

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)!

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 learning goals.

Introduction to Bioinformatics

Introducing the *what, why and how* of bioinformatics?

Bioinformatics Database

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

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Course Syllabus
[Fall 2018 \(PDF\)](#)

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What essential concepts and skills should YOU attain from this course?

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Specific Learning Goals

Teaching toward the specific learning goals below is expected to occupy 60%-70% of class time. The remaining course content is at the discretion of the instructor with student body input. This includes student selected topics for peer presentation, as well as one student selected guest lecture from an industry based genomic scientist.

All students who receive a passing grade should be able to:

		Lecture(s):
1	Appreciate and describe in general terms the role of computation in hypothesis-driven discovery processes within the life sciences.	1, 2, 20
2	Be able to query, search, compare and contrast the data contained in major bioinformatics databases and describe how these databases intersect (GenBank, GENE, UniProt, PFAM, OMIM, PDB, UCSC, ENSEMBLE).	2, 12, 13
3	Describe how nucleotide and protein sequence and structure data are represented (FASTA, FASTQ, GenBank, UniProt, PDB).	3, 10
4	Be able to describe how dynamic programming works for pairwise sequence alignment and appreciate the differences between global and local alignment along with their major application areas.	4, 5
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	5, 10

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Lectures

All Lectures are Tu/Th 9:00-12:00 pm in Warren Lecture Hall 2015 (WLH 2015) ([Map](#)). Clicking on the class topics below will take you to corresponding lecture notes, homework assignments, pre-class video screen-casts and required reading material.

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		Advanced sequence alignment and database searching

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Class Details

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & **Homework**

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1: Welcome to Foundations of Bioinformatics

Topics:

Course introduction, Learning goals & expectations, Biology is an information science, History of Bioinformatics, Types of data, Application areas and introduction to upcoming course segments, Student 30-second introductions, Student computer setup.

Goals:

- Understand course scope, expectations, logistics and [ethics code](#).
- Understand the increasing necessity for computation in modern life sciences research.
- Get introduced to how bioinformatics is practiced.
- Complete the [pre-course questionnaire](#) [\[link\]](#).
- Setup your [laptop computer](#) for this course.

Material:

- Pre class screen casts (also see below):
 - SC1: [Welcome to BIMM-143](#) [\[link\]](#),
 - SC2: [What is Bioinformatics?](#) [\[link\]](#) and
 - SC3: [How do we do Bioinformatics?](#) [\[link\]](#).
- Lecture Slides: Large PDF, Small PDF
- [Handout: Class Syllabus](#) [\[link\]](#)

Homework

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & Homework

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- Homework:**
 - [Questions](#)
 - Readings:
 - PDF1: [What is bioinformatics? An introduction and overview](#),
 - PDF2: [Advancements and Challenges in Computational Biology](#),
 - Other: [For Big-Data Scientists, ‘Janitor Work’ Is Key Hurdle to Insights](#) New York Times, 2014.
- Screen Casts:**

Welcome to “Foundations of Bioinformatics” (BGGN-213)

The video player displays a screen cast of a man speaking in front of a colorful molecular model. The video controls show it's at 2:05 / 4:05. The URL <http://thegrantlab.org/baan213> is visible at the bottom of the video frame.

1 Welcome to BIMM-143: Course introduction and logistics.

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Homework

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & **Homework**

BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework (W19)

Please answer the following questions including your main @ucsd.edu email address and UCSD PID number so you can receive credit for your responses.

* Required

Email address *

Your email

UCSD PID number (exam number)

Your answer

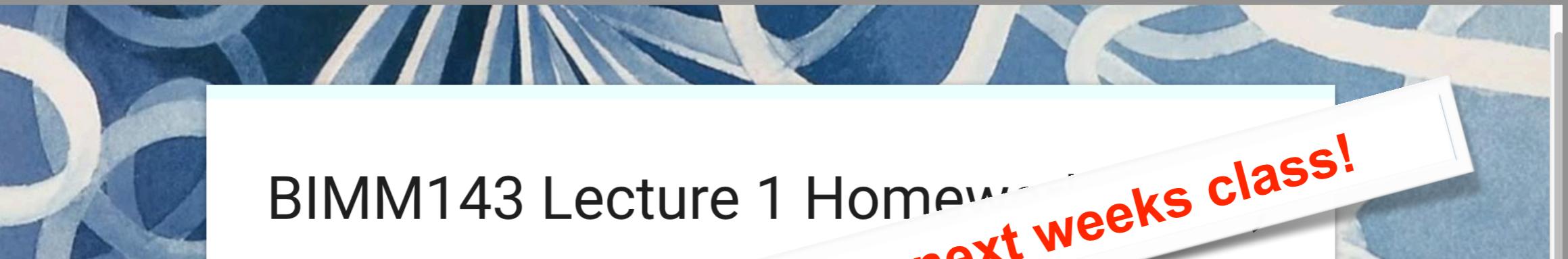
Which of the following operating systems is most frequently used for bioinformatics tool development

1 point

Homework

(35% of course grade)

Goals, Class material, Screencasts & **Homework**



BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework

Please answer the following questions and include your UCSD email address and UCSD PID number so you can receive feedback.

Homework is due before the next weeks class!

Email address *

Your email

UCSD PID number (exam number)

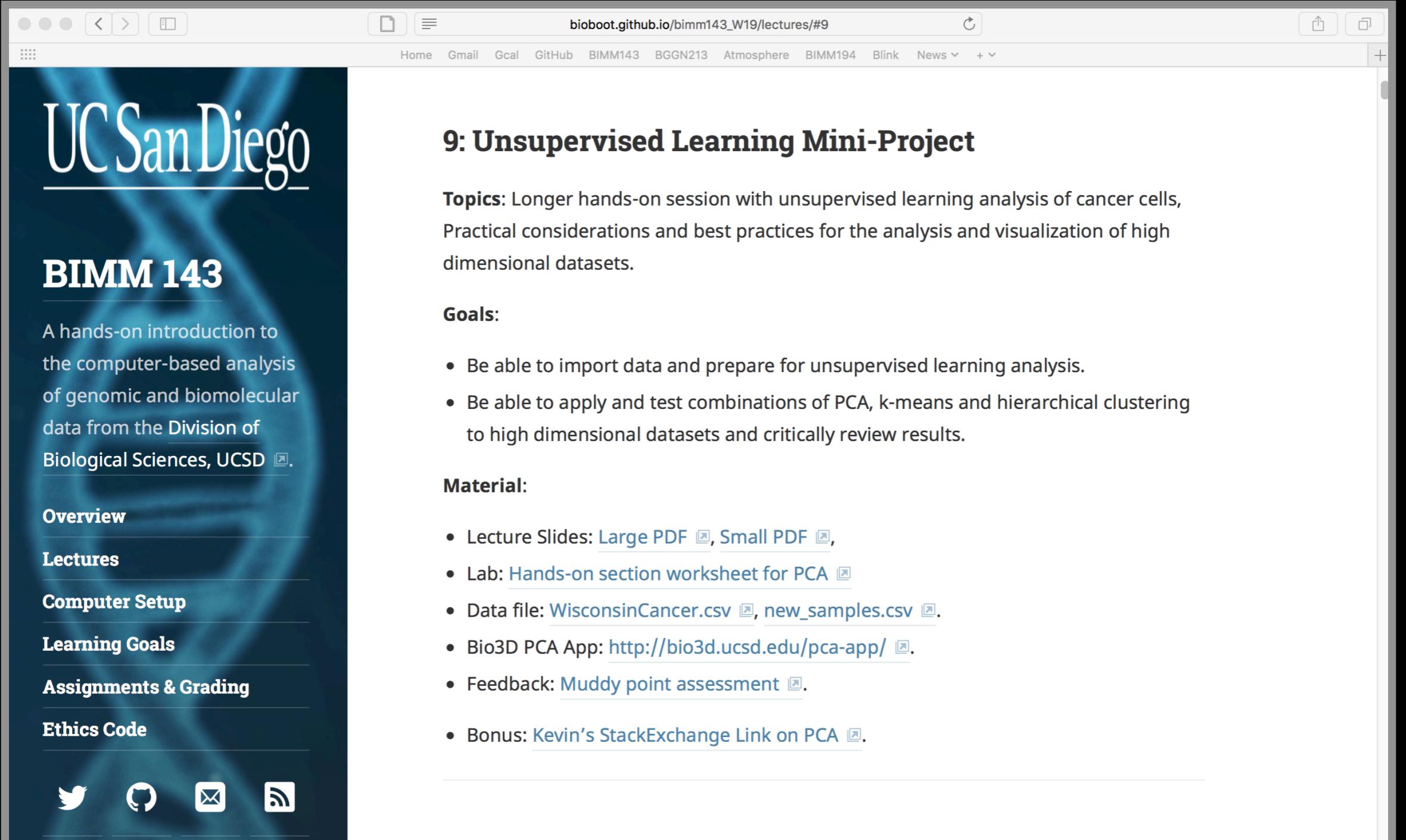
Your answer

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Projects

Week long **mini-projects** (x2),
and 1 five week main project



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9: Unsupervised Learning Mini-Project

Topics: Longer hands-on session with unsupervised learning analysis of cancer cells, Practical considerations and best practices for the analysis and visualization of high dimensional datasets.

Goals:

- Be able to import data and prepare for unsupervised learning analysis.
- Be able to apply and test combinations of PCA, k-means and hierarchical clustering to high dimensional datasets and critically review results.

