

Structural Bioinformatics Training Workshop & Hackathon 2017

Introduction to BioJava

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PART 1

BioJava Project

History
Resources
Setup

BioJava

BioJava is an **open-source** project dedicated to providing a **Java framework** for processing **biological data**

File parsers

- FASTA
- PDB
- MMCIF
- MMTF

Data models

- Biological sequences
- Protein structures

Algorithms

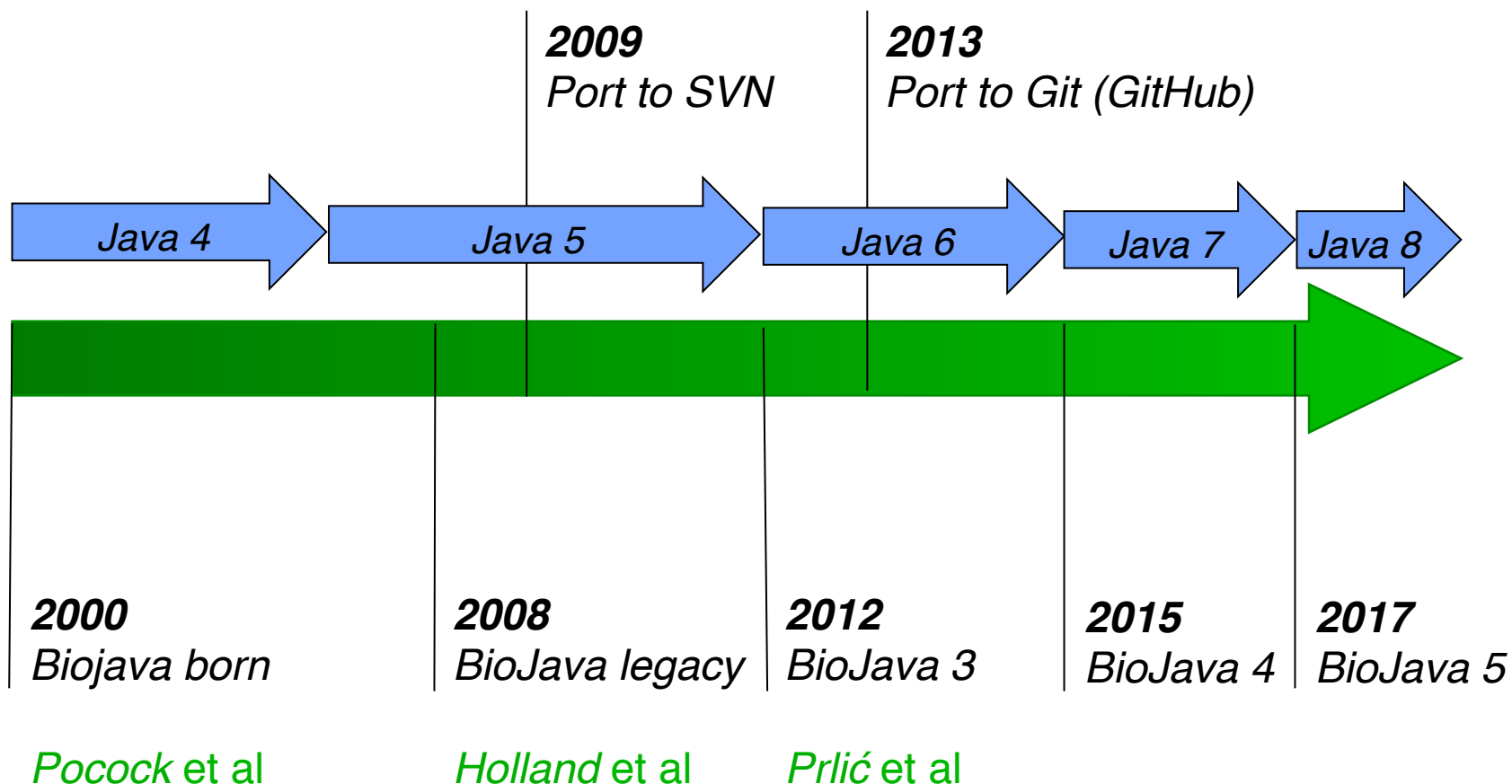
- Sequence and structure alignment
- DSSP
- Symmetry

Resources

- BLAST
- Protein domains: SCOP, CATH, ECOD

The logo for BioJava, featuring the word "BioJava" in a green sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a circular icon containing a molecular structure with red, blue, and grey spheres connected by lines.

