

# Bioperl

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## What is Bioperl?

Collection of tools to help you get your work done

Open source, contributed by users

Used by GMOD, wormbase, flybase, me, you

<http://www.bioperl.org>

# Why use BioPerl?

Code is already written.

Manipulate sequences.

Run programs (e.g., blast, clustalw and phylip).

Parsing program output (e.g., blast and alignments).

And much, much more. (<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/Bptutorial.pl>)

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Welcome to BioPerl, a community effort to produce Perl code which is useful in biology.

For more background on the BioPerl project please see the [History of BioPerl](#).

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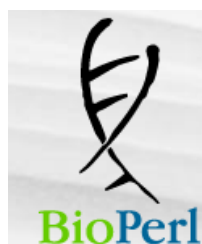
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### What is the Deobfuscator?

The Deobfuscator was written to make it easier to determine the methods that are available from a given [BioPerl](#) module (a [common BioPerl FAQ](#)).

BioPerl is a highly [object-oriented](#) software package, with often multiple levels of [inheritance](#). Although each individual module is usually well-documented for the methods specific to it, identifying the inherited methods is less straightforward.

The Deobfuscator indexes all of the [BioPerl](#) POD documentation, taking account of the inheritance tree (thanks to [Class::Inspector](#)), and then presents all of the methods available to each module through a searchable web interface.

### Where can I find the Deobfuscator?

The Deobfuscator is currently available [here](#), indexing [bioperl-live](#).

## Welcome to the BioPerl Deobfuscator

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Search **class names** by string or Perl regex (examples: Bio::SeqIO, seq, fasta\$)

OR select a class from the list:

<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::blast</a>	Event generator for event based parsing of blast reports
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::blast_pull</a>	A parser for BLAST output
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::blasttable</a>	Driver module for SearchIO for parsing NCBI -m 8/9 format
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::blastxml</a>	A SearchIO implementation of NCBI Blast XML parsing.
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::megablast</a>	a driver module for Bio::SearchIO to parse megablast reports (format 0)
<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::RemoteBlast</a>	Object for remote execution of the NCBI Blast via HTTP
<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneBlast</a>	Object for the local execution of the NCBI BLAST program suite (blastall, blastpgp, bl2seq). There is experimental support for WU-Blast and NCBI rpsblast.
<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneNCIBlast</a>	Object for the local execution of the NCBI BLAST program suite (blastall, blastpgp, bl2seq). With experimental support for NCBI rpsblast.


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<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::XML::BlastHandler</a>	XML Handler for NCBI Blast XML parsing.
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::XML::PsiBlastHandler</a>	XML Handler for NCBI Blast PSIBLAST XML parsing.

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methods for <b>Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneBlast</b>			
<a href="#">executable</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneBlast</a>	string representing the full path to the exe	my \$exe = \$blastfactory->executable('blasta
<a href="#">finally</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Root::Root</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">io</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::WrapperBase</a>	Bio::Root::IO object	\$obj->io(\$newval)
<a href="#">new</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneBlast</a>	Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneNCBIBlast or StandAloneWUBlast	my \$obj = Bio::Tools::Run::StandAloneBlast
<a href="#">no_param_checks</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::WrapperBase</a>	value of no_param_checks	\$obj->no_param_checks(\$newva
<a href="#">otherwise</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Root::Root</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">outfile_name</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Tools::Run::WrapperBase</a>	string	my \$outfile = \$wrapper->outfile_
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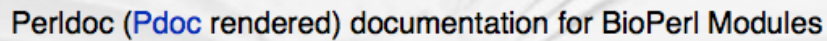
POD Documentation is available for bioperl-live and past releases at [doc.bioperl.org](http://doc.bioperl.org).

Alternatively you can enter the module name in the search box and see any contributed Wiki documentation for the module.

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### Documentation from the CPAN



Official documentation for released code is available [here](#):

- This documentation represents the active development code and is autogenerated daily from the SVN repository:

Module	Description
■ bioperl-live	BioPerl Core Code
■ bioperl-corba-server	BioPerl BioCORBA Server Toolkit (wraps bioperl objects as BioCORBA objects and runs them in an ORBit ORB)
■ bioperl-corba-client	BioPerl BioCORBA Client Toolkit (wraps BioCORBA objects as bioperl objects)

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Privates (from "my" definitions)						
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# Bio::SeqIO module synopsis

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## Synopsis

```
use Bio::SeqIO;

$in  = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => "inputfilename" ,
                      -format => 'Fasta');
$out = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => ">outputfilename" ,
                      -format => 'EMBL');

while ( my $seq = $in->next_seq() ) {
    $out->write_seq($seq);
}

# Now, to actually get at the sequence object, use the standard Bio::Seq
# methods (look at Bio::Seq if you don't know what they are)

use Bio::SeqIO;

$in  = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => "inputfilename" ,
                      -format => 'genbank');

while ( my $seq = $in->next_seq() ) {
    print "Sequence ", $seq->id, " first 10 bases ",
          $seq->subseq(1,10), "\n";
}

# The SeqIO system does have a filehandle binding. Most people find this
```

# Bio::SeqIO module description

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## Description

**Bio::SeqIO** is a handler module for the formats in the SeqIO set (eg, Bio::SeqIO::fasta). It is the officially sanctioned way of getting at the format objects, which most people should use.

The **Bio::SeqIO** system can be thought of like biological file handles. They are attached to filehandles with smart formatting rules (eg, genbank format, or EMBL format, or binary trace file format) and can either read or write sequence objects (Bio::Seq objects, or more correctly, Bio::SeqI implementing objects, of which Bio::Seq is one such object). If you want to know what to do with a Bio::Seq object, read **Bio::Seq**.

The idea is that you request a stream object for a particular format. All the stream objects have a notion of an internal file that is read from or written to. A particular SeqIO object instance is configured for either input or output. A specific example of a stream object is the Bio::SeqIO::fasta object.

Each stream object has functions

```
$stream->next_seq();
```

and

```
$stream->write_seq($seq);
```



# Bio::SeqIO method list

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<a href="#">_initialize</a>	No description	<a href="#">Code</a>
<a href="#">next_seq</a>	<a href="#">Description</a>	<a href="#">Code</a>
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## Bio::SeqIO new method description

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### Methods description

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<pre>Title      : new Usage      : \$stream = Bio::SeqIO-&gt;new(-file =&gt; \$filename,  -format =&gt; 'Format')  Function: Returns a new sequence stream Returns  : A Bio::SeqIO stream initialised with the appropriate format Args     : Named parameters:            -file =&gt; \$filename            -fh =&gt; filehandle to attach to            -format =&gt; format             Additional arguments may be used to set factories and            builders involved in the sequence object creation. None of            these must be provided, they all have reasonable defaults.            -seqfactory   the Bio::Factory::SequenceFactoryI object            -locfactory   the Bio::Factory::LocationFactoryI object            -objbuilder   the Bio::Factory::ObjectBuilderI object</pre>			
See <a href="#">Bio::SeqIO::Handler</a>			

## Manipulation of sequences from a file

### Problem:

You have a sequence file and you want to do something to each sequence.

