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

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

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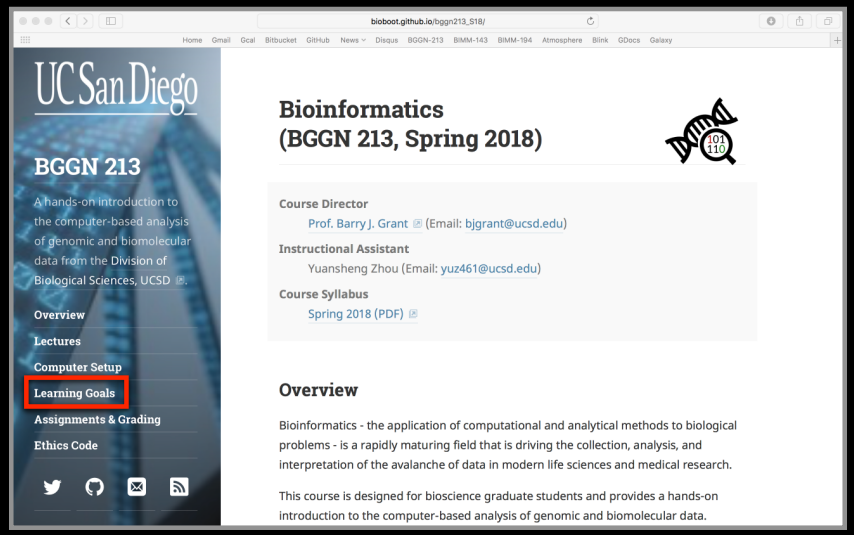
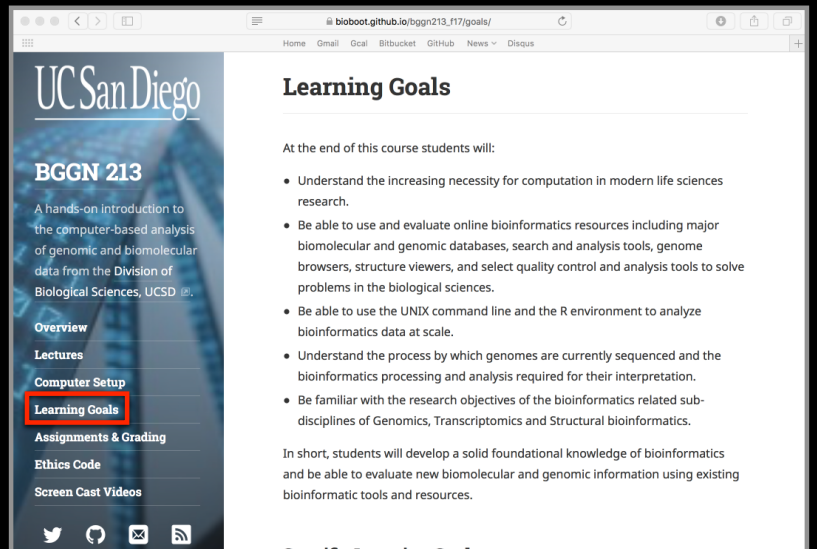


What essential concepts and skills should YOU attain from this course?



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In short, you will develop a solid foundational knowledge of **bioinformatics** and be able to evaluate new biomolecular and genomic information using **existing bioinformatic tools and resources**.

Specific Learning Goals....

What I want you to know by course end!

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Specific Learning Goals

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

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1: Welcome to Foundations of Bioinformatics

Topics:
Course introduction, Leaning 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,
- Lecture Slides: Large PDF, Small PDF, (To be updated!)
- Handout: Class Syllabus
- Computer Setup Instructions.

Homework

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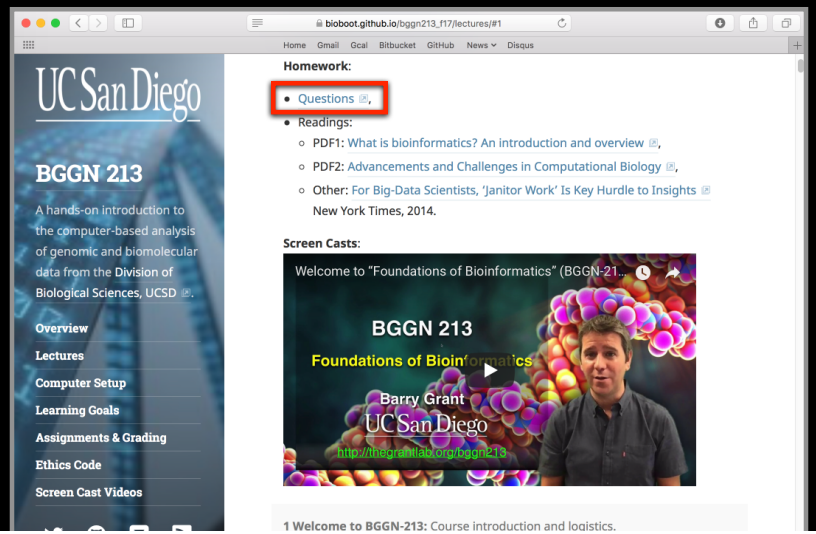

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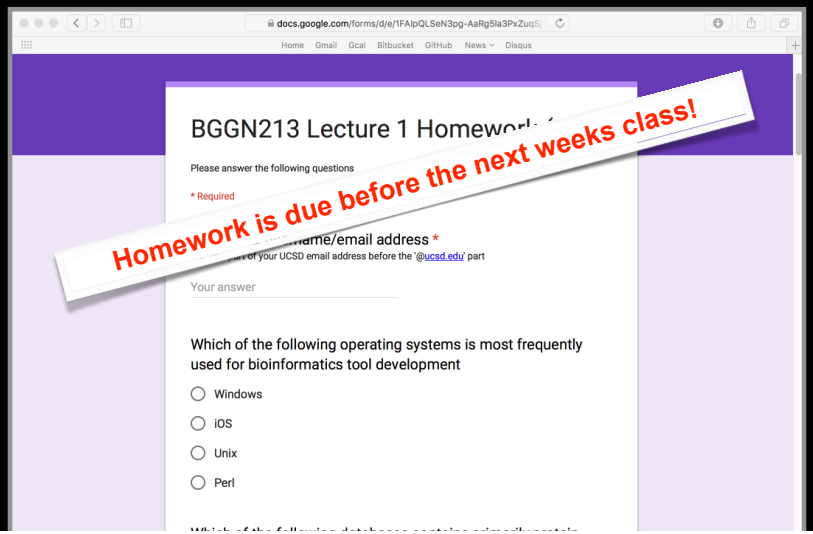

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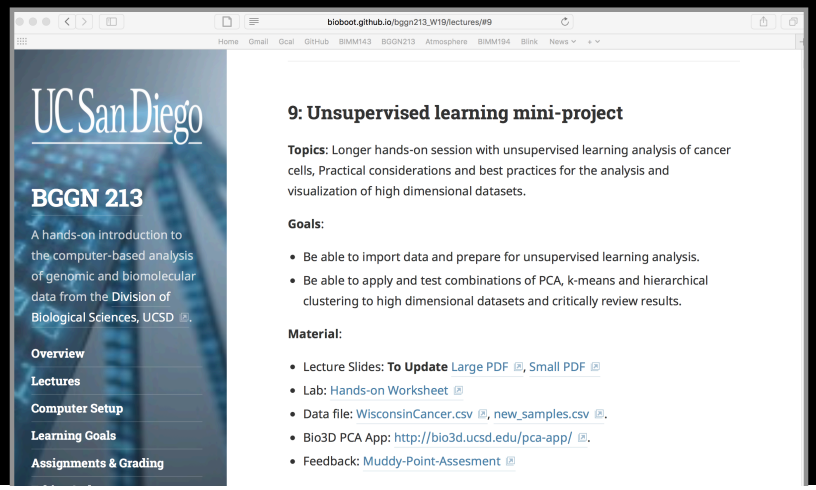

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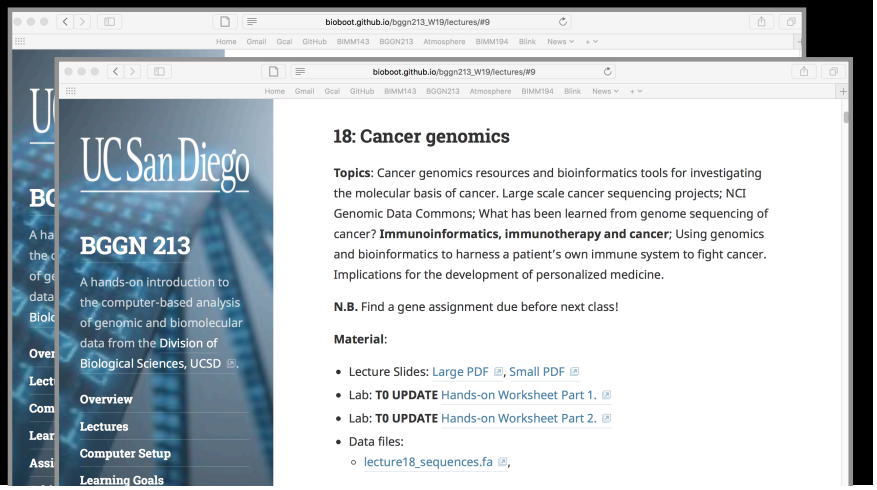

