



# BGGN 213

## Foundations of Bioinformatics

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# Introduce Yourself!

Your preferred name,  
Place you identify with,  
Major area of study/research,  
Favorite joke (optional)!

# Today's Menu

<b>Course Logistics</b>	Website, screencasts, survey, ethics, assessment and grading.
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	What you need to learn to succeed in this course.
<b>Course Structure</b>	Major lecture topics and specific leaning goals.
<b>Introduction to Bioinformatics</b>	<b>Introducing the <i>what, why</i> and <i>how</i> of bioinformatics?</b>
<b>Bioinformatics Database</b>	<b>Hands-on</b> exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

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## Bioinformatics (BGGN 213, Winter 2020)

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### Course Syllabus

[Fall 2020 \(PDF\)](#)

## Overview

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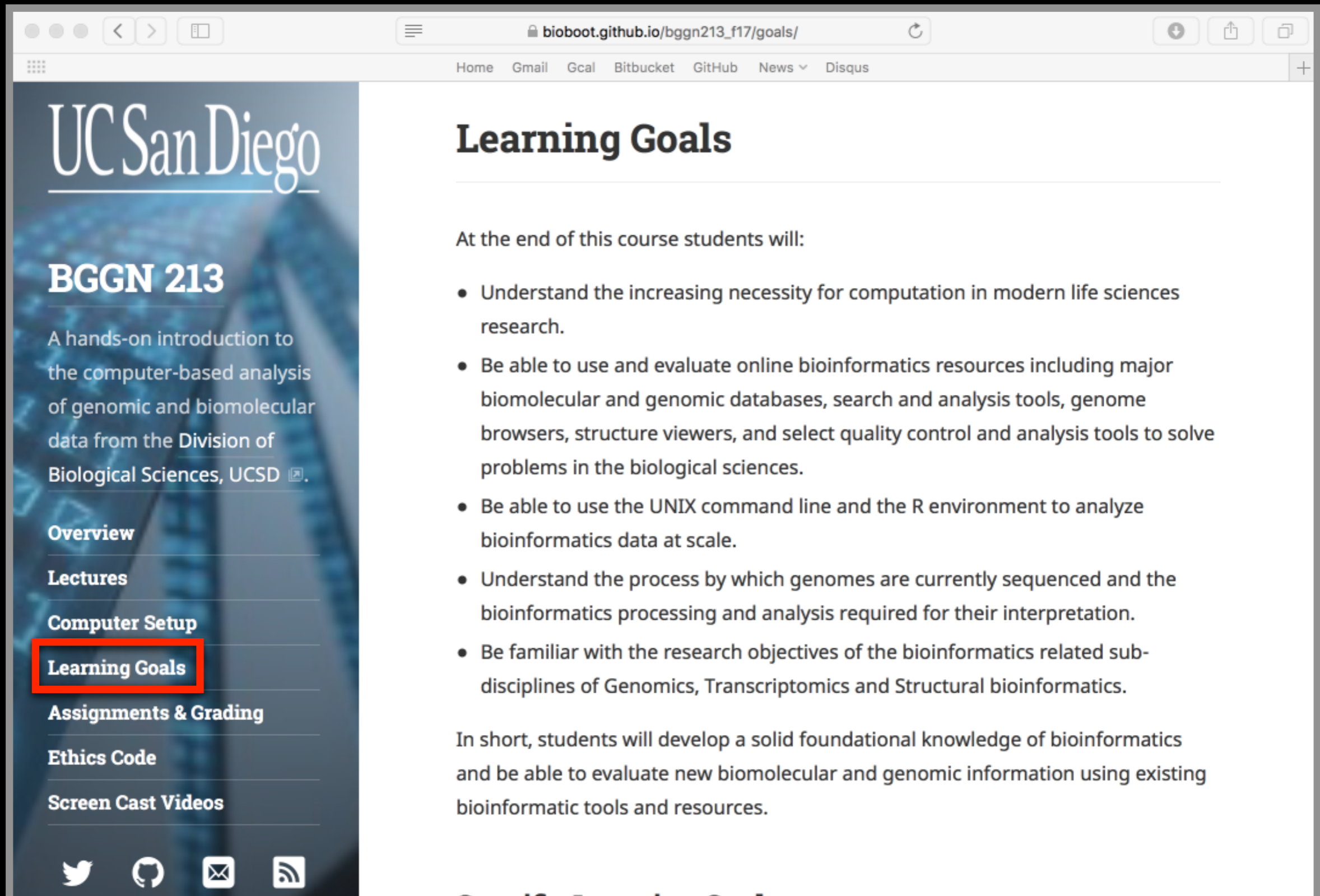
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- Social Media Icons:** Twitter, GitHub, Email, RSS

# What essential concepts and skills should YOU attain from this course?



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### Learning Goals

At the end of this course students will:

- Understand the increasing necessity for computation in modern life sciences research.
- Be able to use and evaluate online bioinformatics resources including major biomolecular and genomic databases, search and analysis tools, genome browsers, structure viewers, and select quality control and analysis tools to solve problems in the biological sciences.
- Be able to use the UNIX command line and the R environment to analyze bioinformatics data at scale.
- Understand the process by which genomes are currently sequenced and the bioinformatics processing and analysis required for their interpretation.
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What I want you to know by course end!

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Teaching toward the specific learning goals below is expected to occupy 60%-70% of class time. The remaining course content is at the discretion of the instructor with student body input. This includes student selected topics for peer presentation as well one student selected guest lecture from an industry based genomic scientist.

All students who receive a passing grade should be able to:

		Lecture(s):
1	Appreciate and describe in general terms the role of computation in hypothesis-driven discovery processes within the life sciences.	1, 2, 20
2	Be able to query, search, compare and contrast the data contained in major bioinformatics databases and describe how these databases intersect (GenBank, GENE, UniProt, PFAM, OMIM, PDB, UCSC, ENSEMBLE).	2, 12, 13
3	Describe how nucleotide and protein sequence and structure data are represented (FASTA, FASTQ, GenBank, UniProt, PDB).	3, 10
4	Be able to describe how dynamic programming works for pairwise sequence alignment and appreciate the differences	4, 5



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# Class Details

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & **Homework**

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**Topics:**

Course introduction, Learning goals & expectations, Biology is an information science, History of Bioinformatics, Types of data, Application areas and introduction to upcoming course segments, Student 30-second introductions, Student computer setup.

**Goals:**

- Understand course scope, expectations, logistics and [ethics code](#).
- Understand the increasing necessity for computation in modern life sciences research.
- Get introduced to how bioinformatics is practiced.
- Complete the [pre-course questionnaire](#) [↗](#).
- Setup your [laptop computer](#) for this course.