What do you do first?

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## Retrieving a sequence from a file

One beginner's mistake is to not use `Bio::SeqIO` when working with sequence files. This is understandable in some respects. You may have read about Perl's `open` function, and Bioperl's way of retrieving sequences may look odd and overly complicated, at first. But don't use `open`! Using `open` immediately forces you to do the parsing of the sequence file and this can get complicated very quickly. Trust the `SeqIO` object, it's built to open and parse all the common [sequence formats](#), it can read and write to files, and it's built to operate with all the other Bioperl modules that you will want to use.

Let's read the file we created previously, "sequence.fasta", using `SeqIO`. The syntax will look familiar:

```
#!/bin/perl -w

use Bio::SeqIO;

$seqio_obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => "sequence.fasta", -format => "fasta");
```

One difference is immediately apparent: there is no `>` character. Just as with the `open()` function this means we'll be reading from the "sequence.fasta" file. Let's add the key line, where we actually retrieve the Sequence object from the file using the `next_seq` method:

```
#!/bin/perl -w

use Bio::SeqIO;

$seqio_obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => "sequence.fasta", -format => "fasta");

$seq_obj = $seqio_obj->next_seq;
```



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## HOWTO:SeqIO

This HOWTO will teach you about the [Bio::SeqIO](#) system for reading and writing sequences of various formats.

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## The basics

This section assumes you've never seen [BioPerl](#) before, perhaps you're a biologist trying to get some informal something about this hot topic, "bioinformatics". Your first script may want to get some information from a file c

A piece of advice: always use the module [Bio::SeqIO](#)! Here's what the first lines of your script might look like:

```
#!/bin/perl

use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;

my $file = shift; # get the file name, somehow
my $seqio_object = Bio::SeqIO->new(-file => $file);
my $seq_object = $seqio_object->next_seq;
```

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
#file: inFasta_loop.pl
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;

my $file = shift;

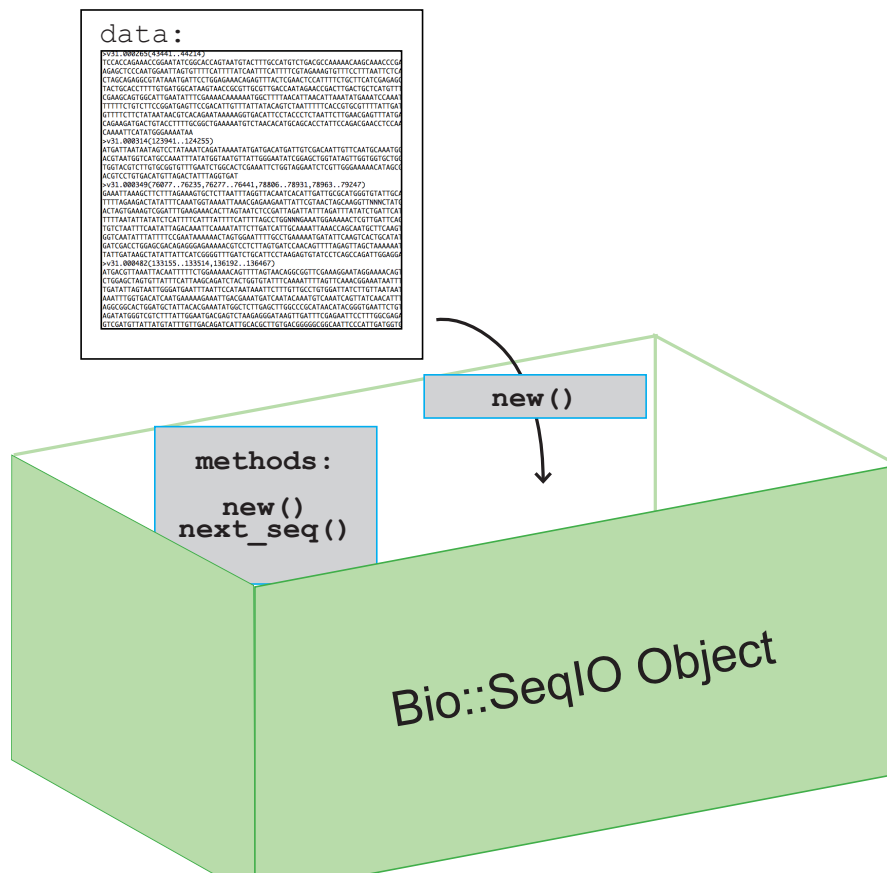
my $seqIO_object = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -file => $file,
    -format => 'fasta',
);

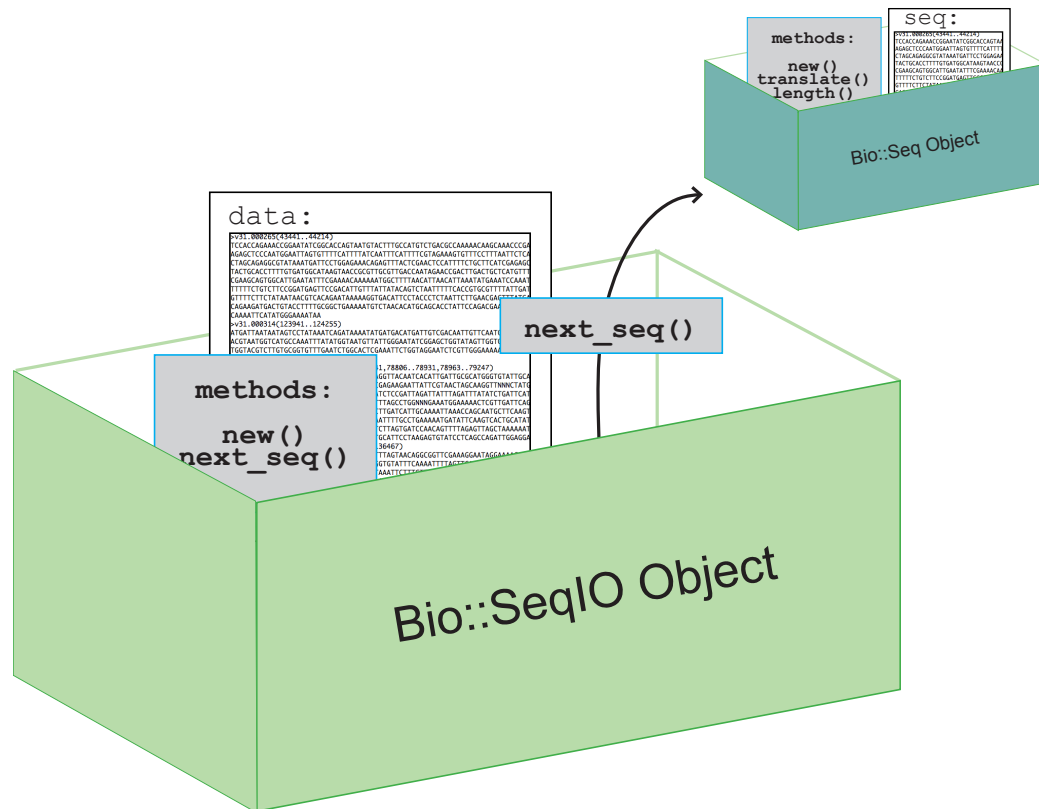
while (my $seq_object = $seqIO_object->next_seq) {
    #do stuff to each sequence in the fasta
}
```

# What is a SeqIO object? What is a Seq object?

## Objects

Objects are like boxes that hold  
your data and  
tools (methods) for your data





