



# Gene Set Analysis –Methods and Tools

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## 1.1. Introduction

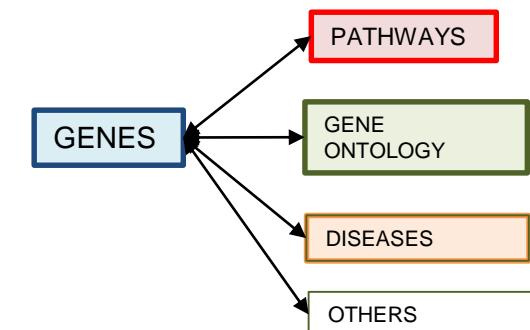
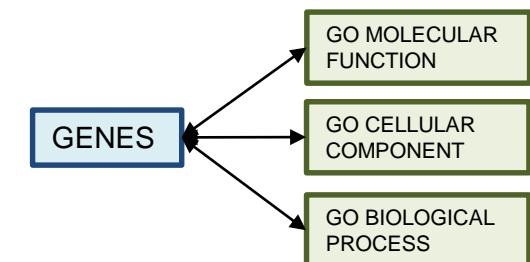
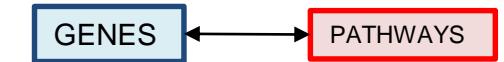


Databases are sources  
of Biological Annotation

Pathway databases  
(KEGG, Reactome, Wikipathways)

Ontology databases  
(Gene Ontology)

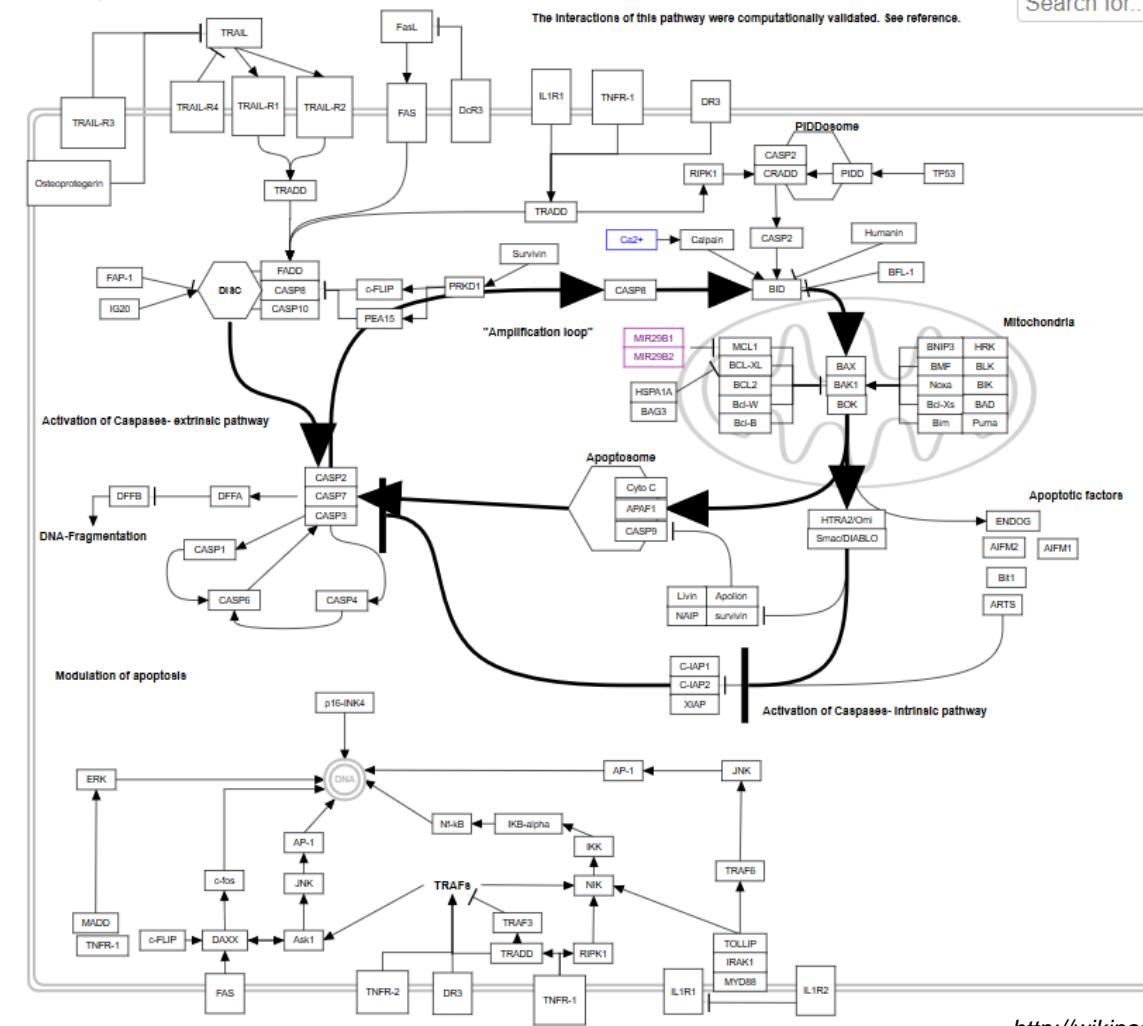
Gene set databases  
(GeneSetDB, MSigDB)





Title: Apoptosis Modulation and Signaling  
Organism: Homo sapiens

Search for...



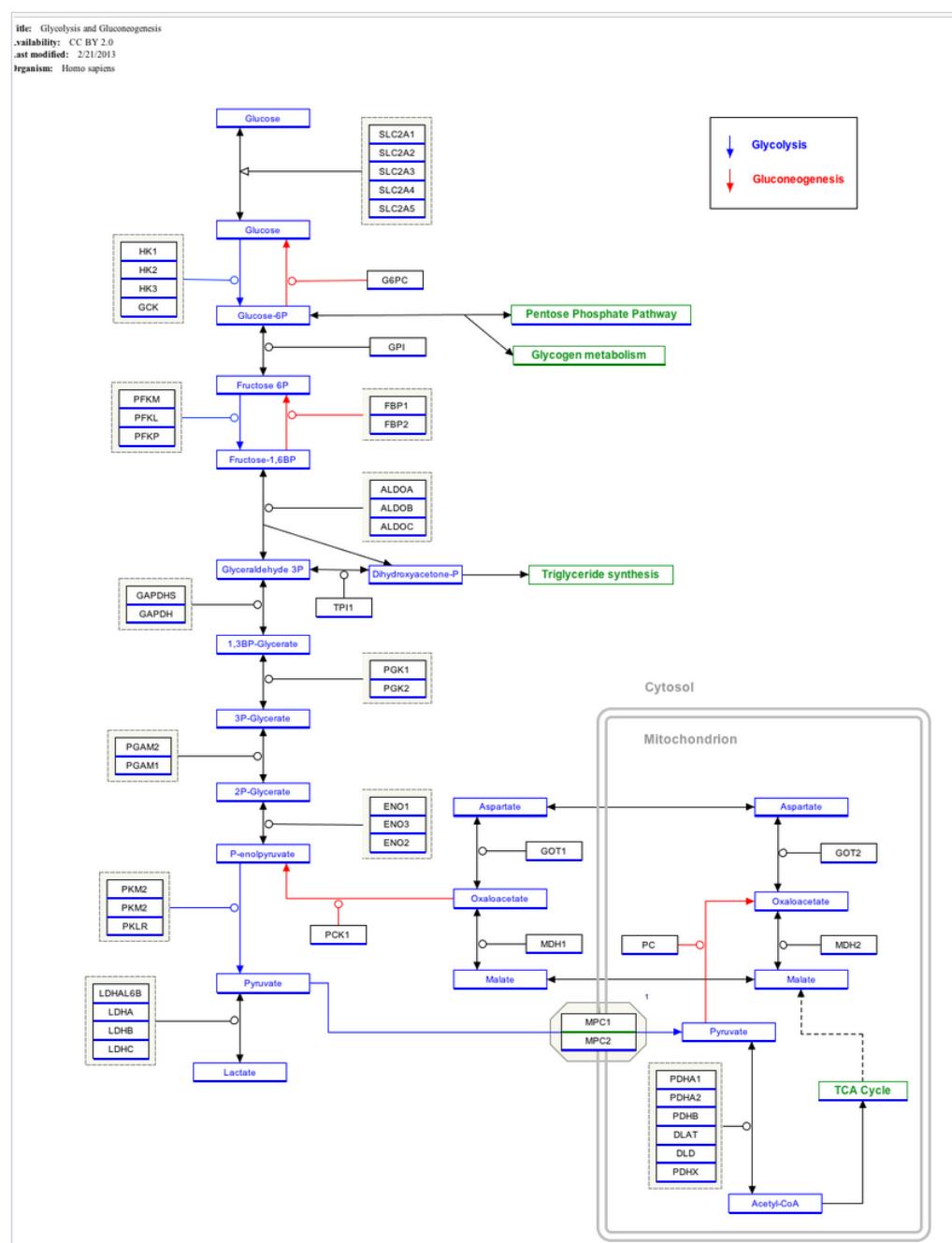
A **biological pathway** is a series of interactions or chemical reactions among molecules that leads to one or more products.



The most studied types of biological pathways are: Metabolic pathways, signal transduction pathways, and gene regulation pathways.

