

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 <i>what, why and how</i> of bioinformatics?
Bioinformatics Database	Hands-on exploration of several major databases and their associated tools.

<http://thegrantlab.org/bimm143/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the BIMM 143 course website. The header features the UC San Diego logo and the course title "BIMM 143". A sidebar on the left contains links for Overview, Lectures, Computer Setup, Learning Goals, Assignments & Grading, and Ethics Code. The main content area displays the course title "Bioinformatics (BIMM 143, Fall 2018)" and includes sections for Course Director (Prof. Barry J. Grant), Instructional Assistant (Chao Shi), and Course Syllabus (Fall 2018 PDF). Below this is an "Overview" section with a brief description of bioinformatics and its applications. Social media icons for Twitter, GitHub, Bitbucket, and RSS feed are at the bottom.

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This screenshot is identical to the one above, but the "Learning Goals" link in the sidebar has been highlighted with a red box. The rest of the page content, including the course title, syllabus, and overview, remains the same.

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

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Specific Learning Goals....

What I want you to know by course end!

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, PEGI, PEGI, HMMER and protein structure-based databases. 5, 10

Course Structure

Derived from specific learning goals

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Class Details

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

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Homework

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

The screenshot shows the 'Homework' section of the course website. It displays a list of assignments under 'Topics' and 'Readings'. Below this, there is a 'Screen Casts' section featuring a video thumbnail of a lecture. A note at the bottom indicates that the video is titled '1 Welcome to BIMM-143: Course introduction and logistics.'

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The screenshot shows a detailed homework form for 'BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework (W19)'. It includes fields for 'Email address *', 'UCSD PID number (exam number)', and 'Your answer'. A question at the bottom asks, 'Which of the following operating systems is most frequently used for bioinformatics tool development?' with a '1 point' indicator. The background features a blue and white abstract pattern.

Homework

(35% of course grade)

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BIMM143 Lecture 1 Homework

Please answer the following questions and submit them via email to your instructor. You will need your full name, email address and UCSD PID number so you can receive credit.

Email address *

Your email

UCSD PID number (exam number)

Your answer

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1 point

Homework is due before the next weeks class!

Projects

Week long **mini-projects** (x2),
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Twitter **GitHub** **Facebook** **YouTube** **RSS**

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://bioldc.ucsd.edu/pca-app/>
- Feedback: Muddy point assessment
- Bonus: Kevin's StackExchange Link on PCA

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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-

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10: (Project:) Find a Gene Assignment Part 1

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)

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the URL bioboot.github.io/bimm143_W19/lectures/#18. The page title is "20: Final Exam". It contains instructions for the exam, a list of rules, and a "Good luck!" message. On the left, there is a sidebar with the UC San Diego logo and links to "BIMM 143", "Overview", "Lectures", "Computer Setup", "Learning Goals", "Assignments & Grading", and "Ethics Code".

Bonus:

Online portfolio of **your** bioinformatics work!

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the URL jasonbennett.github.io/bimm143/. The page title is "Bioinformatics Class BIMM-143". It features a "Introduction to Bioinformatics Class S18" section with a DNA helix and magnifying glass icon, and a "Index of Material" section listing 16 topics from "Working With R" to "Transposons: A Sample Workflow". A "View the Project on GitHub" link and a "This project is maintained by JasonPBennett" note are also present.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window for the URL jasonbennett.github.io/bimm143/class13/NGS.html. The page title is "Bioinformatics Class 5". It displays a "class13" section for Jason Patrick Bennett on May 15, 2018. The content includes a heading "Identifying SNP's in a Population", a note about analyzing Mexican-American population data, and two code snippets. The first snippet reads a CSV file of genotype data, and the second creates a table of the data.

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BIMM-143 Learning Goals....