```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
#file: inFasta_loop.pl
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;

# get fasta filename from user input
my $file = shift;

# create a SeqIO obj with $file as filename
# $seqIO_object contains all the individual sequence
# that are in the file named $file
my $seqIO_object = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -file => $file,
    -format => 'fasta',
);

# using while loop and next_seq method to "get to"
# and create a Seq obj for each individual sequence
# in the SeqIO obj of many sequences
while (my $seq_object = $seqIO_object->next_seq){
    #do stuff to each sequence in the fasta
}
```



1. Get a file name from user input (@ARGV) and stores in \$file

2. Create a new seqIO object in \$seqIO\_object, using filename \$file and format 'fasta'

3. Create a second seqIO object in \$out using format 'fasta'

4. Loop thru each seq object in \$seqIO\_object storing information from the object in variables.

5. Print out the stored information

6. Print out \$seq\_object using the method or tool 'write\_seq()' and the seqIO object \$out.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;

my $file = shift;
my $seqIO_object = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -file => $file,
    -format => 'fasta',
);

my $out_seqIO_Obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(-format => 'fasta');

while (my $seq_object = $seqIO_object->next_seq){
    my $id = $seq_object->id;
    my $desc = $seq_object->desc;
    my $seqString = $seq_object->seq;
    my $revComp = $seq_object->revcom;
    my $alphabet = $seq_object-> alphabet;
    my $translation_seq_obj = $seq_object-> translate;
    my $translation = $translation_seq_obj -> seq;
    my $seqLen = $seq_object->length;

    print "translation: $translation\n";
    print "alphabet: $alphabet\n";
    print "seqLen: $seqLen\n";

    #prints to STDOUT
    $out_seqIO_Obj->write_seq($seq_object);
}
```

fasta input:

```
>seqName seq description is blah blah blah
AGGCTCAATTTAGTTTTCTTGTCCTTATTTTAAAAGGTGTCCAGTG
TGATGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGAGGCTTAGTGCAGCCTGGAG
GGTCCCGGAAACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACTTTCAGTAGC
TTTGAATGCACTGGGTTCGTCAGGCTCCAGAGAAGGGGCTGGAGTG
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CTGTTCTGCAAATGACCAGTCTAAGGTCTGAGGACACGGCCATGTA
TTACTGTGCAAGATGGGGTAACTACCCTTACTATGCTATGGACTACT
GGGGTCAA
```

output:

```
translation: RLNLVFLVLILKGVQCDVLVESGGGLVQPGGSRKLSCAASGFTFSSF
GMHWVRQAPEKGLEWVAYISSGSSTLHYADTVKGRFTISRDNPKNTLFLQMTSLRSEDAM
YYCARWGNYPYYAMDYWGQGTSVTVSS
alphabet: dna
seqLen: 408
>seqName seq description is blah blah blah
AGGCTCAATTTAGTTTTCTTGTCCTTATTTTAAAAGGTGTCCAGTG
TGATGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGAGGCTTAGTGCAGCCTGGAG
GGTCCCGGAAACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACTTTCAGTAGC
TTTGAATGCACTGGGTTCGTCAGGCTCCAGAGAAGGGGCTGGAGTG
GGTCGCATACATTAGTAGTGGCAGTAGTACCCTCCACTATGCAGACA
CAGTGAAGGGCCGATTACCATCTCAAGAGACAATCCCAAGAACACC
CTGTTCTGCAAATGACCAGTCTAAGGTCTGAGGACACGGCCATGTA
TTACTGTGCAAGATGGGGTAACTACCCTTACTATGCTATGGACTACT
GGGGTCAA
```

Table from  
<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:Beginners>

## List of seq object methods

Table 1: Sequence Object Methods

Name	Returns	Example	Note
new	Sequence object	<code>\$so = Bio::Seq-&gt;new(-seq =&gt; "MPQRAS")</code>	create a new one, see <a href="#">Bio::Seq</a> for more
seq	sequence string	<code>\$seq = \$so-&gt;seq</code>	get or set the sequence
display_id	identifier	<code>\$so-&gt;display_id("NP_123456")</code>	get or set an identifier
primary_id	identifier	<code>\$so-&gt;primary_id(12345)</code>	get or set an identifier
desc	description	<code>\$so-&gt;desc("Example 1")</code>	get or set a description
accession	identifier	<code>\$acc = \$so-&gt;accession</code>	get or set an identifier
length	length, a number	<code>\$len = \$so-&gt;length</code>	get the length
alphabet	alphabet	<code>\$so-&gt;alphabet('dna')</code>	get or set the alphabet ('dna','rna','protein')
subseq	sequence string	<code>\$string = \$seq_obj-&gt;subseq(10,40)</code>	Arguments are start and end
trunc	Sequence object	<code>\$so2 = \$so1-&gt;trunc(10,40)</code>	Arguments are start and end
revcom	Sequence object	<code>\$so2 = \$so1-&gt;revcom</code>	Reverse complement
translate	protein Sequence object	<code>\$prot_obj = \$dna_obj-&gt;translate</code>	See the <a href="#">Bioperl Tutorial</a> for more
species	Species object	<code>\$species_obj = \$so-&gt;species</code>	See <a href="#">Bio::Species</a> for more

Change 'format' in the new() method from 'fasta' to 'genbank' to change the way the SeqIO object \$out is displayed in STDOUT.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;
```

```
my $file = shift;
my $seqIO_object = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -file => $file,
    -format => 'fasta',
);
```

```
my $out_seqIO_Obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(-format => 'genbank');
```

```
while (my $seq_object = $seqIO_object->next_seq){
    $out_seqIO_Obj->write_seq($seq_object); #prints to STDOUT
}
```

```
LOCUS       seqName                      408 bp    dna        linear    UNK
DEFINITION  seq description is blah blah blah
ACCESSION   unknown
FEATURES             Location/Qualifiers
BASE COUNT    95 a     98 c     111 g     104 t
ORIGIN
```

