



# Automate your Search

## The Potential of STN Scripts

### Demonstrated by some Selected Examples

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# Powerful scripting feature unique on STN

- **What is a STN script?**

**STN Scripting = simple programming language**

Scripts include the full Messenger (STN retrieval language) functionality

Scripts includes script features: variables, operators, statements, and conditions

- **How to work with a STN script?**

- 1) Prepare script offline or in STNnext
- 2) Start script manually
- 3) The script can run highly automated or interactive

- **What are three key benefits?**

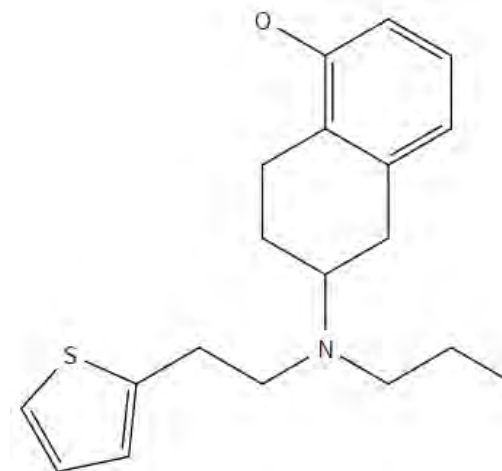
- Set up sophisticated monitoring solutions.
- Save time by encoding recurring search concepts.
- Modular design: Scripts can be built of re-usable elements and shared among colleagues.

# Use case I: Monitoring of a substance in DCR and retrieval of corresponding DWPI records

Rotigotine – used for treating Parkinsons disease – should be monitored once a month.

A structure search in DCR combined with a keyword search in DWPI should be performed and corresponding patent documents should be displayed manually depending on number of retrieved records.

*Monitoring can be performed using update codes (e.g. UP) or with stored answer sets. The example here uses saved answer sets.*



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4 => FIL WPINDEX
5 => S ROTIGOTIN? OR NEUPRO OR N0923 OR N(W)0923 OR SPM962 OR SPM(W)962 \> _patentsDWPI
```

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Upload structure from MyFiles or a subfolder and assign structure to variable.  
**UPLOAD LNUM** `_variable` `<folder/name>`

Conditional statement with **IF**: IF there are new additional records retrieved, then add and save them. IF/ELSE statement are marked with **BEGIN** and **END**.

STN system question prompts require a colon `:`

**ECHO** displays information on screen and transcript.

Track the progress of the script with output messages. Option: `LOG H`

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6 \>_patentsDWPI
7 UPLOAD LNUM _uploadedstr <monitoring/rotigotine_script>
8 => S _uploadedstr FAM FULL \>_structuresDCR
9 => S _structuresDCR/DCR \>_patentsDCR
10
11 => ACT rotigscript/A \>_activated
12
13 => S _allpatents NOT _activated \>_newpatents
14
15 IF #_newpatents > 0 BEGIN
16     => S _activated OR _newpatents \>_mustbesaved
17     => SAV _mustbesaved rotigscript/A
18     :y
19     ECHO "New patents retrieved."
20     ECHO "The new records are in _newpatents and part of saved answer set
    rotigotine/A."
21 END
22 ELSE BEGIN
23     ECHO "No new records retrieved."
24 END
25
26 ECHO "Script finished"
```



# Start the script under MyFiles/Scripts

The screenshot shows a file management interface for a session. At the top left, there is a link "Return to Session" with a back arrow. Below it, the title is "Scripts (30)" with a code icon. On the right, the sort order is "Date Modified: Newest" with a dropdown arrow. A toolbar contains icons for selection, sharing, deletion, and moving to folders, along with a search bar labeled "Search Files by Name" and buttons for "Import Script" and "Create New". A list of files is shown below, with the first entry being "rotigotine monitoring" with a timestamp of "2020 Oct 14 8:36 AM". To the right of this entry, a "Run" button is highlighted with a red box, and a mouse cursor is pointing at it. A three-dot menu icon is also visible to the right of the "Run" button.