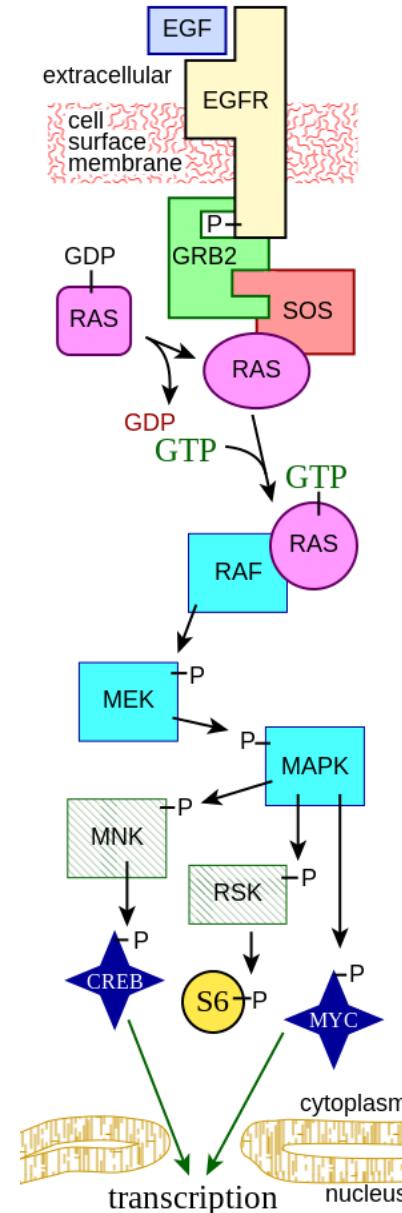


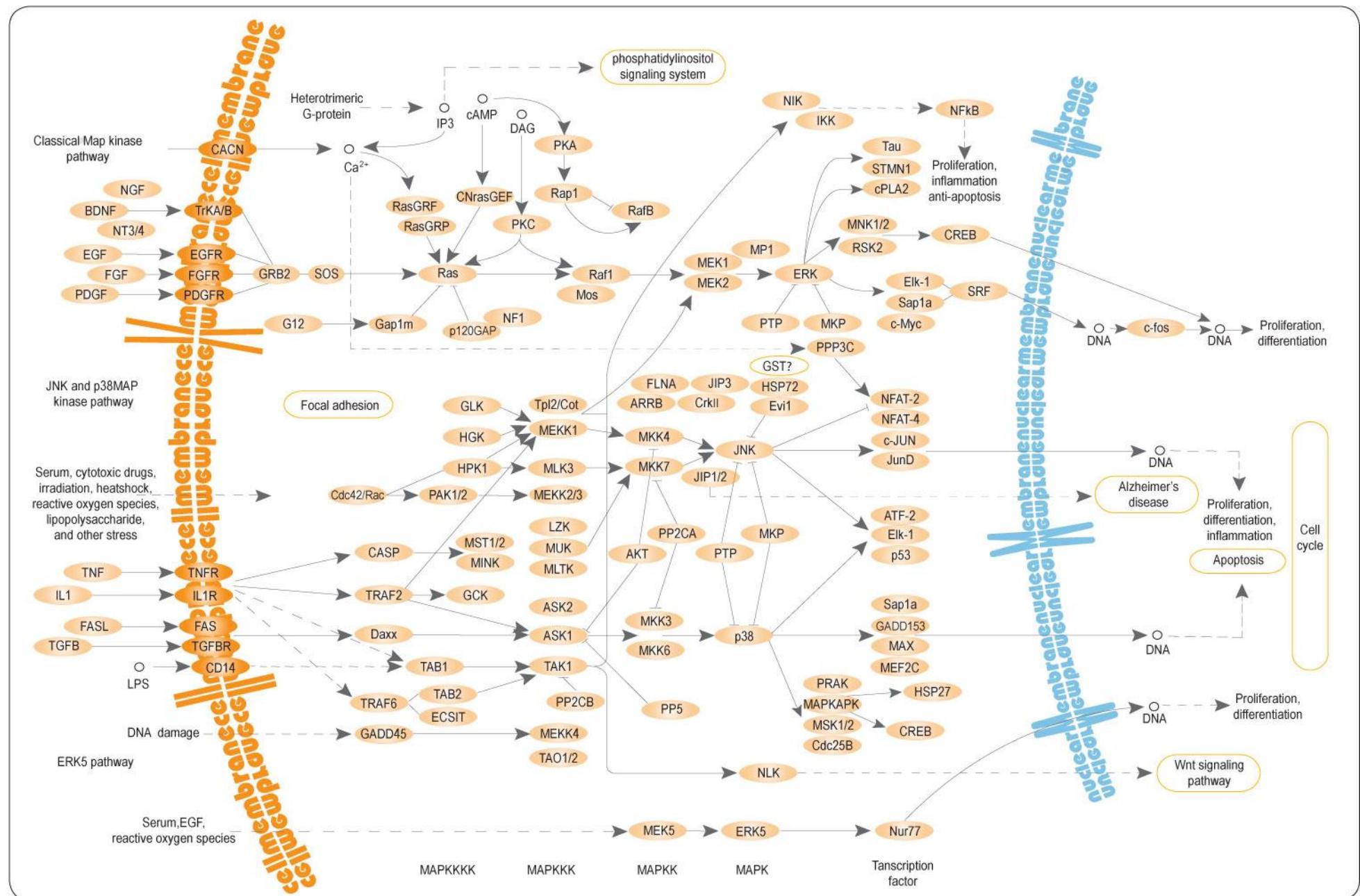
## Metabolic pathways: Glycolysis





## Signaling pathways: MAPK/ERK pathway







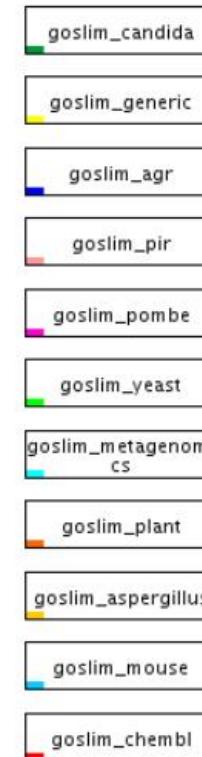
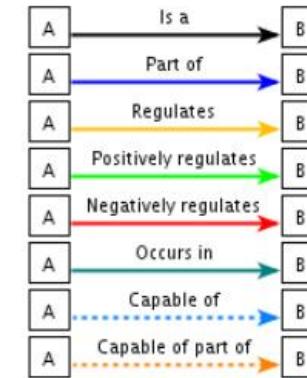
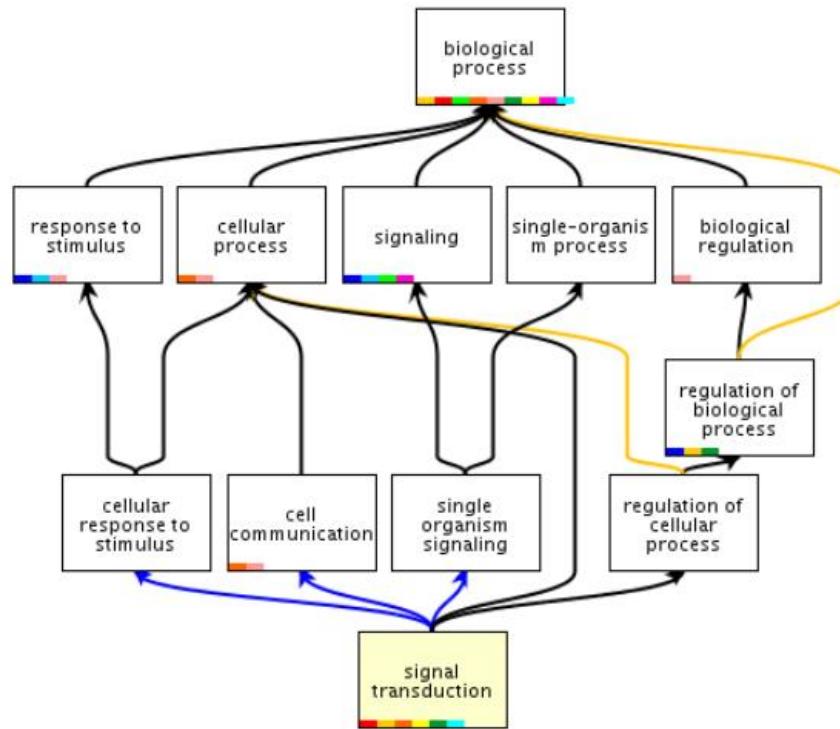
**A precise definition of a pathway?**: The definition of a pathway is a little subjective. Three problems:

- Where to start and where to end
- Level of detail (intermediate reactions)
- Pathway cross-talk

Therefore, pathways may look slightly different according to the source.



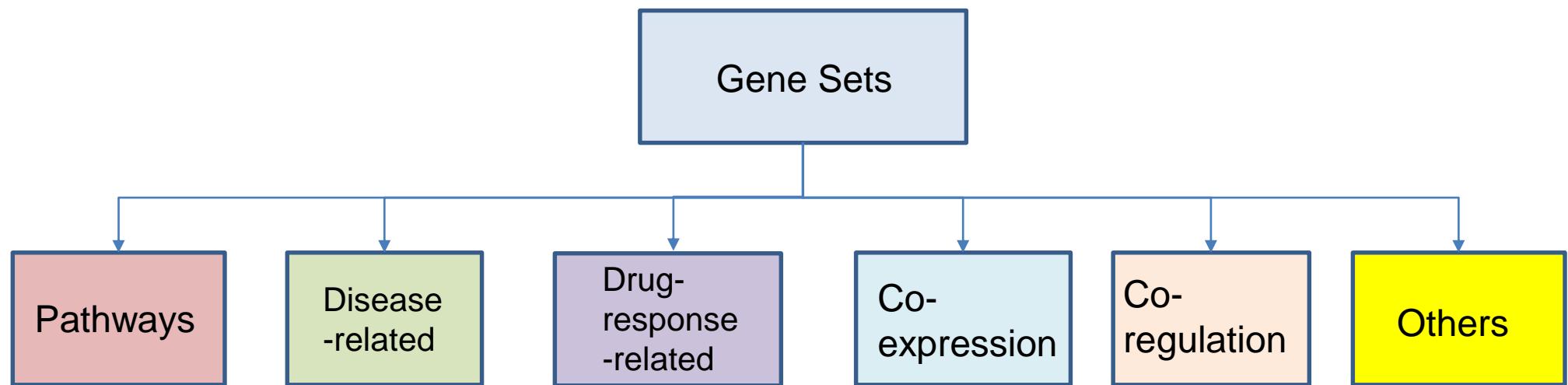
# Ontologies



An **ontology** is a way of organizing the knowledge in a field. Knowledge is organized in terms of all of the concepts involved, and a graph of the way in which such concepts relate to each other.



## Gene sets



Essentially, any set of genes that can be grouped for some reason.