**Material:**

- [Pre class screen cast](#) [↗](#),
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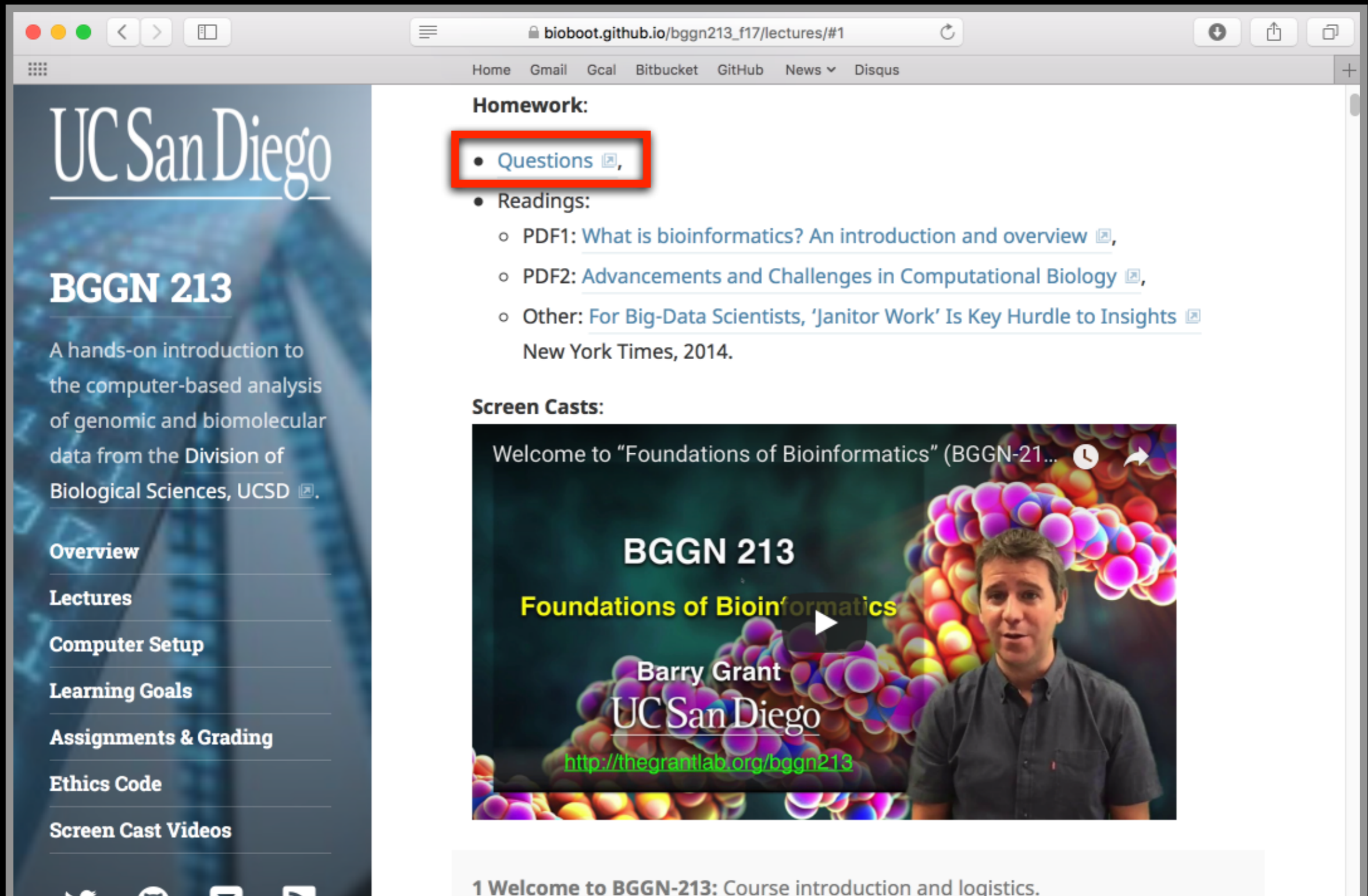
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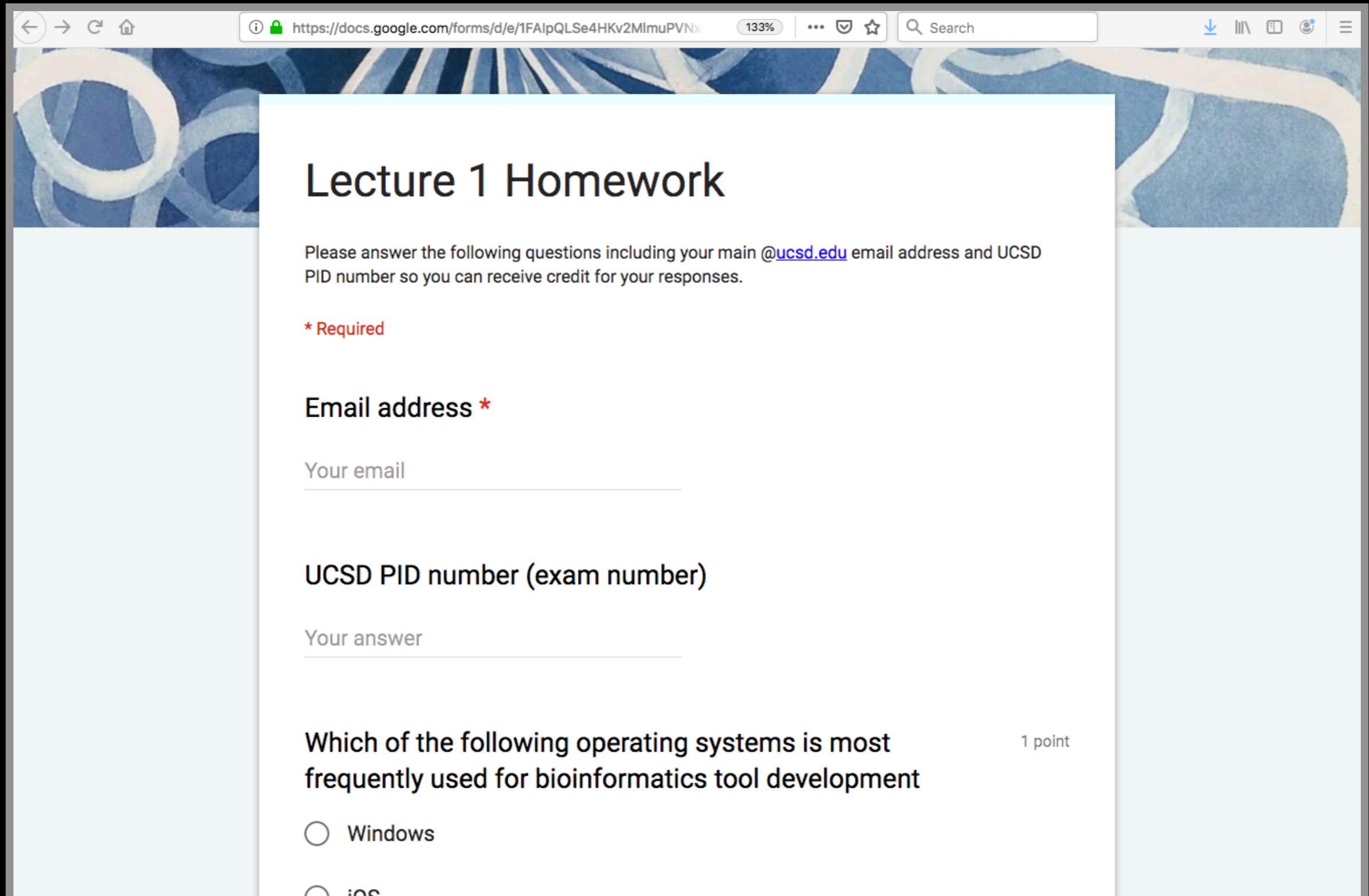
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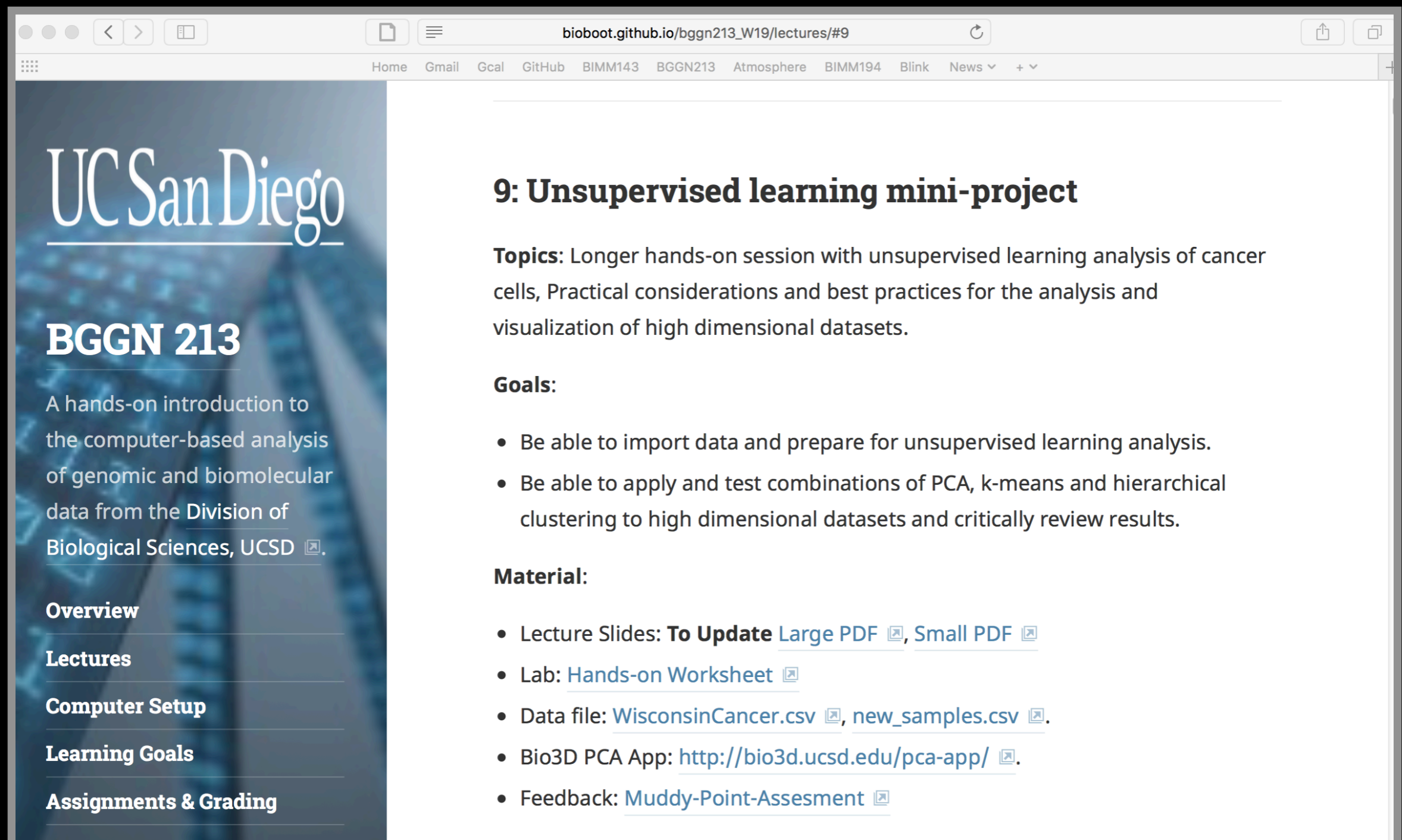
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### 9: Unsupervised learning mini-project

**Topics:** Longer hands-on session with unsupervised learning analysis of cancer cells, Practical considerations and best practices for the analysis and visualization of high dimensional datasets.

**Goals:**

- Be able to import data and prepare for unsupervised learning analysis.
- Be able to apply and test combinations of PCA, k-means and hierarchical clustering to high dimensional datasets and critically review results.

**Material:**

- Lecture Slides: **To Update** [Large PDF](#) [↗](#), [Small PDF](#) [↗](#)
- Lab: [Hands-on Worksheet](#) [↗](#)
- Data file: [WisconsinCancer.csv](#) [↗](#), [new\\_samples.csv](#) [↗](#).
- Bio3D PCA App: <http://bio3d.ucsd.edu/pca-app/> [↗](#).
- Feedback: [Muddy-Point-Assesment](#) [↗](#)

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## 18: Cancer genomics

**Topics:** Cancer genomics resources and bioinformatics tools for investigating the molecular basis of cancer. Large scale cancer sequencing projects; NCI Genomic Data Commons; What has been learned from genome sequencing of cancer? **Immunoinformatics, immunotherapy and cancer**; Using genomics and bioinformatics to harness a patient's own immune system to fight cancer. Implications for the development of personalized medicine.

**N.B.** Find a gene assignment due before next class!

**Material:**

- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#)
- Lab: **T0 UPDATE** [Hands-on Worksheet Part 1](#)
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- Data files:
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### 10: Project: Find a gene assignment (Part 1)

The [find-a-gene project](#) [\[x\]](#) is a required assignment for BIMM-143. The objective with this assignment is for you to demonstrate your grasp of database searching, sequence analysis, structure analysis and the R environment that we have covered to date in class.

You may wish to consult the scoring rubric at the end of the above linked project description and the [example report](#) [\[x\]](#) for format and content guidance.

Your responses to questions Q1-Q4 are due at the beginning of class **Fri Feb 22nd (02/22/19)**.

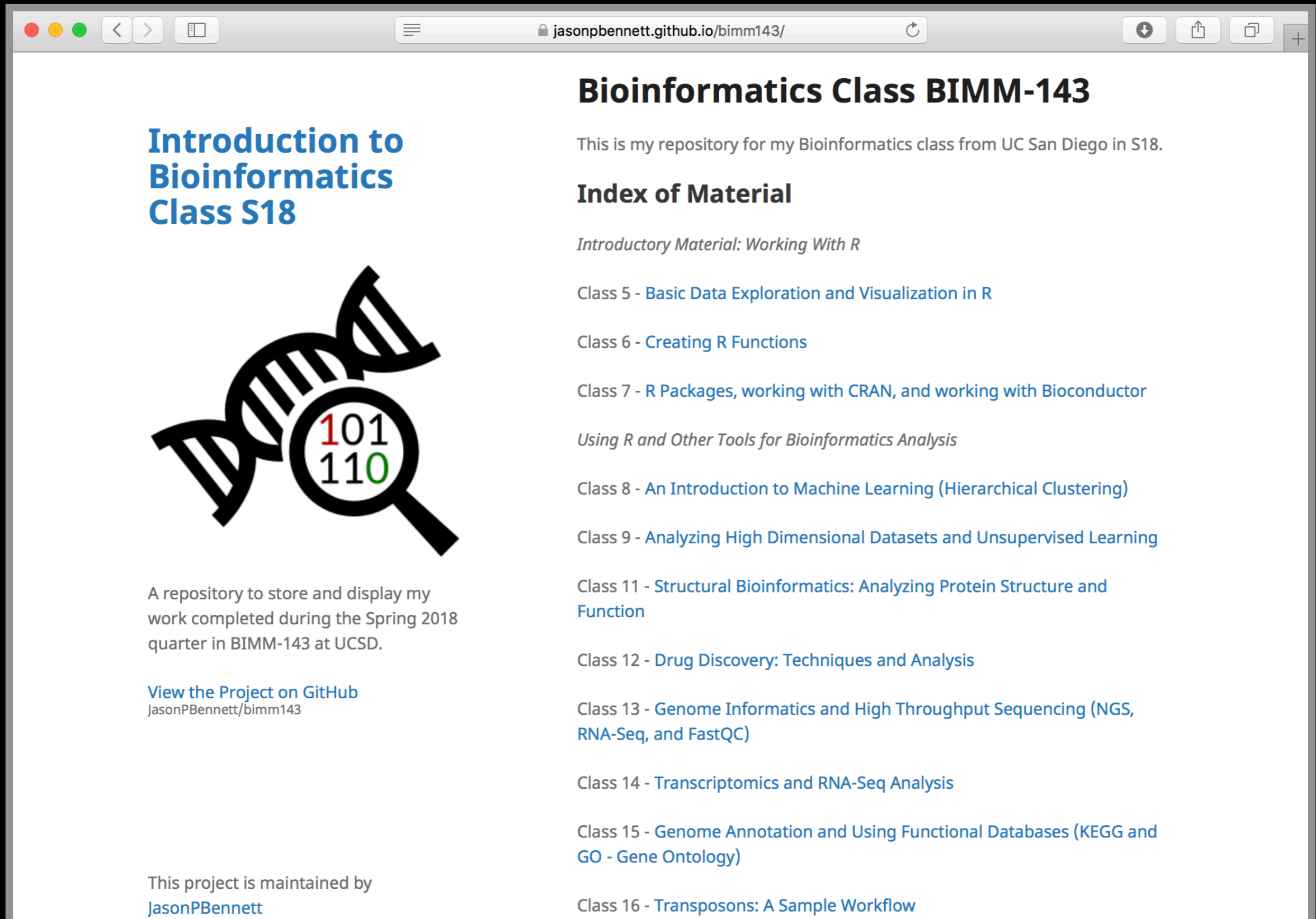
The complete assignment, including responses to all questions, is due at the beginning of class **Wed March 13th (03/13/19)**.

Late responses will not be accepted under any circumstances.

# Why Projects?


- Projects allow you to practice your new Bioinformatics skills in a less guided environment.
- In Projects, we provide datasets and ask you questions about them; just like a research project.
- Projects help build a **personal portfolio** and showcase your new skills, as well as help put what we have learned into practice.

# Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'jasonpbennett.github.io/bimm143/'. The page content is as follows:

## Introduction to Bioinformatics Class S18



A repository to store and display my work completed during the Spring 2018 quarter in BIMM-143 at UCSD.