# Workflow and some extensions

- 1 - Keyword search in WPINDEX
- 2 - Uploading structure and structure search in DCR
- 3 - Combining answer sets (L3)
- 4 - Activating saved answer set from previous monitoring run (L4)
- 5 - Subtracting: L3 NOT L4
- 6 - If there are new answers, save them

# Workflow and some extensions (1/4)

- 0 - Rename transcript file and save in folder
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**Transcript names can be specified, also by variables. Transcripts can be saved in new folders or existing folders.**

Screenshots from  
script run

```
4 GET _update LABEL = "Date and remarks for transcript file name"  
5 CAPTURE ON <rotigotinmonitoring/_update rotigotine run>
```

Date and remarks for transcript file name:

20201014

Ok

# Workflow and some extensions (2/4)

- 0 - Rename transcript file and save in folder
- 1 - Keyword search in WPINDEX
- 2 - Uploading structure and structure search in DCR
- 3 - Combining answer sets (L3)
- 4 - Activating saved answer set from previous monitoring run (L4)
- 5 - Subtracting: L3 NOT L4
- 6 - If there are new answers, save them
- 7 - Summarize information in the transcript file



**ECHO limits the output to 140 characters.**

# Summarize information in the transcript file

To display more than 140 characters, assign text to variables and output them with ECHO. Variables can be combined, e.g. `_alltext = _text1 + _text2`.

```
22   _text1 = "The name of this transcript is _update rotigotine run and it is
      stored under MyFiles/Transcripts/rotigotinemonitoring."
23   _text2 = "New patents retrieved. The new records are in _newpatents and part of
      saved answer set rotigotine/A."
24   ECHO "_text1 _text2"
```

Screenshot  
transcript

```
The name of this transcript is 20201014 rotigotine run and it is stored under
MyFiles/Transcripts/rotigotinemonitoring. New patents retrieved. The new records are in L72 and part of saved
answer set rotigotine/A.
```

# Workflow and some extensions (3/4)

...

6 - If there are new answers, save them

7 - Automate the display of results

## Automatic decisions specified in the script:

```
18 IF #_newpatents > 0 BEGIN
19     => S _activated OR _newpatents \>_mustbesaved
20     => SAV _mustbesaved rotigscript/A
21     :y
22     IF #_newpatents < 100 BEGIN
23         => D _newpatents 1-TOT IFULL
24     END
25 ELSE BEGIN
26     => D _newpatents 1-TOT TI PA PI
27 END
```

If there are less than 100 new records, records are displayed with the IFULL format. Otherwise, records are displayed in short with TI, PA and PI.

***This example is intended to show that automatic decisions can be integrated, to enable a workflow tailored to your needs.***

# Workflow and some extensions (4/4)

0 - Rename transcript file and save in folder

1 - Keyword search in WPINDEX

2 - Uploading structure and structure search in DCR

3 - Combining answer sets (L3)

4 - Activating saved answer set from previous monitoring run (L4)

5 - Subtracting: L3 NOT L4

6 - If there are new answers, save them

7 - Automate the display of results or **include interactive steps to request input from the user**

8 - Summarize information in the transcript file

# Interactive script design

**OPTION 1:** The GET command asks for user input. The records to be displayed and the display format can be specified:

```
22 GET _display LABEL = "#_newpatents new records retrieved. How to display?"
23 => D _display
```



# Interactive script design

**OPTION 1:** The GET command asks for user input. The records to be displayed and the display format can be specified:

```
22 GET _display LABEL = "#_newpatents new records retrieved. How to display?"
23 => D _display
```

**OPTION 2:** EDIT ON pauses the script and allows to modify the command specified in the script:

```
22 EDIT ON
23 => D _newpatents 1-TOT IFULL
24 EDIT OFF
```