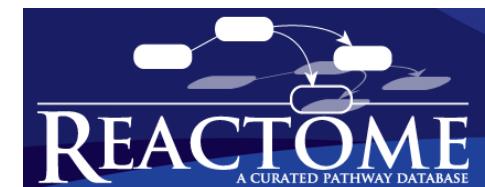
## 1.2. Pathway databases.



**KEGG**



**Reactome**



**Wikipathways**



**Pathway Commons**



**Biocyc**



**Panther Pathway**





# Pathway databases: KEGG

www.kegg.jp/kegg/pathway.html

**KEGG PATHWAY Database**  
Wiring diagrams of molecular interactions, reactions and relations

Menu PATHWAY BRITE MODULE KO GENOME GENES LIGAND DISEASE DRUG DBGET

Select prefix: map Organism  Go Help

[ New pathway maps | Update history ]

**Pathway Maps**

KEGG PATHWAY is a collection of manually drawn pathway maps representing our knowledge on the molecular interaction, reaction and relation networks for:

1. Metabolism  
Global/overview Carbohydrate Energy Lipid Nucleotide Amino acid Other amino Glycan Cofactor/vitamin Terpenoid/PK Other secondary metabolite Xenobiotics Chemical structure

2. Genetic Information Processing

3. Environmental Information Processing

4. Cellular Processes

5. Organismal Systems

6. Human Diseases

7. Drug Development

KEGG PATHWAY is a reference database for Pathway Mapping.

**Pathway Identifiers**

Each pathway map is identified by the combination of 2-4 letter prefix code and 5 digit number (see KEGG Identifier). The prefix has the following meaning:

map manually drawn reference pathway  
ko reference pathway highlighting KOs  
ec reference metabolic pathway highlighting EC numbers  
rm reference metabolic pathway highlighting reactions  
<org> organism-specific pathway generated by converting KOs to gene identifiers

and the numbers starting with the following:

011 global map (lines linked to KOs)  
012 overview map (lines linked to KOs)  
010 chemical structure map (no KO expansion)  
07 drug structure map (no KO expansion)  
other regular map (boxes linked to KOs)

are used for different types of maps.

**1. Metabolism**

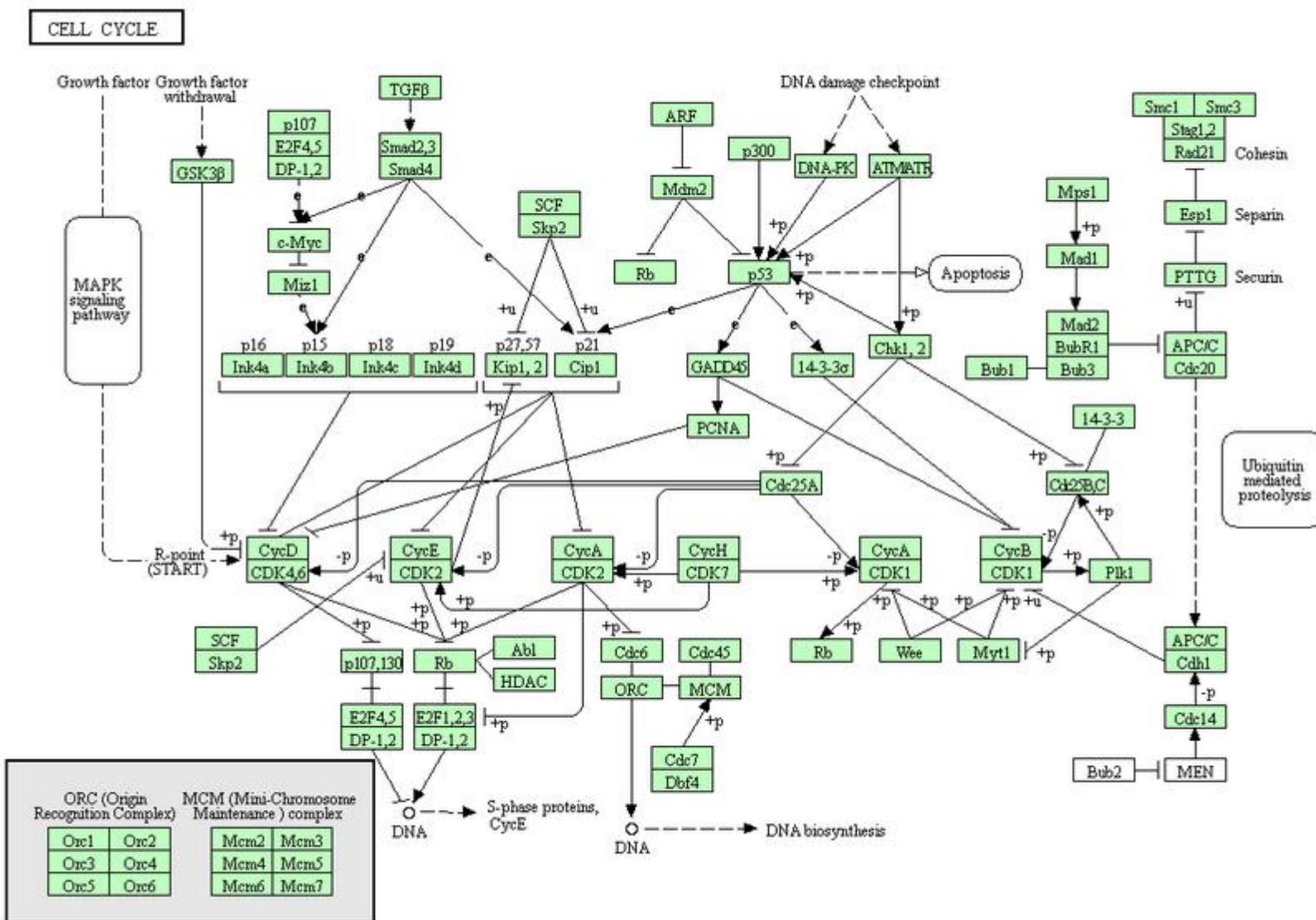
**1.0 Global and overview maps**

01100 Metabolic pathways	[KEGG Atlas]
01110 Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites	[KEGG Atlas]
01120 Microbial metabolism in diverse environments	[KEGG Atlas]
01130 Biosynthesis of antibiotics	[KEGG Atlas]
01200 Carbon metabolism	[KEGG Atlas]
01210 2-Oxocarboxylic acid metabolism	[KEGG Atlas]

Search



# Pathway databases: KEGG





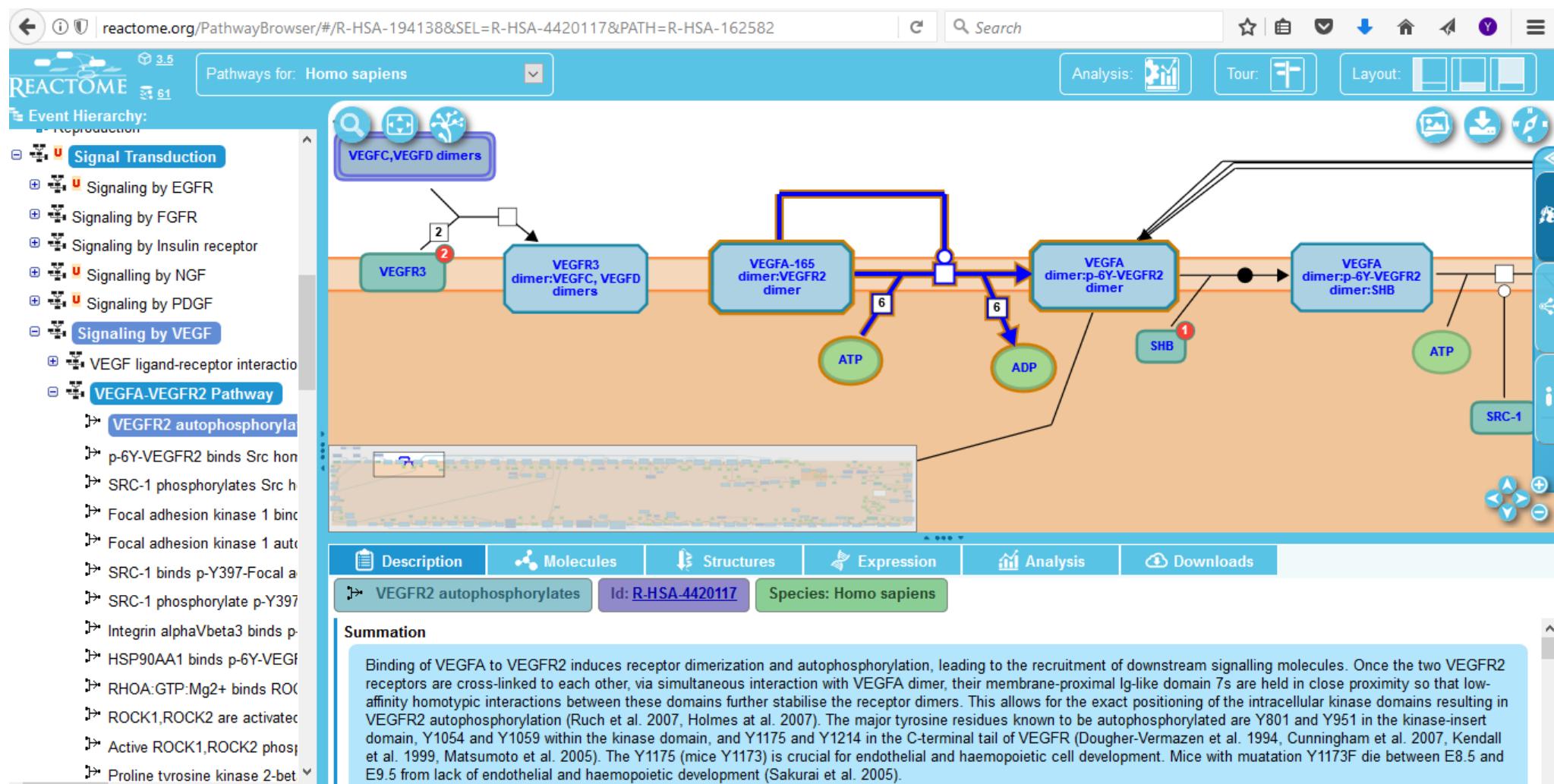
# Pathway databases: Reactome

The screenshot shows the Reactome Pathway Browser interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, search, and other functions. The main title is "reactome.org/PathwayBrowser/" and the version is "3.5". Below the title, it says "Pathways for: Homo sapiens". On the left, there's a sidebar titled "Event Hierarchy" with a tree view of biological categories. The central part of the screen displays a complex, branching network of pathways in purple, representing various biological processes like Cell Cycle, Immune System, and Metabolism. At the bottom, there are tabs for "Description", "Molecules", "Structures", "Expression", "Analysis", and "Downloads". A large blue clipboard icon on the left side of the bottom row represents the "Description" tab.

