

Genome Browsers

Introduction to Ensembl/Biomart

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Genomes

Genomes

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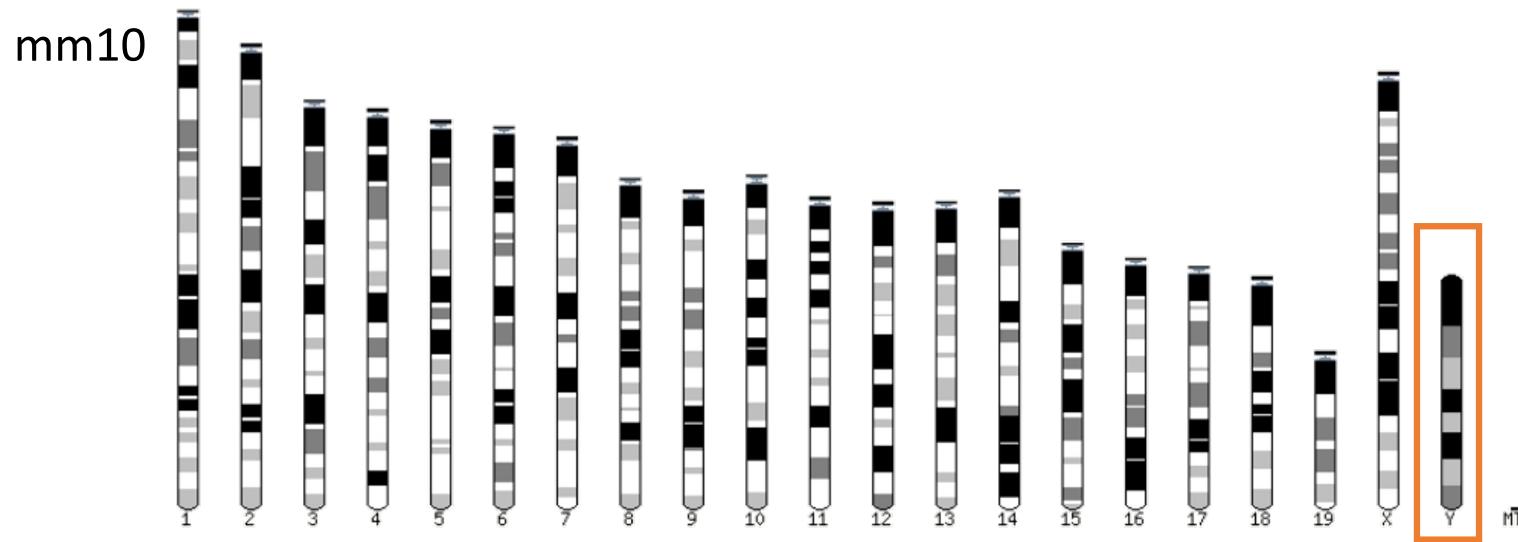
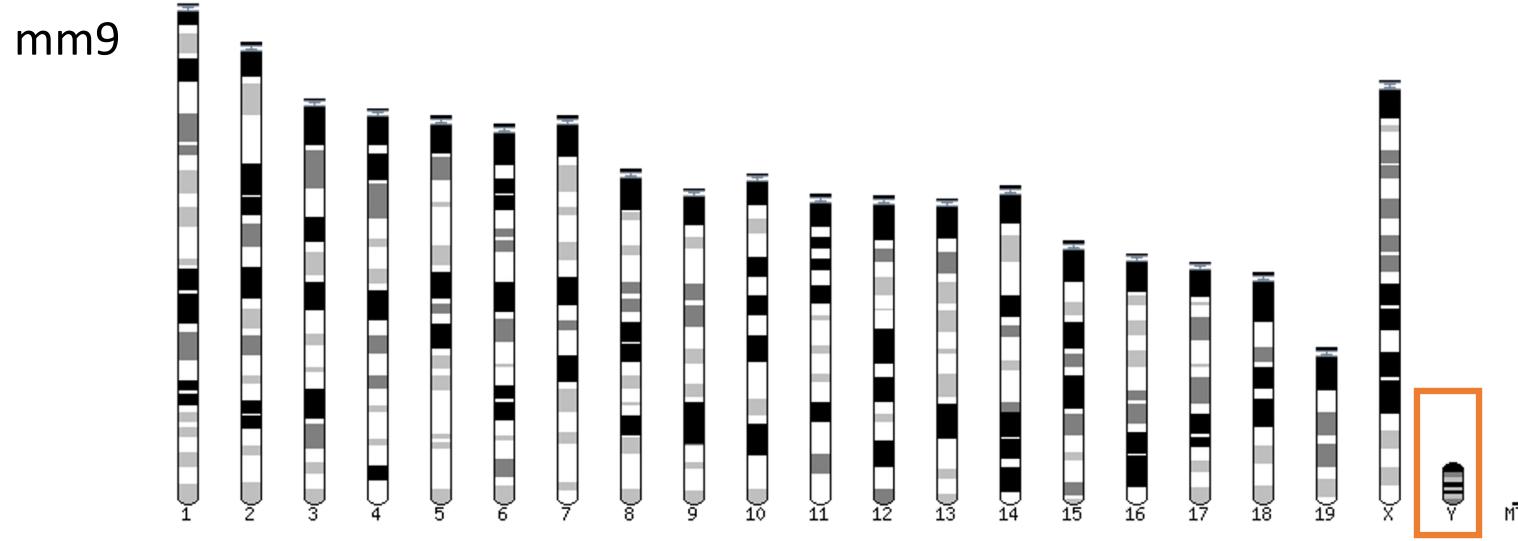
- 2000: First draft of the human genome
- 2003: Human genome sequencing complete

Genome builds

SPECIES	UCSC VERSION	RELEASE DATE	RELEASE NAME	STATUS
MAMMALS				
Human	hg38	Dec. 2013	Genome Reference Consortium GRCh38	Available
	hg19	Feb. 2009	Genome Reference Consortium GRCh37	Available
	hg18	Mar. 2006	NCBI Build 36.1	Available
	hg17	May 2004	NCBI Build 35	Available
	hg16	Jul. 2003	NCBI Build 34	Available
	hg15	Apr. 2003	NCBI Build 33	Archived
	hg13	Nov. 2002	NCBI Build 31	Archived
	hg12	Jun. 2002	NCBI Build 30	Archived
	hg11	Apr. 2002	NCBI Build 29	Archived (data only)
	hg10	Dec. 2001	NCBI Build 28	Archived (data only)
	hg8	Aug. 2001	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg7	Apr. 2001	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg6	Dec. 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg5	Oct. 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg4	Sep. 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg3	Jul. 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg2	Jun. 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)
	hg1	May 2000	UCSC-assembled	Archived (data only)

Source: <https://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQreleases.html>

Genome builds



Need annotations

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Biological
information

Get **access** to genomic data

- Need a way to gather all genomic information in one place
- Availability of the data
- Accessibility to the data



Genome browsers

Genome **browsers**

- Graphical interface to display genomic data
- Visualize and browse entire genomes with annotated data
 - Gene prediction and structure
 - Proteins,
 - Expression,
 - Regulation,
 - Variation,
 - Comparative analysis...

