BIMM 143

Introduction to Bioinformatics

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Introduce Yourself!

Your preferred name,
Place you identify with,
Major area of study/research,
Favorite joke (optional)!

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Bioinformatics Database	**Hands-on** exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

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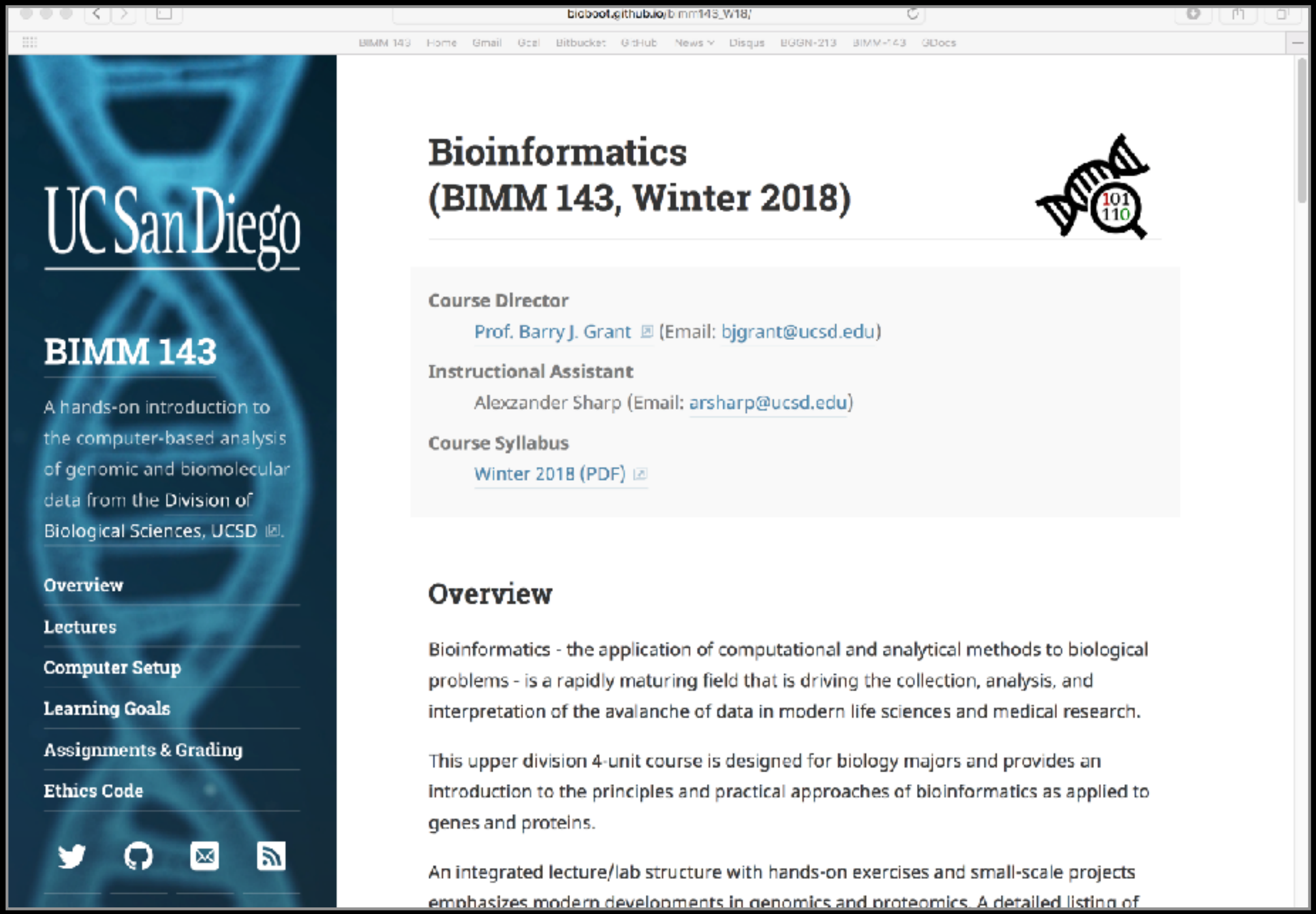

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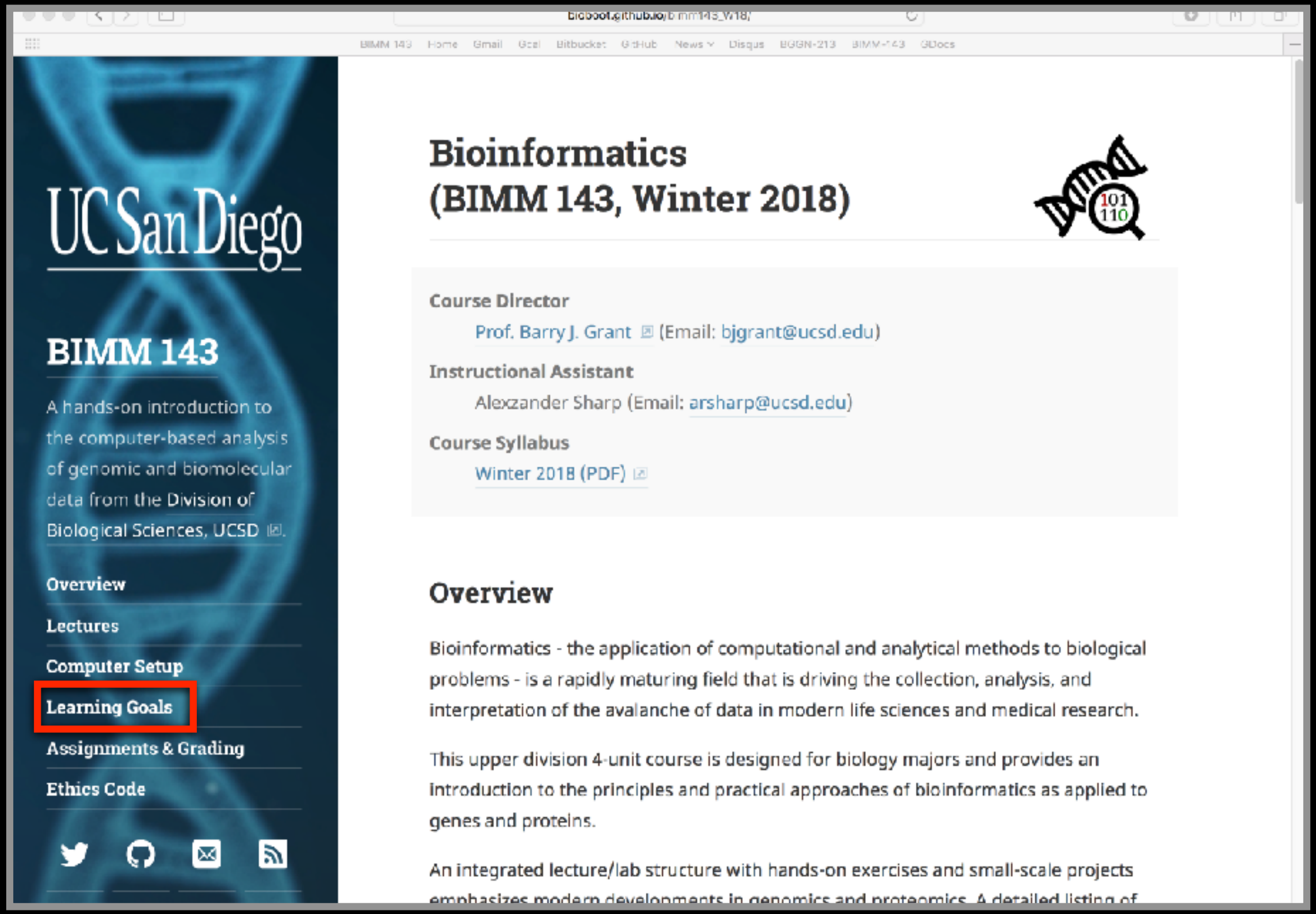

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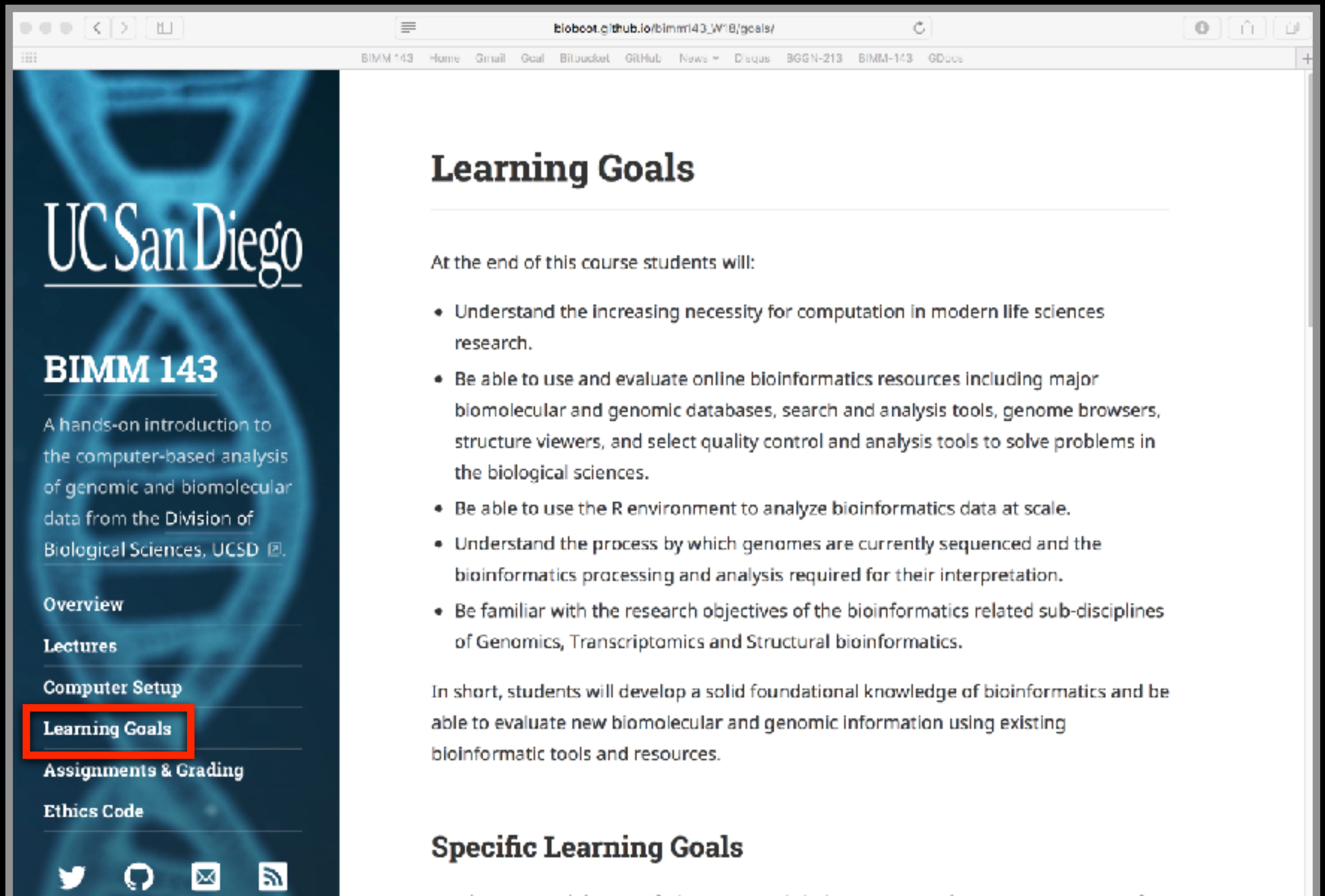

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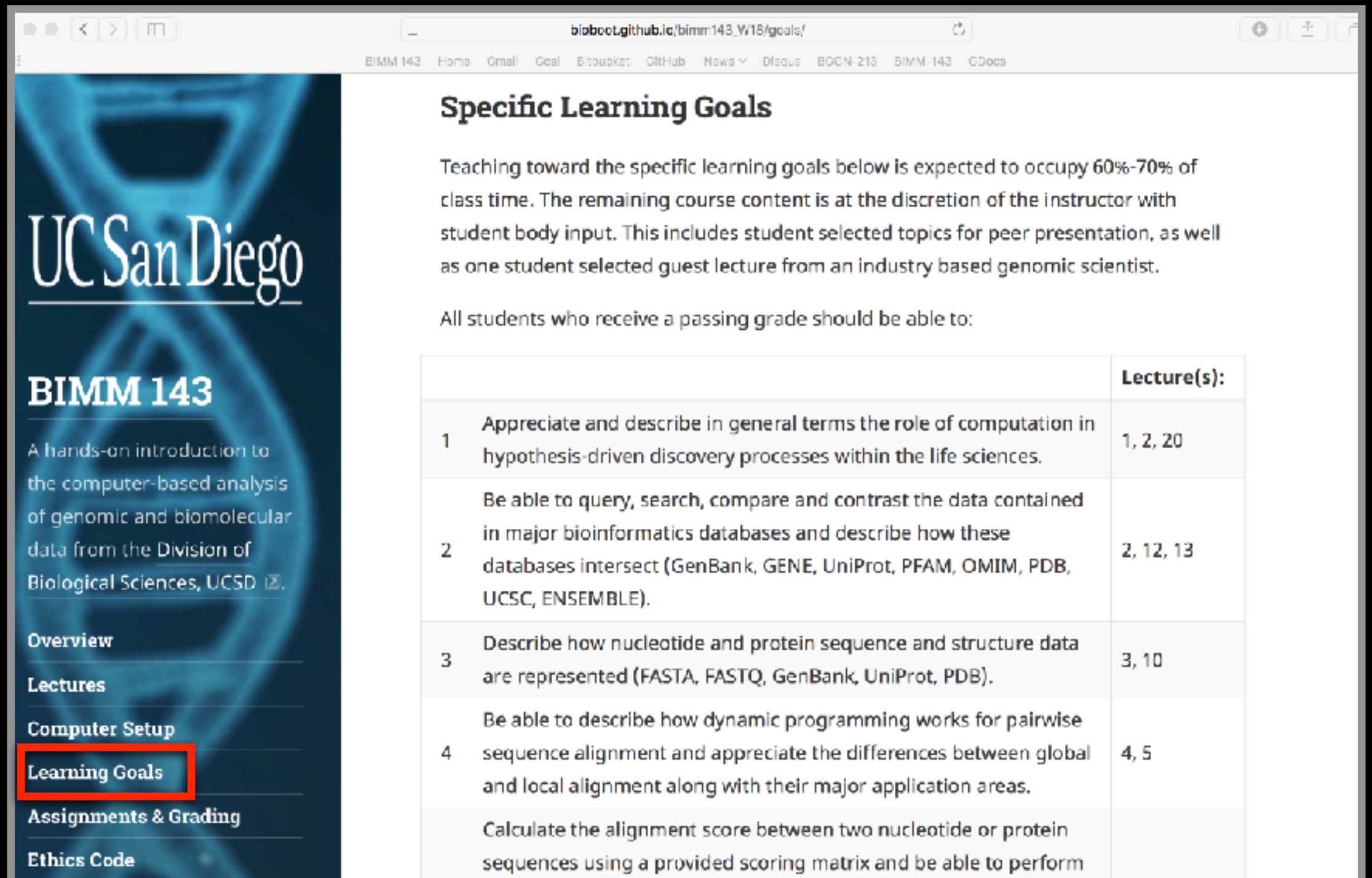
- Be familiar with the research objectives of the bioinformatics related sub-disciplines of Genome informatics, Transcriptomics and Structural informatics.

In short, you will develop a solid foundational knowledge of **bioinformatics** and be able to evaluate new biomolecular and genomic information using **existing bioinformatic tools and resources**.

Specific Learning Goals….

What I want you to know by course end!