```
1 aggctcaatt tagttttcct tgtccttatt ttaaaagggtg tccagtgtga tgtgcagctg
61 gtggagctctg ggggaggctt agtgcagcct ggagggtccc ggaaactctc ctgtgcagcc
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181 ctggagtggtg tcgcatacat tagtagtggc agtagtacc tccactatgc agacacagtg
241 aagggccgat tcaccatctc aagagacaat cccaagaaca ccctgttcct gcaaattgacc
301 agtctaaggt ctgaggacac ggccatgtat tactgtgcaa gatggggtaa ctacccttac
361 tatgctatgg actactgggg tcaaggaacc tcagtcaccg tctcctca
```

Query a local fasta file

Query a local fasta file

You have a fasta file that contains many records.

You want to retrieve a specific record.

You do not want to loop through all records until you find the correct record.

Use Bio::DB::Fasta.



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## Deobfuscator

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### What is the Deobfuscator?

The Deobfuscator was written to make it easier to determine the methods that are available from a given [BioPerl](#) module ([a common BioPerl FAQ](#)).

BioPerl is a highly [object-oriented](#) software package, with often multiple levels of [inheritance](#). Although each individual module is usually well-documented for the methods specific to it, identifying the inherited methods is less straightforward.

The Deobfuscator indexes all of the [BioPerl](#) POD documentation, taking account of the inheritance tree (thanks to [Class::Inspector](#)), and then presents all of the methods available to each module through a searchable web interface.

### Where can I find the Deobfuscator?

The Deobfuscator is currently available [here](#), indexing *bioperl-live*.

## Welcome to the BioPerl Deobfuscator

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Search **class names** by string or Perl regex (examples: `Bio::SeqIO`, `seq`, `fasta$`)

fasta


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OR select a class from the list:

<a href="#">Bio::AlignIO::fasta</a>	fasta MSA Sequence input/output stream
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<a href="#">Bio::Search::Hit::Fasta</a>	Hit object specific for Fasta-generated hits
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<a href="#">Bio::AlignIO::metafasta</a>	Metafasta MSA Sequence input/output stream
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<a href="#">Bio::Search::Hit::Fasta</a>	Hit object specific for Fasta-generated hits
<a href="#">Bio::SearchIO::fasta</a>	A SearchIO parser for FASTA results
<a href="#">Bio::Seq::SeqFastaSpeedFactory</a>	Instantiates a new Bio::PrimarySeqI (or derived class) through a factory

sort by method 

methods for <b>Bio::DB::Fasta</b>			
Method	Class	Returns	Usage
<a href="#">alphabet</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a> 	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">basename</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">calculate_offsets</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">caloffset</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">carp</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Root::RootI</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">CLEAR</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">confess</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Root::RootI</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">dbmargs</a>	<a href="#">Bio::DB::Fasta</a>	not documented	not documented
<a href="#">debug</a>	<a href="#">Bio::Root::Root</a>	none	<code>\$ohi-&gt;debug("This is debugging output"):</code>

Other packages in the module: [Bio::DB::Fasta](#) [Bio::PrimarySeq::Fasta](#)

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## Summary

**Bio::DB::Fasta** -- Fast indexed access to a directory of fasta files

## Package variables

No package variables defined.

## Included modules

[AnyDBM\\_File](#)

[Fcntl](#)

[File::Basename](#) qw ( [basename](#) [dirname](#) )

[IO::File](#)

## Inherit

[Bio::DB::SeqI](#) [Bio::Root::Root](#)

## Synopsis

```
use Bio::DB::Fasta;

# create database from directory of fasta files
my $db = Bio::DB::Fasta->new('/path/to/fasta/files');
```

Can also find these pages at <http://doc.bioperl.org/bioperl-live/>



# Bio::DB::fasta module synopsis

[doc.bioperl.org](http://doc.bioperl.org)

## Synopsis

```
use Bio::DB::Fasta;

# create database from directory of fasta files
my $db = Bio::DB::Fasta->new('/path/to/fasta/files');

# simple access (for those without Bioperl)
my $seq = $db->seq('CHROMOSOME_I',4_000_000 => 4_100_000);
my $revseq = $db->seq('CHROMOSOME_I',4_100_000 => 4_000_000);
my @ids = $db->ids;
my $length = $db->length('CHROMOSOME_I');
my $alphabet = $db->alphabet('CHROMOSOME_I');
my $header = $db->header('CHROMOSOME_I');

# Bioperl-style access
my $db = Bio::DB::Fasta->new('/path/to/fasta/files');

my $obj = $db->get_seq_by_id('CHROMOSOME_I');
my $seq = $obj->seq; # sequence string
my $subseq = $obj->subseq(4_000_000 => 4_100_000); # string
my $trunc = $obj->trunc(4_000_000 => 4_100_000); # seq object
my $length = $obj->length;
# (etc)

# Bio::SeqIO-style access
my $stream = Bio::DB::Fasta->new('/path/to/files')->get_PrimarySeq_stream;
while (my $seq = $stream->next_seq) {
    # Bio::PrimarySeqI stuff
}
```

# Bio::DB::fasta module description

[doc.bioperl.org](http://doc.bioperl.org)

## Description

**Bio::DB::Fasta** provides indexed access to one or more Fasta files. It provides random access to each sequence entry, and to subsequences within each entry, allowing you to retrieve portions of very large sequences without bringing the entire sequence into memory. When you initialize the module, you point it at a single fasta file or a directory of multiple such files. The first time it is run, the module generates an index of the contents of the file or directory using the AnyDBM module (Berkeley DB\* preferred, followed by GDBM\_File, NDBM\_File, and SDBM\_File). Thereafter it uses the index file to find the file and offset for any requested sequence. If one of the source fasta files is updated, the module reindexes just that one file. (You can also force reindexing manually). For improved performance, the module keeps a cache of open filehandles, closing less-recently used ones when the cache is full. The fasta files may contain any combination of nucleotide and protein sequences; during indexing the module guesses the molecular type. Entries may have any line length up to 65,536 characters, and different line lengths are allowed in the same file. However, within a sequence entry, all lines must be the same length except for the last.

# Bio::DB::fasta method description

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get_Seq_by_id	code	prev
<div><div>Title : get_Seq_by_id</div><div>Usage : my \$seq = \$db-&gt;get_Seq_by_id(\$id)</div><div>Function: Bio::DB::RandomAccessI method implemented</div><div>Returns : Bio::PrimarySeqI object</div><div>Args : id</div></div>		

## Query a local fasta file

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::DB::Fasta;

my $dbfile = 'uniprot_sprot.fasta';
my $db_obj = Bio::DB::Fasta->new($dbfile);

# retrieve a sequence
my $id = 'sp|Q13547|HDAC1_HUMAN';
my $seq_obj = $db_obj->get_Seq_by_id($id);

if ( $seq_obj ) {
    print "seq: ", $seq_obj->seq, "\n";
} else {
    warn("Cannot find $id\n");
}
```

## output

```
seq: MAQTQGTRRKVCYYYDGDVGNYYYGQGHMPKPHRIRMTHNLLLNYGLYRKMEIYRPHKANAE
EMTKYHSDDYIKFLRSIRPDNMSEYSKQMQRFNVGEDCPVFDGLFEFCQLSTGGSVASAVKLNKQQT
DIAVNWAGGLHHAKKSEASGFCYVNDIVLAILLELLKYHQRVLYIDIDIHHGDGVEEAFYTDDRMTV
SFHKYGEYFPGTDLRDIGAGKGKYYAVNYPLRDGIDDESIEAIFKPVMMSKVMEMFQPSAVVLQCGS
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NDYFEYFGPDFKLHISPSNMTNQNTNEYLEKIKQRLFENLRMLPHAPGVQMQAIPEDAIPESGDED
EDDPDKRISICSSDKRIACEEEFSDSEEEGEGGRKNSSNFKKAKRVKTEDEKEKDPEEKKEVTEEEK
```



## Creating a sequence record

### Creating a sequence record

You have a sequence and want to create a Seq object on the fly.

