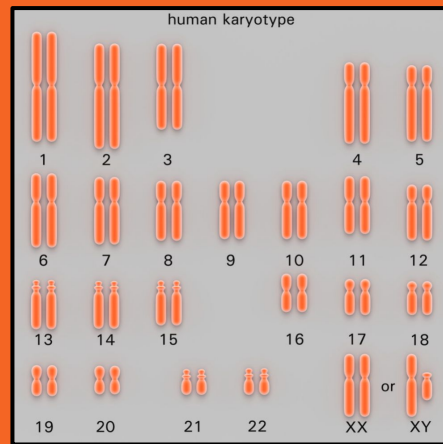


# Visualizing the Human Genome!



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**DNA → RNA → Proteins**

The Central Dogma of Biology

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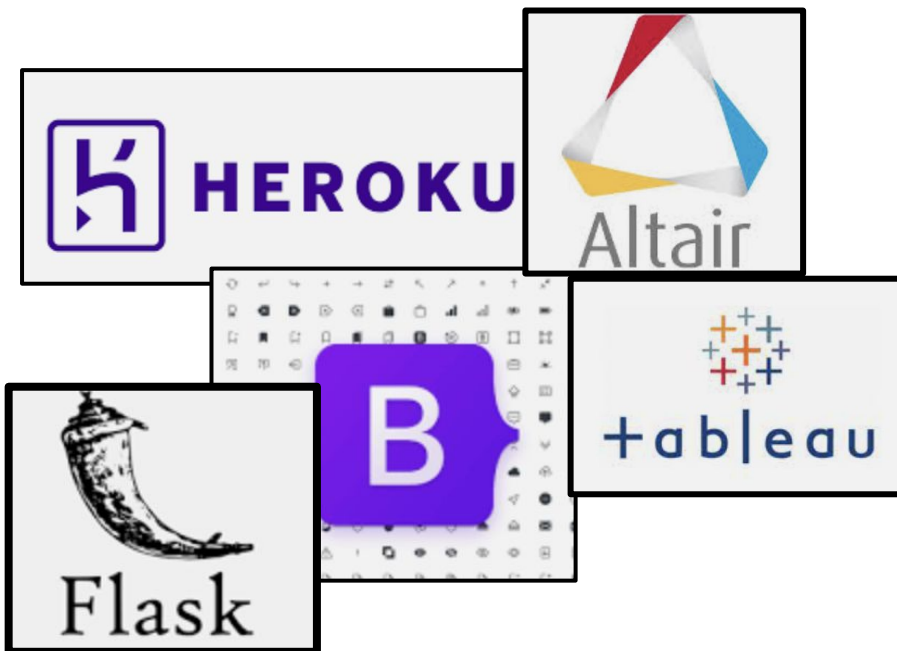
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# Users

Biology Students

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# Architecture



- Flask - backend
- Tableau and Altair charts
  - iFrame embeds
  - Python in Flask
- Heroku
- Bootstrap

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# Usability Test Feedback



- Load/lag time
- Confusing definition links
- Website aesthetics/chart sizing
- Consolidation/clean-up of views
- Interactivity Instruction clarity

# Lead/lag Improvement

- Stored each gene in its own compressed CSV and only import the gene-subcomponent detail if/when the gene is selected for viewing
- Removed the most burdensome charts and reconstructed with lighter weight datasets
- Reduced the total number of interactive charts
- Minimized the number of charts that required dropdown selection interactivity and shared a single dropdown across all gene expression charts

# Definitions Improvement

**Within the  
Webpage**



**Separate  
Hyperlinks  
per Webpage  
Section**



**Consolidated  
Definitions Page ,  
videos and on hover in  
some visuals**

# Web Aesthetics and Sizing Improvement

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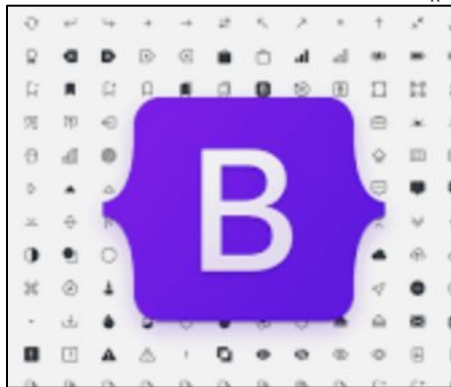
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## PART 1: An Introduction to the Genome and its Building Blocks

### Genome

The genome is the entire set of genetic instructions found in a cell. In humans, the genome consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes found in the cell's nucleus, plus an additional set of chromosomes found in the cell's mitochondria. Each set of 23 chromosomes contains approximately 3 billion base pairs of DNA.