Displays details when you select an item in the Pathway Browser. For example, when a reaction is selected, shows details including the input and output molecules, summary and references containing supporting evidence. When relevant, shows details of the catalyst, regulators, preceding and following events.



# Pathway databases: Reactome





# Pathway databases: WikiPathways

www.wikipathways.org/index.php/WikiPathways

page discussion view source history

Search

Log in / create account

**Welcome to WikiPathways BETA**

WikiPathways is a database of biological pathways maintained by and for the scientific community.

**Find Pathways**

Search

You can search by:

- Pathway name (*Apoptosis*)
- Gene or protein name (*p53*)
- Any page content (*cancer*)

Browse

Browse by species and category

**Get Pathways**

Download

Download by species  
Access by API  
Query by SPARQL

Growth

Unique Human Genes

Year

**Today's Featured Pathway**

Seed Development (*Arabidopsis thaliana*)

Seed Development

**Curator of the Week**

Andra Waagmeester (Maastricht University)

**Updates**

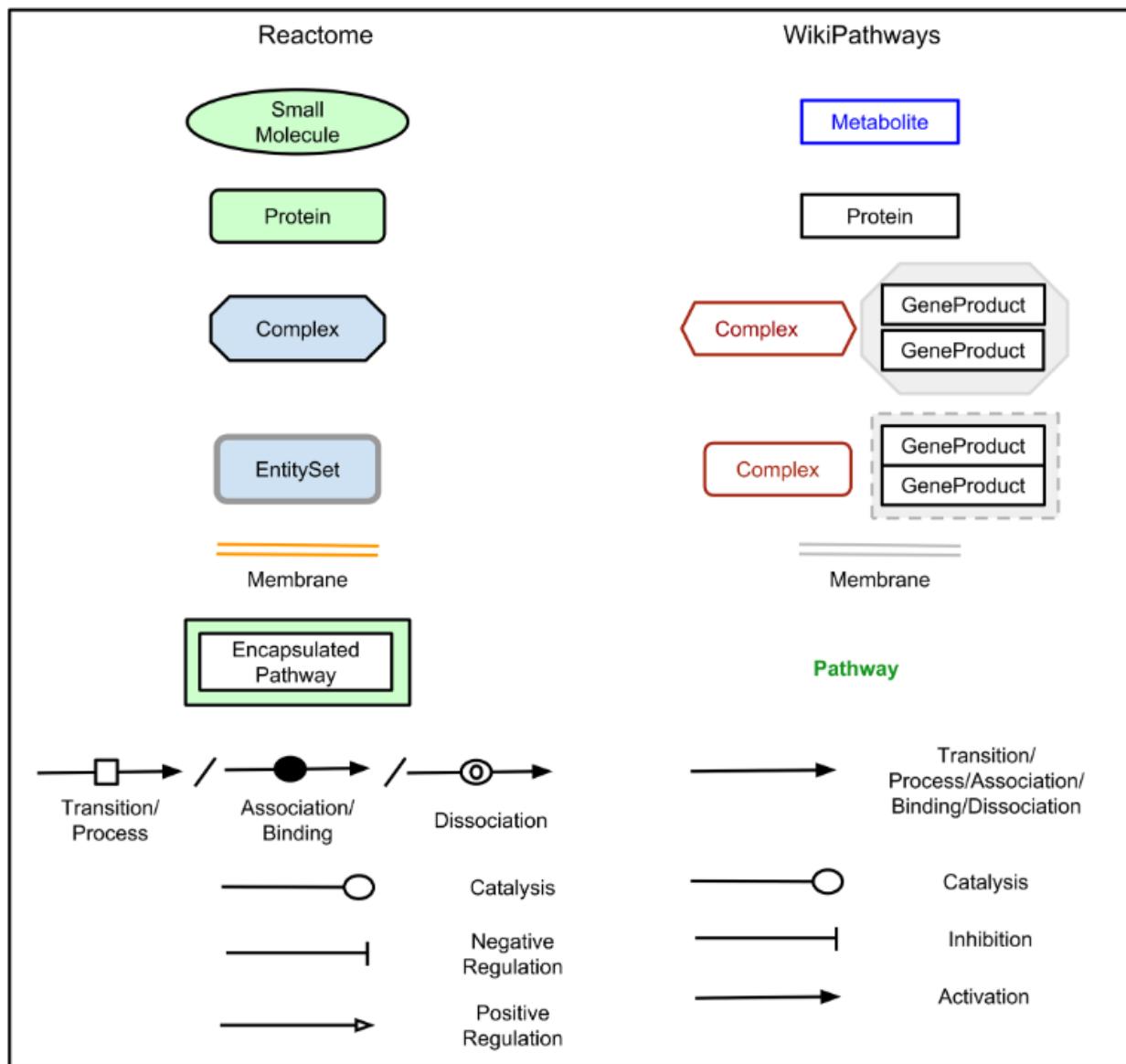
- August 2017 Release: 245 edits by 22 contributors, and 4 new pathways this month
- June 2017 Release: 124 edits by 21 contributors, and 6 new pathways this month
- April 2017 Release: 80 edits by 8 contributors this month



# Pathway databases: Wikopathways



# Pathway databases: Reactome vs Wikipathways



**Fig 1. Mapping Reactome pathways elements to WikiPathways pathway elements.** This diagram shows the symbols used to represent different biological entities in Reactome and the corresponding symbol used to represent the same biological entity in WikiPathways.



# Pathway databases: Pathway Commons

① www.pathwaycommons.org

C Search



## Pathway Commons

Access and discover data integrated from public pathway and interactions databases.

Pathway Commons, a web resource for biological pathway data.

Data Tools FAQ Contact

### Apps

Search for pathways in multiple pathway databases

**Search**  
Search the entire collection of pathways  
Names or gene IDs (e.g. 'glycolysis', 'TP53')

**PCViz**  
Get details about genes and their interactions  
Gene IDs (e.g. 'MDM2 TP53')

① www.pathwaycommons.org/pathways/#/search?gt=3&lt=250&type=Pathway&q=vegf  
C Search

Unable to connect within 5 seconds - continuing to try

### Search

vegf



VEGF ligand-receptor interactions   
Reactome  
12 Participants



Neuropilin interactions with VEGF and VEGFR  
Reactome  
8 Participants



VEGF and VEGFR signaling network  
NCI Pathway Interaction Database: Pathway  
62 Participants



VEGF signaling pathway ( VEGF signaling pathway )  
Integrating Network Objects with Hierarchies  
83 Participants



## Be aware of... Pathway database identifiers

Identifiers (IDs) are ideally unique, stable names or numbers that help track database records. For example, your wechat ID, Entrez Gene ID 41232, etc. Each DB has its own type of identifier.

[www.genome.jp/kegg-bin/show\\_pathway?hsa04110](http://www.genome.jp/kegg-bin/show_pathway?hsa04110)



Cell cycle - Homo sapiens (human)

**REACTOME**  
A CURATED PATHWAY DATABASE

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### Cell Cycle

Stable Identifier	R-HSA-1640170
Type	TopLevelPathway
Species	Homo sapiens

Locations in the PathwayBrowser

Cell Cycle (Homo sapiens)

[wikipathways.org/index.php/Pathway:WP179](http://wikipathways.org/index.php/Pathway:WP179)



pathway discussion view source

Cell Cycle (Homo sapiens)



## Be aware of... Pathway file formats

- Simple graphical file (png, jpeg, etc)
- SBML (Systems Biology Markup Language): Popular in Systems Biology (mathematical models of pathways). Databases of models such as “BioModels”.
- BioPax (Biological Pathway Exchange).

You will need tools that can read the pathway format you choose. Many graphical tools can read SBML and BioPax files.

### Databases with BioPAX Export [edit]

Online databases offering BioPAX export include:

- Signaling Gateway Molecule Pages (SGMP)[\[1\]](#)
- Reactome
- BioCyc
- INOH[\[2\]](#)
- BioModels[\[3\]](#)
- Nature/NCI Pathway Interaction Database
- Cancer Cell Map[\[4\]](#)
- Pathway Commons[\[5\]](#)
- Netpath - A curated resource of signal transduction pathways in humans
- ConsensusPathDB - A database integrating human functional interaction networks
- PANTHER[\[6\]](#) ([List of Pathways](#)[\[7\]](#))
- WikiPathways
- PharmGKB/PharmGKB[\[8\]](#)\*

### Software [edit]

Software supporting BioPAX include:

- Paxtools[\[9\]](#), a Java API for handling BioPAX files
- Systems Biology Linker (*Sybil*)[\[10\]](#), an application for visualizing BioPAX and converting BioPAX to SBML, as part of the Virtual Cell.
- ChiBE[\[11\]](#) (Chisio BioPAX Editor),[\[2\]](#) an application for visualizing and editing BioPAX.
- BioPAX Validator[\[12\]](#) - syntax and semantic rules and best practices ([project wiki](#)[\[13\]](#))
- Cytoscape[\[14\]](#) includes a BioPAX reader and other extensions, such as PathwayCommons plugin and CyPath2 app.
- BiNoM[\[15\]](#), a cytoscape plugin for network analysis, with functions to import and export BioPAX level 3 files.
- BioPAX-pattern[\[16\]](#), a Java API for defining and searching graph patterns in BioPAX files.



