BioPerl: The evolution of a bioinformatics toolkit

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BioPerl

- Perl modules for life sciences programming
 - Parsers and Objects
 - Some analysis tools
 - Bioinformatics Duct tape
- International collaboration including biologists, computational sciences

Example code

Who uses it?

- GMOD Gbrowse, BLAST wrappers
- Many academic labs of all sizes
- Sequencing centers
- Early basis of Ensembl
- Some commercial bioinformatics software

Timeline

1997-1998

Poster at ISMB
OMG Bio-Objects
bio.perl.org website
Bio::PreSeq
Bio::UnivAln
Bio::Struct
BLAST modules

Bioperl 0.01-0.04

2000

Bio::SeqIO, Bio::DB

EnsEMBL launched bioperl-ext

Bioperl 0.07

BOSC2000

2002 Hackathons AZ to ZA

"Core" Founded
BioPerl 1.0 release
BioPerl & Gbrowse papers

HOWTOs started bioperl-run BOSC2002 2004

BioPerl Bootcamp at UMontreal

BOSC2004

2006

New wiki website BOSC 2006

1996

VSNS-BCD
Course
Steven Brenner
Steve Chervitz
Chris Dagdigian
Richard Resnick
Lew Gramer

1999

Ewan Birney becomes project leader after Steve Chervitz

Bio::SeqIO, Bio::Index

Releases 0.05-0.06
BioP
BioJava, BioPython
launched
Bioperl-99 mtg

2001

bptutorial written Bioperl-db

> BioCORBA BOSC2001

2003 Singapore Hackathon

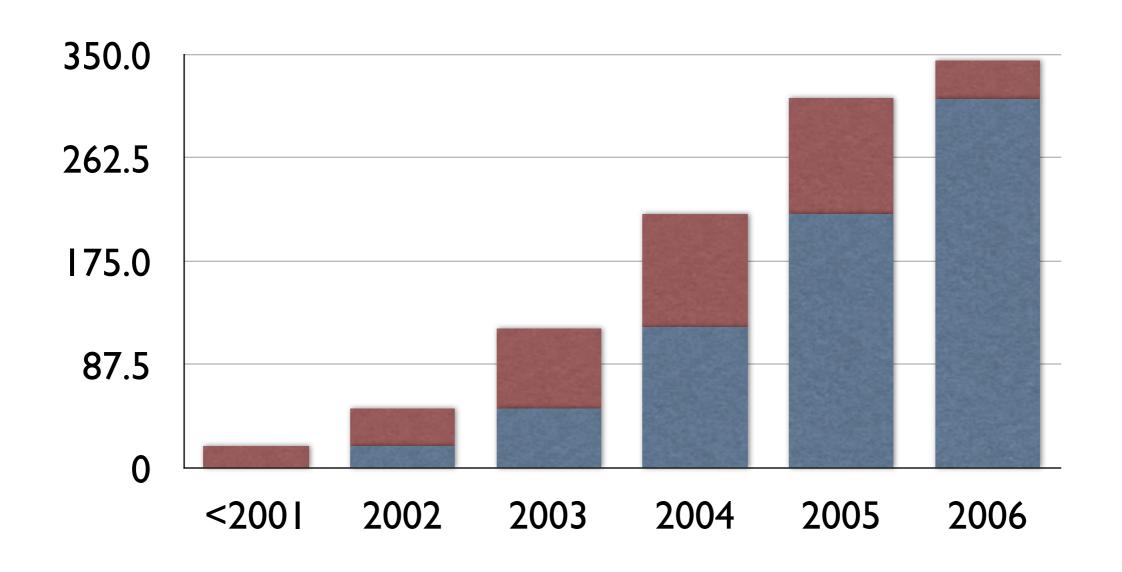
Bioperl 1.2.3 released BioPipe paper published Bioperl 1.4 released

> bioperl-microarray started BOSC2003

2005 Bioperl 1.5 and 1.5.1 released

official release BOSC2005

Total citations



Measuring sucess

- 2002 Paper has 300+ Citations
- Bits and pieces used in many informatics tools
 - Bio::SearchIO (Rfam, In-Paranoid)
 - Generic Genome Browser (Stein et al, 2002)
 - <u>Comparative Genomics Library</u> (Yandell, Mungall, et al)
 - [EnsEMBL]

Bioperl Taught At

Tutorials and Courses





CSHL Bioinformatics
Software Courses

Bootcamp 2004 (Montreal)

Various mini courses MIT, Duke, EBI, Pasteur

BioPerl is a desired skillset

http://www.ce.com/education/Bioinformatics-Certificate-

Program-10082109.htm

Track 1: Suggested electives for computer scientists and IT professionals

- * Advanced Sequence Analysis in Bioinformatics (2 units)
- * Gene Expression and Pathways (2 units)
- * Protein Structure Analysis in Bioinformatics (2 units)
- * Design and Implementation of Bioinformatics Infrastructures (3 units)
- * DNA Microarrays Principles, Applications and Data Analysis (2 Units)
- * Parallel and Distributed Computing for Bioinformatics (2 units)

Track 2: Suggested electives for molecular biologists and other scientists

- * Introduction to Programming for Bioinformatics II*** (3 units)
- * Introduction to Programming for Bioinformatics III (3 units)

* BioPerl for Bioinformatics (2 units)

- * Design and Implementation of Bioinformatics Infrastructures (3 units)
- * Gene Expression and Pathways (2 units)
- * Protein Structure Analysis in Bioinformatics (2 units)
- * DNA Microarrays Principles, Applications and Data Analysis (2 units)

http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/bio/programs/bioinfo/curric.shtml

CAREER CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (49 units)*

Biotechnology Core Courses (14 units)

BTEC 51A Cell Biology for Biotechnology (3 units)

BTEC 52A Molecular Biology for Biotechnology (3 units)

BTEC 65 DNA Electrophoretic Systems (1 unit)

BTEC 68 Polymerase Chain Reaction (1 unit)

BTEC 71 DNA Sequencing & Bioinformatics (1 unit)

BTEC 76 Introduction to Microarray Data Analysis (2 unit)

BTEC 64 Protein Electrophoretic Systems (1 unit)

BTEC 66 HPLC (2 units)

Computer Science Core Courses (30 units)

CIS 52A Introduction to Data Management Systems (5 units)

CIS 52B2 Introduction to Oracle SQL (5 units)

CIS 68A Introduction to UNIX (5 units)

CIS 68E Introduction to PERL (5 units)

CIS 68H Introduction to BioPerI (5 units)

COIN81 Bioinformatics Tools & Databases (5 units)

http://bioag.byu.edu/botany/homepage/botweb/jobs Ph.D.htm

Academic Facilities Coordinator II (Facilities)
Bioinformatics Position at the UCR Genomics Institute
UC. Riverside

The Center for Plant Cell Biology (CEPCEB) in the Genomics Institute of the University of California, Riverside, invites applicants for an Academic Facilities Coordinator II position, an academic-track 11-month appointment. Salary for the position is commensurate with education and experience.

The successful applicant will be expected to organize a small bioinformatics team to provide support to The Center for Plant Cell Biology. This team will implement currently available bioinformatics tools including relational database support and will develop user-specific data-mining tools. The appointee will be expected to develop research collaborations with the faculty and teach or organize short courses that will inform that will inform the local community about the available bioinformatics resources. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in the Biological Sciences (Plant Biology is preferred). Applicants with experience in leading a bioinformatics group will be given preference. Additionally, the applicant must be proficient in one or more programming languages (PERL, PYTHON, JAVA, C++) and have a good understanding of database design and implementation. In addition, applicants should have experience using **one of the open source bioinformatics frameworks such as BIOJAVA or**

BIOPERL. The applicant should have experience with software collaboration tools such as CVS. The applicant will be expected to oversee the purchase, installation, and management of the necessary computer hardware and software required to provide bioinformatics support to several users. A good understanding of the UNIX operating system and systems administration is also an important qualification.

http://careers.psqs.com/CareerOppLocation2.asp?location=BETHESDA

CF-046: Bioinformatics Specialist

The NIAID Office of Technology and Information Systems (OTIS)/Bioinformatics and Scientific IT Program (BSIP) is seek-ing a bioinformatics specialist. The position includes managing our bioinformatics services and applications, training NIH scientists, creating and modifying simple bioinformatics software, and collaborating with NIH scientists on specific projects. [snip]

The qualified candidate must hold a Master's Degree (or equivalent) and three years of experience or a Ph. D in life science or computer science. The candidate must have strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills and be a lateral thinker. Must be able to communicate current bioinformatics technology in a clear and precise manner and to discuss projects with scientists and advise what relevant tools may be used or implemented, have the ability to locate relevant data/ information and put this into the context of projects they work on. Candidate must have expert knowledge of UNIX (Mac OS X Darwin a plus), with the ability to install and configure command-line-based applications and services. These include: UNIX

