

LexEVS 6.x OWL Export Guide

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LexEVS 6.x provides two methods to export loaded ontologies to an OWL/RDF format. One is to use the LexEVS administration GUI; and the other is to use an export script on the command line.

Preliminary Considerations

- The OWL/RDF exporter is based on Jena 2.6.3. While it exports an OWL file, it also builds up a triple store. The triple store tables stored in the same database that LexEVS uses.
- The LexEVS 6.0 retrieval API has the limitation of retrieving the association that is from an entity to a data/value. Thus, the OWL/RDF exporter, based on LexEVS retrieval API, has the limitation of handling the owl:hasValue, owl:maxCardinality, owl:minCardinality, owl:cardinality constraints as well.
- The OWL/RDF exporter now can convert OWL, RDF, OBO, and UML formats to OWL/RDF. If the terminology format is not on this list, the exported OWL ontology may be incorrect.



Note that OWL2 is not currently supported, nor is an export to the OWL2 format. Much of what is loaded to LexEVS is currently OWL2, and cannot be exported. See JIRA Item [LEXEVS-3661](#)

Running an OWL/RDF Export with the Administration GUI

If you chose to install the LexEVS GUI when you installed LexEVS, you will have a 'gui' folder inside of your LexEVS home directory. Assuming you installed the GUI for all operating systems, you will have the following programs under the 'gui' folder:

- Linux_64-lbGUI.sh
- Linux-lbGUI.sh
- OSX-lbGUI.command
- Windows-lbGUI.bat

Step	Action
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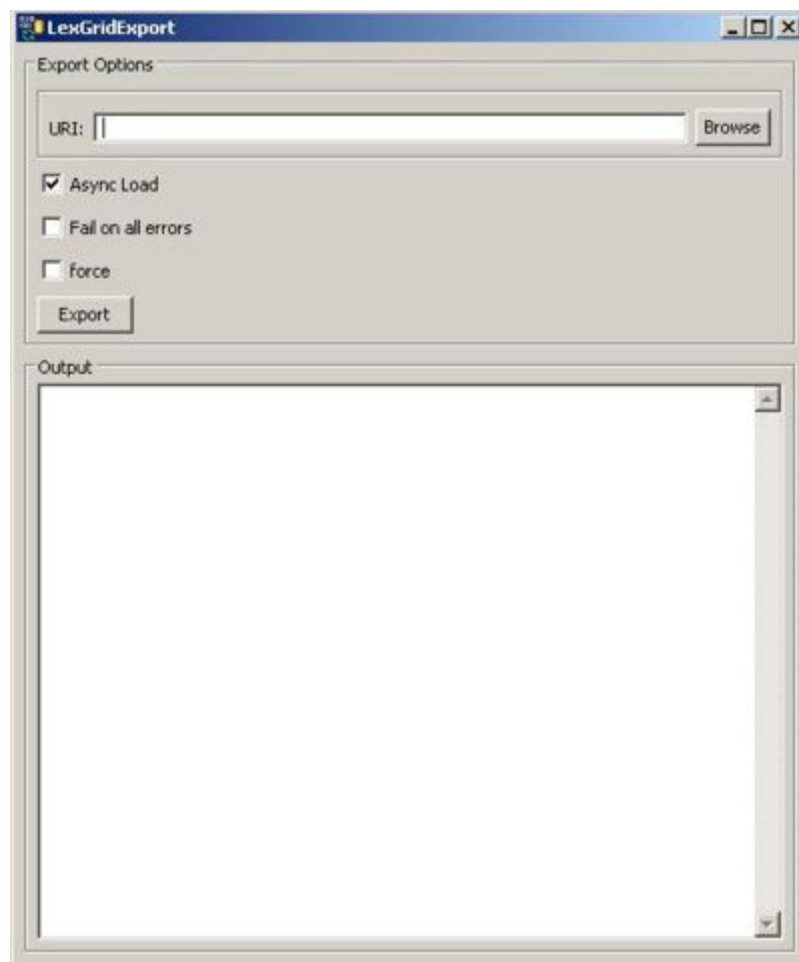
1. Launch the GUI by executing the appropriate executable for your platform. You will be presented with an application that looks like this. If the Available Code System table is empty, you will need to load at least one ontology.