## Visualizing the Human Genome

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### Introduction

[The Human Genome Project](#) was completed in 2003 which ushered in the modern genomics era by sequencing an entire human genome for the very first time. In the following two decades, advances in high-throughput genetic sequencing technologies have made DNA sequencing faster, cheaper, and widely available. This has led to a proliferation of genomic "big data" and the



# **View Cleanup and Instructions Clarity Improvement**

- Will discuss visual by visual
- Overall Learnings:
  - Sometime less is more in terms of charts and increasing understanding
    - Example: Too many charts leading to confusion on a subject
  - Just because you can doesn't always mean you should from a viz perspective if it confuses users
    - Example: Chromosome icons for interactivity/zooming functionality

# Part 1 - Overview

## The Human Genome

The genome is the entire set of genetic instructions found in a cell. In humans, the genome consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes, found in the nucleus, as well as a small chromosome found in the cells' mitochondria. Each set of 23 chromosomes contains approximately 3.1 billion bases of DNA sequence.

Chromosome Count|

24

Gene Count|

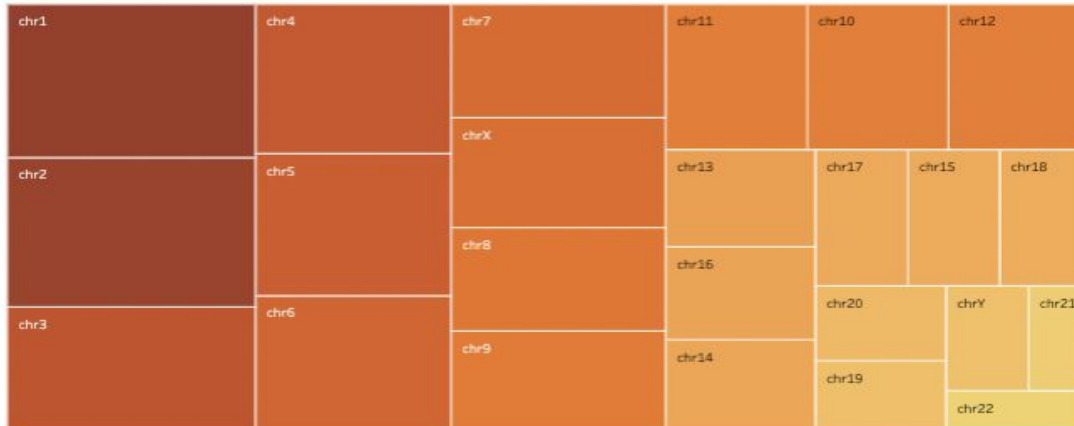
18,919

Exon Count|

599,523

Chromosomes | by Size

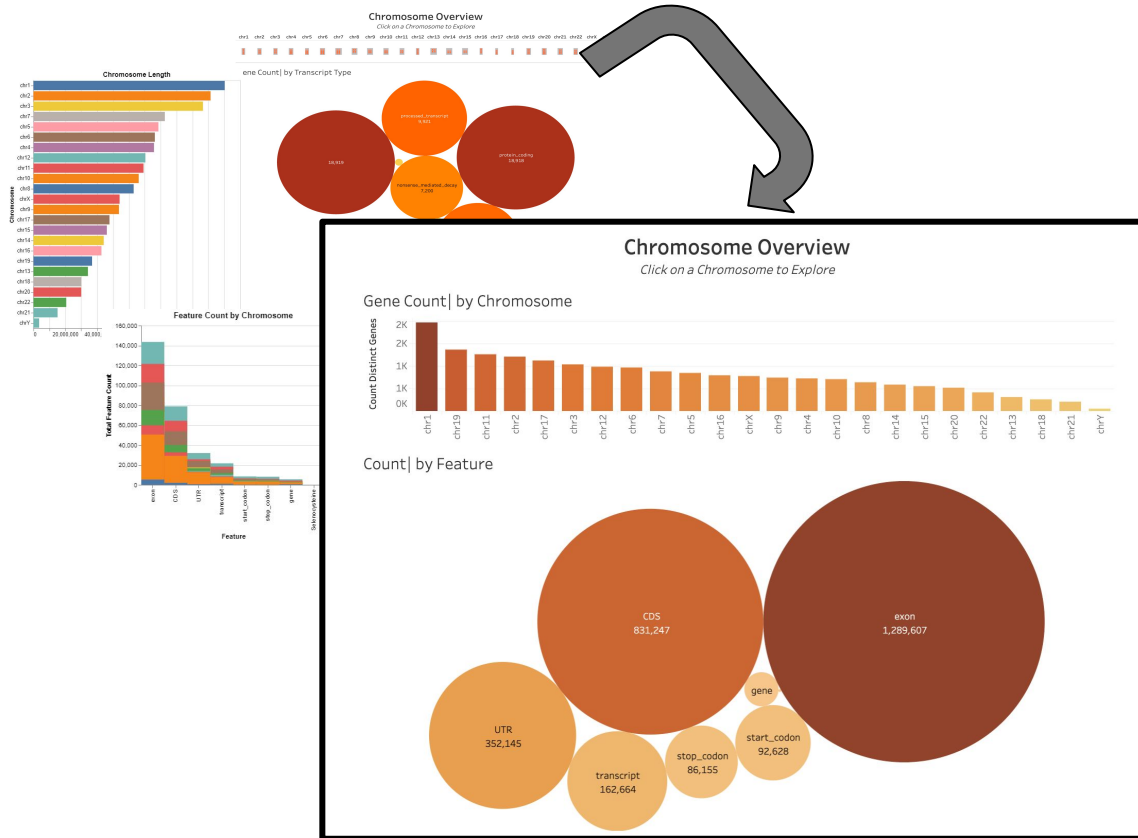
*hover over to see get an idea of genes in each chromosome*



### Tasks:

1. Count the Chromosomes
2. Count the Genes
3. Count the Exons
4. Inspect the relative visual size of the Chromosomes/Genes/Exons
5. Confirm the Chromosomes appear in pairs:
  - a. Chr 1-22 are autosomal pairs (same chromosome from each parent)
  - b. Sex Chromosome is either XY or XX
6. Understand scope of Human Genome at a high level and have a sense of Hierarchy - Chromosome being at the top

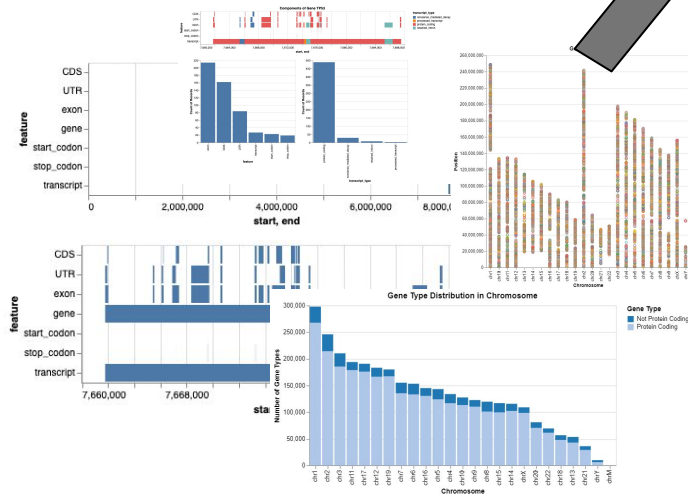
# Part 2 - Looking Within a Chromosome and Locating and Identifying Genes



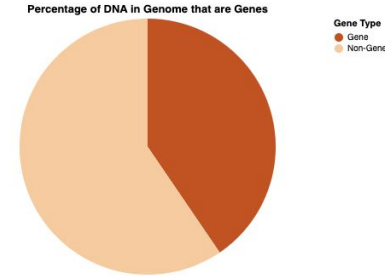
## Tasks:

1. For each Chromosome - understand the interaction and click on a Chromosome
2. Identify distribution of Chromosome length
3. Once Chromosome is clicked glean understanding of the Counts associated with the Chromosome by their Feature
4. Begin understanding the hierarchy of the Human Genome - Chromosome -> Gene

