

BIMM 143
Introduction to 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.
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- 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 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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Specific Learning Goals....

What I want you to know by course end!

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		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 between global and local alignment along with their major application areas.	4, 5
5	Calculate the alignment score between two nucleotide or protein sequences using a provided scoring matrix and be able to perform BLAST, BLAST, BLAST, BLAST, and protein structure based database	5, 10

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1: Welcome to Foundations of Bioinformatics

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 casts (also see below):
 - SC1: [Welcome to BIMM-143](#) [↗](#),
 - SC2: [What is Bioinformatics?](#) [↗](#) and
 - SC3: [How do we do Bioinformatics?](#) [↗](#).
- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#)
- Handout: [Class Syllabus](#) [↗](#)

Homework

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- [Questions](#) [↗](#),
- **Readings:**
 - [PDF1: What is bioinformatics? An introduction and overview](#) [↗](#),
 - [PDF2: Advancements and Challenges in Computational Biology](#) [↗](#),
 - [Other: For Big-Data Scientists, 'Janitor Work' Is Key Hurdle to Insights](#) [↗](#) [New York Times](#), 2014.

Screen Casts:

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1 Welcome to BIMM-143: Course introduction and logistics.

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BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework (W19)

Please answer the following questions including your main [@ucsd.edu](mailto:ucsd.edu) email address and UCSD PID number so you can receive credit for your responses.

*** Required**

Email address *

Your email

UCSD PID number (exam number)

Your answer

Which of the following operating systems is most frequently used for bioinformatics tool development 1 point

Homework (35% of course grade)

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & Homework

BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework

Please answer the following questions. Your email address and UCSD PID number so you can receive your grade.

Homework is due before the next weeks class!

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Your answer

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Projects

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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: Large PDF, Small PDF
- Lab: Hands-on section worksheet for PCA
- Data file: WisconsinCancer.csv, new_samples.csv
- Bio3D PCA App: <http://bio3d.ucsd.edu/pca-app/>
- Feedback: Muddy point assessment
- Bonus: Kevin's StackExchange Link on PCA

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Designing a personalized cancer vaccine

BIMM-143 Lecture 18:
Barry Grant <<http://thegrantlab.org>>
Date: 2018-03-07 (15:24:21 PST on Wed, Mar 07)

Notes: To identify somatic mutations in a tumor, DNA from the tumor is sequenced and compared to DNA from normal tissue in the same individual using *variant calling algorithms*.

Comparison of tumor sequences to those from normal tissue (rather than 'the human genome') is important to ensure that the detected differences are not germline mutations.

To identify which of the somatic mutations leads to the production of aberrant proteins, the location of the mutation in the genome is inspected to identify non-

Projects (20% of course grade)

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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 **Thursday Nov 15th** (11/15/18).

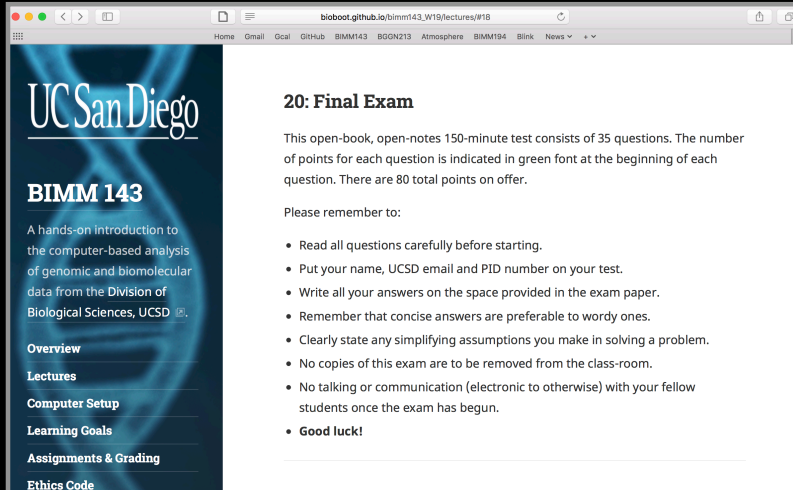
The complete assignment, including responses to all questions, is due at the beginning of class **Thursday Dec 4th** (12/04/18).

Late responses will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Final Exam

Open-book, open-notes 150-minute test

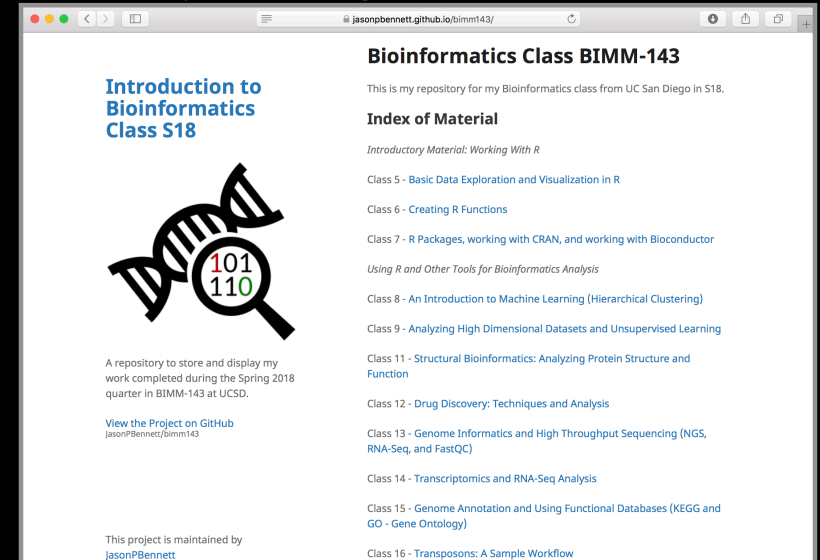
(45% of course grade)



