Chromatography: Connecting Signals Notebook To Drive Digital Transformation

Summary

Integration between informatics systems and HPLC Chromatography Data Systems (CDS) platforms are very common request within the lab. The ability to set up a chromatography run in an Electronic Lab Notebook (ELN) or LIMS send the sample list to a CDS, and then seamlessly retrieve the processed results is highly desirable but is often still a manual or semi-manual process.

This use case illustrates how Revvity's Signals Notebook integrates with the Signals Digital Lab Exchange DLX™ platform powered by Scitara® to provide a seamless interactive experience with CDS systems.

The Signals Notebook connector within Signals DLX lets you integrate any lab instrument, application, or system with Signals Notebook. Signals DLX improves workflows by bridging Signals Notebook with other systems. The integration capabilities of Signals DLX allow you to enhance interoperability across your lab environment.

Challenge

The desired workflow is bi-directional and requires a dialog between the systems. Within the Signals Notebook, the user will have a complete or partial sample list that they want to send to a CDS. That list may need to be augmented with additional information before the samples are acquired and processed. When data processing is complete, the processed results need to be

transferred back from the CDS to the Signals Research platform. The challenge is making this data exchange as seamless and as easy as possible while maintaining data integrity and a chain of custody for the data.

For the purposes of illustration, this example will use Thermo Scientific™ Chromeleon™ Chromatography Data System (CDS) software, but the same process is readily achievable with other leading CDS platforms.

Solution

Using Signals DLX , an external action can be configured in the relevant Signals Notebook table where the user is building the sample list. When the user has accumulated all of the relevant data within Signals and is ready to send the list to Chromeleon and create a sequence, the external action link is selected. This launches a dialog inside of a Signals Notebook and prompts the user for needed information. Since the prompts are based on a dynamic Chromeleon lookup based on the Chromeleon SDK, the number of required prompts can be minimized by having more information at hand in advance and pre-loading this information.
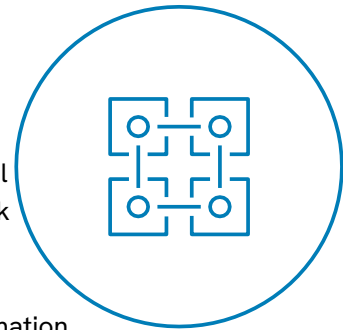
The following information may be configured as part of the sequence creation process:

- The Chromeleon instance to be used

- User credentials (important in regulated environments and for data integrity in general)

- The Chromeleon folder where the sequence will be stored The instrument to be used (optional)

- A sequence preview where methods may be dynamically selected, and missing parameters entered, such as injection volume or carousel position.

Any additional information added to the sequence as part of the sequence creation process can be written back to Signals Notebook as well as sent to Chromeleon to keep Signals and Chromeleon in sync.

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When the samples have been processed, the user may retrieve the processed results from another external action selection within Signals Notebook. The user experience may be as simple as a single button click that retrieves all processed results associated with the sequence name. The user may also browse their accessible Chromeleon locations and select their desired results.

The user experience can be customized based on the orchestration capabilities of Signals DLX within Signals and may be modified by the customer administrator at any time if the workflow requirements change. It is also possible to route data to multiple locations in parallel (for example, send CDS results to the Signals Platform and to a data lake in parallel).

After the sequence is complete and the data processed, the results may be uploaded seamlessly into Signals Notebook.
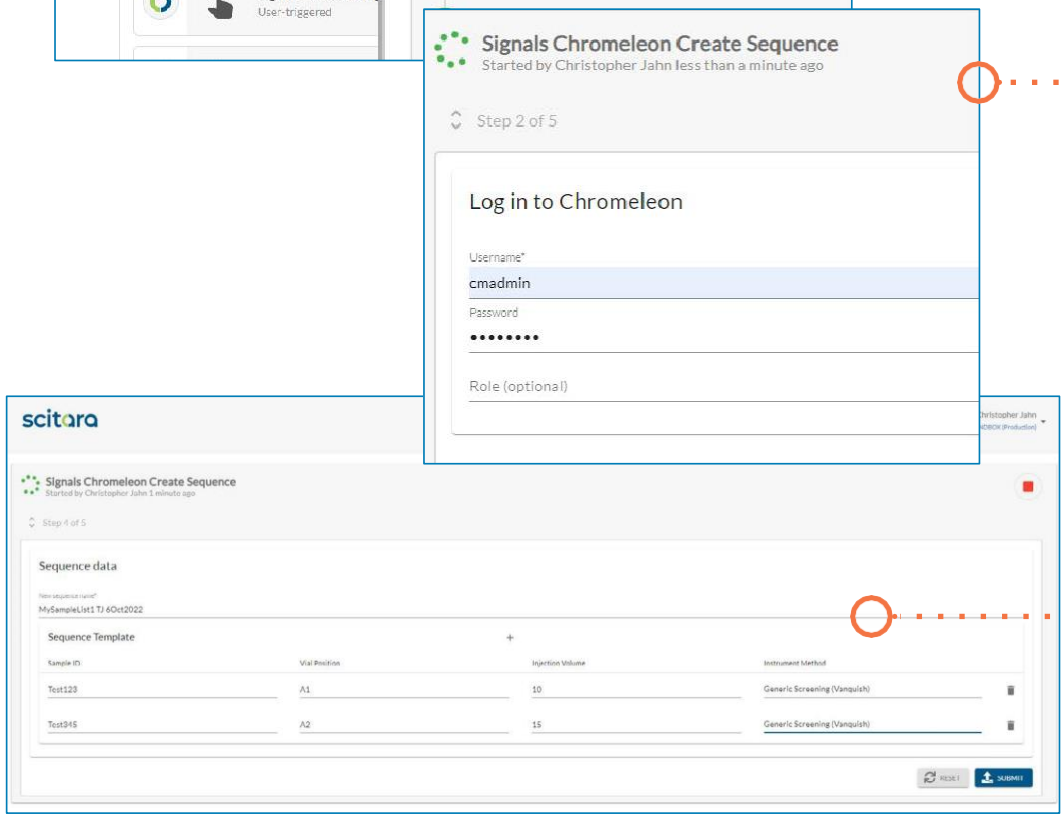
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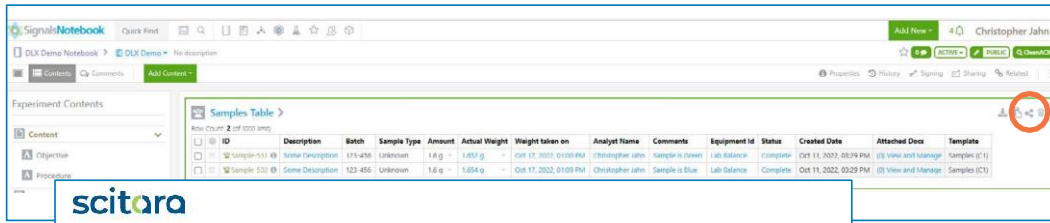
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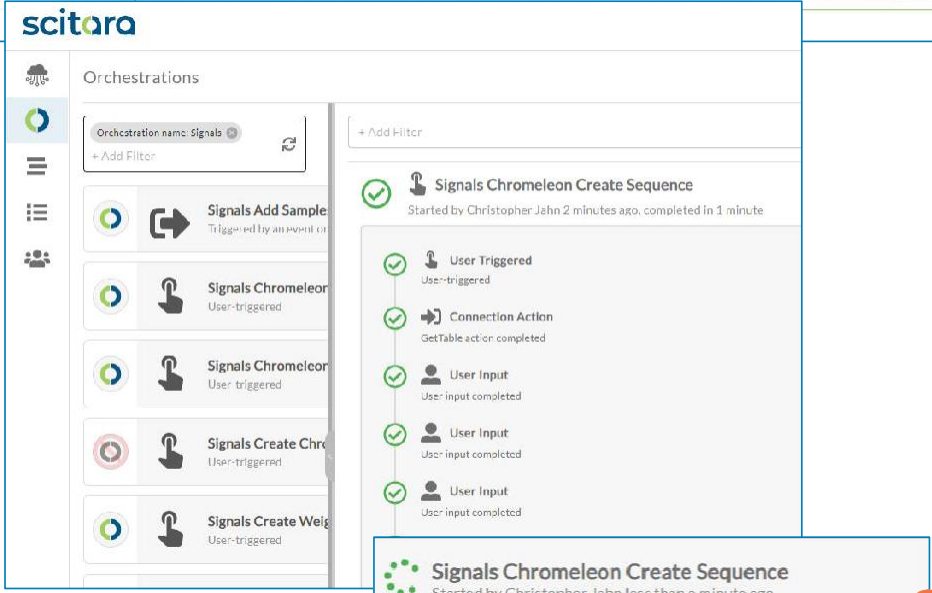
Initiate CDS sequence creation by selecting an external action menu choice in Signals Notebook, prompting user log- in and subsequent configured steps.

After the sequence is complete and the data processed, the results may be uploaded seamlessly into Signals Notebook.

Benefits

The integration of Signals Notebook with Signals DLX powered by Scitara helps mitigate the manual process of collection and entry of data. Reducing human error which occurs when manually entering data.

- Seamless bi-directional integration between Signals Notebook and CDS systems
- Configurable user input based on workflow needs
- Direct retrieval of CDS processed results back to Signals Notebook
- Route data to multiple locations in parallel
- Full digital chain of custody for data integrity and compliance support

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