Use `Bio::Seq`.

## Create a sequence record on the fly.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::Seq;
use Bio::SeqIO;
```

```
#file:createSeqOnFly.pl
```

```
my $seqObj = Bio::Seq->new(-seq => 'ATGAATGATGAA',  
    -display_id => 'seq_example',  
    -description=> 'this seq is awesome');
```

1. Create a new seq object

```
my $out_seqIO_Obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(-format => 'fasta');  
$out_seqIO_Obj->write_seq($seqObj);
```

2. Create and print a new seqIO object in fasta format using \$seqObj

```
print "Id: ", $seqObj->display_id, "\n";  
print "Length: ", $seqObj->length, "\n";  
print "Seq: ", $seqObj->seq, "\n";  
print "Subseq (3..6): ", $seqObj->subseq(3,6), "\n";  
print "Translation: ", $seqObj->translate->seq, "\n";
```

3. Get features of \$seqObj by using seqObj methods

↑  
Notice the coupling of methods.

## Output

```
>seq_example this seq is awesome
ATGAATGATGAA
Id: seq_example
Length: 12
Seq: ATGAATGATGAA
Subseq (3..6): GAAT
Translation: MNDE
```

## File format conversions

### File format conversions

You have GenBank files and want to extract only the sequence in fasta format.

Use `Bio::SeqIO`.

## Formats

BioPerl's SeqIO system understands lot of formats and can interconvert all of them. Here is a current listing of formats, as of version 1.5.

Table 1: Bio::SeqIO modules and formats supported

Name	Description	File extension	Module
abi	ABI tracefile	ab[i1]	Bio::SeqIO::abi
ace	Ace database	ace	Bio::SeqIO::ace
agave	AGAVE XML		Bio::SeqIO::agave
alf	ALF tracefile	alf	Bio::SeqIO::alf
asciitree	write-only, to visualize features		Bio::SeqIO::asciitree
bsml	BSML, using XML::DOM <a href="#">↗</a>	bsml	Bio::SeqIO::bsml
bsml_sax	BSML, using XML::SAX <a href="#">↗</a>		Bio::SeqIO::bsml_sax
chadoxml	CHADO sequence format		Bio::SeqIO::chadoxml
chaos	CHAOS sequence format		Bio::SeqIO::chaos
chaosxml	Chaos XML		Bio::SeqIO::chaosxml
ctf	CTF tracefile	ctf	Bio::SeqIO::ctf

<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:SeqIO>

```
OCUS      MUSIGHBAL      408 bp      mRNA      linear      ROD 27-APR-1993
EFINITION Mouse Ig active H-chain V-region from MOPC21, subgroup VH-II,
           mRNA.
CCESSION  J00522
ERSION    J00522.1   GI:195052
EXWORDS   constant region; immunoglobulin heavy chain; processed gene; variable re-
           gion; variable region subgroup VH-II.
OURCE     Mus musculus (house mouse).
ORGANISM   Mus musculus
           Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi;
           Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Glires; Rodentia;
           Sciurognathi; Muroidea; Muridae; Murinae; Mus.
EFERENCE  1 (bases 1 to 408)
AUTHORS   Bothwell,A.L., Paskind,M., Reth,M., Imanishi-Kari,T., Rajewsky,K.
           and Baltimore,D.
TITLE     Heavy chain variable region contribution to the NPb family of
           antibodies: somatic mutation evident in a gamma 2a variable region
JOURNAL    Cell 24 (3), 625-637 (1981)
PUBMED    6788376
COMMENT    Original source text: Mouse C57Bl/6 myeloma MOPC21, cDNA to mRNA,
           clone pAB-gamma-1-4. [1] studies the response in C57Bl/6 mice to
           NP proteins. It is called the b-NP response because this mouse
           strain carries the b-IgH haplotype. See other entries for b-NP
           response for more comments.
FEATURES   Location/Qualifiers
           source          1..408
                           /db_xref="taxon:10090"
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                           /organism="Mus musculus"
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                           RSEDTAMYICARWGNYPYAMDYWGQGTSTVTVSS"
                           /note="Ig H-chain V-region from MOPC21"
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           mat_peptide     49..>408
                           /product="Ig H-chain V-region from MOPC21 mature peptide"
           misc_recomb     343..344
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           misc_recomb     356..357
                           /note="D-region end/J-region start"
ASE COUNT  95 a      98 c      111 g      104 t
RIGIN      57 bp upstream of PvuII site, chromosome 12.
           1 aggcctaatt tagttttctt tgtctctatt ttaaaagggtg tccagtgtga tgtgcagctg
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           121 tctggattcca ctttcagtag ctttgaatg cactgggttc gtcaggctcc agagaagggg
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           301 agtctaaggt ctgaggacac ggccatgtat tactgtgcaa gatggggtaa ctacccttac
           361 tatgctatgg actactgggg tcaaggaacc tcagtcacgc tctctctca
```

= GenBank Format



Fasta Format

```
>MUSIGHBAL Mouse Ig active H-chain V-region from MOPC21,
subgroup VH-II, mRNA.
AGGCTCAATTTAGTTTTCCTTGCTCTTATTTTAAAGGTGCCAGTGTGATGTCAGCTG
GTGGAGTCTGGGGGAGGCTTAGTGCAGCCTGGAGGGTCCCGAAACTCTCCTGTGCAGCC
TCTGGATTCACTTTCAGTAGCTTTGGAATGCAGCTGGGTTCTGTCAGGCTCCAGAGAGAGGG
CTGGAGTGGGTCGCATACATTAGTAGTGGCAGTAGTACCTCCACTATGCAGACACAGTG
AAGGGCCGATTCACCATCTCAAGAGACAATCCCAAGAACCCCTGTCTCTGCAATGACC
AGTCTAAGGTCTGAGGACACGGCCATGTATTACTGTGCAAGATGGGGTAACACTCCCTTAC
TATGCTATGACTACTGGGTCAGGAACCTCAGTCACCGCTCTCTCTCA
```

## Convert from GenBank to fasta.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w                                     #file:convert_genbank2fasta.pl
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;

my ($informat,$outformat) = ('genbank','fasta');
my ($infile,$outfile) = @ARGV;

my $in_seqIO_Obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -format => $informat,
    -file => $infile,
);
my $out_seqIO_Obj = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -format => $outformat,
    -file => ">$outfile"
);

while ( my $seqObj = $in_seqIO_Obj->next_seq ) {
    $out_seqIO_Obj->write_seq($seqObj);
}
```

Retrieving annotations

## Retrieving annotations

You have GenBank files and want to retrieve annotations.