The screenshot shows a GitHub page for the final exam. On the left is a navigation menu for BIMM 143, including Overview, Lectures, Computer Setup, Learning Goals, Assignments & Grading, and Ethics Code. The main content area is titled "20: Final Exam" and contains instructions for the 150-minute test, which consists of 35 questions. It lists several reminders for students, such as reading questions carefully, providing personal information, and using concise answers. The page concludes with "Good luck!"

Bonus:

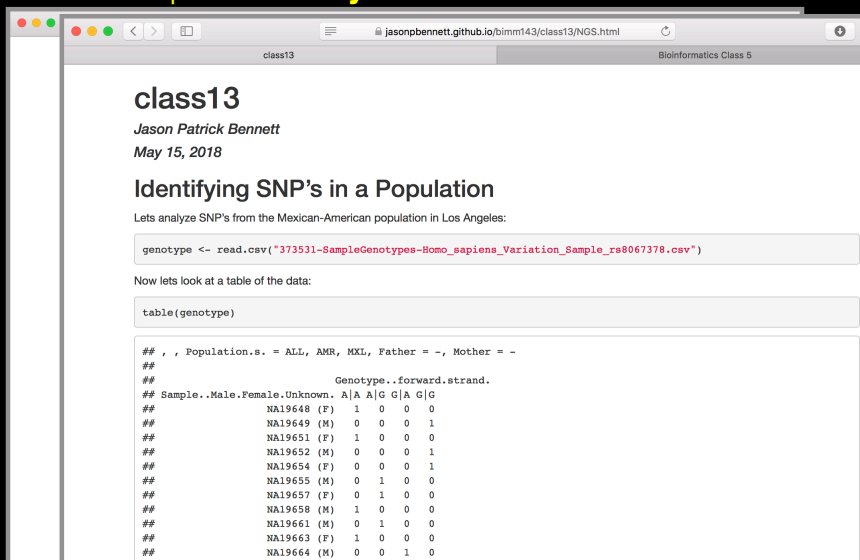
Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!



The screenshot displays a GitHub repository for "Bioinformatics Class BIMM-143". It features a title "Introduction to Bioinformatics Class S18" and a logo of a DNA double helix with a magnifying glass over the number "101110". The repository description states it was completed during the Spring 2018 quarter. An "Index of Material" lists 16 classes, from introductory R to transposons. The page is maintained by JasonPBennett.

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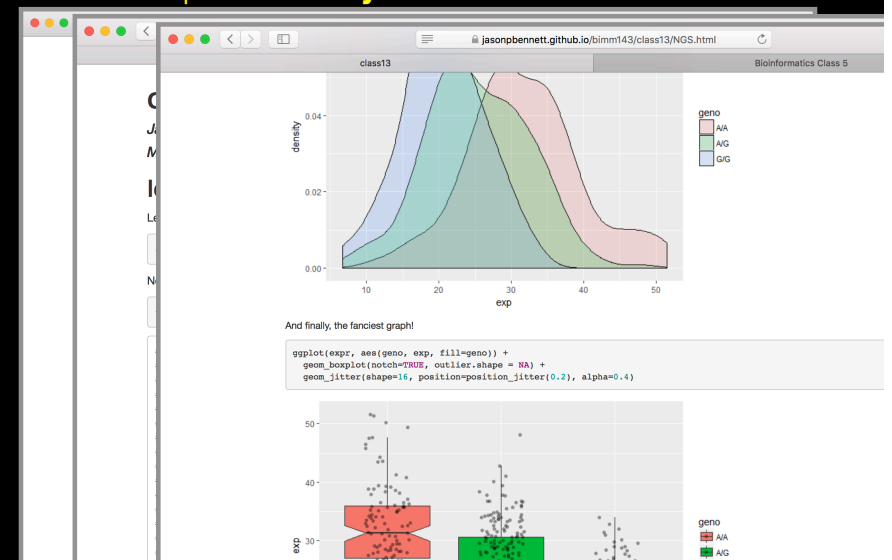
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The screenshot shows a GitHub page for "class13" by Jason Patrick Bennett, dated May 15, 2018. The title is "Identifying SNP's in a Population". The text describes the goal of analyzing SNPs in the Mexican-American population in Los Angeles. It includes R code to read a CSV file and a table of the genotype data. The table has columns for Sample, Sex, Population, and Genotype (A, G, G). The data shows various genotypes for samples NA19648 through NA19664.