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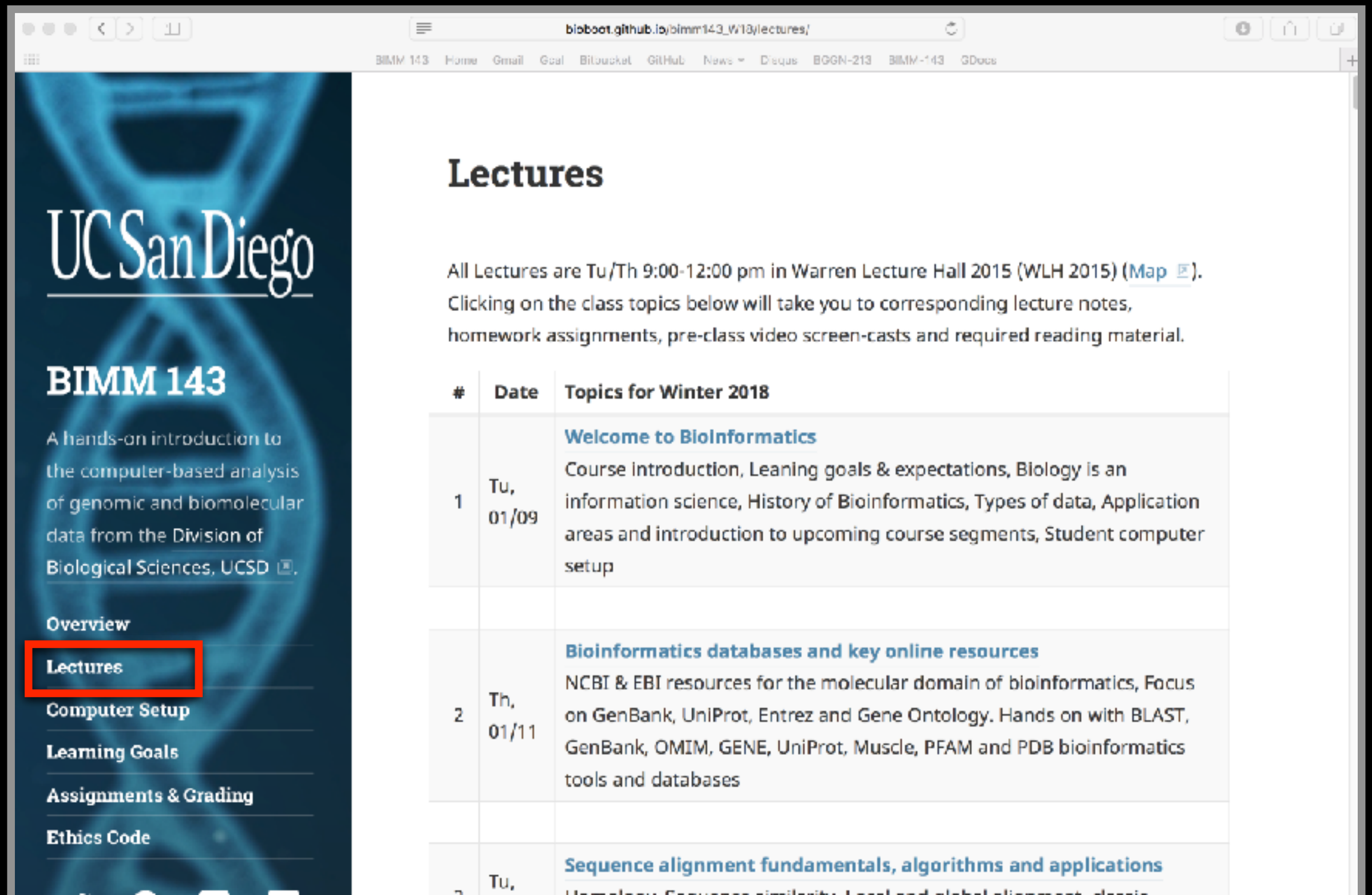

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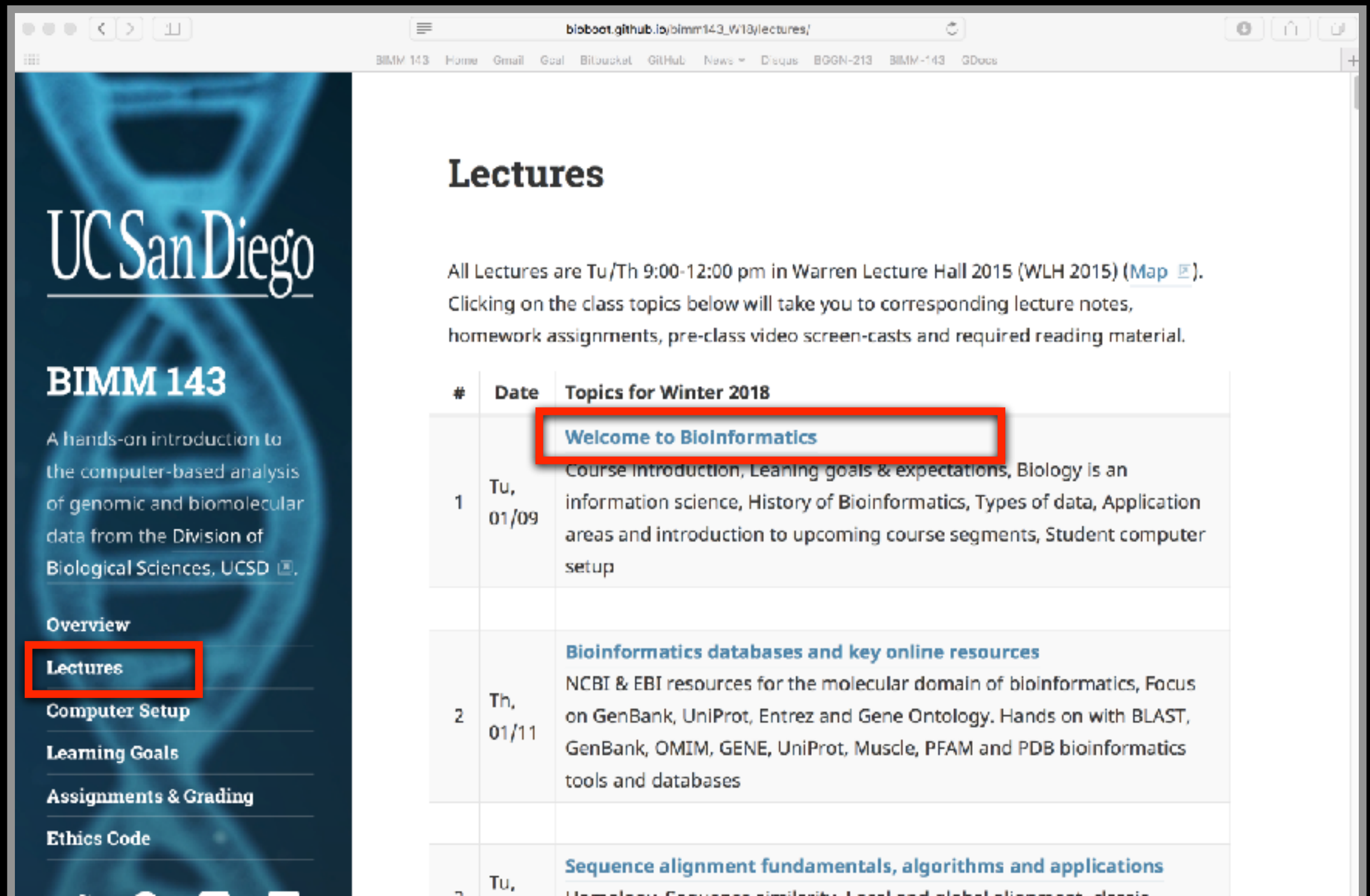

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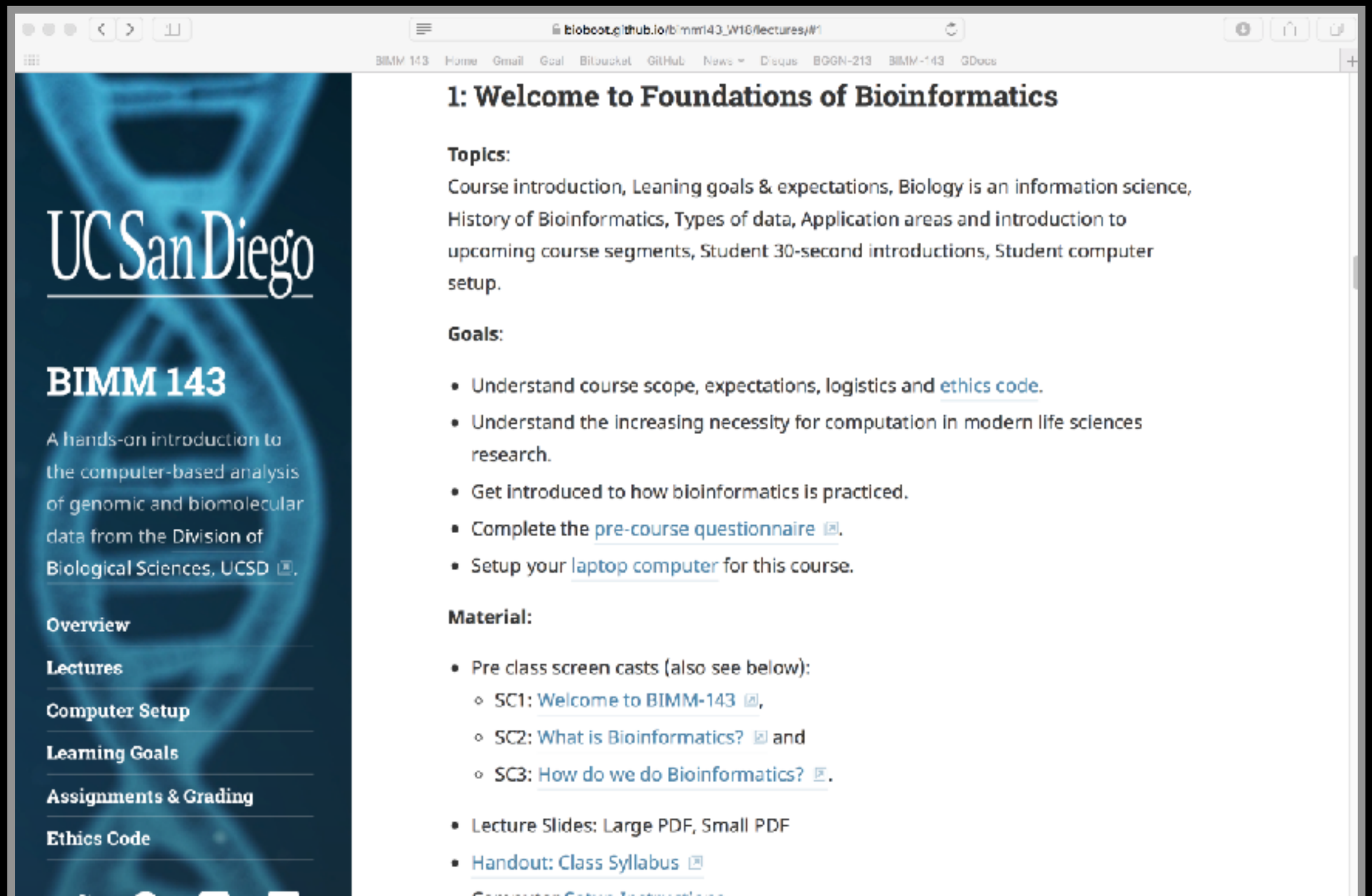

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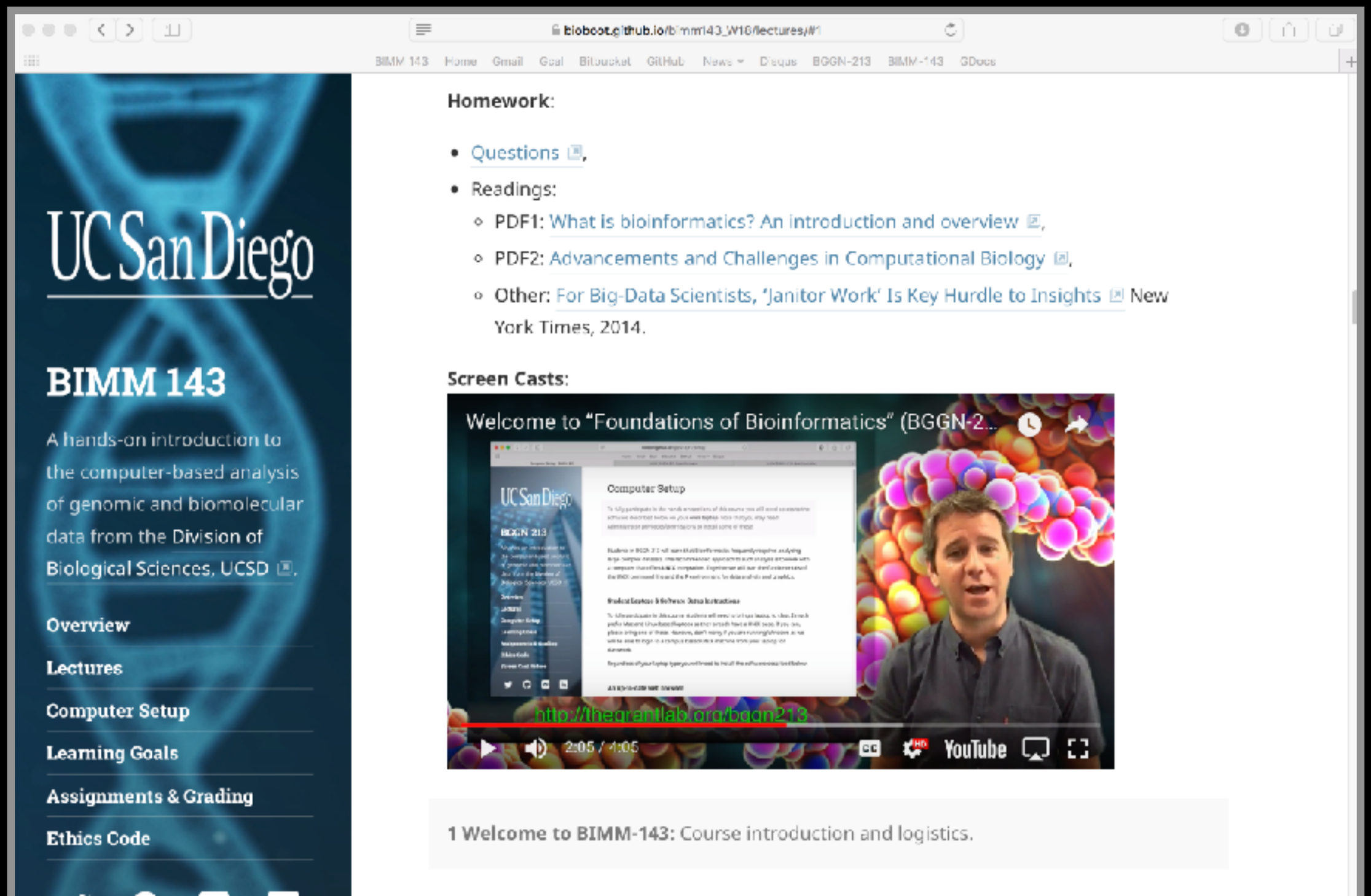