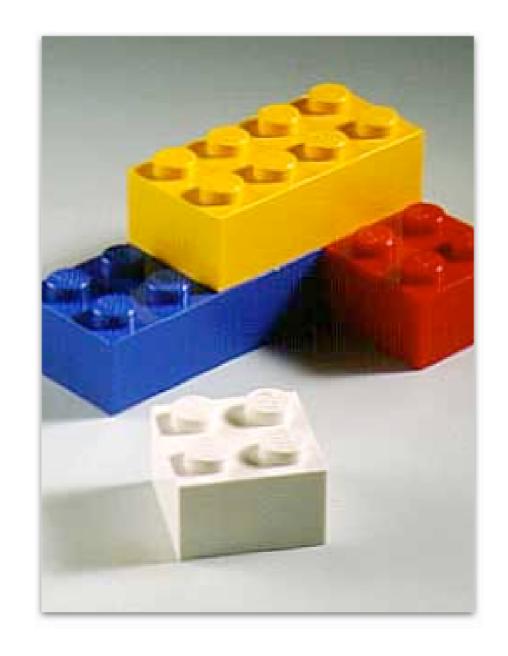
windowing systems (X11, FreeX86), UNIX-based open source scientific applications, **Perl and BioPerl scripts**, HTML, XML. Must have experience with one or more of the following: · Web services (WSDL, SOAP) · Genomics and proteomics · Protein structure prediction/visualization. · Sequence analysis, alignment and database searches. · Regular expressions and relational database queries. · Data mining, text mining · Biostatistics

Users and developers

- Toolkit development different from standalone application development
 - Reusable parts in a library
 - Users are often also developers
- New users
 - Need simplified interfaces needed to hide complexity
 - Overwhelmed by number of modules

Development success

- Open source = everyone can help
 - Many contributors
- Modular project
 - Contributors don't need an expertise in everything
- Designed to have interchangeable parts



Open source problems

- Developers have to spend time doing user support
 - Could be done better
 - Documentation comes (too) late
- Open Source = everyone can help
 - Everyone is a leader Too many cooks spoil broth?
 - No one leads Don't stick your neck out? or Someone else will do it..



http://www.pixieland.co.uk/product.asp?id=504

Development process

- "Core" developers
- Project vision, release goals, & functionality
- Design and implementation
- Bug fixing
- Releases

Responding to users' needs and requests

- Coordination via mailing list
- She who volunteers to write it
- Usually has to scratch an itch or be sufficiently annoying to a developer to go in and fix it
- Balancing new development and priorities with supporting existing code

Writing yourself into a corner

- Baggage from built up API and need to preserve backwards compatability
- Either change API or have lots of re-direct methods
- Heavy object structure not as efficient as we hoped
- Confusing to novices



What can the toolkit do?

- Sequence and Feature Objects & Parsers
 - Graphics
- Alignment reports
 - Pairwise (BLAST) and MSA (Clustalw)
- Weight matricies
- Parsers for many different report formats
- Analysis Tools
- Phylogenetic Trees
- Population genetics summary statistics

Practical use of toolkit

- Automate extraction from sequence files
- BLAST/FASTA/HMMER post-processing
- Small scale pipelines

Sequence file manipulations

```
use Bio::SeqIO;
use strict;
my $in = Bio::SeqIO->new(-format => 'genbank',-file=>'in.gbk');
my $out = Bio::SeqIO->new(-format => 'fasta');
while( my $seq = $in->next seq ) { # read each sequence
 my sct = 1;
 for my $feat ($seq->get SeqFeatures ) { # get each feature
   if( $feat->primary tag eq 'CDS' ) { # process each CDS feature
     my $genename = $seq->display id;
     if( $feat->has tag('gene') ) {
       ($genename) = $feat->get tag values('gene');
     my $cdsseq = $feat->spliced seq; # get the spliced feature
     my $pepseq = $cdsseq->translate;
     $pepseq->display id($genename.".P$ct");
     $out->write seq($pepseq);
     $ct++;
```

SearchIO system

- BLAST (WU-BLAST, NCBI, XML, PSIBLAST, BL2SEQ, MEGABLAST, TABULAR (-m8/m9))
- FASTA (m9 and m0)
- HMMER (hmmpfam, hmmsearch)
- UCSC formats (WABA, AXT, PSL)
- Gene based alignments
 - Exonerate, SIM4, {Gene, Genome} wise

Post-processing search results

- Summarize a BLAST/FASTA/HMMER report
- Extract local alignment regions
- Reformat back into HTML or Text
 - Filter out by another criteria

Bioperl Reformatted HTML of BLASTP Search Report for gil6319512|ref|NP_009594.1|

BLASTP 2.0MP-WashU [04-Feb-2003] [linux24-i686-ILP32F64 2003-02-04T19:05:09]

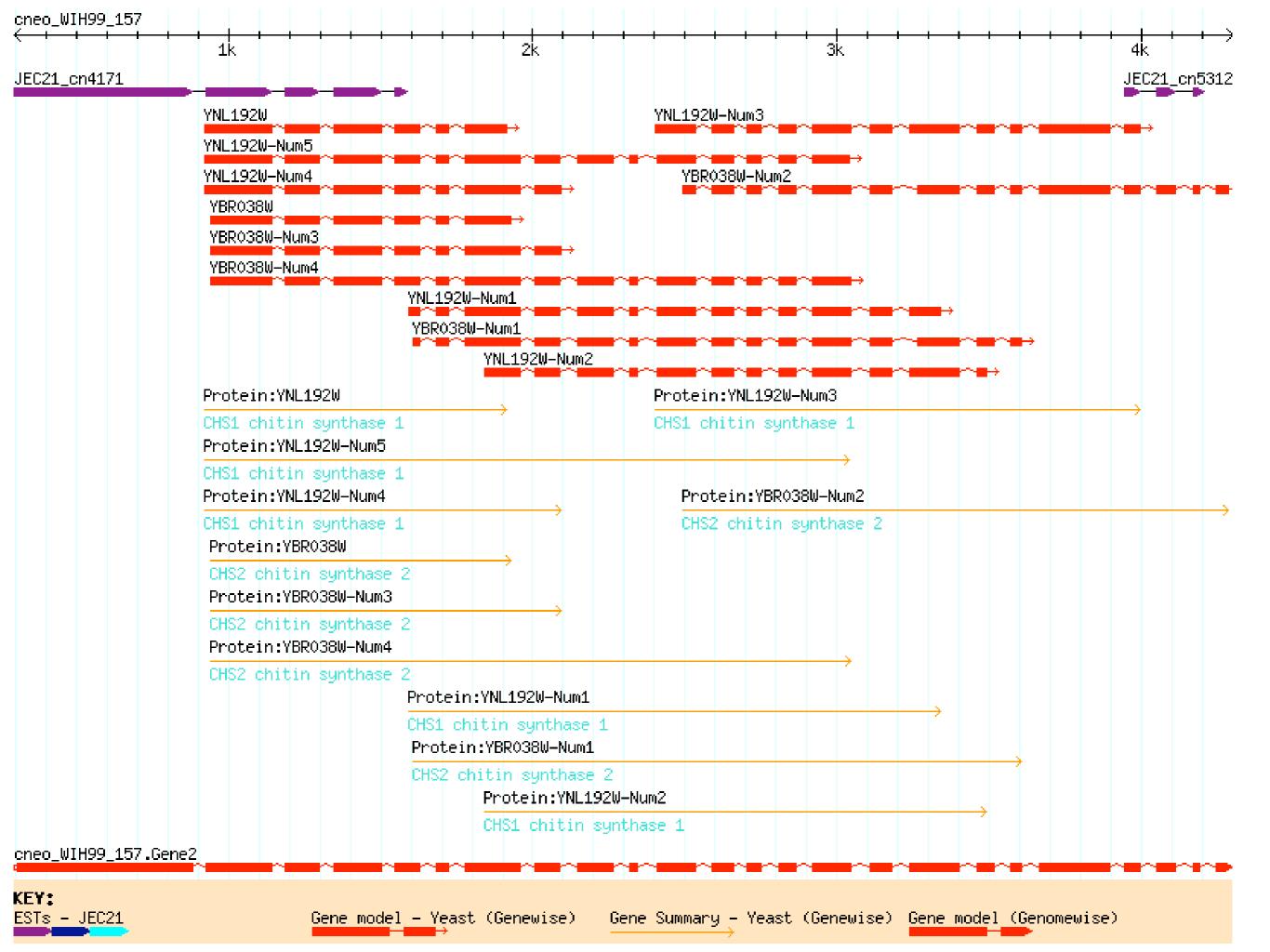
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Reference: Gish, W. (1996-2000) http://blast.wustl.edu

Query= gil6319512|ref|NP_009594.1| chitin synthase 2; Chs2p [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] (963 letters)

