

ACD/Web Search Add-On for ChemSketch

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User's Guide

***Searching for the Chemical Data
on the Web***

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Before You Begin

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About This Guide

This guide provides a description of installing the ACD/Web Search Add-On for ChemSketch and using it to search through the eMolecules, PubChem, and ChemSpider online chemical databases.

The screen shots shown throughout this guide have been taken with a relatively small window size.

The colors and other properties of the window elements described throughout this guide correspond with the default Windows Display Properties.

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1. Introduction

There is a growing prevalence of Web-based portals for searching chemical structures and associated information. In particular the PubChem project initiated by the National Library of Medicine (<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) has revolutionized online access to millions of chemical structures and an abundance of associated information. PubChem provides information on the biological activities of small molecules and is a component of NIH's [Molecular Libraries Roadmap Initiative](#). PubChem includes substance information, compound structures, and bioactivity data in three primary databases, [PCSubstance](#), [PCCompound](#), and [PCBioAssay](#), respectively.

Recently eMolecules (<http://www.emolecules.com/>)—originally known as Choogle—was announced as the leading open-access chemistry search engine. eMolecules' mission is to discover, curate and index all of the public chemical information in the world, and make it available to the public for free.

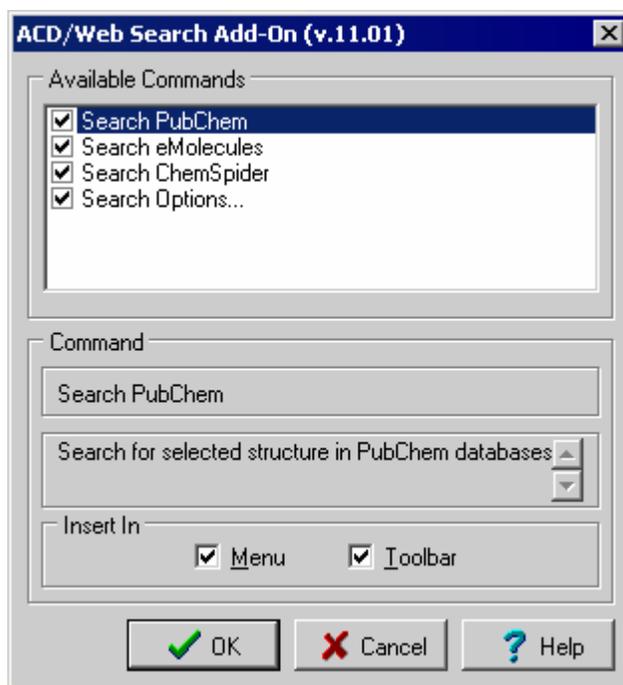
Another one chemistry search engine is ChemSpider which offers you chemical structure searches available online and delivered with the flexibility and usability necessary to encourage repeat usage.

ACD/ChemSketch freeware has now been downloaded by over half a million chemists worldwide and is fast becoming the standard chemical structure-drawing package with the largest install base in the marketplace. In order to deliver further value and support to our users we have provided ChemSketch with a tool that allows both structure and substructure searching of the eMolecules, PubChem, and ChemSpider online repositories. This document describes how to integrate the ACD/Web Search Add-On into the ACD/ChemSketch application installed at your desktop.

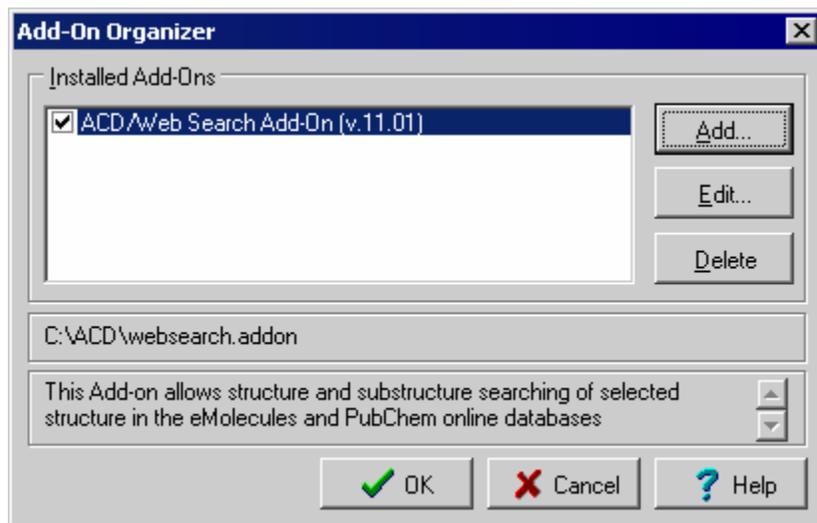
2. Working with ACD/Web Search Add-On

2.1 Installing the Add-On

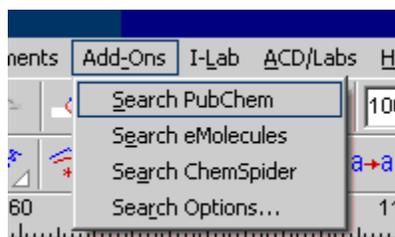
1. In ACD/ChemSketch (Freeware or Commercial), from the **Options** menu, choose **Add-On Organizer** to display the **Add-On Organizer** dialog box.
2. In the dialog box, click **Add**.
3. In the **Open** dialog box that appears, specify the location of the WEBSEARCH.ADDON file, and click **Open**.
4. The **ACD/Web Search Add-On** dialog box that follows contains a list of available commands within the add-on and options for placing the commands on the **Add-Ons** menu and/or the General toolbar of the ChemSketch window. Make sure that all check boxes are selected as shown below:



5. Click **OK** and make sure that the **ACD/Web Search Add-on** item appears in the **Installed Add-Ons** list of the **Add-On Organizer** dialog box:



Click **OK**. The **Search eMolecules** , **Search PubChem** , and **Search ChemSpider**  buttons will appear on the General toolbar of the ChemSketch window and the corresponding commands will be added on the **Add-Ons** menu:



2.2 Choosing Web Search Options

1. From the **Add-Ons** menu, choose **Search Options** to display the following dialog box:



2. In the **Service Choice** area, select either **Search Exact Structure** if you want to perform a search by the complete molecular structure or **Search Substructure** to perform a substructure search.

Note **Predict Properties** are available only for ChemSpider search.

3. In the **Show Results** area, select either **In Browser** if you want to view the results in your Web browser or **In ChemSketch** to display them in the ChemSketch window.

Note This add-on only works with MS Internet Explorer as the Web browser.

4. Click **OK** to apply settings and close the dialog box. You can change these search options at any time depending on the type of search you want to perform.

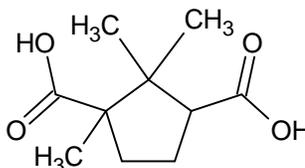
Tip If you select the **Prompt for Options for Every Search** check box, this dialog box will appear every time you start searching through either the eMolecules or PubChem online databases.

2.3 Performing a Web Search on eMolecules

This example will show how to perform a search with the eMolecules service.

Note Performing a search on the PubChem service follows the same procedure (refer to the next section).

1. Draw or load a structure for *camphoric acid* into the ChemSketch window:



2. On the General toolbar, click **Search eMolecules**  (or from the **Add-Ons** menu choose **Search eMolecules**).

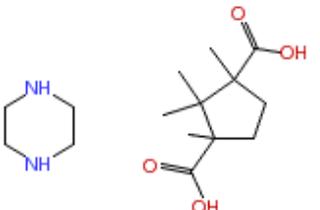
Otherwise, if you chose to show the results in ACD/ChemSketch, the **Search Results** window will open:

Search Results

eMolecules® [Home](#)

New Search  Draw Structure Text Search

Results for: OC(=O)C1CCC(C)(C(=O)O)C1(C)C
 Searched 6.3M structs from 15.4M sources Results 1-7 of 7 (0.3 sec)

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	MW: 200.23 ACDlogP: 1.47	National Cancer Institute , August 2000 2D File: 37542 86838 , CAS 999-99-9 999-99-9 PubChem , PubChem Compounds: 123663 93874
	MW: 200.23	NIST Chemistry WebBook , NIST

<http://www.emolecules.com/cgi-bin/search?q=%43%43%31%28%43%43%43%28%43%28%4F%29%3D%4F%>

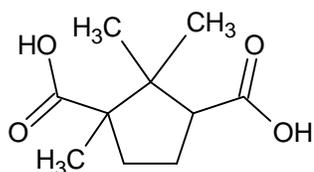
Now you can browse the information in the search results.

2.4 Performing a Web Search on PubChem

This example will show how to perform a search with the PubChem service.

Note Performing a search on the eMolecules service follows the same procedure (see above).

1. Draw or load a structure for *camphoric acid* into the ChemSketch window:



2. On the General toolbar, click **Search PubChem**  (or from the **Add-Ons** menu choose **Search PubChem**).

If you chose to show search results in a Web browser, Internet Explorer will load the PubChem search Web site and display the results of the search after a few moments:

The screenshot shows the PubChem Compound search results page in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser window title is "PubChem Compound - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Select+from+Histo>. The page displays the NCBI PubChem Compound logo and navigation tabs for "All Databases", "PubMed", "Nucleotide", "Protein", "Genome", and "Structure". The search results show one entry: "1: CID: [21491](#)". Below the entry is a chemical structure of camphoric acid and its details: "Camphoric acid, d-Camphoric", "IUPAC: 1,2,2-trimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dicarboxylic acid", and "MW: 200.232 | MF: C₁₀H₁₆O₄".

If you chose to show the results in ACD/ChemSketch, then the **Search Results** window will open:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Search Results" from the National Library of Medicine. The page features the NCBI logo and the PubChem Compound logo. A search bar contains "PubChem Compound" and "for". Below the search bar are navigation tabs: "All Databases", "PubMed", "Nucleotide", "Protein", "Genome", "Structure", and "PubChem". A secondary search bar is present. The main content area displays search options: "Limits", "Preview/Index", "History", "Clipboard", and "Details". The "Display" dropdown is set to "Summary", with "Show 20" and "Sort" options. A summary bar shows "All: 1", "BioAssay: 1", "Protein3D: 0", and "Rule of 5: 1". The search results list one entry: "1: CID: [21491](#)". To the right of the entry is a 3D ball-and-stick model of the chemical structure of Camphoric acid, d-Camphoric acid. To the right of the model, the text reads: "Camphoric acid, d-Camphoric acid", "IUPAC: 1,2,2-trimethylcyclopentane-1,2-dicarboxylic acid", and "MW: 200.232 | MF: C10H16O4". The left sidebar contains links for "About Entrez", "Entrez Help", "PubChem Help | FAQ", "PubChem Substance Structures supplied by depositors", "PubChem Compound Unique structures with computed properties", and "PubChem BioAssay Bioactivity assay results supplied by". The browser address bar shows "http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/search/PreQ5rv.cgi".

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