



# Introduction to



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Theoretical Biophysics

# Are you ready?



- Theoretical Biophysics - Bioinformatics
- Systems Biology - SBML
- Beginners - switching from Java / C++ / Pearl / PHP ...
- Basic Linux Knowledge
- 90 min + 90 min Exercise + 22 Page Tutorial
- <http://docs.python.org/tutorial/>

# Can you do this?

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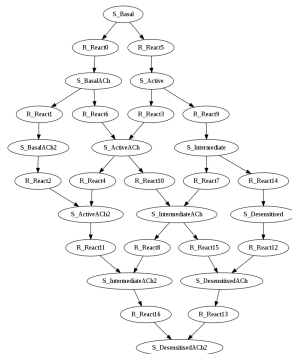
## SBML File

```

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      products="S_IntermedateCh"
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      products="S_DenitrifiedCh2"
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      products="S_DenitrifiedCh"
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    </reaction>
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      rateLaw="mass-action"
      rateConstant="1"
      reactants="S_DenitrifiedCh"
      products="S_DenitrifiedCh2"
      <math>S\_DenitrifiedCh \rightarrow S\_DenitrifiedCh2</math>
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  </reaction>
</model>

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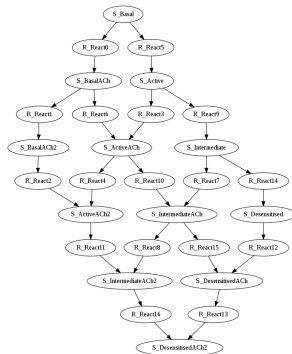


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## SBML File



## → Graphical Representation



< 100 lines fully documented source-code including a basic user interface

# Software



The tutorial will make use of the software: Python, IPython. The software used is freely available.

## Python

<http://www.python.org/>

## IPython

<http://ipython.scipy.org>

for Windows please have a look at

<http://ipython.scipy.org/moin/IpynonWindows>

# Interactive Mode

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## The command line interpreter (or Python interactive shell)

```
1 $ python
2 Python 2.5.2 (r252:60911, May 7 2008, 15:19:09)
3 [GCC 4.2.3 (Ubuntu 4.2.3-2ubuntu7)] on linux2
4 Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
5 >>>
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```

primary prompt >>>

secondary prompt ...

```
1 >>> myflag = 1
2 >>> if myflag:
3 ...     print "Be careful not to fall off!"
4 ...
5 Be careful not to fall off!
```



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```
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2     print 'this is only printed if the flag is True'
3 print 'this is always printed'
```

# Numbers

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Assign a number to a variable

```
1 >>> width = 20
2 >>> height = 5*9
3 >>> width * height
4 900
```

# Numbers

## Float

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Floating point numbers (float).

```
1 >>> 3 * 3.75 / 1.5  
2 7.5
```

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```

Convert an int into a float

```
1 >>> float(width)  
2 20.0
```

This kind of type casting works for most datatypes in Python (!).

# Strings

## Single Quotes / Double Quotes

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4 ...     significant."
5 >>>
6 >>> print hello
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\ the same command continues on the next line

# Strings

## Triple Quotes



### Multi line strings(''' or """)

```
1 >>> hello = '''This is a rather long string containing
2 ... several lines of text just as you would do in C.
3 ...     Note that whitespace at the beginning of the line is
4 ... significant.'''
5 >>> print hello
6 This is a rather long string containing
7 several lines of text just as you would do in C.
8     Note that whitespace at the beginning of the line is
9 significant.
```

# Concatenation

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## Concatenating strings

```
1 >>> word = 'Help' + 'A'
2 >>> word
3 'HelpA'
```

# IPython will help you!

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In IPython you can see all the string functions by tabbing them

```
In [1]: word = 'Help' + 'A'
```

```
In [2]: word
```

```
Out[2]: 'HelpA'
```

```
In [3]: word.<TAB>
```

```
In [2]: word.
```

word.__add__	word.__reduce_ex__	word.join
word.__class__	word.__repr__	word.ljust
word.__contains__	word.__rmod__	word.lower
...		
word.__ne__	word.isspace	word.upper
word.__new__	word.istitle	word.zfill
word.__reduce__	word.isupper	

```
In [4]: word.upper()
```

```
Out[4]: 'HELPA'
```

```
In [5]: wor<UP>
```

# tuple

The most basic list type is the tuple.