Data science R based learning goals

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Use R to read and parse comma-separated (.csv) formatted files ready for subsequent analysis.	8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16
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
View and interpret the structural models in the PDB.	10, 11
Explain the outputs from structure prediction algorithms and small molecule docking approaches.	11
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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
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Delve deeper into "real-world" bioinformatics

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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 Python's popularity between 2013 and February 2015 (Tibbe 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 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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7 Hell Yeah!
8 Yes
9 it was too lit
10 Yes!
11 Yes!
12 yes
13 yes!
14 I do too!
15 One of the best
16 The best
17 yes
18 Ye
19 Yes
20 yes
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.
28 Chat 0

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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
18 Yes this course was very enjoyable and perhaps more relevant than others
19 Yes even as a beginner +1
20 Yes this course was interesting compared to other courses offered at UCSD+1
21 This is one of the most enjoyable classes offered here! (+1)
22 Yes
23 Yes. I very much enjoyed this course.
24 Yes
25 Yes!
26 I enjoyed this course much more than many of my other courses at UCSD.
27 This is one of the best and most useful courses I have taken at UCSD.
28 Yes
29 yes, it was a very relaxing course and I love how helpful and passionate the professor and the TA were.

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29 no but im just

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8 Yes, absolutely!
9 Yes
10 Yes, I like the focus on applying R to real world biological datasets
11 Yes
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13 Yes
14 Yes
15 Yes
16 It was a lot harder than I was expecting
17 Yes
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21 Yes
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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...

MORE DEFINITIONS

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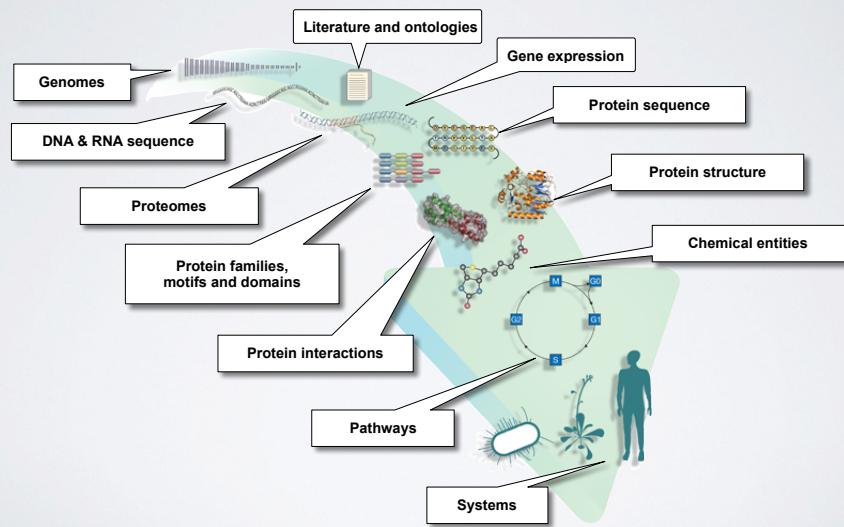
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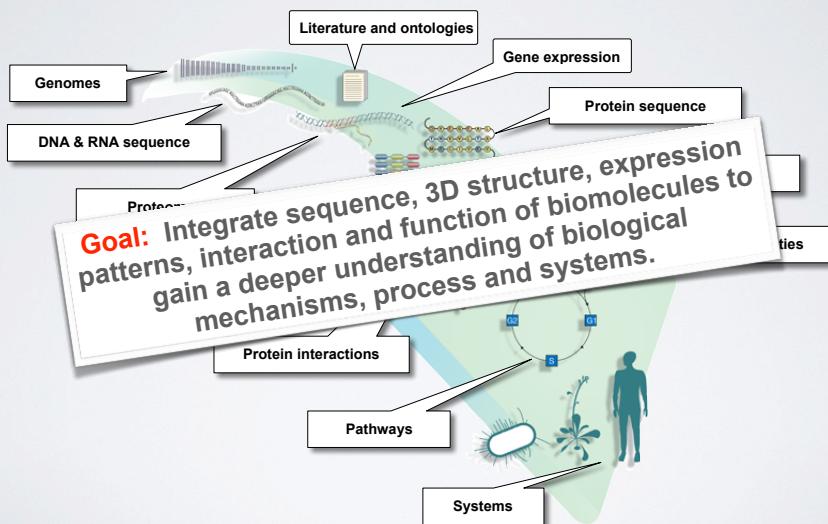
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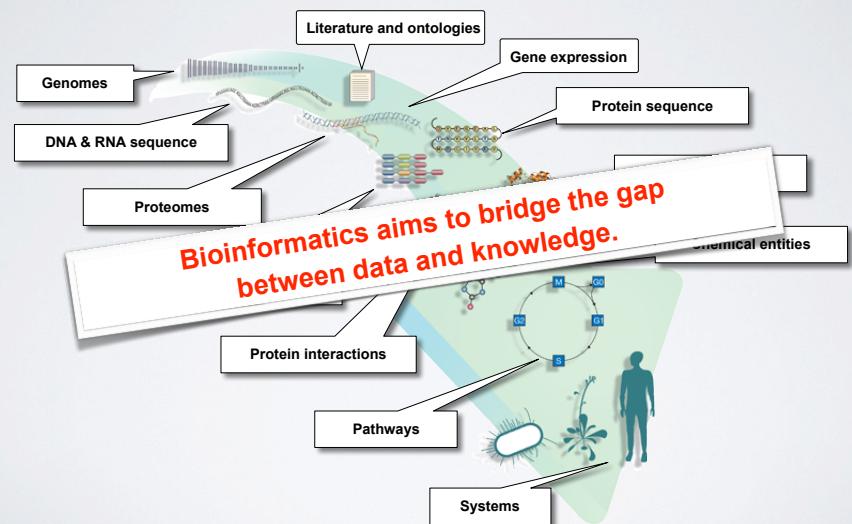
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BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH AREAS