[View the Project on GitHub](#)  
JasonPBennett/bimm143

This project is maintained by [JasonPBennett](#)

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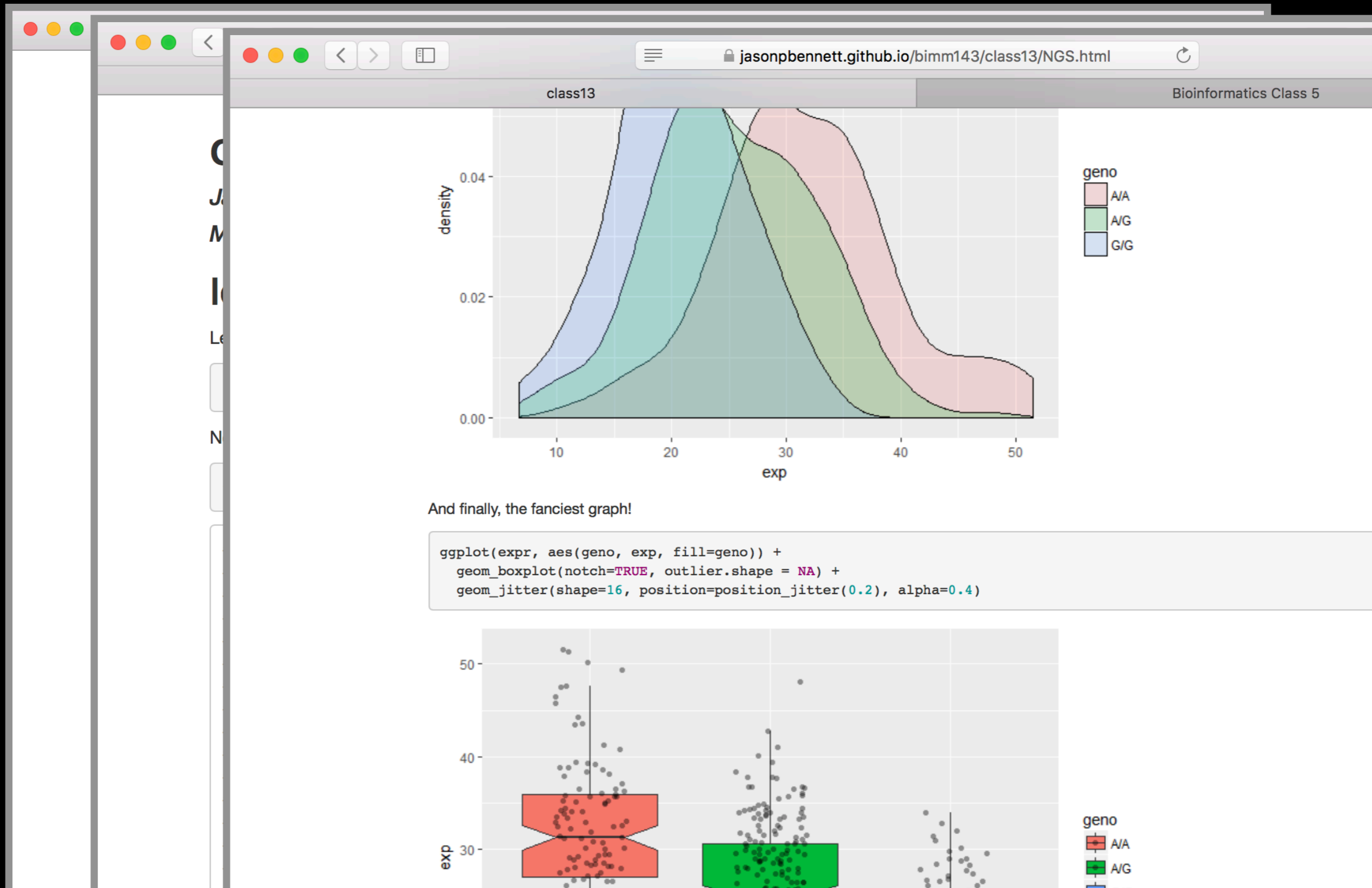
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- [Class 6 - Creating R Functions](#)
- [Class 7 - R Packages, working with CRAN, and working with Bioconductor](#)
- Using R and Other Tools for Bioinformatics Analysis*
- [Class 8 - An Introduction to Machine Learning \(Hierarchical Clustering\)](#)
- [Class 9 - Analyzing High Dimensional Datasets and Unsupervised Learning](#)
- [Class 11 - Structural Bioinformatics: Analyzing Protein Structure and Function](#)
- [Class 12 - Drug Discovery: Techniques and Analysis](#)
- [Class 13 - Genome Informatics and High Throughput Sequencing \(NGS, RNA-Seq, and FastQC\)](#)
- [Class 14 - Transcriptomics and RNA-Seq Analysis](#)
- [Class 15 - Genome Annotation and Using Functional Databases \(KEGG and GO - Gene Ontology\)](#)
- [Class 16 - Transposons: A Sample Workflow](#)



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# Bonus:

## Bioinformatics & Genomics in industry

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Advanced UNIX and R based learning goals

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5	Calculate the alignment score between two nucleotide or protein sequences using a provided scoring matrix and be able to perform BLAST, PSI-BLAST, HMMER and protein structure based database searches and interpret the results in terms of the biological significance of an e-value.	5, 10
6	Use UNIX command-line tools for file system navigation and text file manipulation.	6, 7, 10, 11, 24, 15
7	Use existing programs at the UNIX command line to analyze bioinformatics data.	7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16
8	Use R to read and parse comma-separated (.csv) formatted files ready for subsequent analysis.	8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
9	Perform elementary statistical analysis on biomolecular and "omics" datasets with R and produce informative graphical displays and data summaries.	9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
10	View and interpret the structural models in the PDB.	10, 11
11	Explain the outputs from structure prediction algorithms and small molecule docking approaches.	11
12	Appreciate and describe in general terms the rapid advances in sequencing technologies and the new areas of investigation that	13, 14, 15

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Delve deeper into “real-world” bioinformatics

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Goal Number	Goal Description	Associated Numbers
13	sequenced and the bioinformatics processing and analysis required for their interpretation.	13
14	For a genomic region of interest (e.g. the neighborhood of a particular gene), use a genome browser to view nearby genes, transcription factor binding regions, epigenetic information, etc.	14
15	Given an RNA-Seq data file, find the set of significantly differentially expressed genes and use online tools to interpret gene lists and annotate potential gene functions.	15, 16
16	Perform a GO analysis to identify the pathways relevant to a set of genes (e.g. identified by transcriptomic study or a proteomic experiment).	16
17	Use the KEGG pathway database to look up interaction pathways.	17
18	Use graph theory to represent biological data networks.	17, 18
19	Understand the challenges in integrating and interpreting large heterogenous high throughput data sets into their functional context.	19
20	Have an appreciation for the social impacts and ethical implications of how genomic sequence information is used in our society	20

Navigation menu: Home, Gmail, Gcal, Bitbucket, GitHub, News, Disqus

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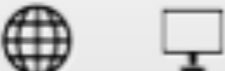





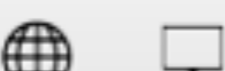

# Why use R?

Productivity

Flexibility

Genomic data analysis

# IEEE 2016 Top Programming Languages

Language Rank	Types	Spectrum Ranking
1. C		100.0
2. Java		98.1
3. Python		98.0
4. C++		95.9
5. R		87.9
6. C#		86.7
7. PHP		82.8
8. JavaScript		82.2
9. Ruby		74.5
10. Go		71.9

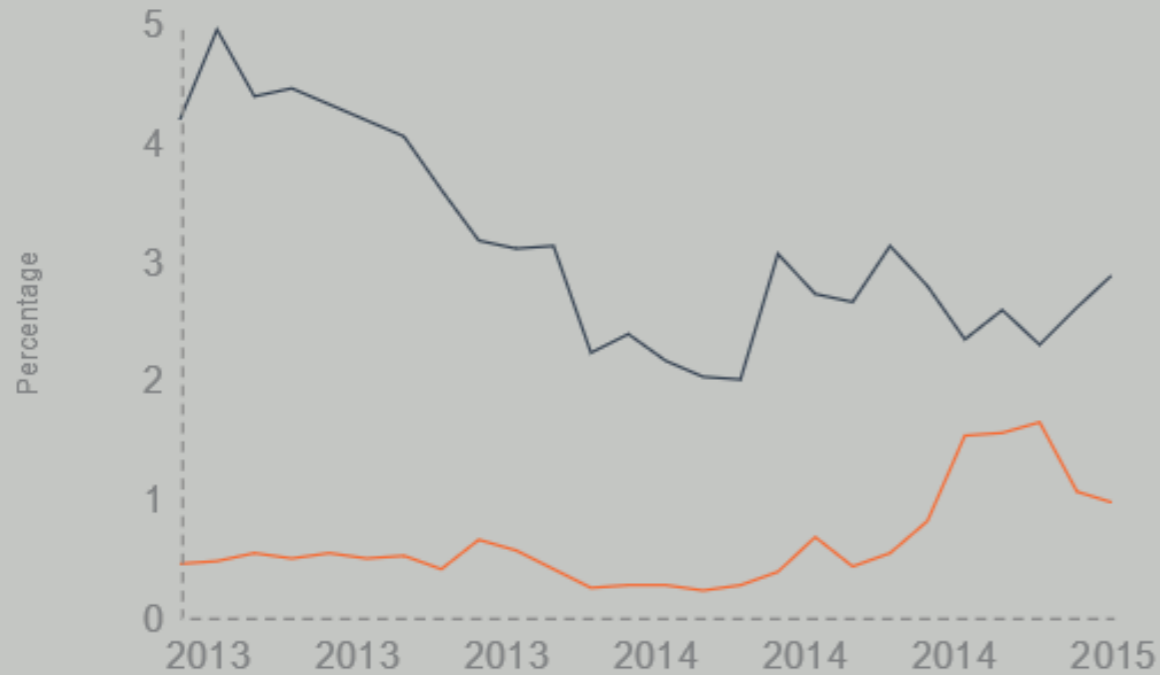
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# R and Python: The Numbers

## Popularity Rankings

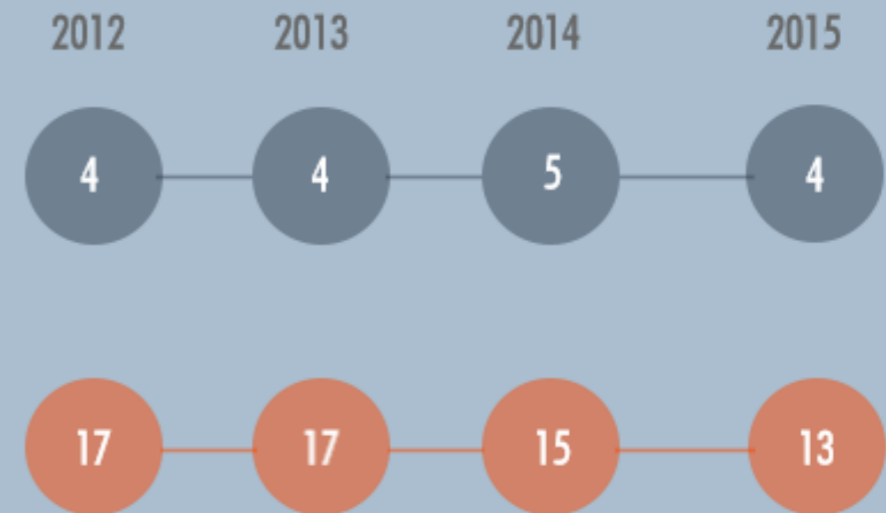
R and Python's popularity between 2013 and February 2015 (Tiobe Index)



Redmonk ranking, comparing the relative performance of programming languages on GitHub and Stack Overflow (September 2012 and January 2013, 2014, 2015)

Python

R



## Jobs And Salary?

2014 Dice Tech Salary Survey:  
Average Salary For High Paying Skills and Experience



\$ 115,531



\$94,139

# R is designed specifically for data analysis

- Large friendly user and developer community.
  - As of Jan 6th 2019 there are 15,352 add on **R packages** on CRAN and 1,823 on Bioconductor - much more on these later!
- Virtually every statistical technique is either already built into R, or available as a free package.
- Unparalleled data analysis environment for **high-throughput genomic data**.

