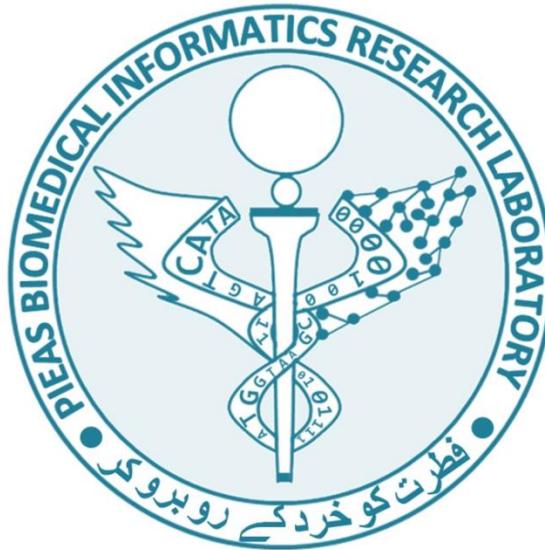




Alignment Tools

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Tools

- UGENE
 - A free bioinformatics tool for analysis of biological data
- Download
 - <http://ugene.unipro.ru/download.html>

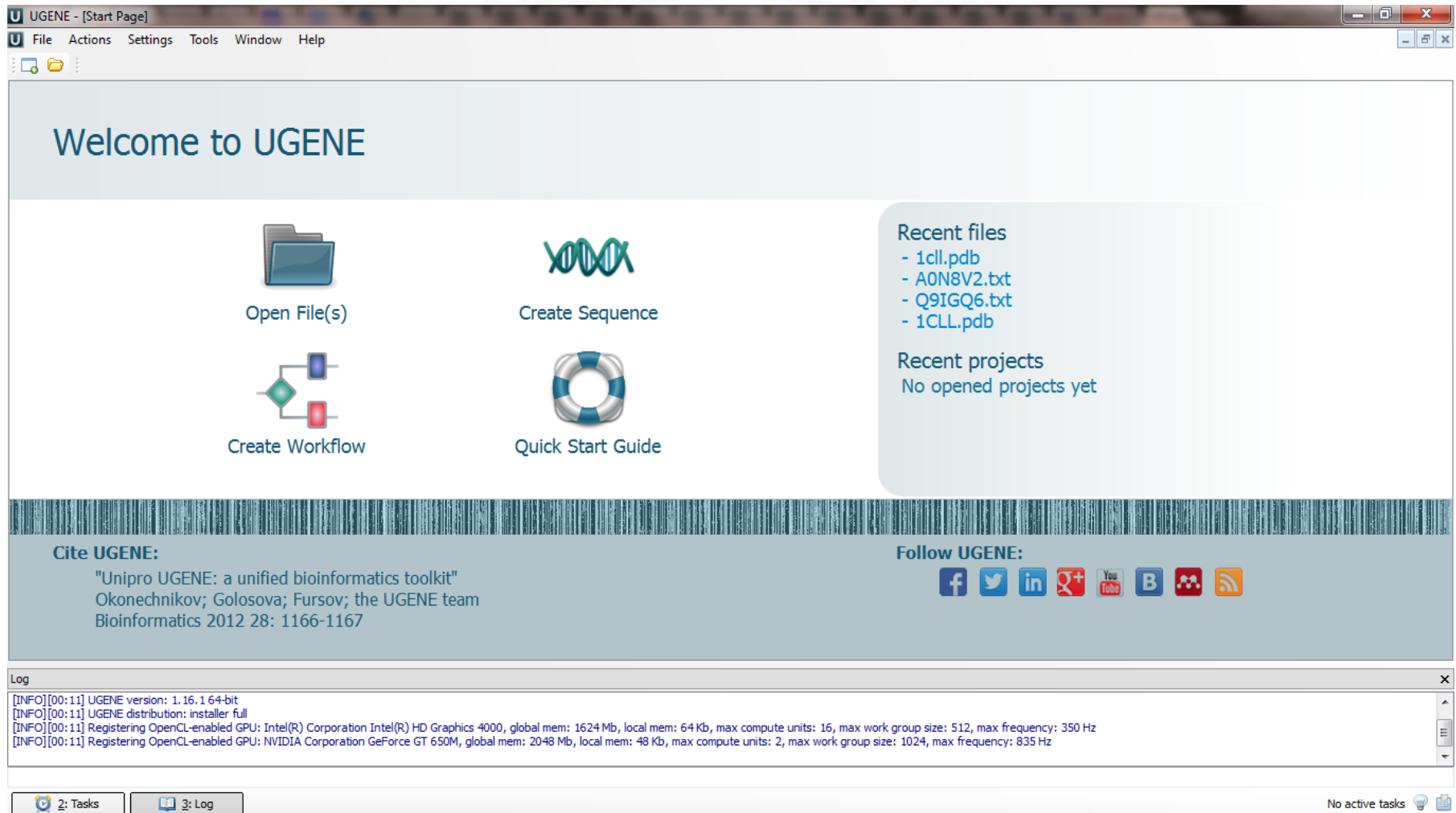
What can you do with UGENE for proteins?

- Create, edit and annotate sequences
- Searching in sequences
- MSA
- Online database search
- BLAST
- Alignments
- 3D Visualization of structures
- Secondary Structure Prediction
- Phylogenetic trees
- ...

Tasks covered today

- Creating a project
- Read a protein sequence
- Searching (Exact and inexact)
- Find basic properties of the protein sequence
- Introduction to workflow design: Converting the file format
- BLASTING
- Connecting to remote database for downloading sequence
- Visualization of protein structure
- Introduction to annotations
- Using DAS for sequence annotation

The UGENE Interface

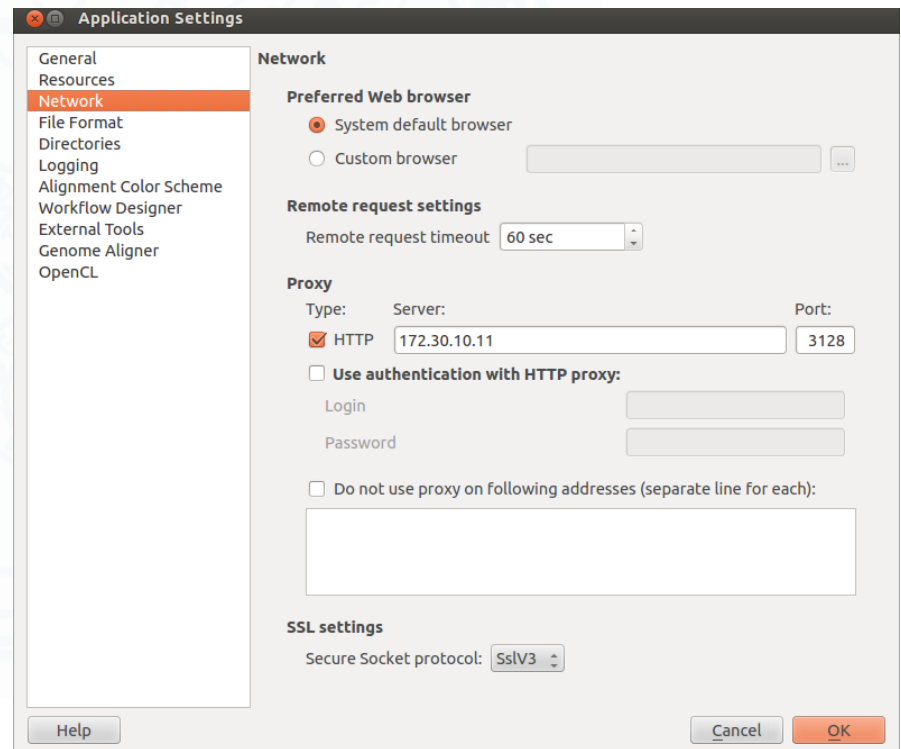
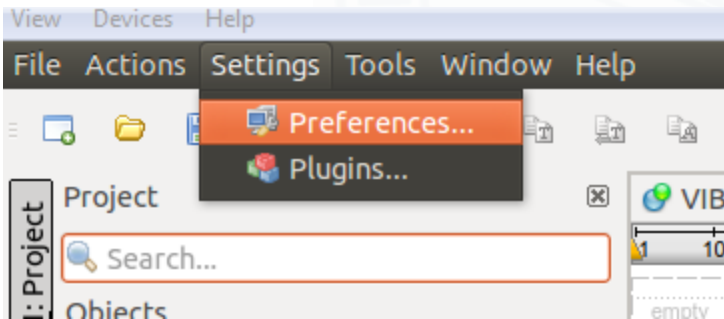


UGENE Projects

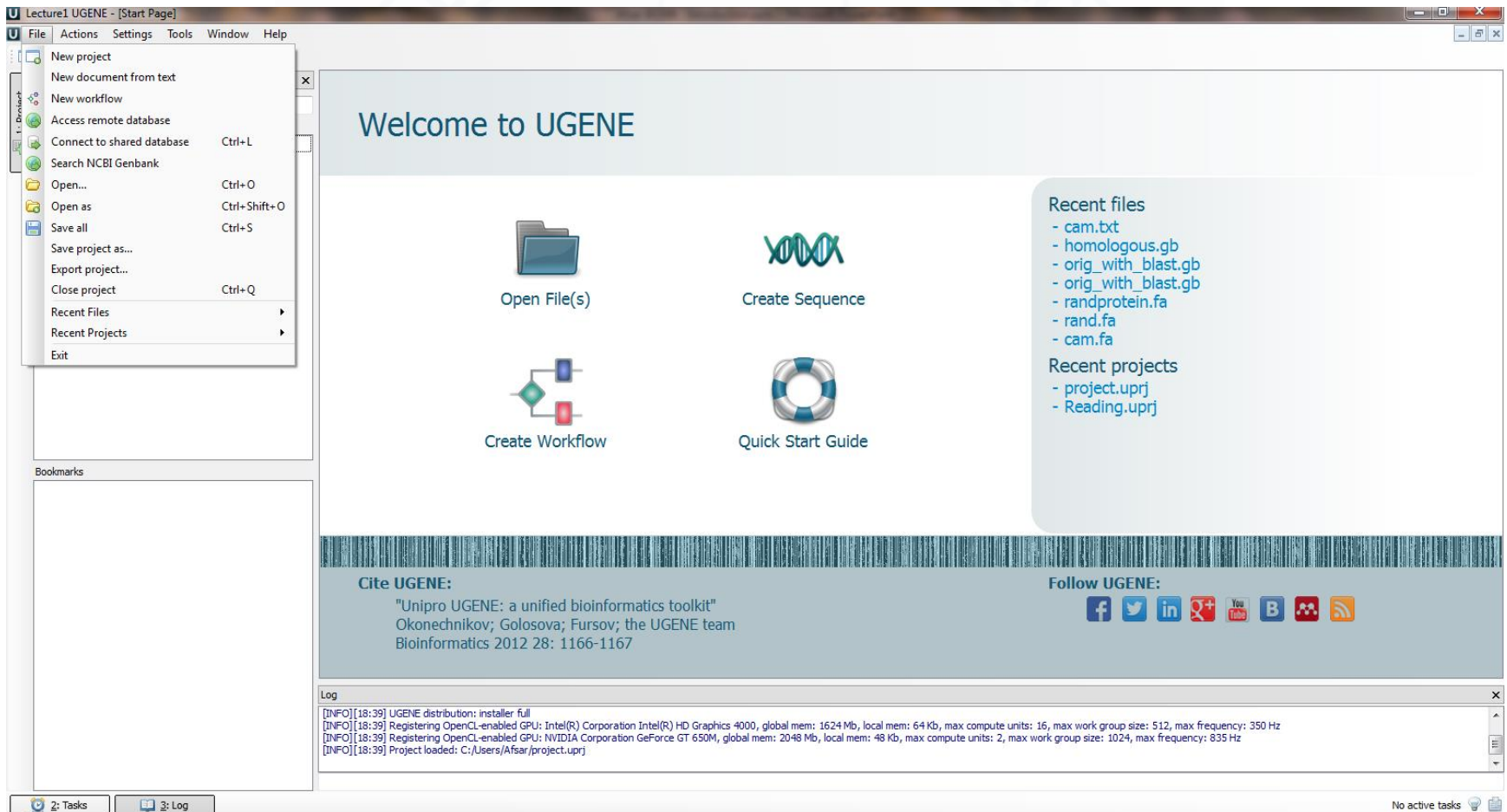
- UGENE projects allow you save your Bioinformatics files, workflows and objects
 - A project can have multiple files
 - FASTA
 - A file can have multiple objects
 - Sequences
 - Structures
 - Workflows (covered in the next lectures) manipulate the objects to produce others

Setting up proxy

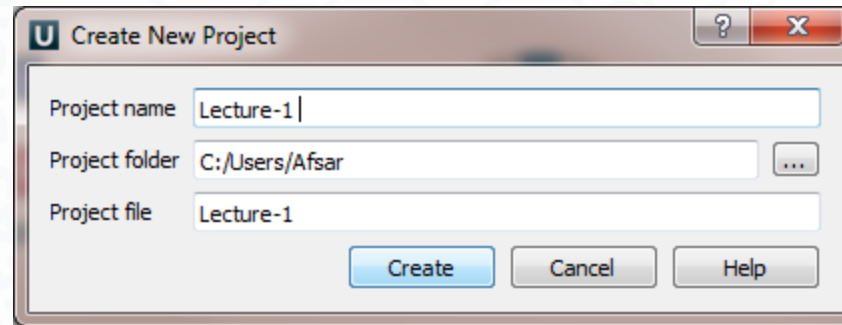
- If you are behind a proxy server you will need to specify it in UGENE for it to be able to access the Internet