History of BioJava



BioJava Resources

Website: <https://biojava.org>

Source code: <https://github.com/biojava/biojava/>

Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BioJava>

General information about the project

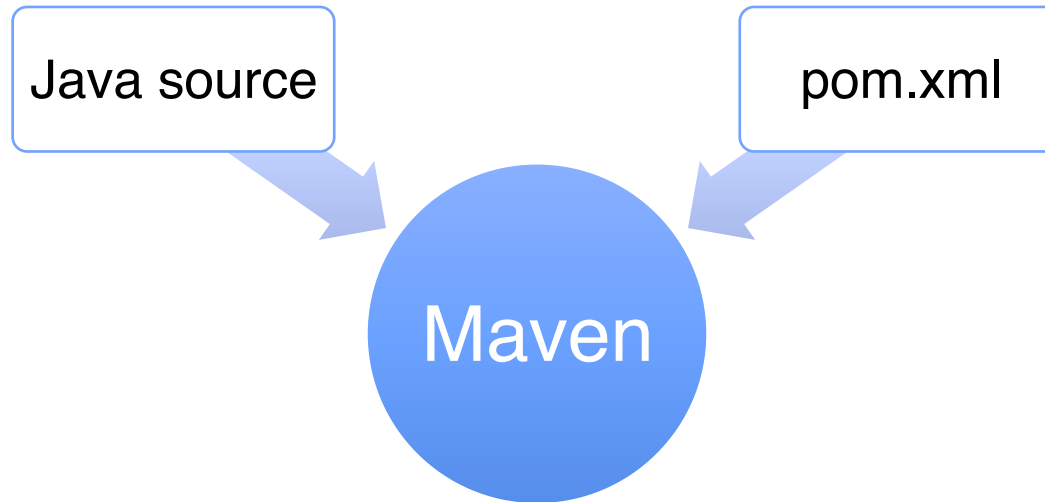
Tutorial: <https://github.com/biojava/biojava-tutorial>