```
1 >>> t = 12345, 54321, 'hello!'
2 >>> t
3 (12345, 54321, 'hello!')
4 >>> # Tuples may be nested:
5 ... u = t, (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
6 >>> u
7 ((12345, 54321, 'hello!'), (1, 2, 3, 4, 5))
```

# list

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A normal list is called `list`.

```
1 >>> l = ['spam', 'eggs', 100, 1234]
2 >>> l
3 ['spam', 'eggs', 100, 1234]
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This is the closest to what is known as “array” in other programming languages.



## set



A set is practical for finding members

```
1 >>> basket = ['apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana']
2 >>> s = set(basket)           # create a set without duplicates
3 >>> s
4 set(['orange', 'pear', 'apple', 'banana'])
5 >>> 'orange' in s             # fast membership testing
6 True
7 >>> 'crabgrass' in s
8 False
```

It will not store duplicate entries.

You can also use functions like union, difference etc. to create new sets.

# dict

A dictionary (dict) contains key / value pairs  
{ *key:value* , *key:value* }

```
1 >>> d = {'jannis': 4098, 'wolf': 4139}
2 >>> d['jannis']
3 4098
4 >>> d['guido'] = 4127
5 >>> d
6 {'wolf': 4139, 'guido': 4127, 'jannis': 4098}
```

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The keys form a set

# Sequence Keys

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In lists and tuples, element positions are the “keys”.

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2 >>> t[0]  
3 12345
```

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2 >>> t[0]
3 12345
```

Extracting subsequences: *list[start:end]*

```
1 >>> word = 'WOOT this Python lesson is awesome'
2 >>> word.split()
3 ['WOOT', 'this', 'Python', 'lesson', 'is', 'awesome']
4 >>> word[10:17]+word.split()[4]+word[-7:]
5 'Python is awesome'
```

Empty values      start of the list or end of the list  
Negative values    subtracted from the length of the list  
                      (-1 the last element of the list)



# Other Important Datatypes

`bool` Values: `True`, `False`



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None Value: None

frequently used to represent the absence of a value



# while Statements

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```
1 >>> a, b = 0, 1 #multiple assignment
2 >>> while b < 1000:
3 ...     print b, # , prevents new line
4 ...     a, b = b, a+b
5 ...
6 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
```

If the boolean (bool) statement is True  
The indented code below the while is executed

# if Statements

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## Changing if statements

```
1 >>> x = int(raw_input("Please enter an integer: "))
2 Please enter an integer: 42
3 >>> if x < 0:
4 ...     x = 0
5 ...     print 'Negative changed to zero'
6 ... elif x == 0:
7 ...     print 'Zero'
8 ... elif x == 1:
9 ...     print 'Single'
10 ... else:
11 ...     print 'More'
12 ...
13 More
```

# for Statements

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## Looping through lists str,list,tuple,set

```
1 >>> # Measure some strings:
2 ... a = ['cat', 'window', 'defenestrate']
3 >>> for x in a:
4 ...     print x, len(x)
5 ...
6 cat 3
7 window 6
8 defenestrate 12
```

# The range() Function

## Generating lists of numbers

```
1 >>> range(10)
2 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
3 >>> range(5, 10)
4 [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
5 >>> range(0, 10, 3)
6 [0, 3, 6, 9]
7 >>> range(-10, -100, -30)
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## list indices

```
1 >>> a = ['Mary', 'had', 'a', 'little']
2 >>> for i in range(len(a)):
3 ...     print i, a[i]
4 ...
5 0 Mary
6 1 had
7 2 a
8 3 little
```