Database: cneoA_WI.aa 9,645 sequences; 2,832,832 total letters

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (bits)		
cneo_WIH99_157.Gene2 Start=295 End=4301 Strand=1 Length=912 ExonCt=24	1650	<u>1.6e-173</u>	
<u>cneo WIH99 63.Gene181</u> Start=154896 End=151527 Strand=-1 Length=876 ExonCt=13	1441	3.9e-149	
<u>cneo_WIH99_133.Gene1</u> Start=15489 End=19943 Strand=1 Length=1017 ExonCt=23	1357	<u>3e-142</u>	Hyperlink to
cneo WIH99 45.Gene2 Start=84 End=3840 Strand=1 Length=839 ExonCt=25	1311	<u>1.5e-138</u>	alignment part
<u>cneo WIH99 112.Gene165</u> Start=122440 End=118921 Strand=-1 Length=1036 ExonCt=9	198	<u>1.2e-15</u>	of report
<u>cneo WIH99 11.Gene7</u> Start=39355 End=42071 Strand=1 Length=761 ExonCt=9	172	<u>6.4e-13</u>	
<u>cneo WIH99 60.Gene9</u> Start=36153 End=32819 Strand=-1 Length=1020 ExonCt=5	166	<u>1.2e-12</u>	
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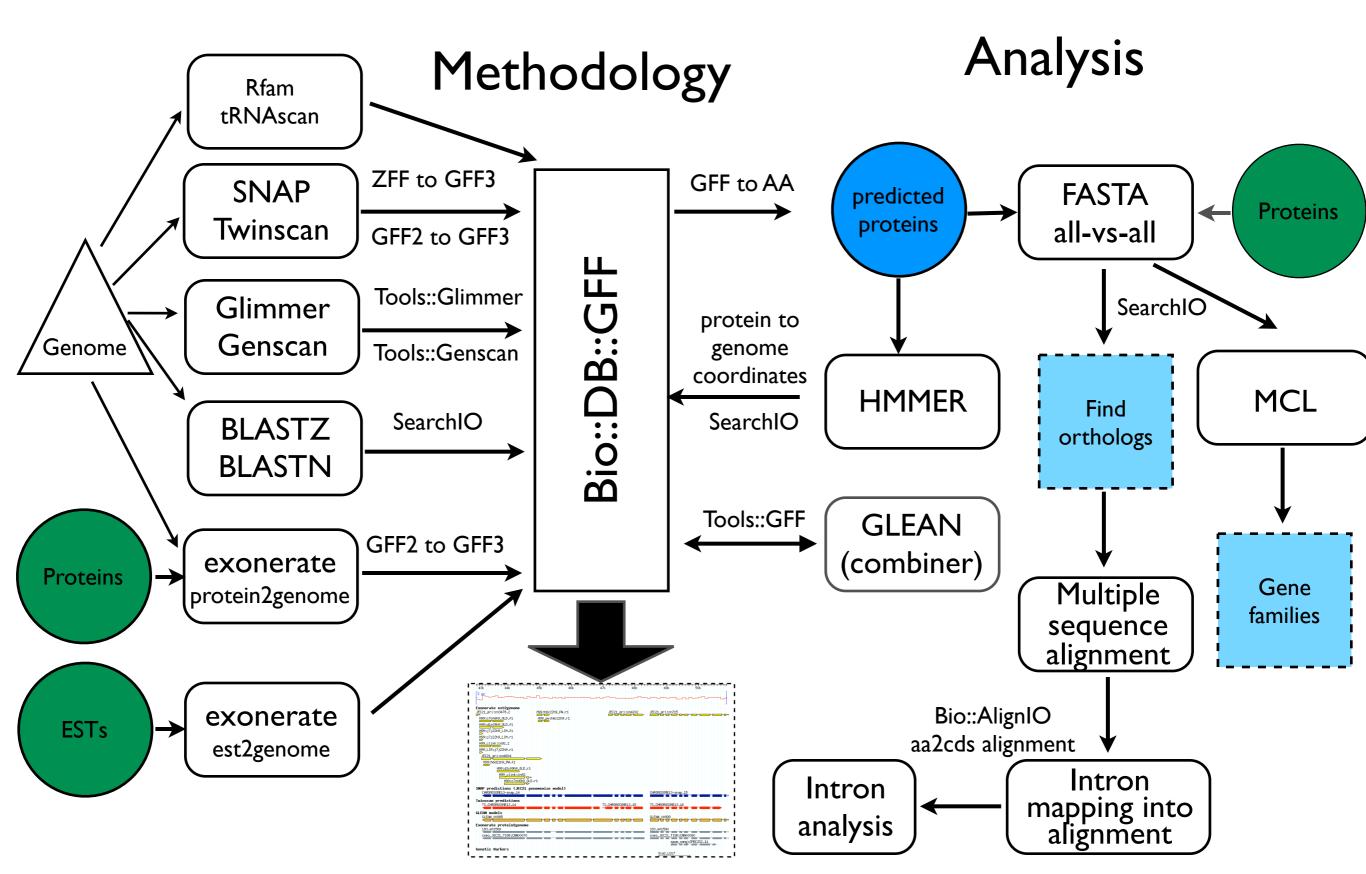
Turning BLAST into HTML