# How many Pathway databases are out there...?

[◀](#) [ⓘ](#) pathguide.org

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## Pathguide ➔ the pathway resource list

### Navigation

Protein-Protein Interactions  
Metabolic Pathways  
Signaling Pathways  
Pathway Diagrams  
Transcription Factors / Gene Regulatory Networks

Protein-Compound Interactions

Genetic Interaction Networks

Protein Sequence Focused

Other

### Search

Organisms

All

Availability

All

Standards

All

Reset Search

### Analysis

Statistics

Database Interactions

### Contact

Comments, Questions, Suggestions are Always Welcome!

### Complete Listing of All Pathguide Resources

Pathguide contains information about **688** biological pathway related resources and molecular interaction related resources. Click on a link to go to the resource home page or 'Details' for a description page. Databases that are free and those supporting BioPAX, CellML, PSI-MI or SBML standards are respectively indicated.

If you know of a pathway resource that is not listed here, or have other questions or comments, please [send us an e-mail](#).

### News

Major new update of Pathguide August 2013  
We now have information about ~550 resources!

### Visual navigation added

May 2010  
Click the 'Database interactions' link on the left.

### Protein-Protein Interactions

Database Name (Order: alphabetically | by web popularity ⓘ)

		Full Record	Availability	Standards
2P2Idb - The Protein-Protein Interaction Inhibition Database	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
3D-Interologs - 3D-Interologs	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
3DID - 3D interacting domains	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
ACSN - Atlas of Cancer Signalling Network	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		<span>BioPAX</span>
ADAN - Prediction of protein-protein interaction of modular domains	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>X</span>		
AHD2.0 - Arabidopsis Hormone Database 2.0	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
AllFuse - Functional Associations of Proteins in Complete Genomes	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>X</span>		
aMAZE - Protein Function and Biochemical Pathways Project	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>X</span>		
ANAP - Arabidopsis Network Analysis Pipeline	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
ANIA - ANnotation and Integrated Analysis of the 14-3-3 interactome	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
AnimalTFDB - Animal Transcription Factor Database	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
AntiJen - AntiJen a Kinetic, Thermodynamic and Cellular Database	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		
APID - Agile Protein Interactomes DataServer	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		<span>PSI-MI</span>
ARN - The Autophagy Regulatory Network	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>X</span>		<span>PSI-MI</span>
AS-ALPS - Alternative Splicing - induced ALteration of Protein Structure	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		<span>BioPAX</span>
ASD - Allosteric Database	<a href="#">Details</a>	<span>Free</span>		<span>SBML</span>



### 1.3. Pathway visualization



# Pathway visualization: PathVisio



## PathVisio

a tool to edit and analyze biological pathways

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### What is PathVisio?

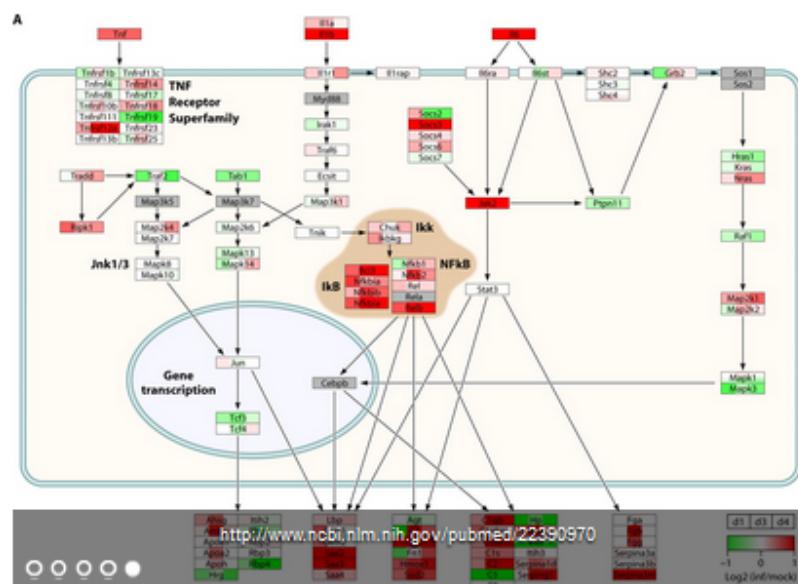
PathVisio is a free open-source biological pathway analysis software that allows you to draw, edit and analyze biological pathways. [Learn more.](#)

### How to use PathVisio?

Learn how to download PathVisio and go through the tutorials to find out how to do pathway analysis and how to visualize and analyze your data. [Get started.](#)

### PathVisio Plugins

Plugins are extensions that provide advanced analysis methods, visualization options or additional import/export functionality. [Find out more.](#)



### News

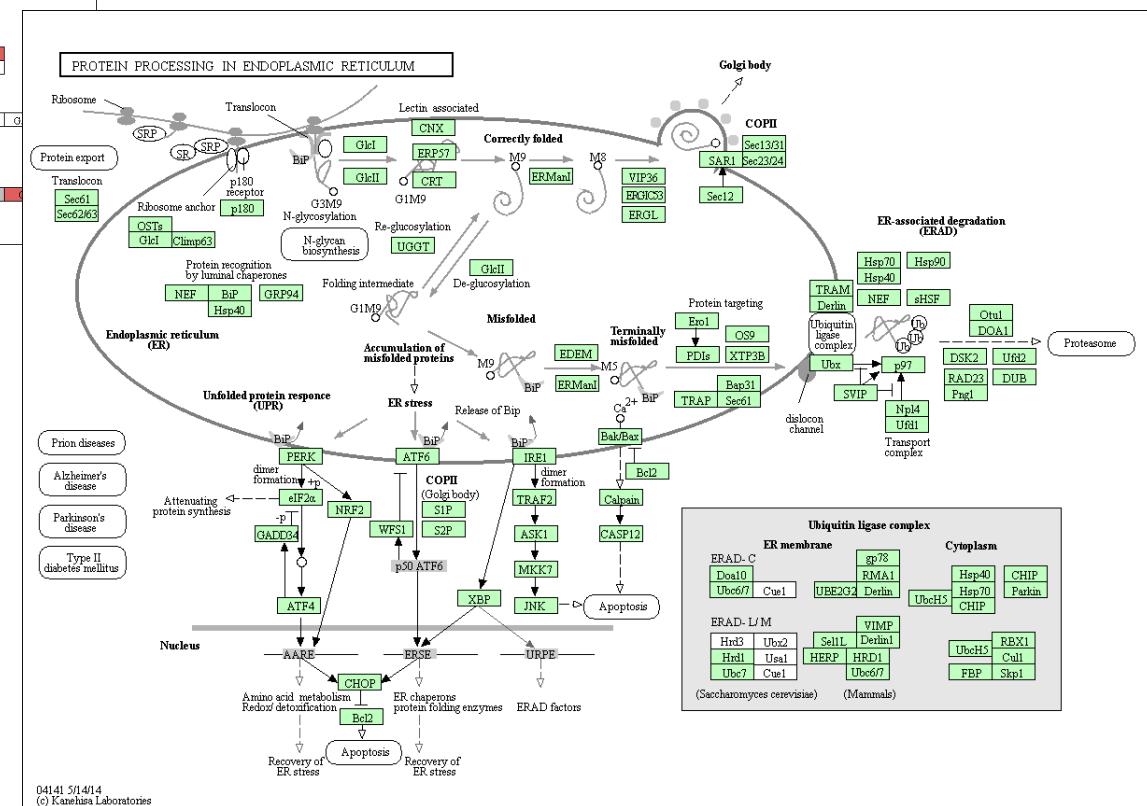
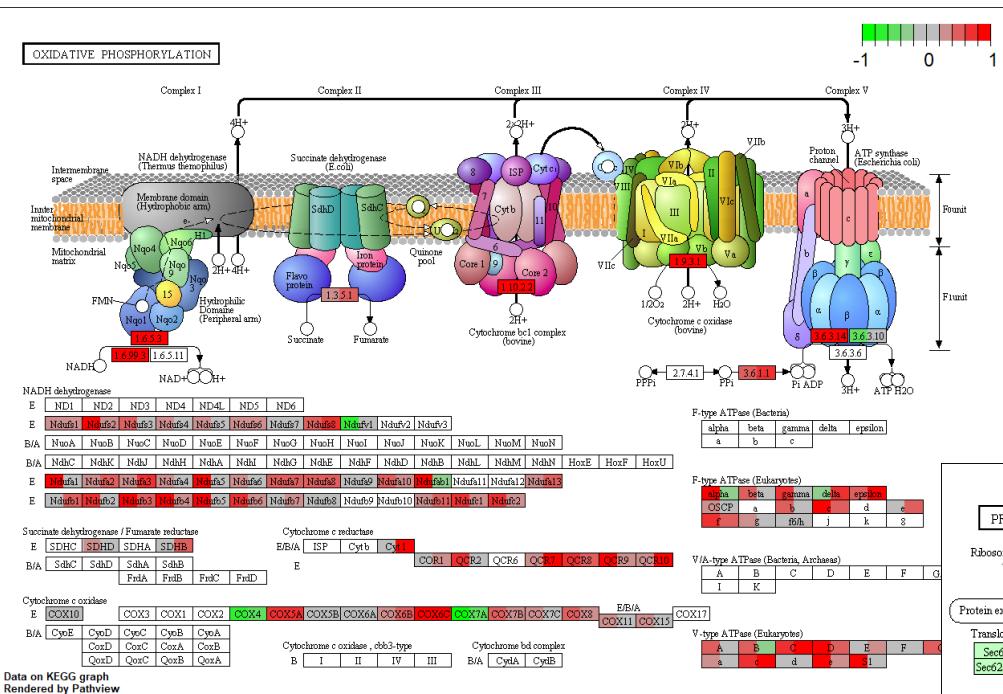
- WikiPathways survey: Are you using WikiPathways in your research? Let us know in order to improve the odds of us working on what matters to you: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wikipathways>
- Check out the new WikiPathways paper! "WikiPathways: capturing the full diversity of pathway knowledge." Nucl. Acids Res. first published online October 19, 2015. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv1024
- New PathVisio 3 paper!! "PathVisio 3: An Extendable Pathway Analysis Toolbox." PLoS Comput Biol. 2015 Feb 23;11(2):e1004085. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004085
- Developer website: The previous website will stay available on [developers.pathvisio.org](http://developers.pathvisio.org) and will be used as a developers website.
- Plugin repository: Find plugins in the [plugin repository](#) and install them through the [plugin manager](#).

