

SDA v 0.10.1

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1 Before you start

Scan Domain Architecture (SDA) is an script intended to help you with the analysis of protein functional domain architecture and evolution.

2 Feedback

Any comments, suggestions, bugs or feedback please contact us at: *ramon.flores.r@outlook.com*.

3 Requirements

Before running SDA you will need to download or install:

- Perl v5.18.2 or later version.
- Perl SVG module for graphics.
- The Pfam-A.hmm database¹.
- The HMMER² suite for hmm profiles. SDA was developed and tested under HMMER v3.1b1, but current version v3.1b2 should work as well.

SDA makes some searches inside the PFAM database to annotate the input sequences. Here, we use the PFAM version 29 (latest). After installing the HMMER suite please format your database for hmmscan searches.³

To search a list of proteins with PFAM annotation in order to study their functional domain architecture you will need: (1) An input file (or PFAM list) of the sequence(s) you want to find and must be amino acid sequences. This program doesn't work with nucleic acid sequences; (2) if you want to compare your sequence PFAM annotation to other proteins, an annotation list in the **trinotate** format can be used.

¹<ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/Pfam/releases/Pfam29.0/>

²<http://hmmer.org/>

³To format the Pfam-A.hmm file, please execute `hmmcompress Pfam-A.hmm` in the terminal. This will create four binary files `.h3{fimp}`

It's very important that your annotation file has the following requirements: the header for the swissprot field must be *sprot_blastp_hit* (capitals or small letter, doesn't matter). Also, the file must have at least columns with the following headers: *gene_id*, *pfam*, and *transcript* (if the annotation file comes from a transcriptome); absence of some of these headers will result in a sudden termination of this tool.

SDA allows you to search in an annotation file like Trinotate transcriptome results, for proteins with similar architectures or new combinations of the domains of PFAM domains of your interest.

SDA works with annotation files from genomes or transcriptomes as long as they have the required format.

4 Usage

SDA creates up to three files depending on the results found. Please, verify next section for details.

The way you have to use SDA is as follows:

```
./SDA -OPTION <PARAMETER> ...
```

The user's interest sequence might be a FASTA transcriptome sequence in a file, or a PFAM architecture in a file or as a list.

The PFAM list may have two forms, (1) as a file with one architecture per line and each PFAM joined by a comma without spaces; each PFAM can only have the letters *PF* and five digits. (2) As a parameter list, in which case this input is interpreted just as one architecture; you can list up to three PFAMS this way, each one joined by a comma and without spaces.

The all possible options and their description are the next:

- a accuracy** Defines the accuracy for each PFAM in the hmmscan summary table. It's a value between 0 and 1 (default, 0.85).
- c VALUE** Defines the number of CPUs for hmmscan.
- e VALUE** E-value threshold for the hmmscan search and result filtering (default, 1e-10). Must be positive. The format input might be as an integer or `_[.]e[-]_`, where the values inside square brackets are optional.
- f FILE** FASTA file with amino acid sequence(s).
- g** *Optional.* Use it if your annotation file is a gene file. The expected annotation file input is a transcriptome.
- h -help** Display this help menu.
- l PFAMS** Use it if your input is one or more PFAMs architecture(s).

- o** *PATH* Use it to indicate the output directory.
- p** *FILE* *Compulsory if you use a FASTA input file.* Indicate the location of your Pfam-A.hmm file.
- t** *FILE* Tab-delimited file with PFAM annotation.
- v** Shows the SDA version.

5 Output Files

SDA generates up to three different files in directory called *SDA.Results* in your parent working directory (PWD, ~/) or in a directory indicated by user.

If you feed SDA with a FASTA file, inside the results directory, SDA will create another directory with the name of your FASTA file and inside, you'll find the results. That means you can work with different FASTA files and you'll find your results in each different directory.

If you feed SDA with a PFAM file or list, the result will be saved inside the *SDA.Results* directory if there is at least one coincidence or similarity between the PFAMs input and the annotation file.

The output files and their content is described above:

- .table** Contains the hmmscan *domtblout* results for the **hmmscan** fasta file. Please, check the **hmmscan** documentation for further details.
- .pdf** This file contains a graphical representation of your result for each sequence in the FASTA file. It draws the domains found for the sequence(s) and it's PFAM name.
- .out** It's created if SDA finds at least one coincidence or similarity between each FASTA sequence (or PFAM input) and the annotation file. Contains the gene_id or transcript, location, e-value, and description of the match. At the end of this file you'll find a summary table with all the PFAM architectures found and it's relative frequency.

6 Criteria

The similarity of the PFAMs for the **.out** file depends on the PFAM cardinality of each sequence in the FASTA file or PFAM list, and the number of matches. This way, a similarity will be considered as a result if at least a third of its domains match with an element of the annotation list. The **.table** file SDA just keeps the results with an e-value greater than 1e-10 and an accuracy greater or equal than .85, this values can be changed.