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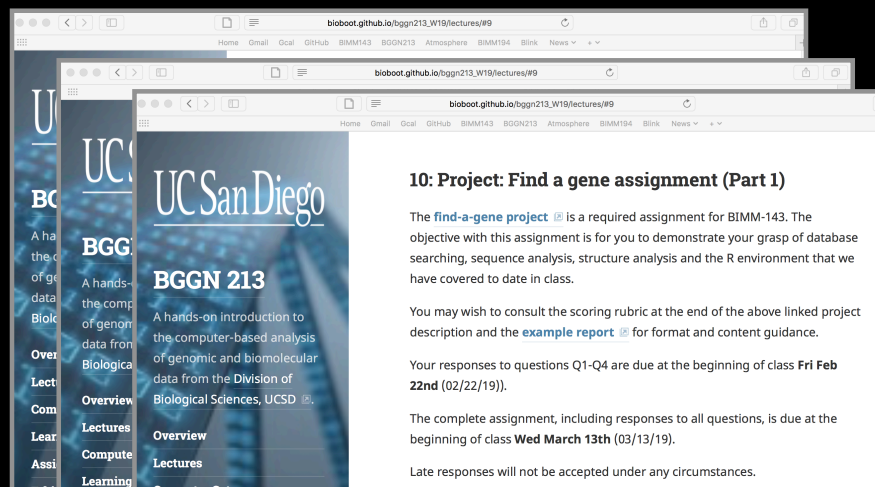


10: Project: Find a gene assignment (Part 1)

The **find-a-gene project** 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** for format and content guidance.

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

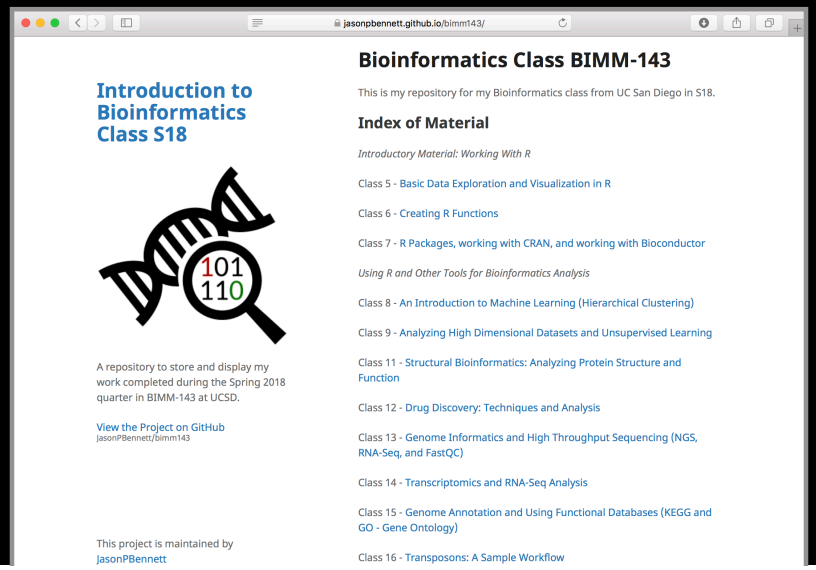
The complete assignment, including responses to all questions, is due at the beginning of class **Wed March 13th** (03/13/19).

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!



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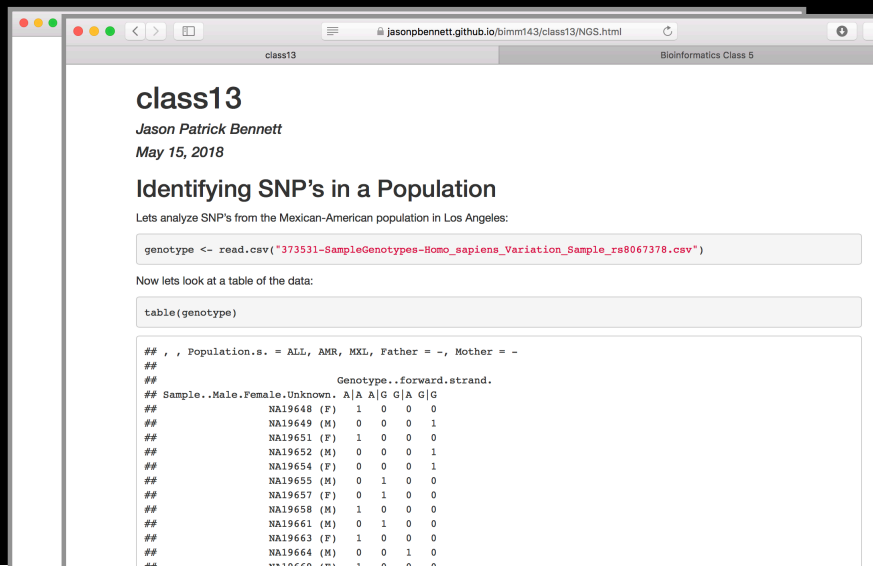

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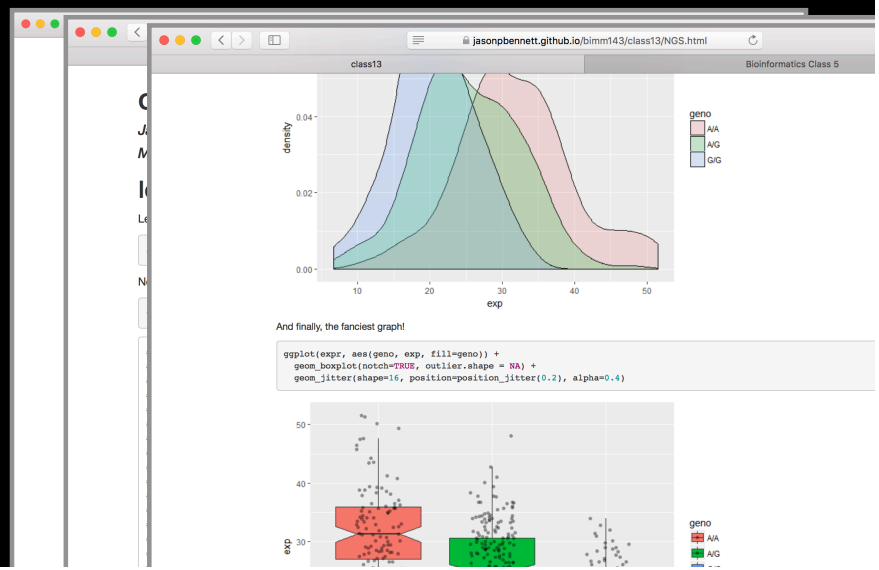
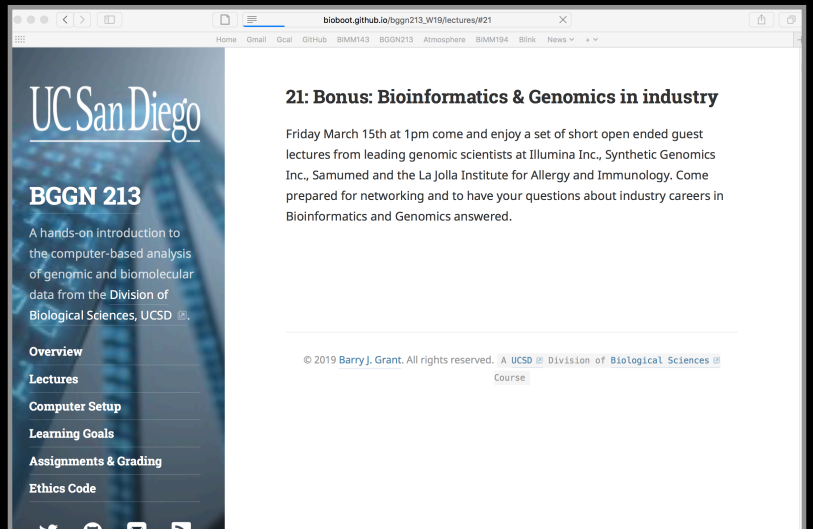


Bonus:

Bioinformatics & Genomics in industry



Side Note: **Why stick with this course?**

Provides a hands-on practical introduction to major bioinformatics concepts and resources.