# Part 2 - Looking Within a Chromosome and Locating and Identifying Genes

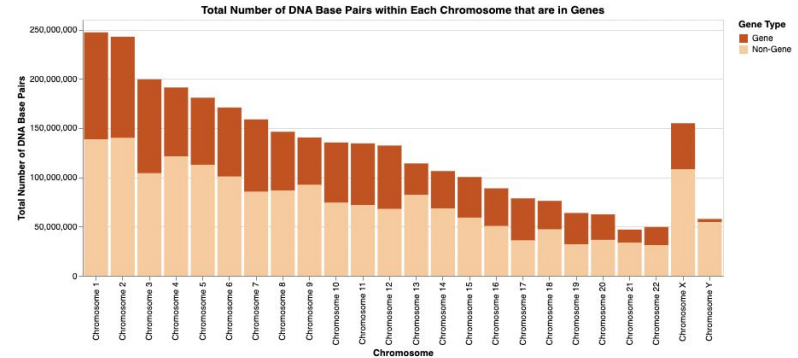


Most of the DNA in the Genome is not actually contained in a Gene

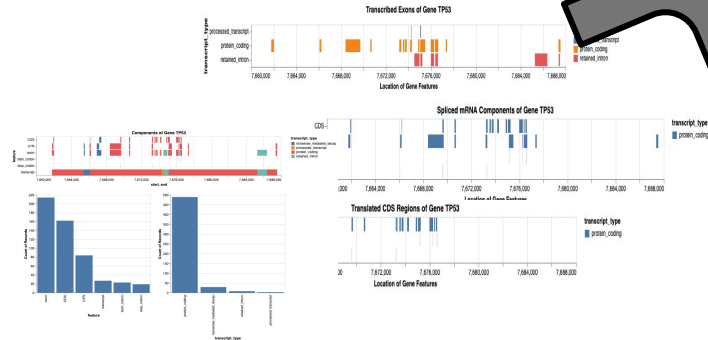


## Tasks:

1. Identify how much of the human genome is considered a gene (both in amount and percentage).
2. Compare the distribution of genes/non-genes between chromosomes.



# Part 3, 4, 5 ,6 - Gene Subcomponents



Pick Gene to Explore Further and Express ("Activate"):

Click on the dropdown bar and start typing the gene name you are looking for:

TP53

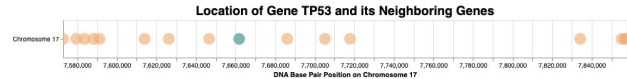
Gene Name: TP53

Gene is Located On: Chromosome 17

Gene Starts At: DNA Base Pair # 7661779

Gene Ends At: DNA Base Pair # 7687538

Gene Length: 25759 Base Pairs Long



## Sub-Components of Gene: TP53

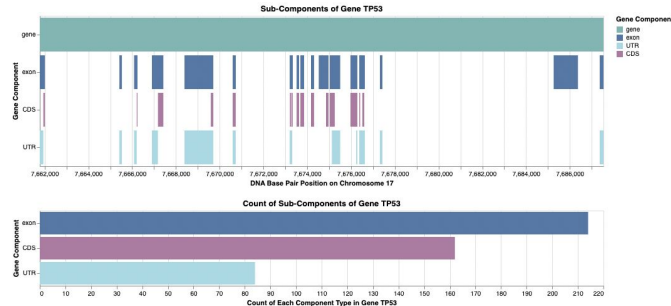
Genes consist of Exons and Introns. Introns are represented in the chart below by the gaps between the Exons.

Exons are divided into Untranslated Regions (UTR) and Coding DNA Sequences (CDS).

CDS sequences are the portions of DNA that directly code for Proteins.

Hover for more information on any of the gene transcripts.

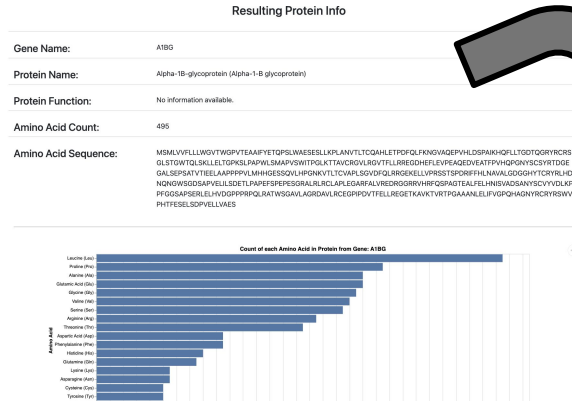
Scroll to zoom into a region of the gene. Double click to reset the view.



## Tasks:

1. Understand the sequence of steps to go from DNA to RNA to Protein.
2. Identify which components of a gene are carried through to which step.
3. Identify the Amino Acid composition of the Protein that a given Gene codes for.

## Part 7 - Visualize the Protein a Gene Encodes For

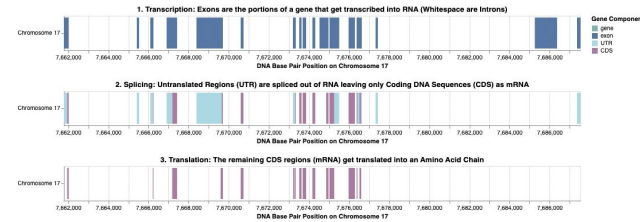


## Tasks:

1. Identify the name of the Protein encoded for by a given gene.
2. Identify the Amino Acid Sequence that defines the Protein.
3. Identify the 3D shape of the protein.
4. Identify the protein's function, if known.

Expression of Gene: TP53

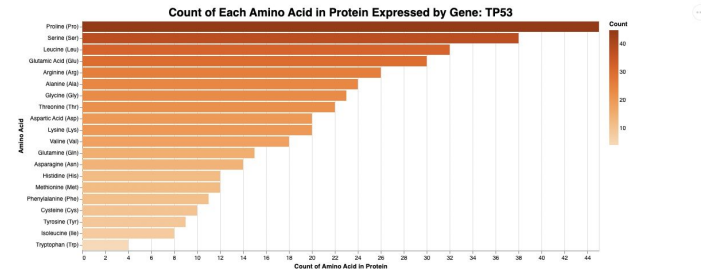
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Translated Amino Acid Chain of Gene: TP53

Amino Acid Count: 393

Amino Acid Sequence: MEEFGSDPSVEPLSQETSDLWKLLPENNLSPLSQAMDLLMSPDIOEQWTFEDPGDPEAPRMEPAAPVAPAAAPTAAAPAPASWPLS  
VSPSQKTVQSGYRGLRGHGSAKTSVCTYSALPNMFCQLAKTPQVLVVDSTPPGTRVRAMAIYKQSGHMTVEVRRCPHRCSDDSG  
LAPPHGLRVEGRLNRYEVDORNTFRHSVYVPMNIMNCSGGMHRLTIDESSGLLGRNVEFRVAPACGPRDGR  
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RHKKLMFKTEGQD



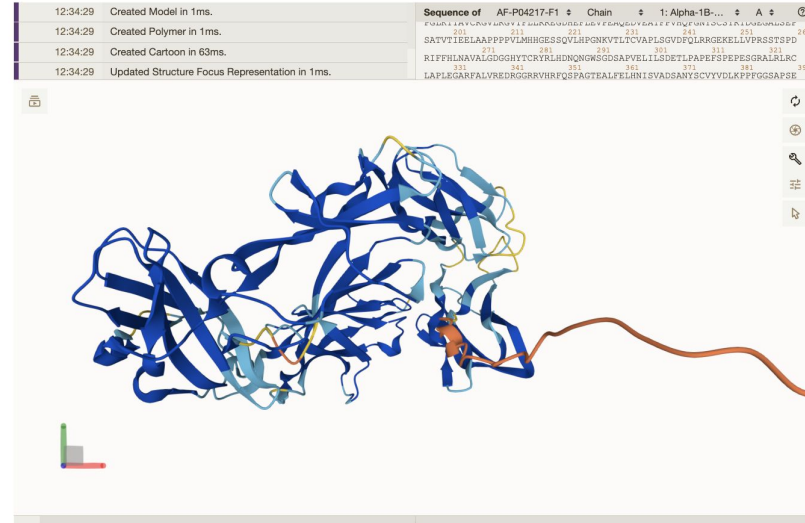
## Part 7 - Visualize the Protein a Gene Encodes For (Improved)



### Tasks:

1. See shape and structure of the Protein created by the Amino Acids of the Gene filtered for

**Protein Folding: The Amino Acid Chain folds into its final 3D shape called a Protein**



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# Recap

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# Website Demo

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    - CSS and Website Formatting
    - Definitions
  - Angel Ortiz Nuñez
    - Altair Charts - Gene Chromosome
    - Altair Charts - Protein Coding Composition by Chromosome & Genome
    - Altair Interactivity Across Charts
    - Altair Gene Function Charts
  - Eric Ellestad:
    - Protein viewer
    - Bootstrap Formatting
    - Gene Expression Charts
    - Flask Integration
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