7 Working with SDA

7.1 SDA with a FASTA file and a genome annotation file

This is an example working with a FASTA sequence file and a genome annotation file. We run SDA as:

```
./SDA -p ~/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm -f new.fasta  
-a trinode_annotation_report.xls -g
```

```
castor@castor[SDA] ./SDA -p ~/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm -f new.fasta -a trinode_annotation_report.xls -g  
Processing annotation file...  
Processing FASTA file  
Running /usr/bin/hmmscan /home/castor/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm new.fasta.seq001...  
Running /usr/bin/hmmscan /home/castor/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm new.fasta.seq002...  
Running /usr/bin/hmmscan /home/castor/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm new.fasta.seq003...  
Running /usr/bin/hmmscan /home/castor/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm new.fasta.seq004...  
hmmscan search finished!  
  
Processing sequence files...  
No hmm results for new.fasta.seq001.PFAM.out... Will be deleted  
No hmm results for new.fasta.seq003.PFAM.out... Will be deleted  
No hmm results for new.fasta.seq004.PFAM.out... Will be deleted  
  
*** Annotation found! Check your new.fasta.out file for details. ***  
  
*** You'll find your results in  
~/SDA.Results/new.fasta.Results/new.fasta.[out|pdf|table]  
***
```

Figure 1: SDA show us information while it's running.

Because SDA found coincidences or similarities, there will be three files in the `~/SDA.Results/new.fasta.Results` directory. The file `.out` keeps the coincidences or similarities (figure 2).

```
castor@castor[castor] more ~/SDA.Results/new.fasta.Results/new.fasta.out [ 2:23]  
# Pfam sequence for gl|504510938|ref|WP_014698040.1| beta-(1-2)-fructofuranosidase [Bifidobacterium animalis]  
# -- ALI -- -- ENV --  
# BEGIN END BEGIN END PFAM ID SHORT_NAME E-VALUE DESCRIPTION OF TARGET  
57 368 57 368 PF00251.17 Glyco_hydro_32N 6.2e-90 Glycosyl hydrolases family 32 N-termi  
nal domain  
## Pfam structure for GENE: comp10 c0 |sp|Q9CF73|PROA_LACLA|RecName: Full=Gamma-glutamyl phosphate reductase;  
7 281 -- -- PF00251.15 Aldehyd 9.3e-11 Aldehyde dehydrogenase family  
308 375 -- -- PF00251.15 Aldehyd 2.5e-06 Aldehyde dehydrogenase family  
  
PFAM FREQ R.F. QUERY  
PF00251,PF00251 = 1 100.0% PF00251 Glyco_hydro_32N  
TOTAL = 1  
castor@castor[castor] [ 2:23]
```

Figure 2: Coincidences between FASTA input and annotation file.

The `.table` file keeps the PFAMs for the FASTA file, this is created with `hmmscan` (figure 3).

```
castor@castor[castor] more ~/SDA.Results/new.fasta.Results/new.fasta.table [ 2:23]  
# domain ----- hmm coord ali coord env coord ----- full sequence ----- thi  
# target name accession tlen query name accession qlen E-value score bias # of c-Evalue  
# i-Evalue score bias from to from to from to acc description of target  
#-----  
Glyco hydro 32N PF00251.17 305 new.fasta.seq002 532 6.2e-90 301.7 4.2 1 1 9.2e-94  
7.5e-90 301.4 4.2 1 305 57 368 57 368 0.93 Glycosyl hydrolases family 32 N-terminal domain  
castor@castor[castor] [ 2:26]
```

Figure 3: Content of the `.table` file.

The `.pdf` file contents a graphic for each FASTA sequence in the FASTA file (figure 4).



Figure 4: Graphics for each PFAM in the .table file.

7.2 SDA with a PFAM list and a transcriptome file

With a PFAM list⁴, we run SDA as:

```
./SDA -p ~/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm -l PF00899,PF00410 -a trinodeT.xls
```

```
castor@castor[SDA] ./SDA -p ~/Downloads/Pfam-A.hmm -l PF00899,PF00410 -a trinodeT2.test
Processing annotation file...
Processing PFAM input...

*** Annotation found! Check your results.out file for details. ***

*** You'll find your results in
    ~/SDA.Results/results.out
***
```

Figure 5: SDA running with a PFAM list in a transcriptome file.

This way, you only obtain a single file, the .out file:

```
castor@castor[castor] more SDA.Results/results.out

## Pfam architecture input: PF00899,PF00410
## Pfam structure for comp0000015_c0_seq1|sp|Q03799|RT08_YEAST|RecName: Full=37S ribosomal protein S8, mitochondrial;
6 157 -- -- PF00410.14 Ribosomal_S8 6.7e-18 Ribosomal protein S8
## Pfam structure for comp0000963_c0_seq1|sp|Q96W54|RS22_CANAL|RecName: Full=40S ribosomal protein S22;
6 130 -- -- PF00410.14 Ribosomal_S8 4.9e-25 Ribosomal protein S8
## Pfam structure for comp0001283_c0_seq1|sp|Q96W54|RS22_CANAL|RecName: Full=40S ribosomal protein S22;
6 130 -- -- PF00410.14 Ribosomal_S8 4.1e-26 Ribosomal protein S8

      PFAM      FREQ  R.F.  QUERY
      PF00410 = 3    100.0% PF00899,PF00410
-----
TOTAL = 3

castor@castor[castor] [ 2:37]
```

Figure 6: SDA running with a PFAM list in a transcriptome file.

⁴If you want, you could try with the PFAMS.data file instead of the PFAM list.