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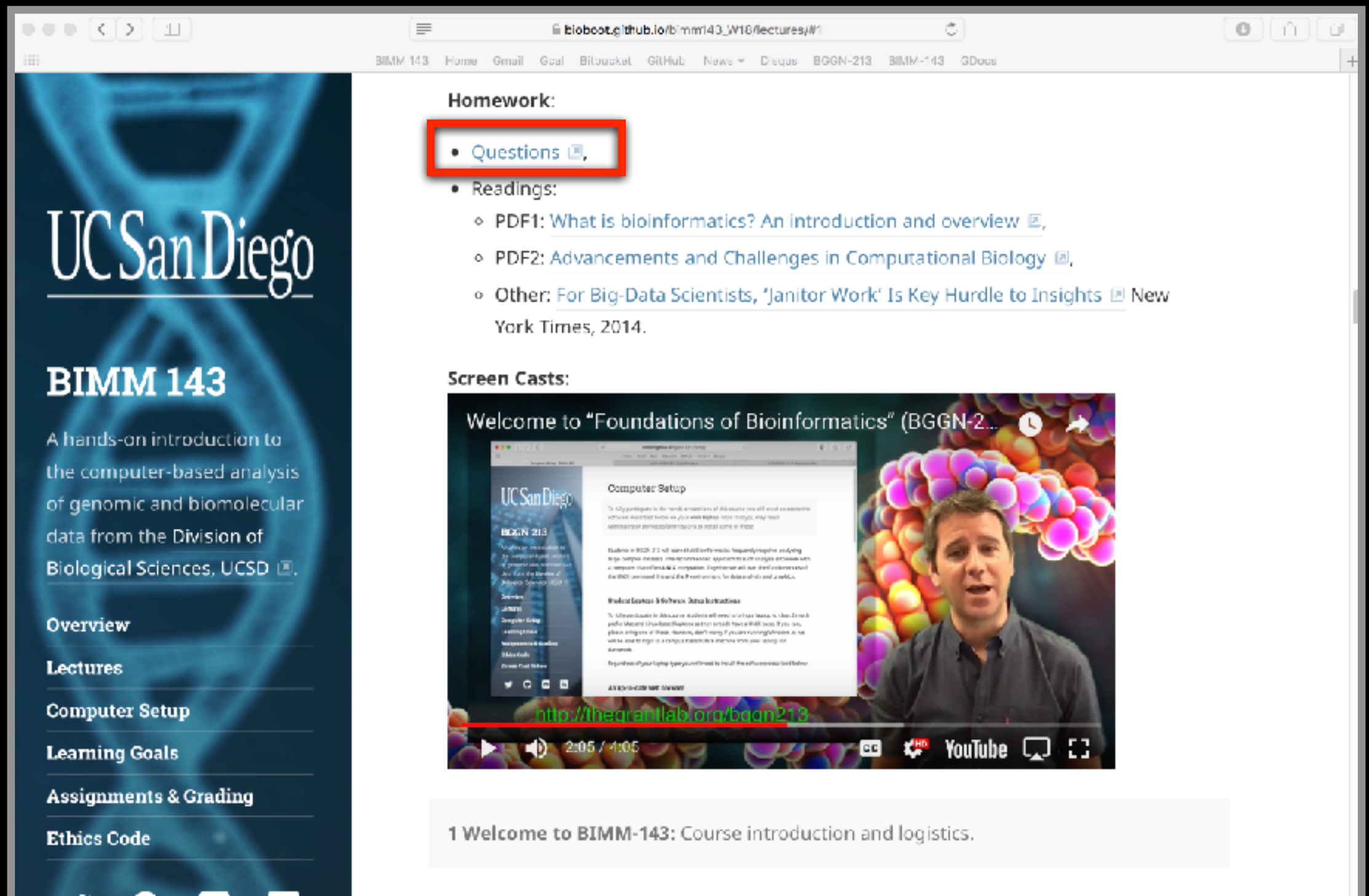

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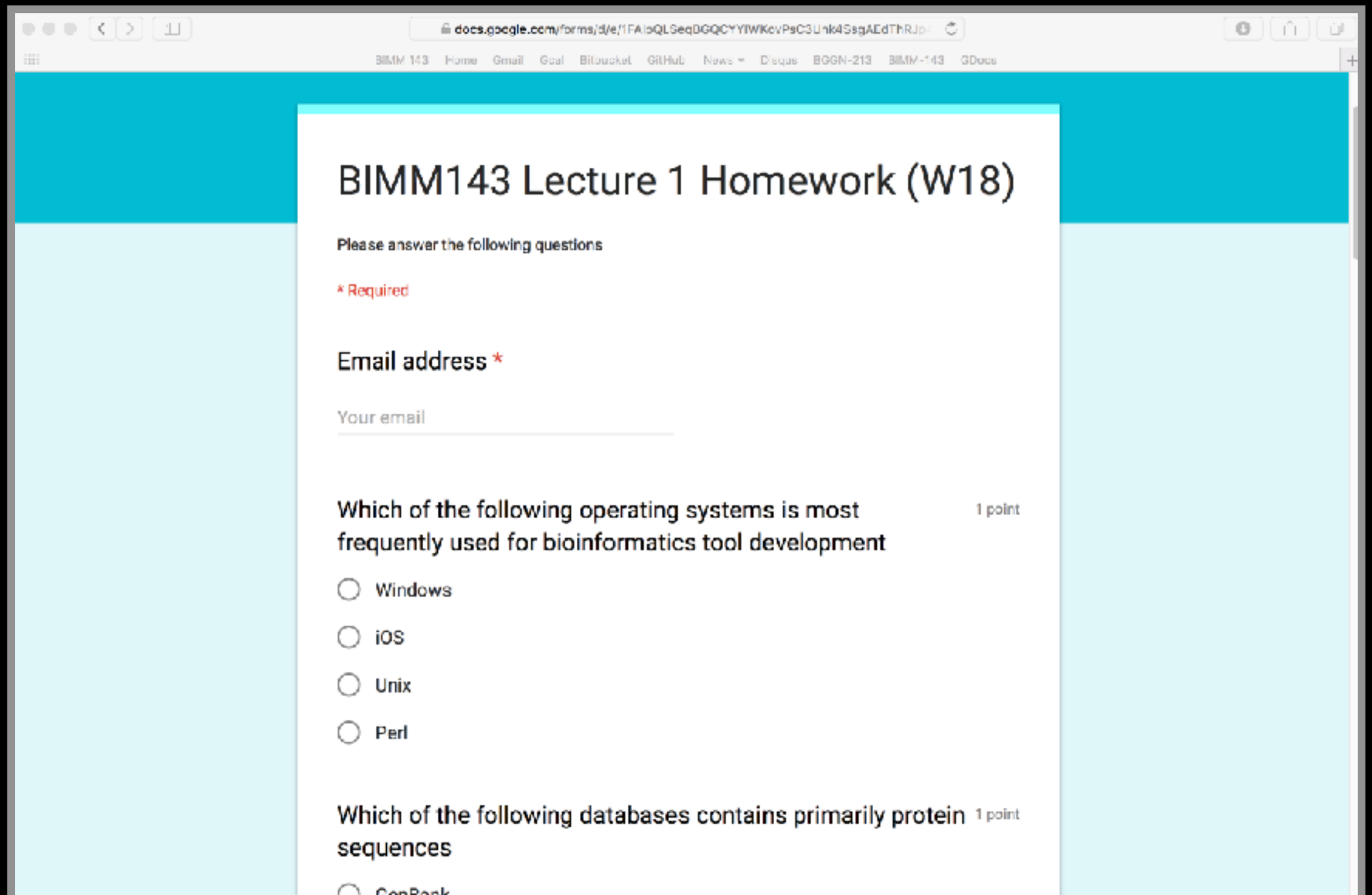

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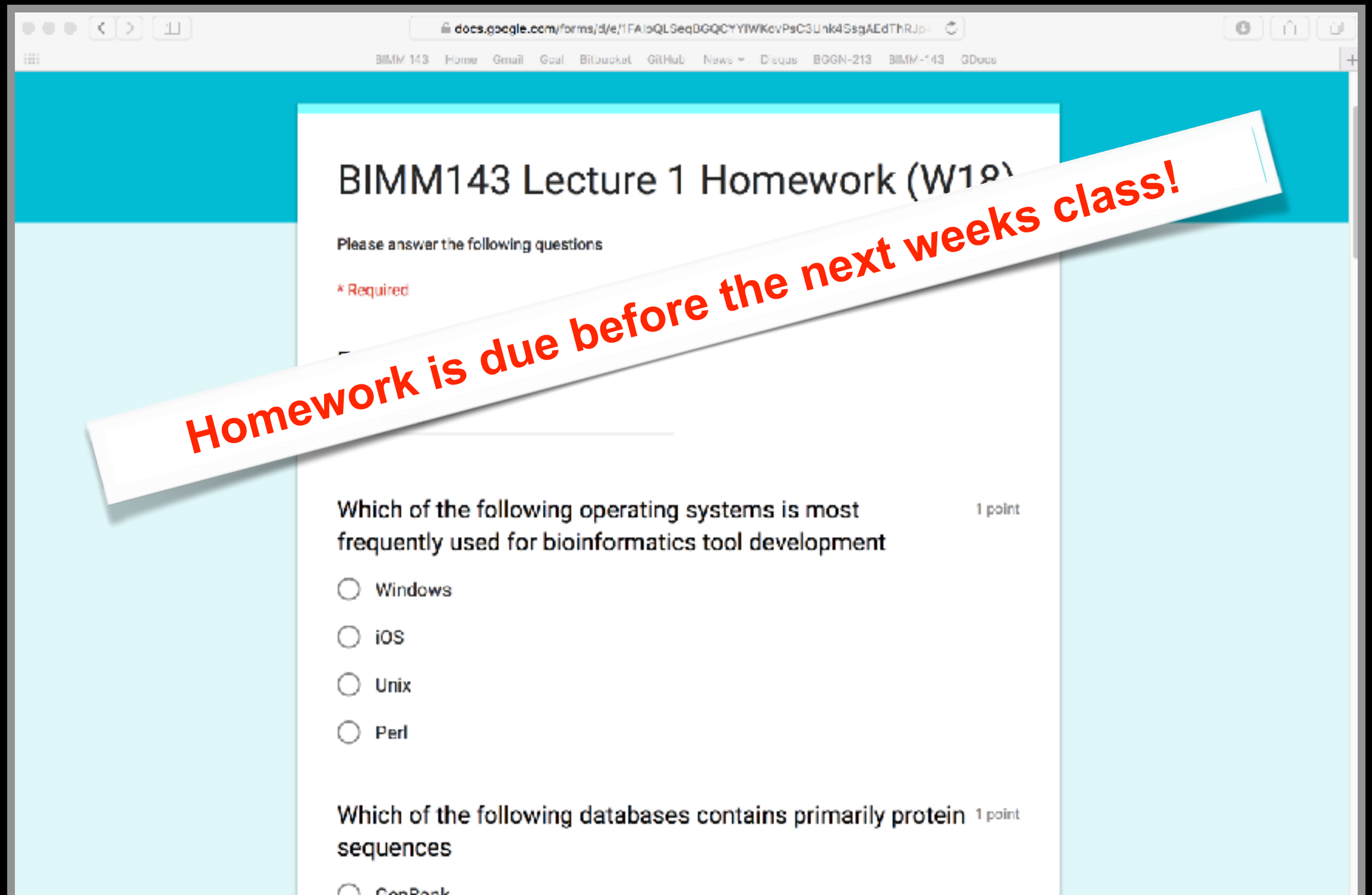

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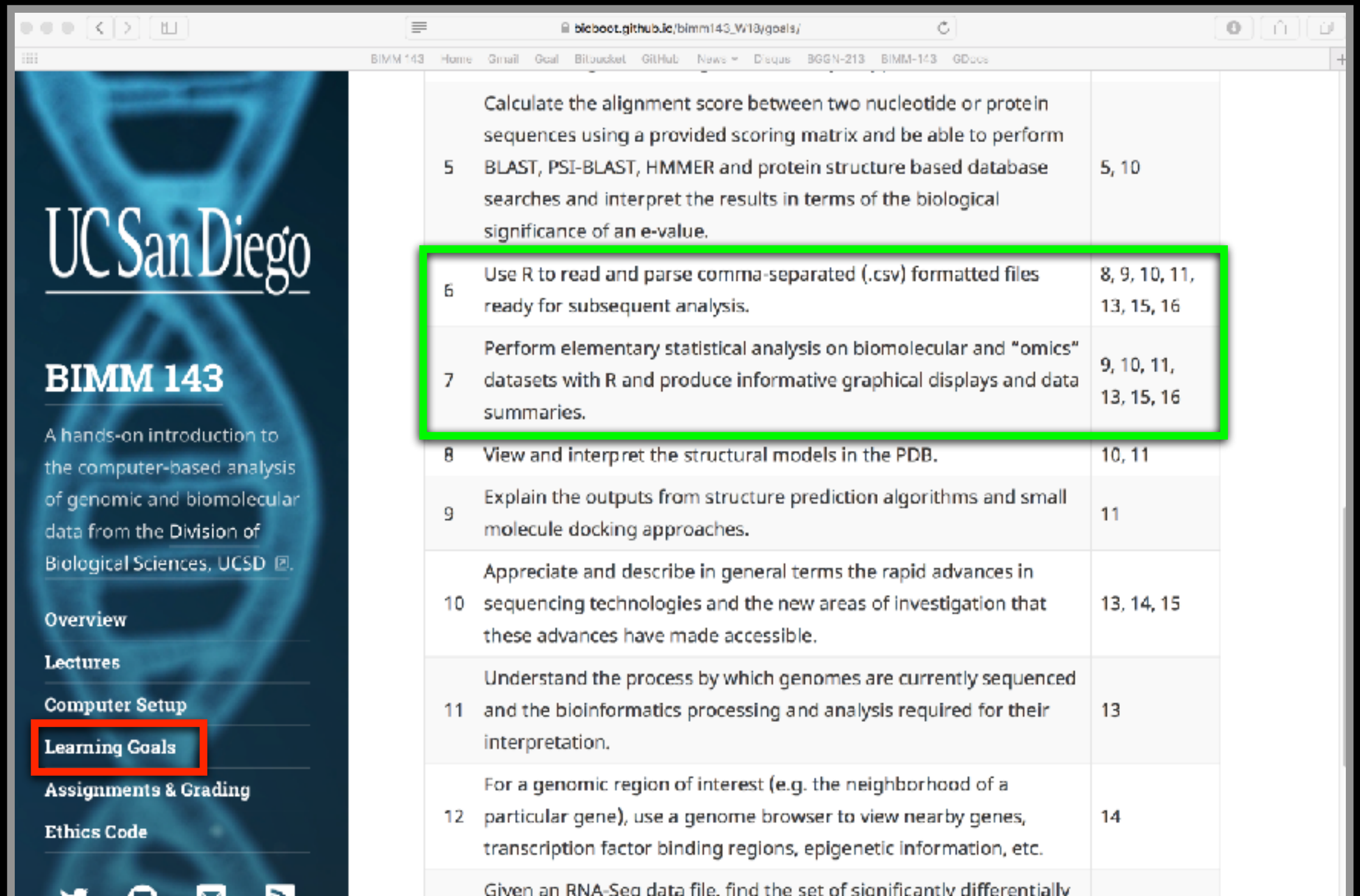
Data science R based learning goals



5	Calculate the alignment score between two nucleotide or protein sequences using a provided scoring matrix and be able to perform BLAST, PSI-BLAST, HMMER and protein structure based database searches and interpret the results in terms of the biological significance of an e-value.	5, 10
6	Use R to read and parse comma-separated (.csv) formatted files ready for subsequent analysis.	8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
7	Perform elementary statistical analysis on biomolecular and "omics" datasets with R and produce informative graphical displays and data summaries.	9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
8	View and interpret the structural models in the PDB.	10, 11
9	Explain the outputs from structure prediction algorithms and small molecule docking approaches.	11
10	Appreciate and describe in general terms the rapid advances in sequencing technologies and the new areas of investigation that these advances have made accessible.	13, 14, 15
11	Understand the process by which genomes are currently sequenced and the bioinformatics processing and analysis required for their interpretation.	13
12	For a genomic region of interest (e.g. the neighborhood of a particular gene), use a genome browser to view nearby genes, transcription factor binding regions, epigenetic information, etc.	14
	Given an RNA-Seq data file, find the set of significantly differentially	