Create a new project



Create a new project



- Download the cam.txt file from Piazza and save it to your Desktop

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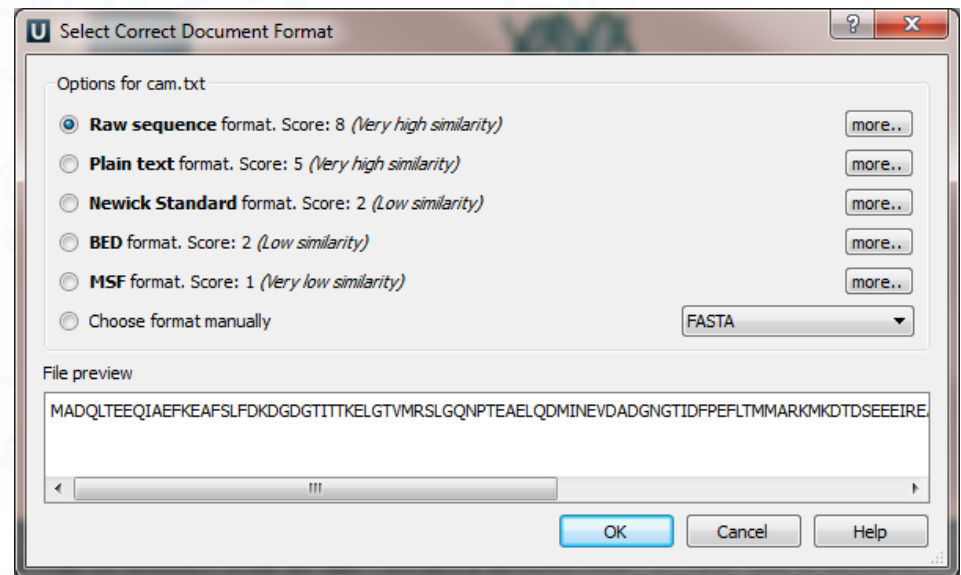
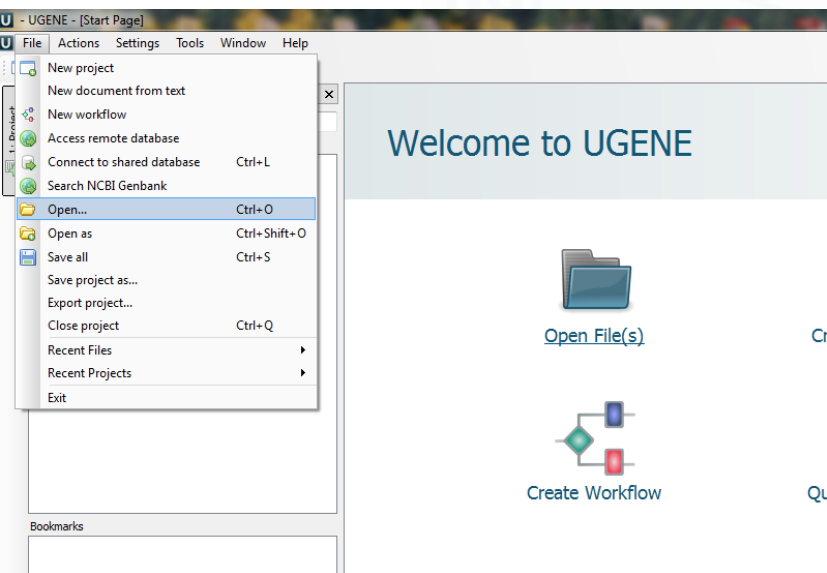
Syllabus   

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General Resources

General Resources	Actions
cam.txt 	 Edit  Post a note  Delete
Petsko & Ringe From Sequence to Structure 	 Edit  Post a note  Delete
Petsko & Ringe Structure Determination 	 Edit  Post a note  Delete

- File > Open > (File Dialog) and open 'cam.txt'
- A “Select correct document format” dialog opens
- Use it to select “Raw Sequence” and click ok

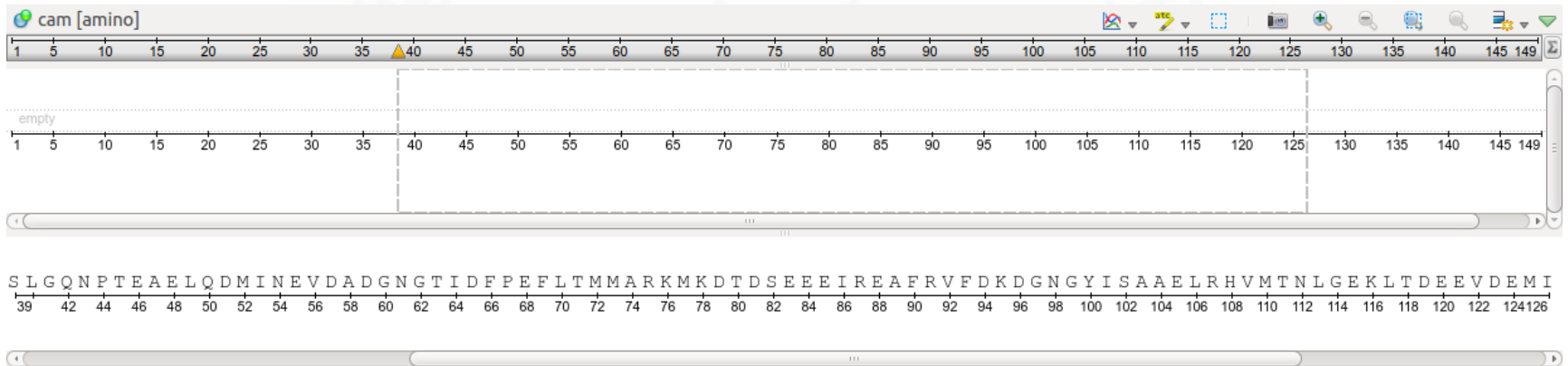


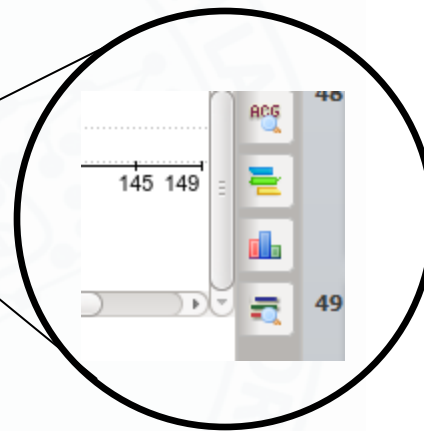
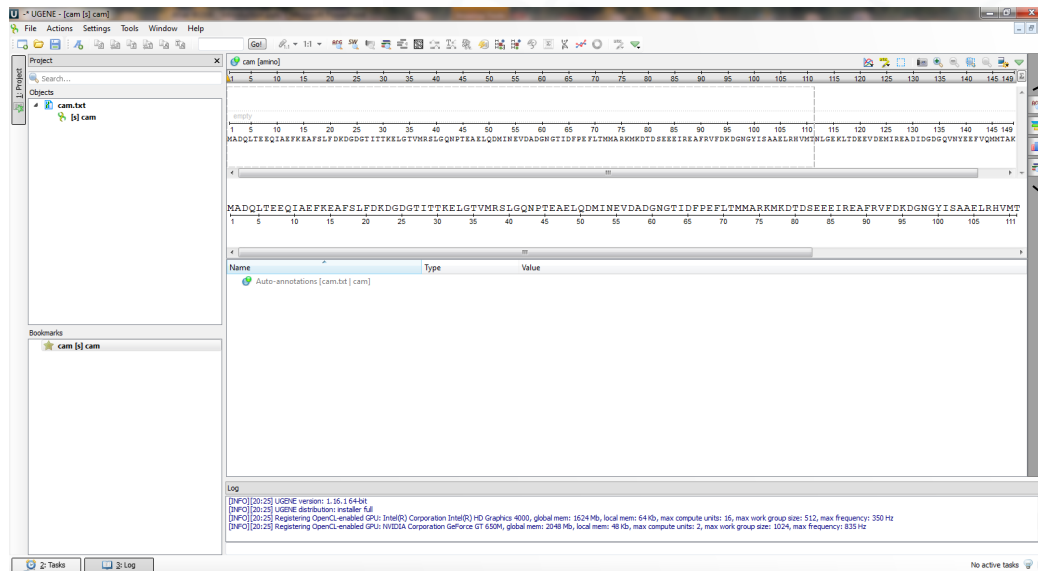
UGENE Sequence View

The screenshot displays the UGENE software interface with the following components:

- Project Panel (Left):** Contains a tree view with 'cam.txt' and '[s] cam'. A red box highlights this area with the label 'objects'.
- Sequence Overview (Top):** A blue-bordered view showing a sequence alignment with positions 1 to 149. A blue box highlights this area with the label 'Sequence overview'.
- Sequence Zoomed View (Middle):** A green-bordered view showing a zoomed-in sequence alignment with positions 1 to 111. A green box highlights this area with the label 'Sequence zoomed view'.
- Annotation View (Bottom):** A yellow-bordered view showing a table with columns 'Name', 'Type', and 'Value'. It contains one entry: 'Auto-annotations [cam.txt:1:111]'. A yellow box highlights this area with the label 'Annotation view'.
- Log Panel (Bottom):** Displays system messages, including UGENE version information and GPU registration details.

Looking at sequences





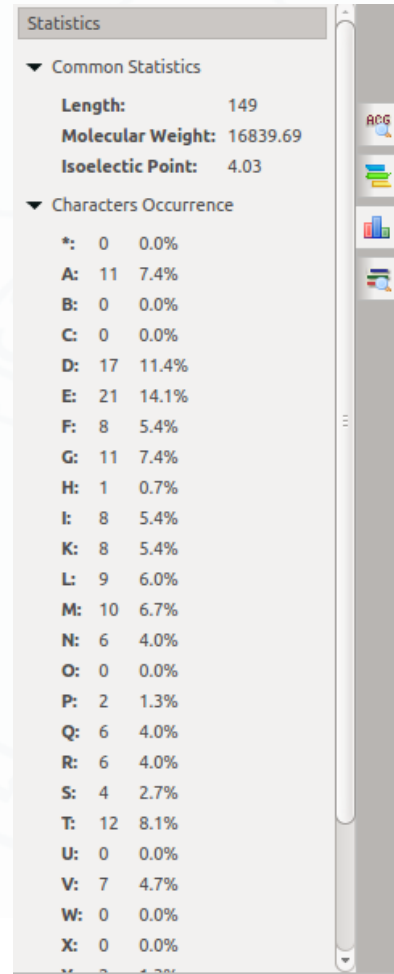
Search

Annotations highlighting

Statistics

DAS Annotations

Looking at sequence statistics



Statistics

▼ Common Statistics

Length: 149

Molecular Weight: 16839.69

Isoelectric Point: 4.03

▼ Characters Occurrence

*	0	0.0%
A	11	7.4%
B	0	0.0%
C	0	0.0%
D	17	11.4%
E	21	14.1%
F	8	5.4%
G	11	7.4%
H	1	0.7%
I	8	5.4%
K	8	5.4%
L	9	6.0%
M	10	6.7%
N	6	4.0%
O	0	0.0%
P	2	1.3%
Q	6	4.0%
R	6	4.0%
S	4	2.7%
T	12	8.1%
U	0	0.0%
V	7	4.7%
W	0	0.0%
X	0	0.0%
Y	0	0.0%

Searching in sequences

The screenshot displays a sequence viewer interface. At the top, a horizontal scale from 0 to 149 is shown. Below it, a sequence alignment is visible, with a blue arrow pointing to position 39, labeled "38 ← 39 [2 aa]". The sequence itself is displayed in a monospaced font: `DKDGDGTITTKELGTVMKSLGQNPTEAELQDMINEVDADGNGTIDFPEFLTMMARKMK`. Below the sequence, a table with two columns, "Type" and "Value", is partially visible. On the right side, a "Search in Sequence" panel is open, showing a search bar with the text "RS". Below the search bar, there is a checkbox labeled "Load patterns from file" and a "Path:" field. The "Results: 1/1" section shows two buttons: "Previous" and "Next". A list of search options is visible below the results, including "Search algorithm", "Search in", "Other settings", and "Save annotation(s) to".

Search in Sequence

Search for:

RS

☐ Load patterns from file

Path:

Results: 1/1

Previous Next

- ▶ Search algorithm
- ▶ Search in
- ▶ Other settings
- ▶ Save annotation(s) to

Type	Value
txt cam]	

Inexact Searching

- Using Regular Expressions
- Select “Search Algorithm” > Regular Expressions
- We can find a pattern such as
 - $R[KE].K^*D$
 - Starts with R followed by a K or an E followed by any other character (.) followed by zero or more occurrences of K (*) followed by a D

Inexact Searching

Search in Sequence

Search for:
R[KE].K*D

☐ Load patterns from file

Path:

Results: 1/2

Previous Next

Search algorithm

Algorithm Regular express

☐ Results no longer than:
1000

Search in

Region Whole sequence

Other settings

Save annotation(s) to

Annotation parameters

Group name:

Misc. Feature

Annotation type:

DGNGTIDFPFLTMMARKMKDITDSEEEIREAFRVFDKDGNGYISAAELRHVMTN

75 ← 79 [5 aa]

Type Value

There are two occurrences of this pattern in the sequence

Regular Expressions (Exercise 1-1)

- To find any patterns you can use regular expressions
- More details on how to build regular expressions is available online
- Build a regular expression that, within the cam sequence, searches for
 - three consecutive E's followed by two other characters followed by another E
 - Two consecutive E's followed by 3 other characters followed by another E
- Once you are done, post your answers to piazza
- Please include the question or exercise number

More on searching

- You can also play with other options within the search to locate a certain pattern (exact or inexact) within the whole or a part of the sequence using “search in”
- You can also restrict the results you get in “other settings”

Creating annotations

- Such searches can be used for creating annotations
 - Annotations are saved in .gb files
 - Here in “Annotation parameters” give
 - Group name of your choice
 - Annotation type and annotation name of your choice and then click “create annotations”
 - You can then click on the annotation you have created to view where they occur in the sequence

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1: Project

cam [amino]

1 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130 135 140 145 149

My feature (2)

1 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125 130 135 140 145 149

75 ← 79 [5 aa]

G Q N P T E A E L Q D M I N E V D A D G N G T I D F P E F L T M M A R K M K L D S E E E I R E A F R V F D K D G N G Y I S A A E L R H V M T N

41 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 66 68 70 72 74 76 78 80 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 98 100 102 104 106 108 110 112

Name	Type	Value
Annotations [MyDocument_1.gb] *		
Annotations [MyDocument.gb]		
Auto-annotations [cam.txt cam]		

2

1

3

Results: 1/2

Previous Next

Search algorithm

Algorithm Regular express

☐ Results no longer than:

1000

Search in

Region Whole sequence

Other settings

Save annotation(s) to

Annotation parameters

Group name:

My feature

Annotation type:

Source

Annotation name:

My feature

☐ Use pattern name

Create annotations

Help

No active tasks

2: Tasks

3: Log

Notice the annotations

Where is this used?