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

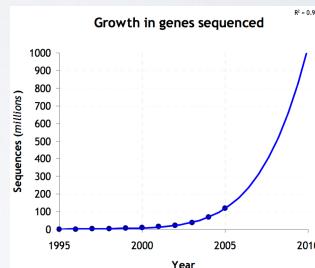
- DNA sequence determines protein sequence.
- Protein sequence determines protein structure.
- Protein structure determines protein function.
- Regulatory mechanisms (e.g. gene expression) determine the amount of a particular function in space and time.

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

Why do we need Bioinformatics?

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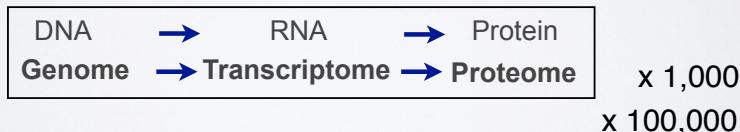
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 - **storage**
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 - **search and retrieval**
 - **data integration**
 - **data mining and analysis**



E.G. data from sequencing, structural genomics, proteomics, new high throughput assays, etc...

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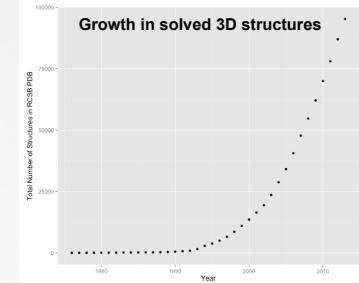
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Pre-packaged tools and databases

- Many online
 - Most are free to use
 - Time consuming methods require downloading...