Material:

- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#),
- Lab: [Hands-on section worksheet for PCA](#)
- Data file: [WisconsinCancer.csv](#), [new_samples.csv](#).
- Bio3D PCA App: <http://bio3d.ucsd.edu/pca-app/>
- Feedback: [Muddy point assessment](#)
- Bonus: [Kevin's StackExchange Link on PCA](#)

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The image shows a Mac OS X desktop with two browser windows open. The top window is the course homepage for BIMM 143 at UC San Diego, featuring the title "BIMM 143" and a description of the course as a hands-on introduction to genomic analysis. The bottom window is a lecture slide titled "Designing a personalized cancer vaccine" from BIMM-143 Lecture 18, dated March 7, 2018. The slide includes notes on somatic mutations and variant calling algorithms.

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Designing a personalized cancer vaccine

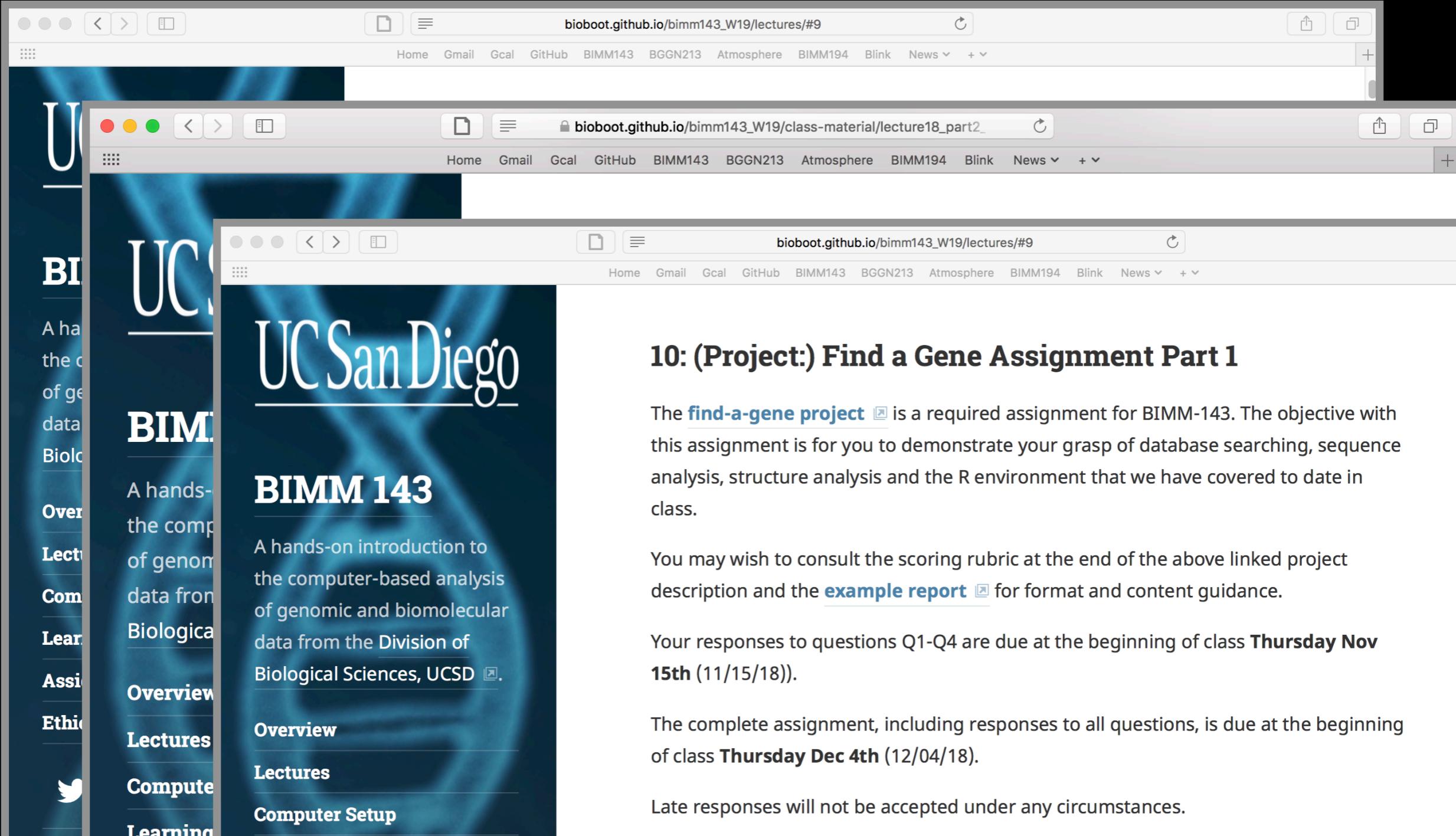
BIMM-143 Lecture 18:
Barry Grant <<http://thegrantlab.org>>
Date: 2018-03-07 (15:24:21 PST on Wed, Mar 07)

Notes: To identify somatic mutations in a tumor, DNA from the tumor is sequenced and compared to DNA from normal tissue in the same individual using *variant calling algorithms*. Comparison of tumor sequences to those from normal tissue (rather than 'the human genome') is important to ensure that the detected differences are not germline mutations.

To identify which of the somatic mutations leads to the production of aberrant proteins, the location of the mutation in the genome is inspected to identify non-

Projects (20% of course grade)

Week long mini-projects (x2),
and 1 five week **main project**



The **find-a-gene project** is a required assignment for BIMM-143. The objective with this assignment is for you to demonstrate your grasp of database searching, sequence analysis, structure analysis and the R environment that we have covered to date in class.

You may wish to consult the scoring rubric at the end of the above linked project description and the [example report](#) for format and content guidance.

Your responses to questions Q1-Q4 are due at the beginning of class **Thursday Nov 15th (11/15/18)**.

The complete assignment, including responses to all questions, is due at the beginning of class **Thursday Dec 4th (12/04/18)**.

Late responses will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Final Exam

Open-book, open-notes 150-minute test
(45% of course grade)

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20: Final Exam

This open-book, open-notes 150-minute test consists of 35 questions. The number of points for each question is indicated in green font at the beginning of each question. There are 80 total points on offer.

Please remember to:

- Read all questions carefully before starting.
- Put your name, UCSD email and PID number on your test.
- Write all your answers on the space provided in the exam paper.
- Remember that concise answers are preferable to wordy ones.
- Clearly state any simplifying assumptions you make in solving a problem.
- No copies of this exam are to be removed from the class-room.
- No talking or communication (electronic to otherwise) with your fellow students once the exam has begun.
- **Good luck!**

Bonus:

Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL jasonpbennett.github.io/bimm143/. The page content is as follows:

Introduction to Bioinformatics Class S18

A repository to store and display my work completed during the Spring 2018 quarter in BIMM-143 at UCSD.

[View the Project on GitHub](#)
jasonPBennett/bimm143

Bioinformatics Class BIMM-143

This is my repository for my Bioinformatics class from UC San Diego in S18.

Index of Material

Introductory Material: Working With R

- [Class 5 - Basic Data Exploration and Visualization in R](#)
- [Class 6 - Creating R Functions](#)
- [Class 7 - R Packages, working with CRAN, and working with Bioconductor](#)

Using R and Other Tools for Bioinformatics Analysis

- [Class 8 - An Introduction to Machine Learning \(Hierarchical Clustering\)](#)
- [Class 9 - Analyzing High Dimensional Datasets and Unsupervised Learning](#)
- [Class 11 - Structural Bioinformatics: Analyzing Protein Structure and Function](#)
- [Class 12 - Drug Discovery: Techniques and Analysis](#)
- [Class 13 - Genome Informatics and High Throughput Sequencing \(NGS, RNA-Seq, and FastQC\)](#)
- [Class 14 - Transcriptomics and RNA-Seq Analysis](#)
- [Class 15 - Genome Annotation and Using Functional Databases \(KEGG and GO - Gene Ontology\)](#)
- [Class 16 - Transposons: A Sample Workflow](#)

This project is maintained by
JasonPBennett

Bonus:

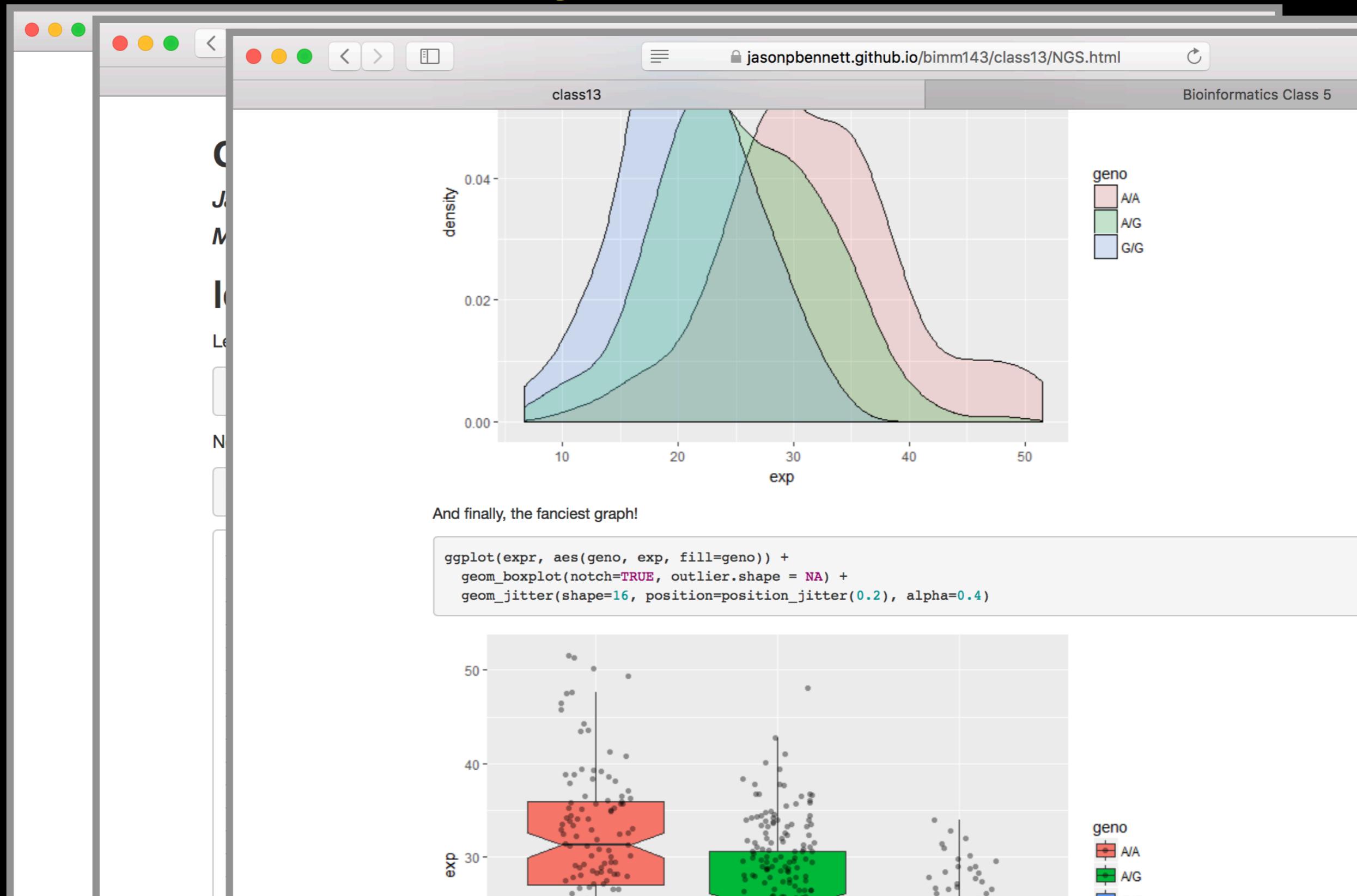
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- Page Title:** class13
- Page Subtitle:** Bioinformatics Class 5
- Content:**
 - # class13
 - Jason Patrick Bennett*
 - May 15, 2018*
 - ## Identifying SNP's in a Population
 - Lets analyze SNP's from the Mexican-American population in Los Angeles:
 - ```
genotype <- read.csv("373531-SampleGenotypes-Homo_sapiens_Variation_Sample_rs8067378.csv")
```
  - Now lets look at a table of the data:
  - ```
table(genotype)
```
 - ```
, , Population.s. = ALL, AMR, MXL, Father = -, Mother = -
##
Genotype..forward.strand.
Sample..Male.Female.Unknown. A|A A|G G|A G|G
NA19648 (F) 1 0 0 0
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NA19651 (F) 1 0 0 0
NA19652 (M) 0 0 0 1
NA19654 (F) 0 0 0 1
NA19655 (M) 0 1 0 0
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NA19669 (F) 1 0 0 0
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## Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!



## **Side Note: Why stick with this course?**

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# BIMM-143 Learning Goals....

## Data science R based learning goals

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|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
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| 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               |
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| 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                       |

# BIMM-143 Learning Goals....

Delve deeper into “real-world” bioinformatics

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| 13 | Given an RNA-Seq data file, find the set of significantly differentially expressed genes and use online tools to interpret gene lists and annotate potential gene functions.                 | 15, 16     |
| 14 | Perform a GO analysis to identify the pathways relevant to a set of genes (e.g. identified by transcriptomic study or a proteomic experiment).                                               | 16         |
| 15 | Use the KEGG pathway database to look up interaction pathways.                                                                                                                               | 17         |
| 16 | Use graph theory to represent biological data networks.                                                                                                                                      | 17, 18     |
| 17 | Understand the challenges in integrating and interpreting large heterogeneous high throughput data sets into their functional                                                                | 19         |

# **These support a major learning objective**

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# Why use R?

Productivity

Flexibility

Genomic data analysis

# IEEE 2016 Top Programming Languages

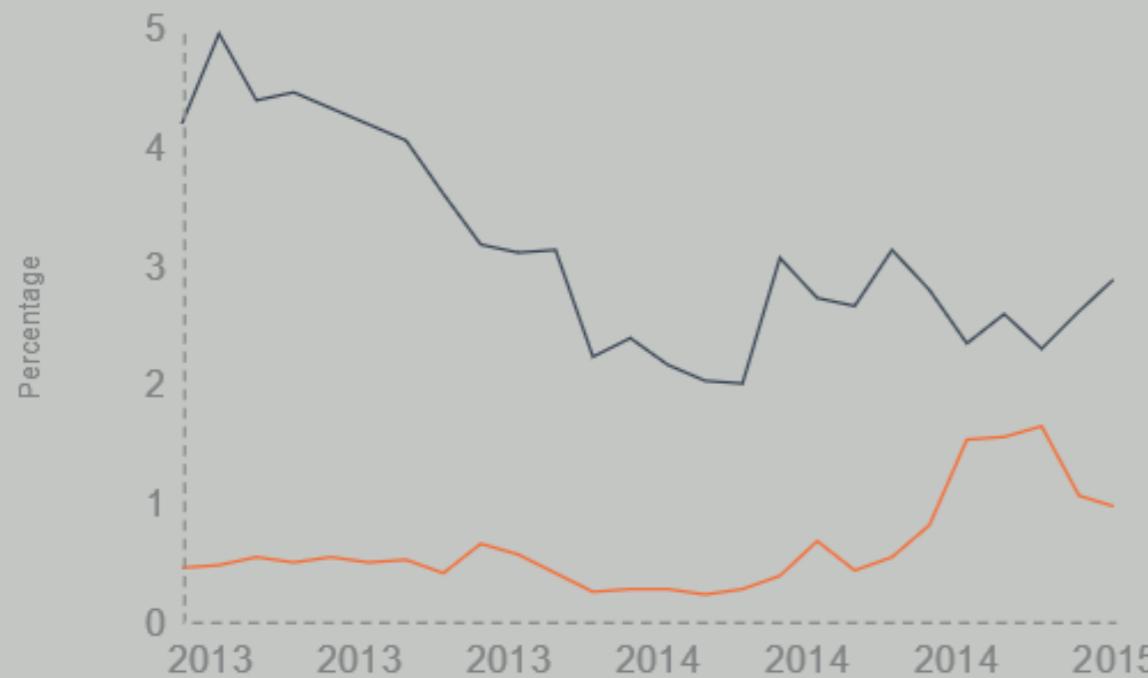
| Language Rank | Types | Spectrum Ranking |
|---------------|-------|------------------|
| 1. C          |       | 100.0            |
| 2. Java       |       | 98.1             |
| 3. Python     |       | 98.0             |
| 4. C++        |       | 95.9             |
| 5. R          |       | 87.9             |
| 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>

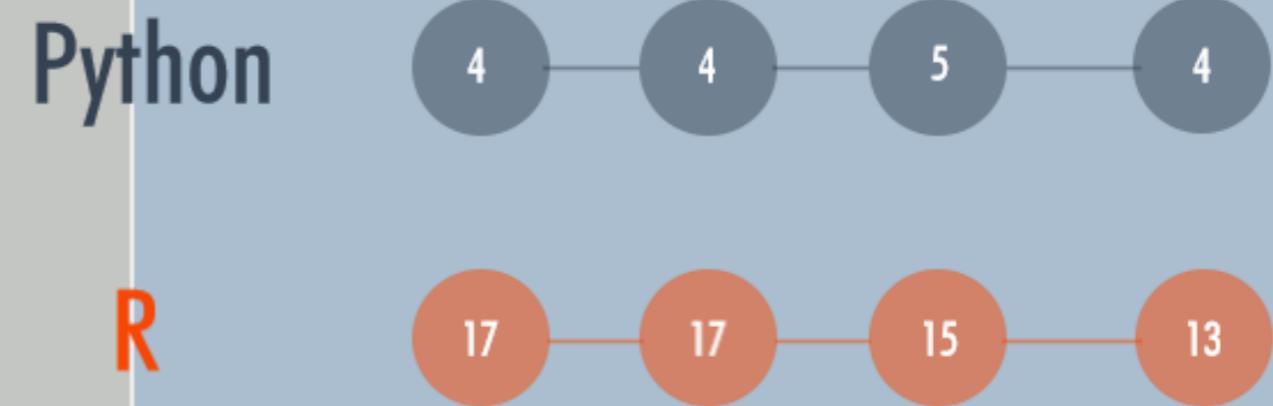
# R and Python: The Numbers

## 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



Python

\$ 94,139