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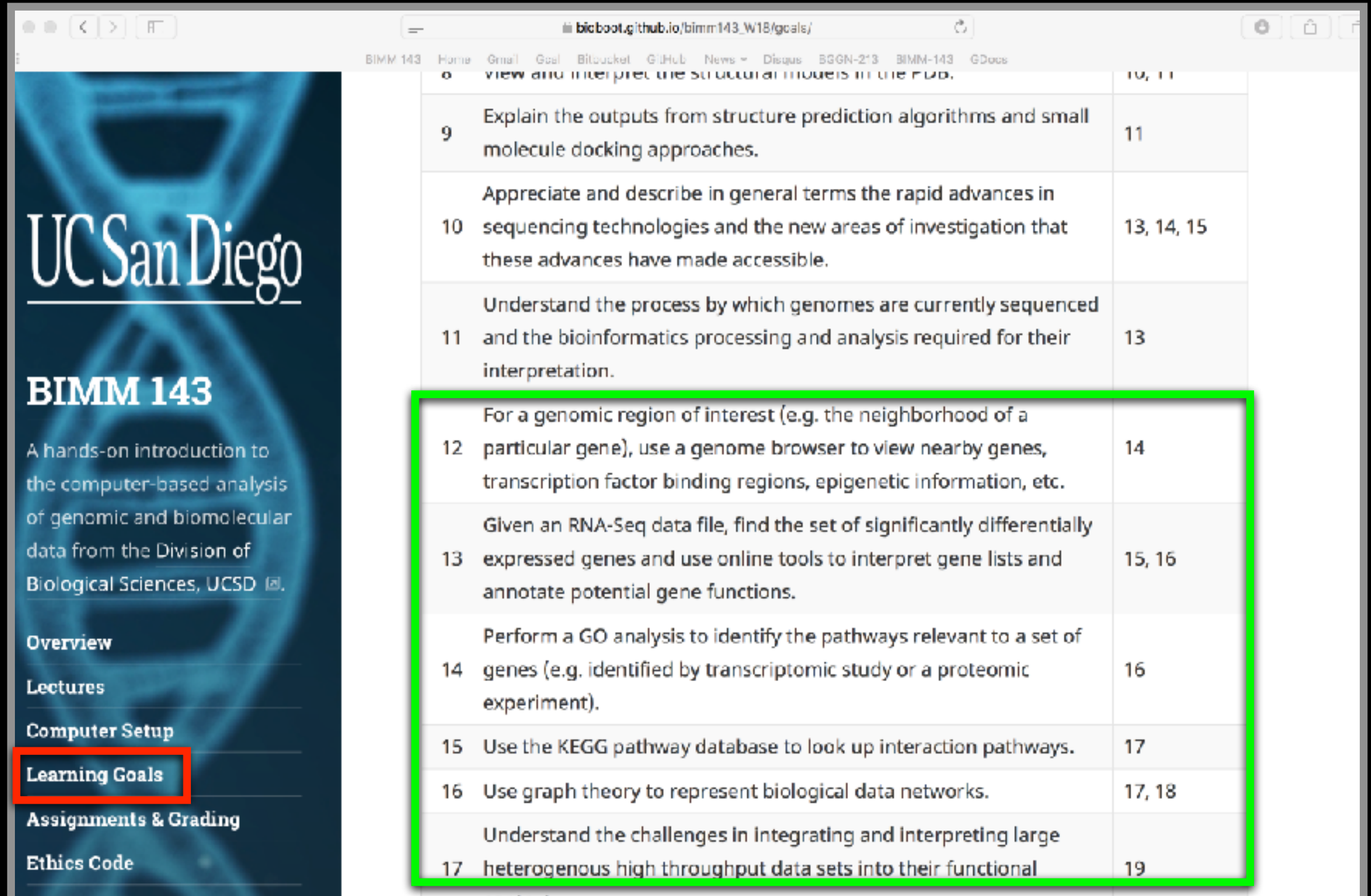
Delve deeper into “real-world” bioinformatics



These support a major learning objective

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Why use R?

Productivity
Flexibility
Designed for data analysis

IEEE 2016 Top Programming Languages

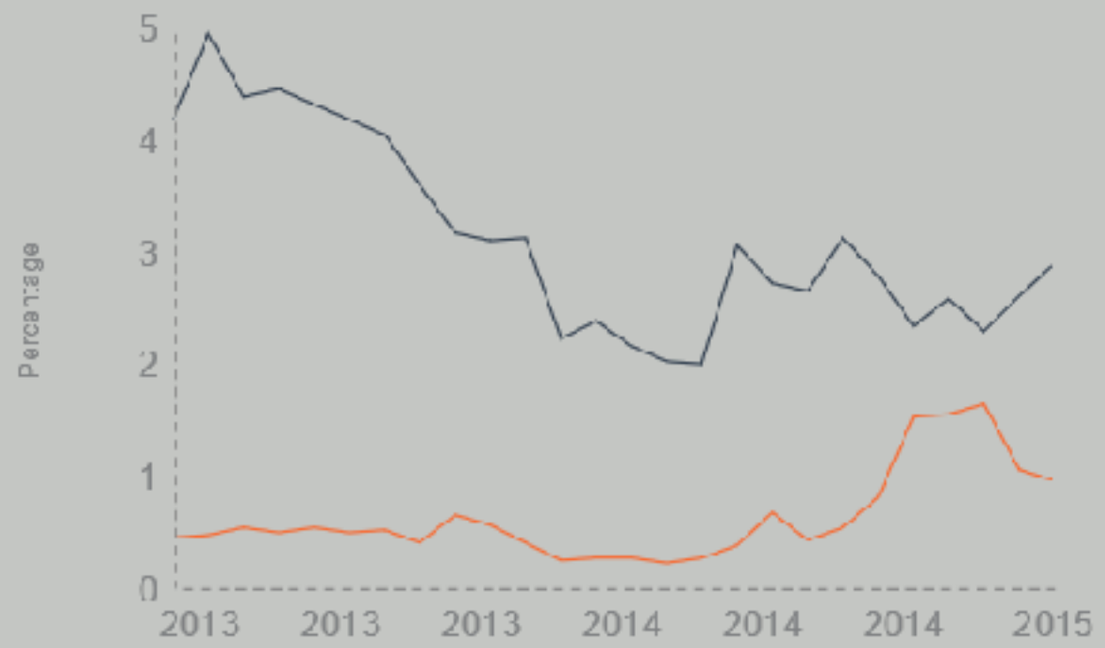
Language Rank	Types	Spectrum Ranking
1. C		100.0
2. Java		98.1
3. Python		98.0
4. C++		95.9
5. R		87.9
6. C#		86.7
7. PHP		82.8
8. JavaScript		82.2
9. Ruby		74.5
10. Go		71.9

http://spectrum.ieee.org/computing/software/the-2016-top-programming-languages

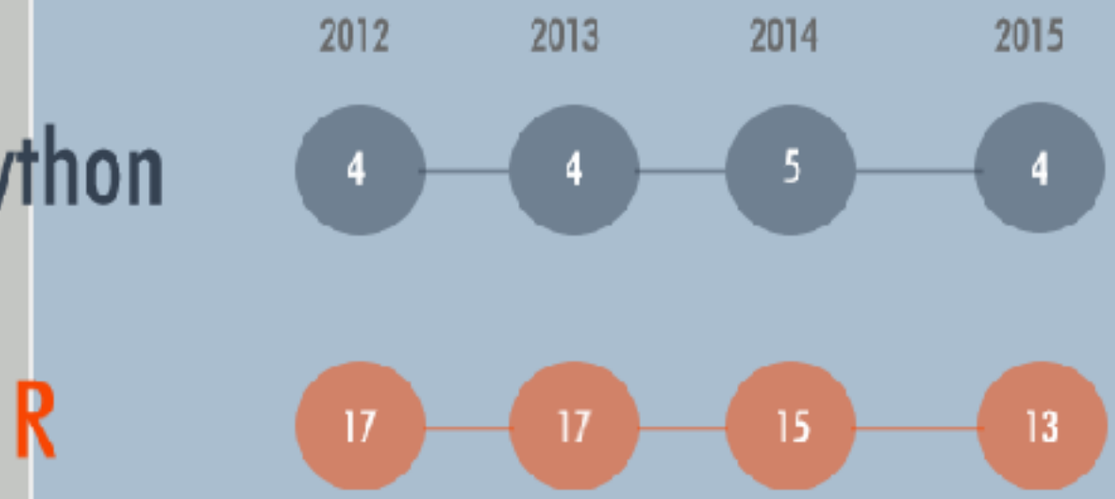
R and Python: The Numbers

Popularity Rankings

R and Pythons popularity between 2013 and February 2015 (Tiobe Index)



Redmonk ranking, comparing the relative performance of programming languages on GitHub and Stack Overflow (September 2012 and January 2013, 2014, 2015)



Jobs And Salary?

2014 Dice Tech Salary Survey:
Average Salary For High Paying Skills and Experience

$ 115,531

$94,139

http://www.kdnuggets.com/2015/05/r-vs-python-data-science.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=flipboard

- R is the “lingua franca” of data science in industry and academia.

- Large user and developer community.
  - As of Jan 8th 2018 there are 12,039 add on **R packages** on **CRAN** and 1,473 on **Bioconductor** - more on these later!

- Virtually every statistical technique is either already built into R, or available as a free package.

- Unparalleled exploratory data analysis environment.

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Computer Setup	Ensuring your laptop is all set for future sections of this course.

OUTLINE

Overview of bioinformatics

- The *what*, *why* and *how* of bioinformatics?
- Major bioinformatics research areas.
- Skepticism and common problems with bioinformatics.

Online databases and associated tools

- Primary, secondary and composite databases.
  - Nucleotide sequence databases (GenBank & RefSeq).
  - Protein sequence database (UniProt).
  - Composite databases (PFAM & OMIM).

Database usage vignette

- How-to productively navigate major databases.

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Computer based management and analysis of biological and biomedical data with useful applications in many disciplines, particularly genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, etc...

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Key Point: Bioinformatics is Computer Aided Biology

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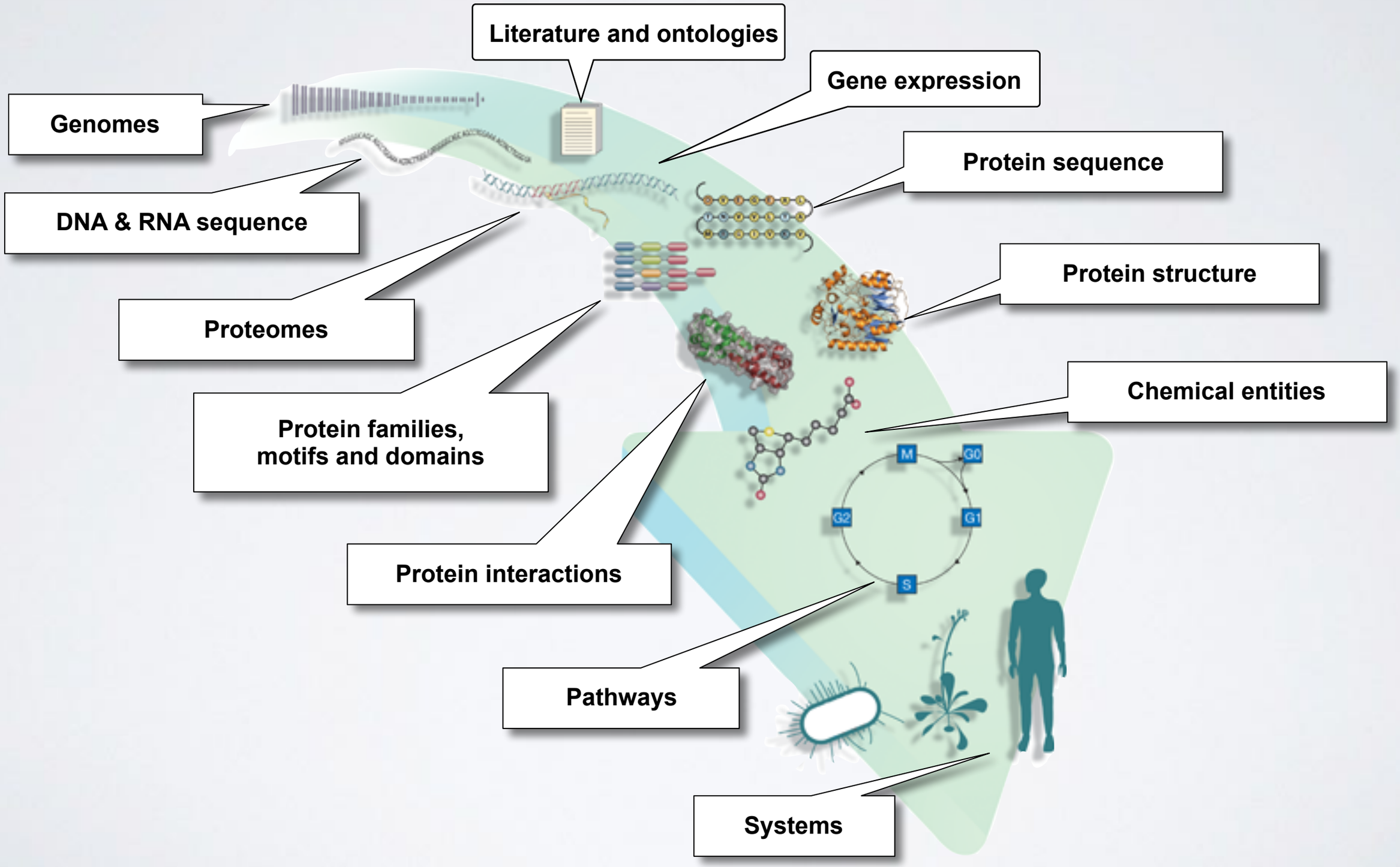

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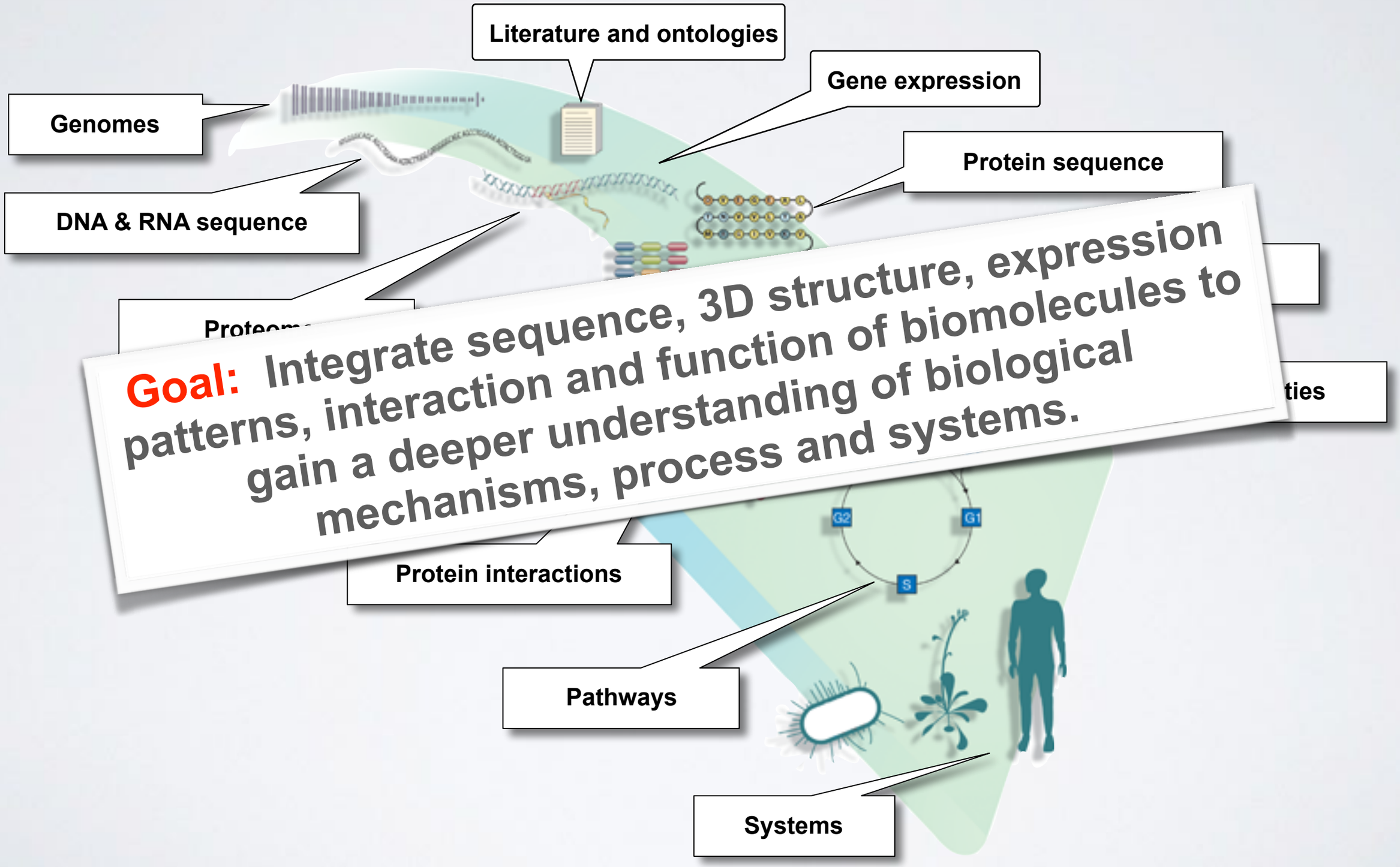

