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# Downloading protein sequences in *R* {#download-protein-seqs-R}
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## Preliminaries
```{r}
library(compbio4all)
Retrieving a UniProt protein sequence using rentrez
We can use `entrez fetch()` to download protein sequences.
For example to retrieve the protein sequences for UniProt accessions
Q9CD83 and A0PQ23, we type in R:
```{r}
# sequence 1: Q9CD83
leprae fasta <- rentrez::entrez fetch(db = "protein",</pre>
                        id = "Q9CD83",
                          rettype = "fasta")
# sequence 2: OIN17619.1
ulcerans fasta <- rentrez::entrez fetch(db = "protein",</pre>
                         id = "OIN17619.1",
                         rettype = "fasta")
. . .
Display the contents of the `lepraeseq` FASTA file.
```{r}
leprae fasta
<!-- When did I introduce FASTA cleaner? -->
<!-- Are these data files in compbio4all? -->
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Let's clean these up to remove the header and new line characters usin the
function `fasta_cleaner()`.
   ```{r}
leprae_vector <- fasta_cleaner(leprae_fasta)
ulcerans_vector <- fasta_cleaner(ulcerans_fasta)
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Examine the output using `length()`, `class()`, and `head()`:
   ```{r, eval = F}
length(leprae_vector)
class(leprae_vector)
head(leprae_vector, 20)</pre>
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