### Releases

- Nov 24 2016 PathVisio 3.2.4 has been released!
- Sep 20 2016 PathVisio 3.2.3 has been released!
- May 03 2016 PathVisio 3.2.2 has been released!
- Oct 07 2015 PathVisio 3.2.1 has been released!
- Feb 28 2015 PathVisio 3.2.0 has been released!



# Pathway visualization: R / pathview





# Pathway visualization: Reactome Library of Icons

www.reactome.org/icon-lib/ Search

The interface shows the Reactome logo at the top left, followed by a search bar and navigation links (About, Content, Documentation, Tools, Community, Download, Contact). Below the navigation is a search bar with placeholder text "e.g. O95631, NTN1, signaling by" and a "Search" button. The main content area is titled "Library of icons for Reactome Enhanced High Level Diagrams (EHLD)". A sub-section title "The icons are organised in different folders based on their types:" is followed by a grid of eight categories, each with a folder icon and a list of components:

Arrows (4 components)	Cell elements (44 components)	Cell types (24 components)	Compounds (49 components)
Human tissue (20 components)	Ion channels (12 components)	Proteins (282 components)	Receptors (65 components)

[Download all library components](#)  
Icon library contains: 500 components



# Pathway visualization: Reactome Library of Icons

Human tissue (20 components)

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person;jupe GO! Library home

blastocyst	blood vessel 1	blood vessel 2	blood vessel 3
blood vessel section	blood vessel section surface	boy	brain
embryo	female reproductive system	fetus	gastrulation
CASPASE 8	CASPASE 9	cavulin	CD47
CDC2AP	CDC42	CHEK1	CHEK2
clathrin coated pit	CRKL	DAPK	CARD HELICASE
DIP13A	DLGs	EPHA	EFHB

14 components)

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person;jupe GO! Library home

adherens junction	amyloid fiber	autophagosome
centriole	chromosome	chylomicon
cilium	collagen fiber	collagen fibril
DNA replication	DNA simplified	early endosome
DDX58	endosome	gap junction
endoplasmic reticulum	golgi apparatus	granules

Cell types (24 components)

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person;jupe GO! Library home

astrocyte	B cell	cell generic	dendritic cell
egg cell	epithelial cell	erythrocyte	infected cell
macrophage	megakaryocyte	memory cell	microbe 01
microbe 02	microbe 03	neutrophil	NK cell
pathogen 01	pathogen 02	pathogen 03	pathogen dead



## 1.4. The Gene Ontology (GO)



# What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE ALL CONCEPTS IN THIS BIOLOGY BOOK AND TELL ME HOW THEY RELATE TO EACH OTHER?



SURE! BASICALLY, THERE ARE 3 BASIC THINGS HERE: BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES, MOLECULAR FUNCTIONS, AND CELLULAR COMPONENTS. NOW, THE BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO...



WOW! HE ORGANIZED ALL BIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IN AN ONTOLOGY!!





# What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

ALSO... CAN YOU FIND A WAY TO TELL ME ALL THE BIOLOGY CONCEPTS RELATED TO A GIVEN GENE?



SURE! WE BUILT THIS DATABASE CALLED "GO" WHERE EVERY GENE IS RELATED TO EVERY CONCEPT IN OUR ONTOLOGY



WOW! HIS ONTOLOGY IS ANNOTATED!!





# What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

- Set of words / phrases (called GO terms) which are related to genes. For example: “protein kinase”, “glycolysis”, “nucleus”.
- It is a Dictionary: Term definitions
- It is an Ontology: A formal system for describing knowledge
- It is Annotated: Genes linked to GO terms



# The Gene Ontology (GO)

## Gene Ontology Consortium

Search GO data

Signal transduction

Search

### Ontology

[Filter classes](#)

[Download ontology](#)

Gene Ontology: the framework for the model of biology. The GO defines concepts/classes used to describe gene function, and relationships between these concepts. It classifies functions along three aspects:

#### **molecular function**

molecular activities of gene products

#### **cellular component**

where gene products are active

#### **biological process**

pathways and larger processes

made up of the activities of multiple gene products.

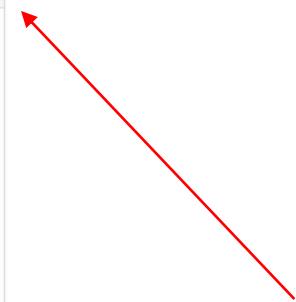
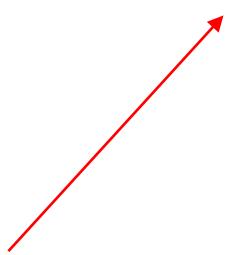
[more](#)

### Annotations

[Download annotations](#) (standard files)

[Filter and download](#) (customizable files <100k lines)

GO annotations: the model of biology. Annotations are statements describing the functions of specific genes, using concepts in the Gene Ontology. The simplest and most common annotation links one gene to one function, e.g. FZD4 + Wnt signaling pathway. Each statement is based on a specified piece of evidence. [more](#)





# The Gene Ontology (GO)

## Description (Name, Ontology, GO Term, Synonym, Definitions):

signal transduction

### Term Information

Accession GO:0007165

Data health

Name signal transduction

Ontology biological\_process

Synonyms signaling pathway, signalling pathway, signaling cascade, signalling cascade

Alternate IDs GO:0023033

Definition The cellular process in which a signal is conveyed to trigger a change in the activity or state of a cell. Signal transduction begins with reception of a signal (e.g. a ligand binding to a receptor or receptor activation by a stimulus such as light), or for signal transduction in the absence of ligand, signal-withdrawal or the activity of a constitutively active receptor. Signal transduction ends with regulation of a downstream cellular process, e.g. regulation of transcription or regulation of a metabolic process. Signal transduction covers signaling from receptors located on the surface of the cell and signaling via molecules located within the cell. For signaling between cells, signal transduction is restricted to events at and within the receiving cell. Source: GOC:go\_curators, GOC:mtg\_signaling\_feb11

Comment Note that signal transduction is defined broadly to include a ligand interacting with a receptor, downstream signaling steps and a response being triggered. A change in form of the signal in every step is not necessary. Note that in many cases the end of this process is regulation of the initiation of transcription. Note that specific transcription factors may be annotated to this term, but core/general transcription machinery such as RNA polymerase should not.

History See term [history for GO:0007165](#) at QuickGO

Subset goslim\_metagenomics

goslim\_aspergillus

goslim\_chembl

goslim\_plant

goslim\_generic

gosubset\_prok

goslim\_candida

Related [Link](#) to all genes and gene products annotated to signal transduction.

[Link](#) to all direct and indirect annotations to signal transduction.

[Link](#) to all direct and indirect annotations download (limited to first 10,000) for signal transduction.



# The Gene Ontology (GO)

## Annotations:

Annotations

Graph Views

Inferred Tree View

Neighborhood

Mappings

### Filter results

Total annotations: 16657

Total annotations: 16657; showing: 1-10  
Results count 10

«First <Prev Next> Last» [Download](#)

User filters

- + taxon\_subset\_closure\_label: Homo sapiens
- + aspect: P

Your search is pinned to these filters

- document\_category: annotation
- regulates\_closure: GO:0007165

Ontology (aspect)

Organism

Nothing to filter.

Evidence

GO class

GO class (direct)

Annotation qualifier

Annotation extension

Contributor

PANTHER family

Gene/product	name	Annotation qualifier	GO class (direct)	Annotation extension	Contributor	Organism	Evidence	Evidence with	PANTHER family	Isoform	Reference	Date
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(i) amigo.geneontology.org/amigo/term/GO:0007165