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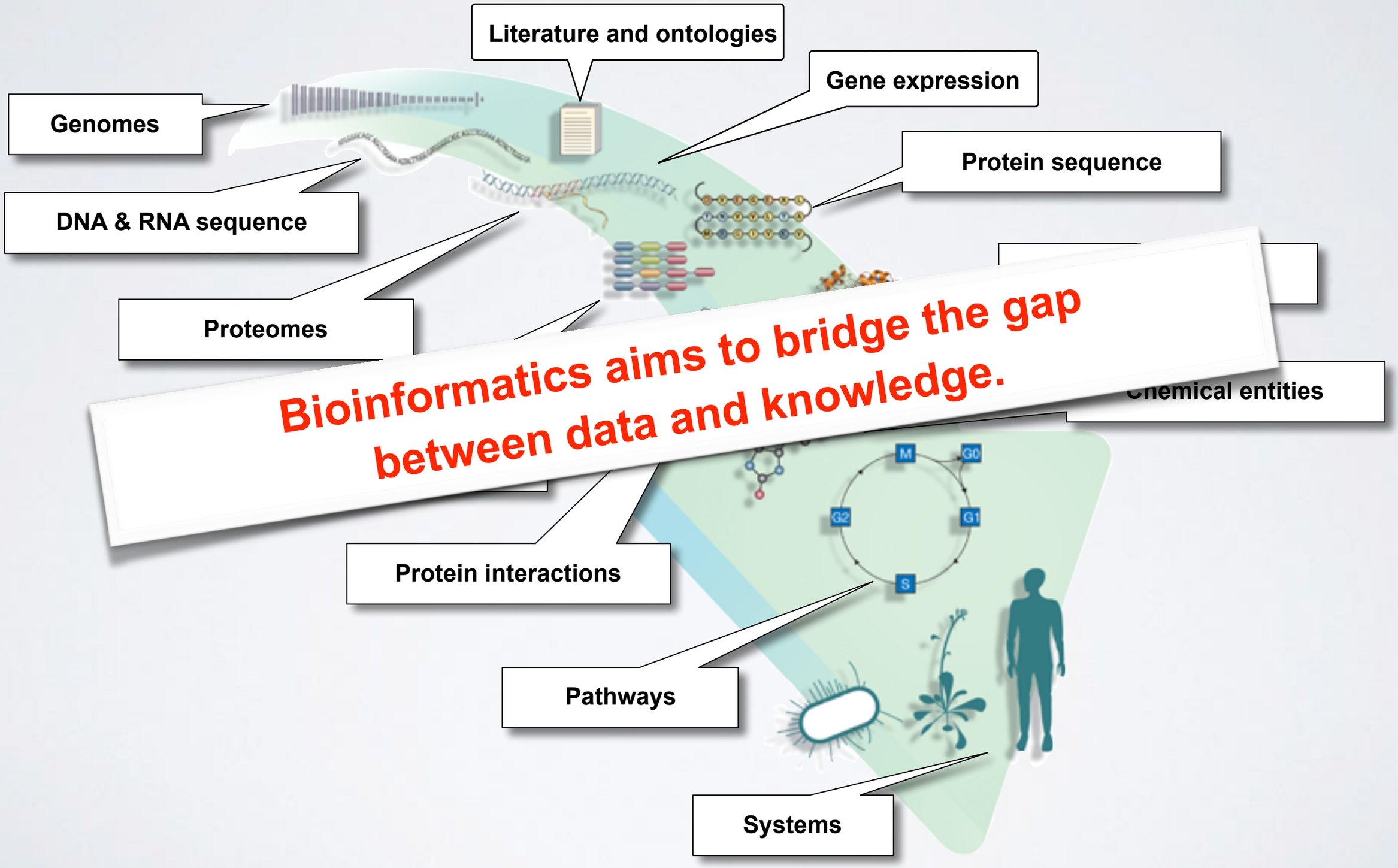

BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH AREAS

Include but are not limited to:

- Organization, classification, dissemination and analysis of biological and biomedical data (particularly ‘-omics' data).
- Biological sequence analysis and phylogenetics.
- Genome organization and evolution.
- Regulation of gene expression and epigenetics.
- Biological pathways and networks in healthy & disease states.
- Protein structure prediction from sequence.
- Modeling and prediction of the biophysical properties of biomolecules for binding prediction and drug design.
- Design of biomolecular structure and function.

With applications to Biology, Medicine, Agriculture and Industry

Where did bioinformatics come from?

Bioinformatics arose as molecular biology began to be transformed by the emergence of molecular sequence and structural data

Recap: The key dogmas of molecular biology

- *DNA sequence* determines *protein sequence*.
- *Protein sequence* determines *protein structure*.
- *Protein structure* determines *protein function*.
- *Regulatory mechanisms* (e.g. gene expression) determine the amount of a particular *function in space and time*.

Bioinformatics is *now* essential for the archiving, organization and analysis of data related to all these processes.

Why do we need Bioinformatics?

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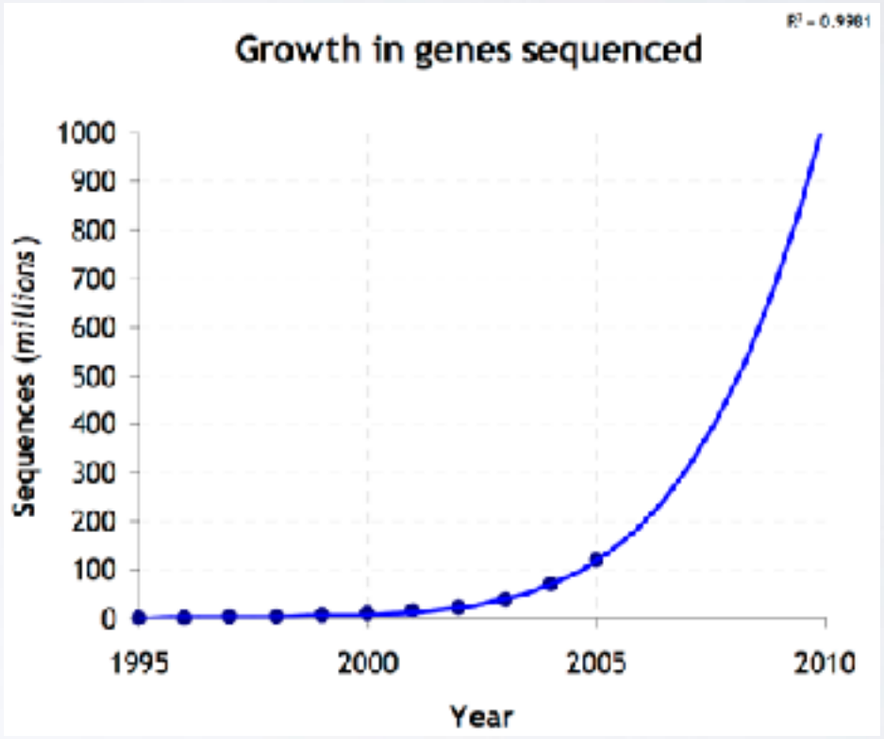

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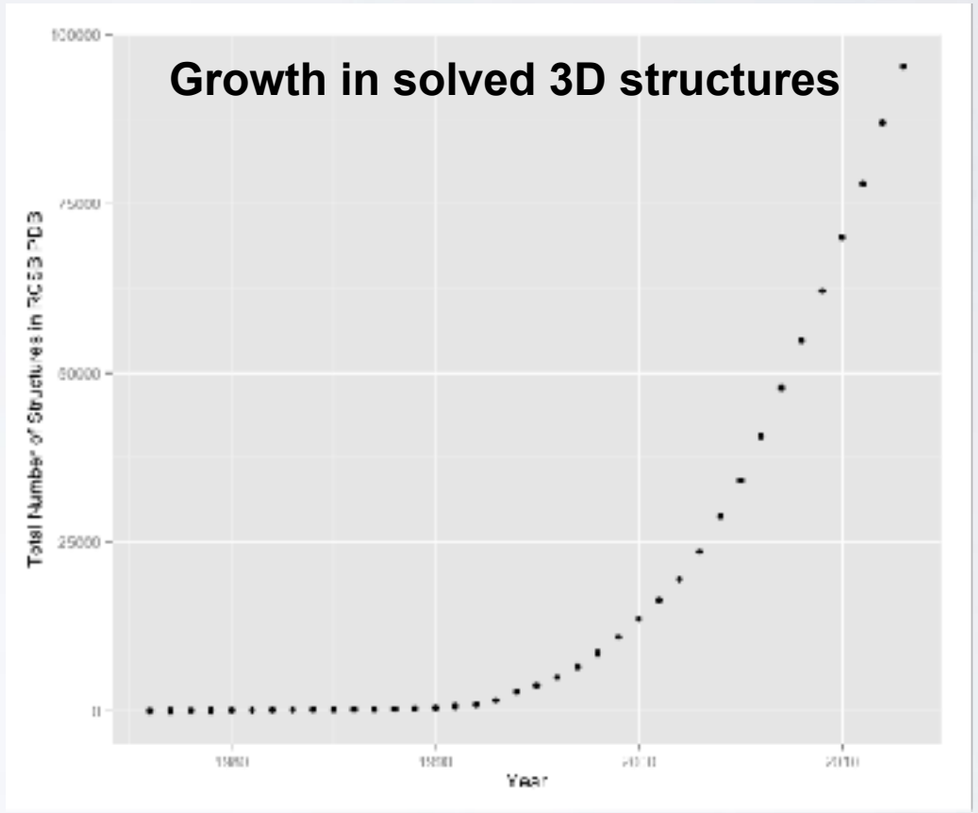

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How do we do Bioinformatics?

- A "*bioinformatics approach*" involves the application of **computer algorithms**, **computer models** and **computer databases** with the broad goal of understanding the action of both individual genes, transcripts, proteins and large collections of these entities.

DNA	→	RNA	→	Protein
Genome	→	**Transcriptome**	→	**Proteome**

x 1,000

x 100,000

How do we *actually* do Bioinformatics?

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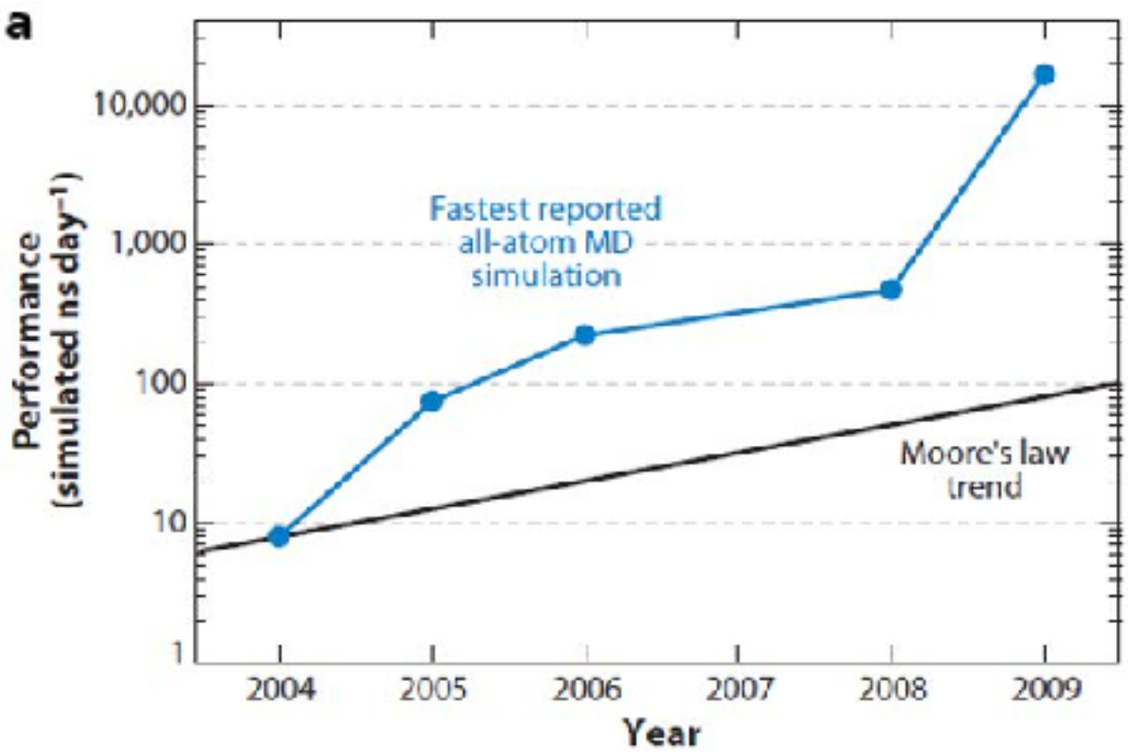

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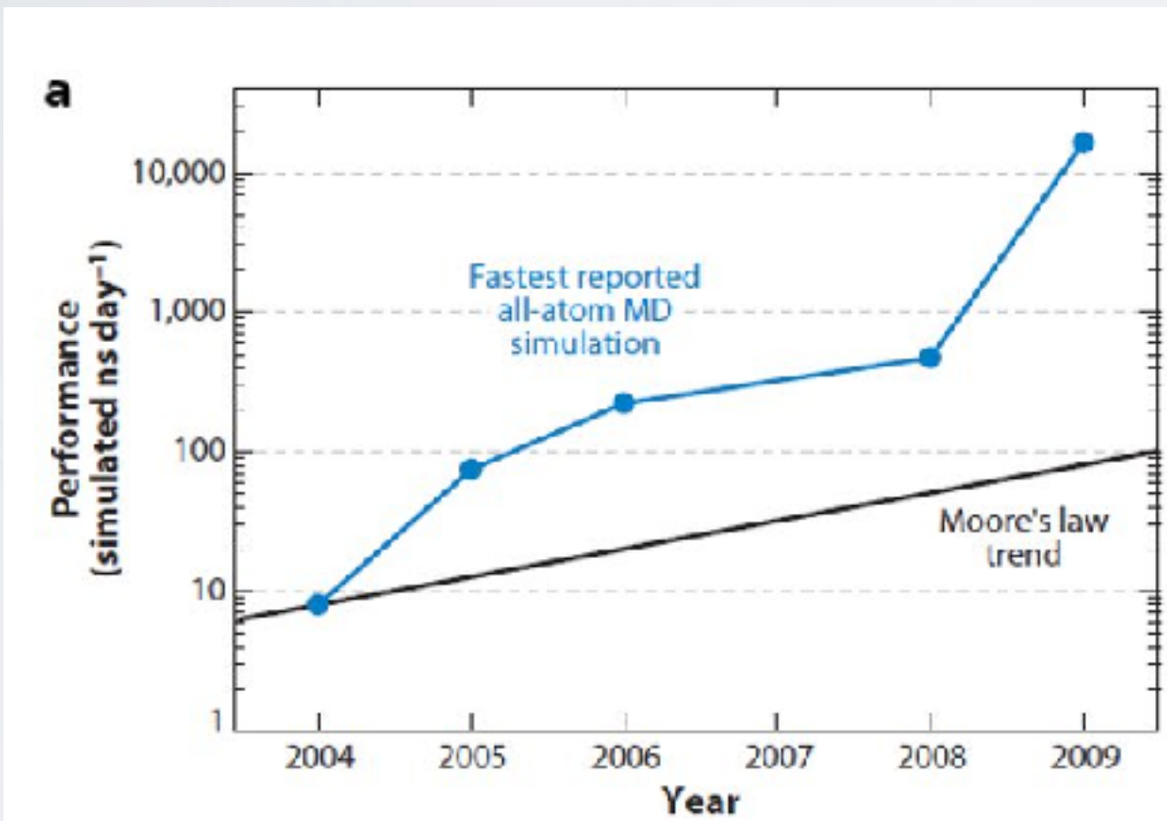


HOW COMPUTERS HAVE CHANGED

DATE	COST	SPEED	MEMORY	SIZE
1967	$4,096	0.1 MHz	1 MB	HALL
2013	$4,000	1 GHz	10 GB	LAPTOP
CHANGE	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

If cars were like computers then a new Volvo would cost $3, would have a top speed of 1,000,000 Km/hr, would carry 50,000 adults and would park in a shoebox

Skepticism & Bioinformatics

We have to approach computational results the same way we do wet-lab results:

- Do they make sense?
- Is it what we expected?
- Do we have adequate controls, and how did they come out?
- Modeling is modeling, but biology is different...

