

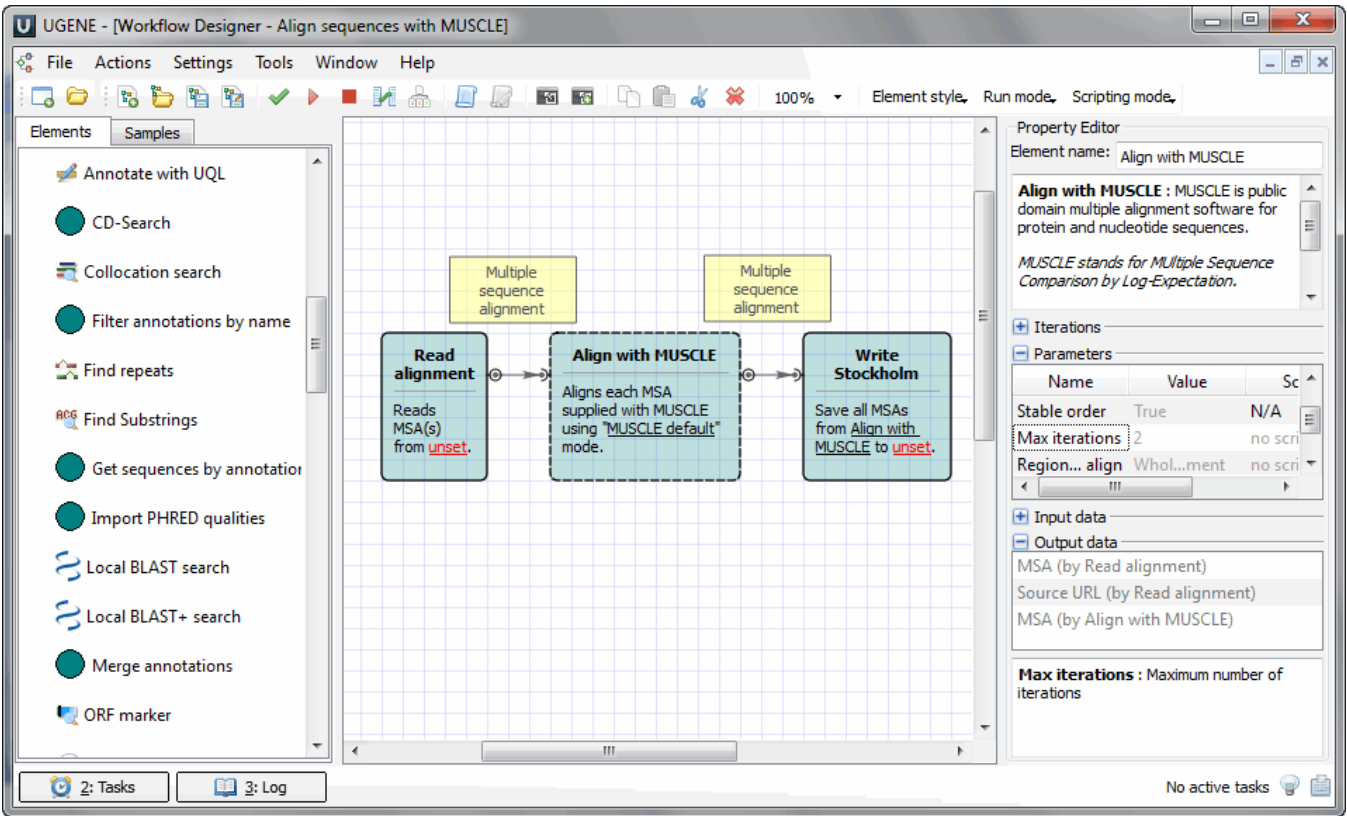
Running Workflow from the Command Line

UGENE provides command line interface (CLI). To learn more about UGENE CLI and commands available read [main UGENE User Manual](#).

This chapter describes how you can create a new command using a *workflow*.

To run a workflow from the command line do the following:

- Create the workflow in the Workflow Designer. For example on the image below the *Align sequences with MUSCLE* sample workflow is used:

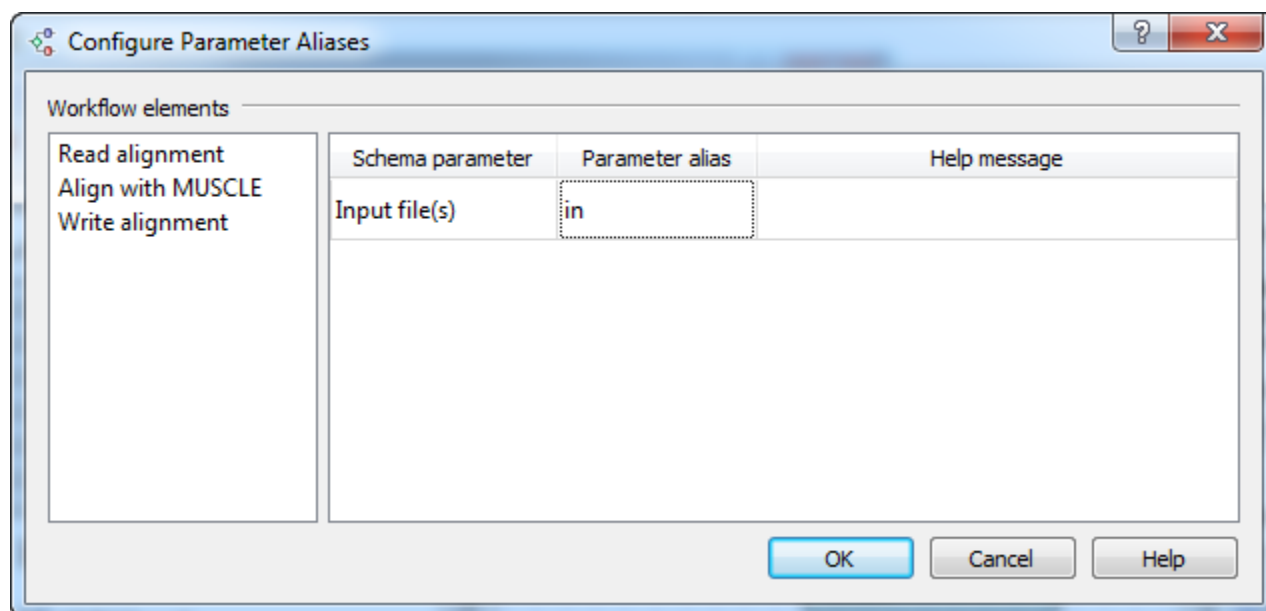


- Now you should configure aliases for those parameters and ports and slots that you are going to use from the command line. To do it select the *Actions* *Configure parameter aliases* item in the main menu or the *Configure parameter aliases* toolbar button. The following dialog appears:

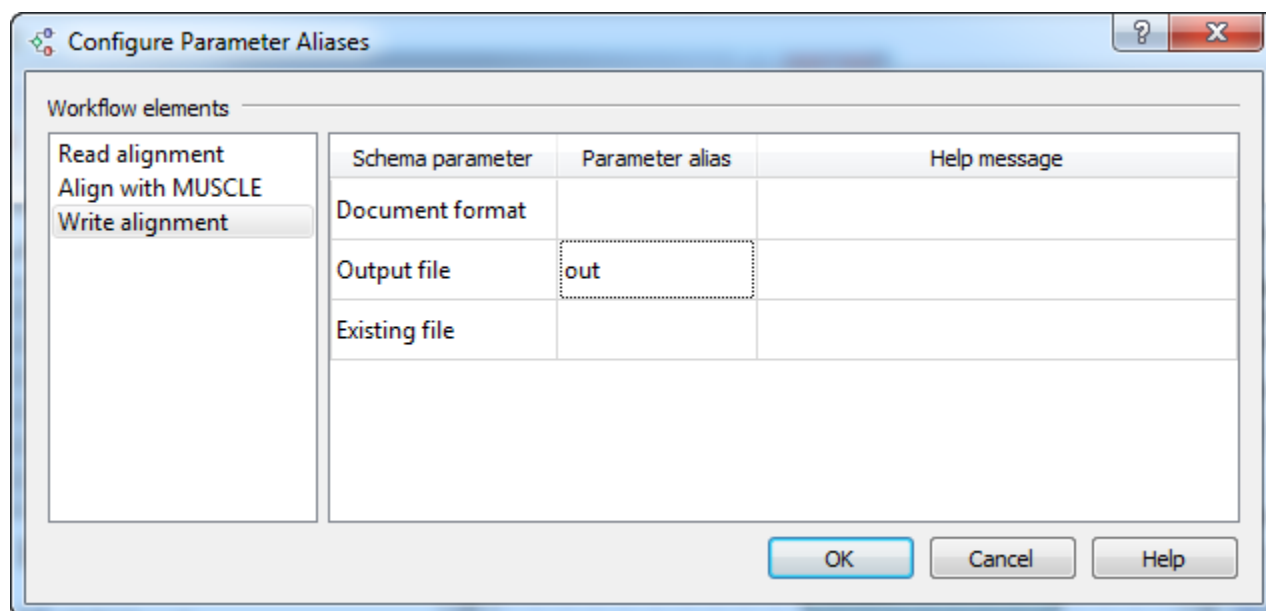
The screenshot shows the 'Configure Parameter Aliases' dialog box. It has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane, titled 'Workflow elements', contains a list of elements: 'Read alignment', 'Align with MUSCLE', and 'Write alignment'. The right pane is a table with three columns: 'Schema parameter', 'Parameter alias', and 'Help message'. The first row of the table has the value 'Input file(s)' under the 'Schema parameter' column. At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Workflow elements	Schema parameter	Parameter alias	Help message
Read alignment	Input file(s)		
Align with MUSCLE			
Write alignment			

It contains the list of objects that corresponds to the *elements* of the workflow. For each object the list of parameters is available for which you can assign command line aliases. For example, assign alias **in** to parameter *Input file* (of the *Read alignment* element):



And alias **out** to parameter *Output file* (of the *Write Stockholm* element).



To select ports and slots aliases use the following dialog by the *Actions->Configure port and slot aliases* main menu item:

Configure Port and Slot Aliases

Workflow ports

Available slot	Slot alias
Read alignment.Multiple sequence alignment	
Align with MUSCLE.Multiple sequence alignment	
Dataset name (by Read alignment)	
MSA (by Read alignment)	
Source URL (by Read alignment)	

Port alias

Port type:

Port alias:

Port description:

OK Cancel Help

Press the *Ok* button to save aliases and close the dialog. When you create aliases you can import workflow to element by the *Actions->Import workflow to element* main menu item.

- [Save the workflow](#) to a file: if you follow the example, choose the *Actions Save workflow as...* item in the main menu, browse for the file location and enter **mySchema** as the workflow name. This name will be used to launch the workflow from the command line.
- Launch the workflow from the command line:

```
[path_to_ugene\]ugene --task={schema_name} [--{parameter1}={value1} [--{parameter2}={value2} ...]]
```

The run information will be saved into the text file. By default it is the working directory.

For example on Windows the command can look as follows:

```
ugene --task=C:\mySchema --in=C:\C0I.aln --out=C:\C0I.sto
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In this example the path to the directory with the UGENE executable is added to the system PATH variable.