Bonus:

Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!



The screenshot displays a GitHub page for "class13" showing a density plot and a boxplot. The density plot shows the distribution of expression levels (exp) for three genotypes: AA (red), AG (green), and GG (blue). The boxplot shows the distribution of expression levels for the same three genotypes. The R code for the plots is provided, including ggplot2 for the density plot and ggplot for the boxplot.

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Data science 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 R to read and parse comma-separated (.csv) formatted files ready for subsequent analysis.	8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
7	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
8	View and interpret the structural models in the PDB.	10, 11
9	Explain the outputs from structure prediction algorithms and small molecule docking approaches.	11
10	Appreciate and describe in general terms the rapid advances in sequencing technologies and the new areas of investigation that these advances have made accessible.	13, 14, 15
11	Understand the process by which genomes are currently sequenced and the bioinformatics processing and analysis required for their interpretation.	13
12	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
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Delve deeper into "real-world" bioinformatics

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13	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
14	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
15	Use the KEGG pathway database to look up interaction pathways.	17
16	Use graph theory to represent biological data networks.	17, 18
17	Understand the challenges in integrating and interpreting large heterogeneous high throughput data sets into their functional	19

These support a major learning objective

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Why use R?

Productivity

Flexibility

Genomic data analysis

IEEE 2016 Top Programming Languages

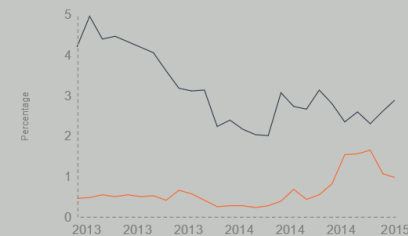
Language Rank	Types	Spectrum Ranking
1. C		100.0
2. Java		98.1
3. Python		98.0
4. C++		95.9
5. R		87.9
6. C#		86.7
7. PHP		82.8
8. JavaScript		82.2
9. Ruby		74.5
10. Go		71.9

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

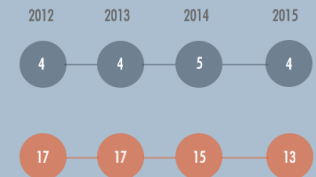
R and Python: The Numbers

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)



Jobs And Salary?

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



\$115,531



\$94,139

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**.

Past Student Opinions...

Q1. Did you enjoy this course in relation to others you have experienced at UCSD?

Hell Yeah!
 Yes
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 One of the best
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 yes, one of the most useful classes I've had
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Yes
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 yes
 - I enjoyed this lab course better than my other lab courses
 This is the best lab course I've taken at UCSD
 Yes
 Yes this course was very enjoyable and perhaps more relevant than others
 Yes even as a beginner +1
 Yes this course was interesting compared to other courses offered at UCSD+1
 This is one of the most enjoyable classes offered here! (:+1
 Yes
 Yes. I very much enjoyed this course.
 yes
 Yes!
 I enjoyed this course much more than many of my other courses at UCSD.
 This is one of the best and most useful courses I have taken at UCSD.
 Yes
 yes, it was a very relaxing course and I love how helpful and passionate the professor and the TA were.

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 Yes, absolutely!
 Yes
 Yes, I like the focus on applying R to real world biological datasets
 Yes
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 Yes
 It was a lot harder than I was expecting
 yes
 Yes!
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MORE DEFINITIONS

- ▶ “Bioinformatics is conceptualizing biology in terms of **macromolecules** and then applying “informatics” techniques (derived from disciplines such as applied maths, computer science, and statistics) to **understand** and **organize** the information associated with these molecules, on a **large-scale**.
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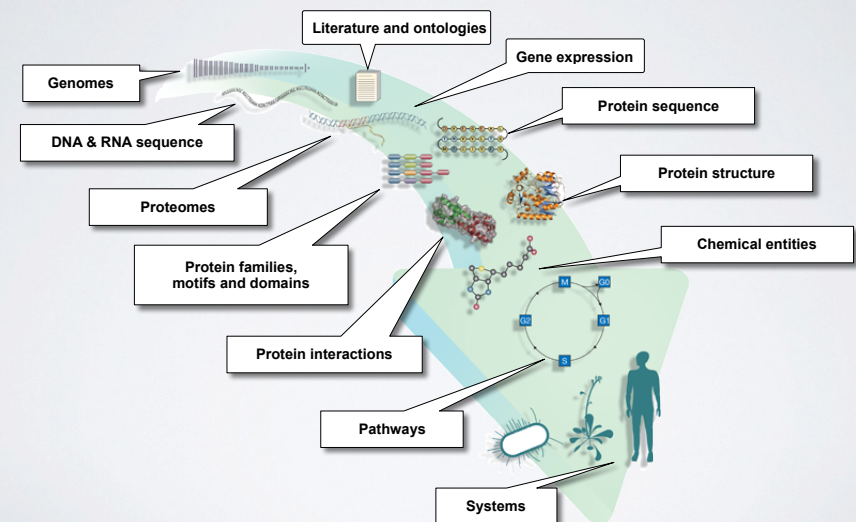
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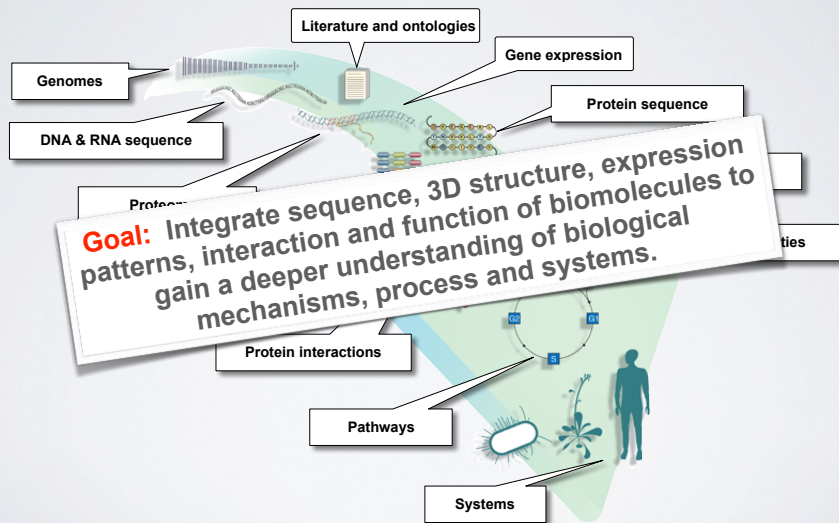
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Key Point: Bioinformatics is Computer Aided Biology