  What does this model actually contribute?

- Avoid the miss-use of ‘black boxes’

Skepticism & Bioinformatics

Gunnar von Heijne in his old but quite readable treatise, *Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology; Treasure Trove or Trivial Pursuit*, provides a very appropriate conclusion:

- "Think about what you're doing; use your knowledge of the molecular system involved to guide both your interpretation of results and your direction of inquiry; use as much information as possible; and do not blindly accept everything the computer offers you".
- Key-Point: **Avoid the miss-use of 'black boxes'!**

Common problems with Bioinformatics

Confusing multitude of tools available

- Each with many options and settable parameters

Most tools and databases are written by and for nerds

- Same is true of documentation - if any exists!

Most are developed independently

Notable exceptions are found at the:

- **EBI** (European Bioinformatics Institute) and
- **NCBI** (National Center for Biotechnology Information)

Protein BLAST: search protein databases using a protein query

blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastp&BLAST_PROGRAMS=blastp&PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&SHOW_DEFAULTS=on&LINK_LOC=blasthome

General Parameters

Max target sequences: 500
Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display

Short queries: Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences

Expect threshold: 10

Word size: 3

Max matches in a query range: 0

Scoring Parameters

Matrix: BLOSUM62

Gap Costs: Existence: 11 Extension: 1

Compositional adjustments: Conditional compositional sco

Filters and Masking

Filter: Low complexity regions

Mask: Mask for lookup table only
Mask lower case letters

PSI/PHI/DELTA BLAST

Upload PSSM Optional: Choose File no file selected

PSI-BLAST Threshold: 0.005

Pseudocount: 0

Even Blast has many settable parameters

Related tools with different terminology

STEP 3 - Set you

PROGRAM
FASTA

MATRIX	GAP OPEN	GAP EXTEND	KTUP	EXPECTATION UPPER VALUE	EXPECTATION LOWER VALUE
BLOSUM50	-10	-2	2	10	0 (default)

DNA STRAND	HISTOGRAM	FILTER	STATISTICAL ESTIMATES
N/A	no	none	Regress

SCORES	ALIGNMENTS	SEQUENCE RANGE	DATABASE RANGE	MULTI HSPs
50	50	START-END	START-END	no

SCORE FORMAT
Default

Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

The NCBI and EBI are invaluable, publicly available resources for biomedical research

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

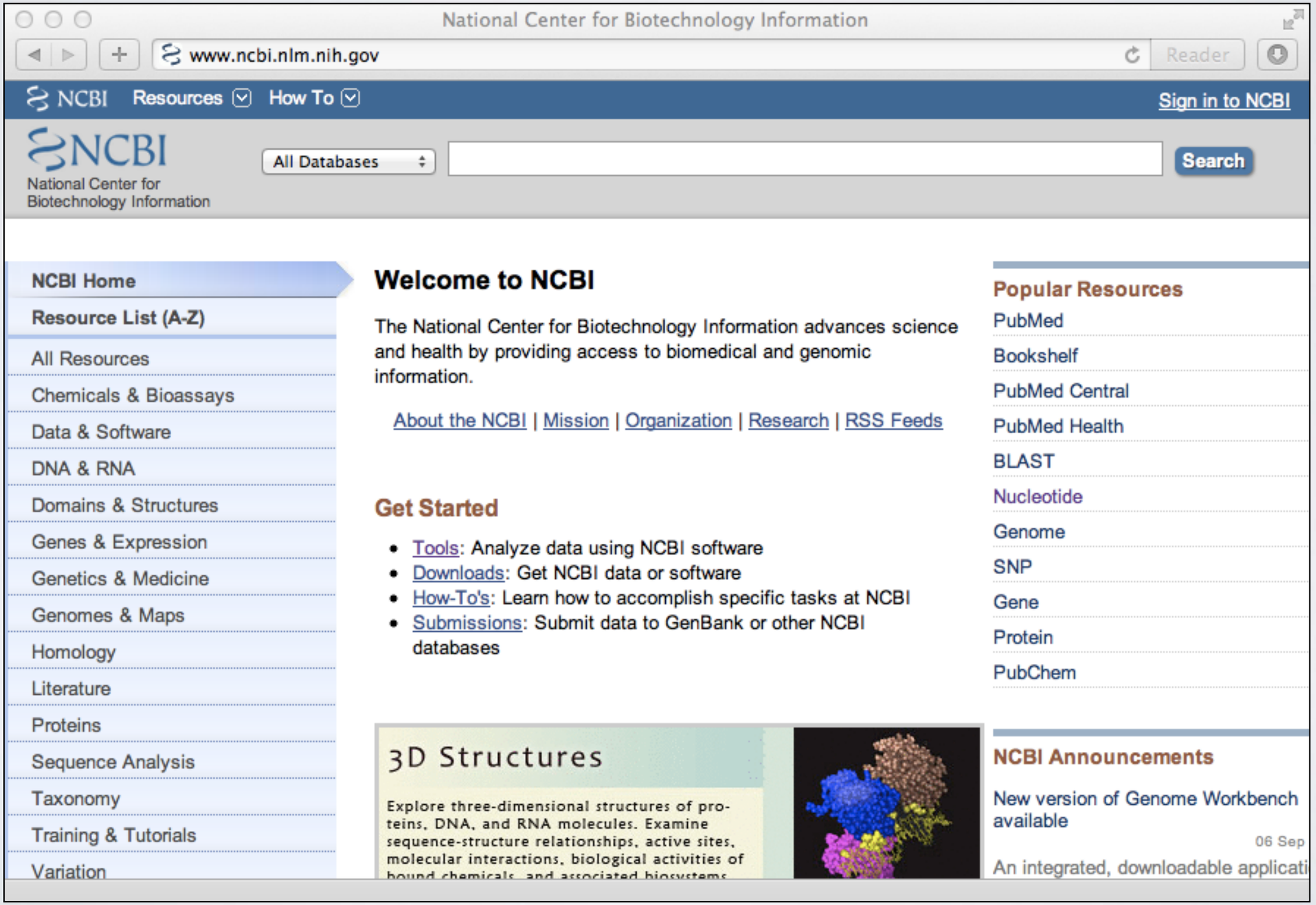
https://www.ebi.ac.uk

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

- Created in 1988 as a part of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the National Institutes of Health
- NCBI's mission includes:
  - Establish **public databases**
  - Develop **software tools**
  - **Education** on and dissemination of biomedical information

- We will cover a number of core NCBI databases and software tools in the lecture

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov



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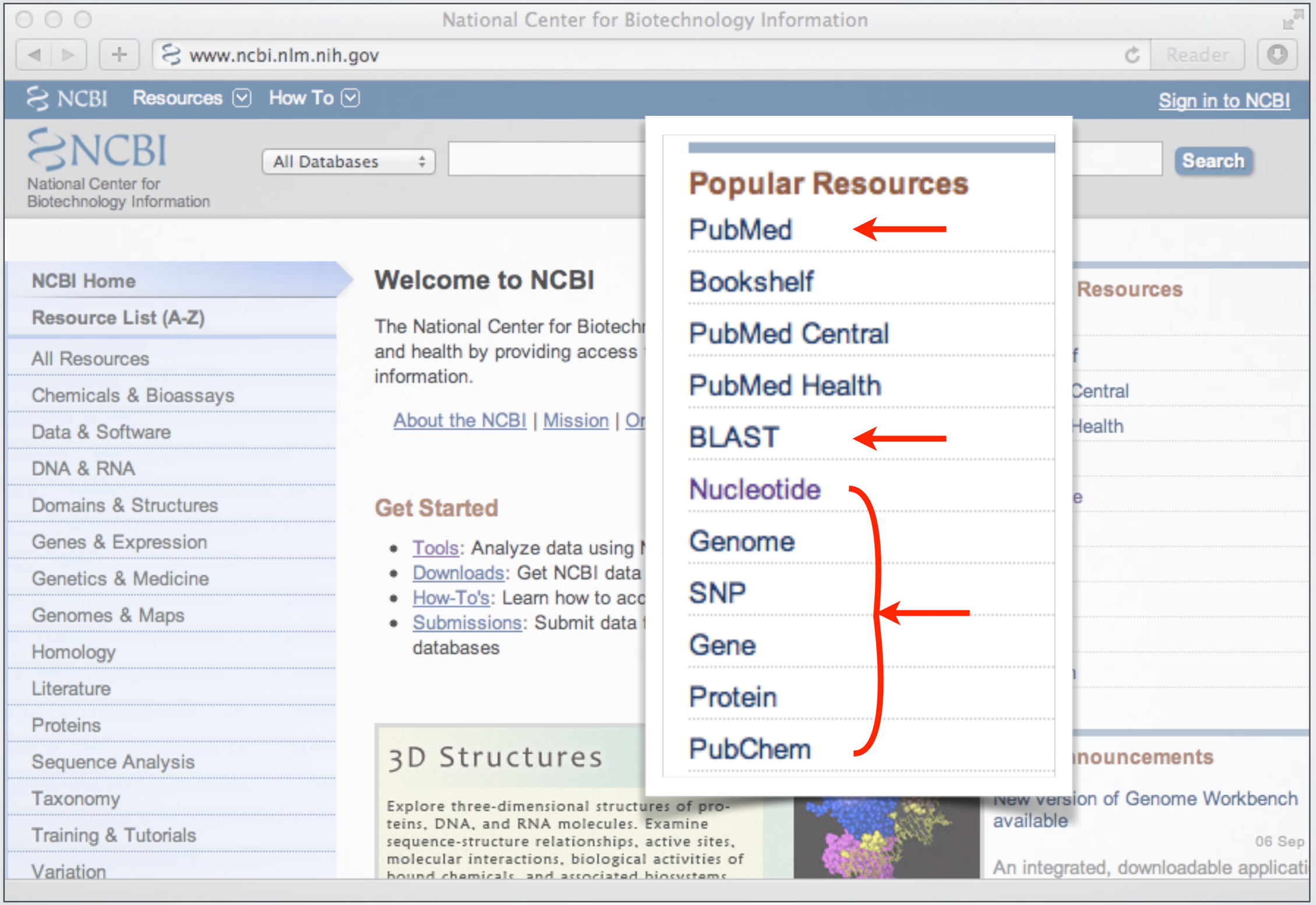

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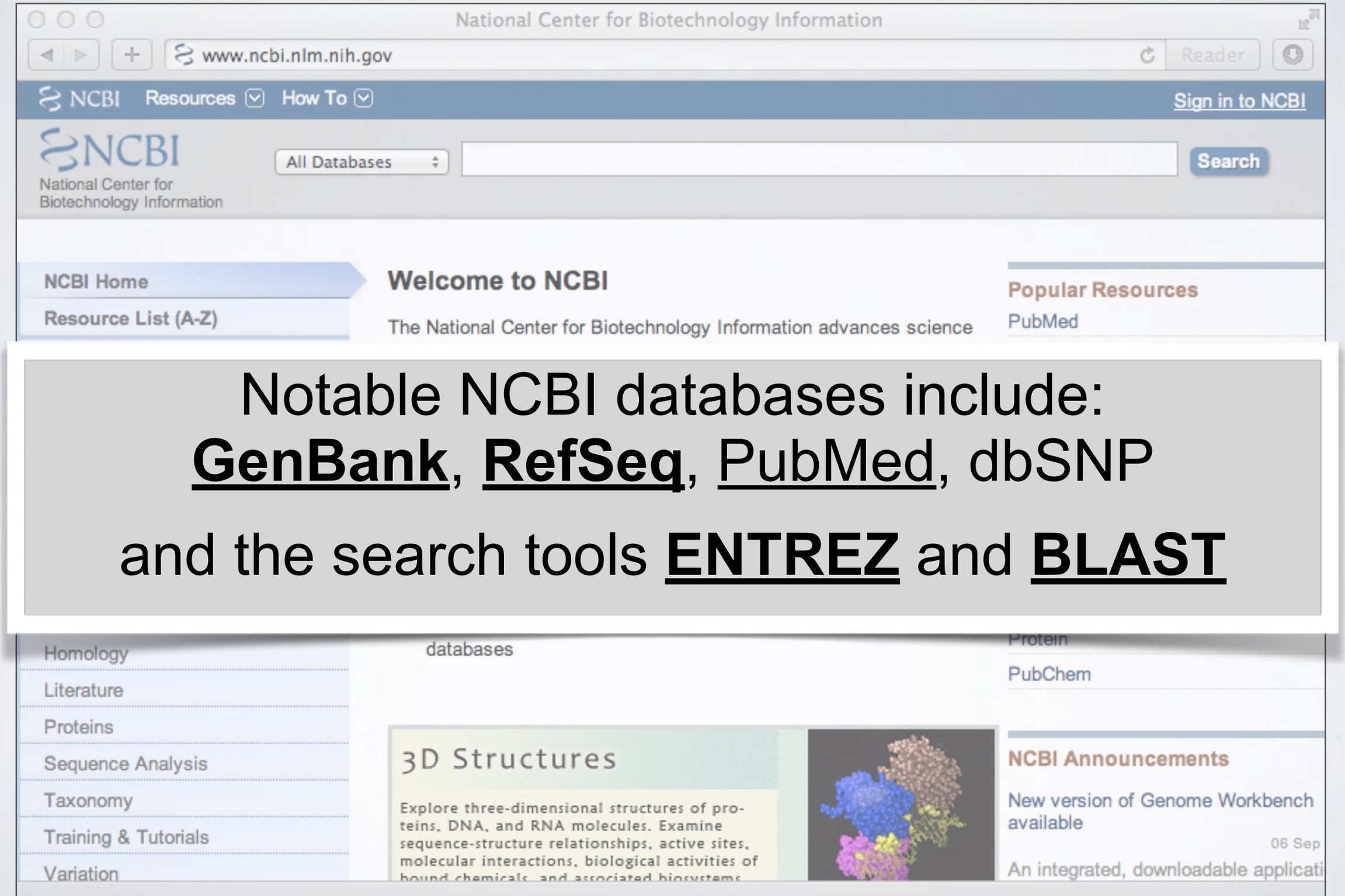

