

Book review: Uri Alon (2007). “An introduction to systems biology: design principles of biological circuits” London: Chapman & Hall/CRC

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Over a dozen books carrying the term “systems biology” in the title have been published recently, riding the recent rise of this field to scientific prominence. Most of these books [e. g., 1; 2; 3; 4; 5]<sup>1</sup> emphasize the analysis of “omic” experimental data and/or large-scale mathematical modeling so as to describe how biological systems work at the molecular level. While this is doubtlessly a very important problem in biology, the object of this review — Uri Alon (2007). “An introduction to systems biology: design principles of biological circuits” London: Chapman & Hall/CRC (ISBN 1584886420, GBP 30.99, 320 pp) — focuses

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<sup>1</sup> This is just a list of books I happened to have the occasion to consult recently. It is neither the result of a systematic survey of the literature on systems biology or an implicit endorsement of these books.