- Let's say you know that the binding site in a certain protein has the general pattern R..K and you want to find out where in the protein does this occur, i.e., where is the binding site
- You can also annotate it to keep a record

Exercise 1-2

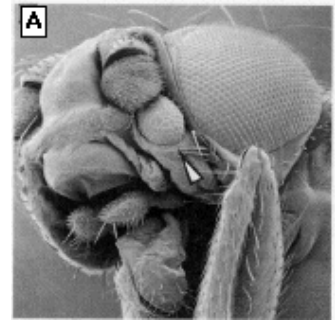
- You are given a file on piazza called cam_binders3.fasta
- Download that file
- It contains 3 sequences of proteins that bind Calmodulin
- R..K is a known Calmodulin binding motif
- Let's search for R..K within these three proteins
- And create annotations with
 - Annotation type: Misc. Binding Site
 - Annotation Name: cam binding R..K
- Once you are done report the positions of R..K within each protein on Piazza
- This way you can find the correct binding site of Calmodulin within these proteins for 2 out of the 3 given proteins
- For background reading:
 - Yap, Kyoko L., Justin Kim, Kevin Truong, Marc Sherman, Tao Yuan, and Mitsuhiko Ikura. "Calmodulin Target Database." *Journal of Structural and Functional Genomics* 1, no. 1 (March 1, 2000): 8–14. doi:10.1023/A:1011320027914.

Practical alignment

- Definition
 - procedure of comparing two or more sequences by looking for a series of characteristics (residue identity, similarity, and so on) that match up in both and maximize conservation, in order to assess overall similarity.

Practical Application: Global Alignment

- Inferring the function of a human protein
- Given the human aniridia protein
 - HSGVNQLGGVFVNGRPLPDSTRQKIVELAHSGARPCDISRILQVSNGCVSKILGRYYETGSIR
PRAIGGSKPRVATPEVVSKIAQYKRECPSIFAWEIRDRLLEGVCTNDNIPSVSSINRVLRLNL
ASEKQQMGASWGTRPGWYPGTSVPGQPTQDGCQQQEGGGENTNSISSNGEDSDEAQMRLQLKR
KLQRNRTSFTQEIEALEKEFERETHYP
 - Uniprot Accession: P26367
- This sequence shows good alignment with the “eyeless” protein from *D. Melanogaster*
 - HSGVNQLGGVFVGGRPLPDSTRQKIVELAHSGARPCDISRILQVSNGCVSKILGRYYETGSIR
PRAIGGSKPRVATAEVVSKISQYKRECPSIFAWEIRDRLLEQENVCTNDNIPSVSSINRVLRLNL
AAQKEQQSTGSGSSSTSAGNSISANHQALQQHQQQSWPPRHYSGSWYPTSLSEIPISSAPNIA
SVTAYASGPSLAHSLSPNDIESLASIGHQRNCPVATEDIHLKKELDGHQSDETGSGEGENSN
GGASNIGNTEDDQARLILKRKLQRNRTSFTNDQIDSLEKEFERETHYP
 - Uniprot Accession: O18381



5 HSGVNQLGGV FVNGRPLPDSTRQKIVELAHSGARPCDISRILQVSNGCVS 54
 ||||| . |||||
 57 HSGVNQLGGV FVNGRPLPDSTRQKIVELAHSGARPCDISRILQVSNGCVS 106
 55 KILGRYYETGSIRPRAIGGSKPRVATPEVVSKIAQYKRECPSIFAW EIRD 104
 ||||| . ||||| : |||||
 107 KILGRYYETGSIRPRAIGGSKPRVATAEVVSKISQYKRECPSIFAW EIRD 156
 105 RLLSEGVCTNDNIPSVSSINRVLRNLASEKQQMGA----- 139
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 157 RLLQENVCTNDNIPSVSSINRVLRNLAAQKEQQSTGSGSSSTSAGNSISA 206
 155 -----SWGTR---PGWYPGTSVPGQPTQ----- 174
 ||..| ..||| |:|:|..
 307 NHQALQQHQQQSWPPRHYS GSWYP-TSLSEIPISSAPNIASVTAYASGPS 355
 175 -----DGCQQQE---GGGE 185
 |||.|. |.||
 356 LAHSLSPNDIESLASIGHQRNCPVATEDIHLKKELDGHQSD ETGSGE 405
 186 NTNSISSNGEDSDEAQMRLQLKRKLQRNRTSFTQEQIEALEKEFER THYP 235
 |:|:|:|:|:|:|:|.|||.|||:|:|:|:|:|:|:|
 406 NSNGGASNIGNTEDDQARLILKRKLQRNRTSFTNDQIDSLEKEFER THYP 455

Practical Application: Global Alignment

- Repeat this experiment in UGENE
- Based on this alignment Quiring et al. inferred the following
- *“The finding that ey of Drosophila, Small eye of the mouse, and human Aniridia are encoded by homologous genes suggests that eye morphogenesis is under similar genetic control in both vertebrates and insects, in spite of the large differences in eye morphology and mode of development.”*
- Quiring, R., U. Walldorf, U. Kloter, and W. J. Gehring. “Homology of the Eyeless Gene of Drosophila to the Small Eye Gene in Mice and Aniridia in Humans.” *Science (New York, N.Y.)* 265, no. 5173 (August 5, 1994): 785–89.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PAX6>

In UGENE: Accessing Remote Databases

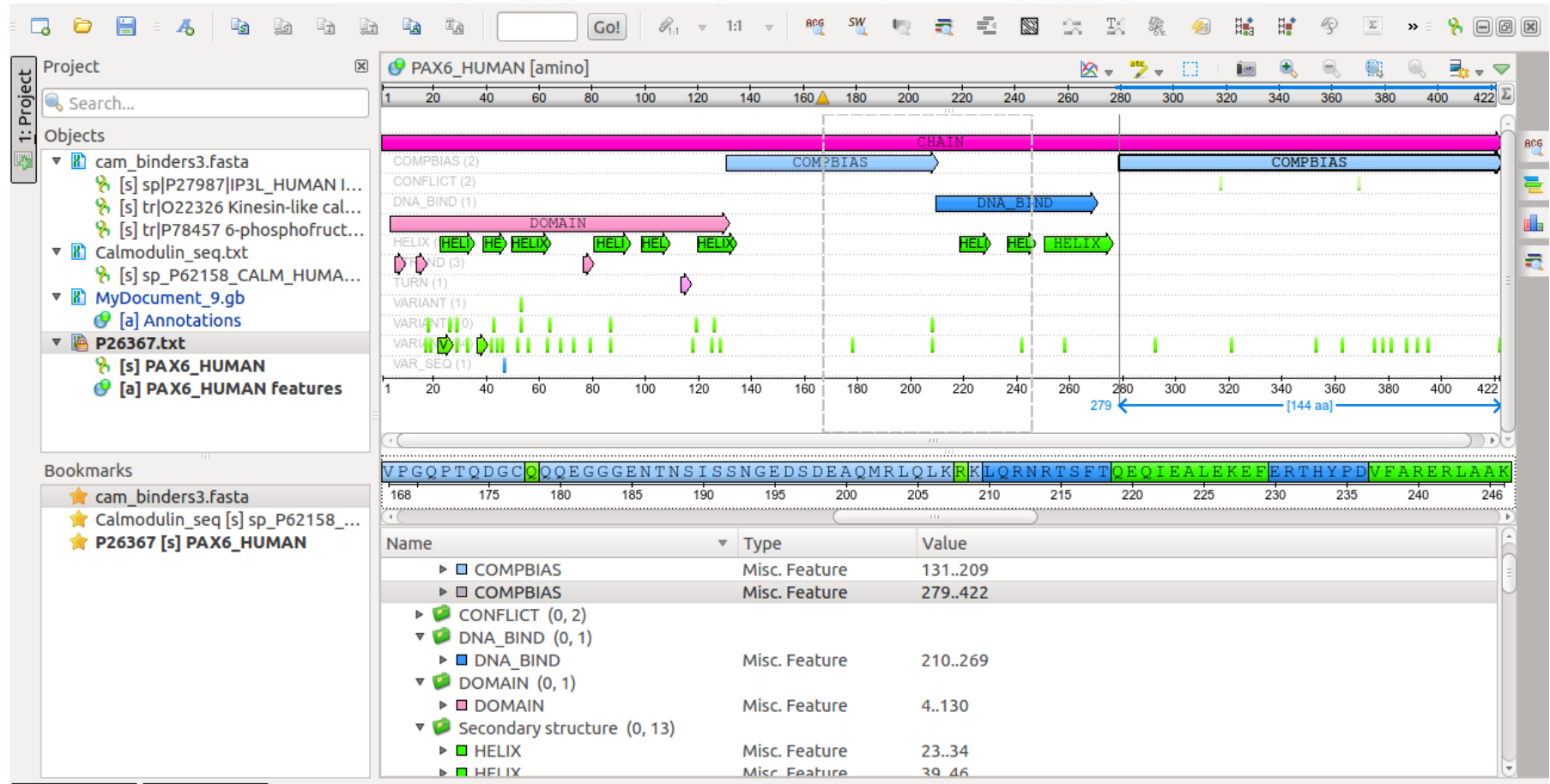
The screenshot displays the UGENE software interface. The 'File' menu is open, highlighting 'Access remote database'. The background shows a sequence viewer for 'P62158_CALM_HUMAN Calmodulin OS=Homo sapiens GN=CALM1 PE=1 SV=2 [ami]' with a scale from 10 to 100. A dialog box titled 'Fetch Data from Remote Database' is in the foreground, containing the following fields:

- Resource ID:
- Database:
- Save to directory:

A green hint message reads: 'Hint: Use SWISS-PROT accession number. For example: Q9IGQ6 or A0N8V2. You can download multiple items by separating IDs with space or semicolon.' The dialog has 'Help', 'Cancel', and 'OK' buttons.

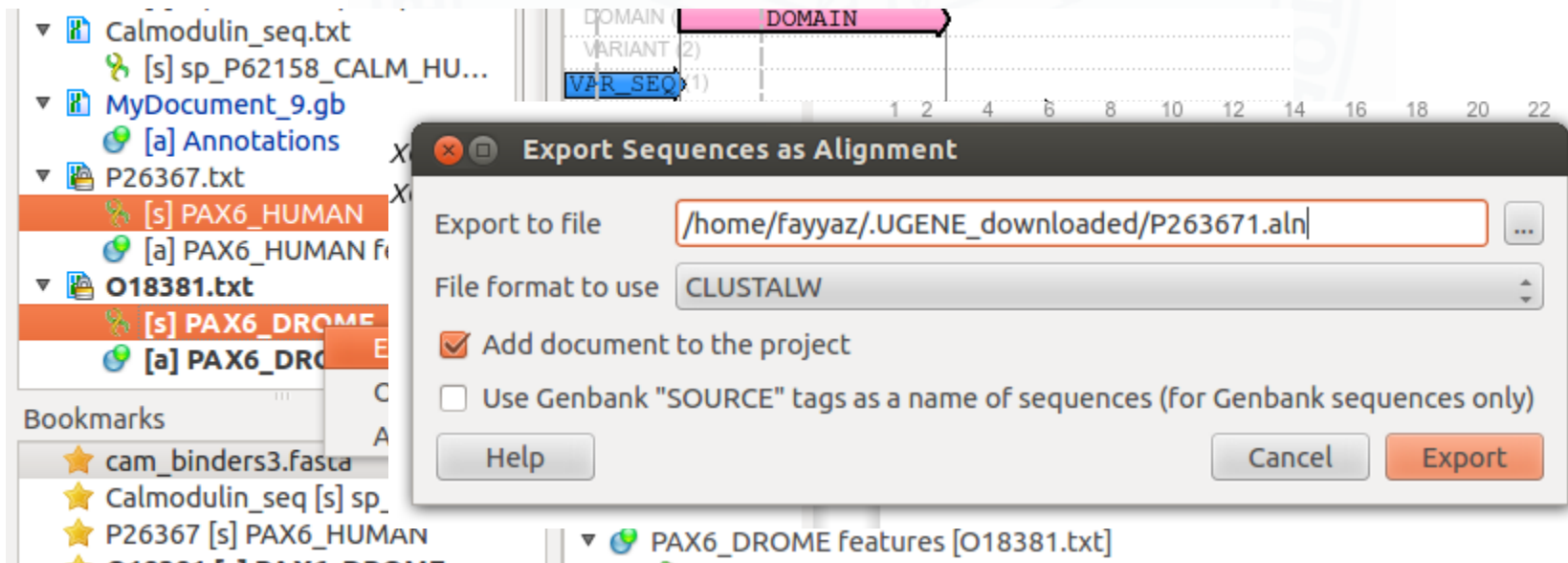
Below the dialog, the 'Annotations [MyDocument_9.gb] *' section is visible, showing 'Misc. Feature (0, 0)' and 'Auto-annotations [Calmodulin_seq....]'. The 'Bookmarks' panel at the bottom left lists 'cam_binders3.fasta' and 'Calmodulin_seq [s] sp_P62158...'.

After Loading



Aligning

- Similarly load O18381
- To align them select both the sequences (ctrl+left click) and export the sequences as alignment as shown below



Aligning

- This will open the alignment view however the sequences aren't aligned yet

Project

Search...