[http://www.kdnuggets.com/2015/05/r-vs-python-data-science.html?  
utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=flipboard](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 and was designed specifically for data analysis.
- Large friendly user and developer community.
  - As of Jan 6th 2019 there are 13,645 add on **R packages** on **CRAN** and 1,649 on **Bioconductor** - more on these later!
- Virtually every statistical technique is either already built into R, or available as a free package.
- Unparalleled data analysis environment for **high-throughput genomic data**.

# Past Student Opinions...

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8 **Q1. Did you enjoy this course in relation to others you have experienced at UCSD?**  
9 Hell Yeah!  
10 Yes  
11 it was too lit  
12 Yes!  
13 Yes!  
14 yes  
15 yes!  
16 I do too!  
17 One of the best  
18 The best  
19 yes  
20 Ye  
21 Yes  
22 yes  
23 Yes  
24 Yes  
25 yes!  
26 yes, one of the most useful classes I've had  
27 no but im just really bad at coding so thats just me <—Don't be discouraged! It takes time. No one starts as a master. :)  
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Chat 0

# Past Student Opinions...

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**Q1. Did you enjoy this course in relation to others you have experienced at UCSD?**

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8 Yes  
9 Hell Yeah!  
10 - Yes.  
11 Yes  
12 Yes  
13 yes, quite.  
14 yes  
15 - I enjoyed this lab course better than my other lab courses  
16 This is the best lab course I've taken at UCSD  
17 Yes  
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19 Yes even as a beginner +1  
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22 Yes  
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28 Yes  
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# 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 learning goals.

## Introduction to Bioinformatics

Introducing the *what, why and how* of bioinformatics?

## Bioinformatics Database

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

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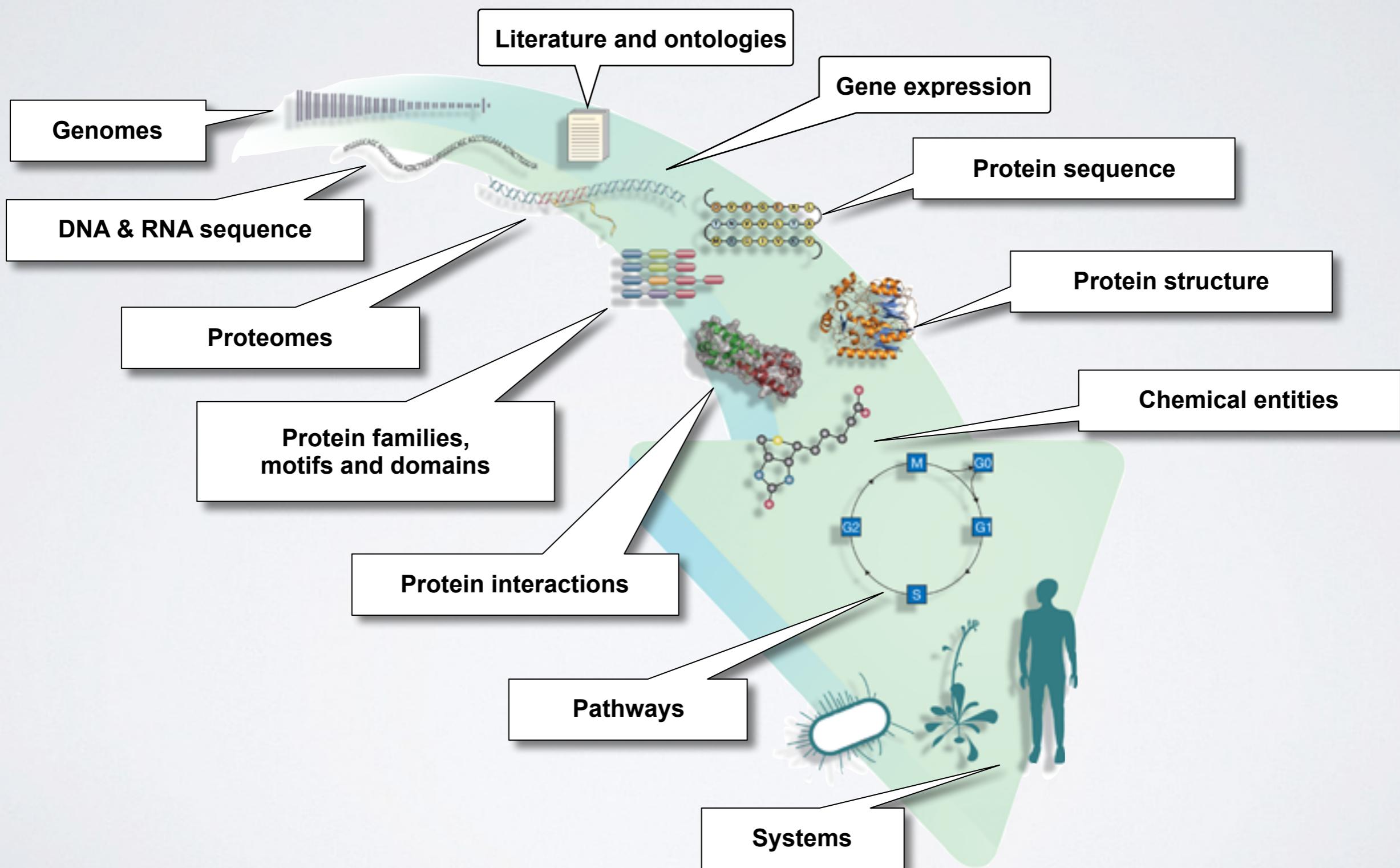
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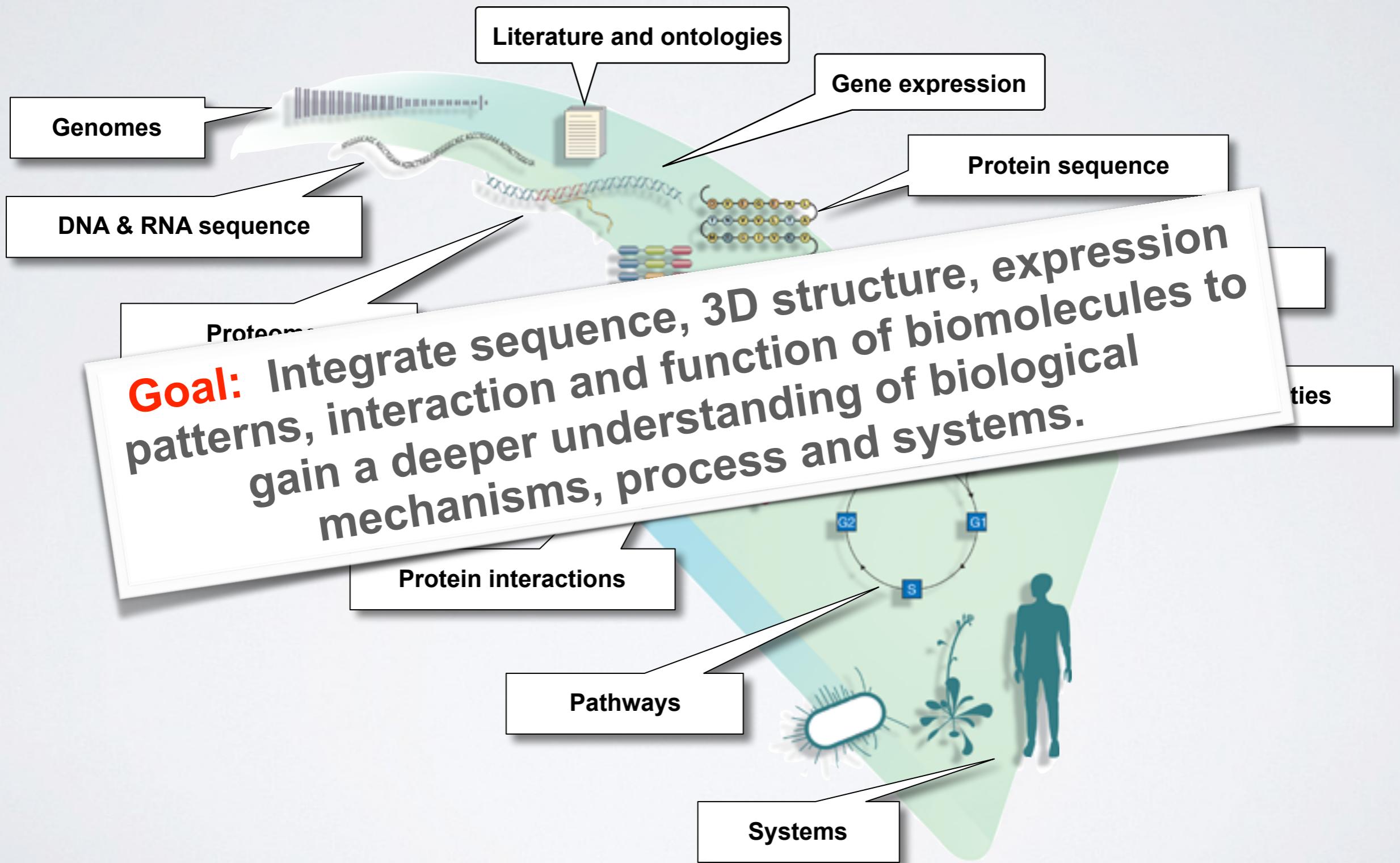
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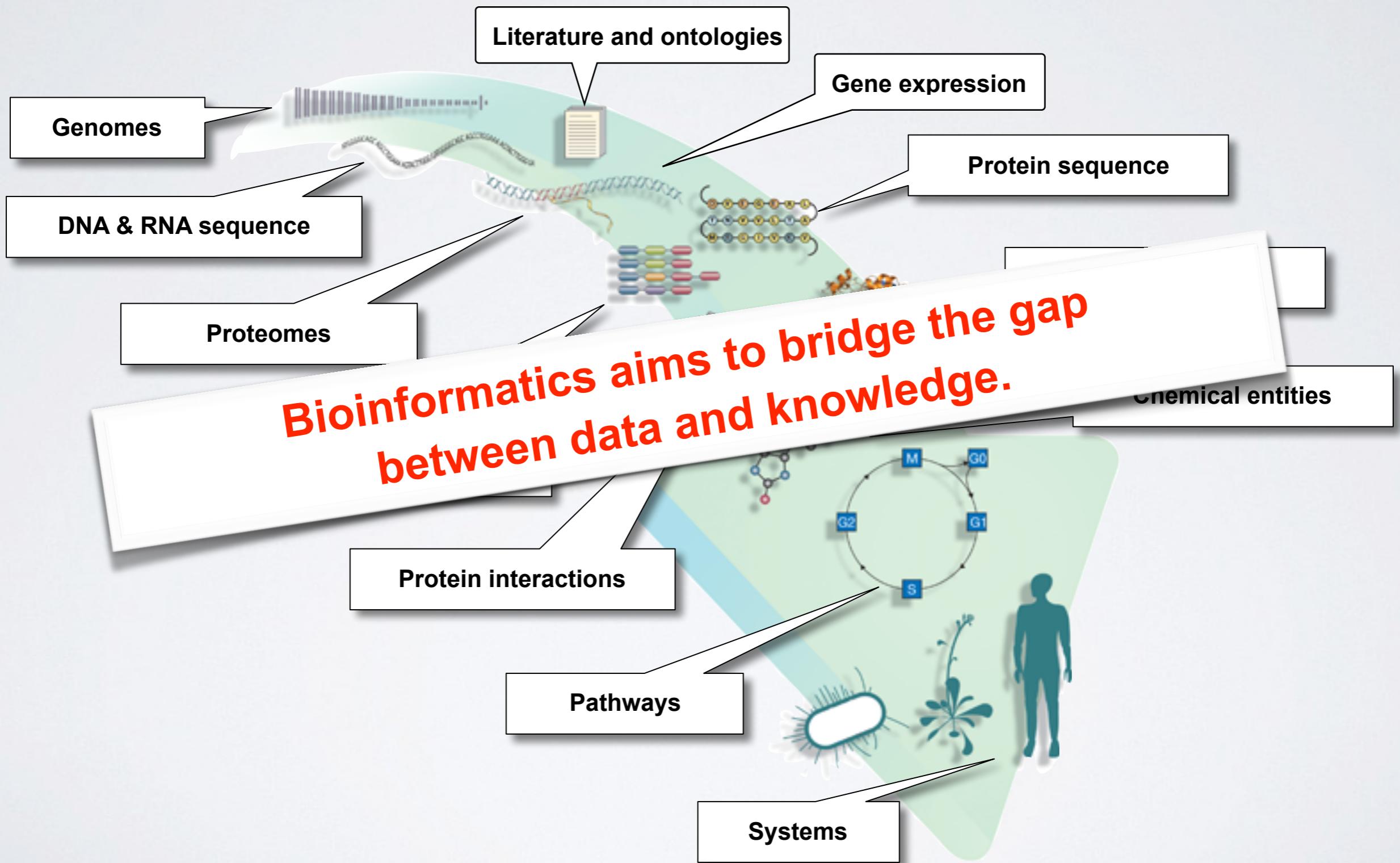
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# BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH AREAS

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**

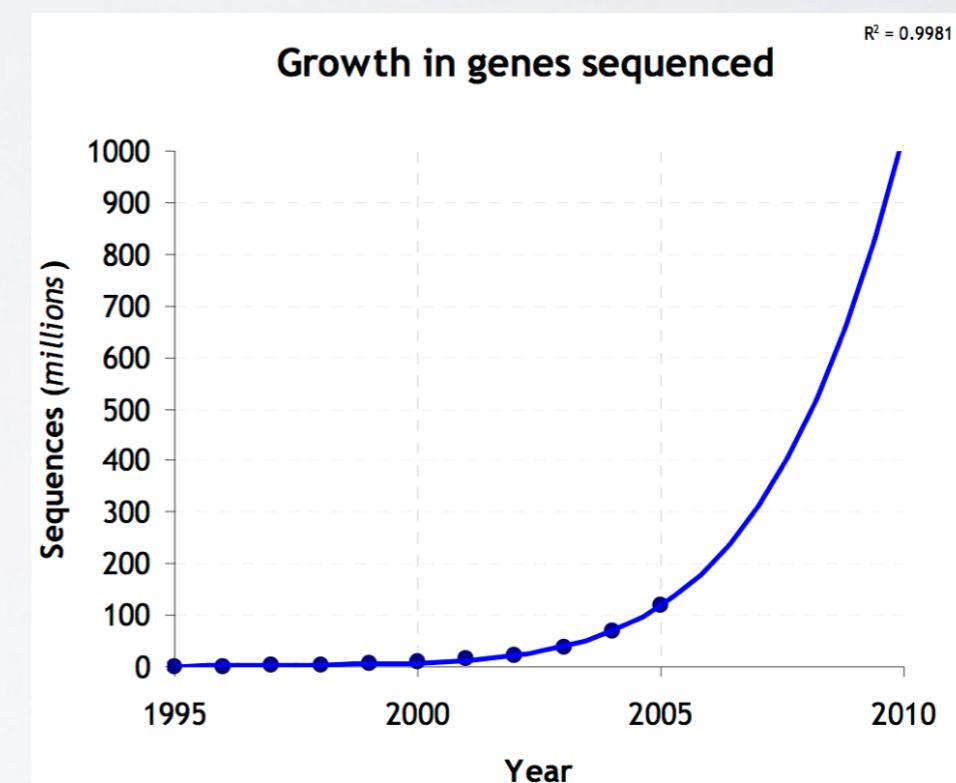
- *DNA sequence determines protein sequence.*
- *Protein sequence determines protein structure.*
- *Protein structure determines protein function.*
- *Regulatory mechanisms (e.g. gene expression) determine the amount of a particular function in space and time.*

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

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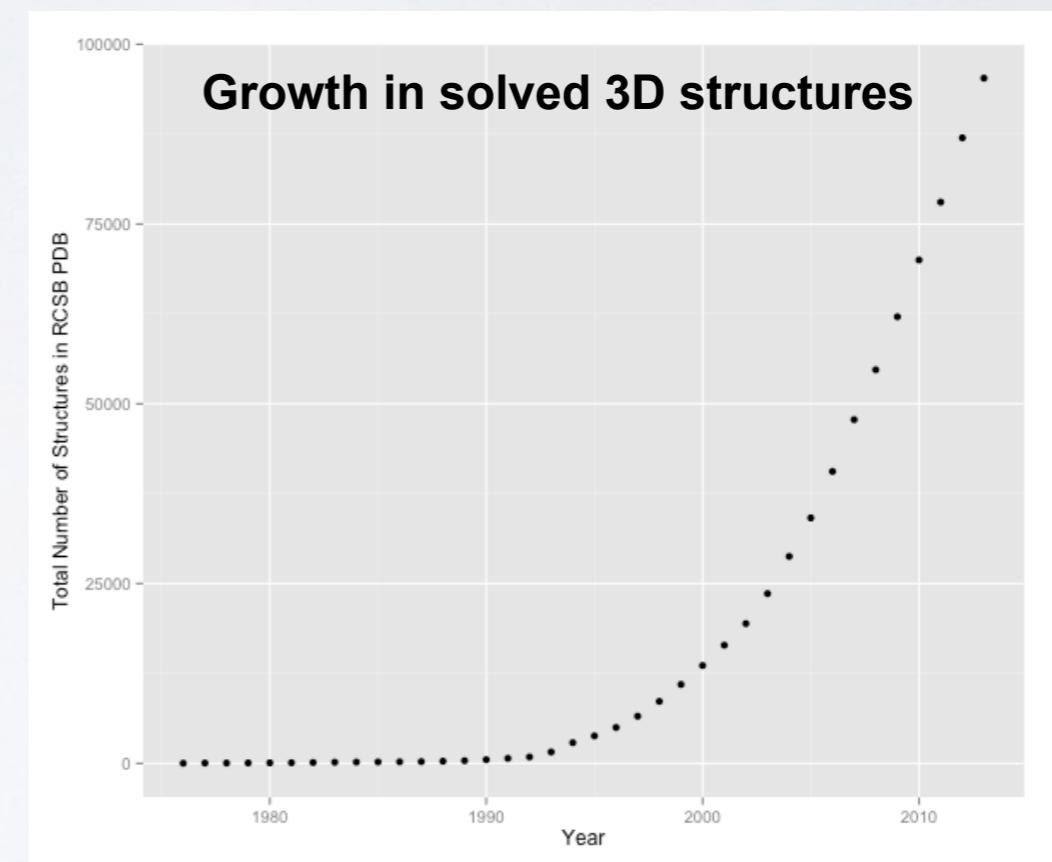


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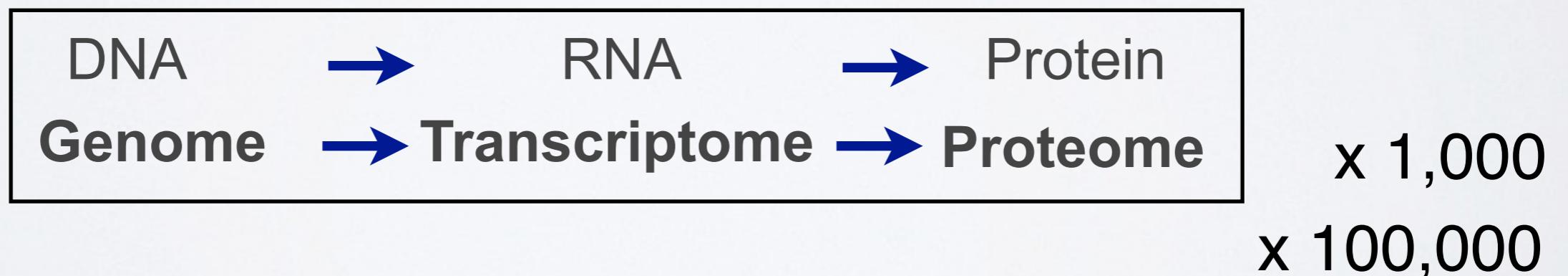
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# How do we do Bioinformatics?

- 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.



# How do we *actually* do Bioinformatics?

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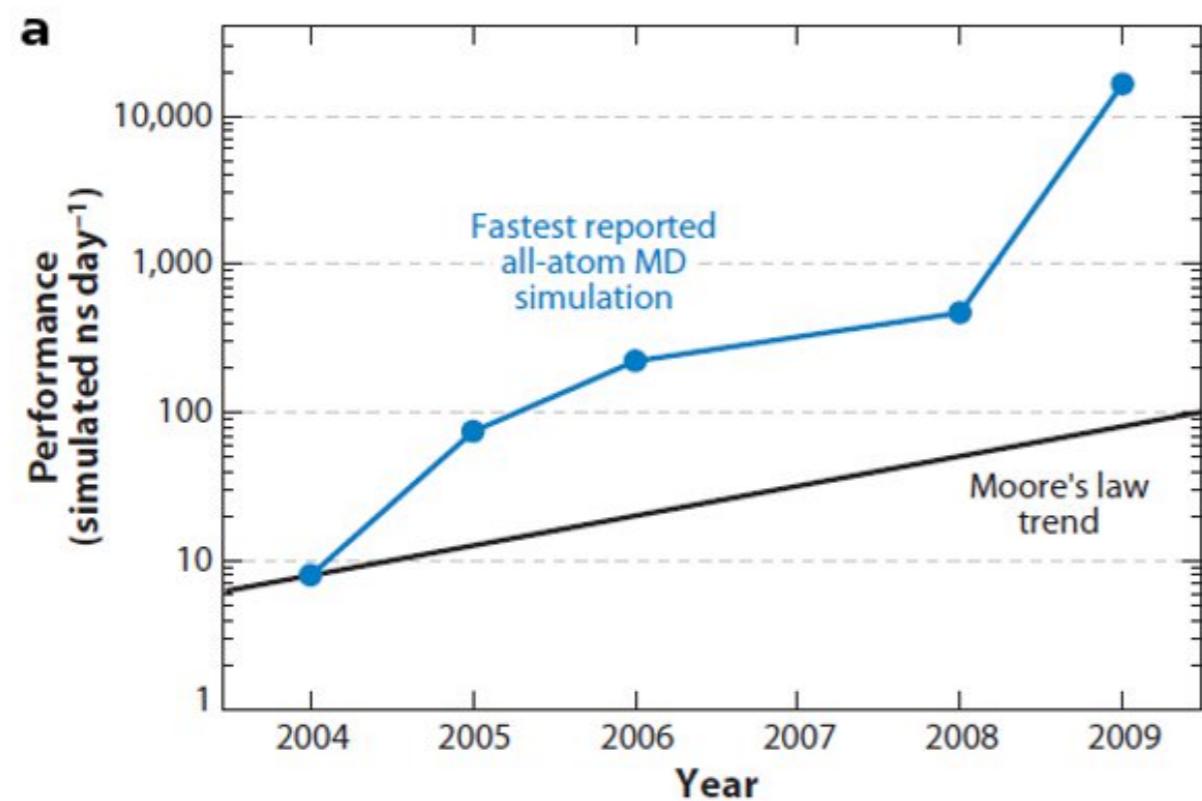
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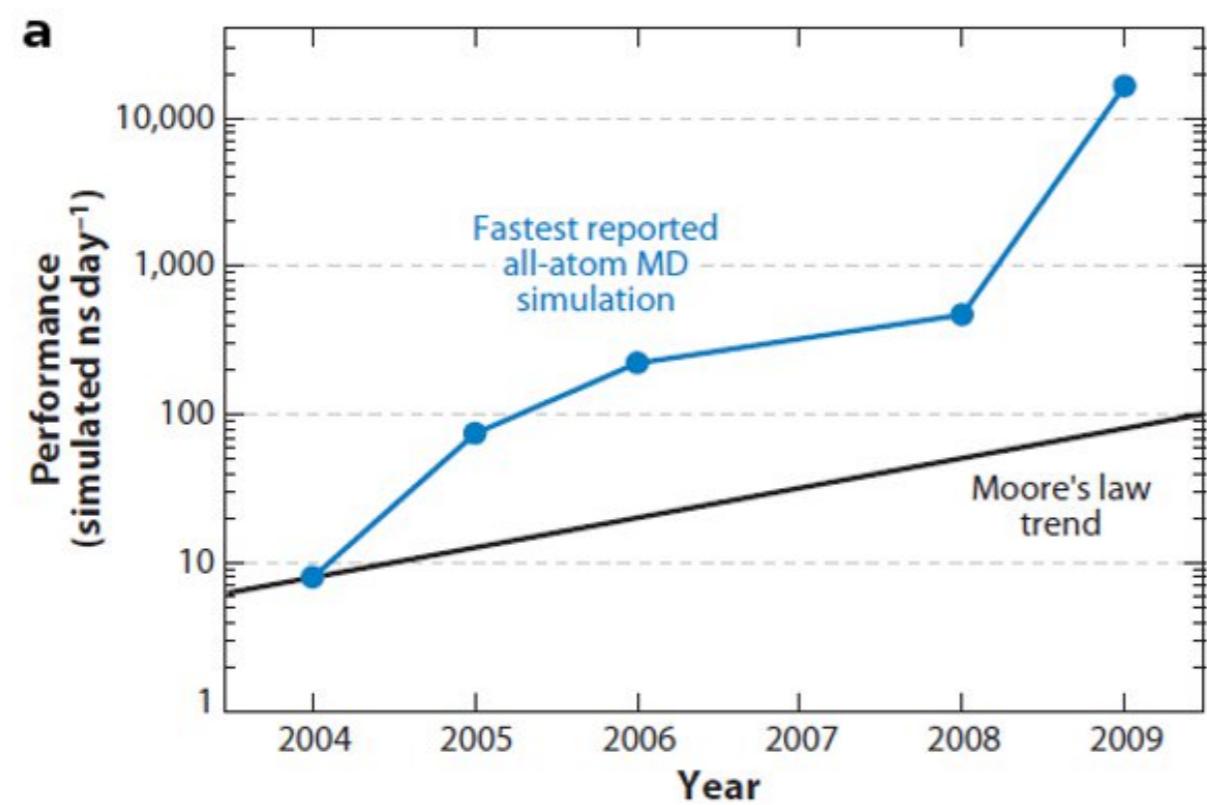