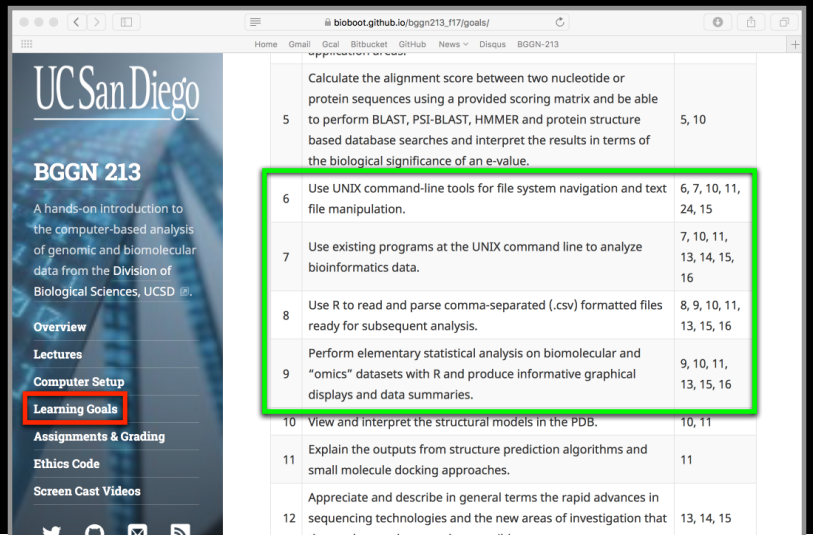
Covers modern hot topics and the intimate coupling of informatics with biology - highlighting the impact of computing advances and 'big data' on biology!

Designed for graduates in the biosciences with no programing experience or high level math skills.

Provides a hook for increasing computational and data science competencies in the biosciences - valuable high demand translational skills!

BGGN-213 Learning Goals....

Advanced UNIX and R based learning goals



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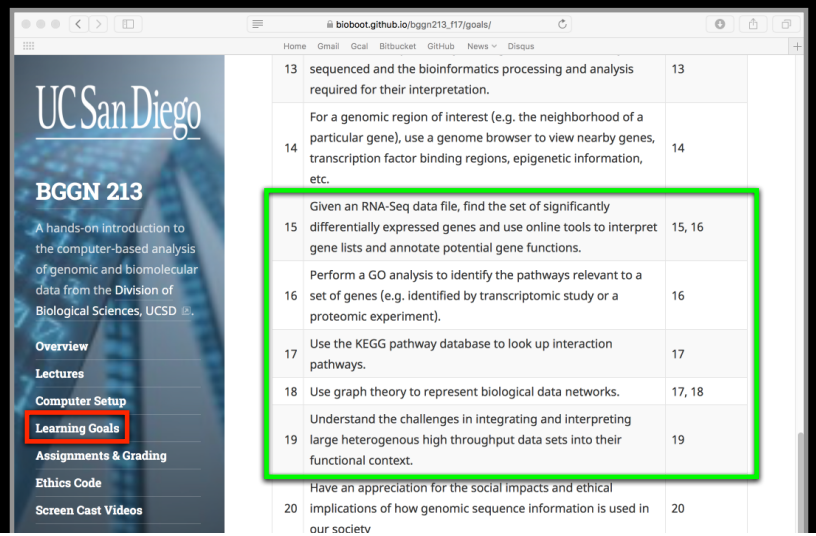
Delve deeper into “real-world” bioinformatics



These support a major learning objective

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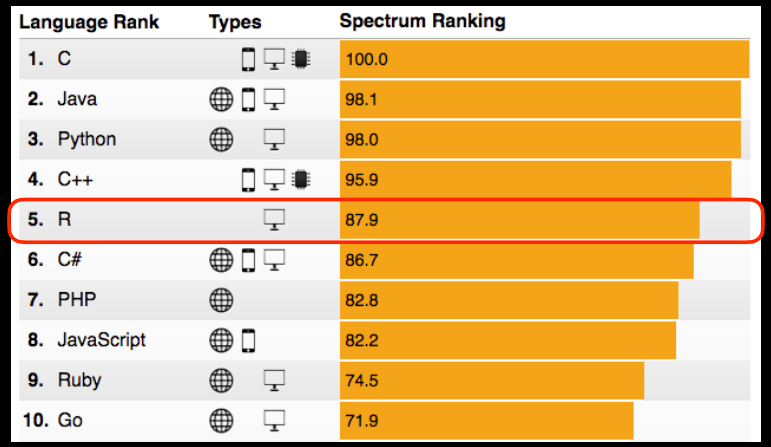
Why use R?

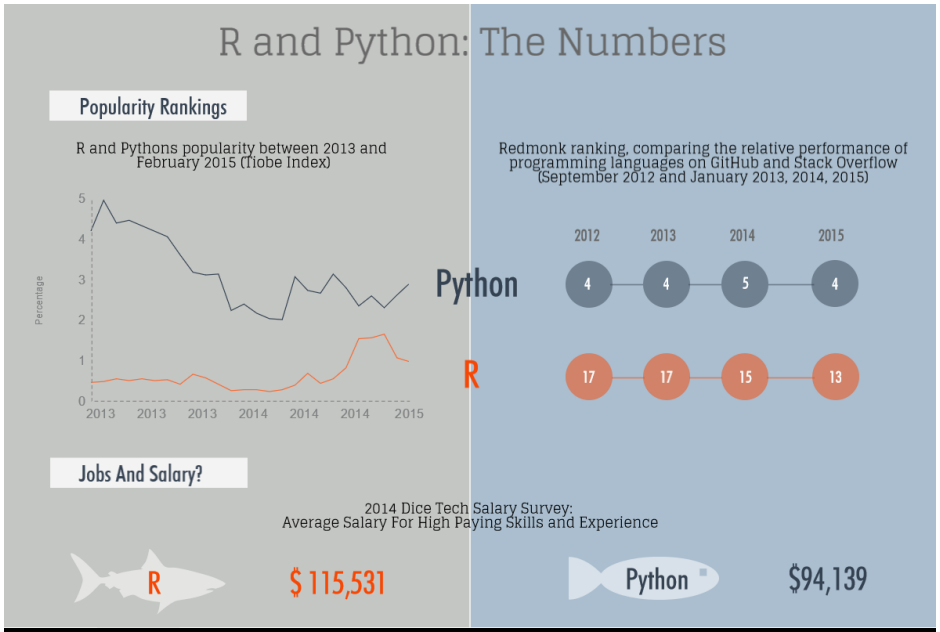
Productivity
Flexibility
Genomic data analysis

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

http://spectrum.ieee.org/computing/software/the-2016-top-programming-languages



http://www.kdnuggets.com/2015/05/r-vs-python-data-science.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=flipboard

- R is the "lingua franca" of data science in industry and academia and was designed specifically for data analysis.
- Large friendly user and developer community.
  - As of Jan 6th 2019 there are 13,645 add on **R packages** on **CRAN** and 1,649 on **Bioconductor** - 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**.

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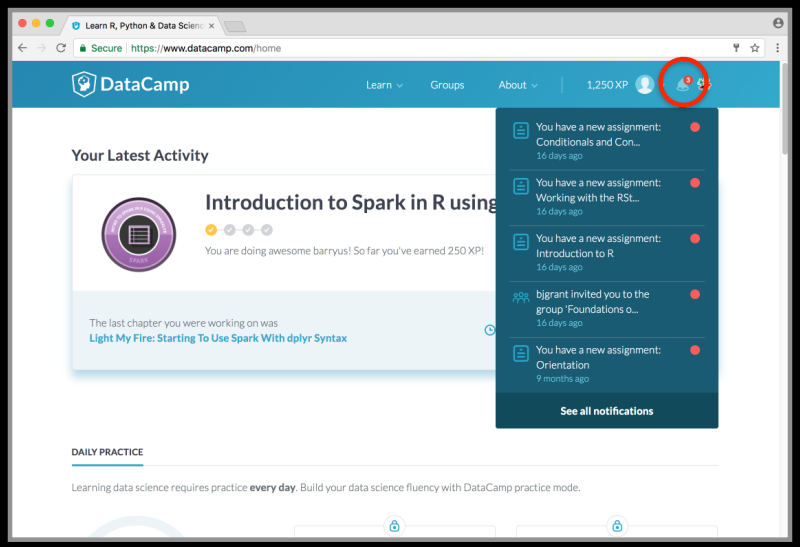