Objects

- [s] tr|P78457 6-phospho...
- Calmodulin_seq.txt
- [s] sp_P62158_CALM_HU...
- MyDocument_9.gb
- [a] Annotations
- P26367.txt
 - [s] PAX6_HUMAN
 - [a] PAX6_HUMAN features
- O18381.txt
 - [s] PAX6_DROME
 - [a] PAX6_DROME features
- P26367.aln**
 - [m] P26367

Bookmarks

- ★ cam_binders3.fasta
- ★ Calmodulin_seq [s] sp_P62158_...
- ★ P26367 [s] PAX6_HUMAN
- ★ O18381 [s] PAX6_DROME
- ★ **P26367 [m] P26367**

Consensus

PAX6_HUMAN

PAX6_DROME

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

M - N - - - - - G - - - - - P - - T - - - S

[1 M Q N S H S G V N Q L G G V F V N G R P L P D S T R Q K I V E L A H S G A R P C 41

[1 M R N L P C L G T A G G S G L G G I A G K P S P T M E A V E A S T A S H R H S T 41

Find: [input field] Ln 1 / 2 Col 1 / 857 Pos 1 / 422

Aligning

- To do the alignment follow these steps

The screenshot displays a bioinformatics software interface with a project browser on the left, a central sequence alignment view, and a pairwise alignment settings panel on the right. The project browser shows a hierarchy of files and folders, including 'P26367.aln' and 'P26367'. The central view shows a consensus sequence and two aligned sequences: 'PAX6_HUMAN' and 'PAX6_DROME'. The alignment is visualized with colored bars representing amino acids. The pairwise alignment settings panel on the right includes fields for 'Sequences' (PAX6_HUMAN and PAX6_DROME), 'Similarity' (6%), 'Algorithm' (Smith-Waterman), 'Algorithm settings' (SSE2), 'Scoring matrix' (blosum62), 'Gap penalty' (Open: 10, Extension: 1), and 'Output settings'. A red circle highlights the 'Align' button in the 'Output settings' section. Arrows indicate the flow of the alignment process from the project browser to the alignment view and then to the settings panel.

Project

Search...

Objects

- [s] tr[P78457 6-phosphofr...
- Calmodulin_seq.txt
- [s] sp_P62158_CALM_HU...
- MyDocument_9.gb
- [a] Annotations
- P26367.txt
- [s] PAX6_HUMAN
- [a] PAX6_HUMAN features
- O18381.txt
- [s] PAX6_DROME
- [a] PAX6_DROME features
- P26367.aln
- [m] P26367

Bookmarks

- ★ cam_binders3.fasta
- ★ Calmodulin_seq [s] sp_P62158_...
- ★ P26367 [s] PAX6_HUMAN
- ★ O18381 [s] PAX6_DROME
- ★ P26367 [m] P26367

Consensus

PAX6_HUMAN

PAX6_DROME

Pairwise Alignment

Sequences

- PAX6_HUMAN
- PAX6_DROME

Similarity: 6%

Algorithm: Smith-Waterman

Algorithm settings

Algorithm version: SSE2

Scoring matrix: blosum62

Gap penalty

Open: 10

Extension: 1

Output settings

Align

Help

Find: Ln 2 / 2 Col 1 / 857 Pos 1 / 857

No active tasks

Exercise: Simian Sarcoma Virus & Cancer

- R. F. Doolittle, M. W. Hunkapiller, L. E. Hood, S. G. Devare, K. C. Robbins, S. A. Aaronson, and H. N. Antoniades. Simian sarcoma virus oncogene, v -sis, is derived from the gene (or genes) encoding a platelet-derived growth factor. Science, 221:275–277, 1983.
- Human Platelet Derived Growth Factor:
<http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/A0A024R1R5.fasta>
- Woolly Monkey Sarcoma Virus V-SIS
<http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q7LZ02.fasta>
- Download sequences and obtain the sequence alignment using Online Needleman Wunsch:
https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&PROGRAM=blastn&BLAST_SPEC=GlobalAlign&LINK_LOC=BlastHomeLink
- Report the sequence identity

FASTA, BLAST, BLAT & HHBlits

- Are heuristic tools for alignments



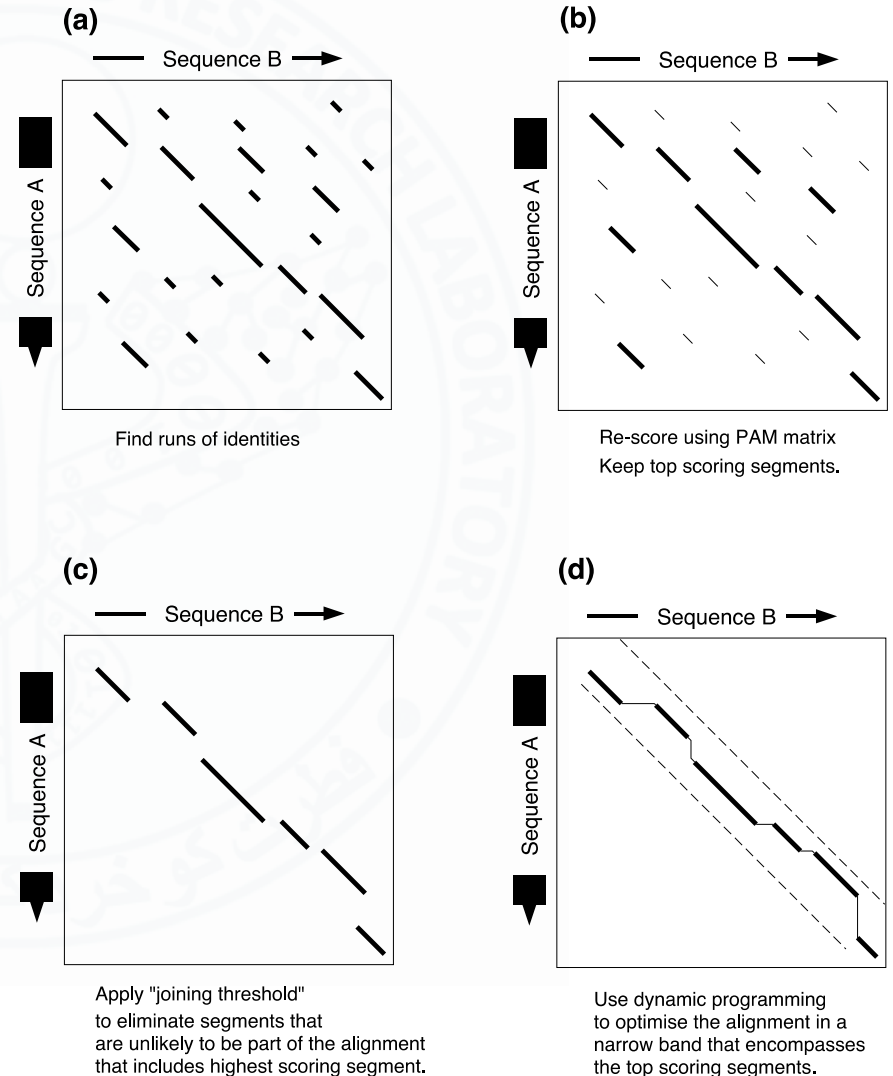
Motivation

- Smith-Waterman algorithm too slow for searching large sequence databases
- Most sequences are not homologous to the query so there is no need for the alignment
- Use heuristic methods:
 - FASTA
 - BLAST

FASTA

- Idea: in order for two sequences to be similar, need a run of identical letters
 - This is called seeding
- Only sequences that have high scoring segments need to be aligned

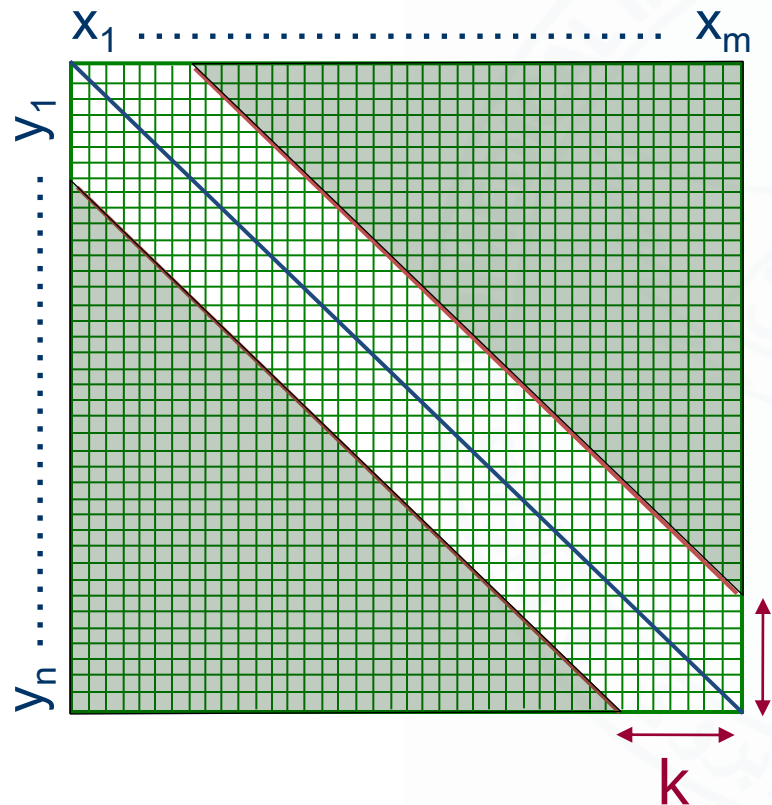
Lipman, D.J. and Pearson, W.R., Rapid and sensitive protein similarity searches, Science, 227:1435--1441, 1985.



Finding all matching k-mers

- Store the positions of all k-mers in the query sequence
- Scan for matches with those k-mers
- $k=2$ for protein sequences.
- Need an efficient method for retrieving k-mer positions: hash table!

Bounded Dynamic Programming



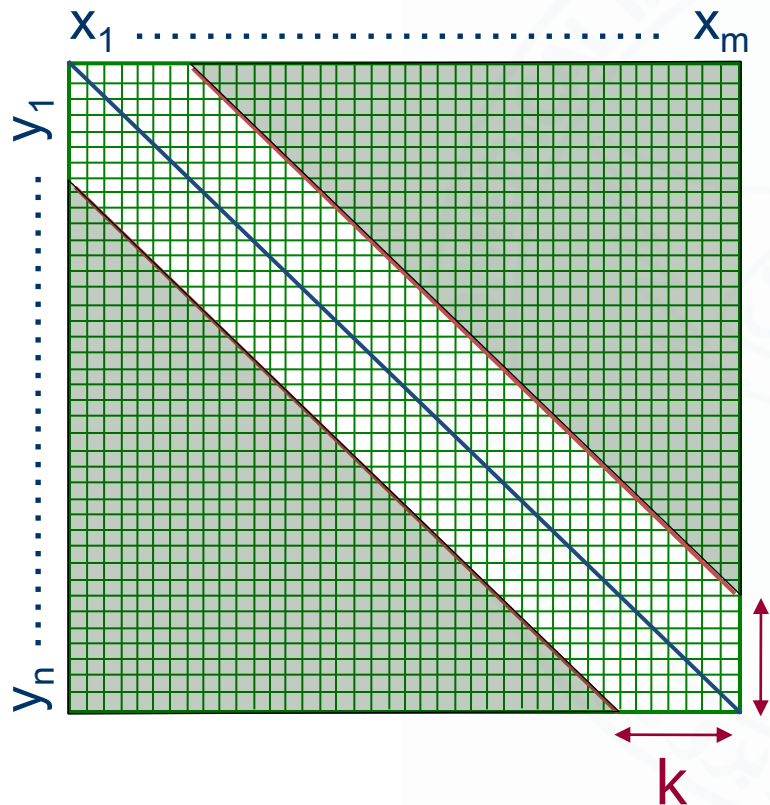
Assume that x and y are very similar

Assumption: $\#gaps(x, y) < k$

We can align x and y more efficiently:

Time, Space: $O(n \times k)$

Bounded Dynamic Programming



Initialization:

$S(i,0)$, $S(0,j)$ undefined for $i, j > k$

Iteration:

For $i = 1, \dots, n$

For $j = \max(1, i - k), \dots, \min(n, i + k)$

$$S(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} S(i - 1, j - 1) + s(x_i, y_j) \\ S(i, j - 1) - d, \text{ if } j > i - k \\ S(i - 1, j) - d, \text{ if } j < i + k \end{cases}$$

Can extend to the affine gap case

BLAST: Basic Local Alignment and Search Tool¹

- Similar idea to FASTA:
 - Does not compute alignments that do not look promising
 - Fast alignment: does not consider complete edit graph
- Difference from FASTA: seed matches do not need to match exactly
- Great improvement in speed, with a modest decrease in sensitivity with respect to SW.

¹Altschul, SF, W Gish, W Miller, EW Myers, and DJ Lipman. Basic local alignment search tool. J Mol Biol 215(3):403-10, 1990.