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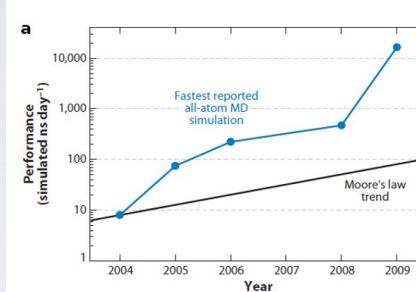
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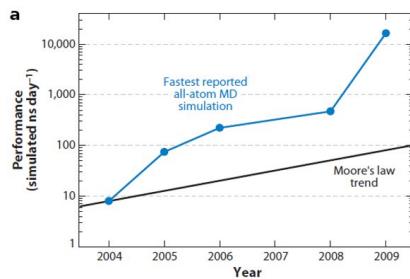
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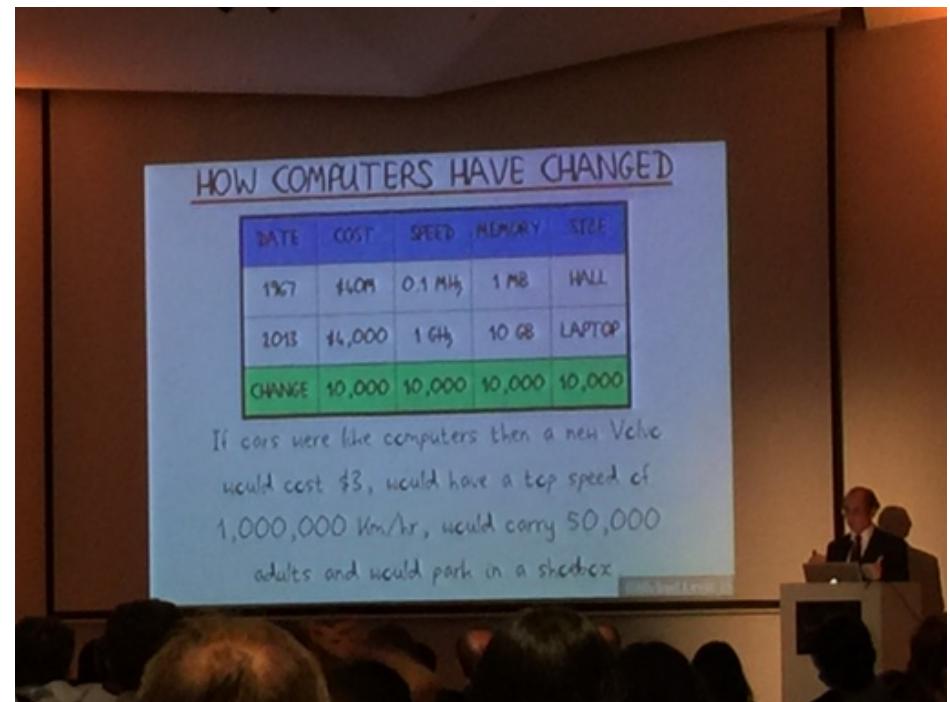
SIDE-NOTE: SUPERCOMPUTERS AND GPUS



HOW COMPUTERS HAVE CHANGED

DATE	COST	SPEED	MEMORY	SIZE
1967	\$60B	0.1 MHz	1 MB	HALL
2013	\$6,000	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 shed.



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'

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:

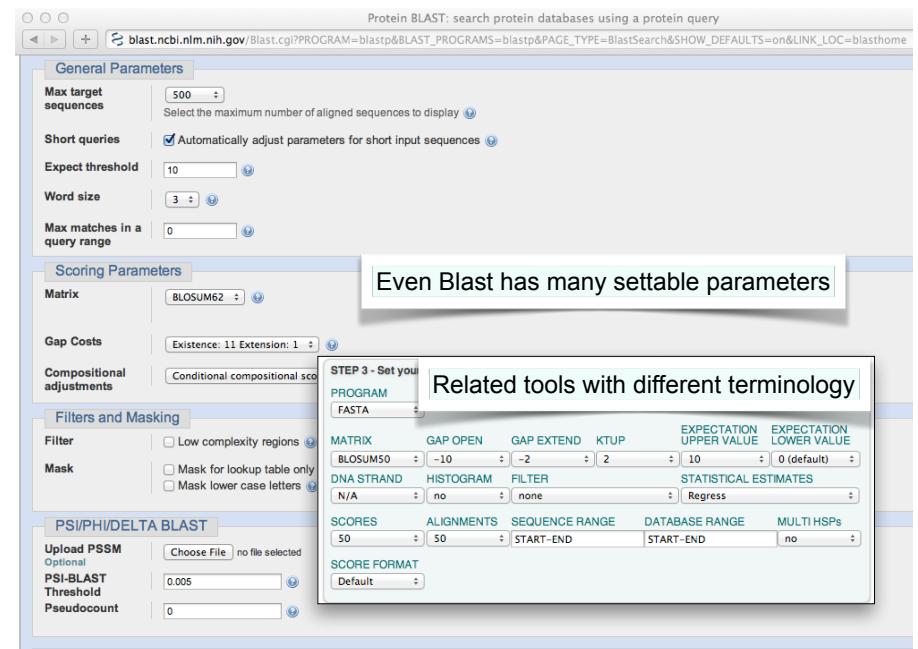
- EBI (European Bioinformatics Institute) and
- NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)

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’!