Use Bio::SeqIO.


### **SAMPLE GENBANK FILE WITH FEATURES/ANNOTATIONS**

```
LOCUS      MUSIGHBA1               408 bp    mRNA    linear    ROD 27-APR-1993
DEFINITION Mouse Ig active H-chain V-region from MOPC21, subgroup VH-II,
            mRNA.
ACCESSION  J00522
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            NP proteins. It is called the b-NP response because this mouse
            strain carries the b-IgH haplotype. See other entries for b-NP
            response for more comments.
```

```
FEATURES             Location/Qualifiers
     source            1..408
                        /db_xref="taxon:10090"
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                        /organism="Mus musculus"
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                        RSEDYAMYCARWGNYPYAMDYWGQGTSTVTS"
                        /note="Ig H-chain V-region from MOPC21"
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```

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              121 tctggattca ctttcagtag ctttgaatg cactgggttc gtcaggctcc agagaagggg
              181 ctggagtggt tcgcatacat tagtagtggt agtagtacc cccactatgc agacacagtg
              241 aagggccgat tcaccatctc aagagacaa cccaagaaca cctgtttctt gcaaatgacc
              301 agtctaagg ctgaggacac ggccatgtat tactgtgtcaa gatggggtaa ctacccttac
```

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source	1..408 /db_xref="taxon:10090" /mol_type="mRNA" /organism="Mus musculus"
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primary\_tag



tag=value

```
use strict;
use Bio::SeqIO;
```

## Get annotations from a GenBank file

#file: get\_annot\_from\_genbank.pl

```
my $infile = shift;
my $seqIO = Bio::SeqIO->new(
    -file => $infile,
    -format => 'genbank',
);
while (my $seqObj = $seqIO->next_seq){
    my $name = $seqObj->id;
    foreach my $feature_obj ($seqObj->get_SeqFeatures){
        my $primary_tag = $feature_obj->primary_tag;
        my ($start, $end) = ($feature_obj->start, $feature_obj->end);
        my $range = $start . ".." . $end;
        foreach my $tag ( sort $feature_obj->get_all_tags ){
            my @values = $feature_obj->get_tag_values($tag);
            my $value_str = join " ", @values;
            print "$name($range)\t$primary_tag\t$tag:$value_str\n";
        }
    }
}
```

get\_SeqFeature  
produces an array of  
Bio::SeqFeatureI objects

## Output

MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	source	db_xref:taxon:10090
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	source	mol_type:mRNA
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	source	organism:Mus musculus
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	CDS	codon_start:1
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	CDS	db_xref:GI:195055
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	CDS	note:Ig H-chain V-region from MOPC21
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	CDS	protein_id:AAD15290.1
MUSIGHBA1 (1..408)	CDS	translation:RLNLVFLVLILKGVQCDVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSRKLSCAASGFTFSSFGMHWVRQAPEKGLEWVAYISSGSSTLHYADTVKGRFTISRDNPKNTLFLQMTSLRSED TAMYYCARWGNYPYYAMDYWGQGTSVTVSS
MUSIGHBA1 (49..408)	mat_peptide	product:Ig H-chain V-region from MOPC21 mature peptide
MUSIGHBA1 (343..344)	misc_recomb	note:V-region end/D-region start (+/- 1bp)



## Manipulating Multiple Alignments

Use `Bio::AlignIO`

for parsing and writing multiple alignment file formats  
including:

fasta, phylip, nexus, clustalw, msf, mega,  
meme, pfam, psi, selex, stockholm.


# Convert from fasta\_aln to nexus

#file: multi\_align\_convert.pl

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::AlignIO;

my $align_fasta = shift;
my $in_alignIO_obj = Bio::AlignIO->new(
    -format => 'fasta',
    -file => $align_fasta
);
my $out_alignIO_obj = Bio::AlignIO->new(
    -format => 'nexus',
    -file => ">$align_fasta.nex"
);
while( my $align_obj = $in_alignIO_obj->next_aln ){
    $out_alignIO_obj->write_aln($align_obj);
}
```

next\_aln produces a Bio::SimpleAlign object



## Bio::SimpleAlign Object

Remove some sequences and rewrite the result

Extract or remove columns

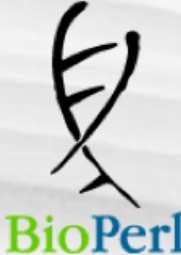
Calculate consensus string and percent identity

## Parsing BLAST Output

Parsing BLAST reports

Use `Bio::SearchIO`

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Here's an example of how one would use SearchIO to extract data from a [BLAST](#) report:

```
use Bio::SearchIO;
my $report_obj = new Bio::SearchIO(-format => 'blast',
                                   -file   => 'report.bls');
while( $result = $report_obj->next_result ) {
    while( $hit = $result->next_hit ) {
        while( $hsp = $hit->next_hsp ) {
            if ( $hsp->percent_identity > 75 ) {
                print "Hit\t", $hit->name, "\n", "Length\t", $hsp->length('total'),
                      "\n", "Percent_id\t", $hsp->percent_identity, "\n";
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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## HOWTO:SearchIO

### Abstract

This is a HOWTO about the [Bio::SearchIO](#) system, how to use it, and how one goes about writing new adaptors to different output formats. We will also describe how the [Bio::SearchIO::Writer](#) modules work for outputting various formats from [Bio::Search](#) objects.