< <https://www.datacamp.com/> >

The screenshot shows the DataCamp website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DataCamp logo on the left and links for 'Learn', 'Groups', and 'About' in the center. On the right side of the navigation bar, the user's profile is shown with '1,250 XP' and a notification bell icon with a red badge containing the number '3'. A dropdown menu is open from the notification bell, displaying a list of notifications:

- You have a new assignment: Conditionals and Con... 16 days ago
- You have a new assignment: Working with the RSt... 16 days ago
- You have a new assignment: Introduction to R 16 days ago
- bjgrant invited you to the group 'Foundations o... 16 days ago
- You have a new assignment: Orientation 9 months ago

At the bottom of the notification dropdown is a button labeled 'See all notifications'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a section titled 'Your Latest Activity'. It displays a course card for 'Introduction to Spark in R using...' with a progress indicator (one yellow checkmark, three grey checkmarks) and a message: 'You are doing awesome barryus! So far you've earned 250 XP!'. Below the course card, it states 'The last chapter you were working on was' followed by a link to 'Light My Fire: Starting To Use Spark With dplyr Syntax'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'DAILY PRACTICE' section with a sub-header and a paragraph: 'Learning data science requires practice **every day**. Build your data science fluency with DataCamp practice mode.'

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The image shows a browser window displaying a DataCamp course page on the left and an RStudio IDE interface on the right.

**Course Page (Left):**

- Page title: "What is an IDE anyway? | R"
- URL: <https://campus.datacamp.com/courses/working-with-the-rstudio-ide-part-1/orientation?ex=2>
- Course title: "What is an IDE anyway?" (50xp)
- Text: "RStudio is an IDE that makes R easier to use by combining a set of tools into a single environment."
- Question: "What does IDE stand for?"
- Section: "Possible Answers"
- Options:
  - Intensive Design Environment
  - Integrated Document Environment
  - Independent Developer Ecosystem
  - Integrated Development Environment
- Buttons: "Take Hint (-15xp)" and "Submit Answer"

**RStudio IDE (Right):**

- Menu: File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Help
- Version: R version 3.3.1 (2016-06-21) -- "Bug in Your Hair"
- Copyright: Copyright (C) 2016 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
- Platform: x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
- Text: "R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions. Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details. Natural language support but running in an English locale. R is a collaborative project with many contributors. Type 'contributors()' for more information and 'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications. Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or 'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help. Type 'q()' to quit R."
- Environment: Global Environment (Environment is empty)
- Files: Home directory

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# Homework assignments will be via DataCamp

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```
script.R | RDocumentation | ☰  
1 # Transform the normalized counts  
2 vsd_smoc2 <- vst(dds_smoc2, blind = TRUE)  
3  
4 # Plot the PCA of PC1 and PC2  
5 ___(___, intgroup=___)
```

Buttons for 'Run Code' and 'Submit Answer' are visible below the code editor. The R Console shows the following output:

```
R Console | Slides | ▾  
> ?plotPCA  
> plotPCA(vsd_smoc2)  
Error: object 'vsd_smoc2' not found  
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> plotPCA(vsd_smoc2)  
>
```

The exercise instructions include:

- Run the code to transform the normalized counts.
- Perform PCA by plotting PC1 vs PC2 using the DESeq2 `plotPCA()` function on the DESeq2 transformed counts object, `vsd_smoc2` and specify the `intgroup` argument as the factor to color the plot.

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Leaderboard

30 DAYS 90 DAYS **PAST YEAR**

Search members...

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# Today's Menu

<b>Course Logistics</b>	Website, screencasts, survey, ethics, assessment and grading.
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	What you need to learn to succeed in this course.
<b>Course Structure</b>	Major lecture topics and specific learning goals.
<b>Introduction to Bioinformatics</b>	Introducing the <i>what, why</i> and <i>how</i> of bioinformatics?
<b>Computer Setup</b>	Ensuring your laptop is all set for future sections of this course.



**“What is Bioinformatics?”**

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... A hybrid of biology and computer science

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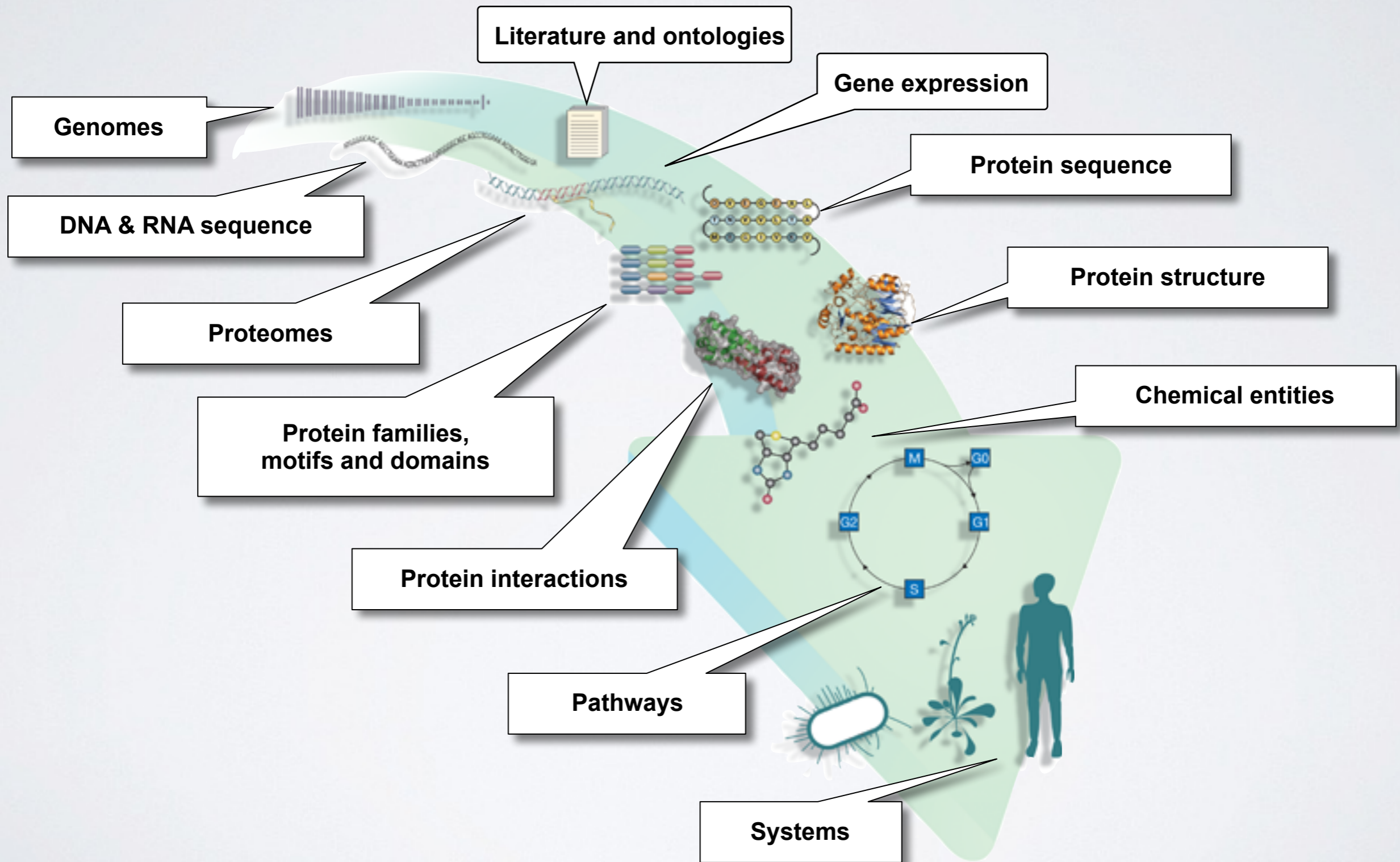
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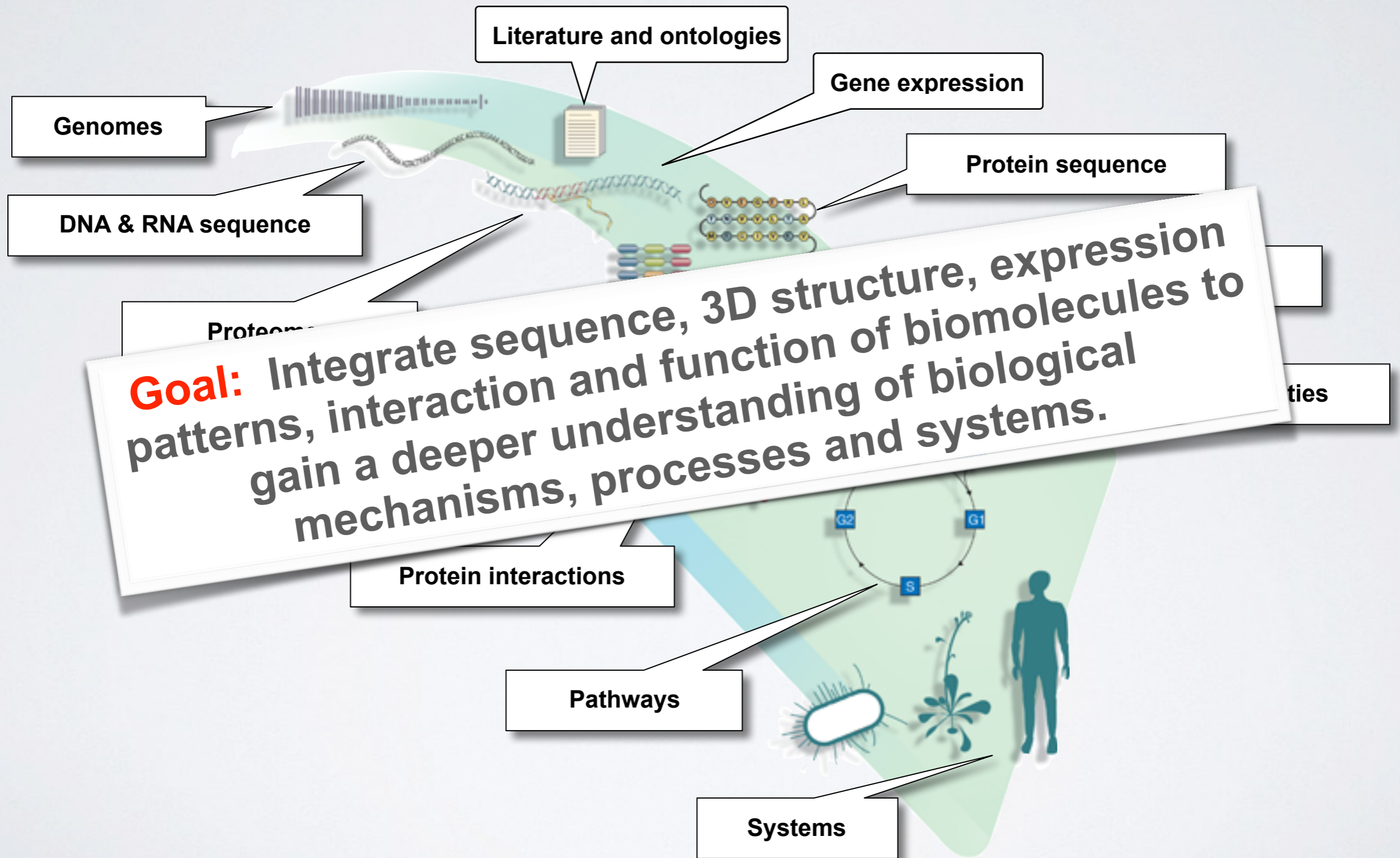
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**Key Point:** Bioinformatics is Computer Aided Biology

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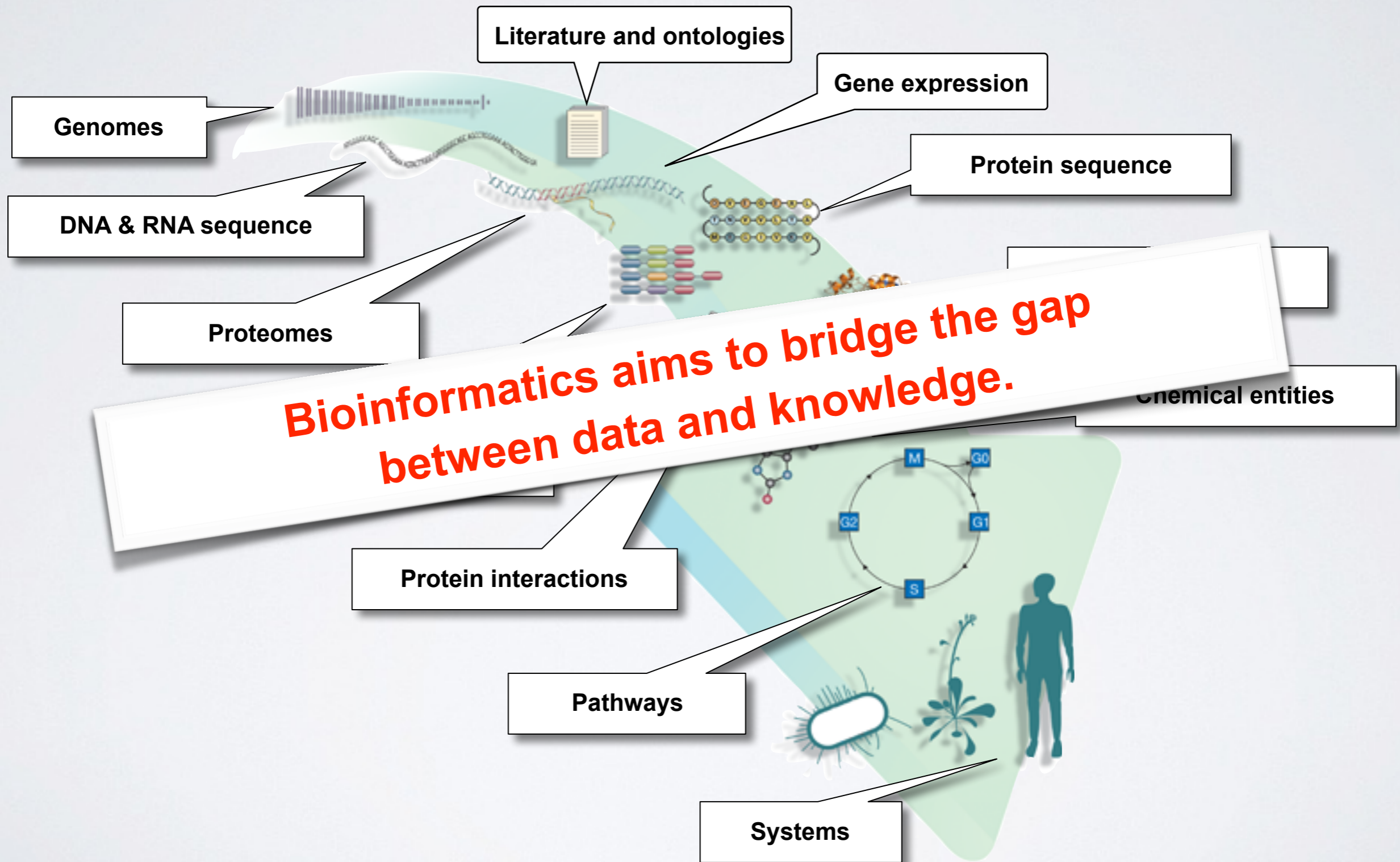


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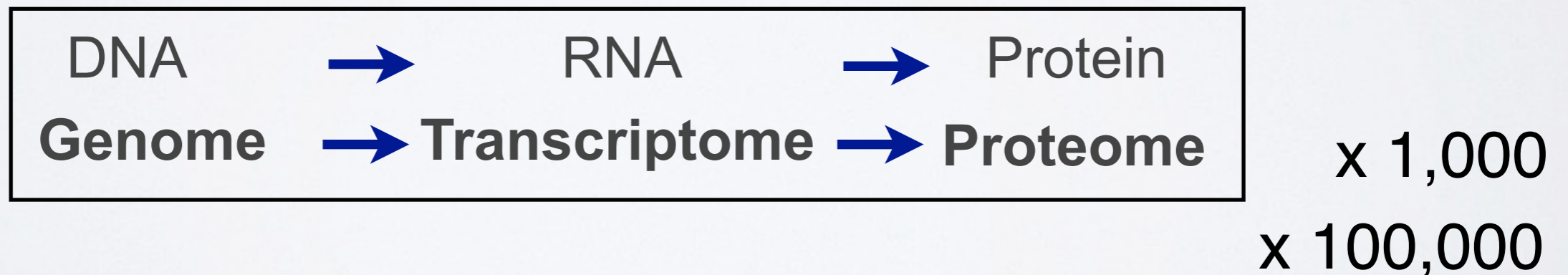


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# How do we do Bioinformatics?

- A “*bioinformatics approach*” involves the application of **computer algorithms**, **computer models** and **computer databases** with the broad goal of understanding the action of both individual genes, transcripts, proteins and large collections of these entities.



# How do we *actually* do Bioinformatics?

## Pre-packaged tools and databases

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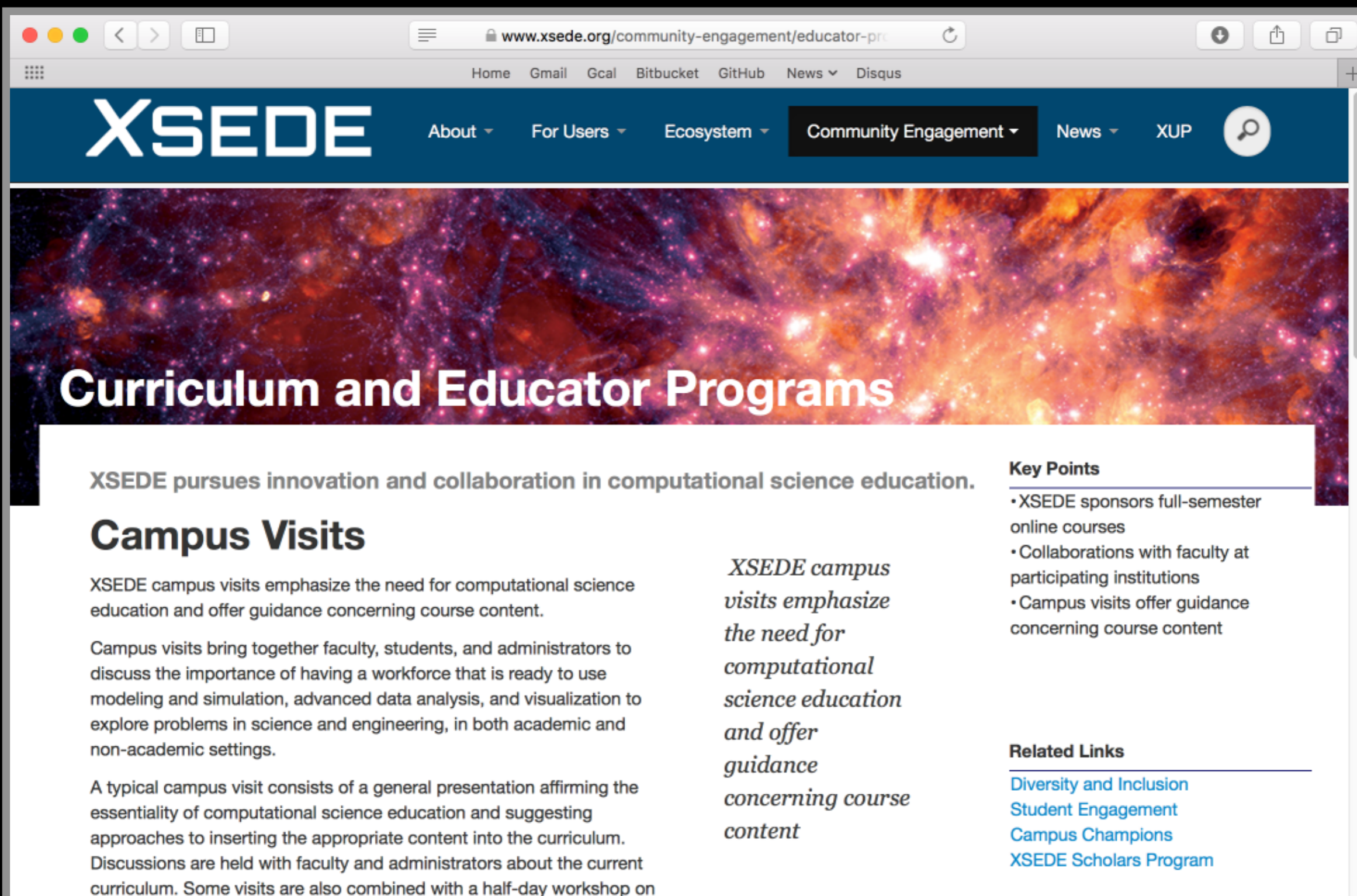
## HOW COMPUTERS HAVE CHANGED

DATE	COST	SPEED	MEMORY	SIZE
1967	\$40M	0.1 MHz	1 MB	HALL
2013	\$4,000	1 GHz	10 GB	LAPTOP
CHANGE	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

If cars were like computers then a new Volvo would cost \$3, would have a top speed of 1,000,000 km/hr, would carry 50,000 adults and would park in a shoebox



# NSF Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.xse.de.org/community-engagement/educator-pro](http://www.xse.de.org/community-engagement/educator-pro). The page features a dark blue header with the XSEDE logo and navigation links: Home, Gmail, Gcal, Bitbucket, GitHub, News, and Disqus. A secondary navigation bar includes About, For Users, Ecosystem, Community Engagement (highlighted), News, and XUP, along with a search icon. The main content area has a background image of a colorful nebula and a large heading: "Curriculum and Educator Programs". Below this, a text block states: "XSEDE pursues innovation and collaboration in computational science education." The page is divided into three columns. The left column is titled "Campus Visits" and contains three paragraphs of text. The middle column features a quote: "XSEDE campus visits emphasize the need for computational science education and offer guidance concerning course content." The right column is titled "Key Points" and lists three bullet points, followed by a "Related Links" section with four blue hyperlinks.

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Campus visits bring together faculty, students, and administrators to discuss the importance of having a workforce that is ready to use modeling and simulation, advanced data analysis, and visualization to explore problems in science and engineering, in both academic and non-academic settings.

A typical campus visit consists of a general presentation affirming the essentiality of computational science education and suggesting approaches to inserting the appropriate content into the curriculum. Discussions are held with faculty and administrators about the current curriculum. Some visits are also combined with a half-day workshop on

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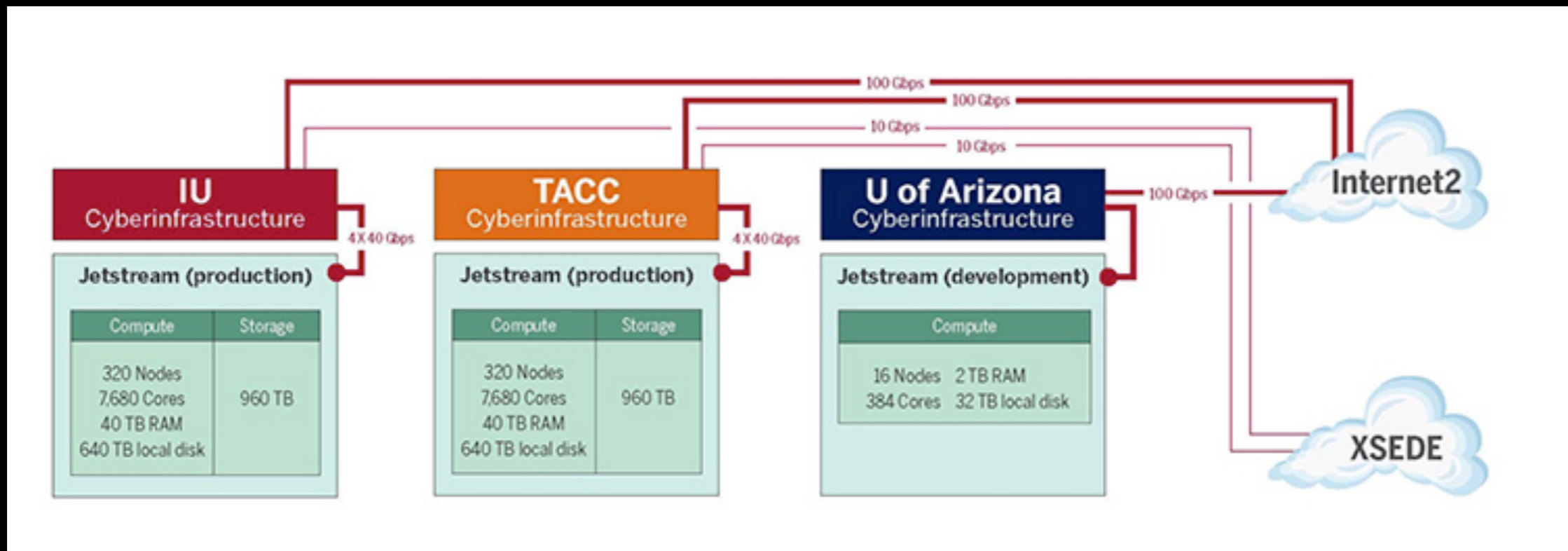
- XSEDE sponsors full-semester online courses
- Collaborations with faculty at participating institutions
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#### Related Links

- [Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [Student Engagement](#)
- [Campus Champions](#)
- [XSEDE Scholars Program](#)

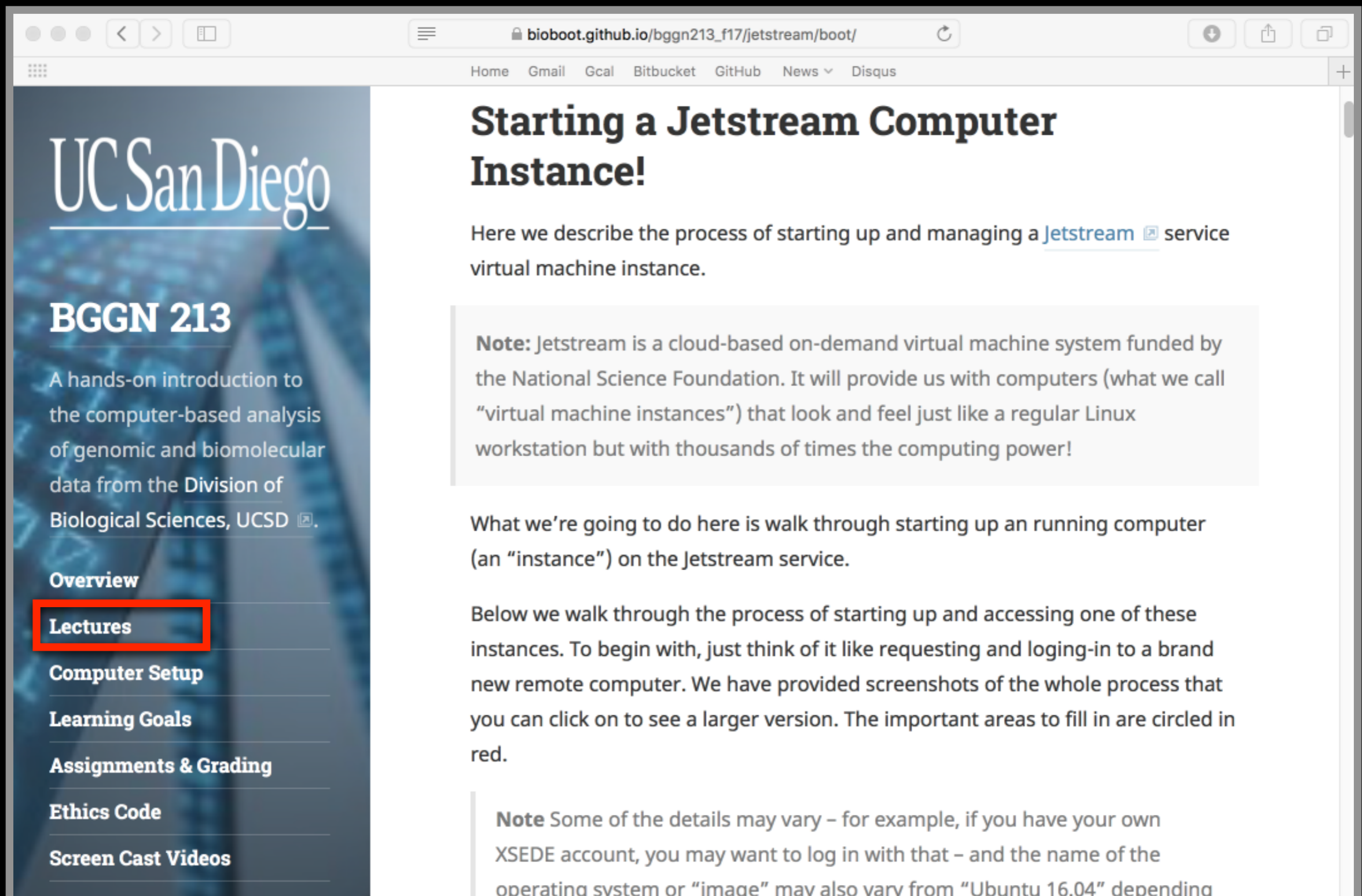
# What is *Jetstream*?

- A new cloud computing environment based at Indiana University and the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) providing on-demand access to interactive computing and data analysis resources.



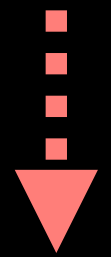
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Developed *user friendly* labs for Jetstream basics



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `bioboot.github.io/bgggn213_f17/jetstream/boot/`. The page title is "Starting a Jetstream Computer Instance!". The main content area contains a paragraph: "Here we describe the process of starting up and managing a [Jetstream](#) service virtual machine instance." Below this is a note: "Note: Jetstream is a cloud-based on-demand virtual machine system funded by the National Science Foundation. It will provide us with computers (what we call 'virtual machine instances') that look and feel just like a regular Linux workstation but with thousands of times the computing power!". The text continues: "What we're going to do here is walk through starting up an running computer (an 'instance') on the Jetstream service." and "Below we walk through the process of starting up and accessing one of these instances. To begin with, just think of it like requesting and logging-in to a brand new remote computer. We have provided screenshots of the whole process that you can click on to see a larger version. The important areas to fill in are circled in red." A second note at the bottom states: "Note Some of the details may vary - for example, if you have your own XSEDE account, you may want to log in with that - and the name of the operating system or 'image' may also vary from 'Ubuntu 16.04' depending".

The left sidebar features the UC San Diego logo and the course title "BGGN 213". Below the title is a description: "A hands-on introduction to the computer-based analysis of genomic and biomolecular data from the Division of Biological Sciences, UCSD". The sidebar menu includes "Overview", "Lectures" (highlighted with a red box), "Computer Setup", "Learning Goals", "Assignments & Grading", "Ethics Code", and "Screen Cast Videos".