Educational introduction into the tools provided by BioJava

Cookbook: <http://biojava.org/wiki/BioJava:CookBook>

Collection of “How do I...?” recipes for common tasks

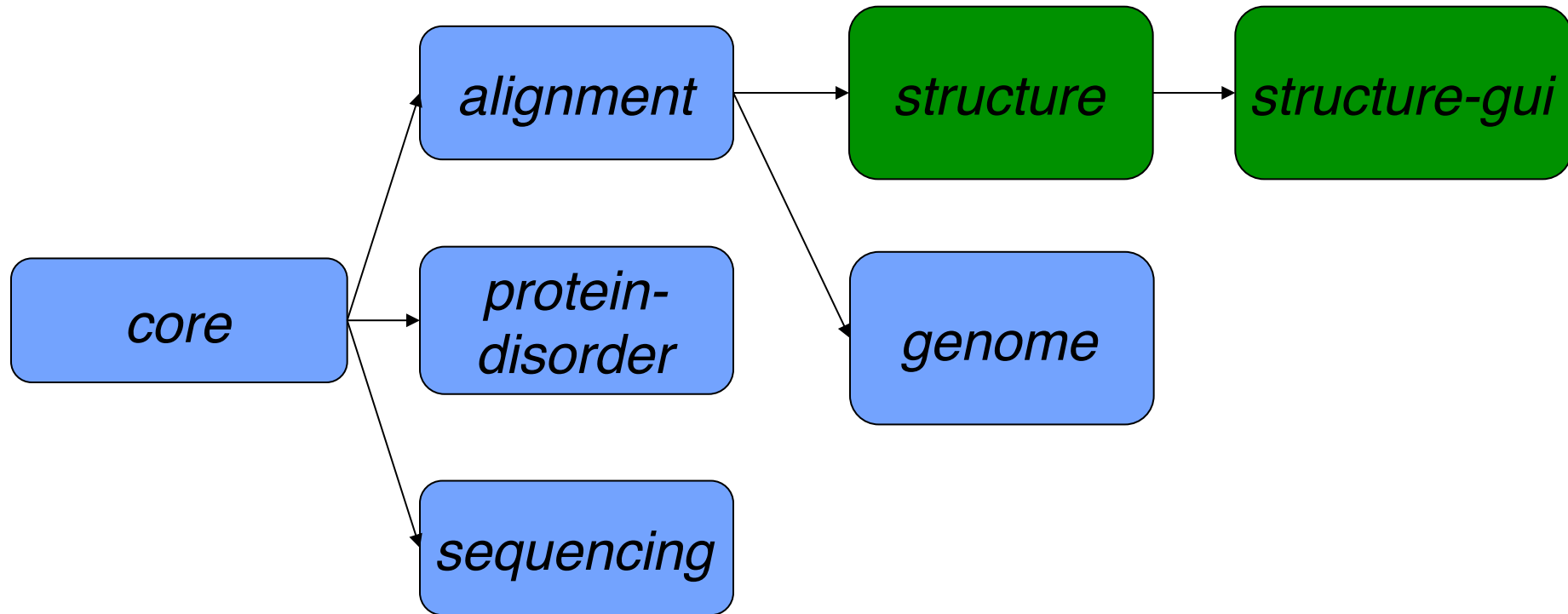
Setting up BioJava



- **Project Object Model (POM):** XML file that contains information about the project and configuration details