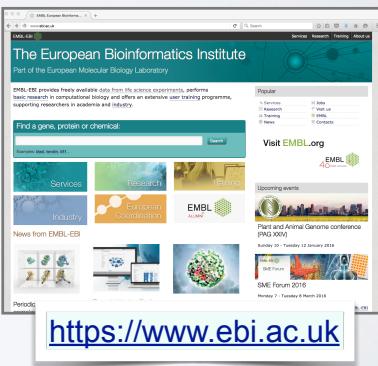
Key Online Bioinformatics Resources: NCBI & EBI

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



The screenshot shows the NCBI homepage with a search bar at the top. Below it is a sidebar with links like 'NCBI Home', 'Resource List (A-Z)', 'All Resources', 'Chemicals & Bioassays', 'Data & Software', 'DNA & RNA', 'Domains & Structures', 'Genes & Expression', 'Genetics & Medicine', 'Genomes & Maps', 'Homology', 'Literature', 'Proteins', 'Sequence Analysis', 'Taxonomy', 'Training & Tutorials', and 'Variation'. The main content area features sections for '3D Structures' (with a molecular model image) and 'NCBI Announcements' (with a 'New version of Genome Workbench available' message). A 'Popular Resources' sidebar on the right includes links to PubMed, Bookshelf, PubMed Central, PubMed Health, BLAST, Nucleotide, Genome, SNP, Gene, Protein, and PubChem.

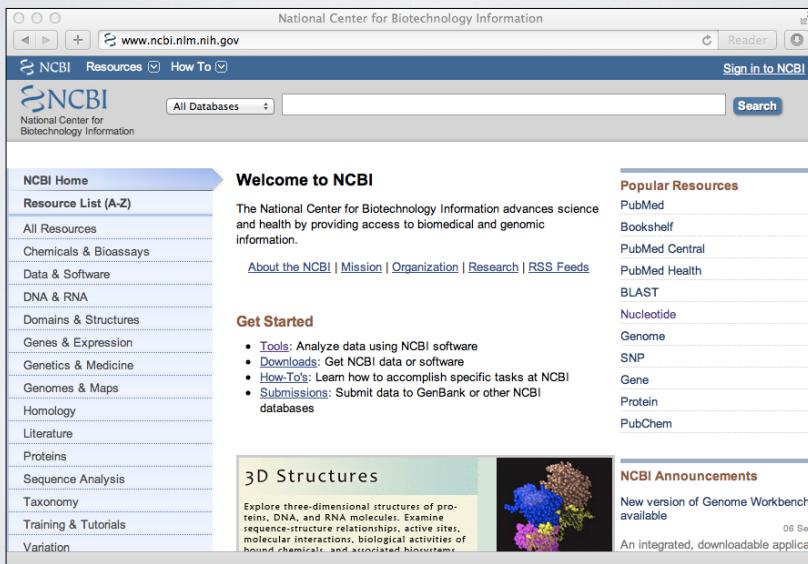
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>



The screenshot shows the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) homepage. It features a search bar at the top. Below it is a sidebar with links like 'Get Started', 'Tools', 'Downloads', 'How-Tos', 'Submissions', '3D Structures', 'NCBI Announcements', 'News from EMBL-EBI', 'Industry', 'European Coordination', 'EMBL ALLIANCE', 'Upcoming events', and 'SME Forum 2016'. The main content area has sections for 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', and 'Events'. A 'Popular' sidebar on the right lists 'Services', 'Research', 'Training', and 'Events'. At the bottom, there's a 'Visit EMBL.org' link and a 'Periodicals' section.

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk>

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



This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the NCBI homepage with its various databases, tools, and announcements.

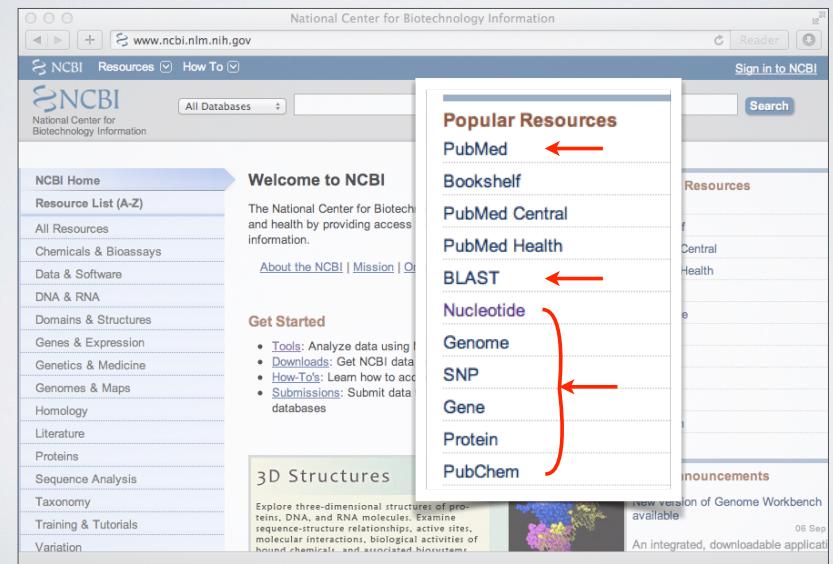
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National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