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First, go to the Jetstream application at:  
<https://use.jetstream-cloud.org/application>

Now click the **login** link in the upper right.

**jetstream** Images Help

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- R with Intel compilers (CentOS ... Apr 19th 17 02:12 by jflecher
- R with Intel compilers built on CentOS 7 (7.3) \*\* Requires m1.small or greater sized VM\* ... CentOS desktop development featured gpu intel m1.small etc
- R with GCC (CentOS 7) Apr 19th 17 12:28 by jflecher
- R and R Studio with GCC



# Skepticism & Bioinformatics

We have to approach computational results the same way we do wet-lab results:

- Do they make sense?
- Is it what we expected?
- Do we have adequate controls, and how did they come out?
- Modeling is modeling, but biology is different...

*What does this model actually contribute?*

- Avoid the miss-use of 'black boxes'

# Skepticism & Bioinformatics

Gunnar von Heijne in “*Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology; Treasure Trove or Trivial Pursuit*” states:

- ➔ “Think about what you’re doing; use your knowledge of the molecular system involved to guide both your interpretation of results and your direction of inquiry; use as much information as possible; and do not blindly accept everything the computer offers you”.

Key-Point: **Avoid the miss-use of ‘black boxes’!**

# Common problems with Bioinformatics

Confusing multitude of tools available

- ▶ Each with many options and settable parameters

Most tools and databases are written by and for nerds

- ▶ Same is true of documentation - if any exists!

Most are developed independently

Notable exceptions are found at the:

- **EBI** (European Bioinformatics Institute) and
- **NCBI** (National Center for Biotechnology Information)

### General Parameters

**Max target sequences**    
 Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display [?](#)

**Short queries**  Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences [?](#)

**Expect threshold**  [?](#)

**Word size**  [?](#)

**Max matches in a query range**  [?](#)

### Scoring Parameters

**Matrix**  [?](#)

**Gap Costs**  [?](#)

**Compositional adjustments**  [?](#)

### Filters and Masking

**Filter**  Low complexity regions [?](#)

**Mask**  Mask for lookup table only [?](#)  
 Mask lower case letters [?](#)

### PSI/PHI/DELTA BLAST

**Upload PSSM**  no file selected   
Optional

**PSI-BLAST Threshold**  [?](#)

**Pseudocount**  [?](#)

Even Blast has many settable parameters

Related tools with different terminology

**STEP 3 - Set your parameters**

**PROGRAM**

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DNA STRAND	HISTOGRAM	FILTER	STATISTICAL ESTIMATES		
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# Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

The NCBI and EBI are invaluable, publicly available resources for biomedical research

The screenshot shows the NCBI website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NCBI Resources' and 'How To' menus, and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Welcome to NCBI' with a brief description of the center's mission; 'Get Started' with links to 'Tools', 'Downloads', 'How-To's', and 'Submissions'; 'Popular Resources' listing services like PubMed, Bookshelf, and BLAST; and 'NCBI Announcements' featuring a new version of Genome Workbench. A '3D Structures' section is also visible, highlighting the exploration of protein, DNA, and RNA structures.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

The screenshot shows the EBI website homepage. The header includes 'EMBL European Bioinformatics Institute' and 'Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory'. A search bar is prominently displayed with the text 'Find a gene, protein or chemical:'. Below the search bar, there are several featured sections: 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', 'Industry', 'European Coordination', and 'EMBL ALUMNI'. A 'News from EMBL-EBI' section is also present. On the right side, there is a 'Popular' menu with links to Services, Research, Training, News, Jobs, and Visit us. Upcoming events are listed, including the 'Plant and Animal Genome conference (PAG XXIV)' and the 'SME Forum 2016'.

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk>

# National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

- Created in 1988 as a part of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the National Institutes of Health

- NCBI's mission includes:
  - ▶ Establish **public databases**
  - ▶ Develop **software tools**
  - ▶ **Education** on and dissemination of biomedical information



- We will cover a number of core NCBI databases and software tools in the lecture



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NCBI Resources How To Sign in to NCBI

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All Databases Search

**NCBI Home**

Resource List (A-Z)

All Resources

Chemicals & Bioassays

Data & Software

DNA & RNA

Domains & Structures

Genes & Expression

Genetics & Medicine

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### Welcome to NCBI

The National Center for Biotechnology Information advances science and health by providing access to biomedical and genomic information.

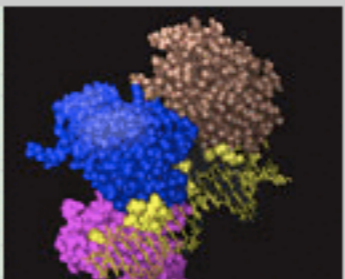
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### Get Started

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### 3D Structures

Explore three-dimensional structures of proteins, DNA, and RNA molecules. Examine sequence-structure relationships, active sites, molecular interactions, biological activities of bound chemicals, and associated biosystems.



### Popular Resources

PubMed

Bookshelf

PubMed Central

PubMed Health

BLAST

Nucleotide

Genome

SNP

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PubChem

### NCBI Announcements

New version of Genome Workbench available

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The image shows a screenshot of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) website. The browser address bar displays 'www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov'. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like 'NCBI Home', 'Resource List (A-Z)', and 'All Resources'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to NCBI' message and a 'Get Started' section with links to 'Tools', 'Downloads', 'How-To's', and 'Submissions'. A 'Popular Resources' box is overlaid on the right side of the page, listing various services: PubMed, Bookshelf, PubMed Central, PubMed Health, BLAST, Nucleotide, Genome, SNP, Gene, Protein, and PubChem. Red arrows point to PubMed, BLAST, and SNP in this list. The background page also shows a search bar and a 'Sign in to NCBI' link.