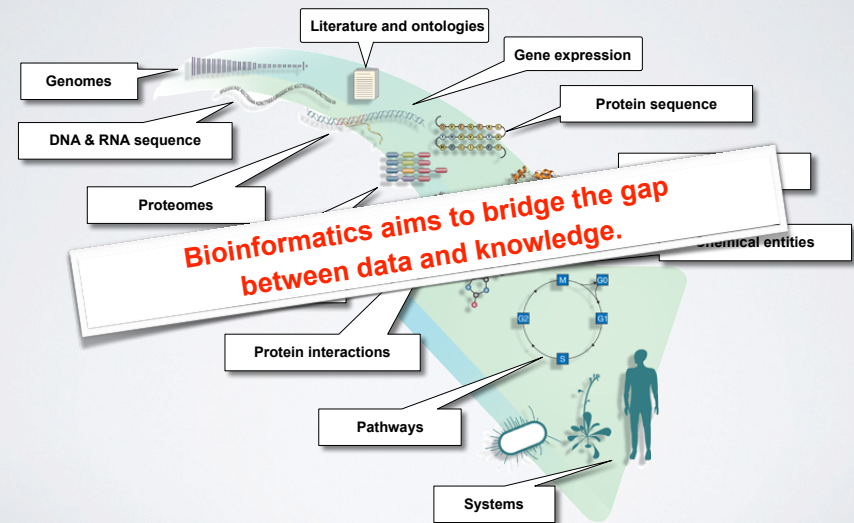
Major types of Bioinformatics Data



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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

Where did bioinformatics come from?

Bioinformatics arose as molecular biology began to be transformed by the emergence of molecular sequence and structural data

Recap: The key dogmas of molecular biology

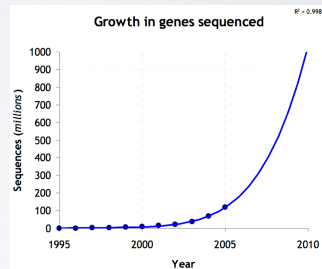
- *DNA sequence determines protein sequence.*
- *Protein sequence determines protein structure.*
- *Protein structure determines protein function.*
- *Regulatory mechanisms (e.g. gene expression) determine the amount of a particular function in space and time.*

Bioinformatics is now essential for the archiving, organization and analysis of data related to all these processes.

Why do we need Bioinformatics?

Bioinformatics is necessitated by the rapidly expanding quantities and complexity of biomolecular data

- Bioinformatics provides methods for the efficient:
 - ▶ **storage**
 - ▶ **annotation**
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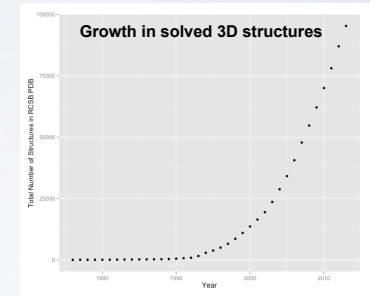


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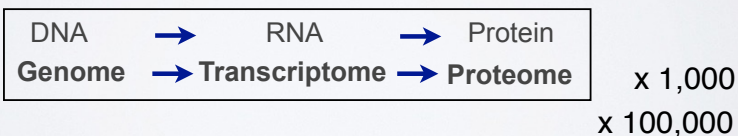
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How do we do Bioinformatics?

- 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.