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## HOW COMPUTERS HAVE CHANGED

| DATE   | COST    | SPEED   | MEMORY | SIZE   |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1967   | \$40M   | 0.1 MHz | 1 MB   | WALL   |
| 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 shadow.



# 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 “*Sequence Analysis in Molecular Biology*” states:

→“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)

### General Parameters

|                                                                             |                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Max target sequences                                                        | 500                                                                                                             |
| Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display <a href="#">?</a> |                                                                                                                 |
| Short queries                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences <a href="#">?</a> |
| Expect threshold                                                            | 10                                                                                                              |
| Word size                                                                   | 3                                                                                                               |
| Max matches in a query range                                                | 0                                                                                                               |

### Scoring Parameters

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Matrix                    | BLOSUM62                      |
| Gap Costs                 | Existence: 11 Extension: 1    |
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### Filters and Masking

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| Mask   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mask for lookup table only<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mask lower case letters <a href="#">?</a> |

### PSI/PHI/DELTA BLAST

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| Pseudocount          | 0                            |

Even Blast has many settable parameters

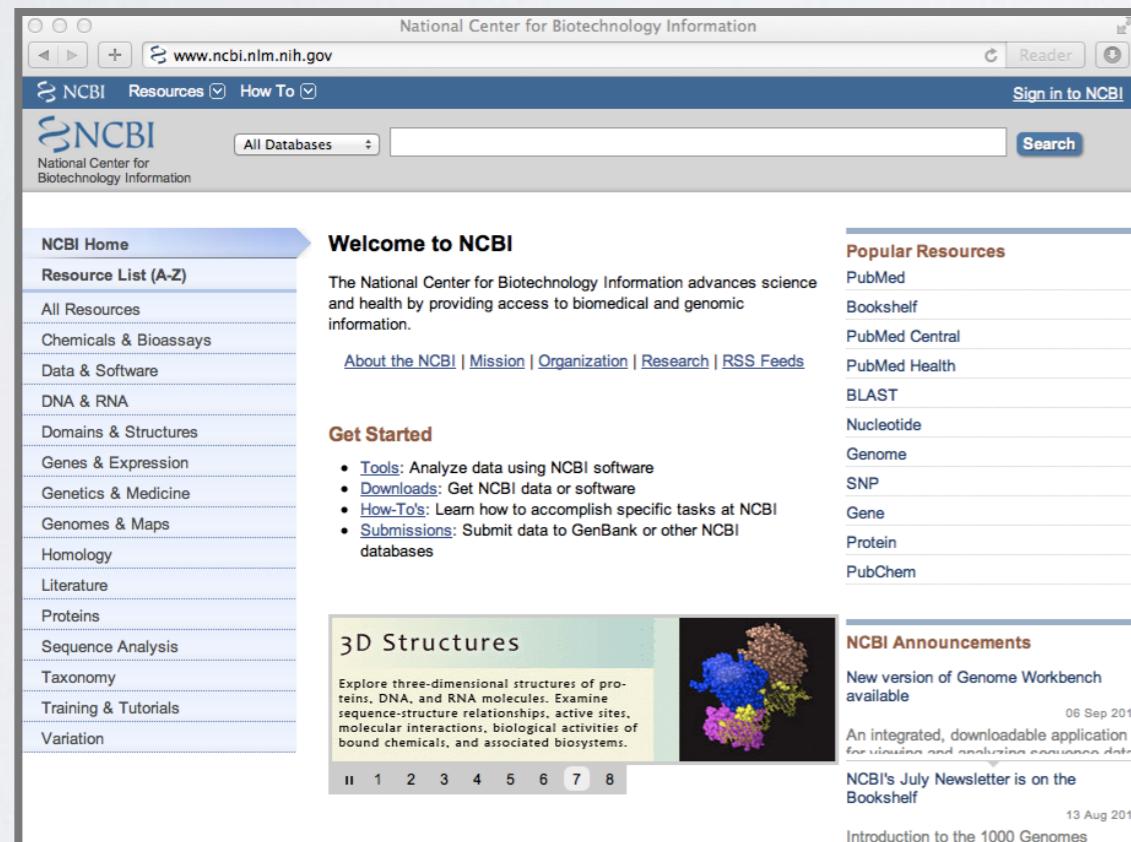
STEP 3 - Set your PROGRAM FASTA

|                      |            |                |                       |                         |                         |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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               |                         |                         |
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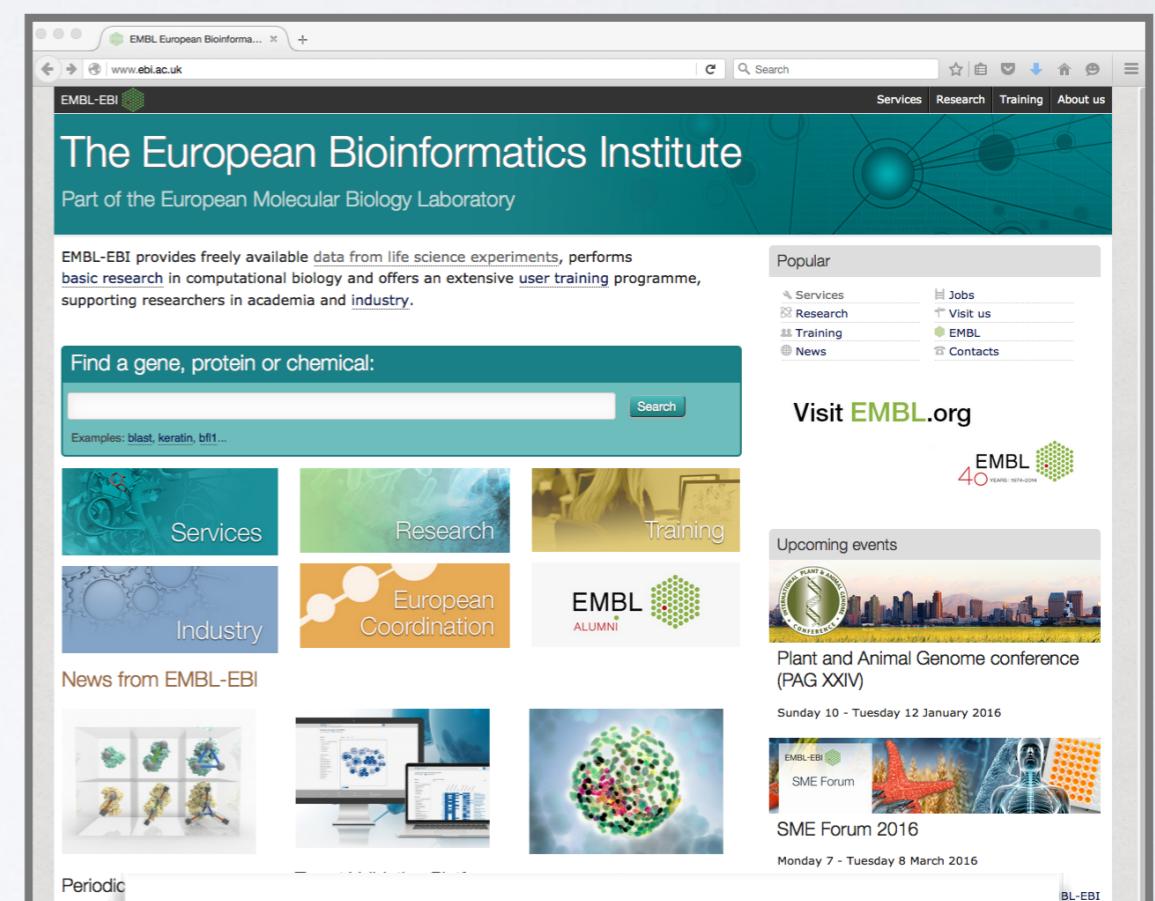
Related tools with different terminology

# Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

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



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# 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
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All Databases Search

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## Welcome to NCBI

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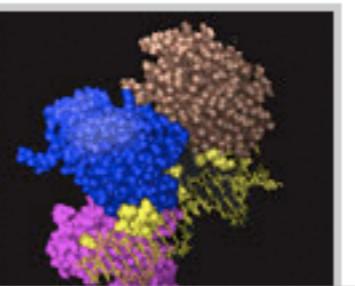
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- [Tools](#): Analyze data using NCBI software