The screenshot shows the LexBIG Console application. At the top, there's a menu bar with 'Commands', 'Load Terminology', 'Export Terminology', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a table titled 'Available Code Systems' with columns: Code System Name, Code System Version, URI, Tag, Status, Last Update Time, and a column of action buttons. The table lists various code systems like 'Thesaurus.owl', 'NCI Thesaurus', 'Zebrafish', 'Nanoparticle Ontology', 'Fungal anatomy', 'Gene Ontology', 'Autos', 'Automobiles Extension', 'NCI Metathesaurus', 'Logical Observation Identifiers', 'Current Procedural Terminology', 'Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities', 'ICD-9-CM', 'SNOMED Clinical Terms', 'SNOMEDCT_2010_01_31', 'MDR:MDR12_1_TO_ICD...', 'MDR:MDR12_1_TO_CST...', and 'NCI to ICD9CM Mapping'. To the right of the table are buttons: 'Get Code Set', 'Get Code Graph', 'Get History', 'Refresh', 'Load Manifest', 'Change Tag', 'Activate', 'Deactivate', 'Remove', 'Remove History', 'Remove Metadata', and 'Rebuild Index'. Below the table is a section titled 'Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs' with buttons for 'Union', 'Intersection', 'Difference', 'Restrict to Codes', 'Rel to Source Codes', 'Rel to Target Codes', 'Remove', and 'LogExport'. To the right of this section is a 'Restrictions' panel with 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Remove' buttons, and a message: 'You must choose a single Code Set or Graph on the left.'

2. Selecting 'Enable Admin Options' provides administrative access to all commands.

This screenshot shows the LexBIG Console with the 'Configure' menu open. The 'Enable Admin Options' checkbox is checked. The 'Available Code Systems' table is now empty, showing only the headers: Code System Name, Code System Version, URI, Tag, Status, Last Update Time, and the column of action buttons. The rest of the interface, including the 'Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs' section and the 'Restrictions' panel, remains the same as in the previous screenshot.

3. Select an active terminology (if the code system status is 'inactive', you can use the Activate button to activate it). Click on 'Export as OWL/RDF' button on the 'Export Terminology' menu, the exporter window will pop up. Fill in the parameters. See the export parameter descriptions in the Administration Guide. Click the 'Export' button, the exporter will generate the OWL file to the specified path.



Running an OWL/RDF Export Script from the Command Line

After installing LexEVS, you will have an 'admin' folder inside of your LexEVS base installation. The OWL/RDF exporter shell script is in the following folder (for Linux or Windows):

```
ExportOwlRdf.[sh|bat]
```

This command will export OWL/RDF without a GUI. For detailed information please refer to the [command line parameters for this command](#) in the *Administration Guide*.

Examples:

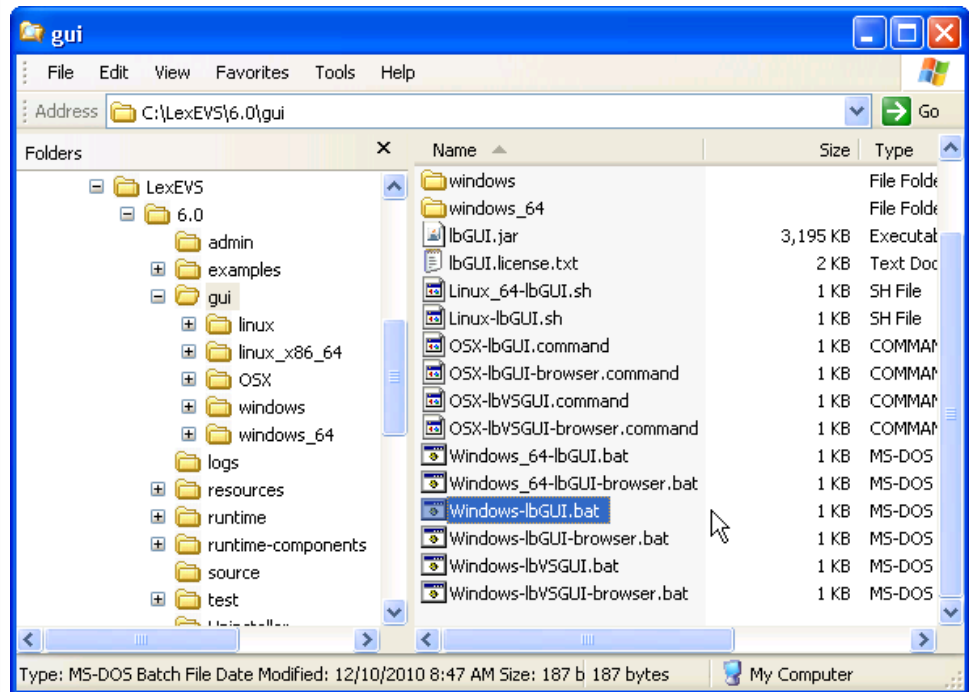
```
ExportOwlRdf -out "file:///path/to/dir" -f
ExportOwlRdf -out "file:///path/to/dir" -u "sample" -v "1.0" -f
```

Administration GUI export walk-through example

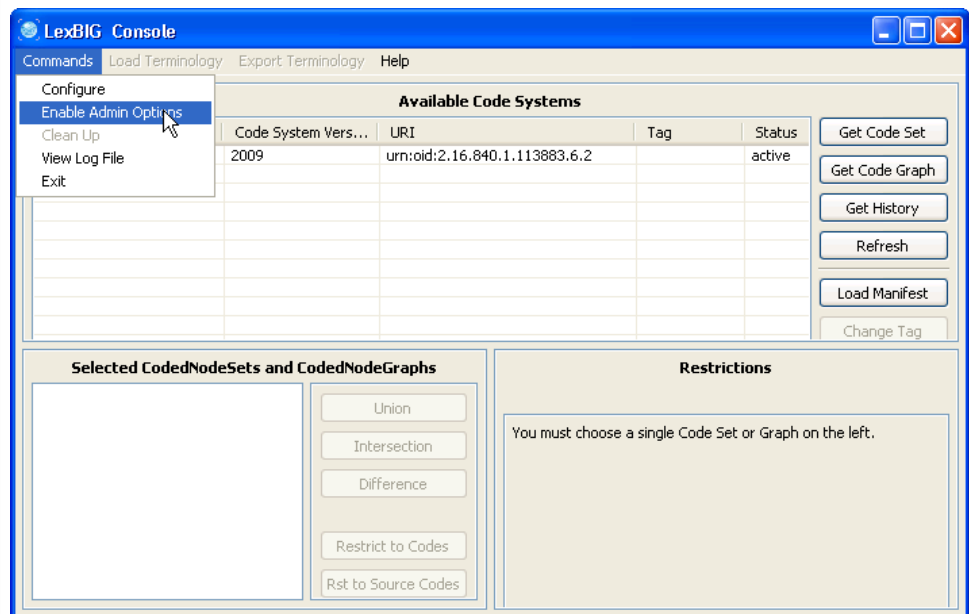
This walk through will show you how to load a terminology and then export it in OWL/RDF format.