Annotations Graph Views Inferred Tree View Neighborhood Mappings

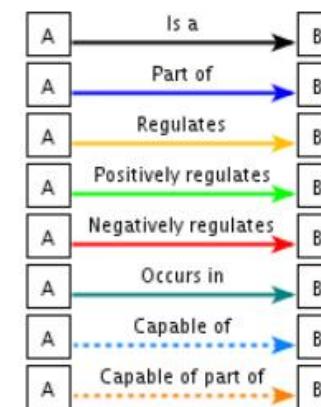
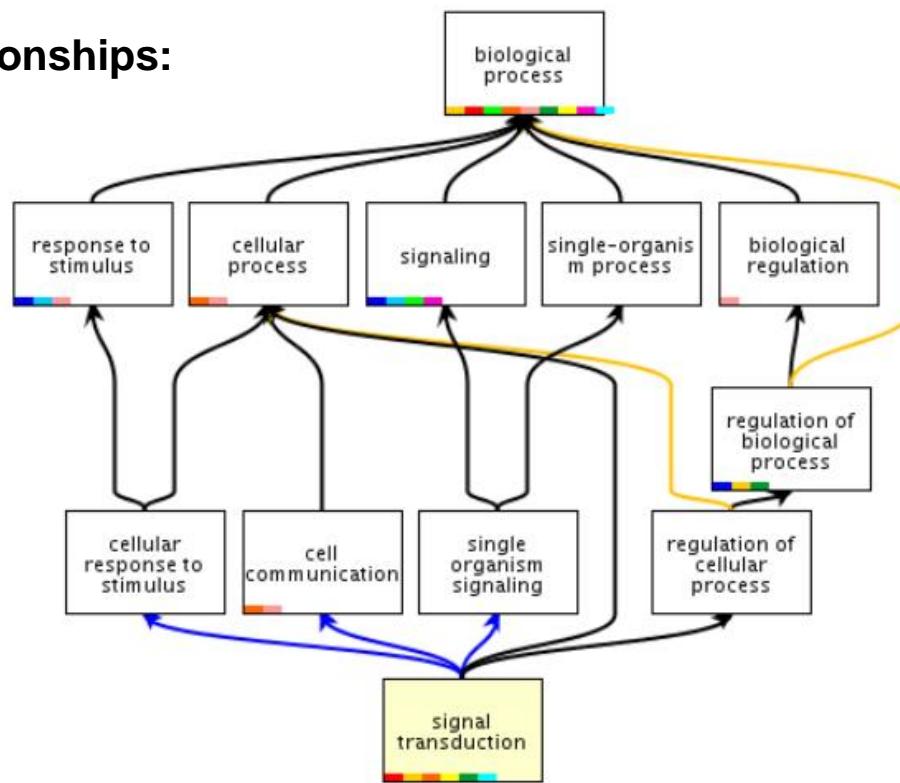
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      - R GO:0009987 cellular process
      - I GO:0050789 regulation of biological process
    - P GO:0050896 response to stimulus
      - P GO:0007154 cell communication
      - P GO:0051716 cellular response to stimulus
      - I GO:0050794 regulation of cellular process
    - P GO:0023052 signaling
      - ▼ GO:0007165 signal transduction
        - I GO:0095500 acetylcholine receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0007196 adenylate cyclase-inhibiting G-protein coupled glutamate receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0007198 adenylate cyclase-inhibiting serotonin receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0071875 adrenergic receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0098990 AMPA selective glutamate receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0097190 apoptotic signaling pathway
        - I GO:0038183 bile acid signaling pathway
        - I GO:0099004 calmodulin dependent kinase signaling pathway
        - I GO:0038171 cannabinoid signaling pathway
        - I GO:0009756 carbohydrate mediated signaling
        - I GO:0007166 cell surface receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0010019 chloroplast-nucleus signaling pathway
        - I GO:0009870 defense response signaling pathway, resistance gene-dependent
        - I GO:0010204 defense response signaling pathway, resistance gene-independent
        - I GO:0030968 endoplasmic reticulum unfolded protein response
        - I GO:2000803 endosomal signal transduction
        - I GO:0006984 ER-nucleus signaling pathway
        - I GO:0007213 G-protein coupled acetylcholine receptor signaling pathway
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        - I GO:0002764 immune response-regulating signaling pathway
        - I GO:0030522 intracellular receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0035556 intracellular signal transduction
        - I GO:0035235 ionotropic glutamate receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0098991 kainate selective glutamate receptor signaling pathway
        - I GO:0055095 lipoprotein particle mediated signaling
        - I GO:0031930 mitochondria-nucleus signaling pathway
        - I GO:0097527 necroptotic signaling pathway

## Ontology tree:

## Parents and chlidren



## Ontology relationships:



- Terms are related within a hierarchy
- Describes multiple levels of detail of gene function
- Terms can have more than one parent or child

[Annotations](#)[Graph Views](#)[Inferred Tree View](#)[Neighborhood](#)[Mappings](#)

**Reactome** [REACT\\_89740](#)  
[REACT\\_100624](#)  
[REACT\\_112549](#)  
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[REACT\\_112130](#)  
[REACT\\_115037](#)  
[REACT\\_115147](#)  
[REACT\\_31232](#)

**Wikipedia** [Signal\\_transduction](#)



# GO Terms and GO Annotations

- GO terms are added by editors at EBI
  - Some terms may be added by request
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- Genes are associated with GO terms either by trained curators or created automatically (without human review)
  - Multiple annotations per gene
  - Manual annotation is considered of higher quality but it is time-consuming.
  - Electronic annotation may have variable quality.



# Evidence Types

- Experimental Evidence Codes

- EXP: Inferred from Experiment
- IDA: Inferred from Direct Assay
- IPI: Inferred from Physical Interaction
- IMP: Inferred from Mutant Phenotype
- IGI: Inferred from Genetic Interaction
- IEP: Inferred from Expression Pattern



- Computational Analysis Evidence Codes

- ISS: Inferred from Sequence or Structural Similarity
- ISO: Inferred from Sequence Orthology
- ISA: Inferred from Sequence Alignment
- ISM: Inferred from Sequence Model
- IGC: Inferred from Genomic Context
- RCA: inferred from Reviewed Computational Analysis



- Author Statement Evidence Codes

- TAS: Traceable Author Statement
- NAS: Non-traceable Author Statement

- Curator Statement Evidence Codes

- IC: Inferred by Curator
- ND: No biological Data available



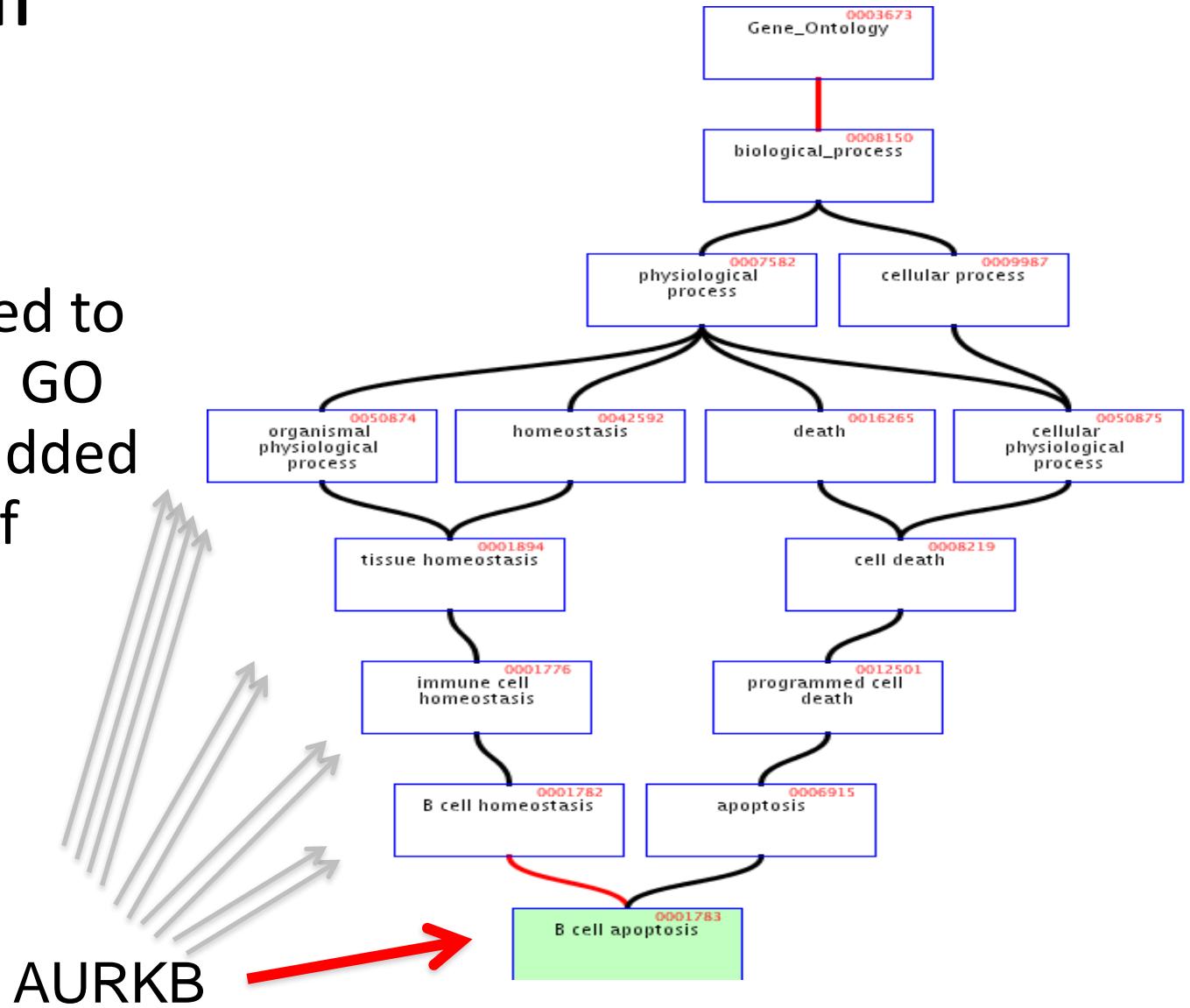
- IEA: Inferred from electronic annotation





# Hierarchical annotation

- Genes annotated to specific term in GO automatically added to all parents of that term

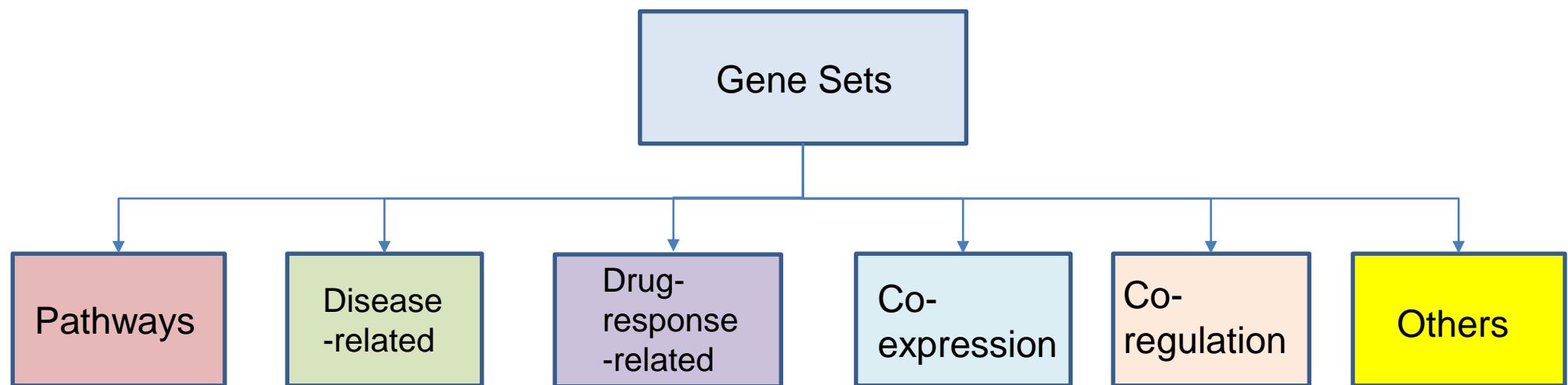




## 1.5. «Gene set» databases



## From pathways to «gene sets»



From pathway databases to “gene set” databases, such as **GeneSetDB** (Araki, 2012) and **MSigDB** (Broad Institute), which include pathways, phenotypes, GO, and others.



