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[CompLife'06](#) started today in Cambridge, UK. About 80 people are attending the meeting, and topics range from systems biology to QSAR. This evening there was a free software session mostly focussing on opensource software. Twelve projects were presented, among which the [CDK](#) (by me) and [Bioclipse](#) (by Ola), in five minute presentations, and a two hour demo period during a reception (free speech and free beer :). We had our brand new fliers with us, as well as a large poster for some additional branding.

One research presentation compared a number of fingerprint implementations in a QSAR study, and CDK came out very well, beating a few commercial programs. The free software session was full of CDK, however, with [AMBIT](#), [iBabel](#), [Bioclipse](#) and [KNIME](#) mentioning the CDK.

The latter is really interesting: it's a workflow program just like [Taverna](#) or [PipeLine Pilot](#), which is using the Eclipse RCP as starting point, just like [Bioclipse](#). And like the other two, [KNIME](#) has CDK integration, at least for displaying structures.