Setting up BioJava

- BioJava modules

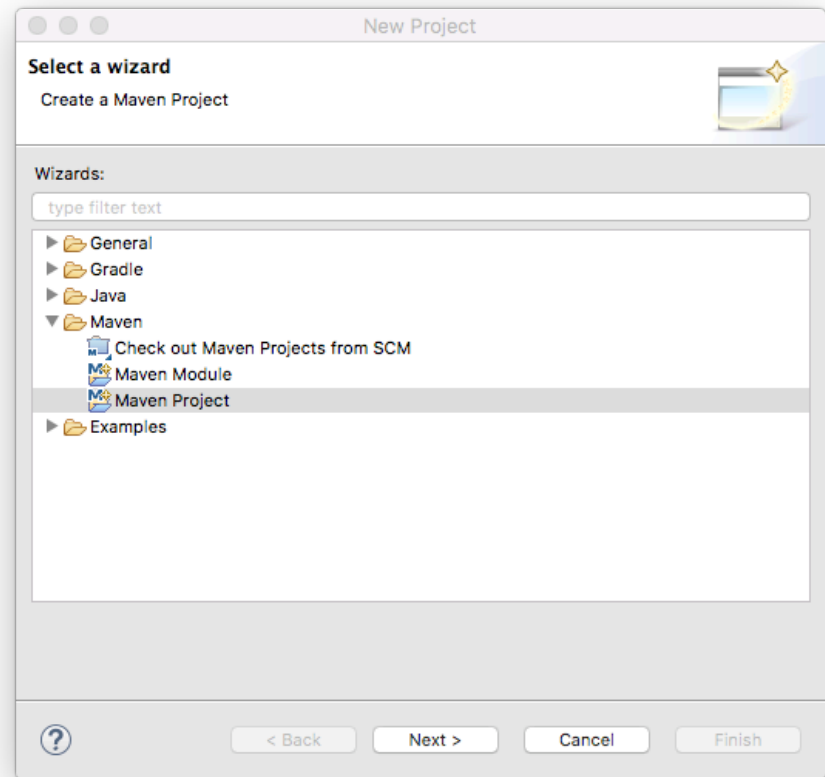


Demo 1

- **Create a new Maven repository in Eclipse**

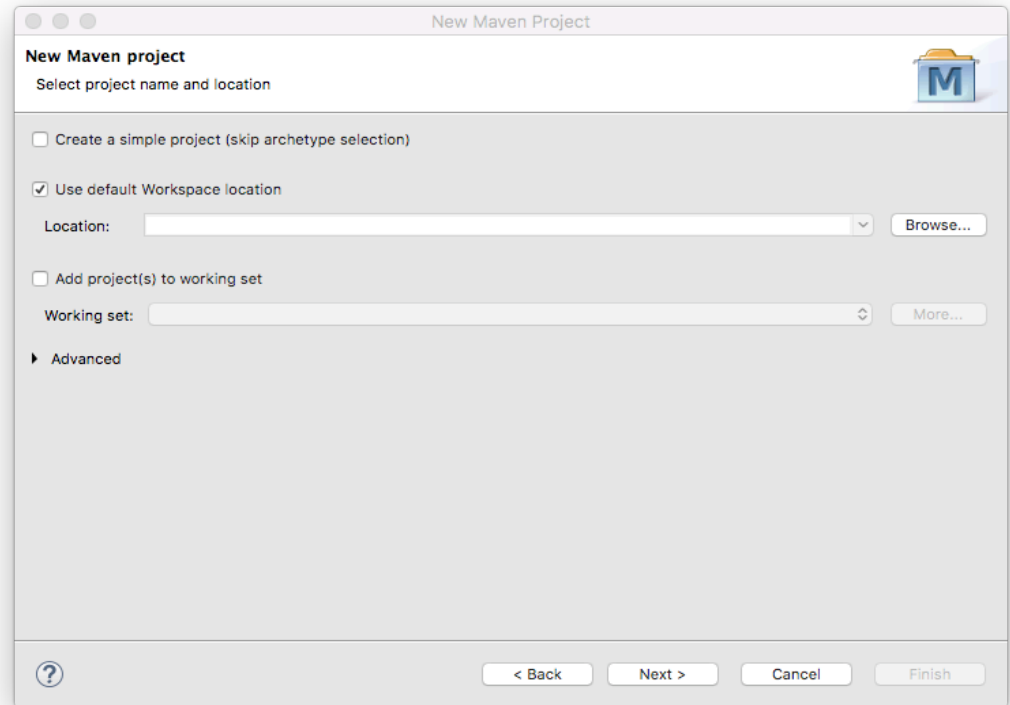
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Demo 1

- **Create a new Maven repository in Eclipse**

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3. Use defaults
4. Choose your group and project id

New Maven Project

Specify Archetype parameters

Group Id: aleix

Artifact Id: newapp

Version: 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT

Package: aleix.newapp

Properties available from archetype:

Name	Value

Advanced

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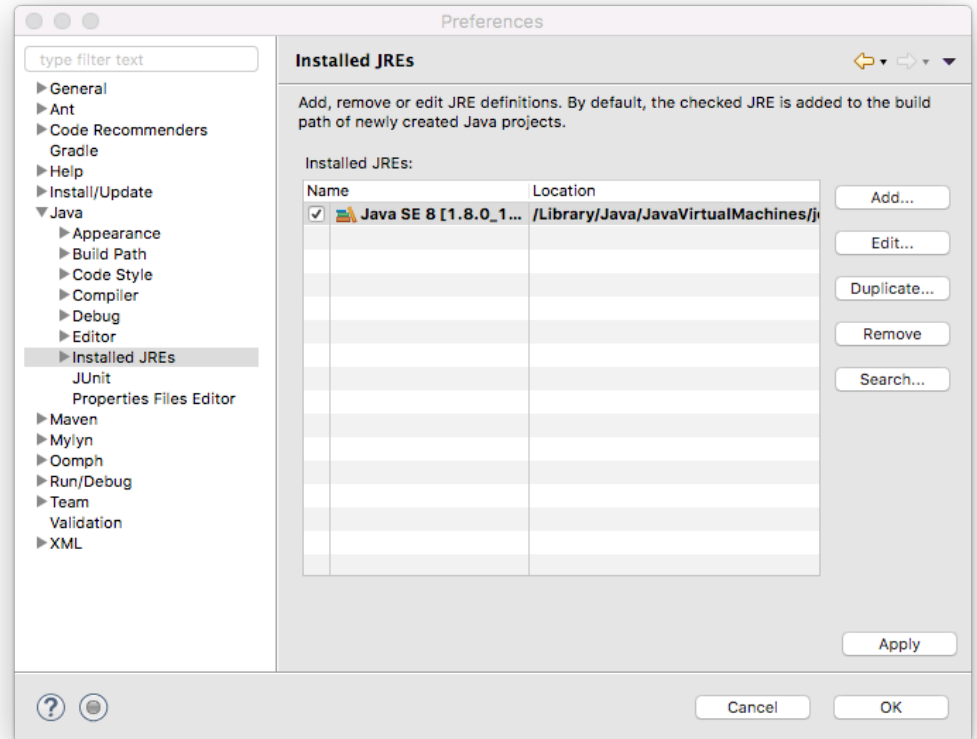
Problem 1