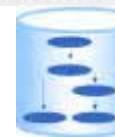
# GeneSetDB

**Table 1**  
Sources databases included in GeneSetDB.

Subclass Name	Sources database	Reference/URL
Pathway	Biocarta	<a href="http://www.biocarta.com">http://www.biocarta.com</a>
	EHMN	[15]
	HumanCyc	[16]
	INOH	[17]
	NetPath	[18]
	PID	[19]
	Reactome	[20]
	SMPDB	[21]
	Wikipathways	[22]
Disease/Phenotype	CancerGenes	[23]
	HPO	[24]
	KEGG Disease	[25]
	MethCancerDB	[26]
	MethyCancer	[27]
	MPO	[28]
	SIDER	[29]
Drug/Chemical	CTD	[30]
	DrugBank	[31]
	MATADOR	[32]
	STITCH	[33]
	T3DB	[34]
Gene Regulation	MicroCosm Targets	[35]
	miRTarBase	[36]
	Rel/NF- $\kappa$ B target genes	<a href="http://bioinfo.lifl.fr/NF-KB">http://bioinfo.lifl.fr/NF-KB</a>
	TFactS	[37]
GO	Gene Ontology	[8]



# MSigDB



**MSigDB**  
Molecular Signatures  
Database

## MSigDB Collections

The 17779 gene sets in the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) are divided into 8 major collections, and several sub-collections. See the table below for a brief description of each, and the [MSigDB Collections: Details and Acknowledgments](#) page for more detailed descriptions. See also the [MSigDB Statistics](#) and the [MSigDB Release Notes](#).

Click on the "browse gene sets" links in the table below to view the gene sets in a collection. Or download the gene sets in a collection by clicking on the links below the "Download GMT Files" headings. For a description of the [GMT file format](#) see the [Data Formats](#) in the [Documentation section](#). The gene sets can be downloaded as Entrez Gene Identifiers or HUGO Gene Symbols. An XML file containing all the MSigDB gene sets is available on the [Downloads](#) page.

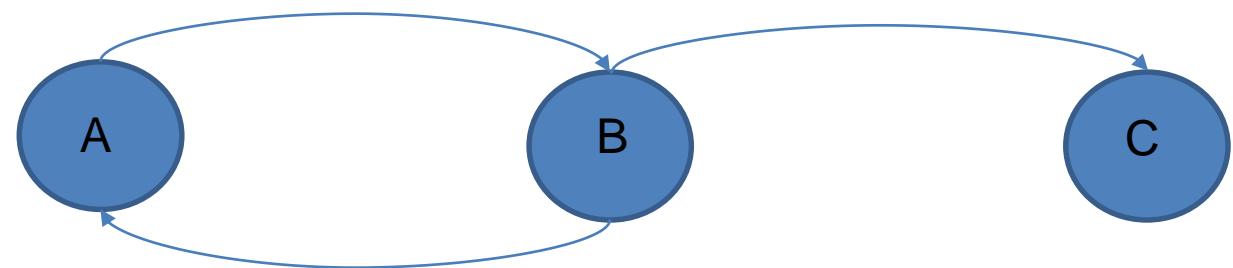
<b>H: hallmark gene sets</b> (browse 50 gene sets)	Hallmark gene sets summarize and represent specific well-defined biological states or processes and display coherent expression. These gene sets were generated by a computational methodology based on identifying overlaps between gene sets in other MSigDB collections and retaining genes that display coordinate expression. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C1: positional gene sets</b> (browse 326 gene sets)	Gene sets corresponding to each human chromosome and each cytogenetic band that has at least one gene. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C2: curated gene sets</b> (browse 4731 gene sets)	Gene sets curated from various sources such as online pathway databases, the biomedical literature, and knowledge of domain experts. The gene set page for each gene set lists its source. The C2 collection is divided into two sub-collections: CGP and CP. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CGP: chemical and genetic perturbations (browse 3402 gene sets)	Gene sets represent expression signatures of genetic and chemical perturbations. A number of these gene sets come in pairs: xxx_UP (and xxx_DN) gene set representing genes induced (and repressed) by the perturbation.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CP: Canonical pathways (browse 1329 gene sets)	Gene sets from pathway databases. Usually, these gene sets are canonical representations of a biological process compiled by domain experts.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CP:BIOCARTA: BioCarta gene sets (browse 217 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the BioCarta pathway database.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CP:KEGG: KEGG gene sets (browse 186 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the KEGG pathway database.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CP:REACTOME: Reactome gene sets (browse 674 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the Reactome pathway database.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>

<b>C3: motif gene sets</b> (browse 836 gene sets)	Gene sets representing potential targets of regulation by transcription factors or microRNAs. The sets consist of genes grouped by short sequence motifs they share in their non-protein coding regions. The motifs represent known or likely cis-regulatory elements in promoters and 3'-UTRs. The C3 collection is divided into two sub-collections: MIR and TFT <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
MIR: microRNA targets (browse 221 gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes sharing putative target sites (seed matches) of human mature miRNA in their 3'-UTRs.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
TFT: transcription factor targets (browse 615 gene sets)	Gene sets that share upstream <i>cis</i> -regulatory motifs which can function as potential transcription factor binding sites. Based on work by <a href="#">Xie et al. 2005</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C4: computational gene sets</b> (browse 858 gene sets)	Computational gene sets defined by mining large collections of cancer-oriented microarray data. The C4 collection is divided into two sub-collections: CGN and CM. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CGN: cancer gene neighborhoods (browse 427 gene sets)	Gene sets defined by expression neighborhoods centered on 380 cancer-associated genes. This collection is described in <a href="#">Subramanian, Tamayo et al. 2005</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CM: cancer modules (browse 431 gene sets)	Gene sets defined by <a href="#">Segal et al. 2004</a> . Briefly, the authors compiled gene sets ("modules") from a variety of resources such as KEGG, GO, and others. By mining a large compendium of cancer-related microarray data, they identified 456 such modules as significantly changed in a variety of cancer conditions.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C5: GO gene sets</b> (browse 5917 gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes annotated by the same GO term. The C5 collection is divided into three sub-collections based on GO ontologies: BP, CC, and MF. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
BP: GO biological process (browse 4436 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Biological Process Ontology.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
CC: GO cellular component (browse 580 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Cellular Component Ontology.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
MF: GO molecular function (browse 901 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Molecular Function Ontology.	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C6: oncogenic signatures</b> (browse 189 gene sets)	Gene sets that represent signatures of cellular pathways which are often dis-regulated in cancer. The majority of signatures were generated directly from microarray data from NCBI GEO or from internal unpublished profiling experiments involving perturbation of known cancer genes. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>
<b>C7: immunologic signatures</b> (browse 4872 gene sets)	Gene sets that represent cell states and perturbations within the immune system. The signatures were generated by manual curation of published studies in human and mouse immunology. <a href="#">details</a>	<a href="#">Download GMT Files</a> <a href="#">gene symbols</a> <a href="#">entrez genes ids</a>

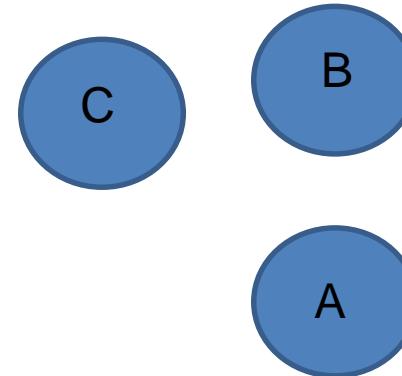


But pathways in gene set databases are gene-sets

A pathway



A gene set





## 1.6. Automatic reconstruction of pathways



## Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

Pathway databases follow two main strategies: Either a curator team, such as in KEGG or Reactome, or open to public submission, such as in Wikipathways.

However, there are huge amounts of pathway information in the scientific literature that would take many years to human beings to process it. Therefore, we need **text mining** methodologies to automatically extract pathway knowledge from the literature.



## Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

One example of this is **MELODI**, a text mining tool that extracts mechanisms of disease based on subject-predicate-object triples from **SemMedDB** (Semantic Medline Database).

For example, the sentence “*We used hemofiltration to treat a patient with digoxin overdose that was complicated by refractory hyperkalemia*” produces the following four triples:

- Hemofiltration-TREATS-Patients
- Digoxin overdose-PROCESS\_OF-Patients
- Hyperkalemia-COMPLICATES-Digoxin overdose
- INFERENCE: Hemofiltration-TREATS-Digoxin overdose



## Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

Building a database of triples for all PubMed, we can let computers link information from different papers and reconstruct the pathway for us!



# Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

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**ELODI** Mining Enriched Literature Objects to Derive Intermediates

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MELODI is a hypothesis generator. It identifies enriched overlapping objects which have been assigned to scientific literature and uses these to derive intermediate mechanisms.

The underlying annotation objects used for the analysis are semantic predication from the Semantic MEDLINE Database (SemMedDB) and Medical Subject Headings (MeSH).

Please read the About page to find out more about how to use the application and click on the blue information button at the top of any page for more information.

Data are stored and investigated using a Neo4j graph.

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2016-12	205	221	221
2017-01	151	44	44
2017-02	263	51	51
2017-03	303	60	60
2017-04	207	67	67
2017-05	335	73	73
2017-06	366	76	76
2017-07	422	80	80
2017-08	435	89	89
2017-09	463	92	92
2017-10	474	94	94

**News and Updates**

- 23/08/17 Updated SemMedDB to Version 30.2. Graph now contains data from ~700,000 more PubMed articles.
- 20/03/17 Published in biorxiv - <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/03/20/118513>
- 30/01/17 List of filtered concepts now available to download.
- 23/01/17 Third analysis option included - SemMedDB concepts.
- 18/01/17 Can now delete unwanted article sets
- 13/12/16 Switched multiple correction method to Benjamini/Hochberg (non-negative) with a 1e-5 cutoff



## **What have we learned today?**

What are biological pathways

Where and how to find biological pathways

Pathway database formats and identifiers

How to use the Gene Ontology

What are the main Gene Set databases