Outline of BLAST

- Eliminate low complexity regions
- Create an “index” of 3-mers from the query sequence
- Search for hits in the database
- Extend hits into HSSPs: High Scoring Segment Pairs (ungapped)
- Extend HSSPs into a local alignment
- Compute “E-values”

BLAST algorithm (cont'd)

k-mer

Query: KRHRKVLRDNIQGITKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETRGVLKIFLENVIRD

list of 3-mers that
have a similarity level
exceeding some
threshold when
compared to 3-mers
in the query

neighborhood
score threshold
($T = 13$)

GVK	18
GAK	16
GIK	16
GGK	14
GLK	13
GNK	12
GRK	11
GEK	11
GDK	11

Neighborhood
k-mers

extension

```
Query: 22  VLRDNIQGITKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETRGVLK 60
          +++DN +G +   IR L      G+K I+ L+ E+ RG++K
Sbjct: 226  IIKDNGRGFSGKQIRNLNYGIGLKVIADLV-EKHRGIIK 263
```

High-scoring segment pair (HSP)

Indexing the query

- Compile a list of high-scoring 3-mers (have a similarity level exceeding some threshold when compared to 3-mers in the query)
- Typical size of list: 50 times the length of the sequence

Original BLAST

- **Extending a hit**

- Ungapped extensions until score (sum of subst. matrix elements) falls below some threshold

- **Output**

- All local ungapped alignments with score > threshold

Original ungapped BLAST

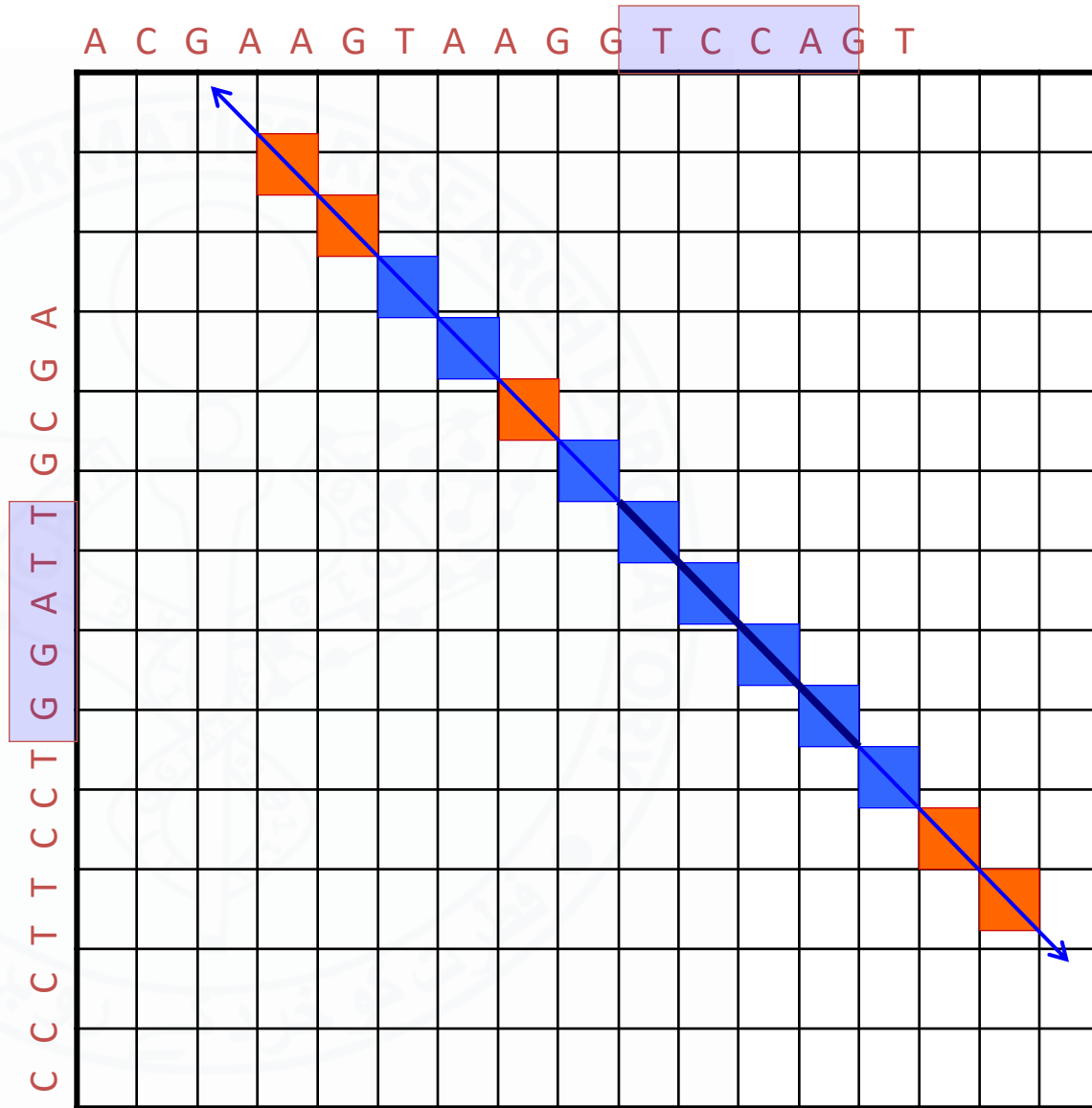
The seed **GGTC** initiates
an alignment

Extension with no gaps

Output:

GTAAGGTCC

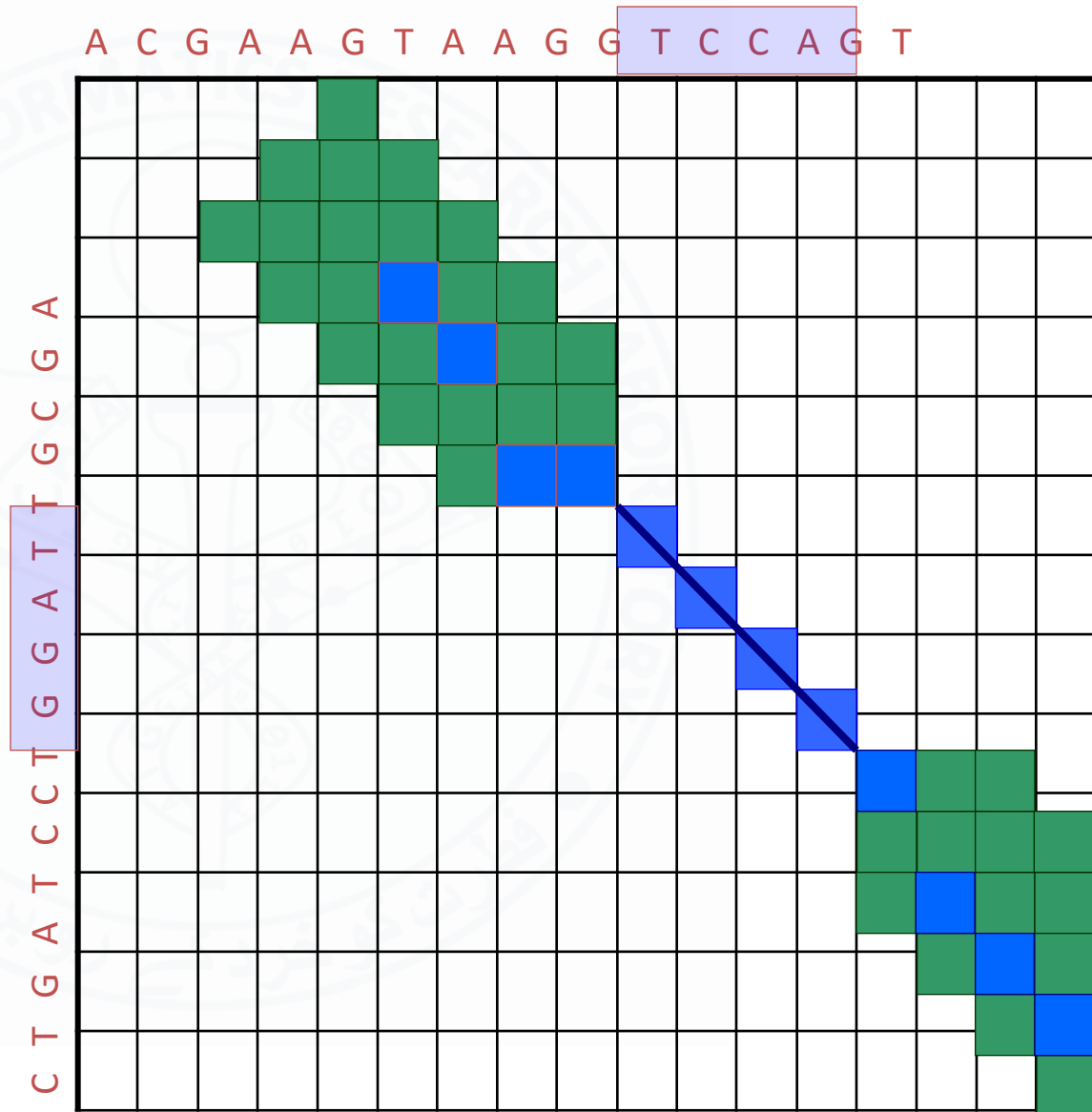
GTTAGGTCC



Gapped BLAST

- Search for seed.
THEN:
- Extend with gaps in a band around seed (anchor) **until score < threshold**
- Result:

GTAAGGTCCAG
T
GTTAGGTC-AGT



BLAST: Locally Maximal Segment Pairs

- A segment pair is locally maximal if its score can't be improved by extending or shortening
- BLAST finds all locally maximal segment pairs with scores above some threshold
- Output: Statistically significant locally maximal segment pairs (more likely to be of biological interest)

BLAST statistics

- We want to assign probabilities to BLAST scores.

$p = P(\text{two random bases are equal})$

- The event of a mismatch followed by t matches has probability $(1 - p)p^t$
- There are nm places to begin the event.
- The expected # of such events: $nm(1 - p)p^t$
- Rare event: use a Poisson distribution with mean

$$nm(1 - p)p^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{alignment of length } t \text{ or longer}) &= 1 - P(\text{no such event}) \\ &= 1 - \exp(-nm(1 - p)p^t) \end{aligned}$$

This is known as the *extreme value distribution*

$$f_{\lambda}(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

BLAST statistics

- # matches with score greater than θ has mean $E(\theta) = Kmne^{-\lambda\theta}$; K is a constant, m, n are the lengths of the two compared sequences

– Parameter λ is positive root of:

$$\sum_{x,y} p_x p_y e^{\delta(x,y)} = 1,$$

where p_x, p_y are aa frequencies

Sample BLAST output

- Blast of human beta globin protein against zebra fish

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (bits)	E
gi 18858329 ref NP_571095.1 ba1 globin [Danio rerio] >gi 147757...	171	3e-44
gi 18858331 ref NP_571096.1 ba2 globin; SI:dZ118J2.3 [Danio rer...	170	7e-44
gi 37606100 emb CAE48992.1 SI:bY187G17.6 (novel beta globin) [D...	170	7e-44
gi 31419195 gb AAH53176.1 Ba1 protein [Danio rerio]	168	3e-43

ALIGNMENTS

>gi|18858329|ref|NP_571095.1| ba1 globin [Danio rerio]

Length = 148

Score = 171 bits (434), Expect = 3e-44

Identities = 76/148 (51%), Positives = 106/148 (71%), Gaps = 1/148 (0%)

```
Query: 1  MVHLTPEEKSAVTALWGKVVNDEVGGREALGRLLVYPWWTQRRFFESFGDLSTPDVAVMGNPK 60
          MV  T  E++A+  LWGK+N+DE+G +AL R L+VYPWTQR+F +FG+LS+P A+MGNPK
Sbjct: 1  MVEWTDARTAILGLWGKLNIDEIGPQALSRLIVYPWTQRYFATFGNLSSPAAIMGNPK 60

Query: 61  VKAHGKKVLGAFSDGLAHLNLTGTFATLSELHCDKLHVDPENFRLLGNVLCVLAHHFG 120
          V AHG+ V+G      + ++DN+K T+A LS +H +KLHVDP+NFRLL + +  A  FG
Sbjct: 61  VAAHGRTVMGGLERAIKNMDNVKNTYAALSVMHSEKLHVDPDNFRLLADCITVCAAMKFG 120

Query: 121 KE-FTPPVQAAYQKVVAGVANALAHKYH 147
           +  F  VQ A+QK +A V +AL  +YH
Sbjct: 121 QAGFNADVQEAQKFLAVVVSALCRQYH 148
```

Sample BLAST output

- Blast of human beta globin DNA against human DNA

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (bits)	E Value
gi 19849266 gb AF487523.1 Homo sapiens gamma A hemoglobin (HBG1...	289	1e-75
gi 183868 gb M11427.1 HUMHBG3E Human gamma-globin mRNA, 3' end	289	1e-75
gi 44887617 gb AY534688.1 Homo sapiens A-gamma globin (HBG1) ge...	280	1e-72
gi 31726 emb V00512.1 HSGGL1 Human messenger RNA for gamma-globin	260	1e-66
gi 38683401 ref NR_001589.1 Homo sapiens hemoglobin, beta pseud...	151	7e-34
gi 18462073 gb AF339400.1 Homo sapiens haplotype PB26 beta-glob...	149	3e-33

ALIGNMENTS

```
>gi|28380636|ref|NG_000007.3| Homo sapiens beta globin region (HBB@) on chromosome 11
      Length = 81706
      Score = 149 bits (75), Expect = 3e-33
      Identities = 183/219 (83%)
      Strand = Plus / Plus
```

```
Query: 267      ttgggagatgccacaaagcacctggatgatctcaagggcacctttgcccagctgagtga 326
              || ||| | ||      | || | ||||| ||||| ||||| |||||
Sbjct: 54409    ttcgaaaagctgttatgctcacggatgacctcaaaggcacctttgctacactgagtga 54468
```

```
Query: 327      ctgcactgtgacaagctgcatgtggatcctgagaacttc 365
              ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| ||||| |||||
Sbjct: 54469    ctgcactgtaacaagctgcacgtggaccctgagaacttc 54507
```

Flavors of BLAST

- `blastn`: Nucleotide-nucleotide
- `blastp`: Protein-protein
- `blastx`: Translated query vs. protein database (all six frames)
- `tblastn`: Protein query vs. translated database (finding homologous protein coding regions in unannotated nucleotide sequences – ESTs and draft genomes)
- `tblastx`: Translated query vs. translated database (6 frames each - expensive)

Versions of BLAST

- PSI-BLAST
 - Find members of a protein family or build a custom position-specific score matrix
- Megablast:
 - Search longer sequences with fewer differences
 - When the number of query sequences is large

Timeline

- 1970: Needleman-Wunsch global alignment algorithm
- 1981: Smith-Waterman local alignment algorithm
- 1985: FASTA
- 1990: BLAST (basic local alignment search tool)
- 2000s: BLAST has become too slow in - faster algorithms are developed
 - Pattern Hunter
 - BLAT
- 2009: BLAST+: a complete re-write of BLAST
- 2010: Next generation sequencing: need super fast algorithms!

BLAT: BLAST-Like Alignment Tool

- BLAT builds an index of the database and scans through the query sequence, whereas BLAST builds an index of the query and then scans through the database
- What is the advantage of this approach?
- Potential disadvantage?

Kent WJ. BLAT--the BLAST-like alignment tool. Genome Res. 2002.

BLAT: BLAST-Like Alignment Tool

- Builds an index of all 11-mers that are not heavily involved in repeat regions (what are the tradeoffs in the choice of k-mer size?)