- **Configure the new Maven repository and add the BioJava dependency**
 - **Task 1:** fill in the URL field (replace the default URL)
 - **Task 2:** configure the Java 8 JDK. Insert these properties in the POM:

```
<jdk.version>1.8</jdk.version>  
<maven.enforcer.jdk-version>1.8</maven.enforcer.jdk-version>  
<maven.compiler.source>1.8</maven.compiler.source>  
<maven.compiler.target>1.8</maven.compiler.target>
```
 - **Task 3:** insert the *biojava-stucture-gui* dependency (hint: <https://github.com/biojava/biojava-tutorial/blob/master/installation.md>)
 - **Task 4:** ensure BioJava version is the latest (5.0.0-alpha8)

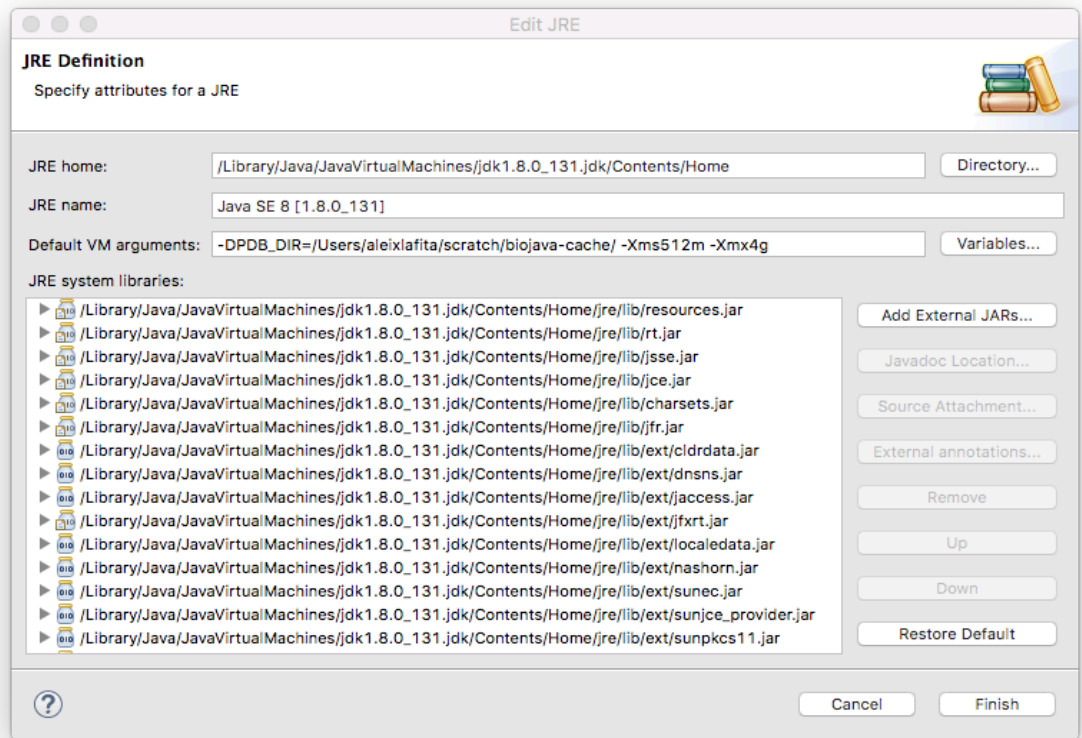
Demo 1

- **Configure the BioJava environment**
 1. Eclipse > Preferences > Java > Installed JREs
 2. Edit...