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- [How-To's](#): Learn how to accomplish specific tasks at NCBI
- [Submissions](#): Submit data to GenBank or other NCBI databases

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### Popular Resources

PubMed  
Bookshelf  
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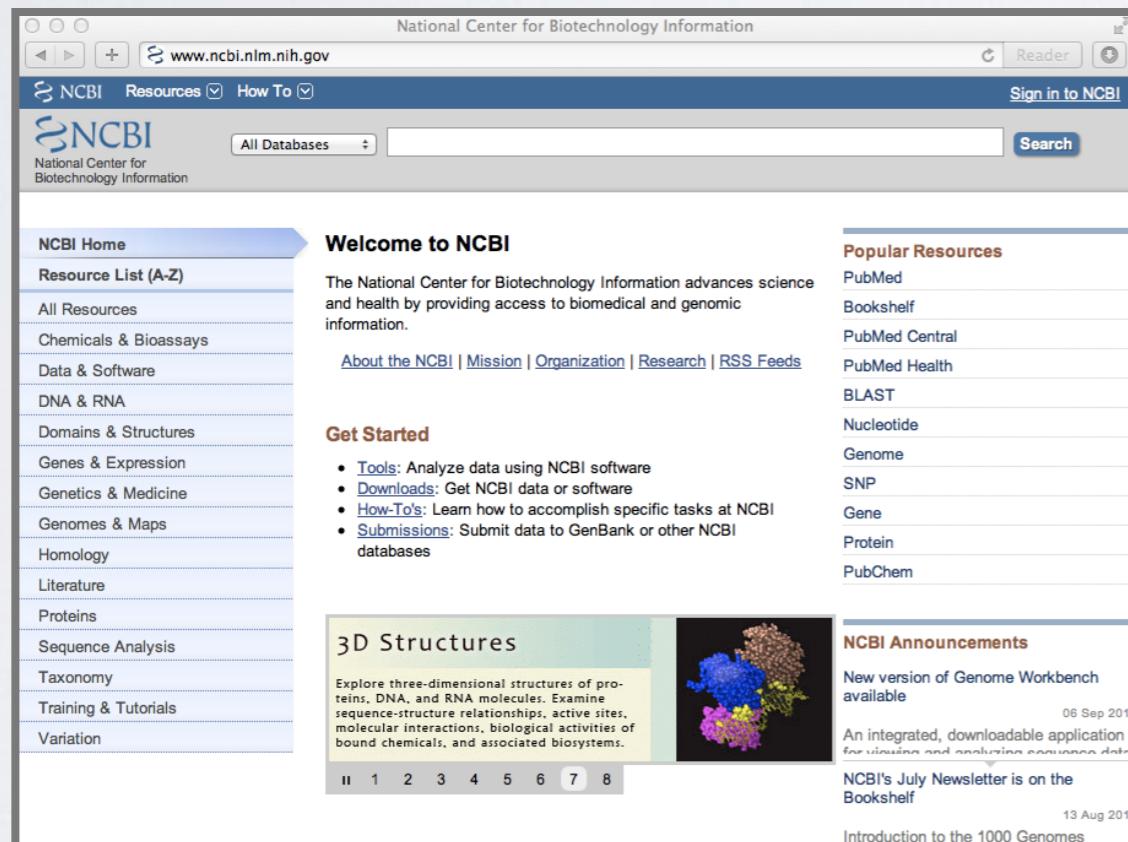
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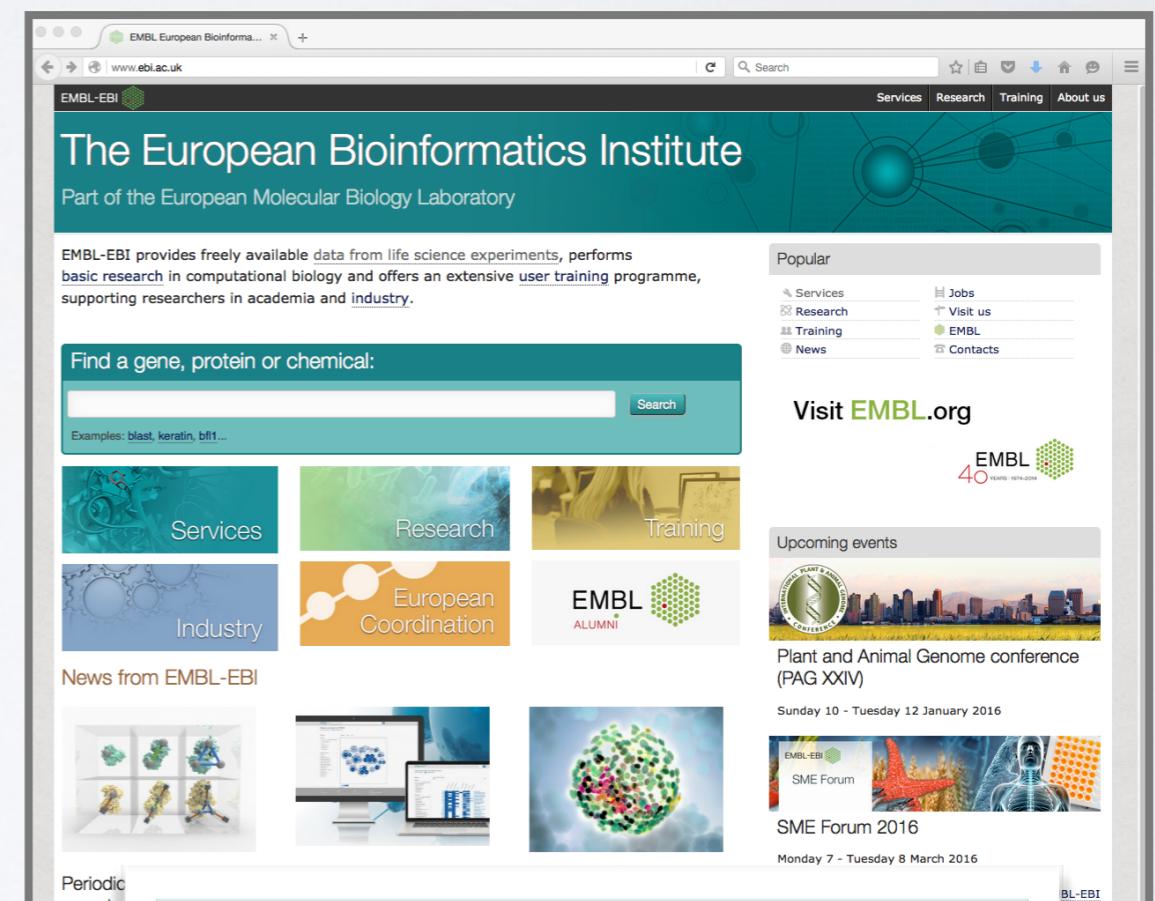
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# European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)

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Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory

EMBL-EBI provides freely available data from life science experiments, performs basic research in computational biology and offers an extensive user training programme, supporting researchers in academia and industry.

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Examples: blast, keratin, bfl1...

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## Services

Overview | A to Z | Data submission | Support

### Bioinformatics services

We maintain the world's most comprehensive range of **freely available** and up-to-date molecular databases. Developed in collaboration with our colleagues worldwide, our services let you share data, perform complex queries and analyse the results in different ways. You can work locally by downloading our data and software, or use our [web services](#) to access our resources programmatically. You can read more about our services in the journal *Nucleic Acids Research*.

**DNA & RNA**  
genes, genomes & variation

**Gene expression**  
RNA, protein & metabolite expression

**Proteins**  
sequences, families & motifs

**Structures**  
Molecular & cellular structures

**Systems**  
reactions, interactions & pathways

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**Ontologies**  
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### Popular

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

## Proteins

### Popular services



#### UniProt: The Universal Protein Resource

The gold-standard, comprehensive resource for protein sequence and functional annotation data.



#### InterPro

A database for the classification of proteins into families, domains and conserved sites.



#### PRIDE: The Proteomics Identifications Database

An archive of protein expression data determined by mass spectrometry.



#### Pfam

A database of hidden Markov models and alignments to describe conserved protein families and domains.



#### Clustal Omega

Multiple sequence alignment of DNA or protein sequences. Clustal Omega replaces the older ClustalW alignment tools.



#### HMMER - protein homology search

Fast sensitive protein homology searches using profile hidden Markov models (HMMs). Variety of different search methods for querying against both sequence and HMM target databases.



#### InterProScan 5

InterProScan 5 searches sequences against InterPro's predictive protein signatures. Please note that [InterProScan 4.8 has been retired](#).

### Quick links

- o Popular services in this category
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The EBI also provides a growing selection of **online tutorials** on EBI databases and tools

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# The EBI also provides a growing selection of **online tutorials** on EBI databases and tools