There are Genome browsers...

EBI - Ensembl

The screenshot shows the Ensembl genome browser for Human Chromosome 12. The top navigation bar includes links for BLAST/BLAT, Sanger, Tools, Downloads, Help & Documentation, Blog, and Mirror. The main content area displays a genomic track for chromosome 12, spanning from 76,738,254 to 76,742,222. The track includes various tracks such as Assembly tracks, Gene tracks, and Protein tracks. A detailed 'Region detail' panel is open, showing specific genomic features like genes RPL10P13, LOC100389143, LOC10011830, PHDLA1, LOC100289208, LOC100289249, NAPIL1, LOC641695, BBS10, OSBP1, RPL7AP39, RPL21P38, RPL7P43, RWD2D1L1, ZDHHC17, and CSR2. Below the main track, a 'Gene Legend' and a 'Residue Legend' are visible.

UCSC – Genome Browser

The screenshot shows the UCSC Genome Browser interface for the Human Feb. 2009 (GRCh37/hg19) Assembly. The top navigation bar includes links for Genomes, Genome Browser, Tools, Mirrors, Downloads, My Data, About Us, View, and Help. The main content area displays a genomic track for chromosome 21, spanning from 33,021,623 to 33,051,544. The track includes various tracks such as Genomic tracks, Feature tracks, and BigWig tracks. A detailed 'Region detail' panel is open, showing specific genomic features like genes LOC100131380, LOC100389143, LOC10011830, PHDLA1, LOC100289208, LOC100289249, NAPIL1, LOC641695, BBS10, OSBP1, RPL7AP39, RPL21P38, RPL7P43, RWD2D1L1, ZDHHC17, and CSR2. Below the main track, a 'Track controls' section is visible.

The screenshot shows the NCBI Map Viewer interface for Human chromosomes 76,070K and 77,410K. The top navigation bar includes links for PubMed, Entrez, BLAST, OMIM, Taxonomy, and Structure. The main content area displays a genomic map of the region between 76,070K and 77,410K. A 'Master Map: Genes On Sequence' panel is open, listing genes such as RPL10P13, LOC100389143, LOC10011830, PHDLA1, LOC100289208, LOC100289249, NAPIL1, LOC641695, BBS10, OSBP1, RPL7AP39, RPL21P38, RPL7P43, RWD2D1L1, ZDHHC17, and CSR2. Each gene entry includes details such as symbol, links, description, and best RefSeq.

NCBI – Genome Data Viewer

And Genome browsers...



A collage of three genome browser interfaces. On the left is the "Integrative Genomics Viewer" with a dark blue gradient background and a sidebar labeled "Cold", "Pollen", "Control", and "TAIR10 (+/-)". In the center is the "Integrated Genome Browser" with a light grey background, showing a genomic track with peaks and labels like "AT4G35800.1". On the right is the "JBrowse" interface, which is mostly obscured by the other two but shows a genomic track with various tracks and a coordinate scale at the bottom.

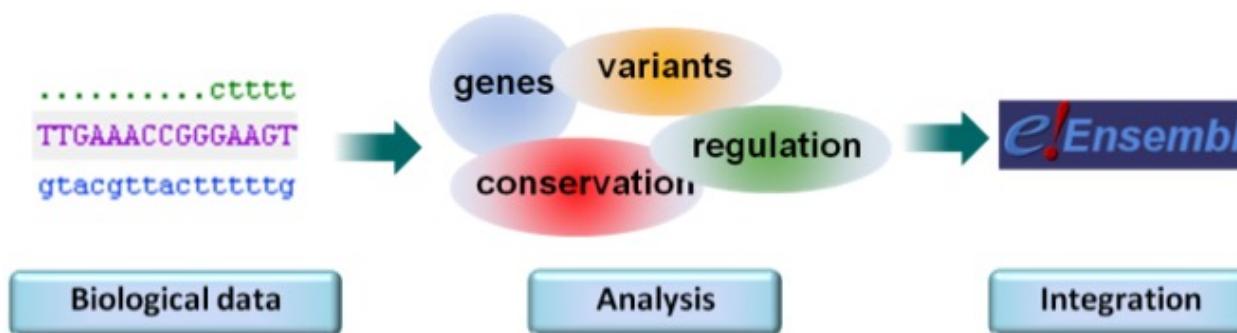
Ensembl project

Ensembl project

- Started in 1999 (before the draft human genome was completed)
- Joint project between European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) and Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute (WTSI)
- Goal of Ensembl:
 - Automatically annotate genome
 - Integrate this annotation with other available biological data
 - Make all this publicly available via the web
- Ensembl do not produce any genome assembly data!

Ensembl project

- Available data :
 - Genomes
 - Comparative genomic data
 - Variations
 - Gene regulatory elements
 - External Annotations



- Website is launch in 2000 (at the beginning, only the human genome)

Ensembl Genomes

- Vertebrate species + some representative species -> <http://ensembl.org>
- EnsemblGenomes (since april 2009)
 - Metazoa: <http://metazoa.ensembl.org>
 - Bacteria: <http://bacteria.ensembl.org>
 - Plants: <http://plants.ensembl.org>
 - Fungi : <http://fungi.ensembl.org>
 - Protists : <http://protists.ensembl.org>

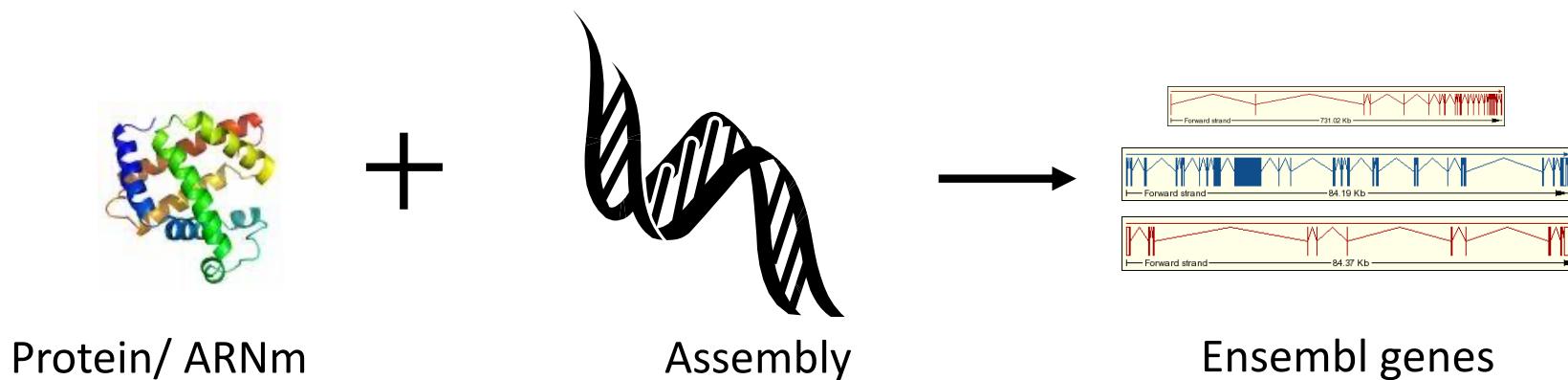
<http://ensemblgenomes.org/info/genomes>

Genome annotation

- Takes 3 to 6 months
- Gene annotation provided by Ensembl
 - Automatic annotation (Ensembl Genebuild) :
 - Genome-wide determination of transcripts
 - Based on mRNAs and protein sequences deposited into public databases

Genome annotation

- Ensembl transcripts are based on mRNA and protein from the following databases:
 - Uniprot/Swiss-Prot (manual curation)
 - Uniprot/TrEMBL
 - NCBI refSeq (manual curation)



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 - Manual curation : on a case by case basis. Only for Human, mouse, rat, Zebrafish + some other vertebrates (HAVANA/VEGA at the WTSI)
 - Annotations are also imported from FlyBase, WormBase, SGD (Saccharomyces)

GENCODE and CCDS

- GENCODE project
 - Sub-project of ENCODE (ENCyclopedia Of DNA Elements)
 - Aim : annotate all evidence-based gene features (genes, transcripts, coding sequences, ...) in the entire human and mouse genomes at a high accuracy
 - The default human and mouse gene sets in Ensembl is also the current version of GENCODE
- Consensus Coding Sequence
 - Collaborative effort between Ensembl, NCBI, UCSC, HAVANA and HGNC for human or MGI for mouse
 - Aim : identify a core set of human and mouse protein coding regions that are consistently annotated and of high quality

Ensembl and HAVANA merge

- For species with both gene annotation : merge of the 2 sets of gene models
- Where manual annotation is available for a transcript
 - Ensembl and HAVANA transcript models are merged when their splicing structure is identical (same internal exon-intron boundaries)
 - If the ends differ, the HAVANA annotated ends are used
- Updated manual annotation from Havana is merged into the Ensembl annotation every release
- For human and mouse, this combined Ensembl/HAVANA gene set is the gene set from the Gencode project
- For human and mouse, all transcripts from the CCDS* set are present in the Gencode gene set

Annotation of Non coding RNAs

- Non-Coding RNA gene types are annotated:
 - tRNA (transfer RNA)
 - Mt-rRNA (transfer RNA located in the mitochondrial genome)
 - rRNA (ribosomal RNA)
 - scRNA (small cytoplasmic RNA)
 - snRNA (mall nuclear RNA)
 - snoRNA (small nucleolar RNA)
 - miRNA (microRNA precursors)
 - misc_RNA (miscellaneous other RNA)
 - lincRNA (Long intergenic non-coding RNAs)

Annotation of Non coding RNAs

- **ncRNAs** are annotated by aligning genomic sequence against RFAM using BLASTN.
- **miRNAs** are predicted by BLASTN of genomic sequence slices against miRBase sequences.
- **tRNAs** are annotated as part of the raw compute process using tRNAscan-SE.
- **lincRNA** are annotated using Ensembl gene annotation, cDNA alignments and chromatin-state map data (H3K4me3 and H3K36me3) from the Ensembl regulatory build.

Ensembl identifiers

- Aim to be consistent across Ensembl releases, unlike gene names
- Format
 - ENSG### Ensembl Gene ID
 - ENST### Ensembl Transcript ID
 - ENSP### Ensembl Peptide ID
 - ENSE### Ensembl Exon ID
- Addition of a suffix for the other species
 - MUS (*Mus musculus*) for mouse: ENSMUSG###
 - DAR (*Danio rerio*) for zebrafish: ENSDARG###
 - etc.

Ensembl genome browser

<https://www.ensembl.org/index.html>

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All species for Go
e.g. BRCA2 or rat 5:62797383-63627669 or rs699 or coronary heart disease

All genomes Select a species --
Pig breeds Pig reference genome and 12 additional breeds [View full list of all species](#)

Favourite genomes Human GRCh38.p13
Still using GRCh37?
Mouse GRCm39
Zebrafish GRCz11

Ensembl Release 109 (Feb 2023)

- New gene sets for donkey and horse
- Updated SIFT and PolyPhen-2 missense variant pathogenicity
- New VEP plugins for UTR annotation
- New ATAC-seq tracks (peaks and signal) for fish species (Atlantic Salmon, European Seabass, Rainbow Trout and Turbot)

[More release news!](#) on our blog

Ensembl Rapid Release

New assemblies with gene and protein annotation every two weeks.
Note: species that already exist on this site will continue to be updated with the full range of annotations.

Go

The Ensembl Rapid Release website provides annotation for recently produced, publicly available vertebrate and non-vertebrate genomes from biodiversity initiatives such as Darwin Tree of Life, the Vertebrate Genomes Project and the Earth BioGenome Project.

[Rapid Release news!](#) on our blog

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Find SNPs and other variants for my gene
Gene expression in different tissues
Retrieve gene sequence
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<http://ensemblgenomes.org>

e! EnsemblGenomes Providing genome data for non-vertebrate species, with tools for the manipulation, analysis and visualisation of that data [Contact us](#)

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 [Triticum aestivum](#)
IWGSC

 [Oryza sativa Japonica Group](#)
IRGSP-1.0

 [Arabidopsis thaliana](#)
TAIR10

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 [Caenorhabditis elegans](#)
WBcel235

 [Drosophila melanogaster](#)
BDGP6.28

 [Bombyx mori](#)
ASM15162v1

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 [Plasmodium falciparum 3D7](#)
ASM276v2

 [Dictyostelium discoideum](#)
dicty_2.7

 [Phytophthora infestans](#)
ASM14294v1

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e! EnsemblFungi

 [Magnaporthe oryzae](#)
MG8

 [Saccharomyces cerevisiae](#)
R64-1-1

 [Aspergillus nidulans](#)
ASM1142v1

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e! EnsemblBacteria

[Streptococcus pneumoniae](#)
ASM688v1

[Escherichia coli](#)
ASM584v2

[Bacillus subtilis](#)
ASM73511v1

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Release

- ~ every 3 month
- Link to the latest version of Ensembl: <http://www.ensembl.org>



Ensembl creates, integrates and distributes reference datasets and analysis tools that enable genomics. We are based at [EMBL-EBI](#) and our software and data are freely available.

Our [acknowledgements page](#) includes a list of current and previous funding bodies. [How to cite Ensembl](#) in your own publications.



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- Permanent link to a given release of Ensembl:
<http://Feb2023.archive.ensembl.org/index.html>

Ensembl Rapid Release

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Tools **BLAST >**

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Search

Homo sapiens (Human) - GCA_ for **Go**

e.g. [Camarhynchus parvulus](#) 2:361680-384534 or [Clytia hemisphaerica](#) IPR001650

Ensembl Rapid Release is a new site designed to make our data available more quickly. Release of data occurs on a two-week cycle, meaning we can make our gene sets available with minimal delay once the annotation is complete. For each species we provide a gene set along with additional features such as protein feature annotation and BLAST functionality.

It is important to note that Ensembl Rapid Release is by nature not as fully featured as a typical data release on [www.ensembl.org](#). Currently we do not provide data archiving or programmatic access. We are gradually rolling out comparative analyses across all species, and are working on adding more functionality over the coming months to further improve usability.

[More details](#) about Ensembl Rapid Release and the current and planned features.

All genomes

-- Select a species --

[View and download available data for all species](#)

Highlighted genomes

 **Homo sapiens** (Human)
T2T-CHM13v2.0

 **Camarhynchus parvulus**
GCA_902806625.1
Camarhynchus_parvulus

Latest Genomes

We have 6 new genomes this release:

- [Bernisia tabaci](#) (Silverleaf whitefly) - GCA_918797505.1 [Community annotation]
- [Fragrum fragum](#) (Bivalves) - GCA_946902895.1
- [Orius laevigatus](#) (Minute pirate bug) - GCA_018703685.1
- [Spodoptera exigua](#) (Beet armyworm) - GCA_902829305.1
- [Tridacna crocea](#) (bivalves) - GCA_943736015.1
- [Tridacna gigas](#) (Giant clam) - GCA_945859785.2

[View all species and download data](#)

Comparative analyses

- All species now have homologues with an appropriate set of reference species, allowing us to assign gene symbols where possible
- We are adding [HAL multiple alignments](#) for selected clades, available to download from our FTP site

Variation

[Variation data](#) is displayed for the human pangenome, [Drosophila melanogaster](#) (GCA_000001215.4), and [Cajanus cajan](#) (GCA_000340665.1) assemblies

- Fast access to annotation data (2-4 weeks)
- Less features than on [www.ensembl.org](#) (focuses on gene sets)
- No programmatic access

Ensembl: Archives

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Ensembl Archives

About Archive Ensembl

The main Ensembl site (www.ensembl.org) and the mirror sites are updated with the latest data approximately every three months. We maintain the Ensembl Archive sites so that there are stable links to data from a particular release. As of December 2016 these will be available for five years, together with the following longer term archives:

- Annotation on the **human NCBI36 assembly** is available at our [Ensembl 54 archive](#) site.
- Annotation on the **mouse NCBIm37 assembly** is available at our [Ensembl 67 archive](#) site.
- As from August 2014 we are supporting the **human GRCh37 assembly** at our dedicated [GRCh37 human](#) site. Unlike the other Ensembl archive sites, this will be updated to the latest web interface every Ensembl release and there may be occasional data updates to human.

Archived databases are also maintained for at least 10 years. More information is available from our [MySQL database documentation](#). We also maintain data archives from 2004 available from our [FTP site](#).

For all enquiries, please [contact the Ensembl HelpDesk](#).

Notes

- Ensembl aims to maintain stable identifiers for genes (ENSG), transcripts (ENST), proteins (ENSP) and exons (ENSE) as long as possible. Changes within the genome sequence assembly or an updated genome annotation may dramatically change a gene model. In these cases, the old set of stable IDs is retired and a new one assigned. Gene and transcript pages both have an ID History view which maps changes in the ID from the earliest version in Ensembl.
- Protein family identifiers (fam), Ensembl EST gene identifiers (ENSESTG) and Genscan identifiers (GENSCAN) are currently not stable.
- With the exception of the GRCh37 human site **BLAST**, **BLAT** and **other tools** are not available from the archive sites.
- Accounts** are shared between the current site and almost all archives. The exceptions are the older human NCBI36 and the mouse GRCh37 sites where changes in architecture and code make sharing logins impractical.

List of currently available archives

- [Ensembl GRCh37](#) - Full Feb 2014 archive with BLAST, VEP and BioMart
- [Ensembl 109: Feb 2023](#) - this site
- [Ensembl 108: Oct 2022](#)
- [Ensembl 107: Jul 2022](#)
- [Ensembl 106: Apr 2022](#)
- [Ensembl 105: Dec 2021](#)
- [Ensembl 104: May 2021](#)
- [Ensembl 103: Feb 2021](#)
- [Ensembl 102: Nov 2020](#)
- [Ensembl 101: Aug 2020](#)
- [Ensembl 100: Apr 2020](#)
- [Ensembl 99: Jan 2020](#)
- [Ensembl 98: Sep 2019](#)
- [Ensembl 97: Jul 2019](#)
- [Ensembl 96: Apr 2019](#)
- [Ensembl 95: Jan 2019](#)
- [Ensembl 94: Oct 2018](#)
- [Ensembl 93: Jul 2018](#)
- [Ensembl 92: Apr 2018](#)
- [Ensembl 80: May 2015](#)
- [Ensembl 77: Oct 2014](#)
- [Ensembl 75: Feb 2014](#)
- [Ensembl 54: May 2009](#)

[Table of archives showing assemblies present in each one.](#)

[Linking to the Archive Ensembl sites](#)

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e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [rat X:100000..200000](#) or [coronary heart disease](#)

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Popular genomes

Human GRCh37	Mouse GRCm38
Zebrafish Zv9	

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Variant Effect Predictor

Gene expression in different tissues

Find SNPs and other variants for my gene

Retrieve gene sequence
`GGCTGACTTCGGGTGC
GGGCTTGCGCGAGGC
GGGCCCTGCTCGTCCGCT
AGGGGACAGATTGTGA
CACCTCTGGAGCGGGTT
CCCAGTCCAGCGTGGCG`

Compare genes across species

Use my own data in Ensembl

Learn about a disease or phenotype

Looking for BLAST, BLAT, VEP or Assembly Converter?
Visit our [dedicated GRCh37 archive](#) to enjoy the latest web features on release 75 databases.

What's New in Release 75 (February 2014)

- [New VEP interface](#)
- [New 'Age of base' track for human](#)
- [New GENCODE basic renderer for human and mouse](#)

[Full details of this release](#)

[More release news on our blog →](#)

Latest blog posts

- 10 Mar 2016: [Ensembl 84 has been released!](#)
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- 25 Jan 2016: [Sharing feature on the new mobile site \(\[m.ensembl.org\]\(#\)\)](#)

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Did you know...?

Old Ensembl releases are kept for 5 years unless they include the last release of an assembly for a key genome.

Ensembl: Archives

<http://www.ensembl.org/info/website/archives/assembly.html>

The screenshot shows a grid-based interface for viewing genome assembly versions across different species. The columns represent assembly versions from Oct 2022 (v108) down to Sep 2015 (v82). The rows list various species, each with a corresponding assembly identifier. A legend at the top indicates color coding: yellow for new species, grey for species present in the archive, and white for species not in this version of Ensembl.

	Oct 2022 v108	Jul 2022 v107	Apr 2022 v106	Dec 2021 v105	May 2021 v104	Feb 2021 v103	Nov 2020 v102	Aug 2020 v101	Apr 2020 v100	Jan 2020 v99	Sep 2019 v98	Jul 2019 v97	Apr 2019 v96	Jan 2019 v95	Oct 2018 v94	Jul 2018 v93	Apr 2018 v92	Dec 2017 v91	Aug 2017 v90	May 2017 v89	Mar 2017 v88	Dec 2016 v87	Oct 2016 v86	Jul 2016 v85	Mar 2016 v84	Dec 2015 v83	Sep 2015 v82	
Abingdon island giant tortoise	ASM359739v1																											
African ostrich	ASM69896v1																											
Agassiz's desert tortoise	ASM289641v1																											
Algerian mouse	SPRET_EiU_v1																											
Alpaca	vicPac1																											
Alpine marmot	marMar2.1																											
Amazon molly	Poecilia_formosa-5.1.2																											
American beaver	C.can_genome_v1.0																											
American bison	Bison_UMD1.0																											
American black bear	ASM34442v1																											
American mink	NNGGG.v01																											
Angola colobus	Cang.pa_1.0																											
Arabian camel	CamDro2																											
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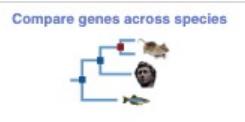
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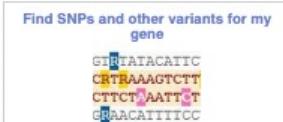
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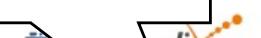
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This site provides a data set based on the December 2013 *Homo sapiens* high coverage assembly GRCh38 from the [Genome Reference Consortium](#). This assembly was used by UCSC to create their hg38 database. The data set consists of gene models built from the genewise alignments of the human proteome as well as from alignments of human cDNAs using the cDNA2genome model of exonerate.

This release of the assembly has the following properties:

- contig length total 3.4 Gb.
- chromosome length total 3.1 Gb (excluding haplotypes).

It also includes 261 alt loci scaffolds, mainly in the LRC/KIR complex region on chromosome 6 (7 alternate sequence representations) and the MHC region on chromosome 6 (7 alternate sequence representation).

Watch a video on YouTube about patches and haplotypes in the Human genome.

Patches

As the GRC maintains and improves the assembly, patches are being introduced. Currently, assembly patches are of two types:

- Novel patch: new sequences that add alternative sequence at a loci and will remain as haplotypes in the next major assembly release by GRC.
- Fix patch: sequences that correct the reference sequence and will replace the given region of the reference assembly at the next major assembly release by GRC.

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The Ensembl human gene annotations have been updated using Ensembl's automatic annotation pipeline. The updated annotation incorporates new protein and cDNA sequences which have become publicly available since the last GRCh38 genebuild (December 2013).

In the current release, we continue to display a joint gene set based on the merge between the automatic annotation from Ensembl and the manually curated annotation from Havana. See the statistics table, right, for the corresponding GENCODE version number. The Consensus Coding Sequence (CCDS) identifiers have also been mapped to the annotations. More information about the [CCDS project](#).

Updated manual annotation from Havana is merged into the Ensembl annotation every release. Transcripts from the two annotation sources are merged if they share the same internal exon-intron boundaries (i.e. have identical splicing pattern) with slight differences in the terminal exons allowed. Importantly, all Havana transcripts are included in the final Ensembl/Havana merged (GENCODE) gene set.

- [Detailed information on genebuild \(PDF\)](#)

Neanderthal genome

A preliminary assembly of the Neanderthal (*Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*) genome is available via the [Neanderthal Genome Browser](#), an Ensembl-powered project based at the Max Planck Institute.

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Pseudogenes	15,241
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Gene counts (Alternative sequence)	
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Non coding genes	1,682
Small non coding genes	297
Long non coding genes	1,198
Misc non coding genes	187
Pseudogenes	1,796
Gene transcripts	21,630

Other	
Genscan gene predictions	51,756
Short Variants	715,081,111
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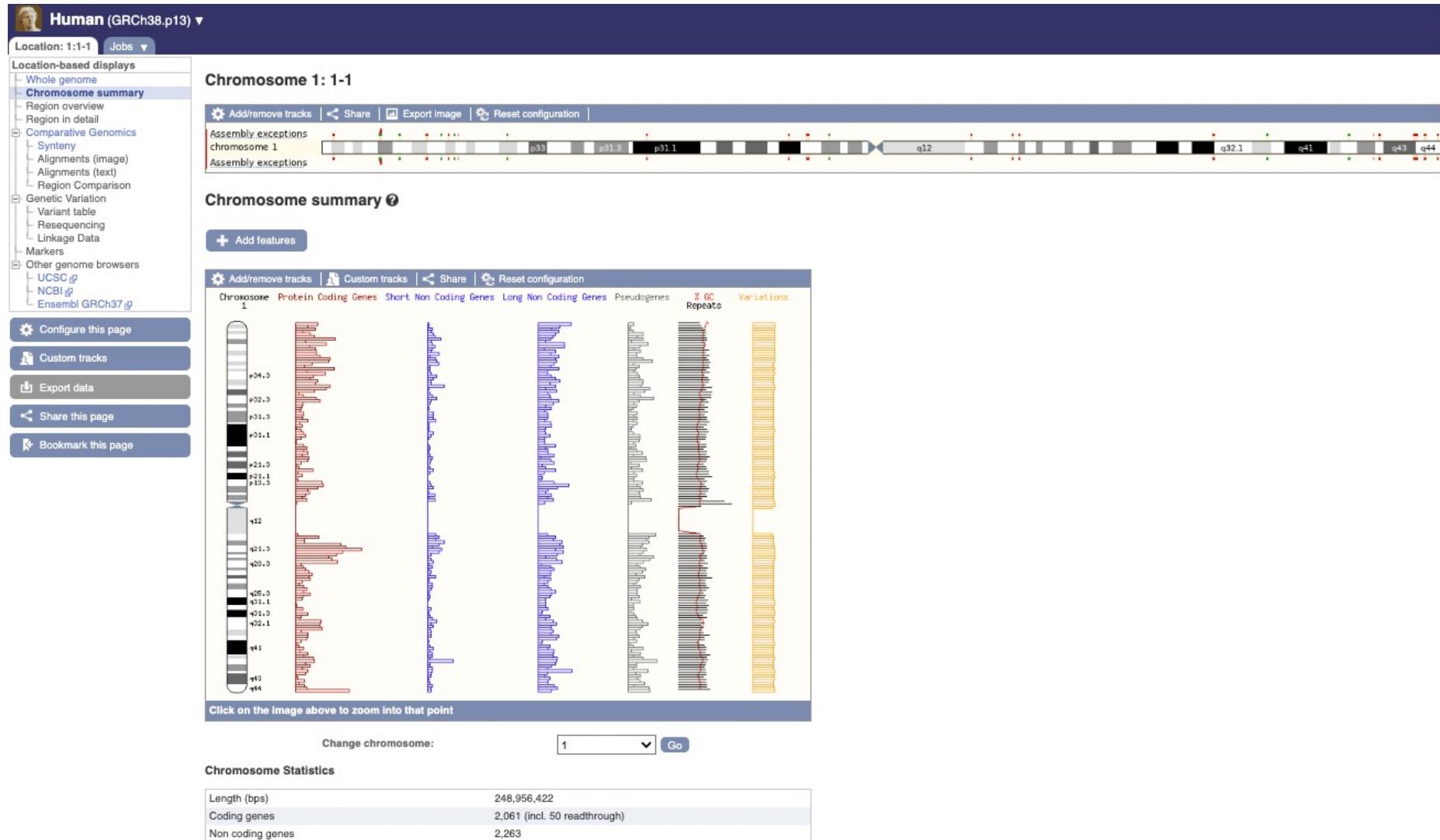
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Assembly exceptions: Chr. 17 p13.3 p13.2 p13.1 p12 p11.2 q11.2 q12 q21.2 q21.31 q21.32 q21.33 q22 q23.2 q24.2 q24.3 q25.1 q25.3

Region in detail

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Chromosome bands

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Genes (Comprehensive set from GENCODE 29)

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Gene: BRCA2 ENSG00000139618

Description: BRCA2, DNA repair associated [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1101]

Gene Synonyms: BRCC2, FACD, FAD, FAD1, FANCD, FANCD1, XRCC11

Location: Chromosome 13: 32,315,474-32,400,266 forward strand. GRCh38:CM000675.2

About this gene: This gene has 7 transcripts (splice variants), 132 orthologues, is a member of 1 Ensembl protein family and is associated with 128 phenotypes.

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BRCA2-205	ENST00000533776.1	523	No protein	Retained intron	-	-	-	TSL:3

Summary: BRCA2 (HGNC Symbol)

CCDS: This gene is a member of the Human CCDS set: CCDS9344.1

UniProtKB: This gene has proteins that correspond to the following UniProtKB identifiers: P51587

RefSeq: Overlapping RefSeq Gene ID 675 matches and has similar biotype of protein_coding

LRG: LRG_293 provides a stable genomic reference framework for describing sequence variants for this gene

Ensembl version: ENSG00000139618.14

Other assemblies: This gene maps to 32,889,611-32,974,403 in GRCh37 coordinates. View this locus in the GRCh37 archive: ENSG00000139618

Gene type: Protein coding

Annotation method: Annotation for this gene includes both automatic annotation from Ensembl and Havana manual curation, see article.

Annotation Attributes: overlapping locus [Definitions]

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Statistics: Exons: 27, Coding exons: 26, Transcript length: 11,986 bps, Translation length: 3,418 residues. CCDS: This transcript is a member of the Human CCDS set: CCDS9344. UniProt: This transcript corresponds to the following UniProt identifiers: P51587. Transcript Support Level (TSL): TSL:5. Version: ENST00000380152.7. Type: Protein coding. Annotation Method: Transcript where the Ensembl genebuild transcript and the Vega manual annotation have the same sequence, for every base pair. See article. GENCODE basic gene: This transcript is a member of the Gencode basic gene set.

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Ensembl is a genome browser for vertebrate genomes that supports research in comparative genomics, evolution, phylogeny and regulation. Ensembl annotates genomic features, predicts gene function and collects disease data. Variant Effect Predictor (VEP) for all vertebrates is updated monthly.

- Updated SIFT and PolyPhen-2 missense variant pathogenicity
- New VEP plugins for UTR annotation
- New ATAC-seq tracks (peaks and signal) for fish species (Atlantic Salmon, European Seabass, Rainbow Trout and Turbot)

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Ensembl Rapid Release

New assemblies with gene and protein annotation every two weeks.

Note: species that already exist on this site will continue to be updated with the full range of annotations.

The Ensembl Rapid Release website provides annotation for recently produced, publicly available vertebrate and non-vertebrate genomes from biodiversity initiatives such as Darwin Tree of Life, the Vertebrate Genomes Project and the Earth BioGenome Project.

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Fetch data

Screenshot of the Ensembl website showing the 'Accessing Ensembl Data' page.

The 'Downloads' menu item is highlighted with a red box.

Accessing Ensembl Data

Ensembl data is available through a number of routes - which you choose depends on the amount and type of data you wish to fetch. Please note that Ensembl coordinates always have a one-based start.

Small quantities of data

Many of the pages displaying Ensembl genomic data offer an [export](#) option, suitable for small amounts of data, e.g. a single gene sequence.

Click on the 'Export data' button in the lefthand menu of most pages to export:

- FASTA sequence
- GTF or GFF features

...and more!

Fast programmatic access

For fast access in any programming language, we recommend using our [REST server](#). Various REST endpoints provide access to vast amounts of Ensembl data.

Complete datasets and databases

Many datasets, e.g. all genes for a species, are available to download in a variety of formats from our [FTP site](#).

Entire databases are also available via FTP as MySQL dumps.

Complex cross-database queries

More complex datasets can be retrieved using the [BioMart](#) data-mining tool.

All data produced by the Ensembl project is [freely available](#) for your own use.

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Search all species... 

Tools

BioMart > Export custom datasets from Ensembl with this data-mining tool

BLAST/BLAT > Search our genomes for your DNA or protein sequence

Variant Effect Predictor > Analyse your own variants and predict the functional consequences of known and unknown variants

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Ensembl Release 109 (Feb 2023)

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Search

All species  for 

e.g. BRCA2 or rat 5:62797383-63627669 or rs699 or coronary heart disease

All genomes

-- Select a species -- 

Pig breeds
Pig reference genome and 12 additional breeds 

[View full list of all species](#)

Favourite genomes 

Human
GRCh38.p13 

[Still using GRCh37?](#) 

Mouse
GRCm39 

Zebrafish
GRCz11 

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Ensembl Rapid Release

Compare genes across species 

Find SNPs and other variants for my gene

GTTAATACATTG
CTTAAAGTCCTT
CTTC~~T~~AATT~~T~~
GTAACTTTC

Gene expression in different tissues 

Retrieve genes 
GGCTTACG
GGCGCTTG
GGCGCTCG
AAGGAGCG
CAGCTCG
CCCGATCG

Use my own data in Ensembl 

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Help and documentations

- Youtube videos (workshop...)
- FAQ
- Exercises
- Online courses
- Publications :
 - Flicek, P. et al. **Ensembl 2013**. Nucleic Acids Res. Advanced Access (Database Issue). <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23203987>
 - Xosé M. Fernández-Suárez and Michael K. Schuster. **Using the Ensembl Genome Server to Browse Genomic Sequence Data**. UNIT 1.15 in Current Protocols in Bioinformatics, Jun 2010
 - Giulietta M Spudich and Xosé M Fernández Suárez. **Touring Ensembl: A practical guide to genome browsing**. BMC Genomics 2010, 11:295 (11 May 2010)

Getting access to genomic data: Ensembl/BIOmart

Access Ensembl's data

Web site

The screenshot shows the Ensembl web site homepage. At the top, there is a search bar with placeholder text "e.g. BRCA2 or ref 5:82797383-43627669 or coronary heart disease". Below the search bar, there is a "Search" dropdown menu set to "All species". To the right of the search bar is a "Login/Register" button and a "Search all species..." link.