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Result

```
BLASTX 2.2.12 [Aug-07-2005]

Reference: Altschul, Stephen F., Thomas L. Madden, Alejandro A. Schaffer,
Jinghui Zhang, Zheng Zhang, Webb Miller, and David J. Lipman (1997),
"Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search
programs", Nucleic Acids Res. 25:3389-3402.

Query= smed-HDAC1-1
      (1213 letters)

Database: swissprot.aa
      427,028 sequences; 157,875,145 total letters

Searching.....done
```

Hit

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (bits)	E Value
sp P56517 HDAC1_CHICK RecName: Full=Histone deacetylase 1; Short...	535	e-151

HSP

```
>sp|P56517|HDAC1_CHICK RecName: Full=Histone deacetylase 1; Short=HD1
      Length = 480

Score = 535 bits (1379), Expect = e-151
Identities = 255/343 (74%), Positives = 292/343 (85%), Gaps = 1/343 (0%)
Frame = +3

Query: 3 CPVFDGLFEFCQLSAGGSVASAVKLNKNKADIANNWSGGLHHAKKSEASGFCYVNDIVMG 182
      CPVFDGLFEFCQLSAGGSVASAVKLNK + DIA+NW+GGLHHAKKSEASGFCYVNDIV+
Sbjct: 100 CPVFDGLFEFCQLSAGGSVASAVKLNKQQTDIAVNWAGGLHHAKKSEASGFCYVNDIVLA 159

Query: 183 ILELLKYHERVLYVDIDIHHDGVVEAFYTTDRVMTVSFHKYGEYFPXXXXXXXXXXXX 362
      ILELLKYH+RVLY+DIDIHHDGVVEAFYTTDRVMTVSFHKYGEYFP
Sbjct: 160 ILELLKYHQRVLYIDIDIHHDGVVEAFYTTDRVMTVSFHKYGEYFPGTGLDRDIGAGKG 219

Query: 363 XNYAVNFPLRDGIDDESYESIFKPVVEKVIESFKPNAIVLQCGADSLSGDRLGCFNLSLK 542
      YAVN+PLRDGIDDESYE+IFKPV+ KV+E+F+P+A+VLQCG+DSLSDRLGCFNL++K
Sbjct: 220 KYAVNYPPLRDGIDDESYESAIFKPVISKVMTFQPSAVVLQCGSDSLSGDRLGCFNLTK 279

Query: 543 GHGKCEVYMRQQPIPLMLGGGGYTIRNVARCWTYETALALGTTIPNELFYNDYFEYFTP 722
      GH KCVE+++ +P+LMLGGGGYTIRNVARCWTYETA+AL T IPNELFYNDY+EYF P
Sbjct: 280 GHAKCEVFVKSFNLEMLGGGGYTIRNVARCWTYETAVALDTEIPNELFYNDYFEYFGP 339

Query: 723 DFKLHISPSNMNQNT EYLE++KQ+LFENLR +PHAP VQM Q IPEDA+ D G++ +
      DFKLHISPSNMNQNTNEYLEKIKQRLFENLRMLPHAPGVQM Q IPEDAVQEDSGDE-EE 398
Sbjct: 340

Query: 903 ADPDKRISILASDRYREHEADLSDEDEGD-NRKNVDFCKSR 1028
      DP+KRISI SDK ++SDSEDEG+ RKNV FK +
Sbjct: 399 EDPEKRISIRNSDKRISCDDEFSDEDEGGGRKNVANFKKAK 441
```

## NCBI BLAST Report

Result

```
Database: /common/data/swissprot.aa
Posted date: Oct 4, 2009 2:02 AM
Number of letters in database: 157,875,145
Number of sequences in database: 427,028

Lambda      K      H
0.318      0.134      0.401

Gapped
Lambda      K      H
0.267      0.0410      0.140

Matrix: BLOSUM62
Gap Penalties: Existence: 11, Extension: 1
Number of Hits to DB: 281,587,467
Number of Sequences: 427028
Number of extensions: 5577736
Number of successful extensions: 16223
Number of sequences better than 1.0e-10: 1
Number of HSP's better than 0.0 without gapping: 15290
Number of HSP's successfully gapped in prelim test: 0
Number of HSP's that attempted gapping in prelim test: 0
Number of HSP's gapped (non-prelim): 16078
length of database: 157,875,145
effective HSP length: 119
effective length of database: 107,058,813
effective search space used: 30404702892
frameshift window, decay const: 40, 0.1
T: 12
A: 40
X1: 16 ( 7.3 bits)
X2: 38 (14.6 bits)
X3: 64 (24.7 bits)
```

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See

<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:SearchIO>

for a GREAT example of a blast report,

code to parse it,

a table of methods,

and the values the methods return.

## Bio::SearchIO object for BLAST reports

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SearchIO;
#file: blast_parser_intro.pl

my $blast_report = shift;

my $searchIO_obj = Bio::SearchIO->new(
    -file => $blast_report,
    -format => 'blast'
);
```

## Result object and methods

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SearchIO;

my $blast_report = shift;

my $searchIO_obj = Bio::SearchIO->new(
    -file => $blast_report,
    -format => 'blast'
);

while (my $result_obj = $searchIO_obj->next_result ) {
    my $program = $result_obj->algorithm;
    my $queryName = $result_obj->query_name;
    my $queryDesc = $result_obj->query_description;
    my $queryLen = $result_obj->query_length;
    print "program=$program\tqueryName=$queryName\t";
    print "queryDesc=$queryDesc\tqueryLen=$queryLen\n";
}
```

### Output:

```
program=BLASTX queryName=smed-HDAC1-1 queryDesc=histone deacetylase 1 queryLen=1213
```

<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:SearchIO>

Object	Method	Example	Description
Result	algorithm	BLASTX	algorithm string
Result	algorithm_version	2.2.4 [Aug-26-2002]	algorithm version
Result	query_name	20521485 dbj AP004641.2	query name
Result	query_accession	AP004641.2	query accession
Result	query_length	3059	query length
Result	query_description	Oryza sativa ... 977CE9AF checksum.	query description
Result	database_name	test.fa	database name
Result	database_letters	1291	number of residues in database
Result	database_entries	5	number of database entries
Result	available_statistics	effectivespaceused ... dbletters	statistics used
Result	available_parameters	gapext matrix allowgaps gapopen	parameters used
Result	num_hits	1	number of hits
Result	hits		List of all <a href="#">Bio::Search::Hit::GenericHit</a> object(s) for this Result
Result	rewind		Reset the internal iterator that dictates where <code>next_hit()</code> is pointing, useful for re-iterating through the list of hits.

## Hit object and methods

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SearchIO;
```

```
#file: sample_Blast_parser_2.pl
```


```
my $blast_report = shift;
```

```
my $searchIO_obj = Bio::SearchIO->new(
    -file => $blast_report,
    -format => 'blast'
);
```

```
while (my $result_obj = $searchIO_obj->next_result ) {
    while (my $hit_obj = $result_obj->next_hit){
        my $hitName = $hit_obj->name;
        my $hitAcc = $hit_obj->accession;
        my $hitLen = $hit_obj->length;
        my $hitSig = $hit_obj->significance;
        my $hitScore = $hit_obj->raw_score;

        print "hitName=$hitName\thitAcc=$hitAcc\thitLen=$hitLen\t";
        print "hitSig=$hitSig\thitScore=$hitScore\n";
    }
}
```

must get hit objects  
from a result object



Output:

```
hitName=sp|P56517|HDAC1_CHICK hitAcc=P56517 hitLen=480 hitSig=1e-151 hitScore=535
```



<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:SearchIO>

Hit	name	443893 124775	hit name
Hit	length	331	Length of the Hit sequence
Hit	accession	443893	accession (usually when this is a genbank formatted id this will be an accession number- the part after the <i>gb</i> or <i>emb</i> )
Hit	description	LaForas sequence	hit description
Hit	algorithm	BLASTX	algorithm
Hit	raw_score	92	hit raw score
Hit	significance	2e-022	hit significance
Hit	bits	92.0	hit bits
Hit	hsp		List of all <a href="#">Bio::Search::HSP::GenericHSP</a> object(s) for this Hit
Hit	num_hsp	1	number of HSPs in hit
Hit	locus	124775	locus name
Hit	accession_number	443893	accession number
Hit	rewind		Resets the internal counter for next_hsp() so that the iterator will begin at the beginning of the list

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
use Bio::SearchIO;
```


## HSP object and methods

#file: sample\_Blast\_parser.pl

```
my $blast_report = shift;
```

```
my $searchIO_obj = Bio::SearchIO->new(
    -file => $blast_report,
    -format => 'blast'
);
```

must get hsp objects  
from a hit object



```
while (my $result_obj = $searchIO_obj->next_result ) {
    while (my $hit_obj = $result_obj->next_hit){
        while (my $hsp_obj = $hit_obj->next_hsp){
            my $evalue = $hsp_obj->evalue;
            my $hitString = $hsp_obj->hit_string;
            my $queryString = $hsp_obj->query_string;
            my $homologyString = $hsp_obj->homology_string;

            print "hsp evalue: $evalue\n";
            print "HIT      : ",substr($hitString,0,50),"n";
            print "HOMOLOGY: ",substr($homologyString,0,50),"n";
            print "QUERY   : ",substr($queryString,0,50),"n";

        }
    }
}
```

Output:

```
hsp evalue: 1e-151
HIT      : CPVFDGLFEFCQLSAGGSVASAVKLNKQQTDIAVNWAGGLHHAKKSEASG
HOMOLOGY: CPVFDGLFEFCQLSAGGSVASAVKLNK + DIA+NW+GGLHHAKKSEASG
```

# http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/HOWTO:SearchIO

HSP	algorithm	BLASTX	algorithm		
HSP	evalue	2e-022	e-value		
HSP	expect	2e-022	alias for evalue()		
HSP	frac_identical	0.884615384615385	Fraction identical		
HSP	frac_conserved	0.923076923076923	fraction conserved (conservative and identical replacements aka "fraction similar") (only valid for Protein alignments will be same as frac_identical)		
HSP	gaps	2	number of gaps		
HSP	query_string	DMGRCSSG ..	query string from alignment		
HSP	hit_string	DIVQNSS ...	hit string from alignment		
HSP	homology_string	D+SSGN	string from alignment		
HSP	length('total')	52	HSP seq_inds('query','conserved')	(966,967,969,971,973,974,975, ...)	conserved or identical positions as array
HSP	length('hit')	50	HSP seq_inds('hit','identical')	(197,202,203,204,205, ...)	identical positions as array
HSP	length('query')	151	HSP seq_inds('hit','conserved-not-identical')	(198,200)	conserved not identical positions as array
HSP	hsp_length	52	HSP seq_inds('hit','conserved',1)	(197,202-246)	conserved or identical positions as array, with runs of con
HSP	frame	0	HSP score	227	score
HSP	num_conserved	48	HSP bits	92.0	score in bits
HSP	num_identical	46	HSP range('query')	(2896,3051)	start and end as array
HSP	rank	1	HSP range('hit')	(197,246)	start and end as array
HSP	seq_inds("query","identical")	(966,967,969,971,973,974,975, ...)	HSP percent_identity	88.4615384615385	% identical
HSP	seq_inds("query","conserved-not-identical")	(966,967,969,971,973,974,975, ...)	HSP strand('hit')	1	strand of the hit
			HSP strand('query')	1	strand of the query
			HSP start('query')	2896	start position from alignment
			HSP end('query')	3051	end position from alignment
			HSP start('hit')	197	start position from alignment
			HSP end('hit')	246	end position from alignment
			HSP matches('hit')	(46,48)	number of identical and conserved as array
			HSP matches('query')	(46,48)	number of identical and conserved as array
			HSP get_aln	sequence alignment	Bio::SimpleAlign object
			HSP hsp_group	Not available in this report	Group field from WU-BLAST reports run with -topcombon

## Other Cool Things

Whole set of wrappers for running Bioinformatics tools  
in bioperl-run

Run BLAST locally or submit remote jobs (through NCBI)

Run PAML - handles setup and take down of temporary  
files and directories

Run alignment progs through similar interfaces: TCoffee, MUSCLE,  
Clustalw

Relational Databases for sequence and features

Repository of scripts to do really cool things. (<http://www.bioperl.org/wiki/Scripts>)

How do you find all the available methods?

From the BioPerl HowTo we know to use  
Bio::SearchIO?

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Driver for parsing Sequence Database Searches (BLAST, FASTA, ...)

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**Bio::SearchIO::cross\_match**

CrossMatch-specific subclasses of Bio::SearchIO

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Remember BioPerl How To uses next\_result

next\_result Returns another object. What methods belong to the Bio::Search::Result::ResultI object?

## next\_result

Title : next\_result  
Usage : \$result = stream->next\_result  
Function: Reads the next ResultI object from the stream and returns it.

Certain driver modules may encounter entries in the stream that are either misformatted or that use syntax not yet understood by the driver. If such an incident is recoverable, e.g., by dismissing a feature of a feature table or some other non-mandatory part of an entry, the driver will issue a warning. In the case of a non-recoverable situation an exception will be thrown. Do not assume that you can resume parsing the same stream after catching the exception. Note that you can always turn recoverable errors into exceptions by calling \$stream->verbose(2) (see Bio::Root::RootI POD page).

Returns : A Bio::Search::Result::ResultI object  
Args : n/a



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next\_hit returns an object. What methods belong to Bio::Search::Hit::HitI object?

#### next\_hit

```
Title      : next_hit
Usage      : while( $hit = $result->next_hit() ) { ... }
Function: Returns the next available Hit object, representing potential
          matches between the query and various entities from the database.
Returns   : a Bio::Search::Hit::HitI object or undef if there are no more.
Args      : none
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#### Bio::Search::Hit::HitI

Interface for a hit in a similarity search result

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A generic implementation of the Bio::Search::Hit::HitI interface

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next\_hsp returns an object. What methods belong to Bio::Search::HSP::HSPI object?

## next\_hsp

```

Title      : next_hsp
Usage      : while( $hsp = $obj->next_hsp() ) { ... }
Function   : Returns the next available High Scoring Pair
Example    :
Returns    : <Bio::Search::HSP::HSPI> object or null if finished
Args       : none
  
```

## hsps

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Yea!! `hit_string` returns a string, not an object. Done!!

### `hit_string`

```
Title    : hit_string
Usage    : my $hseq = $hsp->hit_string;
Function: Retrieves the hit sequence of this HSP as a string
Returns : string
Args     : none
```