# break and continue Statements, and else Clauses on Loops



```

1 >>> for n in range(2, 10):
2 ...     for x in range(2, n):
3 ...         if n % x == 0:
4 ...             print n, 'equals', x, '*', n/x
5 ...             break # break out of the smallest enclosing loop
6 ...     else: # executed when the loop terminates through exhaustion (or ...
7 ...         ...when the condition becomes false for while)
8 ...         if n==3:
9 ...             continue # skip to the next iteration of the loop
10 ...             print n, 'is a prime number'
11 2 is a prime number
12 4 equals 2 * 2
13 5 is a prime number
14 6 equals 2 * 3
15 7 is a prime number
16 8 equals 2 * 4
17 9 equals 3 * 3

```

# pass Statements

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It will do nothing.

```
1 >>> x = int(raw_input('Please enter an integer: '))
2 Please enter an integer: 10
3 >>> if x < 0:
4     ...     pass
5     ... elif x == 42:
6     ...     pass #TODO must fill the answer to life, the universe, and ...
7     ...     ...everything here later
8     ... else:
9     ...     print 'More'
10 More
```



# Function Definition Syntax

```
1 >>> def sagMiau(who):  
2 ...     return who+' sagt Miauuuuu'  
3 ...  
4 >>> print sagMiau('Jannis')  
5 Jannis sagt Miauuuuu
```



# Default Argument Values and Keyword Arguments

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```
1 >>> def sagKompliment(who, person='Falko', antwort='Oh danke'):  
2 ...     return who+' sagt: '+person+' du hast die Haare schoen.\\n'+...  
3 ...     ...person+' sagt: '+antwort  
4 >>> print sagKompliment('Jannis', 'Wolf')  
5 Jannis sagt: Wolf du hast die Haare schoen.  
6 Wolf sagt: Oh danke  
7 >>> print sagKompliment('Timo', antwort='Verarschen kann ich mich selber...  
8 ...')  
9 Timo sagt: Falko du hast die Haare schoen.  
Falko sagt: Verarschen kann ich mich selber
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This is very useful for functions that have many arguments with default values of which you only need to use a few.

# Function as Datatype

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Functions are not very different than other datatypes.

```
10 >>> kmplmnt=sagKompliment
11 >>> print kmplmnt('Falko')
12 Falko sagt: Falko du hast die Haare schoen.
13 Falko sagt: Oh danke
```



# Documentation Strings

Python's built in method of documenting source-code.

```
1 >>> def my_function():
2 ...     '''Do nothing, but document it.
3 ...
4 ...     No, really, it doesnt do anything.
5 ...     '''
6 ...     pass
7 ...
8 >>> print my_function.__doc__
9 Do nothing, but document it.
11
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```

# Documentation Strings

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## IPython

```
1 In [1]: def my_function():
2     ...:     ''' the same here '''
3     ...:     pass
4     ...:
5
6 In [2]: my_function?
7 Type:          function
8 Base Class:    <type 'function'>
9 String Form:   <function my_function at 0x83f4f7c>
10 Namespace:    Interactive
11 File:         /home/me/<ipython console>
12 Definition:   my_function()
13 Docstring:
14     the same here
15
16 In [3]: str?
17 Type:          type
18 Base Class:    <type 'type'>
19 String Form:   <type 'str'>
20 ...
```

# List Comprehensions

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## Manipulate a list on the fly

```
1 >>> freshfruit = [' banana', ' loganberry ', 'passion fruit ']  
2 >>> [weapon.strip() for weapon in freshfruit]  
3 ['banana', 'loganberry', 'passion fruit']  
4 >>> vec = [2, 4, 6]  
5 >>> [3*x for x in vec]  
6 [6, 12, 18]  
7 >>> [3*x for x in vec if x > 3]  
8 [12, 18]
```

# Writing a Module

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A file containing Python source-code is called a module  
`fibonacci.py`:

```
'''  
Fibonacci numbers module  
'''  
  
def fib(n): # write Fibonacci series up to n  
    a, b = 0, 1  
    while b < n:  
        print b,  
        a, b = b, a+b  
  
def fib2(n): # return Fibonacci series up to n  
    result = []  
    a, b = 0, 1  
    while b < n:  
        result.append(b)  
        a, b = b, a+b  
    return result
```

# Importing a Module

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To use `fibonacci.py` we can import *modulename* (without the `.py` extension)

```
>>> import fibo
>>> fibo.fib(1000)
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
>>> fibo.fib2(100)
[1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89]
>>> fibo.__name__
'fibo'
```



# Executing Modules as Scripts

To execute the module with

```
$ python fibo.py <arguments>
```

We add

```
1 if __name__ == '__main__':  
2     import sys  
3     fib(int(sys.argv[1]))
```

Now we can run

```
$ python fibo.py 50  
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34
```

# Executing Modules as Scripts

Make the file directly executable by adding (as the first line)

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
```

And setting the file as executable

```
$ chmod +x fibo.py  
$ mv fibo.py fibo  
$ ./fibo 50  
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34
```

If move to `/usr/bin` it can be executed from any location the filesystem

# Formatted Strings

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A string containing %<someletter> (or %<number><someletter>) followed by a % and as many variables/values (in a tuple) as % signs

```
1 >>> b = 'hello'
2 >>> a = '!'
3 >>> c = 'world'
4 >>> print '%s %s %s'%(b,c,a)
5 hello world !
6 >>> print '%20s'%b
7         hello
8 >>> print '%-20s%s'%(b,a)
9 hello      !
10 >>> x = 1.23456789
11 >>> print '%e | %f | %g' % (x, x, x)
12 1.234568e+00 | 1.234568 | 1.23457
13 >>> print '%4d'%10
14      10
15 >>> print '%.4d'%10
16 0010
```



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read read the whole file into a string

readline read the file line by line

readlines read the file into a list



# The pickle Module

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“Serialization is the process of saving an object onto a storage medium [...] such as a file” (Wikipedia).

```
1 >>> import pickle
2 >>> x=[('man',1),(2,'this is getting'),{True:'so very',False:'...
   ...complicated'}}]
3 >>> f1=open('test.picklefile','w')
4 >>> pickle.dump(x, f1)
5 >>> f1.close()
6 >>> f2=open('test.picklefile','r')
7 >>> x = pickle.load(f2)
8 >>> x
9 [('man', 1), (2, 'this is getting'), {False: 'complicated', True: 'so ...
   ...very'}]
```

# Syntax Errors



```
1 >>> while True print 'Hello world'
2 File '<stdin>', line 1, in ?
3     while True print 'Hello world'
4             ^
5 SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Error at the keyword print: a colon (':') is missing before it

# Exceptions



## Some exceptions you could encounter

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1 >>> 10 * (1/0)
2 Traceback (most recent call last):
3   File "<stdin>", line 1, in ?
4 ZeroDivisionError: integer division or modulo by zero
5 >>> 4 + spam*3
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8 NameError: name 'spam' is not defined
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A Python script the script will terminate on unhandled exceptions.

# Handling Exceptions



exception between in the try / except statements are caught

```
1 >>> while True:
2 ...     try:
3 ...         x = int(raw_input("Please enter a number: "))
4 ...         break
5 ...     except ValueError:
6 ...         print 'Oops! That was no valid number. Try again...'
7 ...     else:
8 ...         print 'good boy!'
9 ...
```

optional else executes commands in case no exception is raised

# Raising Exceptions



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Each exception is a class that inherits from the `Exception` base class

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1 >>> class Animal:  
2 ...     ''' This is an animal ''' # documentation string  
3 ...     nana='nana'  
4 ...     def __init__(self,number_of_legs): # optional constructor  
5 ...         self.legs=number_of_legs # instance variable legs  
6 ...     def saySomething(self): # method  
7 ...         print 'I am an Animal, I have %s legs' % self.legs  
8 ...
```

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In our project:

<b>variables</b>	snake_case
<b>functions</b>	camelCase
<b>classes</b>	CamelCase

# Inheritance

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17 ...         '''cats always have 4 legs, this is initialized in this ...
...function'''
18 ...         Animal.__init__(self,4)
19 ...     def petTheCat(self):
20 ...         print 'purrrrrrr'
21 ...
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```

multiple inheritance

```
class DerivedClassName(Base1, Base2, Base3)
```

# Custom Exceptions

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Creating a custom exception.

```
1 >>> class MyError(Exception):
2 ...     def __init__(self, value):
3 ...         self.value = value
4 ...     def __str__(self):
5 ...         return repr(self.value)
6 ...
7 >>> try:
8 ...     raise MyError(2*2)
9 ... except MyError as e:
10 ...     print 'My exception occurred, value:', e.value
11 ...
12 My exception occurred, value: 4
13 >>> raise MyError, 'oops!'
14 Traceback (most recent call last):
15   File '<stdin>', line 1, in ?
16 __main__.MyError: 'oops!'
```

## Additional Software

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Writing a Sophisticated Bioinformatics Application: We need some extra tools - freely available and run on Linux, Windows and Os X.

### libSBML

<http://sbml.org/Software/libSBML> (don't forget to install the Python bindings)

### Graphviz

<http://www.graphviz.org/>

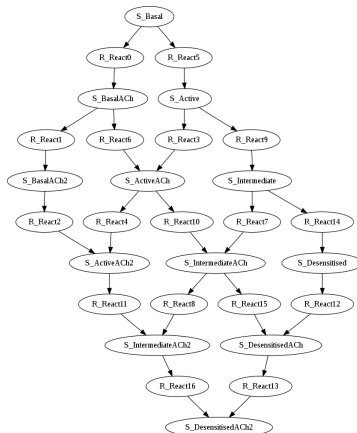
### Epydoc

<http://epydoc.sourceforge.net/>



# The Result

What our software will be able to create



# The Code

## Part 1

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sbml\_graph.py:

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  '''
3  B{SBML Graph Representation}
4  this module generates a graphical representations of SBML models
5  '''
6
7  import os,sys,optparse,libsbml
8
9  dot_path= '/usr/bin/dot' # configure the path to graphviz dot executable...
   ... here
10
11  class SBMLGraph():
12      '''this class enables you to create graph representations of SBML ...
   ...models'''
```

# The Code

## Part 2



```
13 def __init__(self, sbml_file_name):
14     '''
15     check if the sbml file exists
16     if it exists generate a graph representation
17     if not return an error message to the use and exit
18     @param sbml_file_name: path to the sbml file
19     @type sbml_file_name: str
20     '''
21     self.graph_dot=''
22     self.in_file_path=sbml_file_name
23     if not os.path.exists(self.in_file_path):
24         print 'The file %s was not found' % self.in_file_path
25         sys.exit(1)
26     else:
27         document = libsbml.readSBMLFromString(open(self.in_file_path, 'r')....
28             ...read())
29         model= document.getModel()
30         self.graph_dot=self.generateGraph(model)
```

# The Code

## Part 3

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```
30 def generateGraph(self,model):
31     '''
32     @param model: libsbml model instance
33     @type model: libsbml.Model
34     @return: graph representation as string in dot format
35     @rtype: str
36     '''
37     #generate a dictionary of all species in the sbml file
38     id2libsbml_obj={}
39     for species in list(model.getListOfSpecies()):
40         id2libsbml_obj[species.getId()]=species
```

# The Code

## Part 4



```
41 out='digraph sbmlgraph {'
42   #go through all reactions
43   for reaction in list(model.getListOfReactions()):
44
45       for i in range(reaction.getNumReactants()):
46           reactant_name= id2libsaml_obj[reaction.getReactant(i).getSpecies...
47           ...()].getName() or reaction.getReactant(i).getSpecies()
48           out+= 'S_%s -> R_%s' % (reactant_name, reaction.getName() or ...
49           ...reaction.getId())
50
51       for i in range(reaction.getNumProducts()):
52           product_name= id2libsaml_obj[reaction.getProduct(i).getSpecies()...
53           ...].getName() or reaction.getProduct(i).getSpecies()
54           out += 'R_%s -> S_%s' % (reaction.getName() or reaction.getId(),...
55           ...product_name)
56   return out +'}'
```