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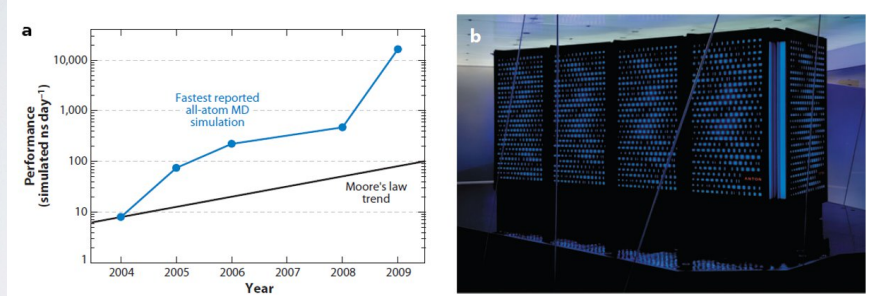
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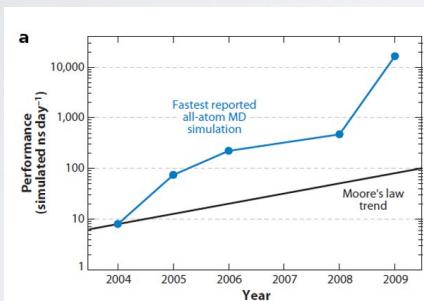
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HOW COMPUTERS HAVE CHANGED

DATE	COST	SPEED	MEMORY	SIZE
1967	\$409	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.

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*" 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)

The screenshot shows the Protein BLAST search interface with several sections of parameters:

- General Parameters:** Max target sequences (500), Short queries (Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences), Expect threshold (10), Word size (3), Max matches in a query range (0).
- Scoring Parameters:** Matrix (BLOSUM62), Gap Costs (Existence: 11, Extension: 1), Compositional adjustments (Conditional compositional scoring).
- Filters and Masking:** Filter (Low complexity regions), Mask (Mask for lookup table only, Mask lower case letters).
- PSI/PHI/DELTA BLAST:** Upload PSSM (Choose File), PSI-BLAST Threshold (0.005), Pseudocount (0).

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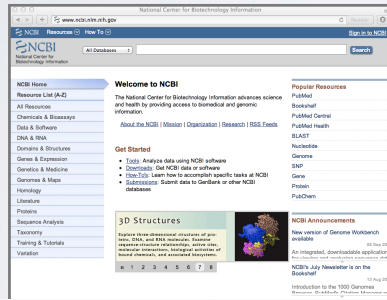
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- "Related tools with different terminology" points to the dropdown menu for the PROGRAM (FASTA).

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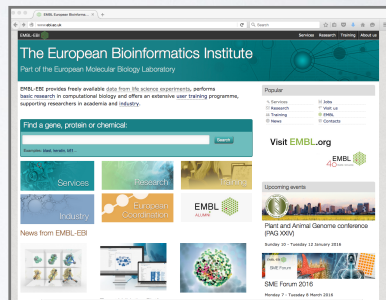
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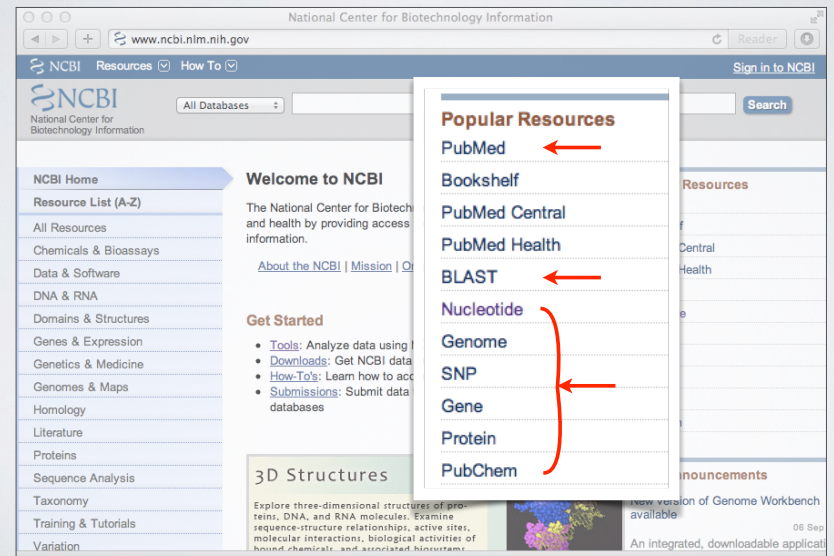
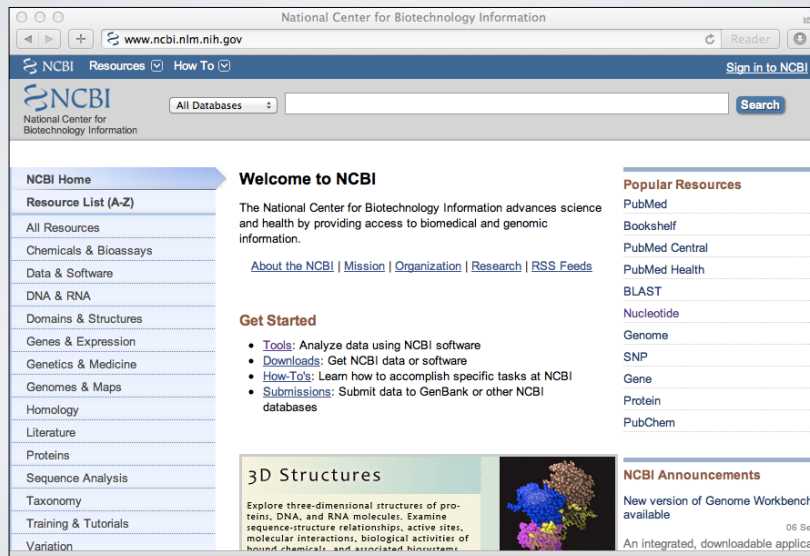
National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