The main content area features several sections:

- Browse a Genome:** A section for the Human genome (GRCh37) with links to GRCh38, Mouse, Zebrafish, and Chicken.
- Still using Human GRCh37?** A section with a "GO TO" button and a "Variant Effect Predictor" tool.
- Gene expression in different tissues:** An image showing gene expression patterns across various tissues.
- Find SNPs and other variants for my gene:** A section with a "Variant Effect Predictor" tool.
- Retrieve gene sequence:** A section with a "Sequence viewer" tool.
- Compare genes across species:** A section with a "Multiple sequence alignment" tool.
- Use my own data in Ensembl:** A section with a "Data submission" tool.
- ENCODE data in Ensembl:** A section with a "ENCODE data viewer" tool.

At the bottom, there is a footer with the Sanger logo, a note about Ensembl being a joint project between EMBL-EBI and the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, and funding information from the Wellcome Trust. There are also links to the EMBL-EBI and BioMart sections.

Mining tool: BioMart

The screenshot shows the BioMart mining tool interface. At the top, there is a search bar with placeholder text "e.g. Search all species...". Below the search bar is a "Login/Register" button and a "Search all species..." link.

The main content area has two main sections:

- Dataset:** A dropdown menu currently set to "[None selected]".
- Latest blog posts:** A section displaying tweets from the @ensembl account. One tweet from December 2015 discusses the use of Targeted NGS for somatic mutations in tumors. Another tweet from January 2016 discusses Ensembl at the SRUC conference.

At the bottom, there is a footer with the BioMart logo, a note about datasets, filters, and attributes, and links to a BioMart tutorial and YouTube channel.



User friendly



Straightforward



Only one request at once



Get answer to complex query



Very fast



Need training

BioMart

- <http://www.biomart.org/>
- Joint development between EBI and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL)
- Open source project
- BioMart can access diverse databases from a single interface
- It is search engine that can find multiple terms and put them into a table format
- No programming required!

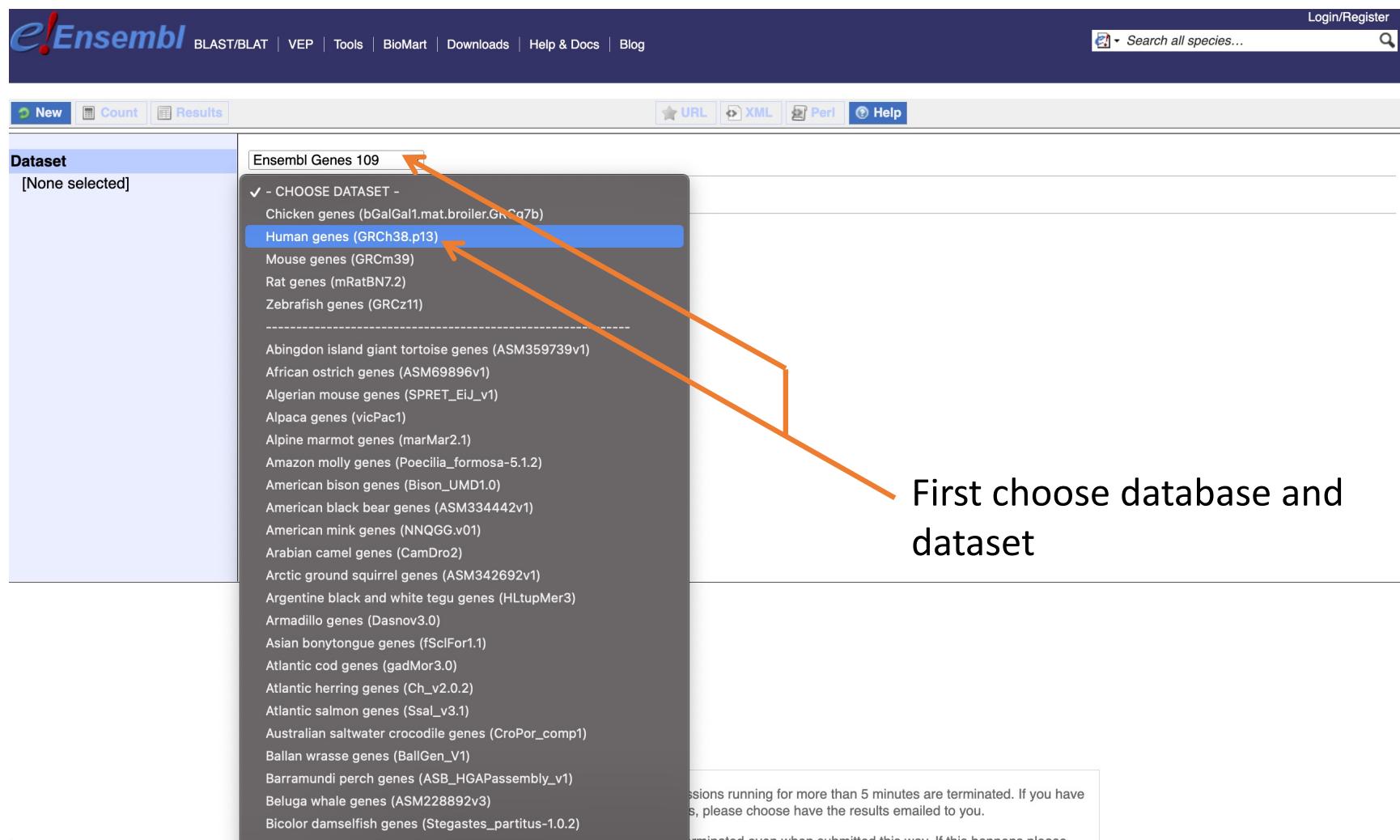
BioMart/Ensembl

The screenshot shows the Ensembl homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for BLAST/BLAT, VEP, Tools, BioMart, Downloads, Help & Docs, and Blog. On the right, there's a search bar for 'Search all species...' and a 'Login/Register' button. Below the navigation, there are several sections: 'Tools' (with a 'All tools' link), 'BioMart >' (highlighted with an orange arrow pointing up from the title), 'BLAST/BLAT >', and 'Variant Effect Predictor >'. The 'BioMart' section contains links for 'Export custom data-mining tools' and 'Search our genomes for your DNA or protein sequence'. The 'Variant Effect Predictor' section describes its function of analysing variants. To the right, there's a large text block about Ensembl, a 'Ensembl Release 109 (Feb 2023)' section with a bulleted list of changes, and a 'More release news' link. Below these, there's a 'Ensembl Rapid Release' section with a 'Go' button and a note about new assemblies. The main content area has sections for 'All genomes' (with a dropdown menu) and 'Favourite genomes' (listing Human, Mouse, and Zebrafish). An orange callout box highlights the 'BioMart >' link. A large orange box at the bottom left lists benefits: 'Get access to : Genomic annotation (genes, SNPs), Functional annotation, Expression data'.

- Get access to :
 - Genomic annotation (genes, SNPs)
 - Functional annotation
 - Expression data

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Example: Step 1 (Select datasets)



The screenshot shows the Ensembl BioMart interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for BLAST/BLAT, VEP, Tools, BioMart, Downloads, Help & Docs, and Blog. On the right side of the header is a search bar labeled "Search all species..." with a magnifying glass icon and a "Login/Register" link. Below the header, there is a toolbar with buttons for New, Count, Results, URL, XML, Perl, and Help. On the left, a sidebar titled "Dataset" shows "[None selected]". A dropdown menu titled "Ensembl Genes 109" is open, listing various datasets. The "Human genes (GRCh38.p13)" option is highlighted with a blue background and has an orange arrow pointing to it from the text below. Other options in the dropdown include "Chicken genes (bGalGal1.mat.broiler.Gr.Gq7b)", "Mouse genes (GRCm39)", "Rat genes (mRatBN7.2)", "Zebrafish genes (GRCz11)", and many others listed below them. To the right of the dropdown, a large orange arrow points downwards towards the text "First choose database and dataset". At the bottom right of the interface, there is a note about sessions being terminated after 5 minutes.

First choose database and dataset

Example: Step 2 (Filter)

The screenshot shows the Ensembl BioMart interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Dataset' set to 'Human genes (GRCh38.p13)'. Under 'Filters', 'Chromosome/scaffold: 1' is selected, with 'Start: 78895' and 'End: 10000000' specified. Below that, under 'Attributes', 'Gene stable ID' and 'Transcript stable ID' are listed. The main area shows a list of chromosomes from 1 to 20. A callout box labeled 'Limit to chromosome 1' points to the chromosome selection dropdown. Another callout box labeled 'Limit to given coordinates' points to the 'Coordinates' section where the start and end coordinates are set.

Limit to chromosome 1

Limit to given coordinates

Ensembl

BLAST/BLAT | VEP | Tools | BioMart | Downloads | Help & Docs | Blog

Login/Register

Search all species...

New Count Results

URL XML Perl Help

Dataset

Human genes (GRCh38.p13)

Filters

Chromosome/scaffold: 1
Start: 78895
End: 10000000

Attributes

Gene stable ID
Gene stable ID version
Transcript stable ID
Transcript stable ID version

Dataset

[None Selected]

Chromosome/scaffold

Coordinates

Start: 78895

End: 224561

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Example: Step 3 (Count results)

Compute result count

Ensembl

BLAST/BLAT | VEP | BioMart | Downloads | Help & Docs | Blog

Login/Register

Search all species...

New Count Results

URL XML Perl Help

Database: 12 / 69299 Genes

Human genes (GRCn38.p13)

Filters

Chromosome/scaffold: 1
Start: 78895
End: 224561

Attributes

Gene stable ID
Gene stable ID version
Transcript stable ID
Transcript stable ID version

Dataset

[None Selected]

Chromosome/scaffold: 1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20

Coordinates:
Start: 78895
End: 224561

Example: Step 4 (Select attributes)

Screenshot of the Ensembl BioMart interface showing the 'Attributes' selection step.

The interface includes a navigation bar with links for BLAST/BLAT, VEP, Tools, BioMart, Downloads, Help & Docs, and Blog. There is also a 'Login/Register' link and a search bar.

The main area shows a dataset summary: Dataset 12 / 69299 Genes, Human genes (GRCh38.p13). Below this are 'Filters' (Chromosome/scaffold: 1, Start: 78895, End: 224561) and 'Attributes' (Gene stable ID, Transcript stable ID).

A large orange callout box highlights the 'Select attributes to be output' section, which contains a list of checkboxes for selecting output columns:

- Features
- Structures
- Homologues (Max select 6 orthologues)
- Variant (Germline)
- Variant (Somatic)
- Sequences

Below these are sections for 'GENE:' and 'Ensembl' attributes, each with a list of checkboxes. A large orange callout box covers the right side of the attribute selection area.

Text at the top of the attribute section: Please select columns to be included in the output and hit 'Results' when ready. Missing non coding genes in your mart query output, please check the following [FAQ](#).

Text in the orange callout box: Select attributes to be output

Checkboxes for 'Ensembl' attributes (some are checked):

- Gene stable ID
- Gene stable ID version
- Transcript stable ID
- Transcript stable ID version
- Protein stable ID
- Protein stable ID version
- Exon stable ID
- Gene description
- Chromosome/scaffold name
- Gene start (bp)
- Gene end (bp)
- Strand
- Karyotype band
- Transcript start (bp)

Checkboxes for 'Ensembl' attributes (unchecked):

- APPRIS annotation
- Ensembl Canonical
- RefSeq match transcript (MANE Select)
- RefSeq match transcript (MANE Plus Clinical)
- Gene name
- Source of gene name
- Transcript name
- Source of transcript name
- Transcript count
- Gene % GC content
- Gene type
- Transcript type
- Source (gene)
- Source (transcript)

Example: Step 5 (get results)

The screenshot shows the Ensembl search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for BLAST/BLAT, VEP, Tools, BioMart, Downloads, Help & Docs, and Blog. On the right side of the header, there are buttons for Login/Register and a search bar labeled "Search all species...". Below the header, there are three tabs: "New", "Count", and "Results", with "Results" being the active tab and highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a table of results. The table has two columns: "Gene stable ID" and "Transcript stable ID". The data in the table is as follows:

Gene stable ID	Transcript stable ID
ENSG00000238009	ENST00000466430
ENSG00000238009	ENST00000477740
ENSG00000238009	ENST00000471248
ENSG00000238009	ENST00000610542
ENSG00000238009	ENST00000453576
ENSG00000239945	ENST00000495576
ENSG00000233750	ENST00000442987
ENSG00000268903	ENST00000494149
ENSG00000269981	ENST00000595919
ENSG00000239906	ENST00000493797

Ensembl/Biomart (part 2) hands-on