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the EBI Training online course page. The URL in the address bar is [www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/course/using-sequence-similarity-searching-tools-embl-ebi](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/course/using-sequence-similarity-searching-tools-embl-ebi). The page title is "Using sequence similarity searching tools at EMBL-EBI: webinar". The main content area shows a thumbnail of the webinar video, which features a blue background with white text and a portrait of a man. Below the thumbnail, a video player interface shows the start time as 0:00 / 37:42. To the left of the video, there's a sidebar with "Course content" sections for "Using sequence similarity searching tools at EMBL-EBI: webinar" and "Contributors". A "Print Course" link is also present. On the right side, there are "Popular" links for "Train online", "Find us", and "Funding", and a "Find us at..." section with links for "Open days and career days", "Conference exhibitions", "EMBL courses and events", "Genome campus events", and "Science for schools". The top navigation bar includes links for "Services", "Research", "Training" (which is highlighted), and "About us".

Using sequence similarity searching tools at EMBL-EBI: webinar

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Using sequence similarity search tools at EMBL-EBI

Finding homologous sequences with BLAST, FASTA, PSI-Search etc.

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0:00 / 37:42

This webinar focuses on how to use tools like **BLAST** and PSI-Search to find homologous sequences in EMBL-EBI databases, including tips on which tool and database to use, input formats, how to change parameters and how to interpret the results pages.

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A screenshot of a web browser displaying the EBI Train online website. The title bar reads "Train online | EBI Train online". The address bar shows the URL "www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/". The page header includes the EMBL-EBI logo, a search bar, and links for "Find", "Help", and "Feedback". A red "Beta" badge is visible in the top right corner. The main menu bar has links for "Databases", "Tools", "Research", "Training", "Industry", "About Us", and "Help". A secondary navigation bar on the left is titled "Navigation" and includes a link to "Train online Home". The main content area features a large heading "Notable EBI databases include:" followed by a list of databases: ENA, UniProt, Ensembl.

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

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

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# Bioinformatics Databases

AATDB, AceDb, ACUTS, ADB, AFDB, AGIS, AMSdb, ARR, AsDb, BBDB, BCGD, Beanref, BiolImage, BioMagResBank, BIOMDB, BLOCKS, BovGBASE, BOVMAP, BSORF, BTKbase, CANSITE, CarbBank, CARBHYD, CATH, CAZY, CCDC, CD4OLbase, CGAP, ChickGBASE, Colibri, COPE, CottonDB, CSNDB, CUTG, CyanoBase, dbCFC, dbEST, dbSTS, DDBJ, DGP, DictyDb, Picty\_cDB, DIP, DOGS, DOMO, DPD, DPInteract, ECDC, ECGC, EC02DBASE, EcoCyc, EcoGene, EMBL, EMD db, ENZYME, EPD, EpoDB, ESTHER, FlyBase, FlyView, GCRDB, GDB, GENATLAS, Genbank, GeneCards, Genlilesne, GenLink, GENOTK, GenProtEC, GIFTS, GPCRDB, GRAP, GRBase, gRNAsdb, GRR, GSDB, HAEMB, HAMSTERS, HEART-2DPAGE, HEXAdb, HGMD, HIDB, HIDC, HIVdb, HotMolecBase, HOVERGEN, HPDB, HSC-2DPAGE, ICN, ICTVDB, IL2RGbase, IMGT, Kabat, KDNA, KEGG, KloTho, LGIC, MAD, MaizeDb, MDB, Medline, Mendel, MEROPS, MGDB, MGI, MHCPEP5 