BLAT: BLAST-Like Alignment Tool

- Designed to find matches for sequences that are closely related (originally built to help annotate vertebrate genomes)
- Models splice junction dimers and performs “spliced alignment” (BLAST will generate matches to individual exons).
- Much faster than BLAST

BLAT

- Opening sentence in the paper:

Some might wonder why in the year 2002 the world needs another sequence alignment tool.

A BLAST demo...

Protein BLAST: search p x

blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastp&PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&LINK_LOC=blasthome

BLAST® Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

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NCBI/ BLAST/ blastp suite

Standard Protein BLAST

blastn blastp blastx tblastn tblastx

Enter Query Sequence

BLASTP programs search protein databases using a protein query. [more...](#) [Reset page](#) [Bookmark](#)

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Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown. [?](#)

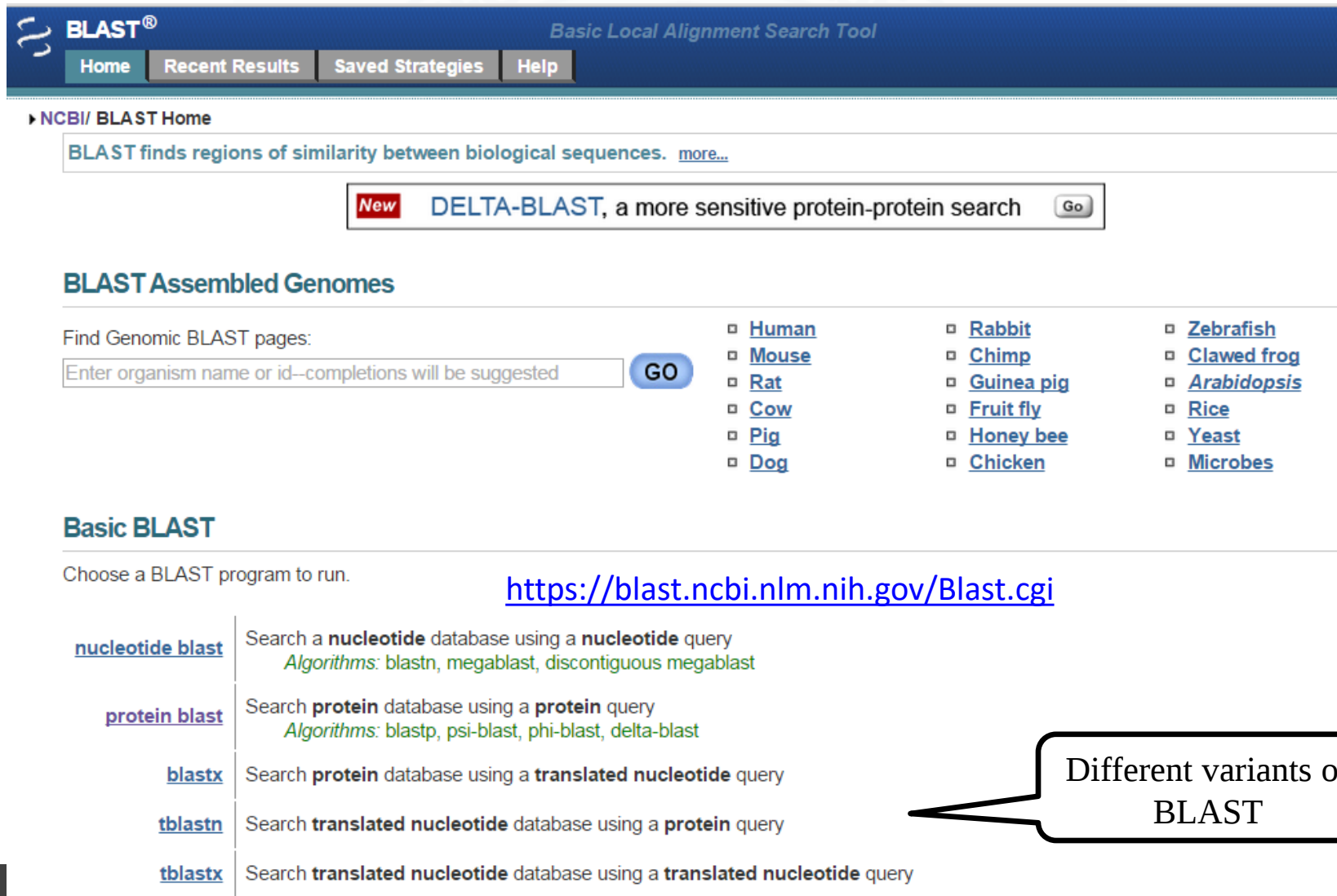
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Program Selection

Finding Homologs: BLAST



The screenshot shows the NCBI BLAST website. At the top is a blue header with the BLAST logo and the text "Basic Local Alignment Search Tool". Below the header are navigation tabs: Home, Recent Results, Saved Strategies, and Help. A link to "NCBI/ BLAST Home" is visible. A description states "BLAST finds regions of similarity between biological sequences." with a "more..." link. A "New" badge highlights "DELTA-BLAST, a more sensitive protein-protein search" with a "Go" button. The "BLAST Assembled Genomes" section includes a search box for organism names and a list of organism links: Human, Mouse, Rat, Cow, Pig, Dog, Rabbit, Chimp, Guinea pig, Fruit fly, Honey bee, Chicken, Zebrafish, Clawed frog, Arabidopsis, Rice, Yeast, and Microbes. The "Basic BLAST" section provides a URL and a list of BLAST variants with their descriptions and algorithms.

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► NCBI/ BLAST Home

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BLAST Assembled Genomes

Find Genomic BLAST pages:

- ☐ [Human](#)
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- ☐ [Cow](#)
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- ☐ [Chimp](#)
- ☐ [Guinea pig](#)
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- ☐ [Microbes](#)

Basic BLAST

Choose a BLAST program to run. <https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>

nucleotide blast	Search a nucleotide database using a nucleotide query <i>Algorithms:</i> blastn, megablast, discontinuous megablast
protein blast	Search protein database using a protein query <i>Algorithms:</i> blastp, psi-blast, phi-blast, delta-blast
blastx	Search protein database using a translated nucleotide query
tblastn	Search translated nucleotide database using a protein query
tblastx	Search translated nucleotide database using a translated nucleotide query

Different variants of BLAST


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Program Selection

Algorithm

☐ blastp (protein-protein BLAST)
☐ PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterated BLAST)
☐ PHI-BLAST (Pattern Hit Initiated BLAST)
☒ DELTA-BLAST (Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST)
 Choose a BLAST algorithm

Select Database depending upon what you want to do

Different variants of Protein BLAST

Protein BLAST Variants

- BlastP: protein-protein BLAST
 - simply compares a protein query to a protein database.
- PSI-BLAST: Position-Specific Iterated BLAST
 - Allows the user to build a PSSM (position-specific scoring matrix) using the results of the first BlastP run.)
- PHI-BLAST: Pattern Hit Initiated BLAST
 - performs the search but limits alignments to those that match a pattern in the query.
- DELTA-BLAST: Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST
 - constructs a PSSM using the results of a Conserved Domain Database search and searches a sequence database.

Selecting Database

- Non-redundant Protein Sequences (nr)
 - All non-redundant GenBank CDS translations+PDB+SwissProt+PIR+PRF excluding environmental samples from WGS projects
 - 67,897,003 Sequences
 - To build profiles or simply find related sequences
- Reference Proteins (refseq_protein)
 - NCBI Protein Reference Sequences
 - 49,158,634 Sequences
 - To build profiles or simply find related sequences
- Non-redundant UniProtKB/SwissProt sequences.
 - 461146 Sequences
 - Known Functions
- PDB
 - 77, 4658 Sequences
 - Known Structures

Assume you are given a protein

SGVLWDTPSPPEVEKAVLDDGIYRILQRGLLGRSQVGVGVFQEGVFHTMWHVTRGAVLMYQGKRLE
PSWASVKKDLISYGGGWRFQGSWNTGEEVQVIAVEPGKNPKNVQTAPGTFTSEGEVGAIALDFKPG
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LPVWLSYKVASEGQYSRRWCFDGERNNQVLEENMDVEIWTKEGERKKLRPRWLDARTYSDPLAL
REFKEFAAGR

- What can you find out about the function of the protein?
- This protein is taken from Dengue Virus

Inferring Function using DAS

- Uniprot Protein Distributed Annotation System (DAS) Server
 - Provides access to sequences and annotations from UniprotKB
 - Access to Gene Ontology Annotations
- Can search given a sequence for all annotations on related proteins or parts of the sequences
- Accessible using DASTy (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/dasty/index.html>) or UGENE



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DFPGKTVWFVPSIKSGNDIANCLRKNGKRVQLSR
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☐ Custom settings

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Remote BLAST	On	Performs remote database queries: BLAST, CDD, etc...
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Samtools plugin	On	Samtools plugin for NGS data analysis
SITECON	On	SITECON - is a program package for revealing and anal
UGENE Genome Aligner	On	Assembly DNA to reference sequence
UGENE Remote Service	On	Launching remote tasks via UGENE Remote Service

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Using DAS

The screenshot displays the DAS (Data Access System) interface. The main window shows a protein sequence labeled "unknown [amino]" with a scale from 1 to 619. The sequence is displayed in a grid format, with the first 12 residues (SGVLWDTPSPPEVEKAVLDDGIYRILQ) highlighted. Below the sequence, a table lists "Auto-annotations [unknown | unkn...".

On the right side, the "DAS Annotations" panel is visible, showing the "Region" set to "Whole sequence" (1 - 619) and the "Database" set to "UniProtKB". The "Minimum Identity" is set to 90.0%. A button labeled "Fetch IDs" is present.

A tooltip message states: "Send request to Uniprot BLAST to get IDs of similar sequences".

Below the main window, a smaller window displays the "IDs of similar sequences" table:

	ID	identity
1	Q8B104	99%
2	Q8B105	99%
3	Q8B106	99%
4	A0A0B4L2V5	99%

Buttons for "Fetch IDs" and "Fetch annotations" are located below the table.

The bottom of the image features a banner with the text "CIS 529: Bioinformatics" and "FHLAS Biomedical Informatics Research Lab". The page number "68" is visible in the bottom right corner.

BLAST Parameters

Algorithm parameters Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign

General Parameters

Max target sequences: 500 Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display ⓘ

Short queries: ☒ Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences ⓘ

Expect threshold: 10 ⓘ

Word size: 3 ⓘ

Max matches in a query range: 0 ⓘ

Scoring Parameters

Matrix: BLOSUM62 ⓘ

Gap Costs: Existence: 11 Extension: 1 ⓘ

Compositional adjustments: Composition-based statistics ⓘ

Filters and Masking

Filter: ☐ Low complexity regions ⓘ

Mask: ☐ Mask for lookup table only ⓘ
☐ Mask lower case letters ⓘ

PSI/PHI/DELTA BLAST

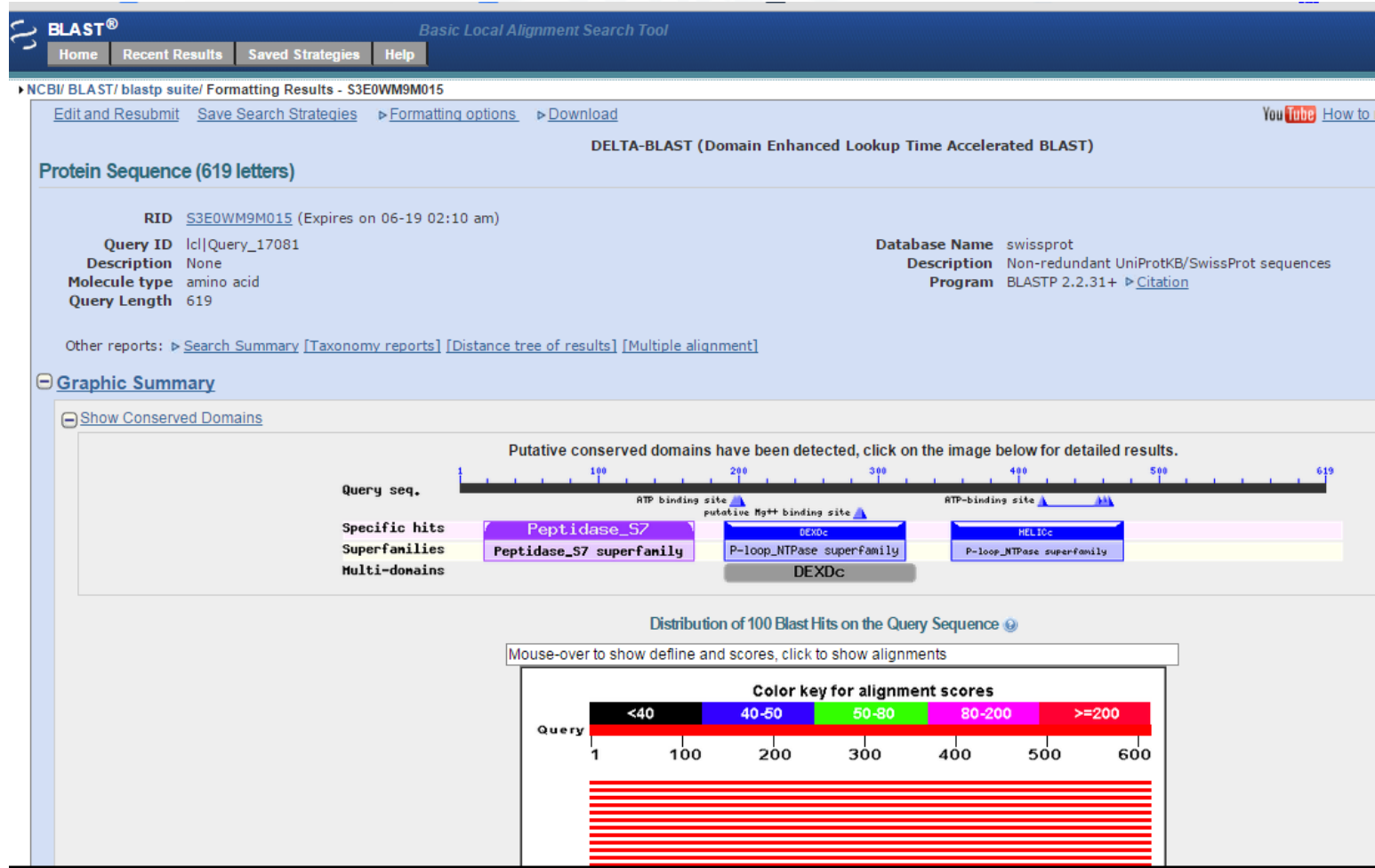
PSI-BLAST Threshold: 0.005 ⓘ

DELTA-BLAST Threshold: 0.05 ⓘ

Pseudocount: 0 ⓘ

BLAST Search database UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot(swissprot) using DELTA-BLAST (Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST)
☐ Show results in a new window

Result



Sequence Databases

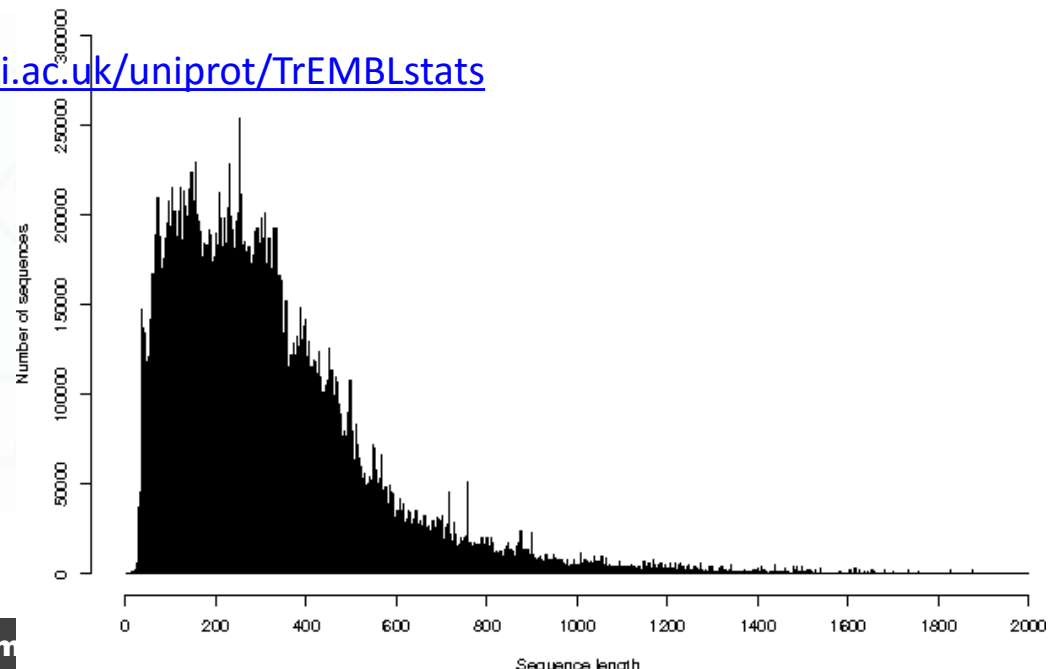
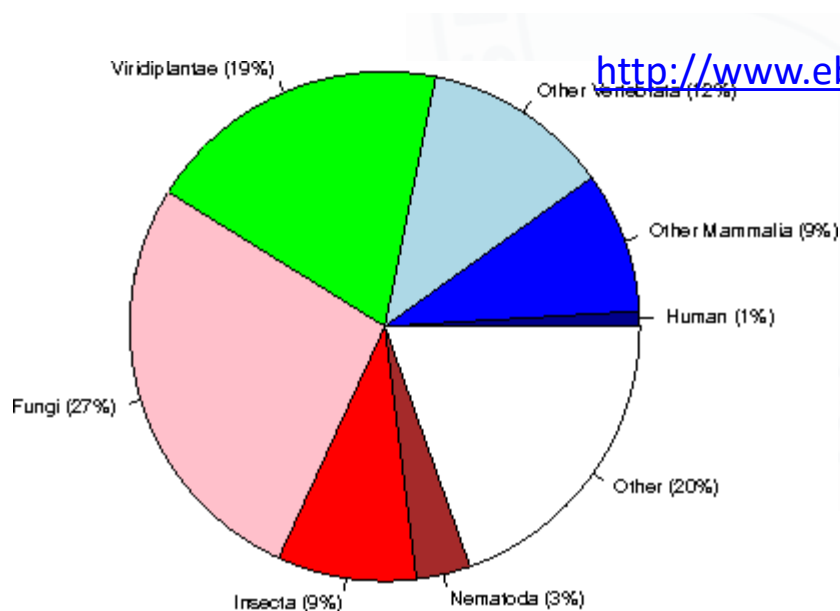
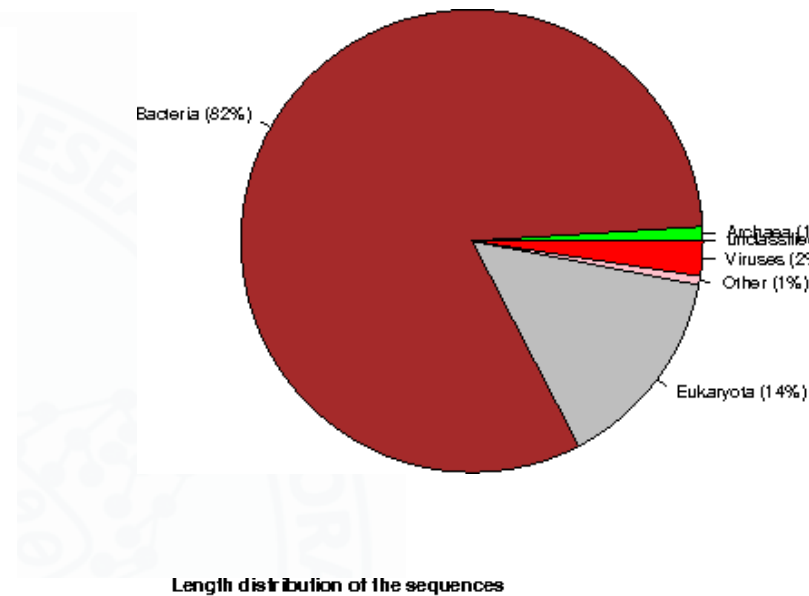
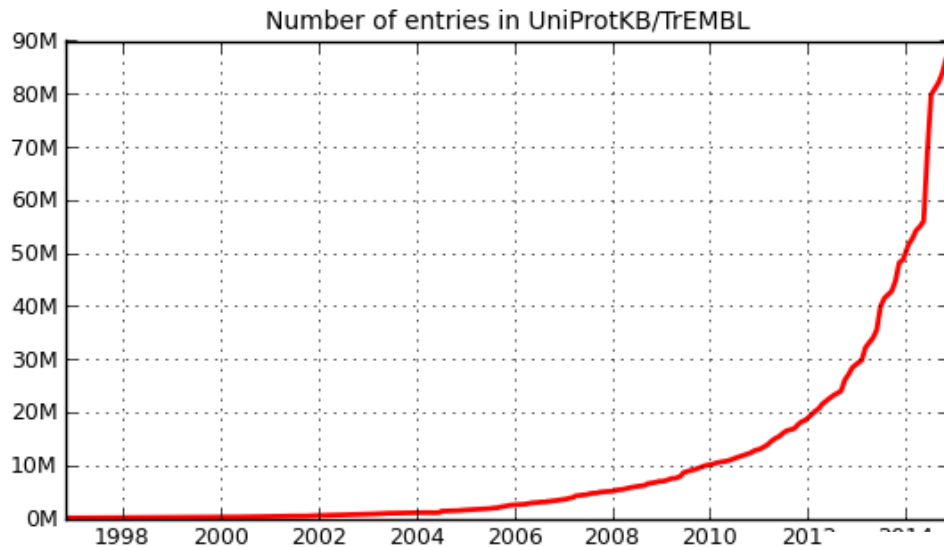
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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_biologic_al_databases
- GENBANK

Protein databases

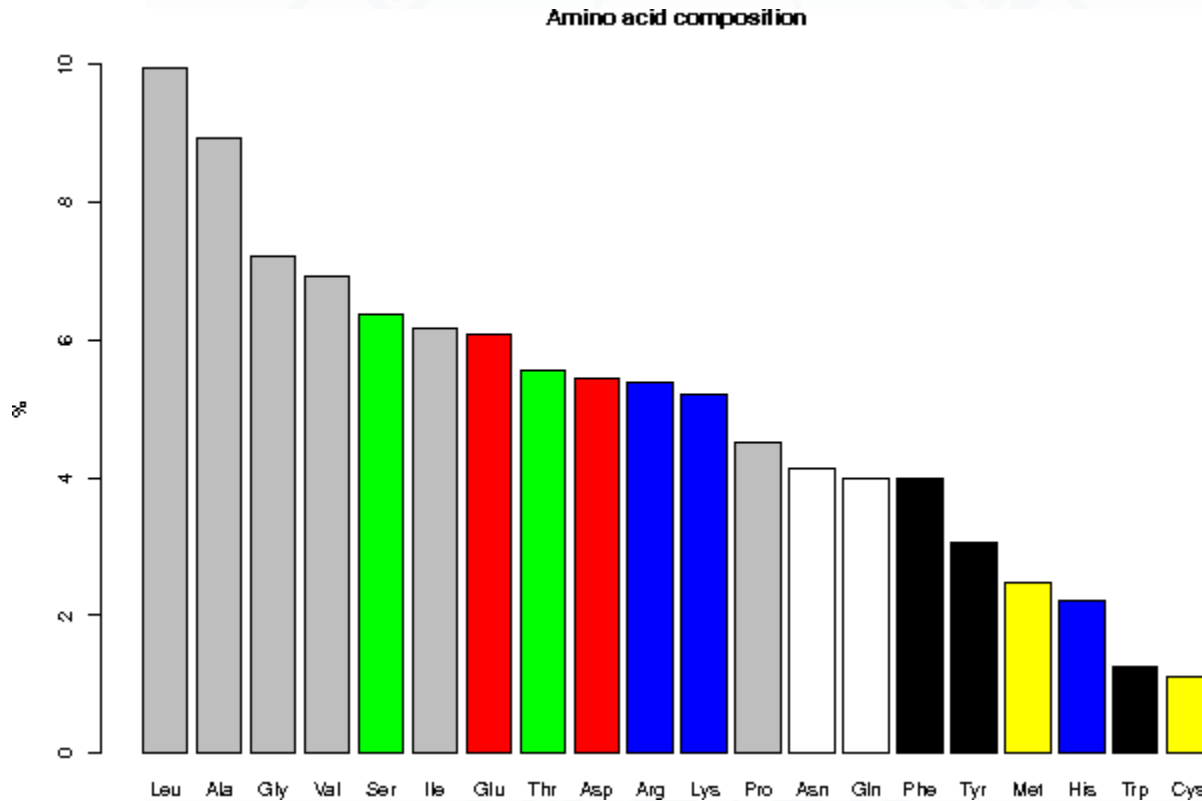


- Genbank: All DNA sequences
 - Uniprot
 - SCOP: Structural classification of proteins
 - manual classification of protein structural domains based on similarities of their structures and amino acid sequences
 - Pfam
 - Pfam is a database of protein families that includes their annotations and multiple sequence alignments generated using hidden Markov models.
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UniProt>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Structural Classification of Proteins datab
ase](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Structural_Classification_of_Proteins_database)
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfam>

Uniprot Statistics



Usage of amino acids



gray = aliphatic, red = acidic, green = small hydroxy, blue = basic, black = aromatic, white = amide, yellow = sulfur

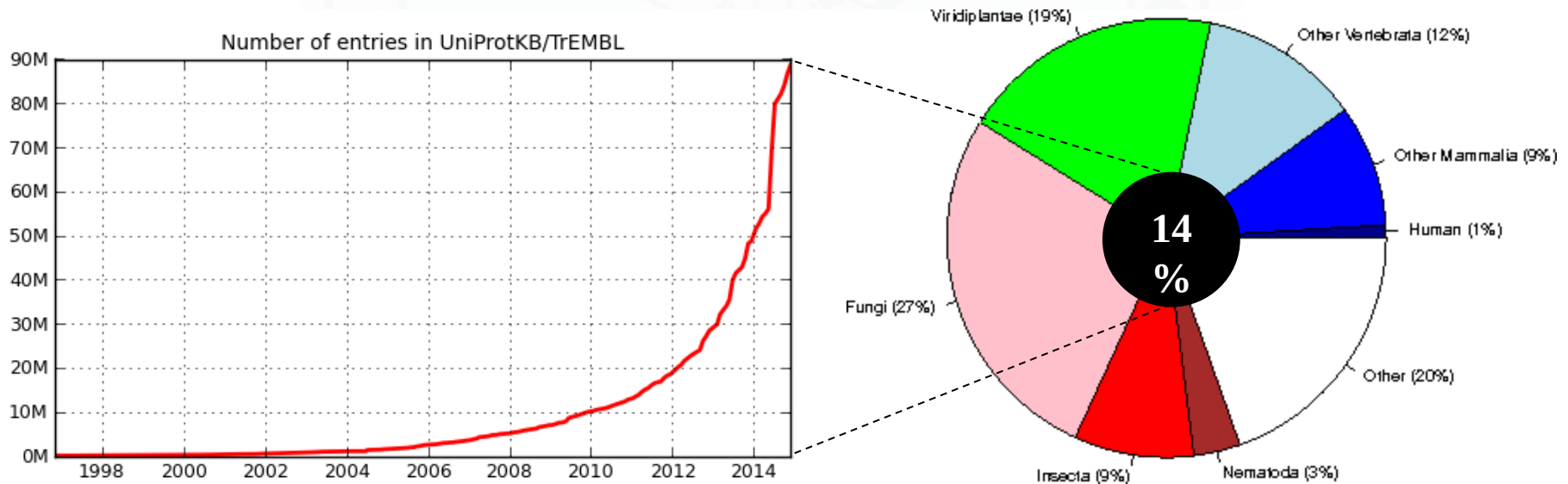
Uniprot structure

- “The primary mission of Universal Protein Resource (UniProt) is to support biological research by maintaining a stable, comprehensive, fully classified, richly and accurately annotated protein sequence knowledgebase, with extensive cross-references and querying interfaces freely accessible to the scientific community”
- Each protein has a uniprot accession number

[“Ongoing and future developments at the Universal Protein Resource,”
Nucleic Acids Res., vol. 39, no. Database issue, pp. D214–D219, Jan. 2011.](#)

Protein databases: Sequence

- Sequence
 - UniProt
 - UniProt Knowledgebase (UniProtKB): Expertly curated annotations
 - The UniProt Archive (UniParc): Reflects history of all proteins
 - UniProt Reference Clusters (UniRef): Closely related proteins are merged
 - UniProt Metagenomic and Environmental Sequences Database (UniMES)



Uniprot structure

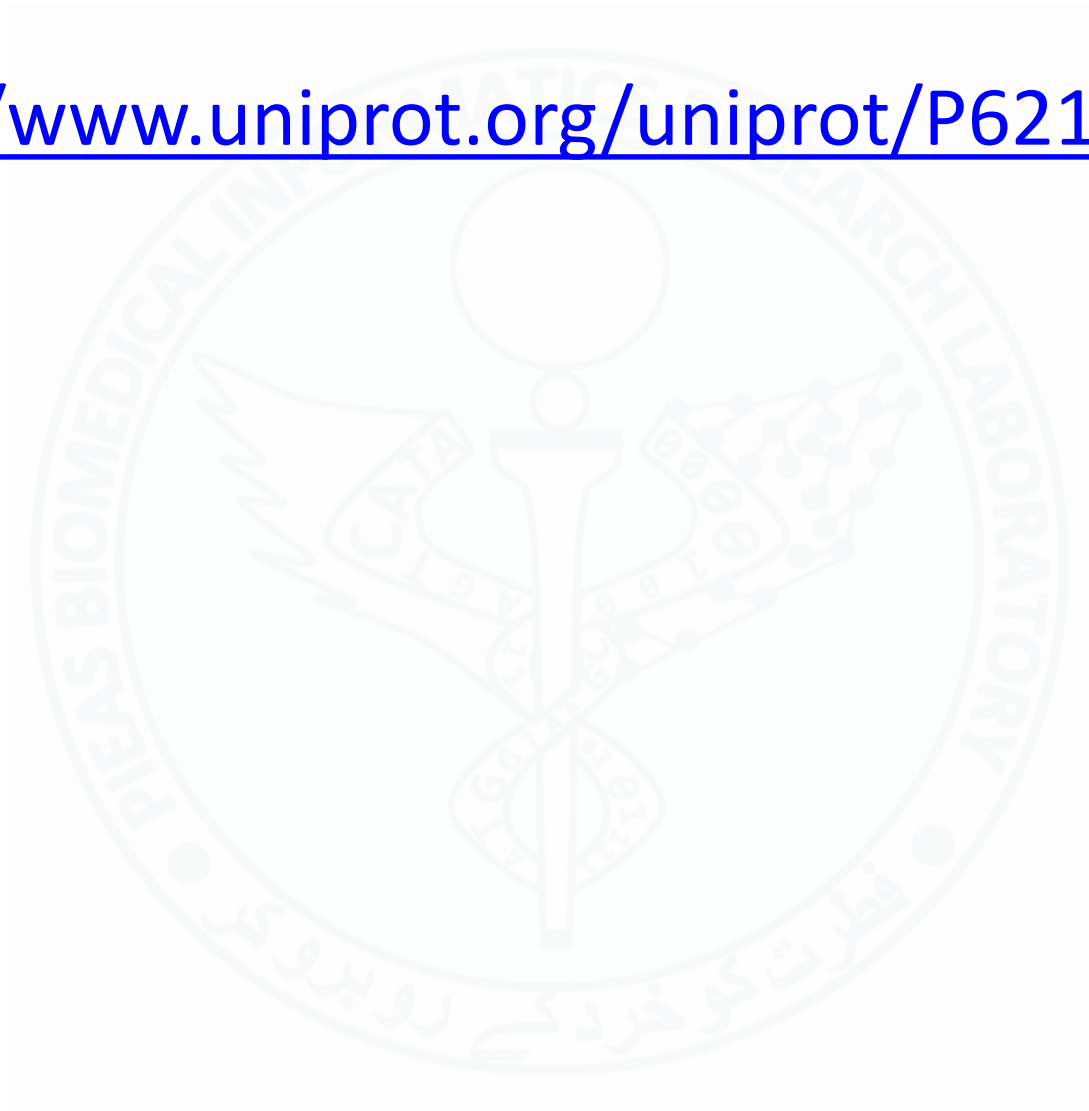
- UniProt Knowledgebase (UniProtKB)
 - Expertly curated database,
 - Central access point for integrated protein information
 - Cross-references to multiple sources.
- The UniProt Archive (UniParc)
 - is a comprehensive sequence repository
 - Reflects the history of all protein sequences
- UniProt Reference Clusters (UniRef)
 - Merge closely related sequences based on sequence identity to facilitate sequence similarity searches
 - Using CD-HIT
- UniProt Metagenomic and Environmental Sequences Database (UniMES)
 - Caters for the expanding area of metagenomic data.

Uniprot structure

- UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot
 - 542,782 sequence entries in 2014_03 release
 - Reviewed, manually annotated entries
 - Annotations include
 - Protein and gene names
 - Function
 - [Enzyme](#)-specific information such as [catalytic activity](#), [cofactors](#) and [catalytic residues](#)
 - [Subcellular location](#)
 - [Protein-protein interactions](#)
 - Pattern of expression
 - Locations and roles of significant domains and sites
 - [Ion](#)-, [substrate](#)- and cofactor-binding sites
 - Protein variant forms produced by natural genetic variation, [RNA editing](#), alternative splicing, [proteolytic](#) processing, and post-translational modification
- UniProtKB/TrEMBL
 - Automatic annotation

Example

- <http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P62158>



Protein Databank

- [http://proteopedia.org/wiki/index.php/Believe It or Not](http://proteopedia.org/wiki/index.php/Believe_It_or_Not)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protein Data Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protein_Data_Bank)

Experimental Method	Proteins	Nucleic Acids	Protein/Nucleic Acid complexes	Other	Total
X-ray diffraction	85406	1558	4547	5	91516
NMR	9281	1092	218	7	10598
Electron microscopy	579	67	190	0	836
Hybrid	63	3	2	1	69
Other	157	4	6	13	180
Total:	95486	2724	4963	26	103199

The PDB File

- Also contains header and other information

Atomic Coordinates: PDB Format

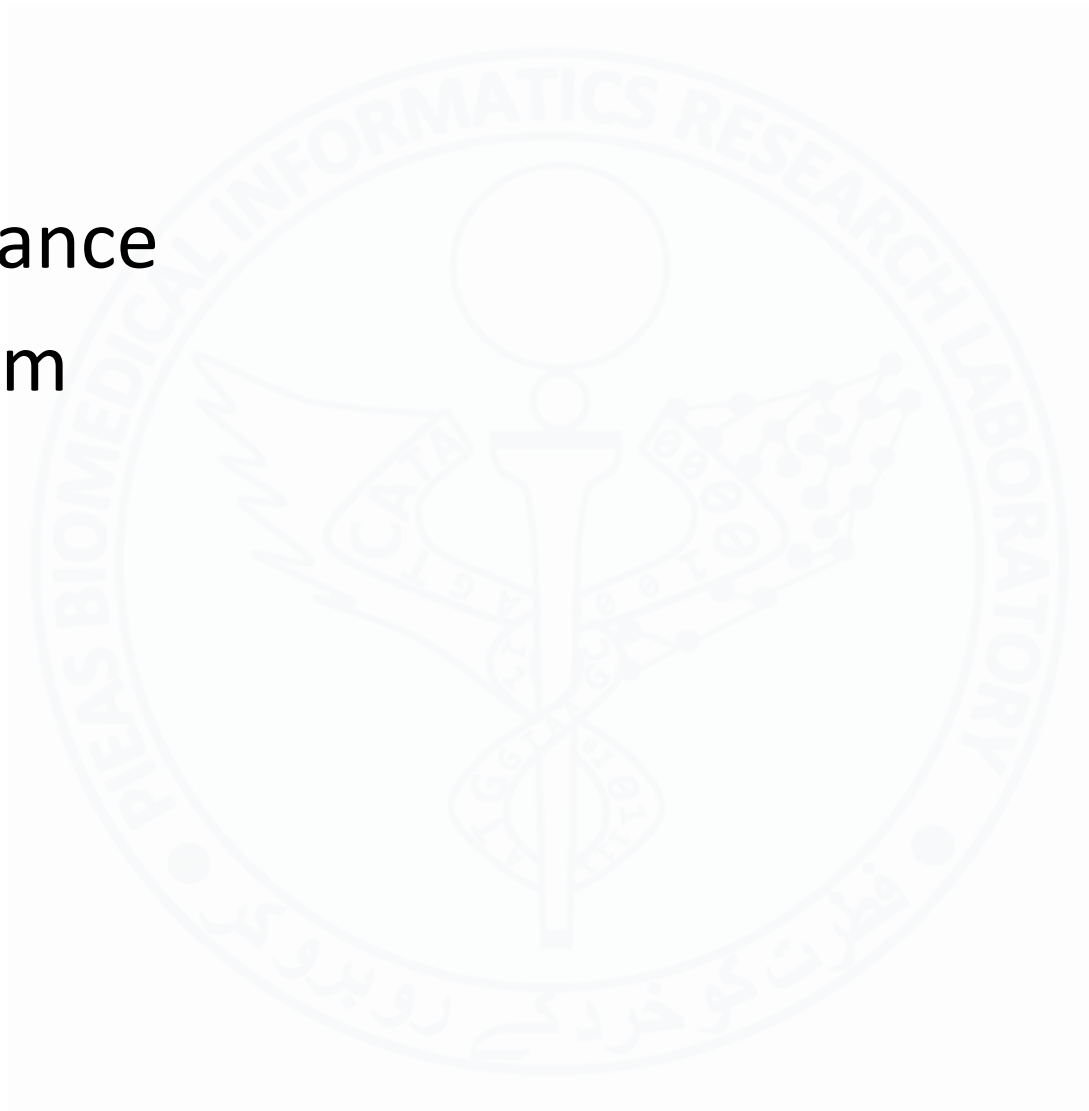
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ATOM	3	C	ASP	L	1	2.668	8.426	6.644	...
ATOM	4	O	ASP	L	1	1.987	8.438	5.606	...
ATOM	5	CB	ASP	L	1	5.090	8.827	6.797	...
ATOM	6	CG	ASP	L	1	6.338	8.761	5.929	...
ATOM	7	OD1	ASP	L	1	6.576	9.758	5.241	...
ATOM	8	OD2	ASP	L	1	7.065	7.759	5.948	...

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Element position within amino acid

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protein_Data_Bank_\(file_format\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protein_Data_Bank_(file_format))

Other tools

- OCA
- FirstGlance
- PDBSum
- ccPDB

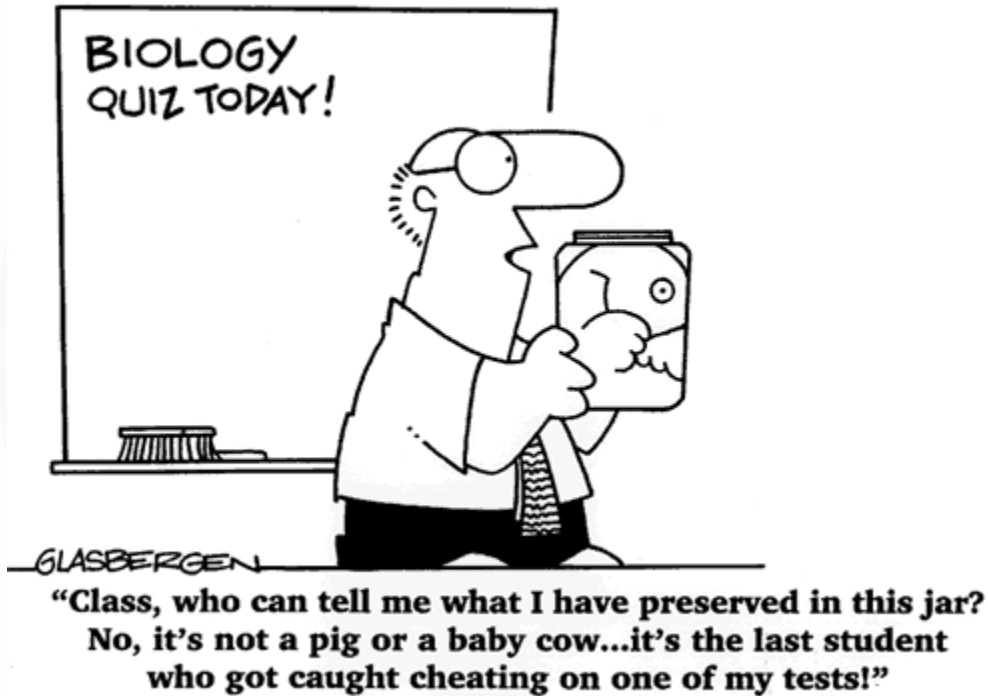


Tools for PDB

Database name	Database description
DSSP	Secondary structure of proteins http://swift.cmbi.ru.nl/gv/dssp/
HSSP	Multiple sequence alignments of UniProtKB against PDB files http://swift.cmbi.ru.nl/gv/hssp/
PDBREPORT	Reports about errors and anomalies in macromolecules http://swift.cmbi.ru.nl/gv/pdbreport/
PDB_REDO	Re-refined PDB files solved by X-ray crystallography http://www.cmbi.ru.nl/pdb_redo/
PDBFINDER	Searchable summaries of PDB file information ftp://ftp.cmbi.ru.nl/pub/molbio/data/pdbfinder/
PDBFINDER2	As PDBFINDER, but with much extra information added ftp://ftp.cmbi.ru.nl/pub/molbio/data/pdbfinder2/
PDB_SELECT	Quality-sorted culled lists of protein chains in the PDB http://swift.cmbi.ru.nl/gv/select/
WHY_NOT	Explanation why entries in other databases cannot exist http://www.cmbi.ru.nl/WHY_NOT/

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