Notable NCBI databases include:
GenBank, **RefSeq**, PubMed, dbSNP

and the search tools **ENTREZ** and **BLAST**

Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

The NCBI and EBI are invaluable, publicly available resources for biomedical research

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

https://www.ebi.ac.uk

European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)

- Created in 1997 as a part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
- EBI's mission includes:
  - providing freely available **data** and **bioinformatics services**
  - and providing advanced **bioinformatics training**

- We will briefly cover several EBI databases and tools that have advantages over those offered at NCBI

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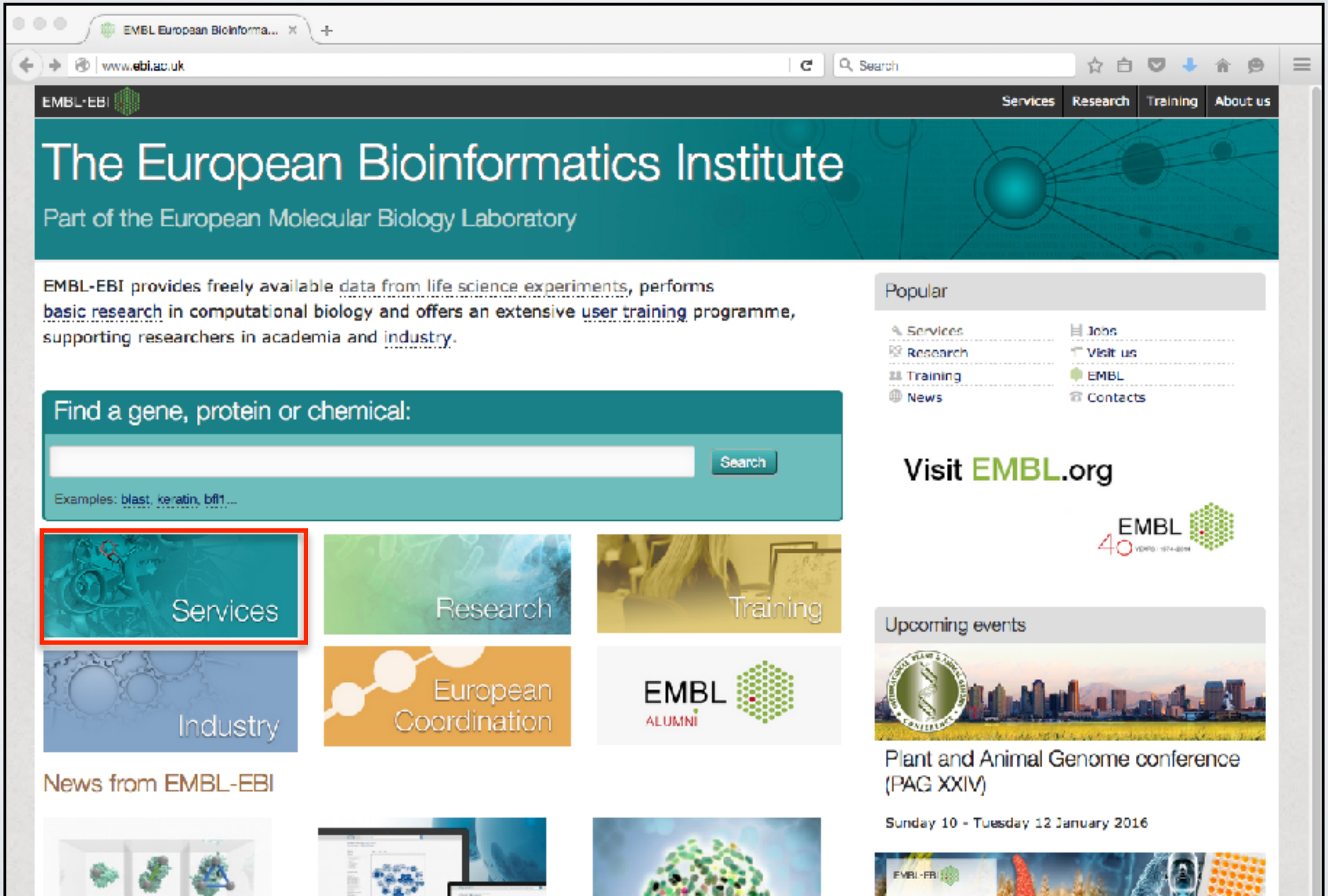

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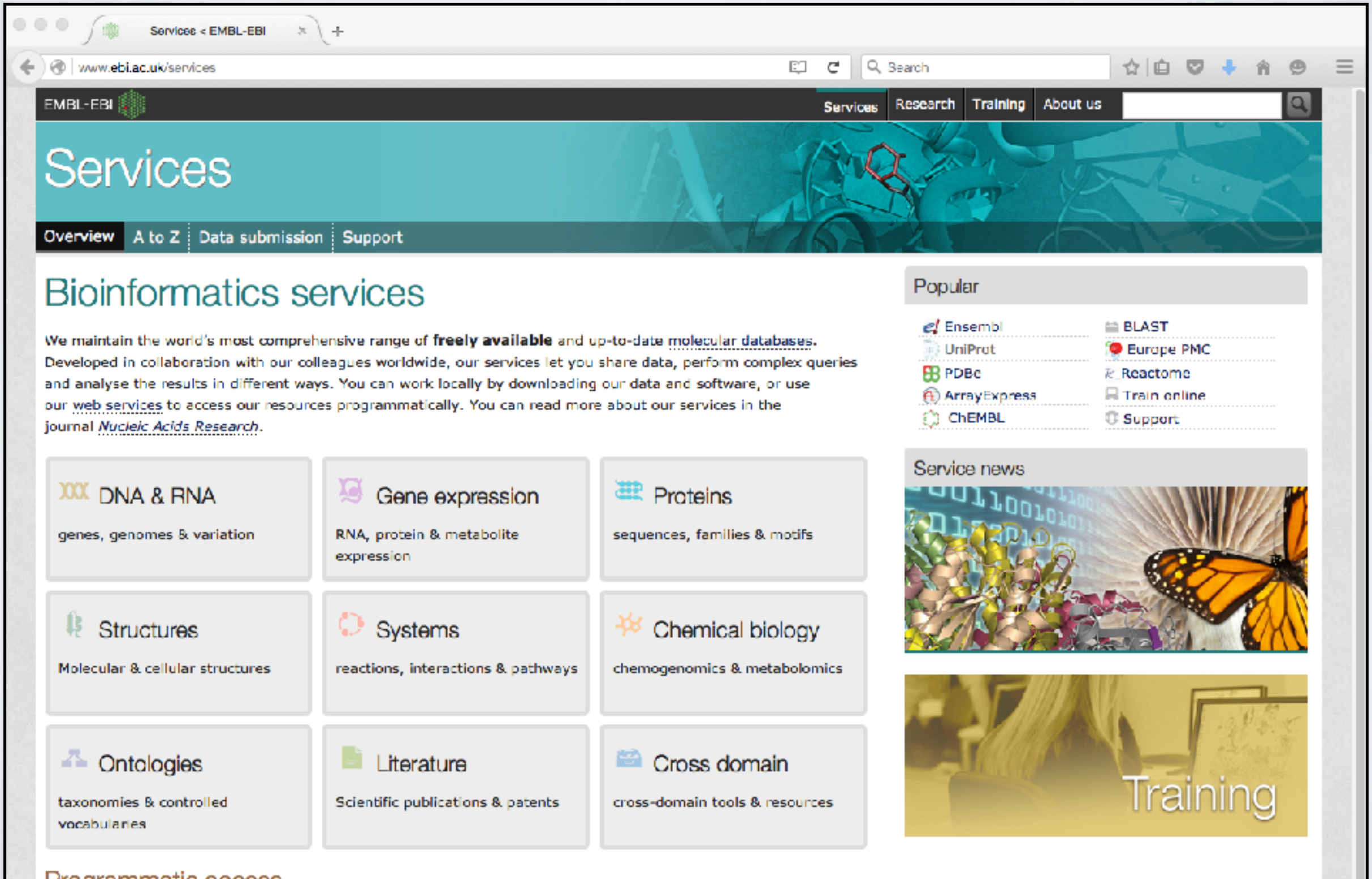

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- **DNA & RNA** — genes, genomes & variation
- **Gene expression** — RNA, protein & metabolite expression
- **Proteins** — sequences, families & motifs
- **Structures** — Molecular & cellular structures
- **Systems** — reactions, interactions & pathways
- **Chemical biology** — chemogenomics & metabolomics
- **Ontologies** — taxonomies & controlled vocabularies
- **Literature** — Scientific publications & patents
- **Cross domain** — cross-domain tools & resources

Programmatic access

Popular

- Ensembl
- UniProt
- PDBe
- ArrayExpress
- ChEMBL

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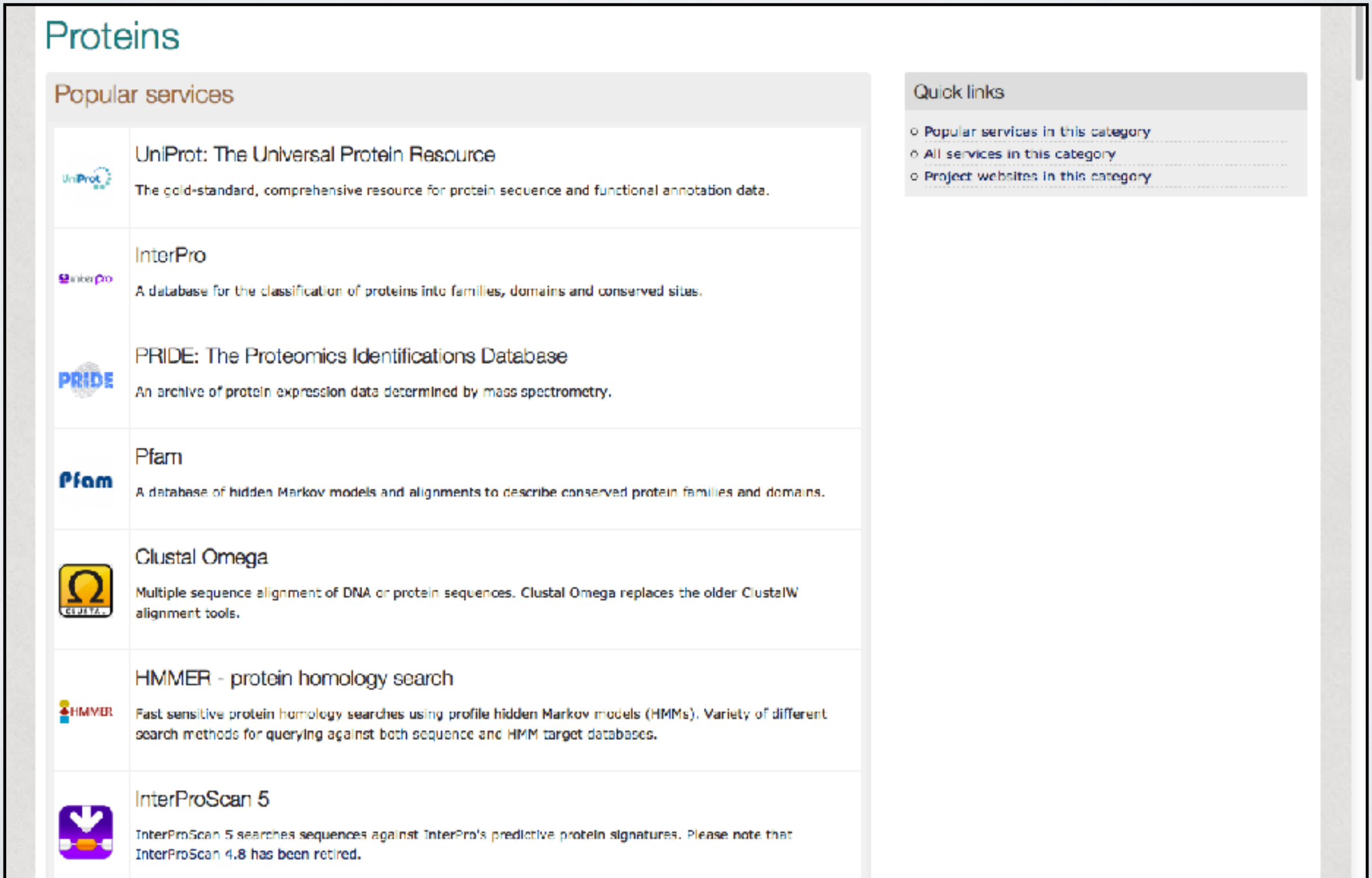
The EBI makes available a wider variety of **online tools** than NCBI



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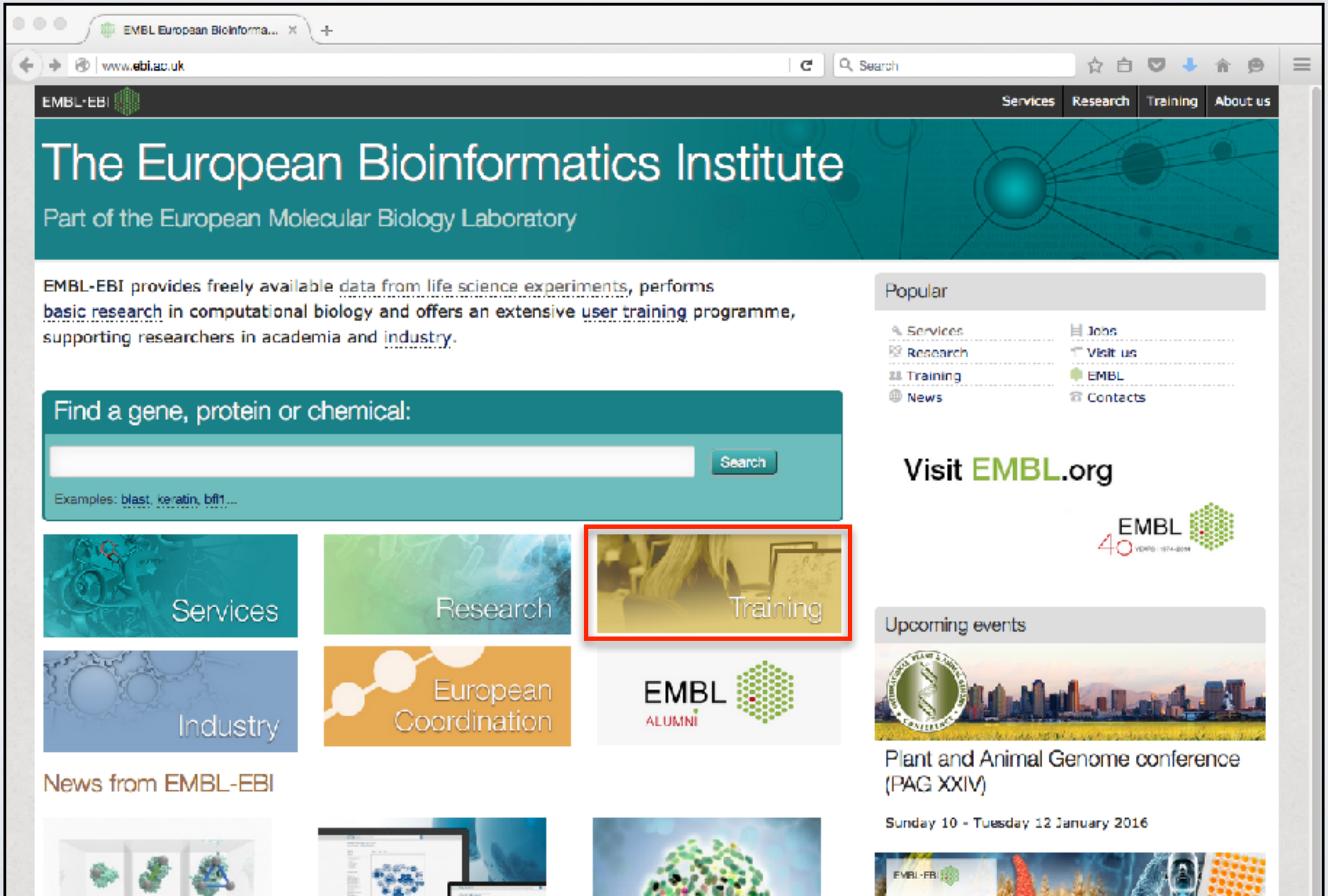

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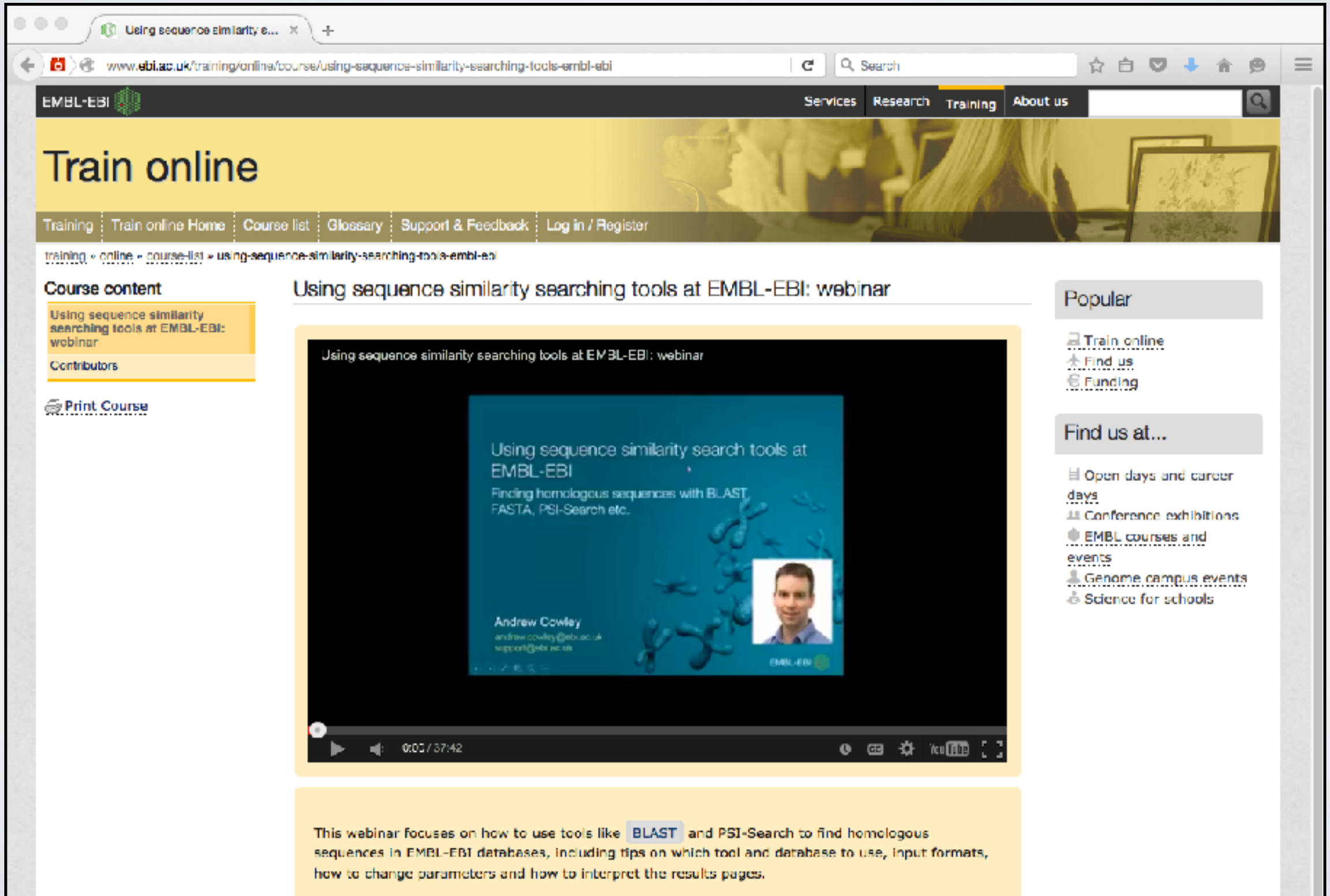

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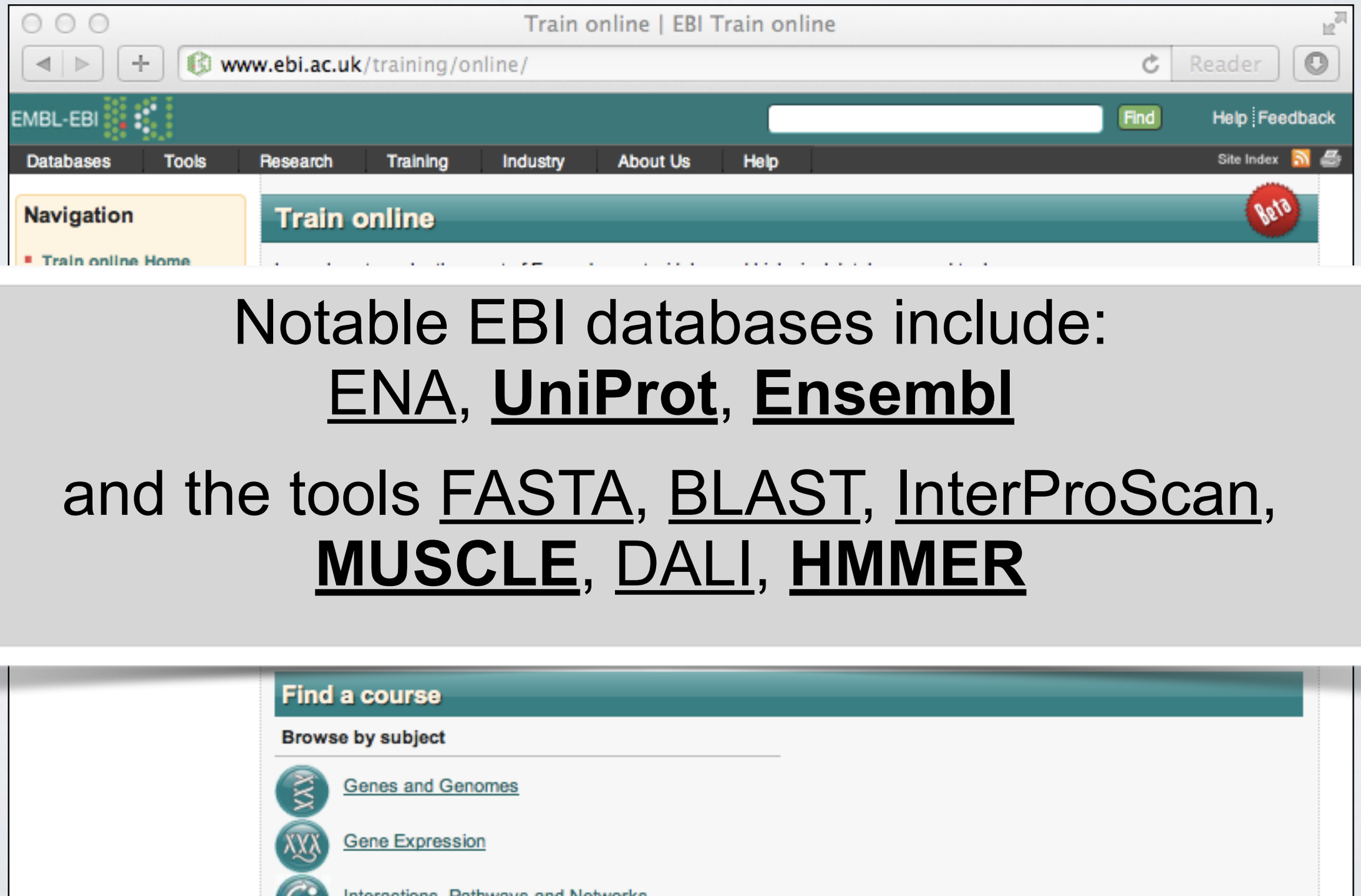
Notable EBI databases include:
ENA, **UniProt**, **Ensembl**

and the tools FASTA, BLAST, InterProScan, **MUSCLE**, DALI, **HMMER**



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MAJOR BIOINFORMATICS DATABASES AND ASSOCIATED ONLINE TOOLS

Bioinformatics Databases

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There are lots of Bioinformatics Databases

For a annotated listing of major bioinformatics databases please see the online handout

< Major_Databases.pdf >

Side-note: Databases come in all shapes and sizes





Databases can be of variable quality and often there are multiple databases with overlapping content.

Primary, secondary & composite databases

Bioinformatics databases can be usefully classified into *primary*, *secondary* and *composite* according to their data source.

- **Primary databases** (or *archival databases*) consist of data derived experimentally.
  - **GenBank**: NCBI's primary nucleotide sequence database.
  - **PDB:** Protein X-ray crystal and NMR structures.

- **Secondary databases** (or *derived databases*) contain information derived from a primary database.
  - **RefSeq**: non redundant set of curated reference sequences primarily from GenBank
  - **PFAM**: protein sequence families primarily from UniProt and PDB

- **Composite databases** (or *metadatabases*) join a variety of different primary and secondary database sources.
  - **OMIM**: catalog of human genes, genetic disorders and related literature
  - **GENE**: molecular data and literature related to genes with extensive links to other databases.

Today's Menu

Course Logistics	Website, screencasts, survey, ethics, assessment and grading.
Learning Objectives	What you need to learn to succeed in this course.
Course Structure	Major lecture topics and specific leaning goals.
Introduction to Bioinformatis	Introducing the *what*, *why* and *how* of bioinformatics?
Bioinformatics Database	**Hands-on** exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

Your Turn!

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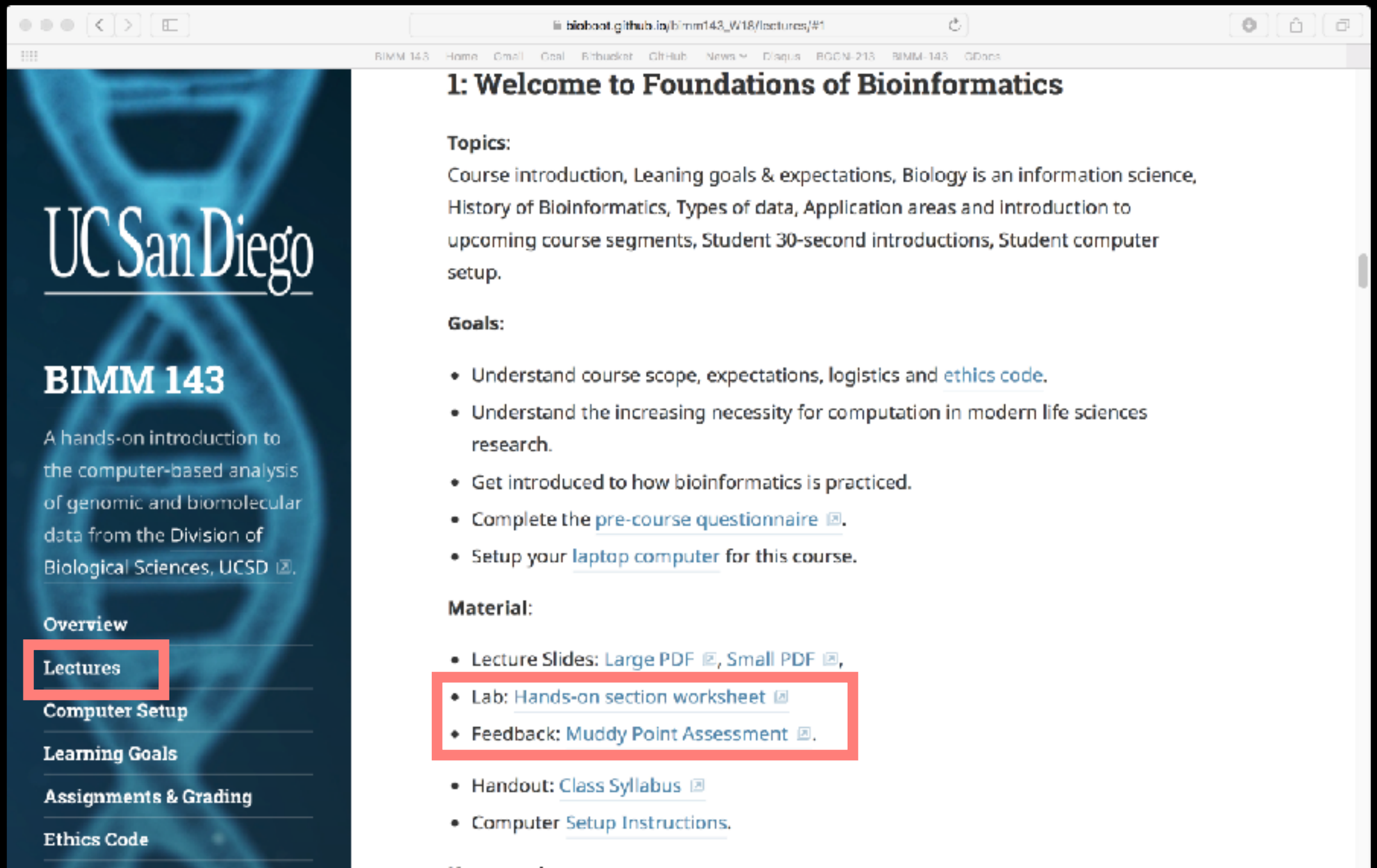

BIMM-143: INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS (Lecture 1)

Bioinformatics Databases and Key Online Resources
https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_W18/lectures/#1
Dr. Barry Grant
Jan 2018

Overview: The purpose of this lab session is to introduce a range of bioinformatics databases and associated services available on the Web whilst investigating the molecular basis of a common human disease.

Sections 1 and 2 deal with querying and searching GenBank, GENE and OMIM databases at NCBI. Sections 3 and 4 provide exposure to EBI resources for comparing proteins and visualizing protein structures. Finally, section 5 provides an opportunity to explore these and other databases further with additional examples.

Side-note: The Web is a dynamic environment, where information is constantly added and removed. Servers "go down", links change without warning, etc. This can lead to "broken" links and results not being returned from services. Don't give up - give it a second go and try a search engine using terms related to the page you are trying to access.

Section 1

The following transcript was found to be abundant in a human patient's blood sample.

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>example1
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The only information you are given is the above sequence so you must begin your investigation with a sequence search - for this example we will use NCBI's **BLAST** service at: http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/

Note that there are several different "basic BLAST" programs available at NCBI (including nucleotide BLAST, protein BLAST, and BLASTx).

YOUR TURN!

- There are five major hands-on sections including:

1. BLAST, GenBank and OMIM @ **NCBI** [~35 mins]
2. GENE database @ **NCBI** [~15 mins]

— BREAK —

3. UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI** [~25 mins]
4. PFAM, PDB & NGL [~30 mins]

— BREAK —

5. Extension exercises [~30 mins]

- Please do answer the last review question (**Q19**).
- We encourage discussion and exploration!

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	End times:
1. BLAST, GenBank and OMIM @ **NCBI**	[10:45 am]
2. GENE database @ **NCBI**	[11:00 am]
— BREAK —	— 11:10 am —
3. UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI**	[11:35 am]
4. PFAM, PDB & NGL	[12:05 pm]
— BREAK —	— 12:15 am —
5. Extension exercises	[12:45 pm]

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SUMMARY

- Bioinformatics is computer aided biology.
- Bioinformatics deals with the collection, archiving, organization, and interpretation of a wide range of biological data.
- There are a large number of primary, secondary and tertiary bioinformatics databases.
- The NCBI and EBI are major online bioinformatics service providers.
- Introduced Gene, UniProt, PDB databases as well as a number of ‘boutique’ databases including PFAM and OMIM.

HOMEWORK

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- ☑ Complete the **initial course questionnaire**:
- ☑ Check out the "**Background Reading**" material online:
- ☑ Complete the **lecture 1 homework questions**: