

# DBW – Databases and Web development



# Aims

- Review a number of technologies to handle bioinformatics data:
  - Computer communication, design of web applications, basic database design and optimization.
  - This is NOT a programming course, it is about designing and building applications in an heterogenous scenario
- The final objective is to built a **fully operative application** using the appropriate combination of the techniques reviewed.

# Bioinformatics & Internet

- Tools and data should be available through web
- Ex. Nucleic Acid Research reviews:
  - Database Issue (January) 1170 DBs
  - Web Server Issue (July) 1200 Servers



# NAR Database issue recommendations

- “The pre-submission enquiry must present a working **web accessible** database “
- “The quality, quantity and originality of data as well as the **quality of the web interface** are the most important. Good data with a poor interface or vice versa are never sufficient for consideration. “
- “**Do get a domain name for your website**. URLs to specific IP addresses/ports are unlikely to stand the test of time.”

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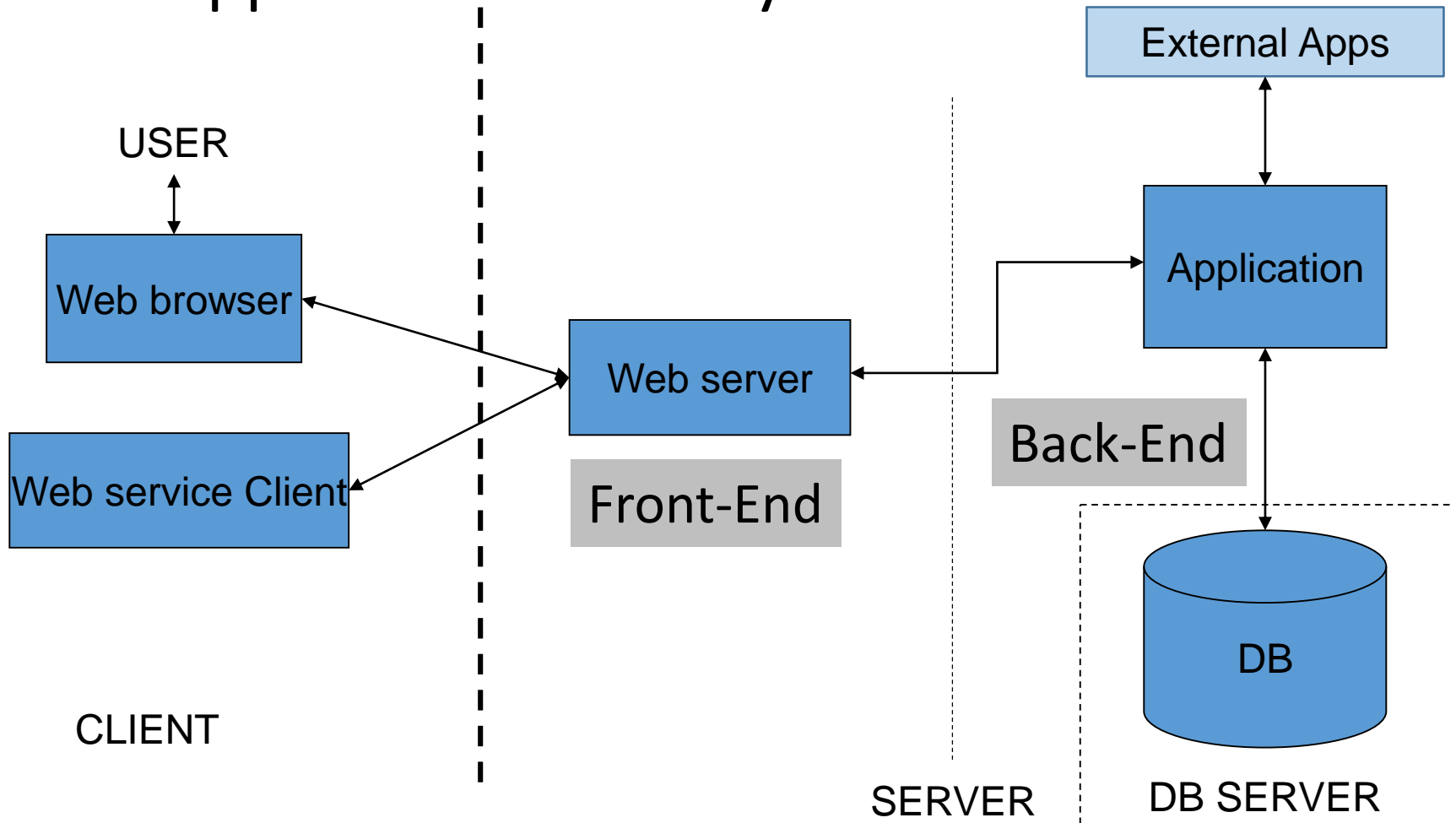
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Pages D1–D2

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# Web applications by access type

- Web interfaces
  - Provide a user friendly interface (web based) to “human” users
    - Users known how to use the interface
    - There is no need to install software
    - Single operations (no large scale)
    - Must adapt to navigation uses (low latency, synchronous answers,...)
- Web services
  - Provide a programmatic interface (using Web protocols)
  - Intended to interact with software, not humans
    - Well-defined data formats required.
    - Adequated for large scale operations
- Modern applications will normally offer both

# Web application anatomy



# Web application styles


- Access to data
  - Friendly interface to data repositories
- Web Interfaces to stand-alone software
  - Collect input parameters and redirect output
- Workbenches (e.g. Galaxy)
- On-purpose applications & DBs
- Web services (programmatic access)

PMut

mmb.irbbarcelona.org/PMut

PMut Repository Analyze mutations Batch analysis Custom predictor REST API PyMut Help Login


Welcome to the updated version of Pmut (Beta), you can find the old version [here](#).



### Predict the pathology of mutations

Enter a list of mutations on any protein or sequence, and find out their pathology score using PMut predictor.


Analyze mutations »



### Do you have lots of mutations? Submit a batch analysis!

If you want to predict lots of mutations on different proteins, you can submit a batch query.

Batch analysis »




### Browse our repository

We have a repository of 725,596,928 variants on 106,407 proteins that have been analyzed and are predicted to be either pathological or neutral.

Search

e.g. BRCA2, 2vgb, ENSG00000133110, Q04917



### Train your own predictor

Train a specific predictor using your own annotated variants and get more precise predictions for your research.

Train custom predictor »

#### Server status

- 0 queued jobs
- 0 running jobs
- 873 completed jobs
- 725,596,928 variants
- 106,407 proteins
- 17 registered users

#### Download PyMut to work locally


The [PyMut](#) Python module brings all the PMut functionality to your computer, allowing you to customize and tinker the machine learning process. Check the [PyMut tutorial](#) as an example of how to use it.

#### Contact

If you have any question or request about this service, contact us at [pmut@mmb.irbbarcelona.org](mailto:pmut@mmb.irbbarcelona.org)



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# ICGC Data Portal

Cancer Projects
Advanced Search
Data Analysis
DCC Data Releases
Data Repositories

## About Us

The [ICGC Data Portal](#) provides tools for visualizing, querying and downloading the data released quarterly by the consortium's member projects.


To access ICGC controlled tier data, please read these [instructions](#).

New features will be regularly added by the [DCC development team](#). [Feedback is welcome](#).

## Data Release 26

Dec 7th, 2017

### Donor Distribution by Primary Site




Cancer projects	76
Cancer primary sites	21
Donors with molecular data in DCC	17,440
Total Donors	20,383

## Tutorial

### EXAMPLE QUERIES


1. [BRAF missense mutations in colorectal cancer](#)
2. [Most frequently mutated genes by high impact mutations in stage III malignant lymphoma](#)
3. [Brain cancer donors with frameshift mutations and having methylation data available](#)



## PCAWG


PanCancer Analysis OF WHOLE GENOMES

The [Pancancer Analysis of Whole Genomes \(PCAWG\)](#) study is an international collaboration to identify common patterns of mutation in more than 2,800 cancer whole genomes from <https://dcc.icgc.org/icgc-in-the-cloud> Consortium.



## ICGC

International Cancer Genome Consortium



in the cloud

ICGC data is now available on commercial and [Go to ICGC in the Cloud Home](#)

# Web interfaces to apps.

Sequence Analysis

Retrieval

Search

sequence id: 1pio

pdb

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Upload file:

Browse...

program: NCBI Blastp

database: SwissProt

The sequence pdb: 1pio (BETA-LACTAMASE)

1c1 | BETA-LACTAMASE.O | BETA-LACTAMASE

MKELNDLEKKYNAHIGVYALDTKSGKEVKFNSDKRFAYAST

VGKDITLKALIEASMTYSNTANNKIIKEIGGIKKVKQRLP

LIANGKLSKENKKFLDLMLNKSGLTIKDGVPKDYKVAI

PNDKLISSETAKSVMKEF

Show not processed blast result

Sequence Similarity Report

Search Program: blastp blastp 2.2.15 [Oct-15-2006]

Parameters: Matrix: BLOSUM62 Expected: 10 gap\_open: 11 gap\_extend: 1

Detailed Analysis of Results

Iteration: 1

Hit id: gn|BL\_ORD\_ID|20022

P00807|BLAC\_STAAU Beta-lactamase precursor - Staphylococcus aureus

Sequence length of hit = 281

High-scoring segment pair (HSP) group

Score = 1137, E = 5.96398e-124, Identities = 232/ 257 (90.3%), Positives = 233/ 257 (90.7%), Length = 257

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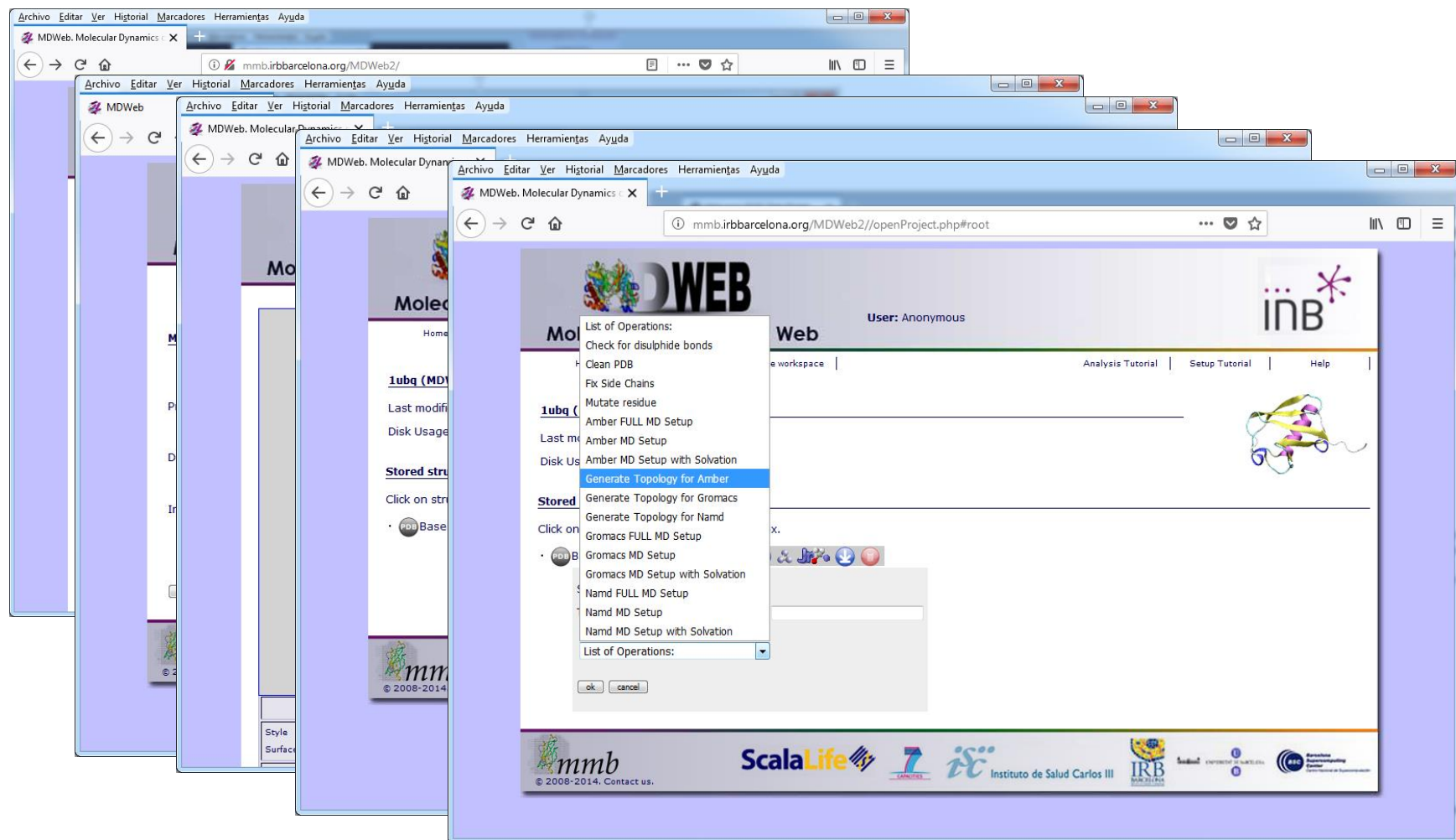
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Hit id: gn|BL\_ORD\_ID|20008

P00808|BLAC\_BACLI Beta-lactamase precursor - Bacillus licheniformis

Sequence length of hit = 307

High-scoring segment pair (HSP) group



<http://mmb.irbbarcelona.org/MDWeb2>

Bioinformatics. 2012 28(9):1278-9.  
doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/bts139

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MDWeb. Molecular Dynamics Galaxy | Europe

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**Galaxy / Europe** Analyze Data Workflow Visualize Shared Data Help Login or Register Using 0 bytes

**Tools**

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**FILE AND META TOOLS**

- [Get Data](#)
- [Convert Formats](#)
- [Collection Operations](#)

**GENERAL TEXT TOOLS**

- [Text Manipulation](#)
- [Filter and Sort](#)
- [Join, Subtract and Group](#)

**GENOMICS, NGS**

- [Extract Features](#)
- [BED Tools](#)
- [Fetch Alignments](#)
- [Operate on Genomic Intervals](#)
- [Multiple Alignments](#)
- [FASTA/FASTQ manipulation](#)
- [Picard](#)
- [Quality Control](#)
- [Assembly](#)
- [Mapping](#)
- [Variant Calling](#)
- [Genome editing](#)
- [GATK Tools](#)
- [Gemini Tools](#)

"Anyone, anywhere in the world should have free, unhindered access to not just my research, but to the research of every great and enquiring mind across the spectrum of human understanding." – Prof. Stephen Hawking

## News

- [Oct 17, 2018](#)  
🎓 🔧 **Heinz tools for network analysis over transcriptomics datasets**
- [Oct 10, 2018](#)  
📄 **New Paper on "Endothelial cell mineralocorticoid receptors oppose VEGF-induced gene expression and angiogenesis"**
- [Oct 10, 2018](#)  
📄 **New article "Datenanalyse mit dem Galaxy Server"**
- [Oct 8, 2018](#)  
⚙️ **Initial release of `gxadmin` tool**
- [Oct 2, 2018](#)  
🎓 **Tutorial of the Month: Maria Doyle selected "From peaks to genes"**
- [Sep 24, 2018](#)  
🎓 **A successful Galaxy HTS data analysis workshop**

## Events

- [Feb 25, 2019 - Mar 1, 2019](#)  
📅 **Galaxy workshop on HTS data analysis**

[OPEN CHAT](#)

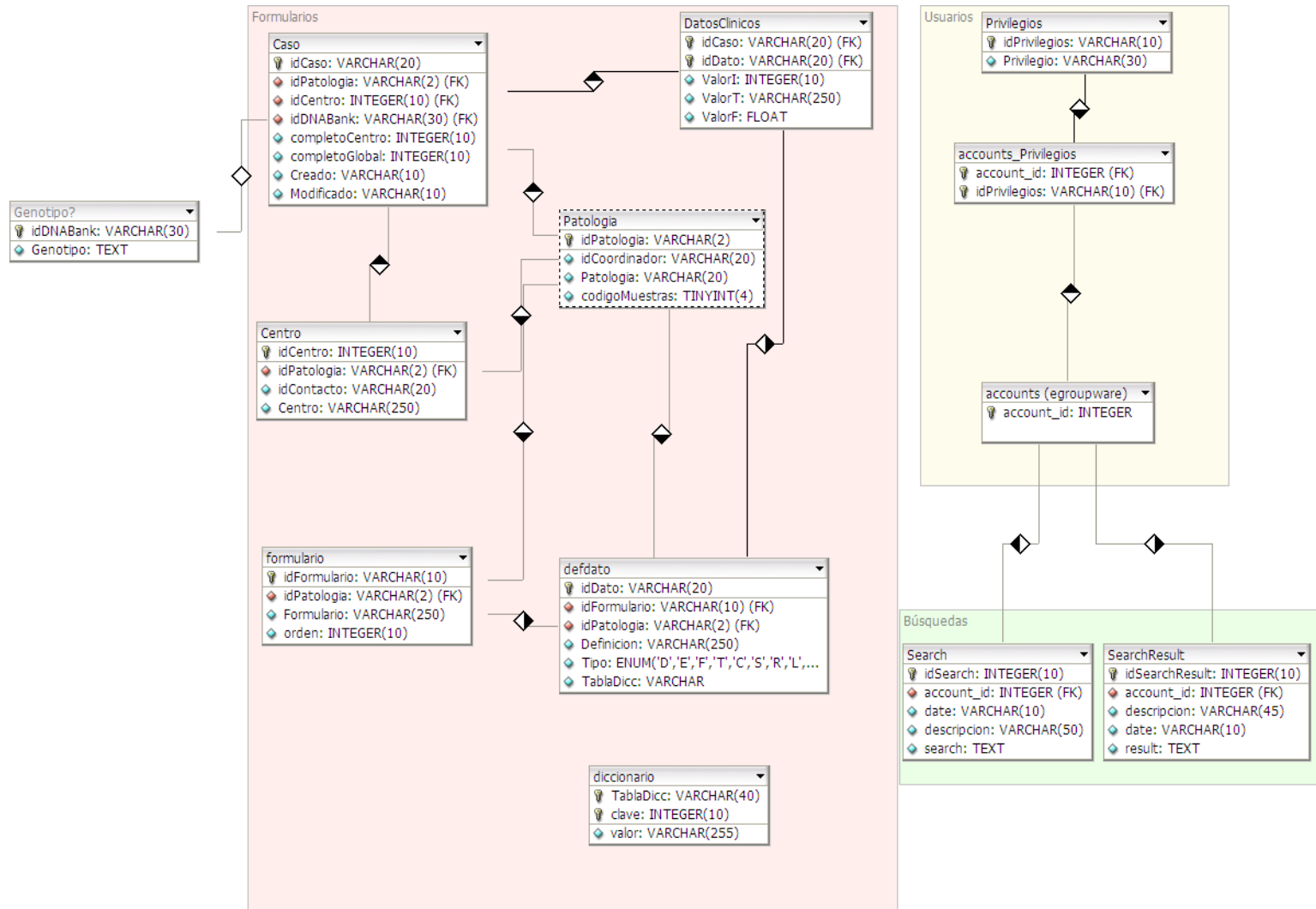
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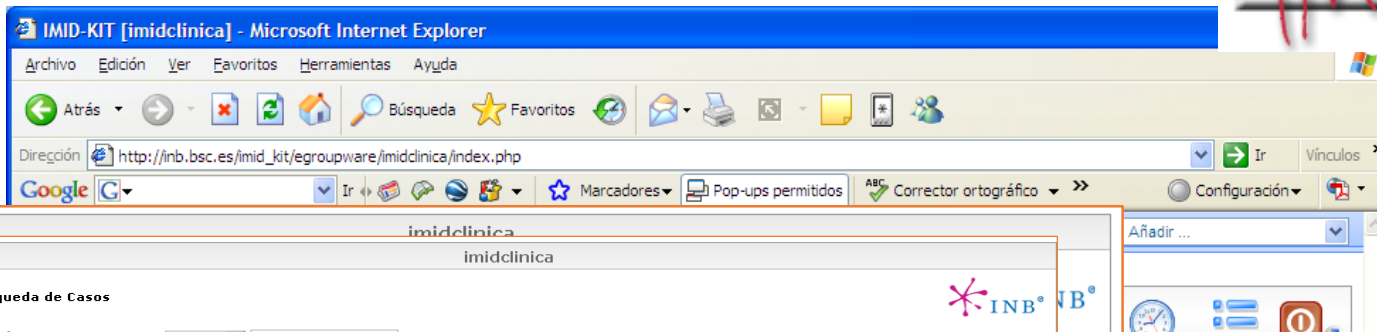
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# Special purpose applications & DBs





**Referencia:**

**Especialidad:**

**Centro:**

Form

Código Banco AD

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Datos Completos

**Cuestionario clínico**

A. Criterios de In

B. Criterios de Ex

C. Antecedentes

D. Variables Clíni

E. Variables Clíni

F. Enfermedades Asociadas (Diagnosticadas y Documentadas) (0/36)

G. Tratamiento (0/155)

G1. Tratamiento Etanercept y Adalimumab (0/48)

G2. Tratamiento Rituximab y Anakinra (0/49)

H. Actividad de la Enfermedad en el Momento de la Extracción (1/75)

## Cuestionario epidemiológico

Extracción (0/0)

Actividades (0/0)

Hábitos (0/0)

Cuestionario Dem

Estudios (0/0)

Cuestionario Gene

**imidclinica**

**Busqueda de casos**

#	Reumatología > C. Antecedentes Familiares > Psoriasis:		Resultado	Grabar set
#1	si	3		
#2	Reumatología > C. Antecedentes Familiares > EII > Crohn:	0		
#3	Reumatología > C. Antecedentes Famil			

Operadores posibles: O, Y, NO

#4. #1 Y #3:

Num Casos: 2

[Grabar búsqueda actual] [Nueva Búsqueda]

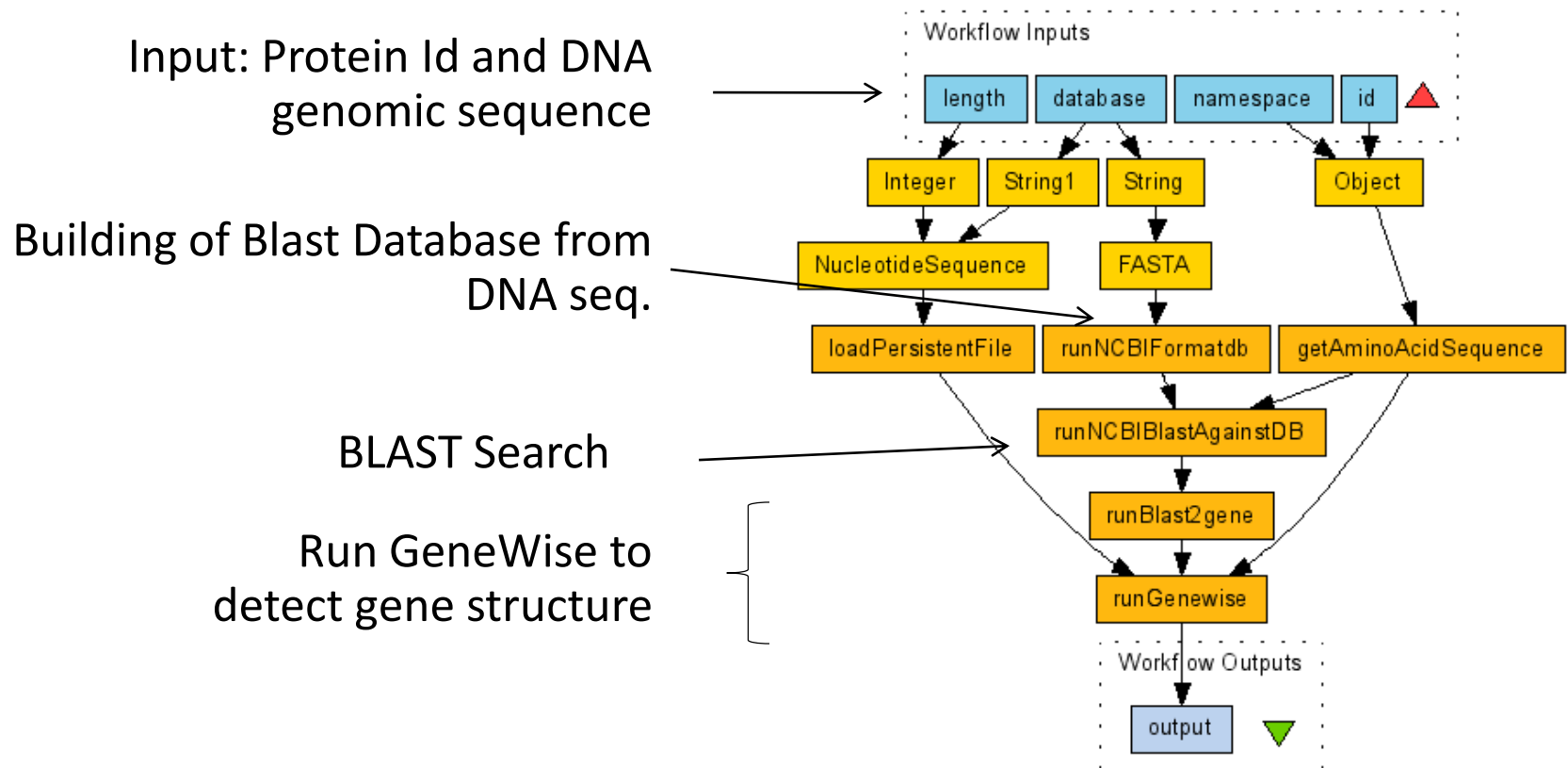
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ID.	Especialidad	Centro	Datos Cuest.	Id DNA Bank	Datos Epid.	Compl. Centro	Completo
30112345	Reumatología	Unitat de Recerca de Reumatologia, Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron (Barcelona)	22/492		0/0		
3012345	Reumatología	Unitat de Recerca de Reumatologia, Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron (Barcelona)	25/492		0/0		

Volver a la búsqueda



# Bioinformatics web-services and workflows



# Building a (web) application

1. Define specifications
2. Analyze data and built a data model
3. Decide/prepare Database implementation
4. Build ETL if necessary
5. Define interfaces
6. Define and prepare files/scripts layout
7. Write application code
8. Test, debug, document...



# Course logistics

- Web site(s)
  - Course materials:
    - <http://mmb.pcb.ub.es/formacio/>
  - Personal sites:
    - <http://mmb.pcb.ub.es/formacio/~dbwXX>
  - SSH Access
    - `ssh mmb.pcb.ub.es -p 22021 -l dbwXX`
  - MySQL Access
    - Localhost only

# Software to install

- Ideally Linux (may need root privileges)
- From Linux distribution
  - Apache Web Server (v. 2.x)
    - With PHP 5.x and mysql support
  - MYSQL server (v. 5.x)
  - MYSQL Workbench or phpMyAdmin
- Netbeans (PHP module) (optional)
- MongoDB (optional)

# Evaluation

- Exercices, in-class projects (20%)
- Personal web site (20%)
- Web application project (60%)
  - Progress presentations
  - Fully operative web application using DBs

# Evaluation

- Web application project
  - 3-4 people / group
  - Free subject (bioinformatics preferred)
  - Should include DB management, web interface, users management
  - May use fake data if necessary
  - Available at the personal web site
  - Preferred languages: PHP, Perl, Mysql
  - Source code at github

# Evaluation

- Web application project
  - Steps:
    - Initial specification
    - Data analysis & Database design
    - Project Demo
    - Final application
- Installed on server
  - `mmb.pcb.ub.es/formacio/~dbwXX`
    - Account dbwXX

# Basic computer communication protocols

# Aim & Outline

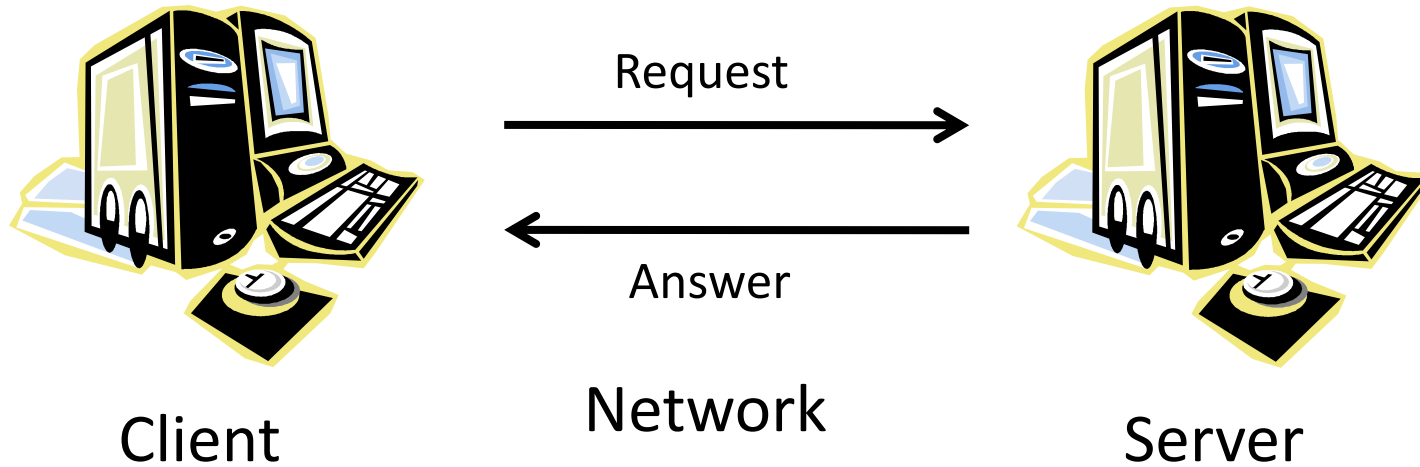
- Understand the basic components of computer communication protocols
  - Concepts of client and server
  - Addressing servers and data
    - Computer addresses (MAC Address, IP Address)
    - Ports
    - Resource identification
      - DNS
      - URL/URI concept
  - Client/server transactions
    - HTTP protocol



# Present internet

- Huge network of computers using common communication protocols (TCP/IP, HTTP)
- Distributed, no central servers
  - (Well, not really true in bioinformatics)
- Common language: HTML/CSS (XML)
- Content mostly static, but dynamic behaviour is possible through web applications

# Components



- Client and Server logic and physical addresses
- Data
- Data meta-information
  - Nature of data
  - Request (what to do)
  - Applications involved (email, web, etc.)

# How it works: TCP/IP

- Packet switching
  - Packet switching breaks the signal in small fragments (“packets”) each of them containing the complete information about source and destination
    - Packets can share a single communication line
  - Users have the idea of a dedicated line but, in fact, it is not. Of course, the bandwidth is limited.
- Computers connected to internet should have addresses
  - MAC Address: Address of the physical interface
  - IP Address: Address of the computer

# IP addresses

- Allow to find destination irrespective of the nature of the network media.
- Each device has a “unique” IP address
- IPv4: 32 bits (4 x 1 byte (0-255) numbers)
  - Max:  $2^{32}$  : aprox  $4.3 \times 10^9$
  - P.ex. 161.116.222.59 (mmb.pcb.ub.es)
  - 4 levels are hierarchical
- Some addresses are reserved, and some networks are “local”
- IPv6: 128 bits (16 bytes). Max:  $2^{128}$  ( $3.4 \times 10^{38}$ )

# Names vs addresses (Domain Name System)

- IP addresses are not easy. Most hosts have also a “name”:  
f. ex. [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.edu](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.edu)
- Host names have a structure similar to IP addresses:  
Top domains (.es, .edu, correspond to full class domains and subnets are indicated by prefixes.
  - ub.es (161.116.x.x)
  - bq.ub.es (161.116.154.x)
  - www.bq.ub.es (161.116.154.18)

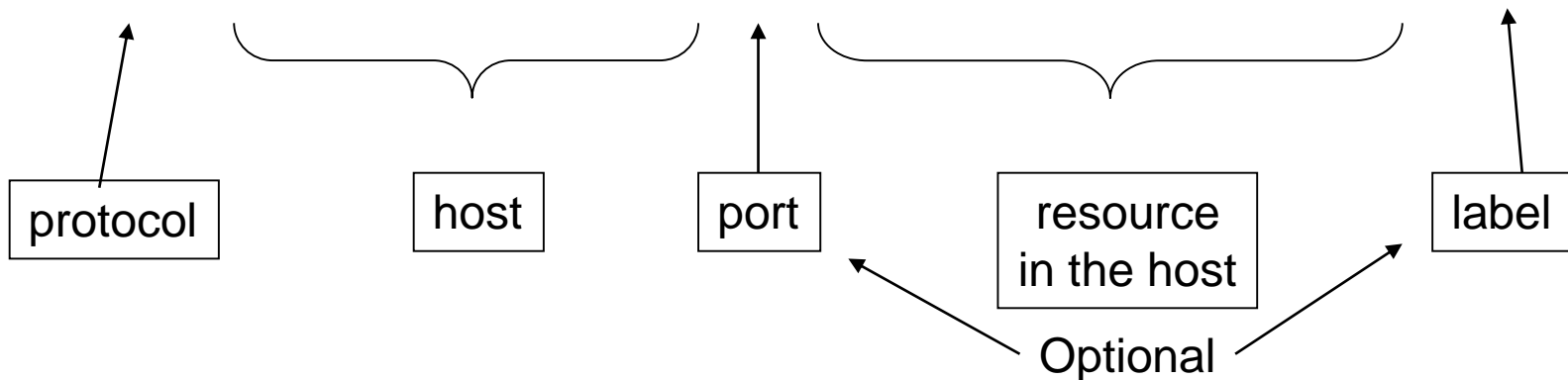
# How to address applications in a server: Ports.

- Each host has **one IP address** but has **several ports** for known services
- Ports are 2-Byte numbers.
  - 0-1023 are “**Well known ports**” (Telnet: 23, FTP: 21, HTTP: 80, ...).
  - 1024-49151 are “**Registered ports**”, usually managed by applications (MySQL: 3306)
  - 49,152-65,535 are “**Dynamic and/or private ports**” freely usable.
- Communication to ports triggers the specific application to deal with the data
- However, different ports from official ones can be used to:
  - Hide applications
  - Have more than one server in the same IP address
  - Hide servers in internal networks.

# URI/URLs

- Resources must be identified in a way that includes all the necessary details:

`http://mmb.pcb.ub.es:80/courses/master.htm#top`



Missing parts of the URL are filled by default!!

# Client – server communication

- Most Web Applications use HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol), although sometimes FTP, SMTP
- HTTP is a client-server communication protocol
  - Link between client and server is dynamic
  - Usually limited to a single transaction
  - Requests composed by a query operation and a variable set of headers.
  - Answers: headers + data



# Client – server communication

- Relevant Operations: GET, POST
  - GET: Simple retrieval, all information/parameters included in the URL
    - Simple queries, static information
    - Required to be used as hypertext links
  - POST: Query defines the resource, but input data follows
    - Input data can be of any type (including binaries, whole files) or size (within limits)
- Relevant HTTP headers
  - Content-type (POST): input data format
  - Content-type (Answer): Data MIME type (text/html, image/jpg, ...)
  - Location: Redirects browser
  - Set-cookie: Set a “cookie” on users’ software.

# Cookies

- Small information tags sent as HTTP headers and stored in the browser side
  - Are associated with a URL, and are sent back to the server whenever that URL is visited within a expiration date

```
Set-Cookie:  
  PHPSESSID=bb56ee648aeac6923e3360a7b8284a6f;  
  path=/
```

- Useful to “remember” clients, but some people disables them!