Micado, MitoDat, MITOMAP, MJDB, MmtDB, Mol-R-Us, MPDB, MRR, MutBase, MycDB, NDB, NRSub, O-lycBase, OMIA, OMIM, OPD, ORDB, OWL, PAHdb, PatBase, PDB, PDD, Pfam, PhosphoBase, PigBASE, PIR, PKR, PMD, PPDB, PRESAGE, PRINTS, ProDom, Prolysis, PROSITE, PROTOMAP, RatMAP, RDP, REBASE, RGP, SBASE, SCOP, SeqAnaiRef, SGD, SGP, SheepMap, Soybase, SPAD, SRNA db, SRPDB, STACK, StyGene, Sub2D, SubtiList, SWISS-2DPAGE, SWISS-3DIMAGE, SWISS-MODEL Repository, SWISS-PROT, TeIDB, TGN, tmRDB, TOPS, TRANSFAC, TRR, UniGene, URNADB, V BASE, VDRR, VectorDB, WDCM, WIT, WormPep, etc ..!!!!

# Bioinformatics Databases

**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.

# 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 learning goals.

## Introduction to Bioinformatics

Introducing the *what, why and how* of bioinformatics?

## Bioinformatics Database

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

# Your Turn!

[https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143\\_S19/lectures/#1](https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/lectures/#1)

**Topics:**  
Course introduction, Learning goals & expectations, Biology is an information science, History of Bioinformatics, Types of data, Application areas and introduction to upcoming course segments, Student 30-second introductions, Student computer setup.

**Goals:**

- Understand course scope, expectations, logistics and [ethics code](#).
- Understand the increasing necessity for computation in modern life sciences research.
- Get introduced to how bioinformatics is practiced.
- Complete the [pre-course questionnaire](#).
- Setup your [laptop computer](#) for this course.

**Material:**

- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#),
- Lab: [Hands-on section worksheet](#)
- Feedback: [Muddy Point Assessment](#)
- Handout: [Class Syllabus](#)
- Computer [Setup Instructions](#).

## BIMM-143: INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS (Lecture 1)

### **Bioinformatics Databases and Key Online Resources**

[https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143\\_W18/lectures/#1](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
ATGGTGCATCTGACTCCTGTGGAGAAGTCTGCCGTTACTGCCCTGTGGGCAAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAG
TTGGTGGTGAGGCCCTGGGCAGGCTGCTGGTGGTCTACCCCTGGACCCAGAGGTTCTTGAGTCCTTGG
GGATCTGTCCACTCCTGATGCAGTTATGGGCAACCCCTAACGGTAAGGCTCATGGCAAGAAAGTGCTCGGT
GCCTTAGTGTGATGGCCTGGCTCACCTGGACAACCTCAAGGGCACCTTGCCACACTGAGTGAGCTGCACT
GTGACAAGCTGCACGTGGATCCTGAGAACTTCAGGCTCCTGGCAACGTGCTGGTCTGTGTGCTGGCCA
TCACTTGGCAAAGAATTCACCCCACCAGTGCAGGCTGCCTATCAGAAAGTGGTGGCTGGTGTGGCTAAT
GCCCTGGCCCACAAGTATCACTAAGCTCGCTTCTTGCTGTCCAATTT
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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:

[11:05 am]

2. GENE database @ **NCBI**

[11:25 am]

— BREAK —

— 11:35 am —

3. UniProt & Muscle @ **EBI**

[12:00 am]

4. PFAM, PDB & NGL

[12:30 pm]

— BREAK —

5. Extension exercises

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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.
- 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

[https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143\\_S19/lectures/#1](https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/lectures/#1)

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