Step	Action
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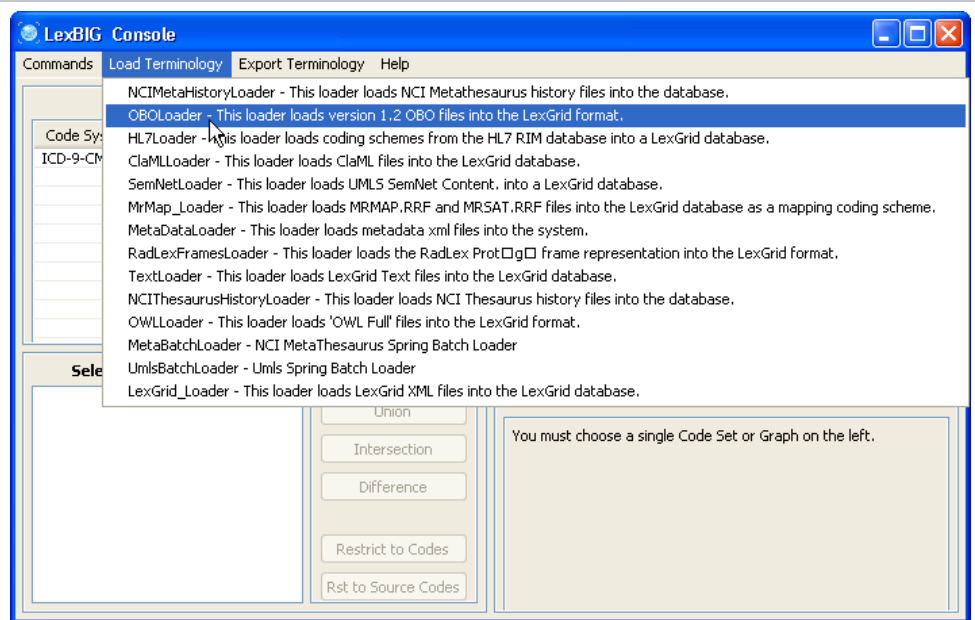
1. Launch the administration GUI.



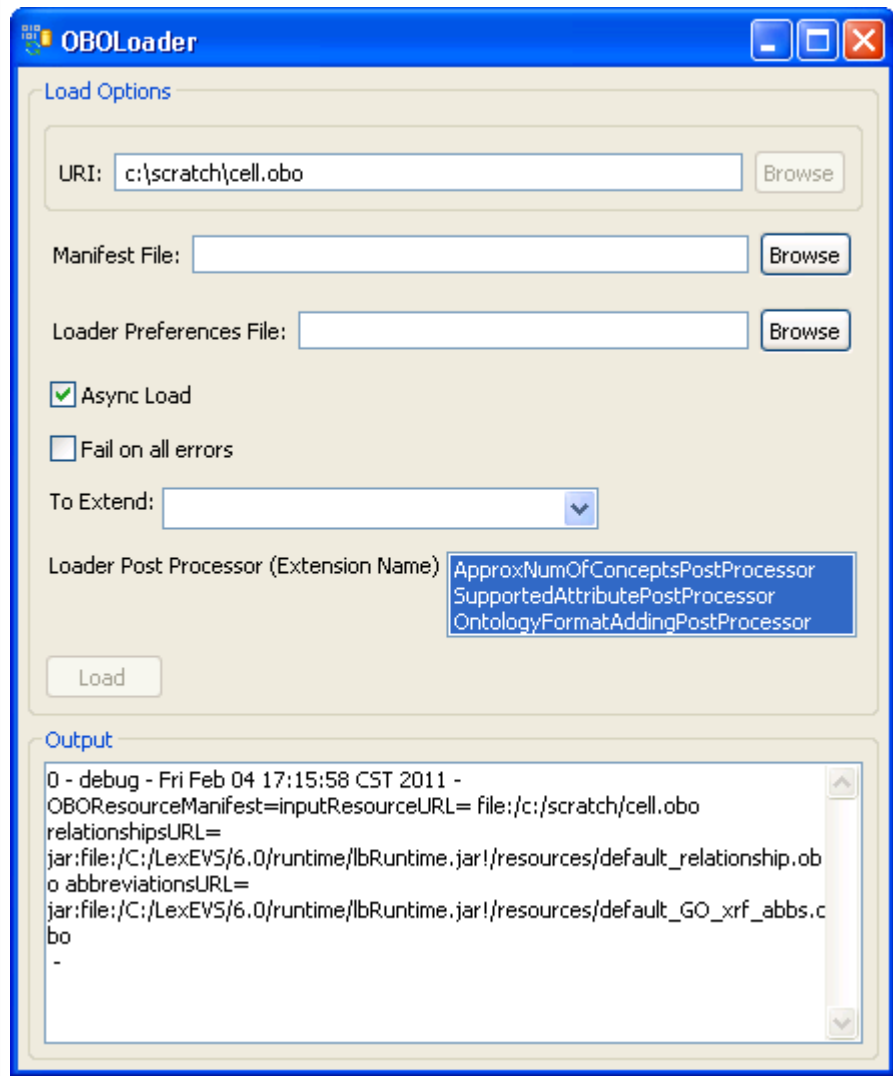
2. Enable the administration option.



3. In this example, we use the cell.obo ontology as the example ontology, so we choose OBOLoader.



4. Provide cell.obo file's path. If you don't have a manifest file or preferences file then leave these fields blank. Click on the 'Load' button. After a few minutes, the loading process is done. You can find 'End State: complete' in the Output message box. Close this window, and return to the administration GUI, a 'cell' record should show up on the Available Code Systems list.



5. Select the cell ontology row and click the 'Activate' button. The status column of 'cell' should change to active.

LexBIG Console

CommandsLoad TerminologyExport TerminologyHelp

Available Code Systems

Code System Name	Code System Vers...	URI	Tag	Status
cell	UNASSIGNED	urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell		inactive
ICD-9-CM, 2009	2009	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.6.2		active

Get Code Set

Get Code Graph

Get History

Refresh

Load Manifest

Change Tag

Activate

Deactivate

Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs

Union

Intersection

Difference

Restrictions

You must choose a single Code Set or Graph on the left.

6. Make sure the cell ontology is still selected. Go to the 'Export Terminology' menu, click on 'Export as OWL/RDF' in the drop down menu.

LexBIG Console

CommandsLoad TerminologyExport TerminologyHelp

Export as LexGrid XML

Export as OWL/RDF

Export as OBO

Available Code Systems

Code System Name	Code System Vers...	URI	Tag	Status
cell	UNASSIGNED	urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell		active
ICD-9-CM, 2009	2009	urn:oid:2.16.840.1.113883.6.2		active

Get Code Set

Get Code Graph

Get History

Refresh

Load Manifest

Change Tag

Activate

Deactivate

Selected CodedNodeSets and CodedNodeGraphs

Union

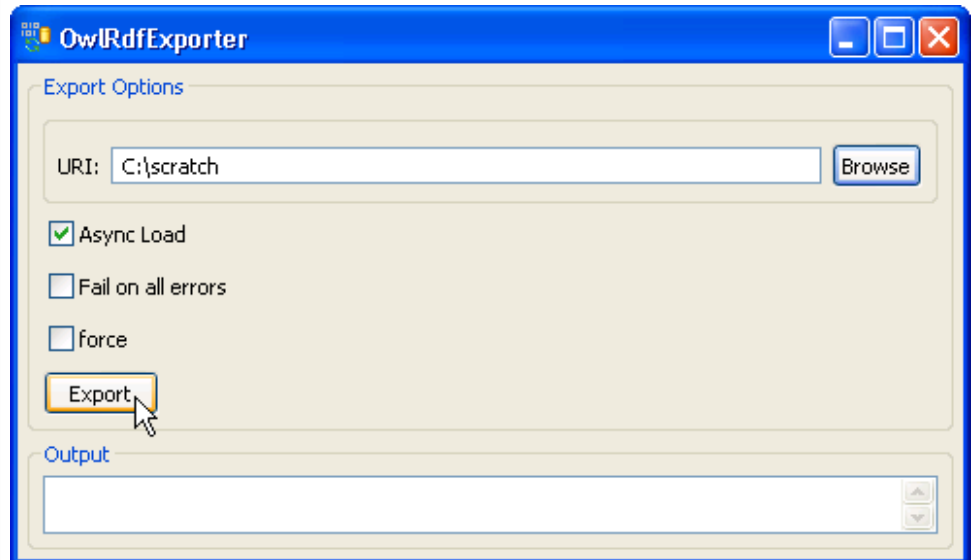
Intersection

Difference

Restrictions

You must choose a single Code Set or Graph on the left.

