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BiNoM: a Cytoscape plugin for manipulating and analyzing biological networks

BiNoM (BIological NetwOrk Manager) is a new bioinformatics software which significantly facilitates the usage and the analysis of biological networks in standard systems biology formats (SBML, SBGN, BioPAX). BiNoM implements a full-featured BioPAX editor and a method of "interfaces" for accessing BioPAX content. BiNoM is able to work with huge BioPAX files such as whole pathway databases. In addition, BiNoM allows the analysis of networks created with CellDesigner software and their conversion into BioPAX format. BiNoM comes as a library and as a Cytoscape plugin which adds a rich set of operations to Cytoscape such as path and cycle analysis, clustering sub-networks, decomposition of network into modules, clipboard operations and others.

Last version of BiNoM together with documentation, source code and API is available at <http://bioinfo.curie.fr/projects/binom>

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