# The Code

## Part 5



```
53 def writeImage(self,format='svg',filename=''):
54     '''
55     write the graph image to the hard disk
56     @param format: output image format
57     @type format: str
58     @param filename: filename of image
59     @type filename: str
60     '''
61     if not filename:
62         filename = os.path.splitext(os.path.basename(self.in_file_path))...
        ...[0]+'.'+format
63
64     open('temp.dot','w').write(self.graph_dot)
65     os.system('%s temp.dot -T%s -o %s'%(dot_path,format,filename))
66     os.remove('temp.dot')
```

# The Code

## Part 6



```
67 if __name__ == '__main__':
68
69     parser = optparse.OptionParser()
70     parser.add_option('-i', '--infile', dest='infile',\
71         help='Input: an SBML file')
72     parser.add_option('-o', '--outfile', dest='outfile', default='',\
73         help='specify a out filename, this is optional')
74     parser.add_option('-f', '--imageformat', dest='format', default='',\
75         help='output formats are: svg, png, ps, eps, tiff, bmp')
76     (options,args) = parser.parse_args()
77
78     if not options.infile:
79         print 'No input file specified'
80         parser.print_help()
81         sys.exit()
82     else:
83         graph=SBMLGraph(options.infile)
84         graph.writeImage(filename=options.outfile,format=options.format)
```

# Executing the Script

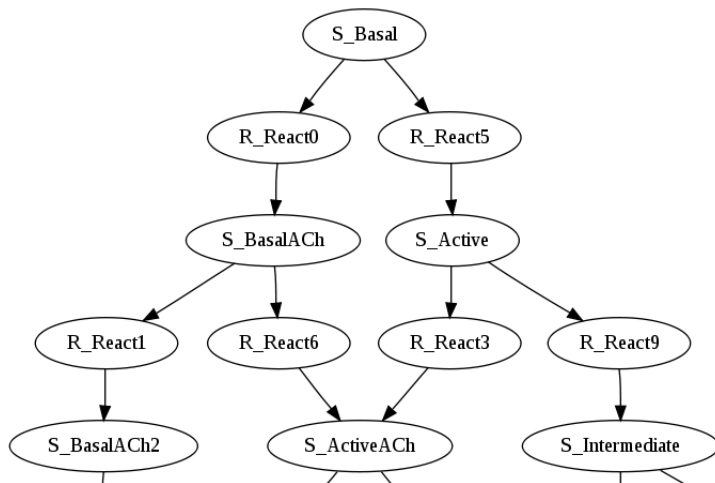
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```
1 $ ./sbml_graph.py -h
2 Usage: sbml_graph.py [options]
3 Options:
4   -h, --help            show this help message and exit
5   -i INFILE, --infile=INFILE
6                           Input: an SBML file
7   -o OUTFILE, --outfile=OUTFILE
8                           specify a out filename, this is optional
9   -f FORMAT, --imageformat=FORMAT
10                           output formats are: svg, png, ps, eps, tiff, bmp
11 $ ./sbml_graph.py -i nofile.xml -f png
12 The file nofile.xml was not found
13 $ wget http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/models-main/publ/BIOMD0000000001....
14   ...xml
15 $ ls
16 BIOMD0000000001.xml sbml_graph.py
17 $ ./sbml_graph.py -i BIOMD0000000001.xml -f png
18 $ ls
19 BIOMD0000000001.png BIOMD0000000001.xml sbml_graph.py
```



# The Result

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# Documentation

## Creation

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Autogenerating a good-looking source-code documentation with Epydoc.

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```
$ epydoc sbml_graph.py
```

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## Screenshot

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