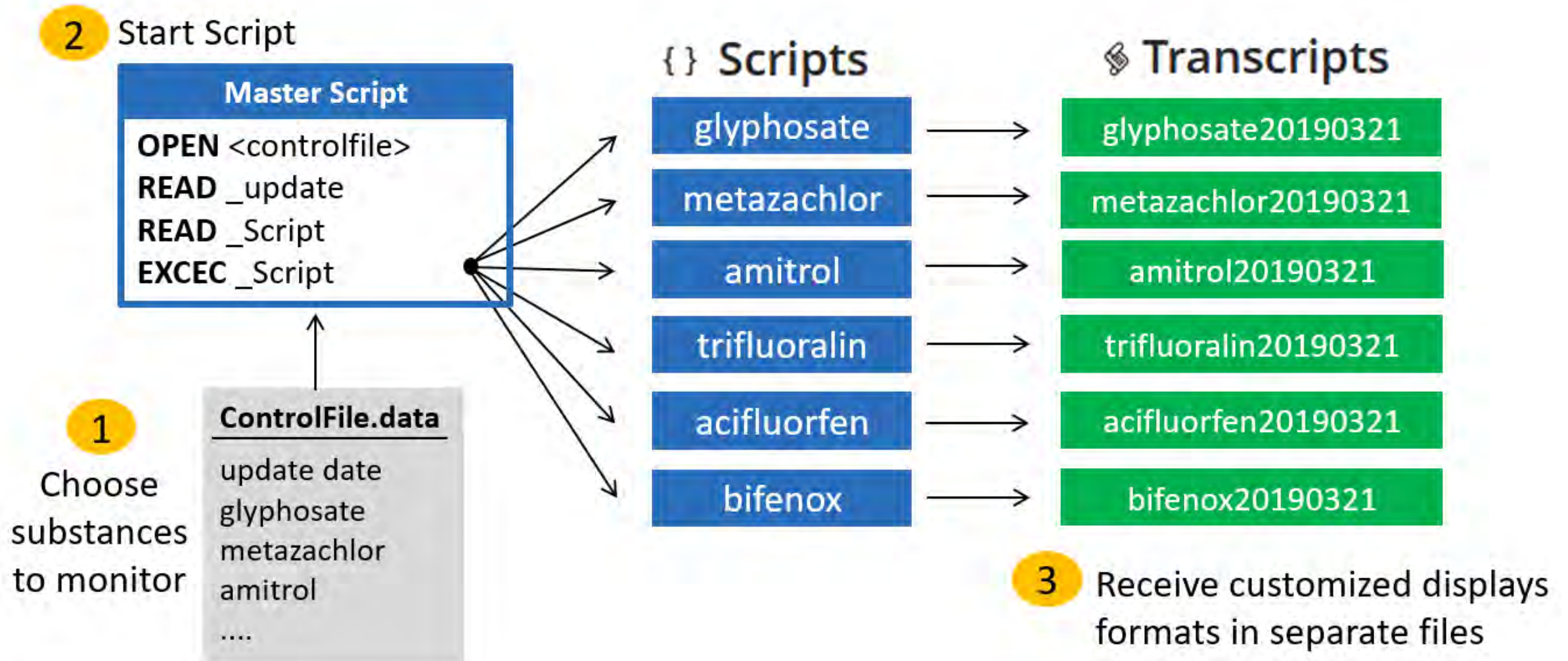
Screenshot from  
script run



Enter user data:

Ok

# Use case II: Monitoring a large number of substances



# Case III: ANALYZE indexed DCR substances of an answer set

What are the 20 most common substances indexed in an answer set from DWPI?

*The script analyzes the DCR-number of the field DCR.WRS (Chemical Resource Number, without Role, with DCR-prefix).*

*To ensure easy reuse of the workflow and to share it conveniently with colleagues, the procedure was wrapped into a script.*

```
3 => FIL WPINDEX
4
5 GET _lnumber LABEL = "Type in WPINDEX answer set to be analyzed"
6 EDIT ON
7 => ANA _lnumber 1- DCR.WRS \>_analyzedDCR
8 EDIT OFF
9
10 => EDI _analyzedDCR /DCR.WRS /AN.S
11 => SET AUDIT OFF
12 => TRA _analyzedDCR 1-20 \>_DCRrecords
13 => DEL SEL Y
14 => SEL _DCRrecords 1-20 CN.P
15 ECHO "Below is a list of the TOP 20 substances indexed (alphabetical order):"
16 => D SEL E1-20
17
18 ECHO "Analyzed DCR-numbers are stored in _analyzedDCR, the TOP 20 DCR records are
in _DCRrecords"
```

# Results of analyzed substances indexed

Screenshots from  
final transcript

Below is a list of the TOP 20 substances indexed (alphabetical order):

E#	FILE	FREQUENCY	TERM
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E1	WPIINDEX	1	ALECTINIB/CN.P
E2	WPIINDEX	1	CABOZANTINIB/CN.P
E3	WPIINDEX	1	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE/CN.P
E4	WPIINDEX	1	DEXAMETHASONE/CN.P
E5	WPIINDEX	1	DOVITINIB/CN.P
E6	WPIINDEX	1	DOXORUBICIN/CN.P
E7	WPIINDEX	1	EVEROLIMUS/CN.P
E8	WPIINDEX	1	FLUOROURACIL/CN.P
E9	WPIINDEX	1	CEFTINIB/CN.P
E10	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E11	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E12	WPIINDEX	1	VANDELANIB/CN.P
E13	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E14	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E15	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E16	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E17	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E18	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E19	WPIINDEX	1	CAPECITABINE/CN.P
E20	WPIINDEX	1	VINBLASTINE/CN.P

=>

Analyzed DCR-numbers are stored in L10, the TOP 20 DCR records are in L12

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