- 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

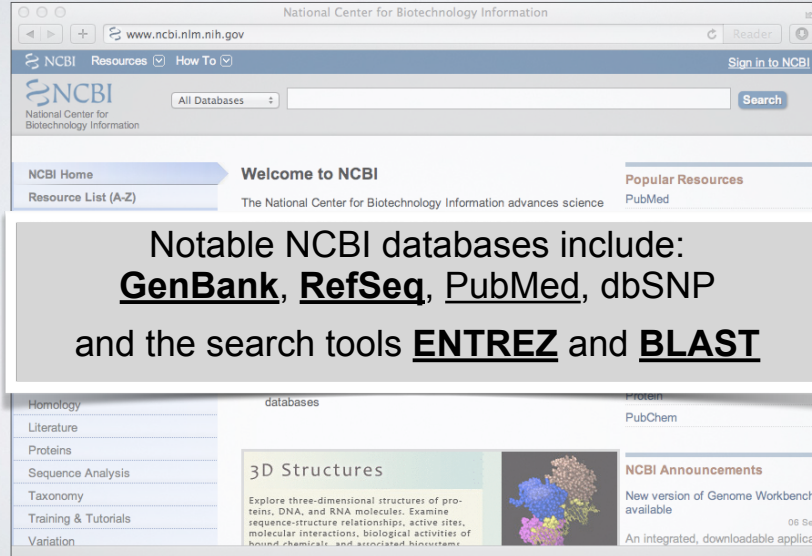


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and the search tools **ENTREZ** and **BLAST**

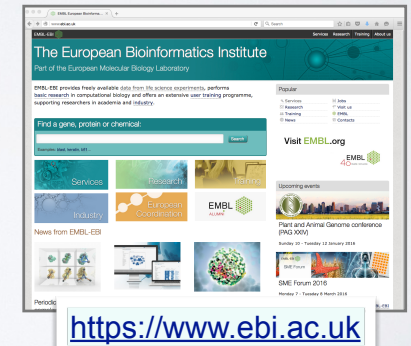
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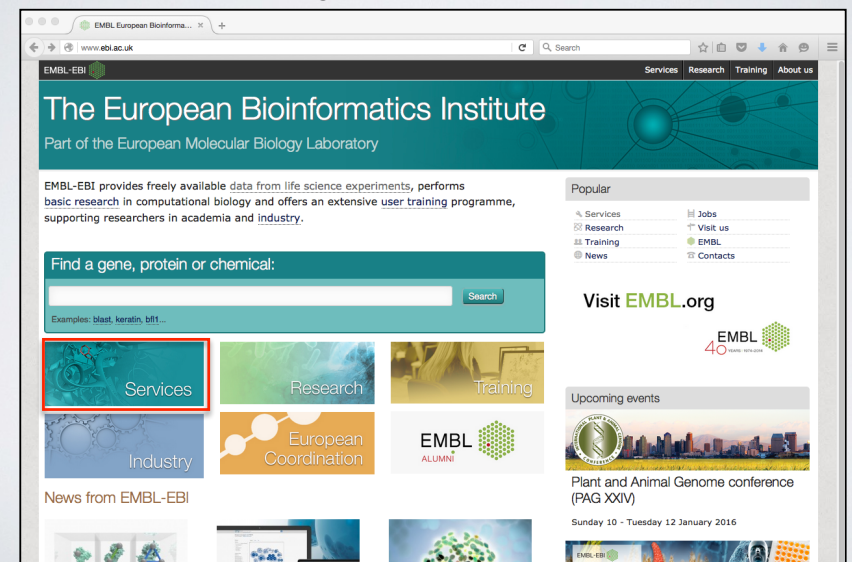
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European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)