Turning BLAST into HTML

```
# to filter your output
 my $MinLength = 100; # need a variable with scope outside the method
  sub hsp filter {
      my $hsp = shift;
      return 1 if $hsp->length('total') > $MinLength;
  sub result filter {
      my $result = shift;
      return $hsp->num hits > 0;
  }
 my $writer = new Bio::SearchIO::Writer::HTMLResultWriter
                     (-filters => { 'HSP' => \&hsp filter} );
 my $out = new Bio::SearchIO(-writer => $writer);
  $out->write result($in->next result);
  # can also set the filter via the writer object
  $writer->filter('RESULT', \&result filter);
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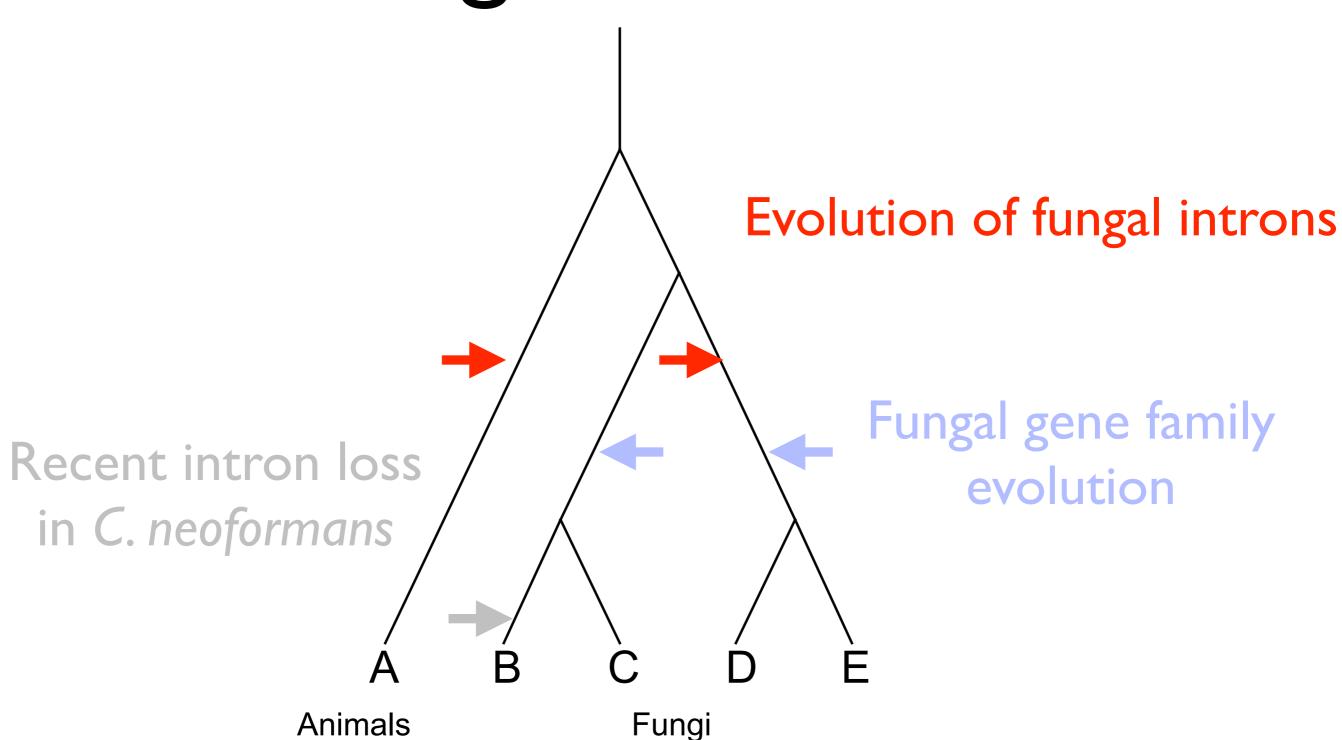
Pipelines with BioPerl

- Annotation pipeline for fungal genomes
- Glue connecting different pieces
- Highly customized for our needs & compute resources

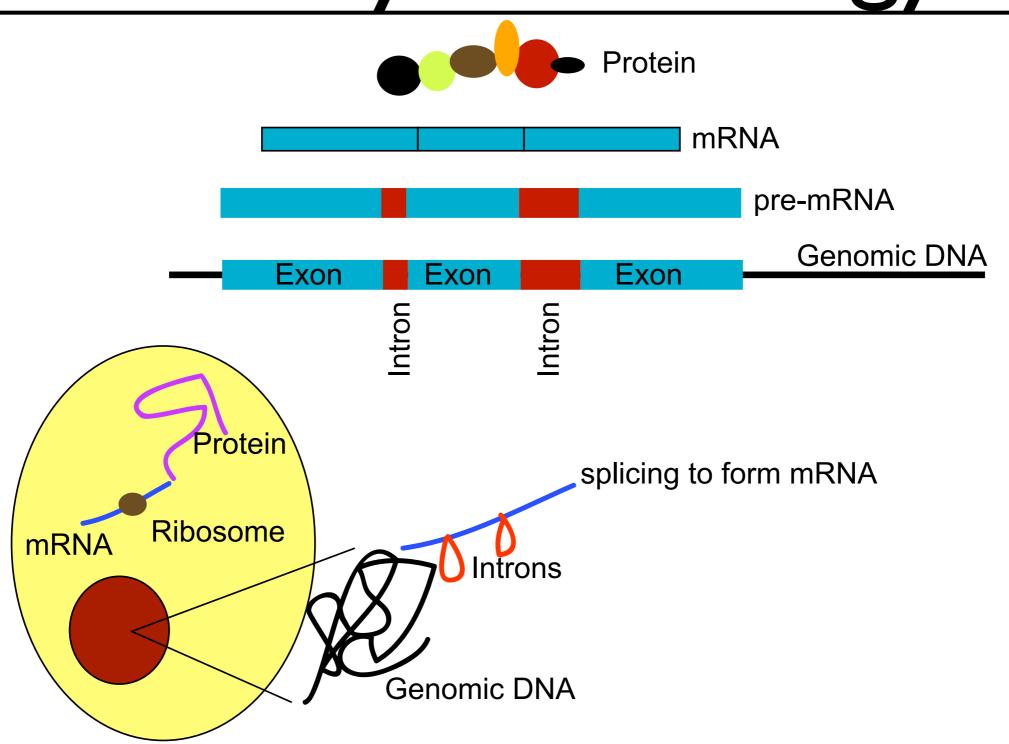


http://fungal.genome.duke.edu

Fungal comparative genomics



Central dogma of eukaryotic biology

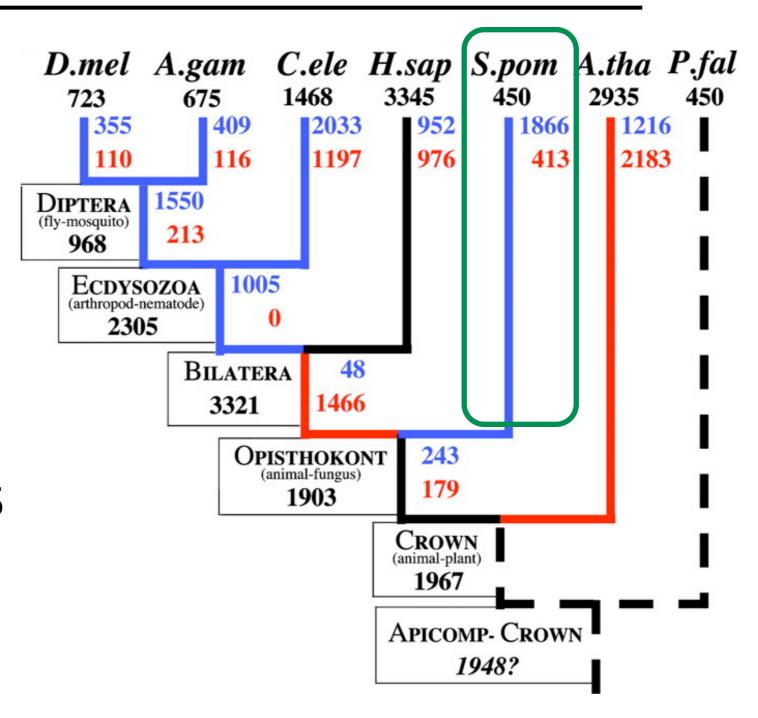


Evolution of gene structure

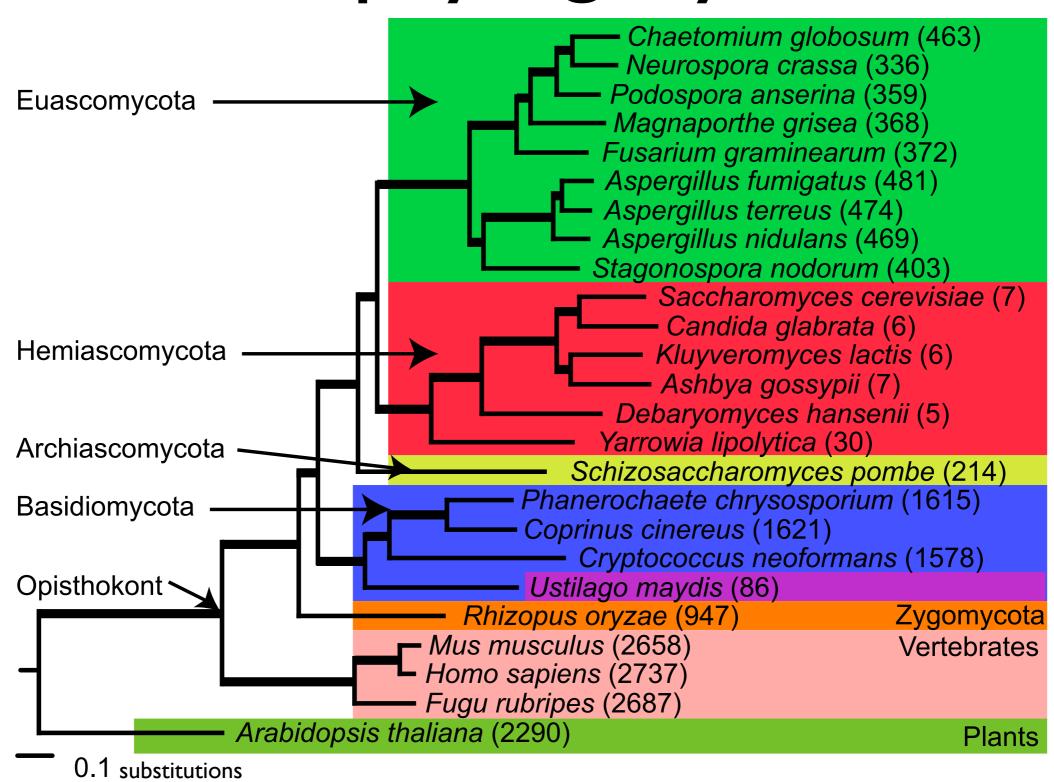
- Present day introns
 - Recent insertions?
 - Introns late hypothesis
 - Present in eukaryotic ancestor?
 - Introns early hypothesis / exon theory of genes
 - Mixture of two?

Previous work on intron evolution

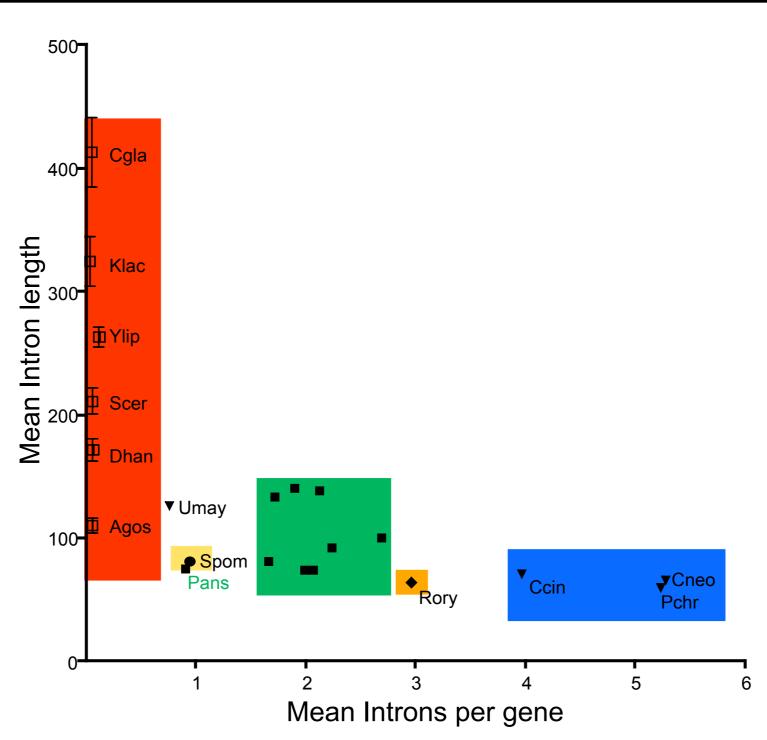
- Rogozin et al. 2003
 - 7 genomes
 - 684 genes, 7236 positions
 - Parsimony analysis
- Analysis methods
 - Roy and Gilbert. 2005
 - Csũrös. 2005
 - Nguyen et al. 2006



Calculating intron densities across a phylogeny



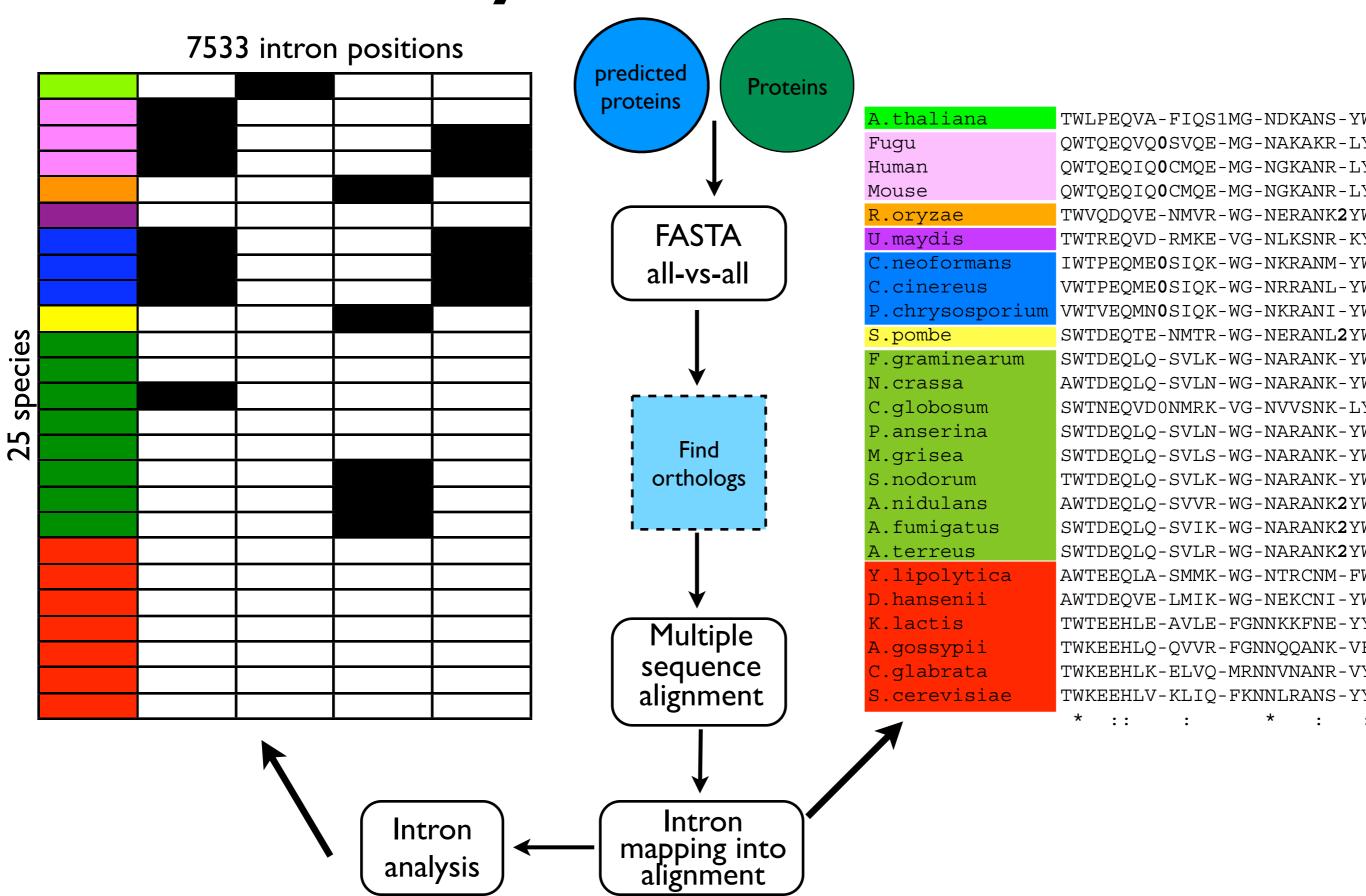
Intron frequency varies among the fungi



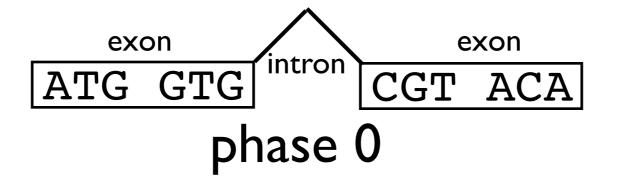
Analysis of whole genomes

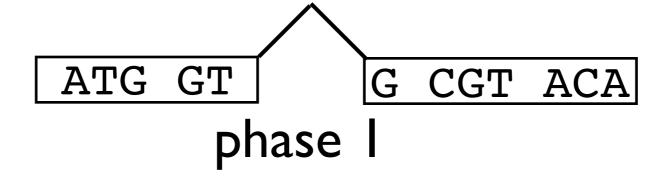
- 25 entire genomes
 - 21 fungi, 3 vertebrates, 1 plant
- Largest dataset ever assembled for intron analysis
- I 160 orthologous genes
- 7533 intron positions
- 4.15 Mb conserved coding sequence per genome

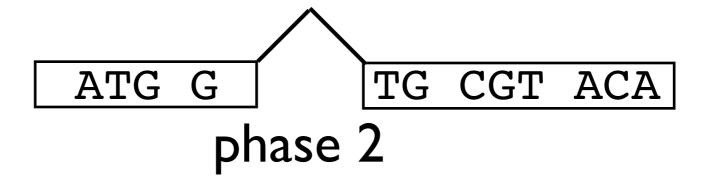
Analysis methods



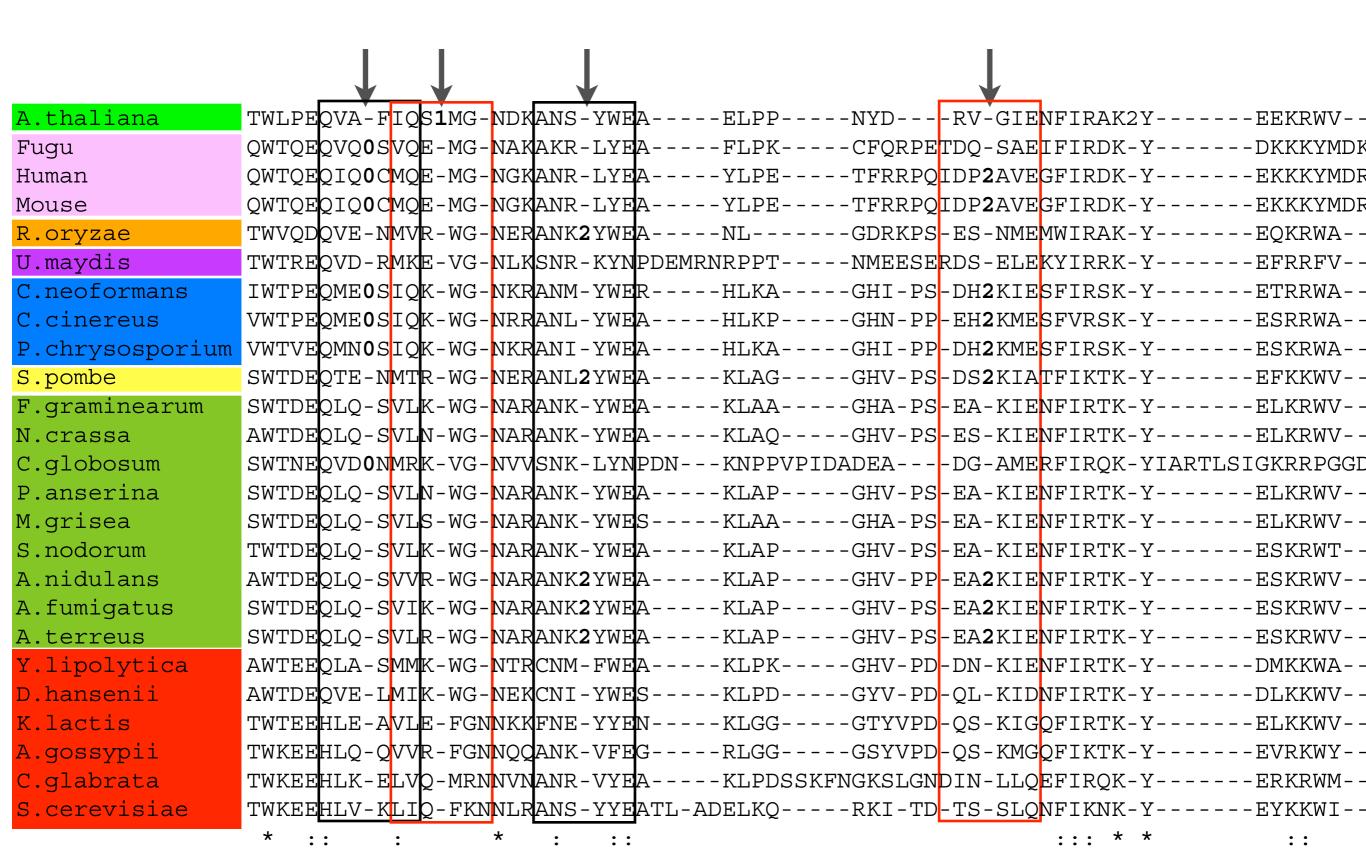
Intron phase



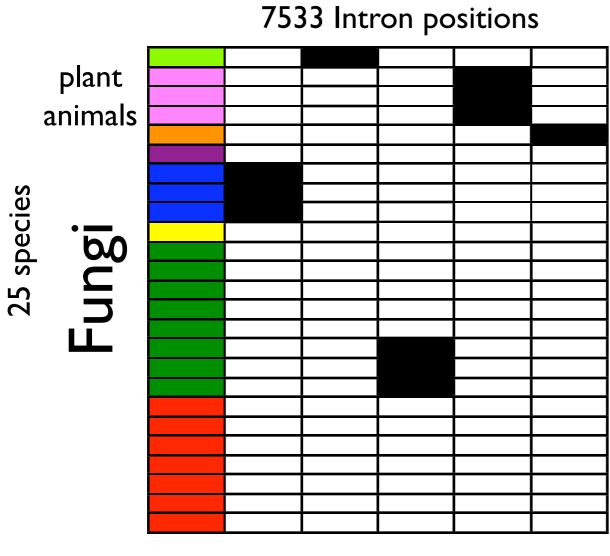




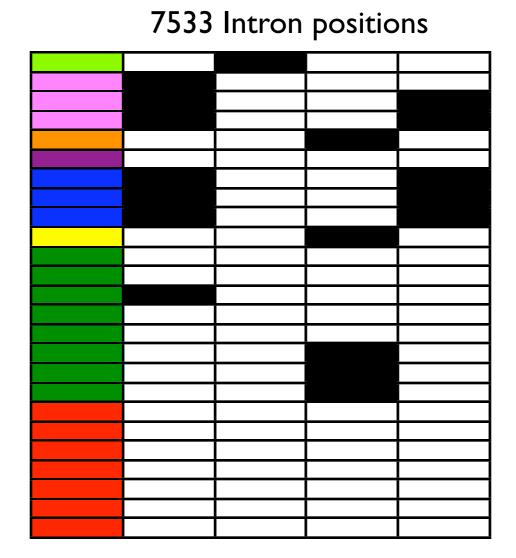
Conserved intron positions



Patterns of conservation

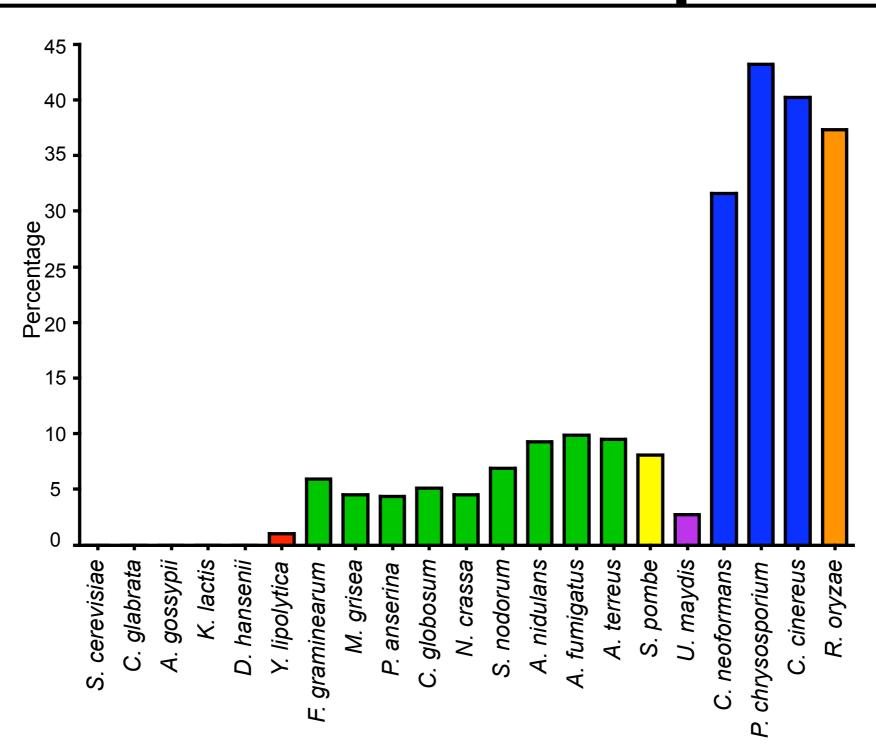


Introns late

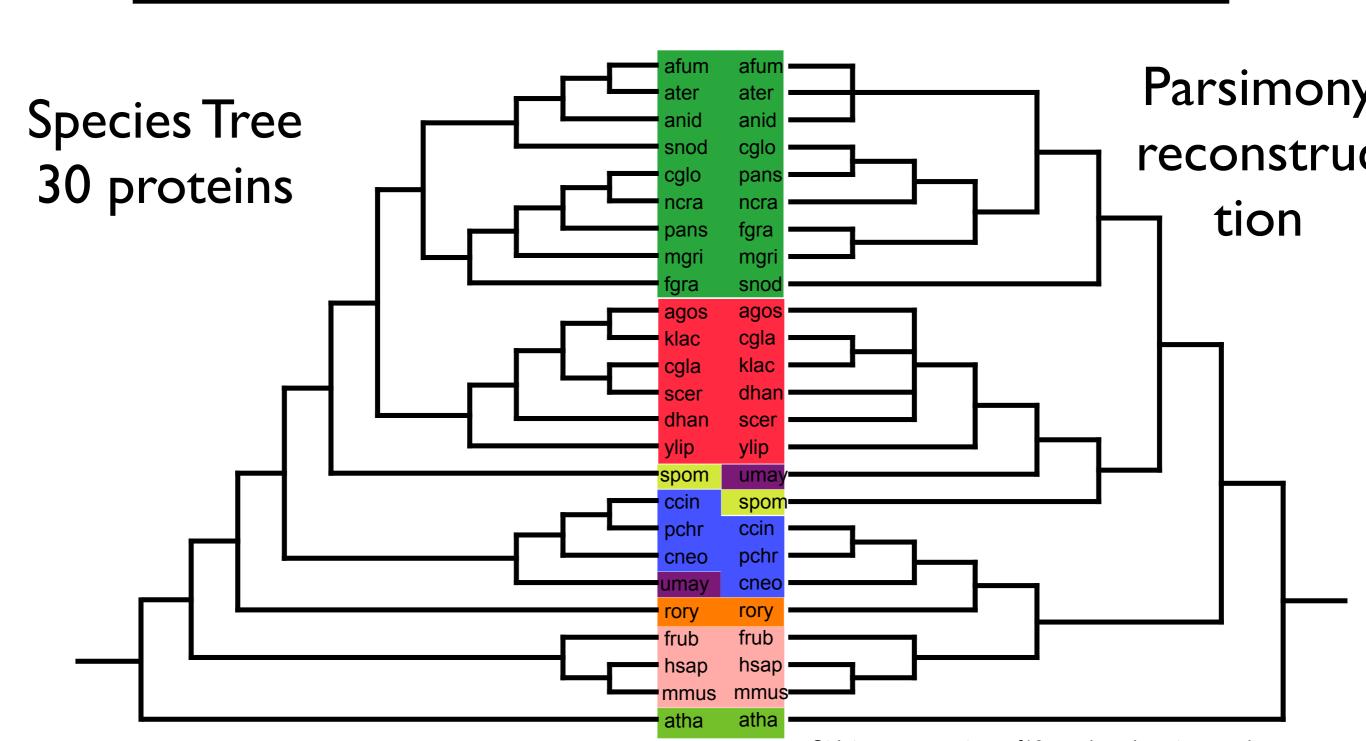


Introns early(ier)

Intron positions shared with animals or plants



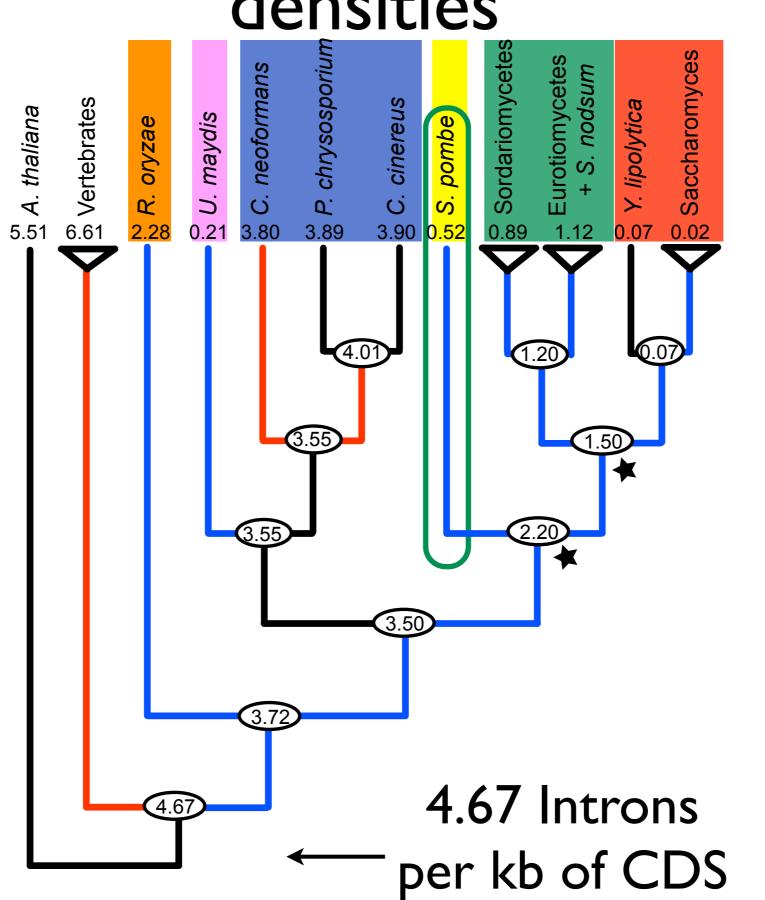
Phylogenetic signal in intron positions



Intron position reconstruction

- 3 Methods
 - Roy and Gilbert. 2005
 - Csũrös. 2005
 - Nguyen et al. 2006
- Methods agree for all but 2 nodes in tree

Reconstruction of ancestral intron densities



Exon
length of
214 bp

Conclusions

- Early eukaryotic crown genes were complex!
 - Ancestor had 70% of the introns in vertebrates - many more than previously reported
- Intron loss has dominated among the fungi
 - Hemiascomycota experienced loss
- No significant evidence for intron sliding or double insertions
- Sampling can bias interpretations all fungi are not equal.

How can I...

- Contribute a new module?
 - Discuss on list have a developer commit it for you or get a CVS account
- A patch for a new feature or bug fix?
 - Bugzilla http://bugzilla.open-bio.org
- Contribute documentation?
 - Wiki pages are open to all

Future directions

- Better documentation
- Improve speed
- Perl6?

Improving speed

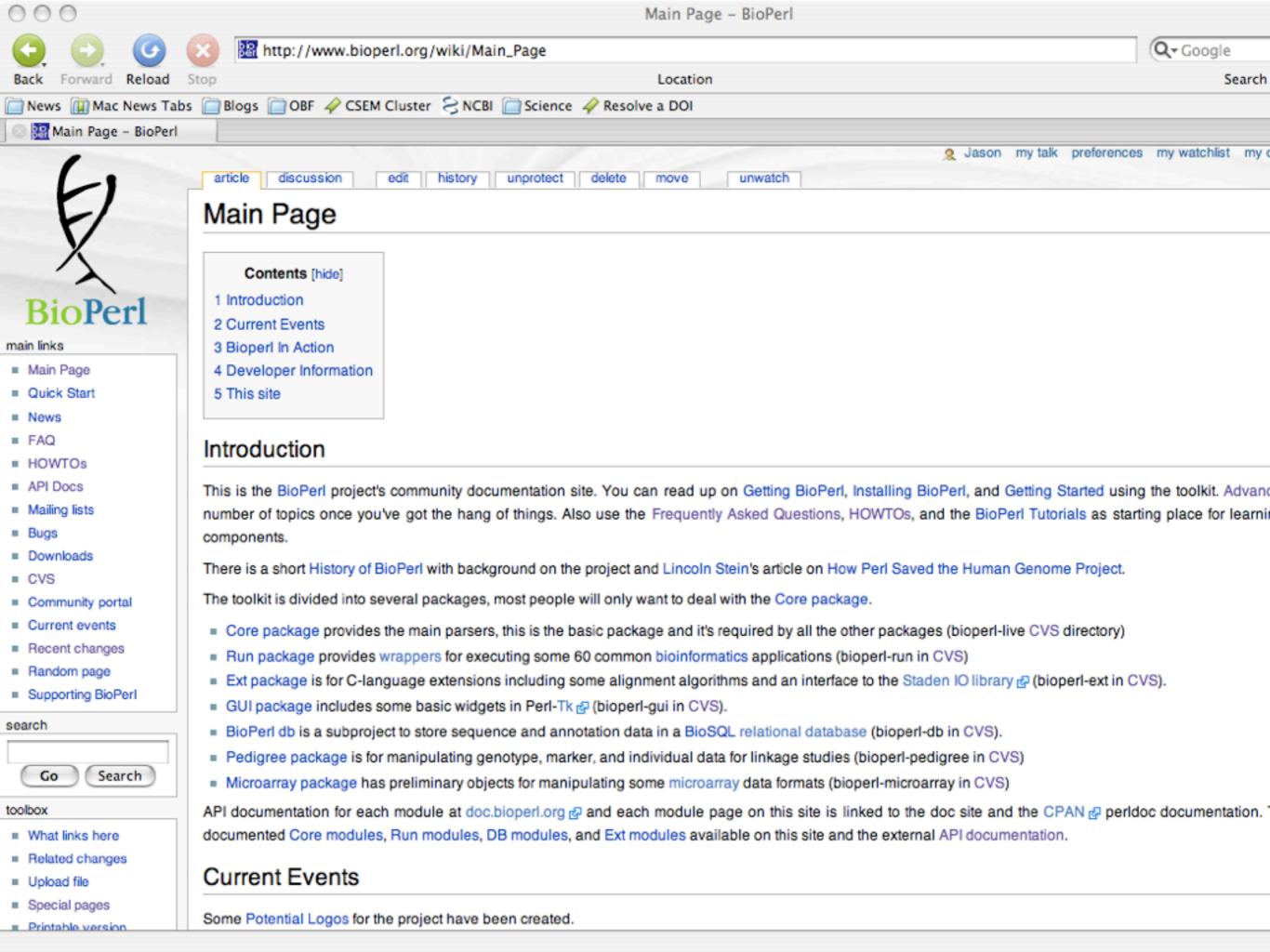
- Objects are heavy to create
 - Use lightweight arrays or hashes on demand instead of objects
- Simplify inheritance

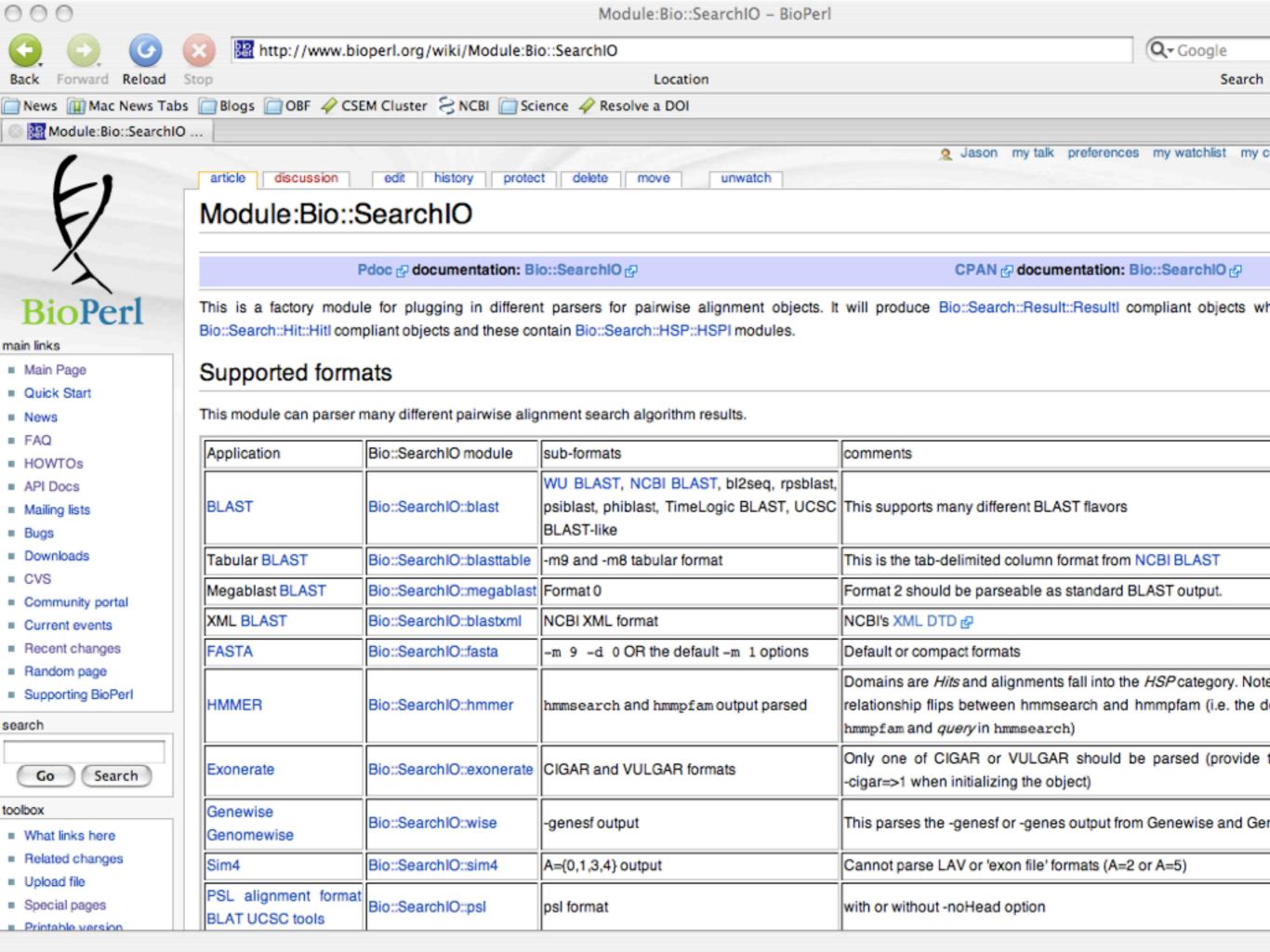


http://www.wickedjester.com/heavy.gif

Better Documentation

- Wiki site www.bioperl.org
 - Few hundred web pages of prose
 - Community maintainable
- HOWTOs -narrative descriptions
- Pdoc <u>doc.bioperl.org</u>
 - Autogenerated API docs from POD
- "DeObfuscator"





Pdoc - HTML Peridoc

Peridoc (Pdoc rendered) documentation for Bioperl Modules

Released Code

Official documentation for released code is available here

- Bioperl 1.5.0-RC1, download the entire doc set here
- Bioperl 1.4, download the entire doc set here
- Bioperl 1.2.3, download the entire doc set here
- Bioperl 1.2.2, download the entire doc set here.
 - The <u>CPAN Pod2HTML rendered version</u> of the code. Some people find this more intuitive, note that a few modules are not being rendered correctly by Pdoc so you may find this site helpful.
- Bioperl 1.2, download the entire doc set here.
- Bioperl 1.0.2, download the entire doc set here.
