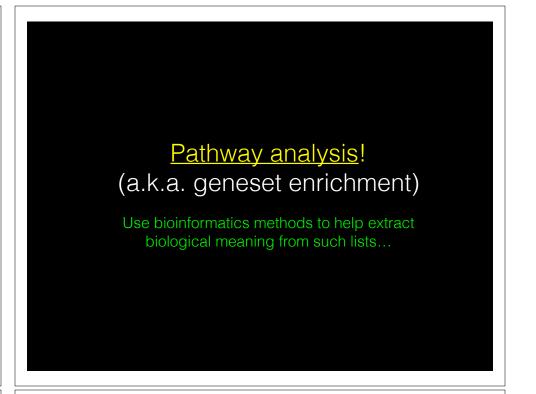
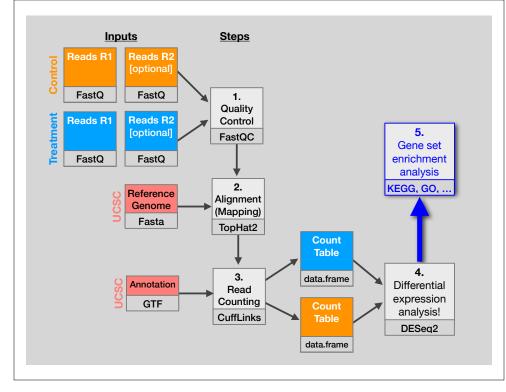


My high-throughput experiment generated a long list of genes/proteins...

What do I do now?







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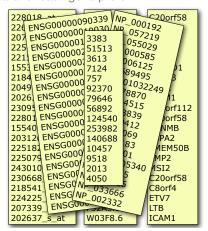
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### Starting point for pathway analysis:

### Your gene list

- · You have a list of genes/proteins of interest
- · You have quantitative data for each gene/protein
  - Fold change
  - p-value
  - Spectral counts
  - · Presence/absence



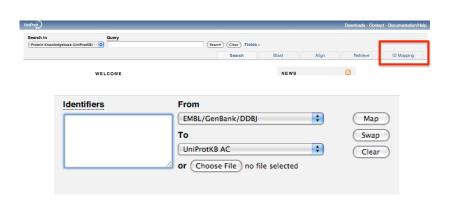
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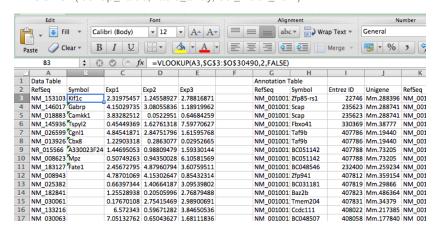
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# Translating between identifiers: UniProt < <a href="https://www.uniprot.org">www.uniprot.org</a> >



# Translating between identifiers: Excel VLOOKUP

VLOOKUP(lookup\_value, table\_array, col\_index\_num)



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- Use the merge() or mapIDs() functions in R fast, versatile & reproducible!
  - Also clusterProfiler::bitr() function and many others... [Link to clusterProfiler vignette]

#### bitr: Biological Id TranslatoR

clusterProfiler provides bitr and bitr\_kegg for converting ID types. Both bitr and bitr\_kegg support many species including model and many non-model organisms.

```
## 1 GPX3 2878
## 2 GLRX 2745
## 3 LBP 3929
## 4 CRYAB 1410
## 5 DEFB1 1672
## 6 HCLS1 3059
```

See package vignette:

https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/clusterProfiler.html

### GO database < www.geneontology.org >

- · What function does HSF1 perform?
  - response to heat; sequence-specific DNA binding; transcription; etc
- Ontology => a structured and controlled vocabulary that allows us to annotate gene products consistently, interpret the relationships among annotations, and can easily be handled by a computer
- GO database consists of 3 ontologies that describe gene products in terms of their associated biological processes, cellular components and molecular functions

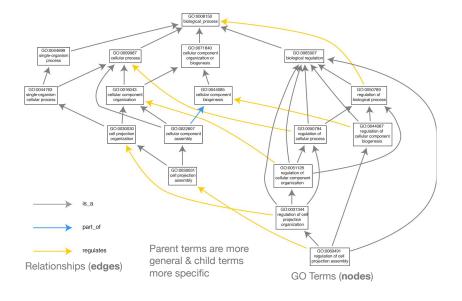
### What functional set databases do you want?

- · Commonly used
  - · Gene Ontology (GO)
  - KEGG Pathways (mostly metabolic)
  - · GeneGO MetaBase



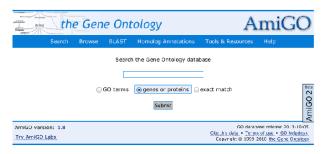
- Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) INGENUITY
- MSigDB (Molecular Signatures Database: gene sets based on chromosomal position, cis-regulatory motifs, GO terms, etc)
- · Many others...
  - Enzyme Classification, PFAM, Reactome, Disease Ontology, Chemical Entities of Biological Interest, Network of Cancer Genes etc...
  - See: Open Biomedical Ontologies ( <u>www.obofoundry.org</u> )

### GO is structured as a "directed graph"



#### **GO** Annotations

- GO is not a database of genes/proteins or sequences
- · Gene products get annotated with GO terms by organism specific databases, such as Flybase, Wormbase, MGI, ZFIN, UniProt, etc
- Annotations are available through AmiGO < amigo.geneontology.org >



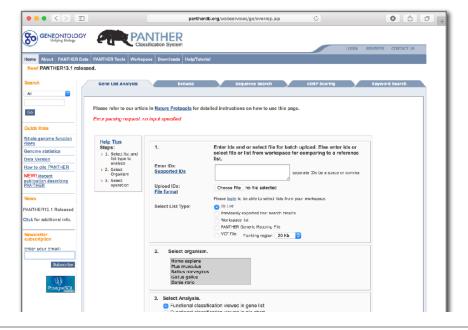
# Experimental annotations by species Non-experimental Experimental 400 S 300k 2004 100k See AmiGO for details: <a href="http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo/base\_statistics">http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo/base\_statistics</a>

### GO evidence codes

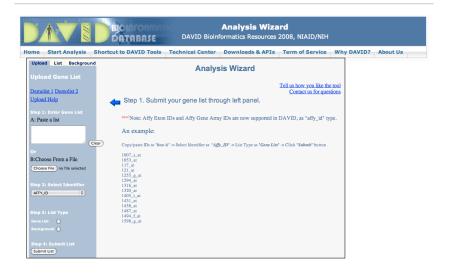
| Evidence<br>code | Evidence code description  | Source of evidence   | Manually checked | Current number of annotations* |
|------------------|--|--|------------------|--------------------------------|
| IDA              | Inferred from direct assay   | Experimental   | Yes              | 71,050                         |
| IEP              | Inferred from expression pattern   | Experimental   | Yes              | 4,598                          |
| IGI              | Inferred from genetic interaction  | Experimental   | Yes              | 8,311                          |
| IMP              | Inferred from mutant phenotype   | Experimental   | Yes              | 61,549                         |
| IPI              | Inferred from physical interaction   | Experimental   | Yes              | 17,043                         |
| ISS              | Inferred from sequence or structural similarity  | Computational  | Yes              | 196,643                        |
| RCA              | Inferred from reviewed computational analysis  | Computational  | Yes              | 103,792                        |
| IGC              | Inferred from genomic context  | Computational  | Yes              | 4                              |
| IEA              | Inferred from electronic annotation  | Computational  | No               | 15,687,382                     |
| IC               | Inferred by curator Indirectly derived from experimental or computational evidence made by a curator |  | Yes              | 5,167                          |
| TAS              | Traceable author statement   | Indirectly derived from experimental or computational evidence made by the author of the published article | Yes              | 44,564                         |
| NAS              | Non-traceable author statement   | No 'source of evidence' statement given  | Yes              | 25,656                         |
| ND               | No biological data available   | No information available   | Yes              | 132,192                        |
| NR               | Not recorded   | Unknown  | Yes              | 1,185                          |

Use and misuse of the gene ontology annotations Seung Yon Rhee, Valerie Wood, Kara Dolinski & Sorin Draghici

## Can now do gene list analysis with GeneGO



# **DAVID** at NIAID < <u>david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov</u> >



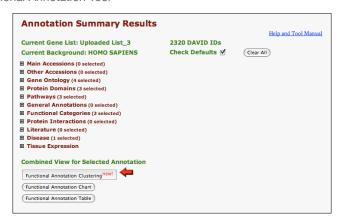
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· Notice that you can pick a Background (Universe)



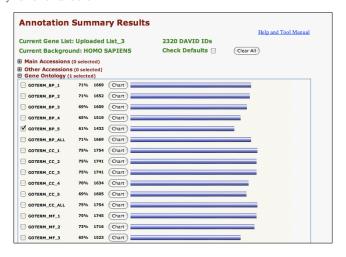
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Functional Annotation Tool



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· Specify functional sets



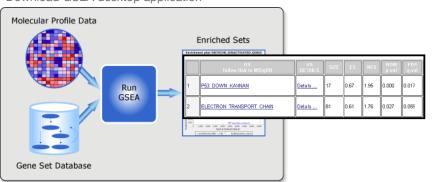
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· Let's look at the Functional Annotation Chart



### **GSEA** < <u>www.broadinstitute.org/gsea</u> >

· Download GSEA desktop application



· Excellent tutorial, user's guide and example datasets to work through

Gene set enrichment analysis: A knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles Aravind Subramanian, Pablo Tamayo, Vamsi K. Mootha, Sayan Mukherjee, Benjamin L. Ebert, Michael A. Gillette, ...

#### DAVID

· Functional Annotation Chart

| Current C |             | .1   |    |       |       |          |         | Help and Manual |
|-----------|-------------|--|----|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Sublist   | Category    | † Term   | RT | Genes | Count | <b>%</b> | P-Value | Benjamini ‡     |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | regulation of progression through cell cycle   | RT | -     | 98    | 4.2      | 3.3E-7  | 8.6E-4          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | apoptosis  | RT | =     | 131   | 5.7      | 1.6E-6  | 2.1E-3          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | cell death   | RI |       | 136   | 5.9      | 3.8E-6  | 3.3E-3          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | regulation of transcription from RNA<br>polymerase II promoter                                     | RI | =     | 83    | 3.6      | 3.7E-5  | 2.4E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | protein kinase cascade   | RT |       | 71    | 3.1      | 4.7E-5  | 2.4E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | regulation of kinase activity  | RT | 8     | 48    | 2.1      | 5.4E-5  | 2.3E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | negative regulation of cell proliferation  | RT | 1     | 48    | 2.1      | 1.0E-4  | 3.7E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | regulation of cell size  | RT | 8     | 41    | 1.8      | 1.2E-4  | 3.9E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | monocarboxylic acid metabolic process  | RT | 1     | 48    | 2.1      | 1.3E-4  | 3.6E-2          |
|           | GOTERM_BP_5 | positive regulation of nucleobase,<br>nucleoside, nucleotide and nucleic acid<br>metabolic process | RT |       | 61    | 2.6      | 1.5E-4  | 3.8E-2          |
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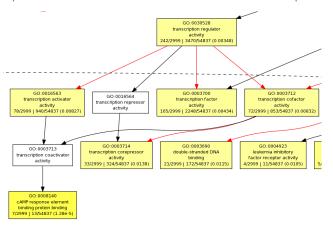
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Da Wei Huang, Brad T Sherman & Richard A Lempicki
Nature Protocols 4, 44 - 57 (2009)

### Overlapping functional sets

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# GOEast < omicslab.genetics.ac.cn/GOEAST >

· Graphical view of enriched GO terms and their relationships

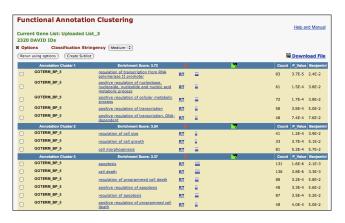


#### **GO SLIMs**

- Cut-down versions of the GO ontologies containing a subset of the terms in the whole GO
- · GO FAT (DAVID):
  - filters out very broad GO terms based on a measured specificity of each term

### **DAVID Functional Annotation Clustering**

· Based on shared genes between functional sets



#### Want more?



- GeneGO < portal.genego.com >
  - MD/PhD curated annotations, great for certain domains (eg, Cystic Fibrosis)
  - · Nice network analysis tools
  - · Email us for access
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  - · Nice concept analysis tools
  - · Research edition is free for academics, Premium edition \$\$\$
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### Data structure: counts + metadata

### countData

| gene  | ctrl_1 | ctrl_2 | exp_1 | exp_1 |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| geneA | 10     | 11     | 56    | 45    |
| geneB | 0      | 0      | 128   | 54    |
| geneC | 42     | 41     | 59    | 41    |
| geneD | 103    | 122    | 1     | 23    |
| geneE | 10     | 23     | 14    | 56    |
| geneF | 0      | 1      | 2     | 0     |
|       |        |        |       |       |

countData is the count matrix (number of reads coming from each gene for each sample)

### colData

| id     | treatment | sex    |  |
|--------|-----------|--------|--|
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| ctrl_2 | control   | female |  |
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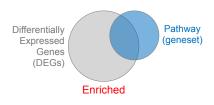
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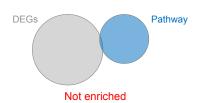
ctrl\_1, ctrl\_2, exp\_1, exp\_2

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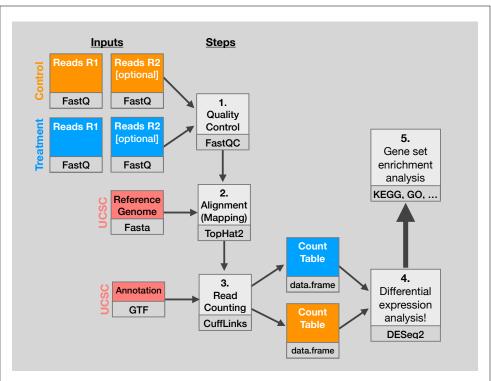


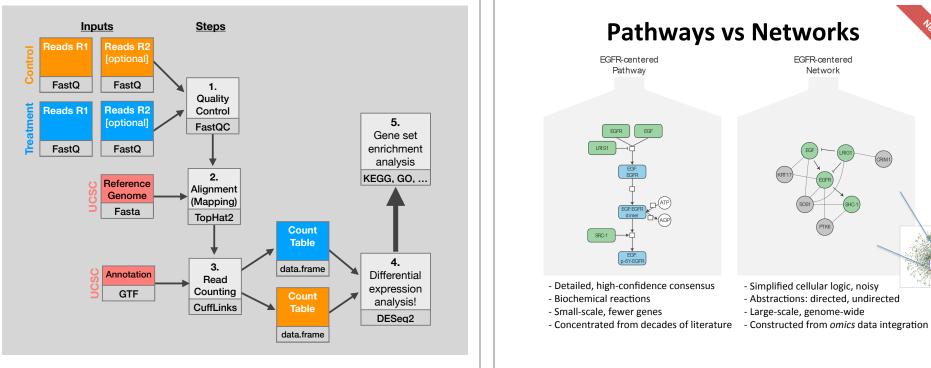
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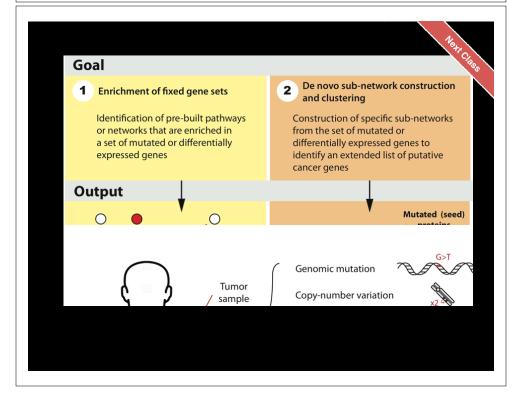
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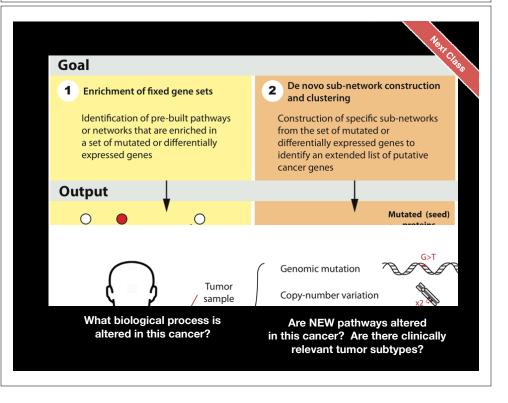


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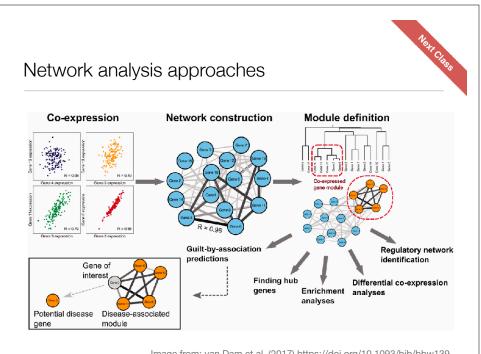


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