- 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

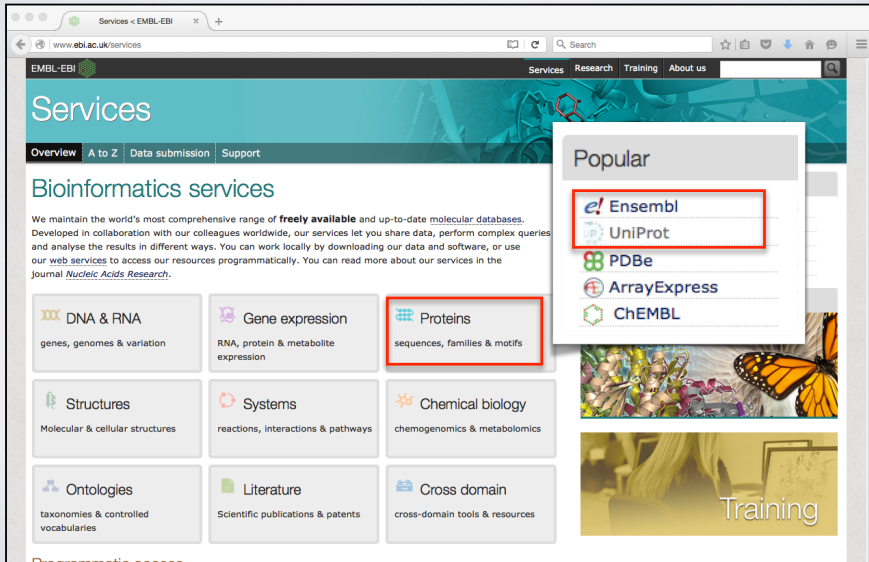


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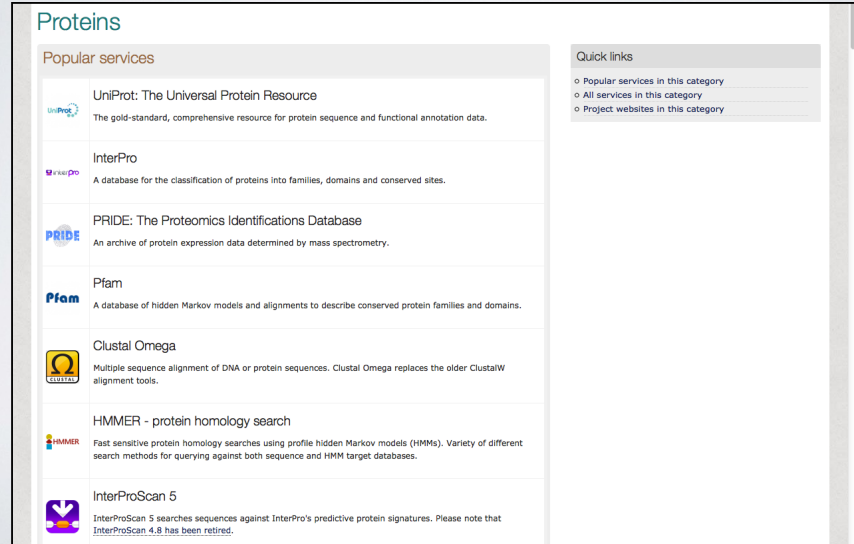
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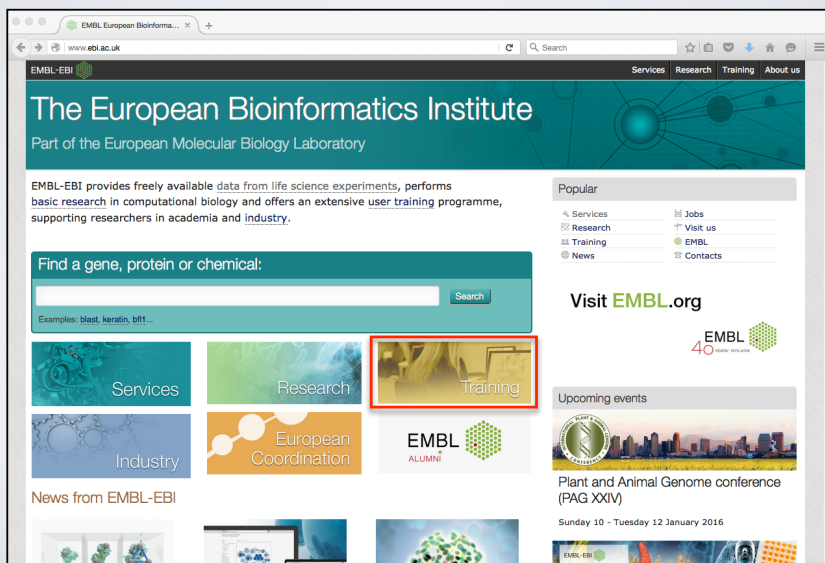