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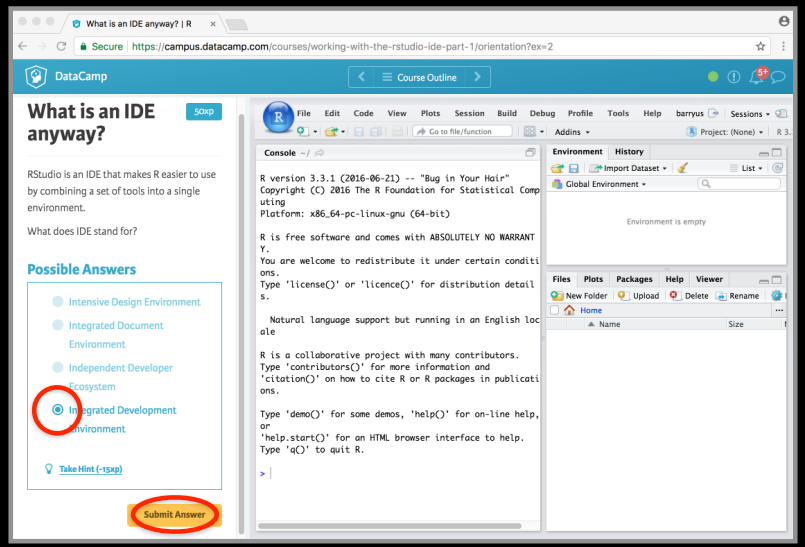

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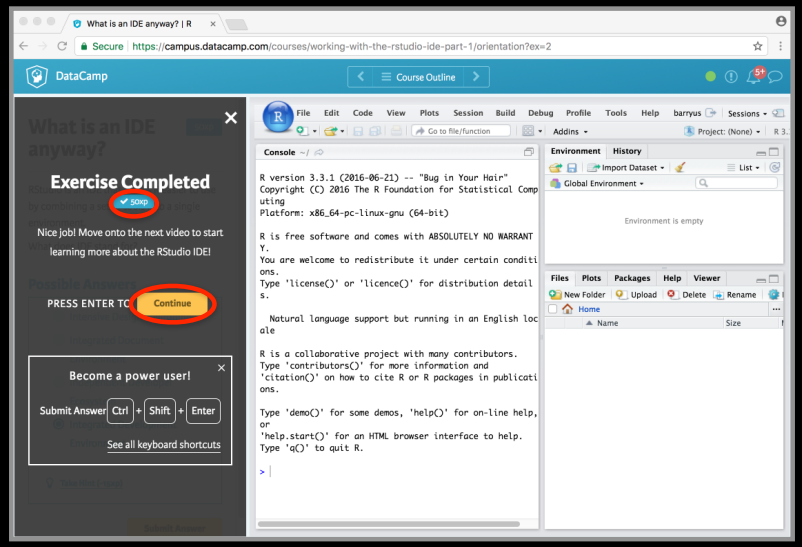

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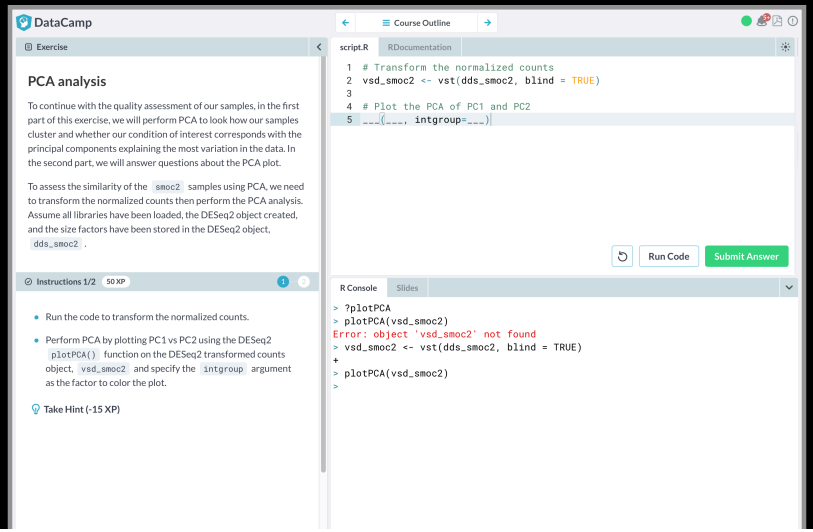
Homework assignments will be via DataCamp



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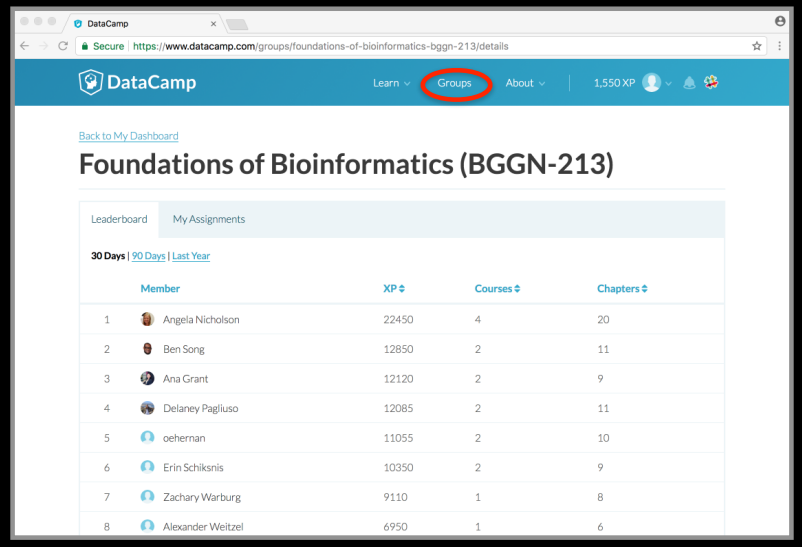

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Key Point: Bioinformatics is Computer Aided Biology

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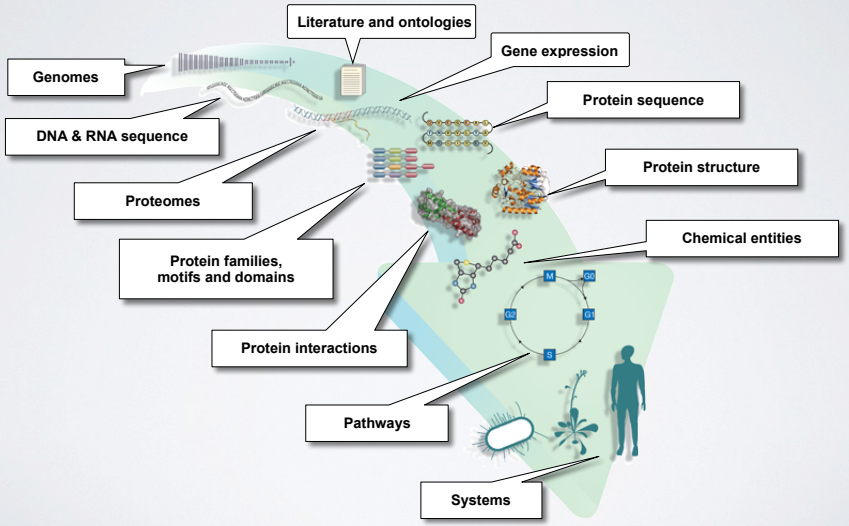

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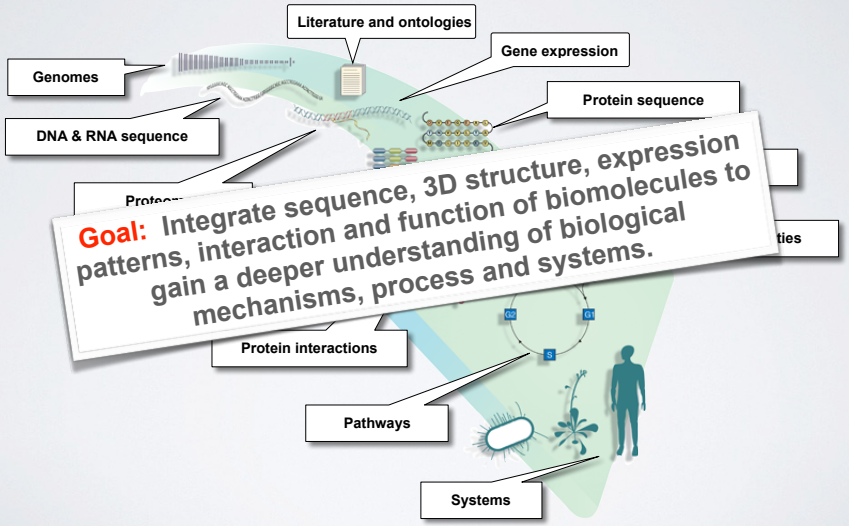

Goal: Integrate sequence, 3D structure, expression patterns, interaction and function of biomolecules to gain a deeper understanding of biological mechanisms, process and systems.

