
Subject: Re: Visualising SMILES string
Posted by [thomas](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2021 14:07:46 GMT
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Hi Angus,

if you replace `[*:1]` by `*`, then the atom is interpreted as wildcard query feature, which is drawn as a '?'.

In this case the new molecule is considered as sub-structure rather than as normal structure. The difference is

that a sub-structure may have query features and all unspecified atom valences are not implicitly considered

to be blocked by hydrogen atoms. Therefore, a single bonded oxygen is shown as `-O` in contrast to `-OH` in a normal molecule.

DataWarrior makes this distinction, which is not made by most other software, possibly, because the SMILES definition itself does not distinguish between these two structure flavors.

Thomas
