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# SEG Filter

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## **Abstract**

This is a C++ implementation of SEG program written by Wootton and Federhen created for identifying and masking low complexity segments in amino acid sequences.

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## 1 Installation

The simplest way to compile this program is to:

1. Unpack the SegFilt package (segfilt-XXX.tar.gz):

```
tar -xvzf segfilt-XXX.tar.gz
```

2. Change the current directory to segfilt-XXX:

```
cd segfilt-XXX/
```

3. Configure the program for your system (--bindir is optional):

```
./configure --bindir=/absolute/directory/path/segfilt-xxx/bin
```

4. Compile the program:

```
make
```

5. Install the program:

```
make install
```

Your binaries should be located in your local bin directory if --bindir option has been set. Otherwise installation needs to be carried out with root privileges in order to be installed into /usr/local/bin directory.

## 2 Input files

The SegFilt takes a regular (multit-)fasta file as input. The example can be found in ./segfilt-xxx/demo and it should look like this:

hox.fa:

```
>gi|500757|gb|AAA86954.1| HOX A1 homeodomain protein [Homo sapiens]
MDNARMNSFLEYPIILSSGDSGTC SARAYPSDHRITTFQSCAVSANS CGGDDRFLVGRGVQIGSPHHHHH
HHHPQATYQTSGNLGVSYSHSSCGPSYGSQNF SAPYSPYALNQEADVSGGYPQCAPAVYSGNLSSPMV
QHHPHHQGYAGGAVGSPQYIHHSYGQEHQSLALATYNNLSPLHASHQEACRSPASETSSPAQTFDWMKV
KRNPPTGKVGEYGYLGQPNVTRNFTTKQLTELEKEFHFNKYLTRARRVEIAASLQLNETQVKIWFQNR
RMKQKKREKEGLLPISPATPPGNDEKAESESEKSSSPCVSPSGSSTDTLTTS
>Rand_Seq_Prt
NWELYLYDPAGHRIRSWSPNPVHFYADHCPYYPIFPRNVTTQWSPDTAGWDFEAPHTKHCTTVMRRCALPDVIRSCSG
SSFRYRKYITKAHWICVMIWNHLSANKMKMGDQPWKECHYFKHVSCMANFAHPPVGGHKECVQCMFAWGCCKNWFFNHVMP
ALKCWMKPGSEFCHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
DCFHWWFCAKDEPHKLMSTSFPRIMCTPLMPGCIEARIMPLCWYADWLHRRQYDCWSLCKFCANNVTPHMYKLYNPQYLW
YIASNINVTDRKLIKCRWVDDPERNFGKLVSYWSGSDLSVVPRSQYPDWRNHHMNPYTNCANFYWILNYVDCNVLHRMI
YPSDMFMSAKIETRQDDLIENLLAWWYKQKTAWMTGPRTPHFRNSTWWFHVWIYAPTRNDPANLMVCNWYGQYVYDILW
RNEGLNTVAILEKTDQMGWAHCFPQHMCSEQHNNHIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIHHHHHHRKTASYENKSFVISPCQ
KNGRHRKQPTQFGHCVNSMEHSGYGLVTKFVINCHRSNMWNTKWTFIWADRAPRSWSKILGVFLNYATDDERKSGDGRWL
WKELVTFLRHKAQSCWHPVWECTADQCGRTNWQGGYLMNVGVCVHHFVSDVCMLQYPPFVNGTCAVMSKWKRRHYWVCFH
MDPYMEYHYKYSRFPWKAFFPCNRPYKSRICRMMQMWTLAVQCQVITRFHGHWAESPKITLTFHCQFGKEHVQACVDKY
HFGAKLRPTLELQLWMKVAEAKISYFKRGMAATQHDNYYCEMNSPWLSLWHFIVFVHCINWEK
>Test|test|
RWVDDPERNFGKLVSYWSGSDLSVVPRSQYPDWRNHHMNPYTNCANFYWILNYVDCNVLHRMIFHCQFGKEHVQACVDKY
YPSDMFMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIGPRTPHFRNSTWWFHVWIYAPTRNDPANLMVCNWYGQYVYDILW
LEILEILEILEILEILEILEIFPQHMCSEQHNNHIFRGRHFGHKTFFVKPQTDDCETDHRKTASYENKSFVISPCQ
KNGRHRKQPTQFGHCVNSMEHSGYGLVTKFVINCHRSNMWNTKWTFIWADRAPRSWSKILGVFLNYATDDERKSGDGRWL
WKELVTFLRHKAQSCWHPVWECTADQCGRTNWQGGYLMNVGVCVHHFVSDVCMLQYPPFVNGTCAVMSKWK
```

### 3 Program options

In order to see program options type:

```
./bin/SegFilt -h
```

Expected output:

```
Usage: ./program [options]
```

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                                SegFilt - SEG Filter
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http://www.gnu.org/licenses/
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Allowed options:
-h [ --help ]                produce help message
-v [ --version ]            print version information
-i [ --input-file ] arg     Fasta input file
-w [ --window ] arg (=12)   SEG window size
-L [ --locut ] arg (=2.2)   Low complexity cutoff (starter)
-H [ --hicut ] arg (=2.5)   High complexity cutoff (starter)
-x [ --maxXes ] arg (=0)    Maximum number of xxx symboles
                             tolerated (dynamically defined if left
                             unchanged)
-t [ --maxTrim ] arg (=100) Maximum trimming of raw segment
```

It should be noted that default values are set as in the original version of the program (seg).

### 4 Functions and classes

**SEG class :**

**PUBLIC :**

**SEG :** Constructor. It takes a set of predefined cut-offs and values as *unordered\_map < string,int|... >* object, or it can be initialized without any parameters in which case constructors default values are assumed.

**SegFilt :** Function takes a standard STL string as an input and returns back the filtered version.

### 5 Example

#### 5.1 SegFilt.cpp

A minimal example demonstrating the usage of SegFilt demo program:

```

./bin/SegFilt -i ./demo/hox.fa

>gi|500757|gb|AAA86954.1| HOX A1 homeodomain protein [Homo sapiens]
MDNARMNSFLEYPISSGDSGTCSARAYPSDHRITTFQSCAVSANS CGGDDRFLVGRGVQIGSPxxxxxxxxxPQPAT
YQTSGNLGVSYSHSSCGPSYGSQNFSA PYSYPALNQEADVSGGYPQCAPAVYSGNLSSPMVQH HHHHQQYAGGAVGSPQ
YIHHSYGQEHQSLALATYNNLSPLHASHQEACRSPASETSSPAQTFDWMKVKNPPKTGKVGEYGYLGQPNVARTNFT
TKQLTELEKEFHFNKYLTRARRVEIAASLQLNETQVKIWFQNRMRKQKKREKEGLLPISPATPPGNDxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxTSDTLTSH
>Rand_Seq_Prt
NWELYLYDPAGHRIRSWSPNPVHFYADHCPYYP IFPRNVTTQWSPDTAGWDFEAPHTKHCTTVMRRRCALPDVIRSCS
GSSFRYRKYITKAHWICVMIWNHLSANKMKMGDPWKECHYFKHVSCMANFAHPPVGGHKECVQCMFAWGCKNWFNHNH
MPALKCWMKPGSEFCxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxERV CYMHN IHRNWHGDDQSYGDECILKPGIILEYVYR
CVDDCFHWWFCAKDEPHKLMSTSFPRIMCTPLMPGCI EARIPLC WYADWLHRRQYDCWSLCKFCANNVTPHMYKLYNP
QYLWYIASNINVTDRHKLICKRWVDDPERNFGKLVSYWSGDLSVVP RSQYPDWRNHHMNPYTNCANFYWILNYVDCNV
LHRMIYPSDMFMSAKIETRQQDDLIENLLAWWYKQKTAWMTGPRTPHFRNSTWWFHVWIYAPTRNDPANLMVCN WYGQY
VYDILWRNEGLNTVAILEKTDQMGWAHCFPQHMC SKQSEQHNxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxDHRKTAS YENKS
FVISPCQKNGRHRKQPTQFGHC VNSMEHSGYGLVTKFVINCHRN SMWNTKWTFIWADRAPRSWSKILGVFLNYATDDER
KGS DGR LWKELVTFLRHKAQSCWHPVWECTADQCGR TNWQGGQYLMNVGVCVHHFVSDV CMLQYPFV VNGTCAVMSKWK
RHRVWVCFHMDPYMEEYHKYWSRFEWKAFCNRPYKSRICRMMQMWT LAVQCQVITRFHGHWAESP KTI LTFHCQFGK
EHVQACVDKYHFGAKLRPTLELQLWMKVAEAKISYFKRGMAATQHDNYYCEMNSPWL SLWHFIFVHCHINWEK
>Test|test|
RWVDDPERNFGKLVSYWSGDLSVVP RSQYPDWRNHHMNPYTNCANFYWILNYVDCNV LHRMIFHCQFGKEHVQACVDK
YYP SDMFMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIMSAKIGPRTPHFRNSTWWFHVWIYAPTRNDPANLMVCN WYGQYVYDx
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx FPQHMC SKQSEQHNHIFRGRHFGHKTFVVKPQTD CETTDRHKTAS YENKS FVIS
PCQKNGRHRKQPTQFGHC VNSMEHSGYGLVTKFVINCHRN SMWNTKWTFIWADRAPRSWSKILGVFLNYATDDERKGS D
GRLWWKELVTFLRHKAQSCWHPVWECTADQCGR TNWQGGQYLMNVGVCVHHFVSDV CMLQYPFV VNGTCAVMSKWK

```

## 5.2 SegFilt.hpp

Adding the `SegFilt.hpp` header file to your program will allow you to include all the functions described in section 4. A minimal example:

```

#include<string>
#include<SegFilt.hpp>

string ProtSeq = "\
VGRGVQIGSPHHHHHHHHHPQPATYQTSGNLGVSYSHSSCGPSYGSQNFSA PYSYPAL\
NQEADVSGGYPQCAPAVYSGNLSSPMVQH HHHHQQYAGGAVGSPQYI HHSYGQEHQSLA\
LATYN";

/* Make object */

/* Construction */
SEG<int> seg;
/* OR */
SEG<int> seg(arg); // arg is : unordered_map<string, int|long|unsigned|double>

/* Functions */

string mask = seg.SegFilt(ProtSeq);
/* mask = VGRGVQIGSPxxxxxxxxxPQPATYQTSGNLGVSYSHSSCGPSYGSQNFSA PYSYPAL
*      NQEADVSGGYPQCAPAVYSGNLSSPMVxxxxxxGYAGGAVGSPQYI HHSYGQEHQSLA
*      LATYN
*/

```

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## 7 Future work

Additional work is required in order to fully switch from current legacy code generic style c++. Therefore future work includes:

1. Increasing modularity
2. Rewrite legacy to STL
3. Pre checking : verify if the input sequence is protein or not and whether the file is in fasta format or not