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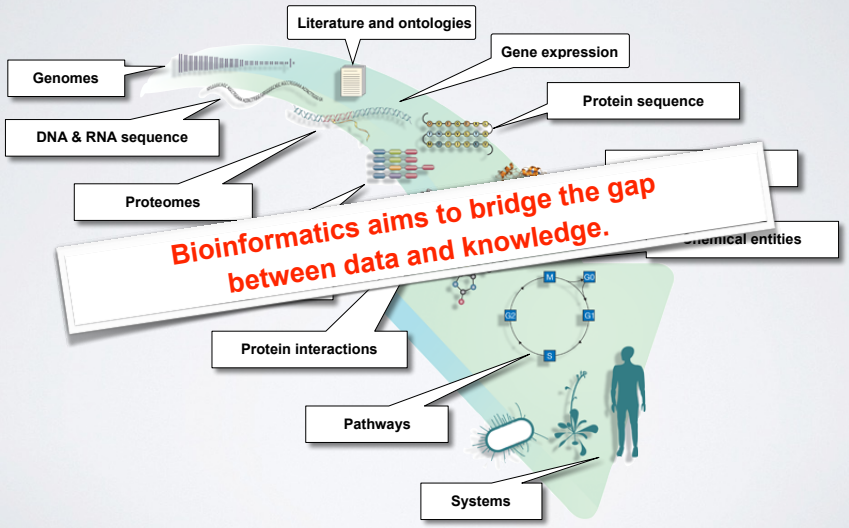

BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH AREAS

Include but are not limited to:

- Organization, classification, dissemination and analysis of biological and biomedical data (particularly '-omics' data).
- Biological sequence analysis and phylogenetics.
- Genome organization and evolution.
- Regulation of gene expression and epigenetics.
- Biological pathways and networks in healthy & disease states.
- Protein structure prediction from sequence.
- Modeling and prediction of the biophysical properties of biomolecules for binding prediction and drug design.
- Design of biomolecular structure and function.

With applications to Biology, Medicine, Agriculture and Industry

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.

DNA	→	RNA	→	Protein
Genome	→	**Transcriptome**	→	**Proteome**

x 1,000

x 100,000

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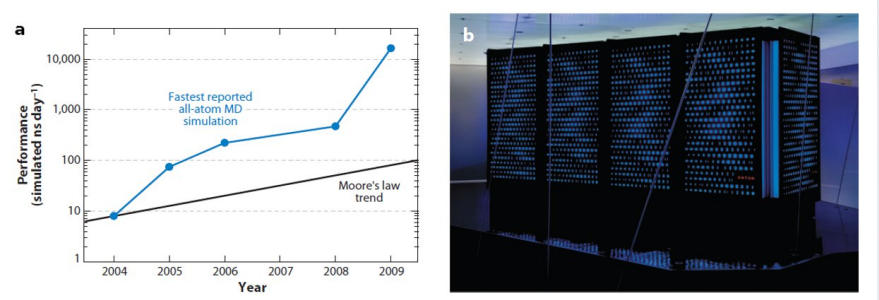

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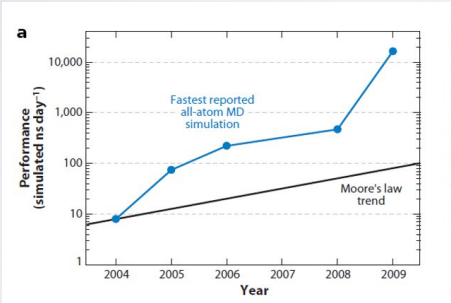
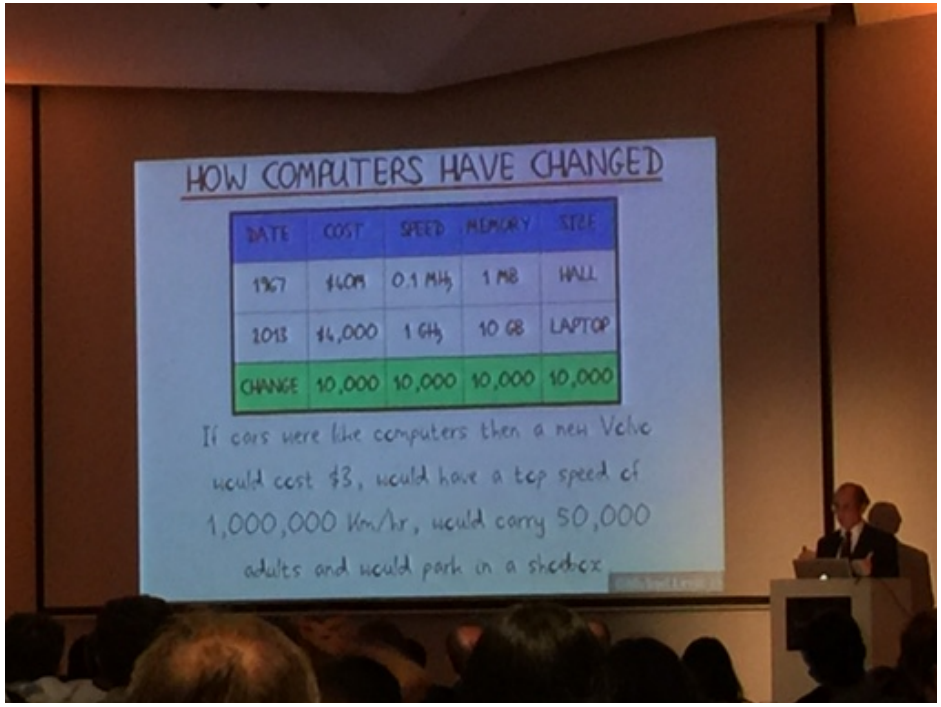
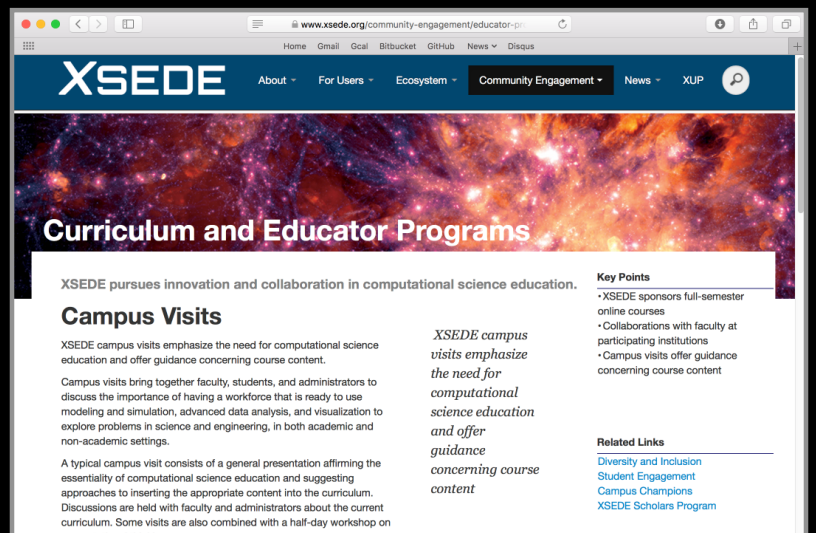


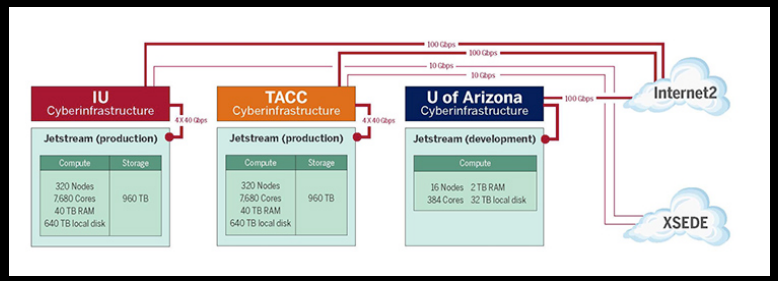


NSF Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)



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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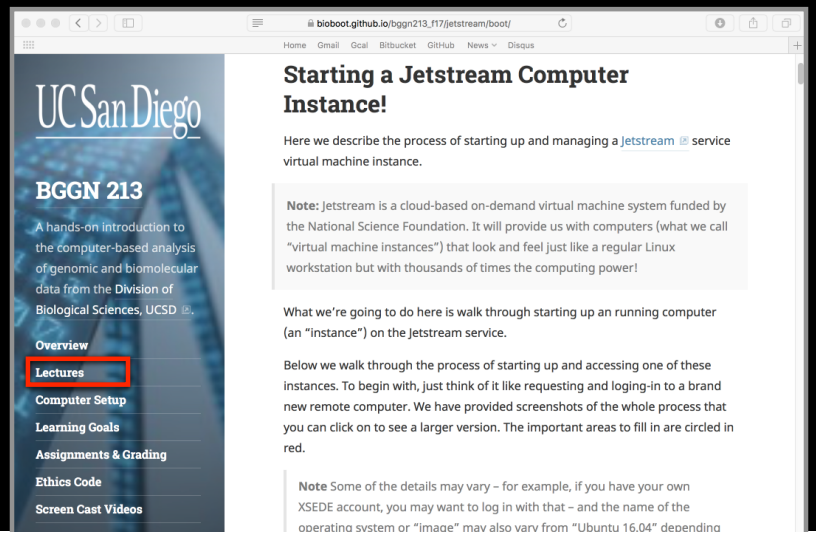