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www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

NCBI Resources How To Sign in to NCBI

NCBI National Center for Biotechnology Information

All Databases Search

**Popular Resources**

- PubMed ←
- Bookshelf
- PubMed Central
- PubMed Health
- BLAST ←
- Nucleotide
- Genome
- SNP ←
- Gene
- Protein
- PubChem

**NCBI Home**

**Resource List (A-Z)**

- All Resources
- Chemicals & Bioassays
- Data & Software
- DNA & RNA
- Domains & Structures
- Genes & Expression
- Genetics & Medicine
- Genomes & Maps
- Homology
- Literature
- Proteins
- Sequence Analysis
- Taxonomy
- Training & Tutorials
- Variation

**Welcome to NCBI**

The National Center for Biotechnology Information provides access to a wide range of biological and health information.

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**Get Started**

- [Tools](#): Analyze data using NCBI tools
- [Downloads](#): Get NCBI data
- [How-To's](#): Learn how to access NCBI resources
- [Submissions](#): Submit data to NCBI databases

**3D Structures**

Explore three-dimensional structures of proteins, DNA, and RNA molecules. Examine sequence-structure relationships, active sites, molecular interactions, biological activities of bound chemicals, and associated biosystems.

**Resources**

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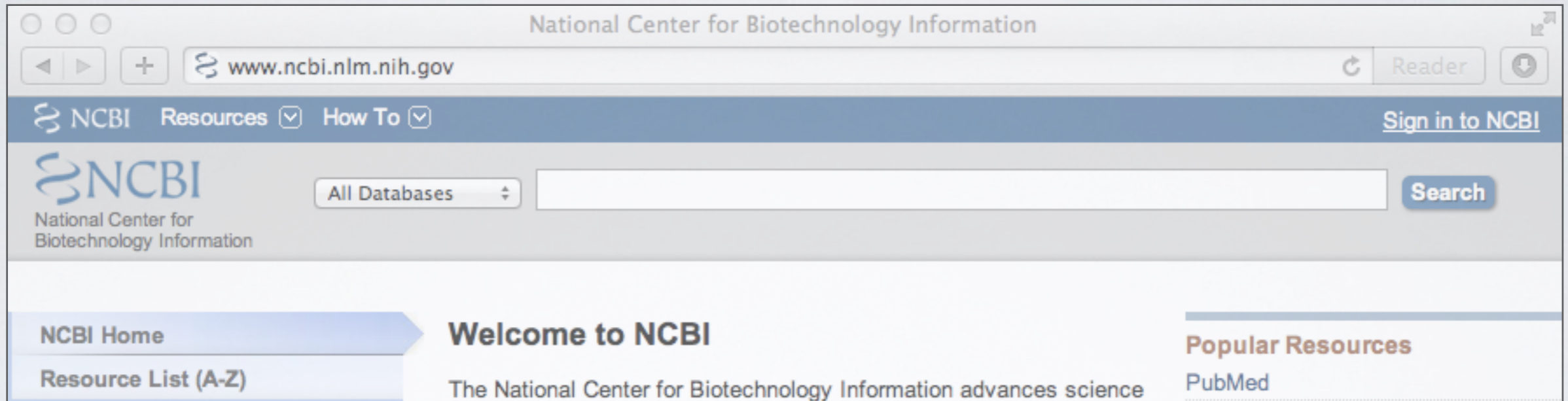
**Announcements**

New version of Genome Workbench available

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An integrated, downloadable application

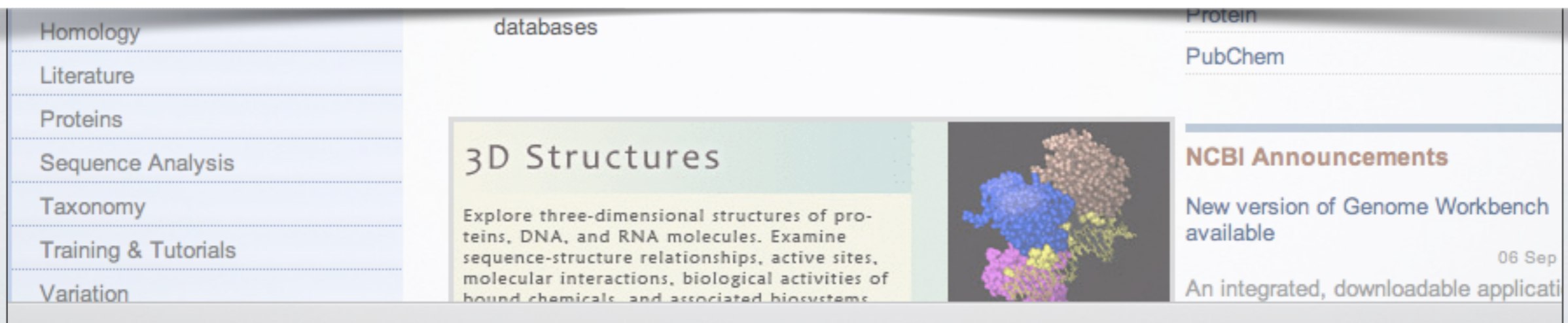
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- Browser address bar: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)
- Navigation menu: NCBI, Resources, How To, Sign in to NCBI
- Search bar: All Databases dropdown, search input field, Search button
- Header: NCBI logo, National Center for Biotechnology Information
- Content area: NCBI Home, Resource List (A-Z), Welcome to NCBI, Popular Resources, PubMed

Notable NCBI databases include:  
**GenBank**, **RefSeq**, PubMed, dbSNP  
and the search tools **ENTREZ** and **BLAST**

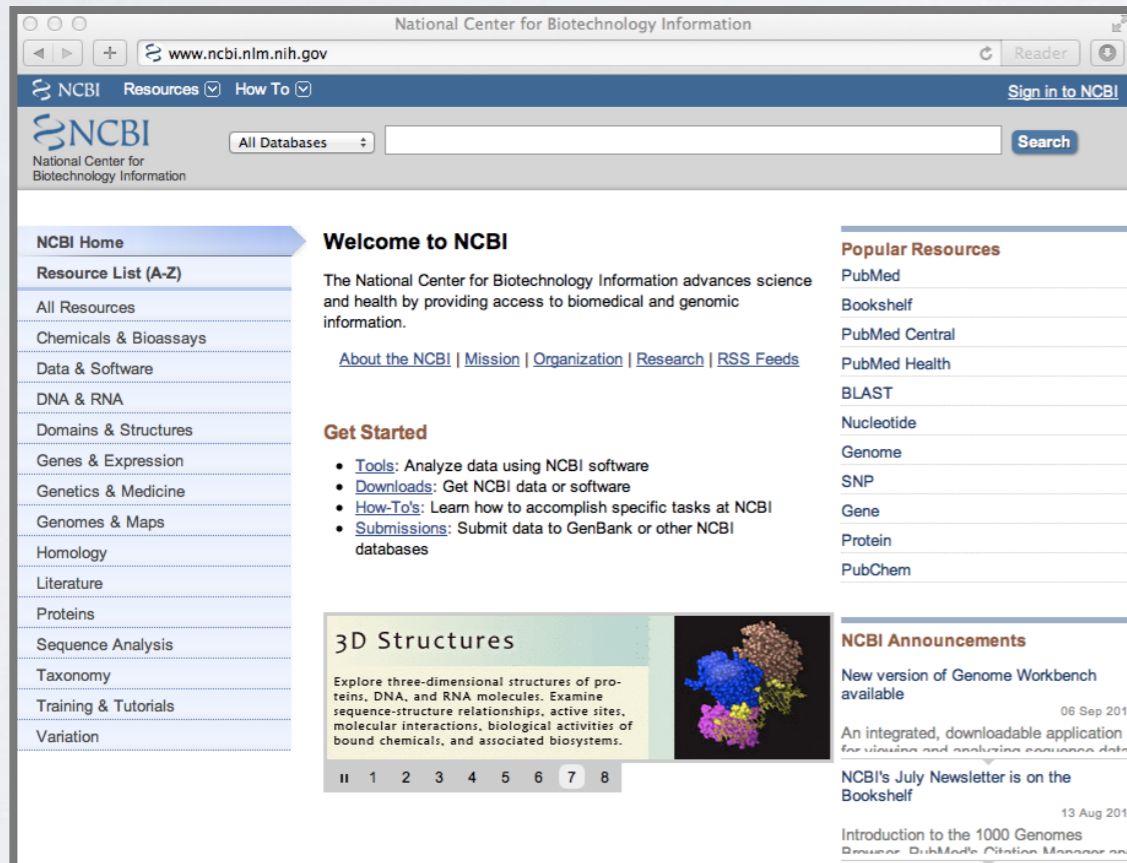


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- Center: 3D Structures section with a description: 'Explore three-dimensional structures of proteins, DNA, and RNA molecules. Examine sequence-structure relationships, active sites, molecular interactions, biological activities of bound chemicals, and associated biosystems.' and a 3D molecular structure image.
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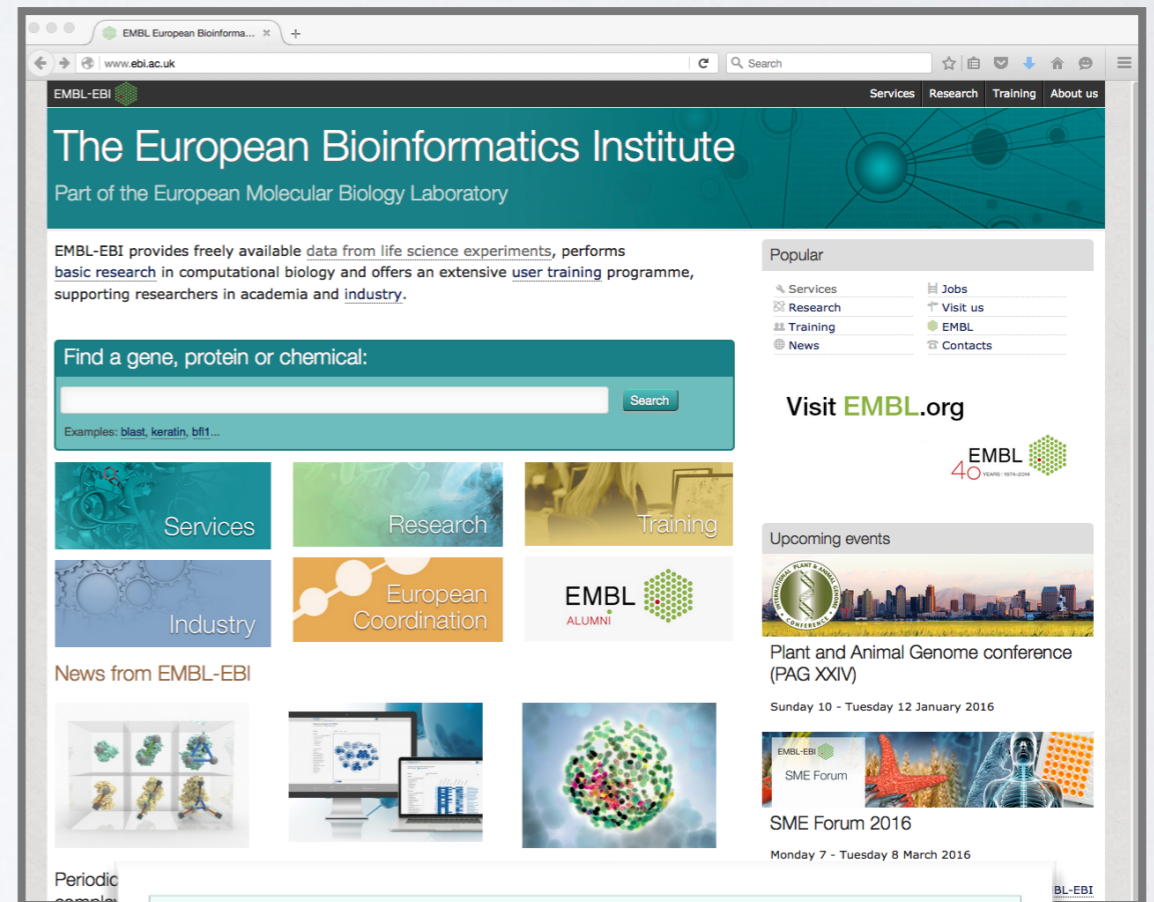
# Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

The NCBI and EBI are invaluable, publicly available resources for biomedical research



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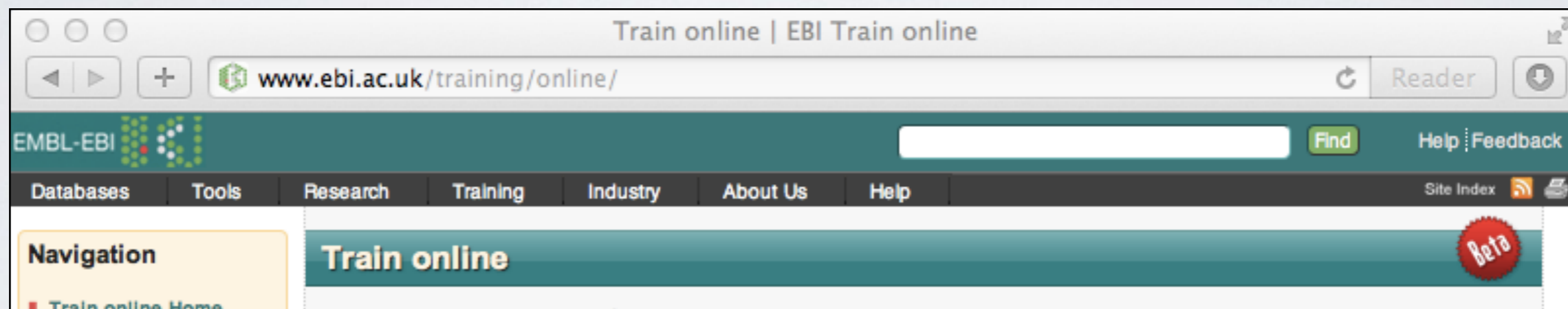
The screenshot shows the EBI website homepage. The browser address bar displays 'www.ebi.ac.uk'. The page features a navigation menu at the top with categories like 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', and 'About us'. The main content area includes a search bar with the text 'Find a gene, protein or chemical:' and a search button. Below the search bar are several featured sections: 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', 'Industry', 'European Coordination', and 'EMBL ALUMNI'. There is also a 'News from EMBL-EBI' section and a 'Popular' section with links to 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', 'News', 'Jobs', 'Visit us', 'EMBL', and 'Contacts'. The page also features a 'Visit EMBL.org' section and an 'Upcoming events' section with details for the 'Plant and Animal Genome conference (PAG XXIV)' and the 'SME Forum 2016'.

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk>

The EBI maintains a number of high quality curated **secondary databases** and associated tools

The screenshot shows the EMBL-EBI website homepage. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'www.ebi.ac.uk'. The main header features the EMBL-EBI logo and navigation links for 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', and 'About us'. A large teal banner contains the text 'The European Bioinformatics Institute' and 'Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'EMBL-EBI provides freely available data from life science experiments, performs basic research in computational biology and offers an extensive user training programme, supporting researchers in academia and industry.' A search bar is provided with the prompt 'Find a gene, protein or chemical:' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are six colored tiles: 'Services' (teal), 'Research' (green), 'Training' (yellow), 'Industry' (blue), 'European Coordination' (orange), and 'EMBL ALUMNI' (white with green logo). The 'Services' and 'Training' tiles are highlighted with red boxes. On the right side, a 'Popular' section lists links for 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', 'News', 'Jobs', 'Visit us', 'EMBL', and 'Contacts'. Below this is a 'Visit EMBL.org' section with the EMBL 40th anniversary logo (1974-2014). An 'Upcoming events' section features a banner for the 'Plant and Animal Genome conference (PAG XXIV)' on Sunday 10 - Tuesday 12 January 2016. The bottom of the page shows a 'News from EMBL-EBI' section with several small image thumbnails.

The EBI also provides a growing selection of **online tutorials** on EBI databases and tools



Notable EBI databases include:  
ENA, UniProt, Ensembl  
and the tools FASTA, BLAST, InterProScan,  
MUSCLE, DALI, HMMER

#### Find a course

##### Browse by subject



[Genes and Genomes](#)



[Gene Expression](#)



[Interactions, Pathways and Networks](#)

# Bioinformatics Databases

AATDB, AceDb, ACUTS, ADB, AFDB, AGIS, AMSdb, ARR, AsDb, BBDB, BCGD, Beanref, Biolmage, BioMagResBank, BIOMDB, BLOCKS, BovGBASE, BOVMAP, BSORF, BTKbase, CANSITE, CarbBank, CARBHYD, CATH, CAZY, CCDC, CD4OLbase, CGAP, ChickGBASE, Colibri, COPE, CottonDB, CSNDB, CUTG, CyanoBase, dbCFC, dbEST, dbSTS, DDBJ, DGP, DictyDb, Picty\_cDB, DIP, DOGS, DOMO, DPD, DPlInteract, ECDC, ECGC, EC02DBASE, EcoCyc, EcoGene, EMBL, EMD db, ENZYME, EPD, EpoDB, ESTHER, FlyBase, FlyView, GCRDB, GDB, GENATLAS, Genbank, GeneCards, Genlilesne, GenLink, GENOTK, GenProtEC, GIFTS, GPCRDB, GRAP, GRBase, gRNAsdb, GRR, GSDB, HAEMB, HAMSTERS, HEART-2DPAGE, HEXAdb, HGMD, HIDB, HIDC, HIVdb, HotMolecBase, HOVERGEN, HPDB, HSC-2DPAGE, ICN, ICTVDB, IL2RGbase, IMGT, Kabat, KDNA, KEGG, Klotho, LGIC, MAD, MaizeDb, MDB, Medline, Mendel, MEROPS, MGDB, MGI, MHCPEP5 Micado, MitoDat, MITOMAP, MJDB, MmtDB, Mol-R-U's, MPDB, MRR, MutBase, MycDB, NDB, NRSub, O-lycBase, OMIA, OMIM, OPD, ORDB, OWL, PAHdb, PatBase, PDB, PDD, Pfam, PhosphoBase, PigBASE, PIR, PKR, PMD, PPDB, PRESAGE, PRINTS, ProDom, Prolysis, PROSITE, PROTOMAP, RatMAP, RDP, REBASE, RGP, SBASE, SCOP, SeqAnaiRef, SGD, SGP, SheepMap, Soybase, SPAD, SRNA db, SRPDB, STACK, StyGene, Sub2D, SubtiList, SWISS-2DPAGE, SWISS-3DIMAGE, SWISS- MODEL Repository, SWISS-PROT, TelDB, TGN, tmRDB, TOPS, TRANSFAC, TRR, UniGene, URNADB, V BASE, VDRR, VectorDB, WDCM, WIT, WormPep, etc ..... !!!!