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 2. Edit...
 3. Add -DPDB_DIR=
directory

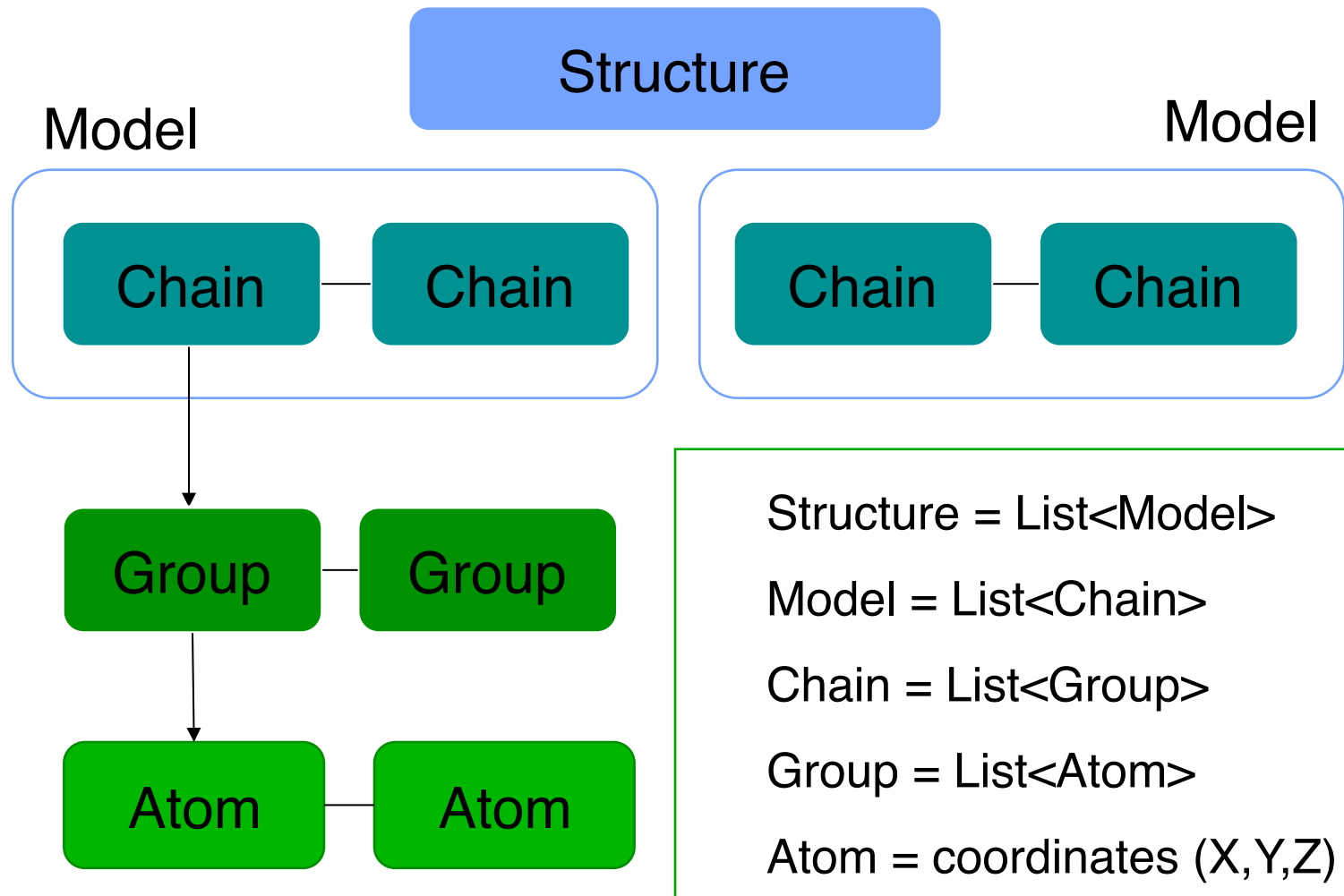


PART 2

BioJava Structures

Structure objects
Loading and writing
Operations

Structure Objects



Group Types

- **BioJava** uses the **Chemical Component Dictionary** to assign group types
 - Amino Acid (L-peptides)
 - Nucleotide (DNA or RNA)
 - Waters
 - Hetatoms

<https://github.com/biojava/biojava-tutorial/blob/master/structure/chemcomp.md>

Loading Structure Objects

- **AtomCache**
 - PDB ids (2HHB)
 - Structural ranges (2HHB.A:1-20)
 - SCOP, CATH & ECOD ids (d2hhba_)
 - Many configuration options
- **StructureIO**

Demo 2

- **Load a structure in different formats**
- **Write a structure from BioJava to a file**