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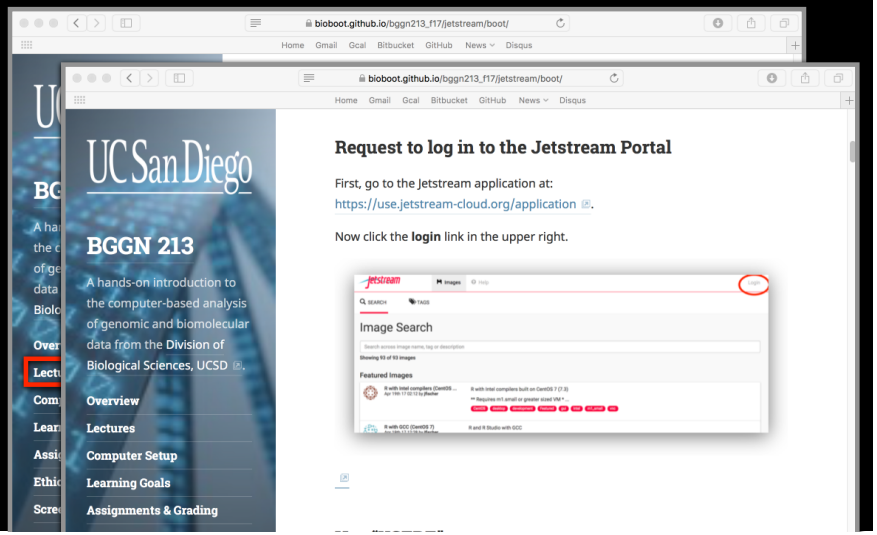

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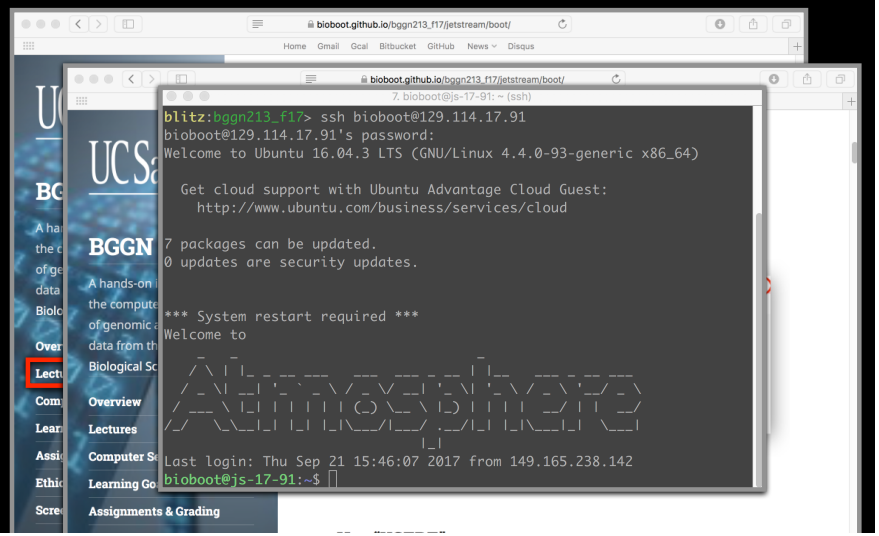


Skepticism & Bioinformatics

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'!**

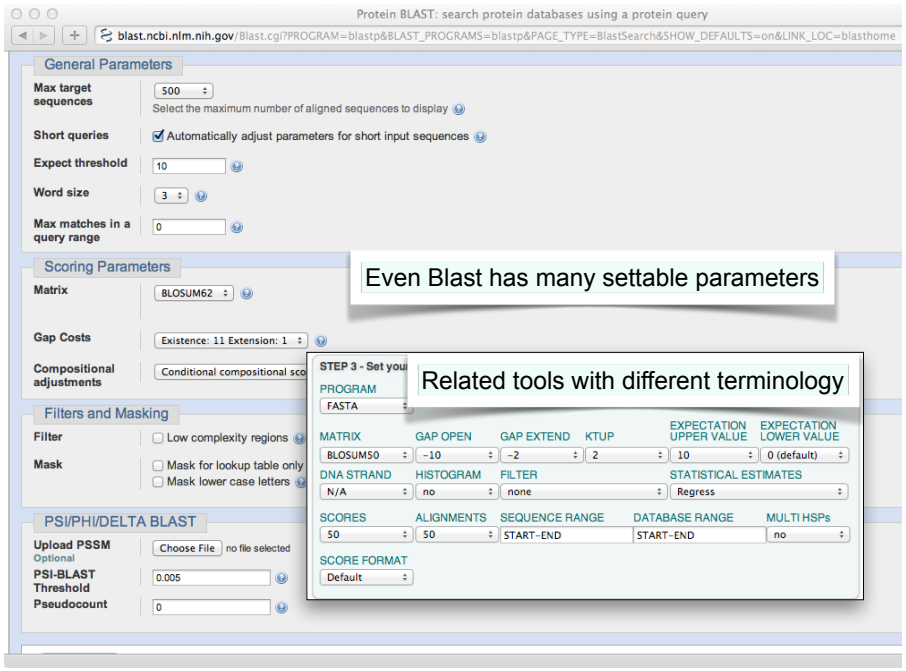
Common problems with Bioinformatics

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)



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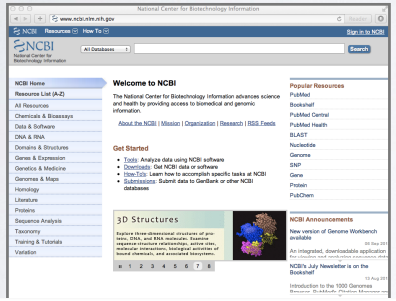

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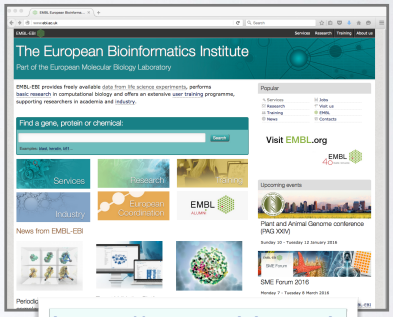

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National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

- 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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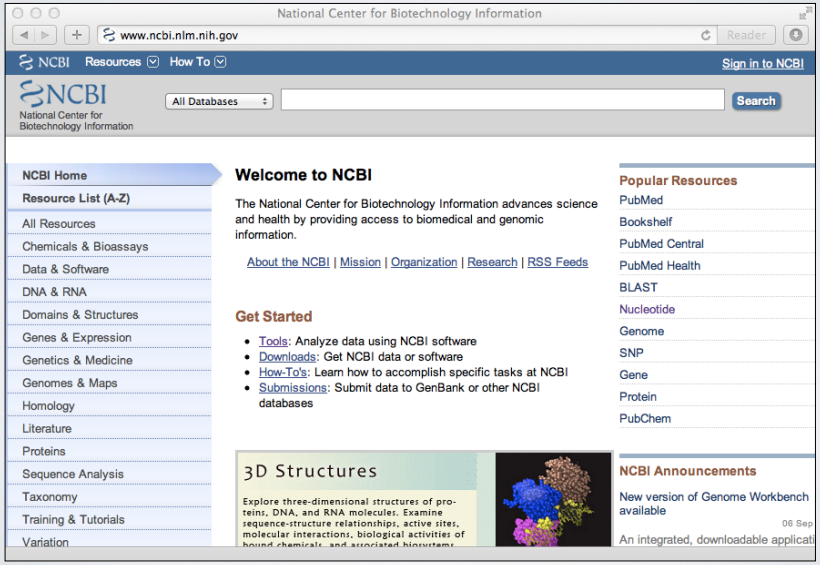

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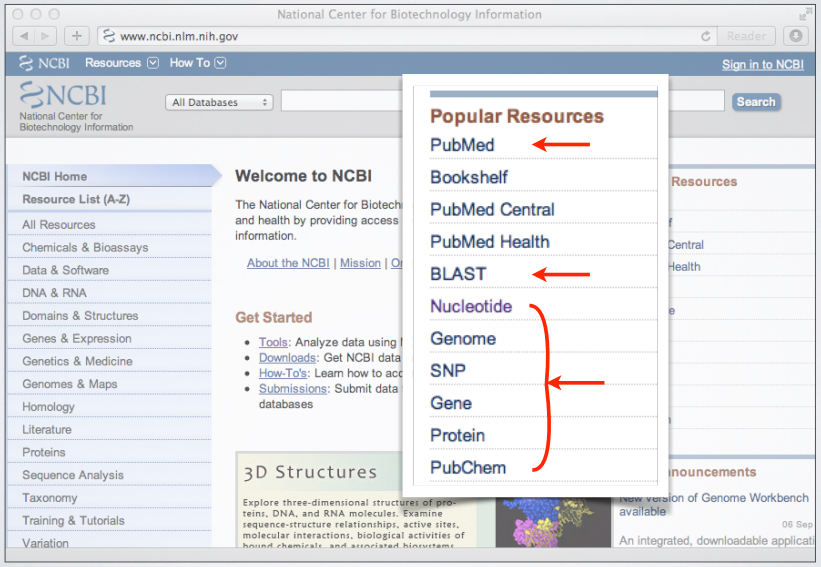