7. Provide a path in the 'URI' text box. The exported file name is automatically generated by the system, so we don't need to specify the file name. Click on the 'Export' button.



OwlRdfExporter

Export Options

URI: C:\scratch Browse

☒ Async Load

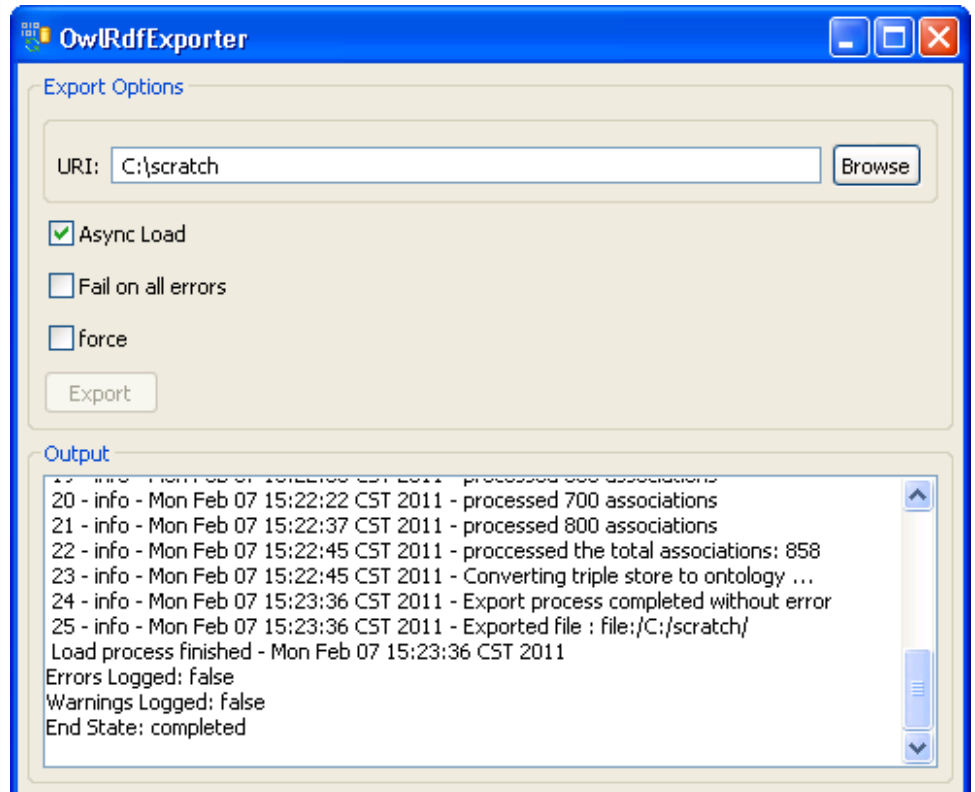
☐ Fail on all errors

☐ force

Export

Output

8. A set of status messages will show up in the Output text box. When the 'End State: completed' statement pops up, the exporting process is complete.



OwlRdfExporter

Export Options

URI: C:\scratch Browse

☒ Async Load

☐ Fail on all errors

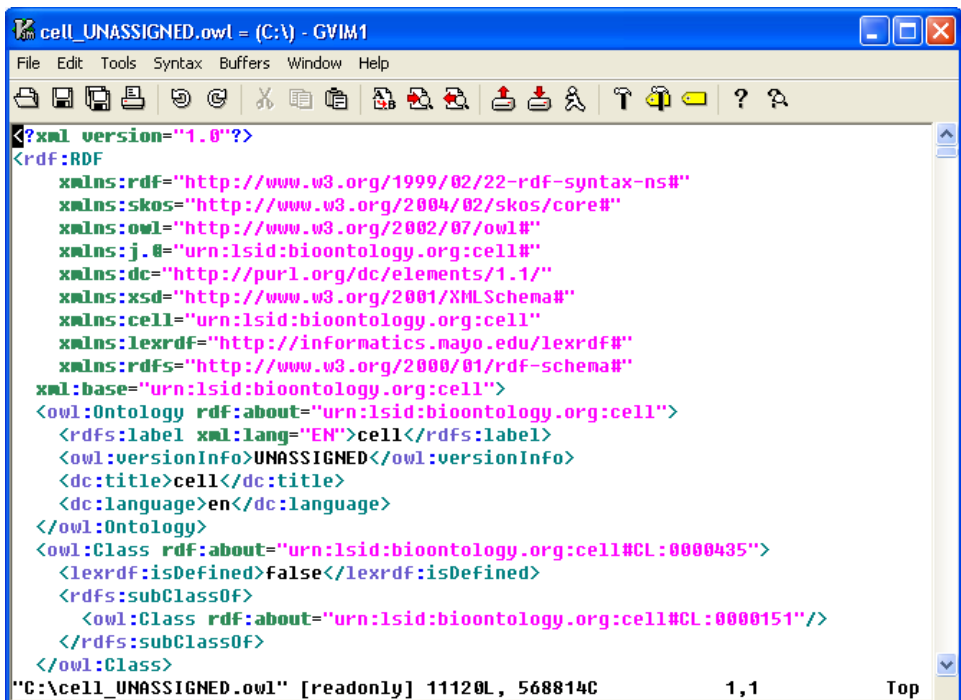
☐ force

Export

Output

20 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:22:22 CST 2011 - processed 700 associations
21 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:22:37 CST 2011 - processed 800 associations
22 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:22:45 CST 2011 - processed the total associations: 858
23 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:22:45 CST 2011 - Converting triple store to ontology ...
24 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:23:36 CST 2011 - Export process completed without error
25 - info - Mon Feb 07 15:23:36 CST 2011 - Exported file : file:/C:/scratch/
Load process finished - Mon Feb 07 15:23:36 CST 2011
Errors Logged: false
Warnings Logged: false
End State: completed

9. The convention of the exported file name is: <coding system name>_<version>.owl. In this example, cell ontology has no version information, so 'UNASSIGNED' is used as the version. The name of the OWL file in this case will be cell_UNASSIGNED.owl and it is in the C drive's root directory. You can check the exported OWL file with a text editor. Yours may not show highlighting for the XML syntax.



```
?xml version="1.0"?>
<rdf:RDF
  xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:skos="http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#"
  xmlns:owl="http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#"
  xmlns:j.0="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell#"
  xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#"
  xmlns:cell="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell"
  xmlns:lexrdf="http://informatics.mayo.edu/lexrdf#"
  xmlns:rdfs="http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#"
  xml:base="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell">
  <owl:Ontology rdf:about="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell">
    <rdfs:label xml:lang="EN">cell</rdfs:label>
    <owl:versionInfo>UNASSIGNED</owl:versionInfo>
    <dc:title>cell</dc:title>
    <dc:language>en</dc:language>
  </owl:Ontology>
  <owl:Class rdf:about="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell#CL:0000435">
    <lexrdf:isDefined>false</lexrdf:isDefined>
    <rdfs:subClassOf>
      <owl:Class rdf:about="urn:lsid:bioontology.org:cell#CL:0000151"/>
    </rdfs:subClassOf>
  </owl:Class>
</rdf:RDF>
"C:\cell_UNASSIGNED.owl" [readonly] 11120L, 568814C 1,1 Top
```

Command Line Script Exporting Example

We still use the cell.obo as our example ontology and assume that it has been loaded already. It is straightforward to run a command like this instead of using the GUI:

```
ExportOwlRdf -out "file:///home/MyHome" -u "cell" -v "1.0" -f
```

A set of statements will show up, like the following, if it runs successfully:

```
Output from command line execution...
```

A file named "cell_UNASSIGNED.owl" will be generated and saved under the specified path. The content of this file is the same as the file generated by the administration GUI.