Problem 2

- **Traverse BioJava structures**
 - **Task 1:** number of models. Hint: *nrModels*
 - **Task 2:** number of polymer chains. Hint: *PolyChains*
 - **Task 3:** number of amino acids in a chain.
 - Take a look at the *GroupType* class first
 - Hint: use one method from the Chain object
 - **Task 4:** number of oxygens in the amino acids of a chain.
 - Take a look at the *Element* class
 - Hint: use a double loop iteration over List of Groups and Atoms

PART 3

BioJava Applications

Biological assemblies
Visualization in Jmol

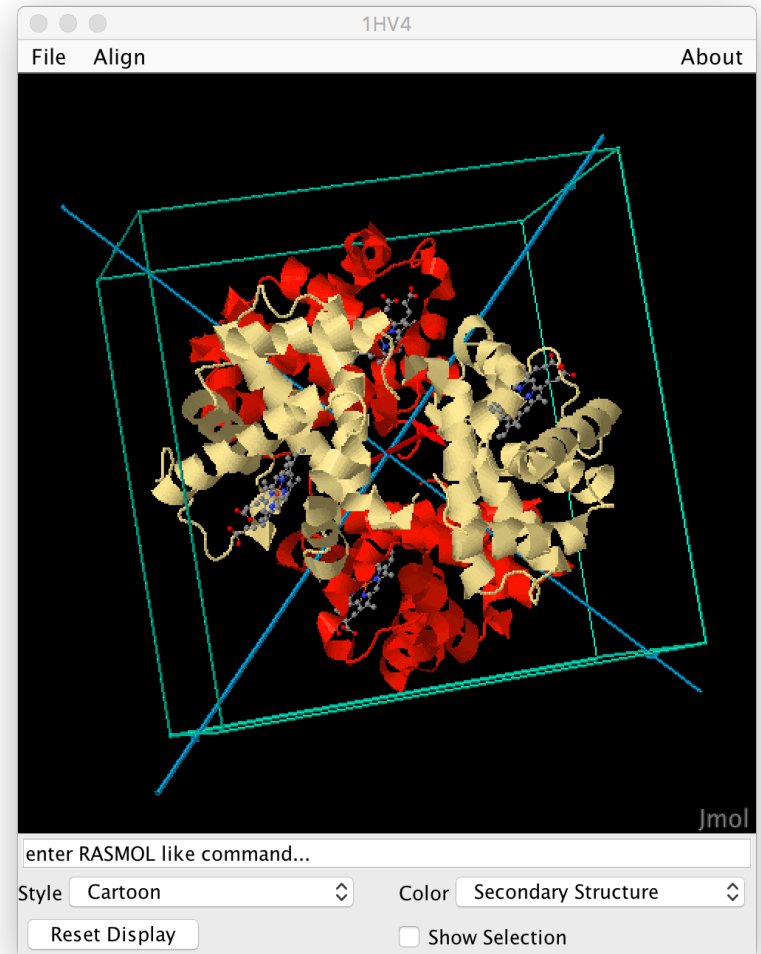
Biological Assemblies

- **Important concepts**
 - Asymmetric Unit (AU)
 - Unit cell
 - Crystal lattice
- **Resource:**
 - <https://pdb101.rcsb.org/learn/guide-to-understanding-pdb-data/biological-assemblies>

Visualization in Jmol

- Interface for **quick** and **simple** visualization of structures in **Jmol**

1. Start a **JFrame**
2. Insert a **Jmol** panel
3. Convert the **BioJava** structure to a structure file (PDB, MMTF)
4. Send the structure file to the **Jmol** panel



Problem 3

- **Display the symmetry of a biological assembly**
 - **Task 1:** download a biological assembly.
 - Hint: use the StructureIO class directly.
 - **Warning:** set the multiModel option to **true** (false is default) to be able to visualize the results (due to limitation of single letter chains in PDB format)
 - **Task 2:** change the parameters for pseudo-symmetry analysis.
 - Hint: structural clustering instead of sequence.
 - **Task 3:** obtain the symmetry and stoichiometry from the result.
 - Hint: use getter methods.

Contributing

- Do you want to use BioJava for your project?
- Do you have any ideas?
- Would you like to stay tuned?
- Join us at:
 - GitHub issues: <https://github.com/biojava/biojava/issues>
 - Mailing list: <http://biojava.org/wiki/BioJava%3AMailingLists>
 - Gitter: <https://gitter.im/biojava/biojava>



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