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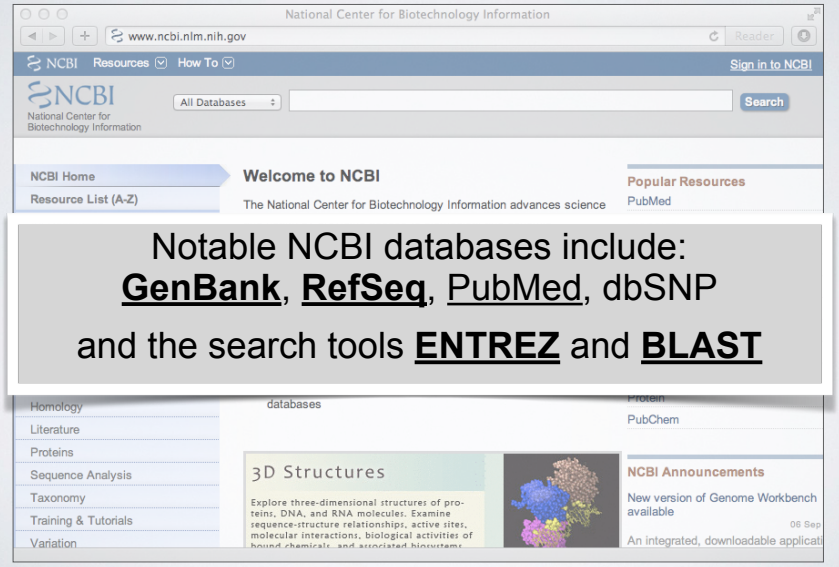

Notable NCBI databases include:
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and the search tools **ENTREZ** and **BLAST**

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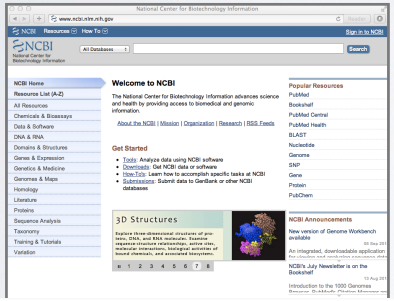

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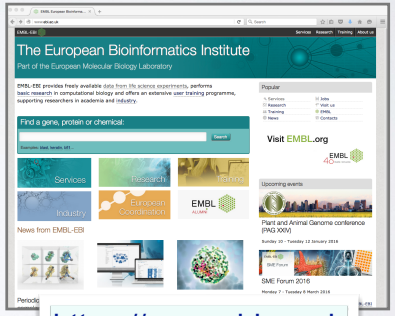

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- Created in 1997 as a part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
- EBI's mission includes:
  - providing freely available **data** and **bioinformatics services**
  - and providing advanced **bioinformatics training**

- We will briefly cover several EBI databases and tools that have advantages over those offered at NCBI

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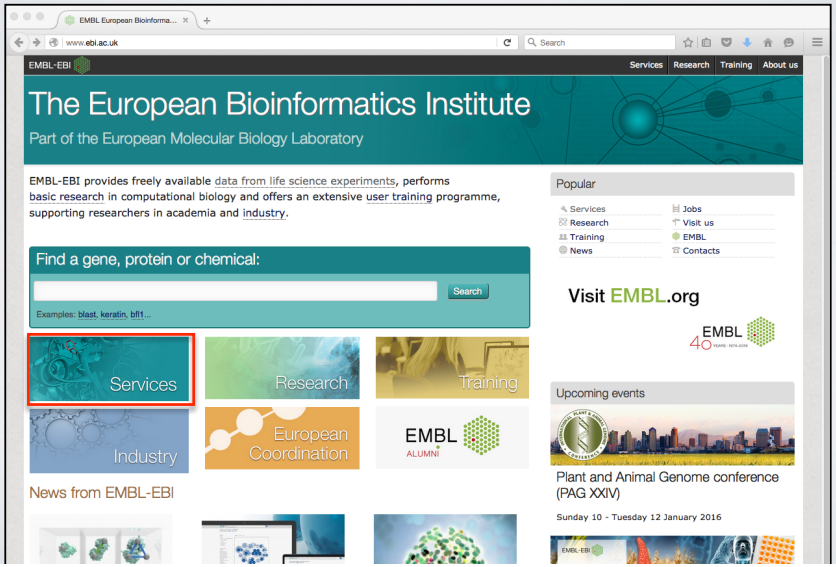

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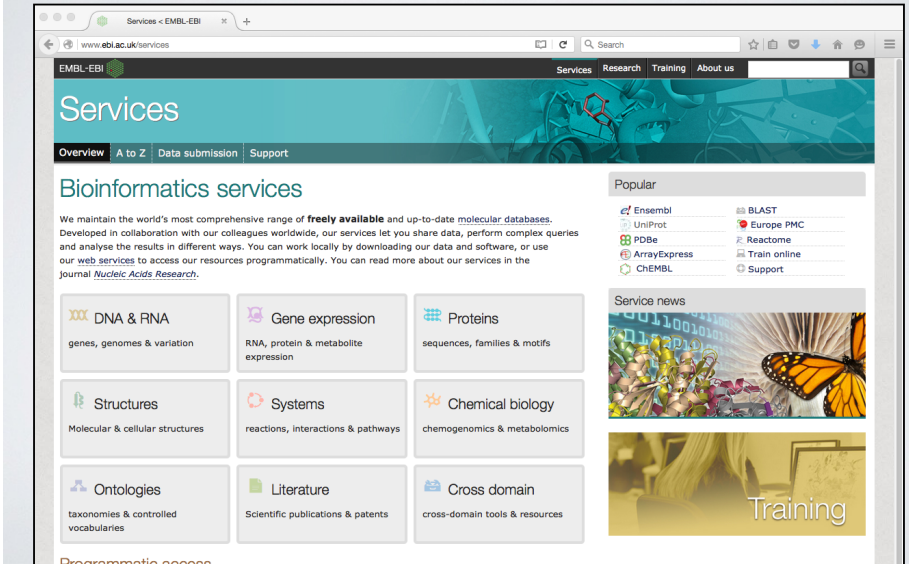

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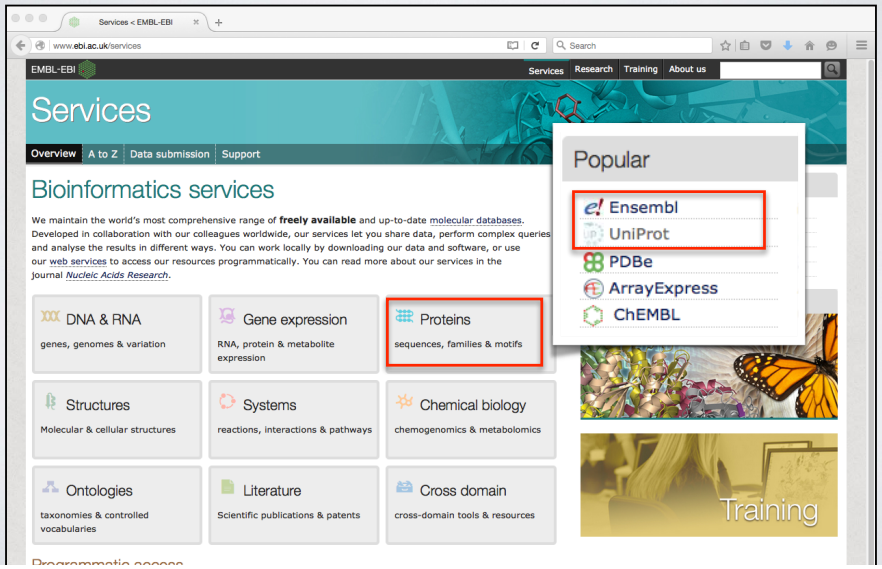

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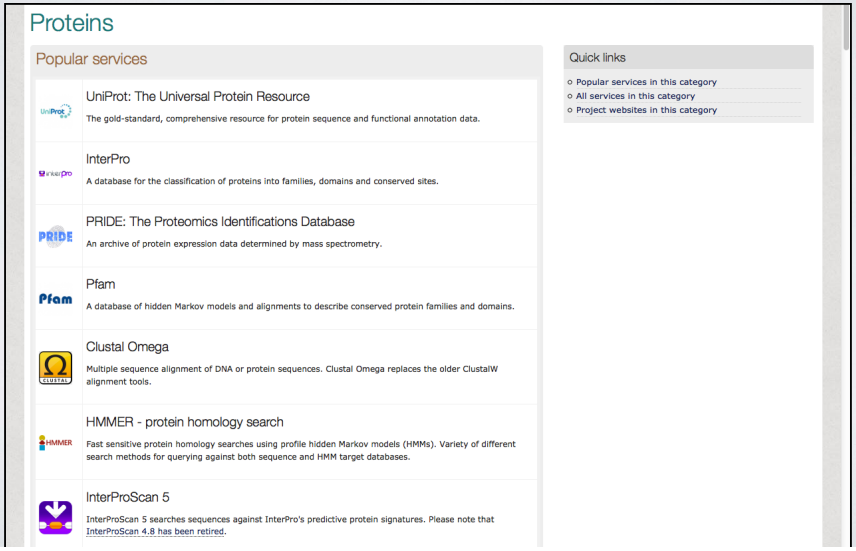
The EBI makes available a wider variety of **online tools** than NCBI



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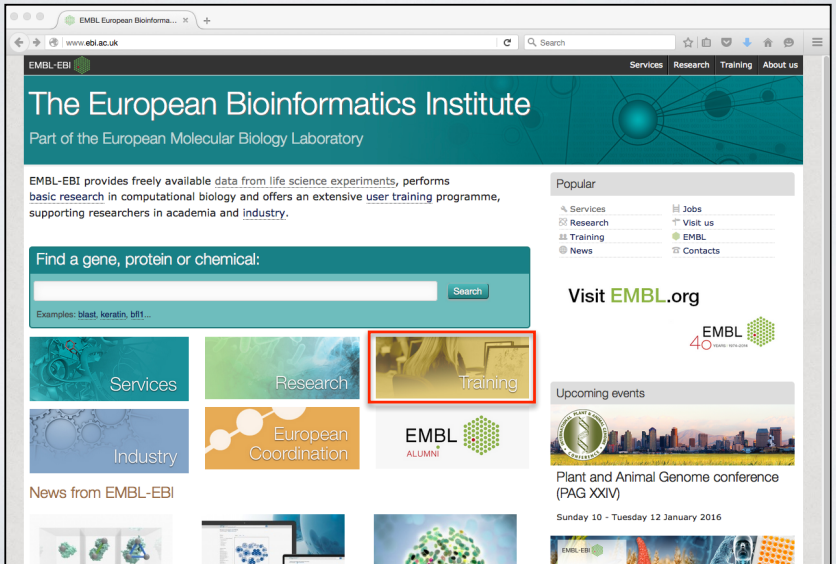

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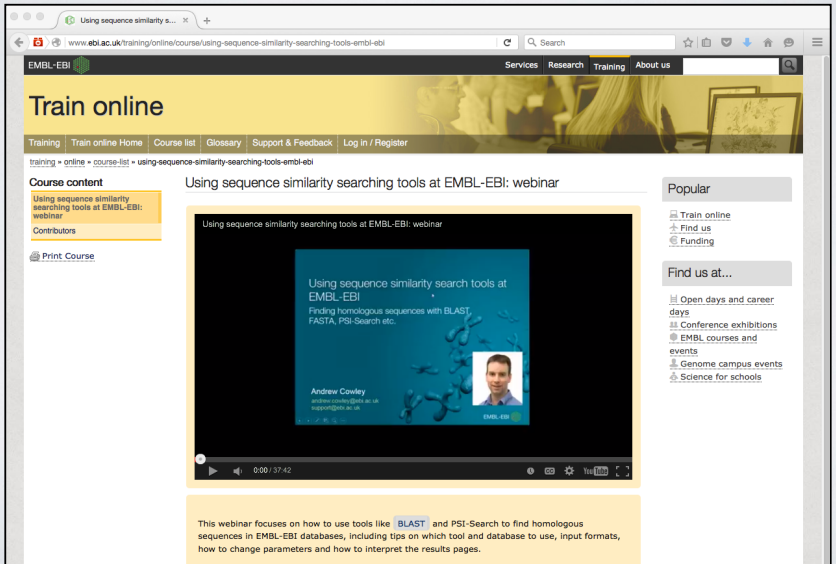

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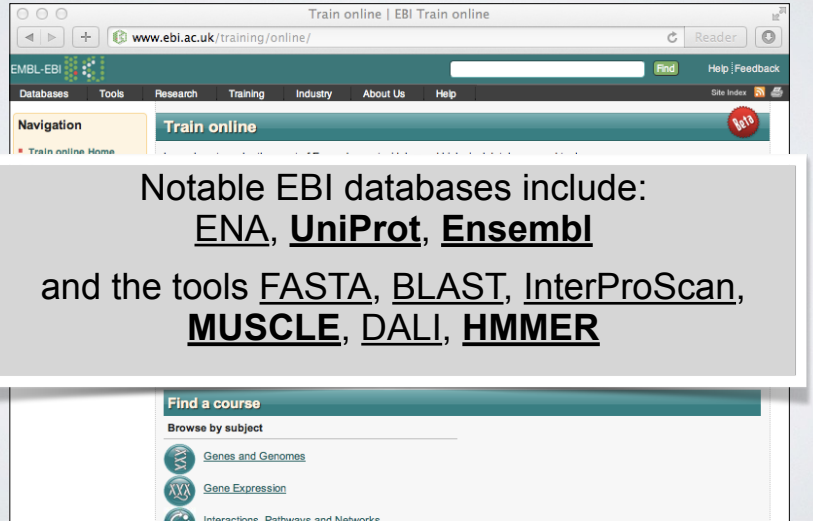

Notable EBI databases include:
ENA, **UniProt**, **Ensembl**

and the tools FASTA, BLAST, InterProScan, **MUSCLE**, DALI, **HMMER**

Next Class…

MAJOR BIOINFORMATICS DATABASES AND ASSOCIATED ONLINE TOOLS

Bioinformatics Databases

AATDB, AceDb, ACUTS, ADB, AFDB, AGIS, AMSdb, ARR, AsDb,BBDB, BCGD, Beanref, BioImage, 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, DPInteract, 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-Us, MPDB, MRR, MutBase, MycDB, NDB, NRSub, 0-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 ..... !!!!

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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.

Primary, secondary & composite databases

Bioinformatics databases can be usefully classified into *primary*, *secondary* and *composite* according to their data source.

- **Primary databases** (or *archival databases*) consist of data derived experimentally.
  - **GenBank**: NCBI's primary nucleotide sequence database.
  - **PDB:** Protein X-ray crystal and NMR structures.
- **Secondary databases** (or *derived databases*) contain information derived from a primary database.
  - **RefSeq**: non redundant set of curated reference sequences primarily from GenBank
  - **PFAM**: protein sequence families primarily from UniProt and PDB
- **Composite databases** (or *metadatabases*) join a variety of different primary and secondary database sources.
  - **OMIM**: catalog of human genes, genetic disorders and related literature
  - **GENE**: molecular data and literature related to genes with extensive links to other databases.

Today's Menu

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

Your Turn!

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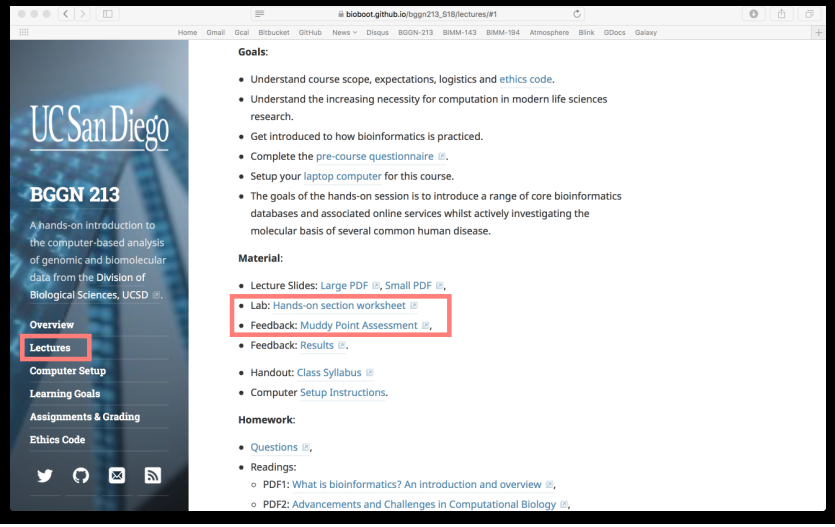

BGGN-213: FOUNDATIONS OF BIOINFORMATICS (Lecture 1)

Bioinformatics Databases and Key Online Resources
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.

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>example1
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GCCCTGGCCCACAAGTATCACTAAGCTCGCTTTCTTGCTGTCCAATTT
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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**).
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— 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]

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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/bggn213/

- ☑ Complete the **initial course questionnaire**:
- ☑ Check out the "**Background Reading**" material online:
- ☑ Complete the **lecture 1 homework questions**: