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Subject: running a DW macro in batch

Posted by [SM2020](#) on Thu, 30 Nov 2023 15:36:56 GMT

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Hi,

I would like some help with running a DW macro over multiple .dwar files in a folder, please.  
I am running DW version 5.5.0.

Aim: To generate 3D conformers for each molecule represented in a list of individual .dwar files in a specified directory

Intended result: an output of multiple .sdf files of molecule conformers from each original .dwar input file.

I tried to use a previous post describing looping a macro over multiple dwar files to get started (see below) but I am getting stuck.

[https://openmolecules.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=1093&&srch=loop#msg\\_1093](https://openmolecules.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=1093&&srch=loop#msg_1093)

My macro attempt is given below.

```
<macro name="batch-conformers">
<task name>="repeatNextTasks"
dir=C:\PATH #path is specified when run
filetype=datawarrior
all=true
<task>
<task name="openFile">
fileName=$FILENAME
<task>
<task name="generate2DAtomCoordinates">
scaffoldMode=centralRing
structureColumn=Structure
automatic=true
colorizeScaffolds=false
</task>
<task name="generateConformers">
poolConformers=false
neutralize=false
fileName=$FILENAME_conf.dwar
torsionSource=crystalDB
largestFragment=true
stereoisomerLimit=16
minimize=mmff94+
algorithm=lowEnergyRandom
maxConformers=16
structureColumn=Structure
fileType=dwar
<task>
```

```
<task name="closeWindow">
</task>
</macro>
```

When I try to run the macro, I get the following error-  
"macro 'batch conformers' does not have any tasks"

If someone can help, it would be very much appreciated.

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: running a DW macro in batch  
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Hi SM2020,

It seems that your macro has some syntax errors, e.g. '<task>' are task end tags and should always look be '</task>'. The second line should end with '>'.

A working macro should be the following:

```
<macro name="batch-conformers">
<task name="repeatNextTasks">
dir=#ask#
filetype=datawarrior
all=true
</task>
<task name="openFile">
fileName=$FILENAME
</task>
<task name="generateConformers">
neutralize=false
fileName=$FILENAME_conf.sdf
torsionSource=crystalIDB
largestFragment=true
stereoisomerLimit=16
minimize=mmff94+
algorithm=lowEnergyRandom
maxConformers=16
structureColumn=Structure
fileType=sdf2
</task>
<task name="closeWindow">
saveChanges=no
</task>
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</macro>

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Subject: Re: running a DW macro in batch  
Posted by [SM2020](#) on Thu, 28 Dec 2023 12:27:44 GMT  
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Thank you for helping with the Syntax - seems to work now.

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