- Bioperl 1.0.1, download the entire doc set here.
- Bioperl 1.0, download the entire doc set here.

Active Code

This documentation represents the active development code and is autogenerated daily from the CVS repository.

Module		Description			
	bioperl-live	Bioperl Core Code			
	bioperl-corba- server	Bioperl BioCORBA Server Toolkit (wraps bioperl objects as BioCORBA objects and runs them in an ORBit ORB)			
		Bioperl BioCORBA Client Toolkit (wraps BioCORBA objects as bioperl objects)			
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http://doc.bioperl.org

All Modules TOC All

Perl levels

bioperl-live

bioperl-live::Bio

bioperl-

live::Bio::Align

bioperl-

live::Bio::AlignIO

bioperl-

live::Bio::Annotation

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All Perl modules

AAChange

AARange

AAReverseMutate

Abstract

AbstractSeq

<u>Ace</u>

Aggregator

AlignFactory

AlignI

<u>AlignIO</u>

Allele

AlleleNode

Alphabet

<u>AlphabetI</u>

Analysis

AnalysisI

AnalysisI

AnalysisParserI

AnalysisResult

AnalysisResultI

AnnotaatableI

Annotated

AnnotationAdaptor

AnnotationCollectionI

AnnotationFactory

Perl modules documentation for bioperl-live

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See also

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for more
information.

Navigation

Top left frame displays the directory tree with the Perl modules using "Perl syntax" for the paths. Click on one path to display in the bottom left frame the Perl modules available. The **All modules** link displays all the modules available in the bottom left frame (shown by default). The **TOC All** link displays the table of contents for the whole library in this frame.

Bottom left frame displays the modules available in a particular directory level or all the modules available (shown by default). Click on one of the modules to display the documentation in the main (this) frame. Clicking on the library level name will display in the main frame the table of content for the level.

Main frame is used to display documentation about a particular Perl module. The documentation is subdivided in several parts (may vary) presenting the POD found in the file, information about included packages, inheritance, subroutines code, etc...

Bio

SeqIO