# Bioinformatics Databases

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**There are lots of Bioinformatics Databases**

**For a annotated listing of major bioinformatics databases please see the online handout**

**< [Major\\_Databases.pdf](#) >**



# Side-note: Databases come in all shapes and sizes



Databases can be of variable quality and often there are multiple databases with overlapping content.

# Today's Menu

<b>Course Logistics</b>	Website, screencasts, survey, ethics, assessment and grading.
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	What you need to learn to succeed in this course.
<b>Course Structure</b>	Major lecture topics and specific learning goals.
<b>Introduction to Bioinformatics</b>	Introducing the <i>what</i> , <i>why</i> and <i>how</i> of bioinformatics?
<b>Bioinformatics Database</b>	<b>Hands-on</b> exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

# Hands-on section

Your Turn!

<http://thegrantlab.org/bggn213/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `bioboot.github.io/bggn213_S18/lectures/#1`. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The page content is organized into several sections:

- Goals:**
  - Understand course scope, expectations, logistics and [ethics code](#).
  - Understand the increasing necessity for computation in modern life sciences research.
  - Get introduced to how bioinformatics is practiced.
  - Complete the [pre-course questionnaire](#).
  - Setup your [laptop computer](#) for this course.
  - The goals of the hands-on session is to introduce a range of core bioinformatics databases and associated online services whilst actively investigating the molecular basis of several common human disease.
- Material:**
  - Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#),
  - Lab: [Hands-on section worksheet](#)
  - Feedback: [Muddy Point Assessment](#),
  - Feedback: [Results](#).
  - Handout: [Class Syllabus](#)
  - Computer [Setup Instructions](#).
- Homework:**
  - [Questions](#),
  - Readings:
    - PDF1: [What is bioinformatics? An introduction and overview](#),
    - PDF2: [Advancements and Challenges in Computational Biology](#),

The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Gmail, Gcal, Bitbucket, GitHub, News, Disqus, BGGN-213, BIMM-143, BIMM-194, Atmosphere, Blink, GDocs, Galaxy. The main content area features the UC San Diego logo and the course title 'BGGN 213'. Below the title is a description: 'A hands-on introduction to the computer-based analysis of genomic and biomolecular data from the Division of Biological Sciences, UCSD'. The navigation menu on the left has 'Lectures' highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the page, there are social media icons for Twitter, GitHub, Email, and RSS.

## BGGN-213: FOUNDATIONS OF BIOINFORMATICS (Lecture 1)

### Bioinformatics Databases and Key Online Resources

[https://bioboot.github.io/bggn213\\_S18/lectures/#1](https://bioboot.github.io/bggn213_S18/lectures/#1)

Dr. Barry Grant

**Overview:** The purpose of this lab session is to introduce a range of bioinformatics databases and associated services available on the Web whilst investigating the molecular basis of a common human disease.

Sections 1 and 2 deal with querying and searching GenBank, GENE and OMIM databases at NCBI. Sections 3 and 4 provide exposure to EBI resources for comparing proteins and visualizing protein structures. Finally, section 5 provides an opportunity to explore these and other databases further with additional examples.

**Side-note:** The Web is a dynamic environment, where information is constantly added and removed. Servers "go down", links change without warning, etc. This can lead to "broken" links and results not being returned from services. Don't give up - give it a second go and try a search engine using terms related to the page you are trying to access.

### Section 1

The following transcript was found to be abundant in a human patient's blood sample.

>example1

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ATGGTGCATCTGACTCCTGTGGAGAAGTCTGCCGTTACTGCCCTGTGGGGCAAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAG
TTGGTGGTGAGGCCCTGGGCAGGCTGCTGGTGGTCTACCCTTGGACCCAGAGGTTCTTTGAGTCCTTTGG
GGATCTGTCCACTCCTGATGCAGTTATGGGCAACCCTAAGGTGAAGGCTCATGGCAAGAAAGTGCTCGGT
GCCTTTAGTGATGGCCTGGCTCACCTGGACAACCTCAAGGGCACCTTTGCCCACTGAGTGAGCTGCACT
GTGACAAGCTGCACGTGGATCCTGAGAACTTCAGGCTCCTGGGCAACGTGCTGGTCTGTGTGCTGGCCCA
TCACTTTGGCAAAGAATTCACCCACCAGTGCAGGCTGCCTATCAGAAAGTGGTGGCTGGTGTGGCTAAT
GCCCTGGCCCAAGTATCACTAAGCTCGCTTTCTTGCTGTCCAATTT
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The only information you are given is the above sequence so you must begin your investigation with a sequence search - for this example we will use NCBI's **BLAST** service at: <http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

*Note that there are several different "basic BLAST" programs available at NCBI (including nucleotide BLAST, protein BLAST, and BLASTx).*

# YOUR TURN!

- There are five major hands-on sections including:
  1. BLAST, GenBank and OMIM @ **NCBI** [~35 mins]
  2. GENE database @ **NCBI** [~15 mins]  
— BREAK —
  3. UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI** [~25 mins]
  4. PFAM, PDB & NGL [~30 mins]  
— BREAK —
  5. Extension exercises [~30 mins]
- ▶ Please do answer the last review question (**Q19**).
- ▶ We encourage discussion and exploration!

# YOUR TURN!

- There are five major hands-on sections including:

End times:

1. BLAST, GenBank and OMIM @ **NCBI**

[2:35 pm]

2. GENE database @ **NCBI**

[2:55 pm]

— BREAK —

— 3:10 pm —

3. UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI**

[3:30 pm]

4. PFAM, PDB & NGL

[4:00 pm]

— BREAK —

— 4:10 pm —

5. Extension exercises

[4:40 pm]

- ▶ Please do answer the last review question (**Q19**).
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# SUMMARY

- Bioinformatics is computer aided biology.
- Bioinformatics deals with the collection, archiving, organization, and interpretation of a wide range of biological data.
- The NCBI and EBI are major online bioinformatics service providers.
- Introduced Gene, UniProt, PDB databases as well as a number of 'boutique' databases including PFAM and OMIM.

# HOMEWORK

<http://thegrantlab.org/bgggn213/>

- ☑ Complete the initial course questionnaire:
- ☑ Check out the “background reading” material online:
- ☑ Complete the lecture 1 homework questions:

