks were not successful

2 failing and 1 skipped checks

Diagnostics



CI / ontology\_qc (pull\_request) Failing after 3m



## Want to do it yourself?

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Check the official documentation in the OBOOK

- how-to: [set up the ODK Docker environment](#)
- tutorial: [set up an ODK GitHub repository](#)
- tutorial: [a complete walk through the core ODK workflows](#)
  - go here to learn more about what you can do with ODK
- reference: [frequently used ODK commands](#)



**Thank You  
For Your Attention**