Summary	Included libraries	Package variables	Synopsis	Description	General documentation	Methods
Toolbar						
WebCvs						
Summary						
Bio::SeqIC	- Handler for SeqIC) Formats				
Package var	riables					<u>to</u> j
Privates (fr	om my definitions)					
%valid_alph	abet_cache;					
sentry = 0						
Included me	odules					<u>to</u> ;
Bio::Factor	y::FTLocationFactory					
Bio::Factor	y::SequenceStreamI					
Bio::Root::	<u>10</u>					
Bio::Root::	Root					
Bio::Seq::S	<u>eqBuilder</u>					
Bio::Tools:	GuessSeqFormat					
Inherit						<u>to</u> ;
Bio::Factor	y::SequenceStreamI Bio	o::Root::IO Bio::Root::Roo	<u>ot</u>			
Synopsis						<u>to</u> ;
use Bi	o::SeqIO;					
	-fc Bio::SeqIO->new(-fi	ile => "inputfilename" ormat => 'Fasta'); ile => ">outputfilename ormat => 'EMBL');				
while	<pre>(my \$seq = \$in->nex \$out->write_seq(\$s</pre>					

http://doc.bioperl.org/bioperl-live/Bio/SeqIO.html

DeObfuscator

Welcome to the BioPerl Deobfuscator

Enter search string (ex. Bio::SeqIO, seq, fasta,...) Submit OR select Class name from list sort by class Bio::AlignIO Handler for AlignIO Formats An interface to any (local or remote) analysis tool Bio::AnalysisI Bio::AnalysisI::JobI Bio::AnalysisParserI Generic analysis output parser interface Bio::AnalysisResultI Interface for analysis result objects Bio::AnnotatableI the base interface an annotatable object must implement Bio::AnnotationCollectionI Interface for annotation collections Bio::AnnotationI Annotation interface Bio::Biblio A Bibliographic Query Service module Bio::ClusterI Cluster Interface Handler for Cluster Formats Bio::ClusterIO Bio::DasI DAS-style access to a feature database Bio::DBLinkContainerI Abstract interface for any object wanting to use

Welcome to the BioPerl Deobfuscator

Enter search string (ex. Bio::SeqIO, seq, fasta,)	
	Submit

OR select Class name from list sort by class ‡

Bio::AlignIO	Handler for AlignIO Formats)
Bio::AnalysisI	An interface to any (local or remote) analysis tool	U
Bio::AnalysisI::JobI	0	
Bio::AnalysisParserI	Generic analysis output parser interface	
Bio::AnalysisResultI	Interface for analysis result objects	
Bio::AnnotatableI	the base interface an annotatable object must implement	
Bio::AnnotationCollectionI	Interface for annotation collections	
Bio::AnnotationI	Annotation interface	