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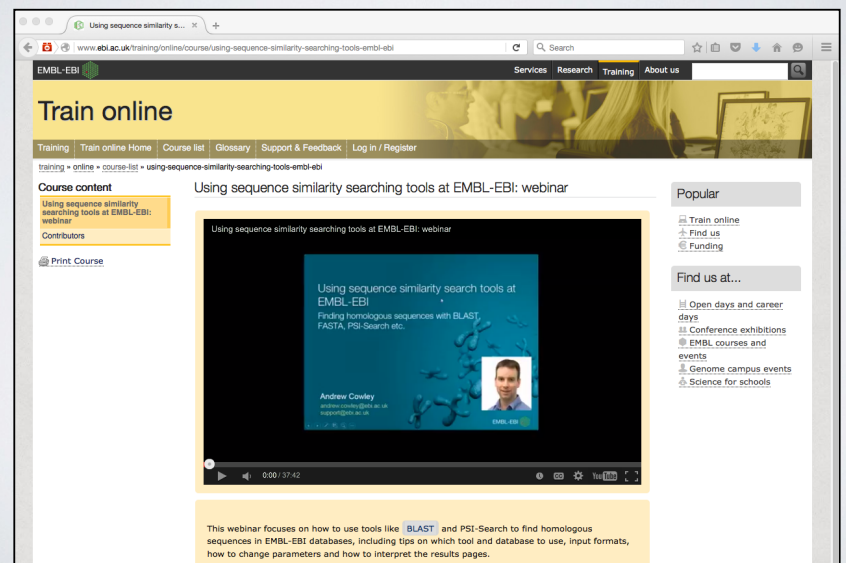
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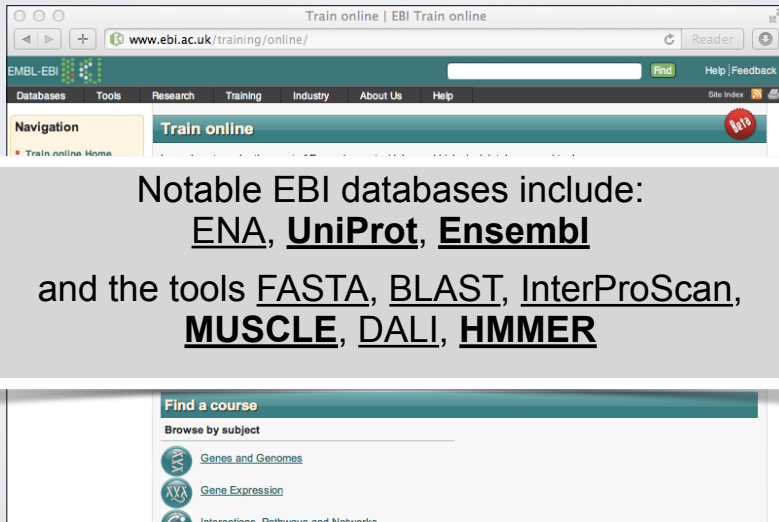
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Notable EBI databases include:
[ENA](#), [UniProt](#), [Ensembl](#)
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Bioinformatics Databases

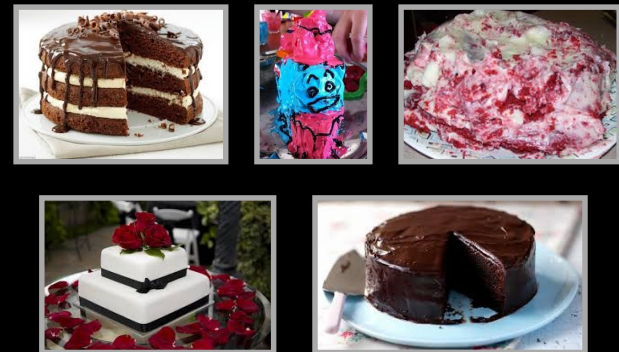
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There are lots of Bioinformatics Databases
 For an annotated listing of major bioinformatics databases please see the online handout
[< Major Databases.pdf >](#)

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

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 Bioinformatics	Introducing the <i>what, why</i> and <i>how</i> of bioinformatics?
Bioinformatics Database	Hands-on exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

Your Turn!

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/lectures/#1

UC San Diego

BIMM 143

A hands-on introduction to the computer-based analysis of genomic and biomolecular data from the Division of Biological Sciences, UCSD.

Overview

- Lectures**
- Computer Setup
- Learning Goals
- Assignments & Grading
- Ethics Code

I: Welcome to Foundations of Bioinformatics

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:

- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#)
- Lab: [Hands-on section worksheet](#)
- Feedback: [Muddy Point Assessment](#)**
- Handout: [Class Syllabus](#)
- Computer Setup Instructions.

BIMM-143: INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS (Lecture 1)

Bioinformatics Databases and Key Online Resources

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_W18/lectures/#1

Dr. Barry Grant
Jan 2018

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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ATGGTGCATCTGACTCCTGTGGAGAAGTCTGCCGTTACTGCCCTGTGGGCAAGTGAACGTGGATGAAG
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TCACCTTGGCAAAGAATTACCCCAACAGTGCAGGCTGCCTATCAGAAAGTGTGGTGGTGTGGCTAAT
GCCCTGGCCACAAAGTATCACTAAGCTGGCTTTCTTGTCTCAATTT
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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:

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- BREAK —
- UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI** [~25 mins]
- PFAM, PDB & NGL [~30 mins]
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- Extension exercises [~30 mins]

- Please do answer the last review question (**Q19**).
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[11:05 am] |
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| 3. UniProt & Muscle @ EBI | [12:00 am] |
| 4. PFAM, PDB & NGL | [12:30 pm] |
| — BREAK — | |
| 5. Extension exercises | |

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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

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/lectures/#1

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

A stylized logo for 'THANK YOU' where each letter is a different color and has a unique font style. The 'T' is green, 'H' is blue, 'A' is black, 'N' is pink, 'K' is blue, 'Y' is green, and 'O' is black. The 'U' is black with a small 'N' below it. The letters are arranged in a slightly staggered, overlapping manner.