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



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



This screenshot of the NCBI homepage includes several red arrows pointing to specific links in the 'Popular Resources' sidebar. One arrow points to 'PubMed', another to 'BLAST', and a third to 'SNP'. A large curly brace on the right side groups the 'Gene', 'Protein', and 'PubChem' links together, indicating they are also popular resources.

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

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The screenshot shows the NCBI homepage with a sidebar for 'Notable NCBI databases' including GenBank, RefSeq, PubMed, and dbSNP. It also highlights search tools ENTREZ and BLAST.

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

This screenshot shows the EBI homepage, featuring sections for Services, Research, Training, and Popular links like Jobs and Visit us.

<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



The EBI maintains a number of high quality curated **secondary databases** and associated tools

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The screenshot shows the EBI Services website. In the 'Popular' section, the 'Proteins' link is highlighted with a red box. The 'Proteins' link is described as 'sequences, families & motifs'.

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The screenshot shows the EMBL European Bioinformatics Institute website. The 'Training' link in the main navigation bar is highlighted with a red box. The 'Training' section is described as 'Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory'.

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk>
The EBI makes available a wider variety of **online tools** than NCBI

The screenshot shows the EBI Proteins page. It lists various protein-related services under the heading 'Popular services'. The services listed include UniProt, InterPro, PRIDE, Pfam, Clustal Omega, HMMER, and InterProScan 5. A 'Quick links' sidebar on the right contains links for 'Popular services in this category', 'All services in this category', and 'Project websites in this category'.

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The screenshot shows an online training course titled 'Using sequence similarity searching tools at EMBL-EBI: webinar'. The course content is described as 'Using sequence similarity searching tools at EMBL-EBI: webinar'. The course page includes a video player showing a presentation by Andrew Cowley, and a summary of the webinar's focus on using BLAST and PSI-Search to find homologous sequences in EMBL-EBI databases.

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Notable EBI databases include:
ENA, UniProt, Ensembl
and the tools FASTA, BLAST, InterProScan,
MUSCLE, DALI, HMMER

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.

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

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](#).
- Setup your [laptop computer](#) for this course.

Material:

- Lecture Slides: [Large PDF](#), [Small PDF](#),
- Lectures** (highlighted with a red box)
- [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
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, GENIE 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
ATGGCTGCTTGACTCTGTGGAGAAGTCTGCCGTTACCTGCCGTGGGGCAAGGTGAACGTTGGATGAA
TTGGCTGCTGAGGCCCTGGCAGCGCTGGCTGTTGCTACCTTGGCACCCAGGGTCCTTGAGTCCTTGG
GGATCTGTCACCTCTGATGCAATTGGCGAACCTTAAGGTGAAGGGCTATGGCAAGAAAAGTGTCTGG
GCTTTAGTGATGGCCCTGGCTACCTGGCACACCTTAAGGGCACCTTGGCAACACTGAGTGAAGCTGGACT
GTGACAGCTGCACGTGGATCTGGACACTTCAGCGCTTGGCAACACTGGCTCTGGCTGGCTGGCCA
TCACCTTGACAAAGATACTGGACCCAGTGAGCGCTGGCTATCAGAAAGTGTGGCTGGCTGGCTAA
GCGCTGGCCACAAGTATCACTAACGCTCGCTTCTGGCTGGCTAAATT
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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**).

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End times:
[11:05 am]
[11:25 am]
— 11:35 am —
[12:00 am]
[12:30 pm]

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

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