Bio::Biblio	A Bibliographic Query Service module	
Bio::ClusterI	Cluster Interface	
Bio::ClusterIO	Handler for Cluster Formats	
Bio::DasI	DAS-style access to a feature database	A
Bio::DBLinkContainerI	Abstract interface for any object wanting to use	v

Results for: Bio::SeqFeature::GeneStructure					
Method	Method Class	Method Returns	Usage		
add tag value	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
get_all_tags	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
get_Annotations	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
get tag values	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
get tagset values	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
has tag	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
remove_tag	Bio::AnnotatableI	not documented	not documented		
create_hierarchy_from_ParentIDs	Bio::FeatureHolderI	not documented	not documented		
feature_count	Bio::FeatureHolderI	integer representing the number of SeqFeatures	<pre>\$obj->feature_count()</pre>		
and all Conference	Dia . Fast well also d	an array of Bio::SegFeatureI implementing			

How do we deal with Perl6?

- LONG way off in our estimation
 - We target for minimum Perl versions supported by linux/BSD distros
- Could be good excuse for re-write
- Perl6 should be a better for Object-Oriented programming

Open Bioinformatics Foundation

- Not-for-profit foundation to support the Bio* projects
- BioPerl, BioJava, BioPython, BioMOBY, BioDAS, BioRuby
- Support for EMBOSS (mailing list and FTP)
- Infrastructure (3-4 servers for CVS, Mail, and Web)
- Run BOSC Conference

O|B|F Board

- President Jason Stajich
- Secretary Andrew Dalke
- Treasurer Chris Dagdigian
- Parlimentarian Hilmar Lapp
- At-Large members Ewan Birney and Steven Brenner
- BOSC Chairman Darin London http://www.open-bio.org/

O|B|F Mission

- Supporting bioinformatics infrastructure toolkits
- Getting developers together
 - BOSC
 - Hackathons
- Promoting open source bioinformatics Getting more developers involved



How can you get involved?

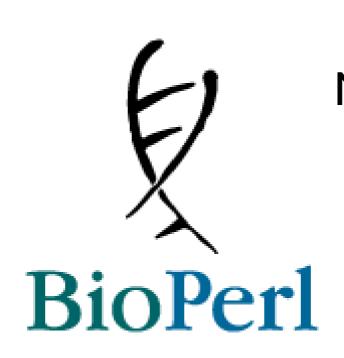
- Join mailing list of a project
- Contribute code
- Help the Board or BOSC
 - Website dev
 - Logistics for conferences, hackathons



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