

## **Gene Set Analysis – Methods and Tools**

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Why Databases?

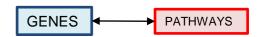
Databases are sources of Biological Annotation

What is Annotation?

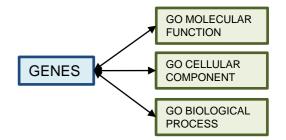
Annotation is structured information regarding a gene or other biomolecule



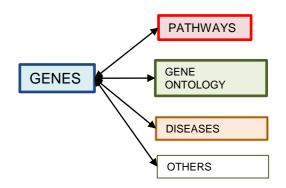
Pathway databases (KEGG, Reactome, Wikipathways)



Three types of Databases are used in Gene Set Analysis Ontology databases (Gene Ontology)

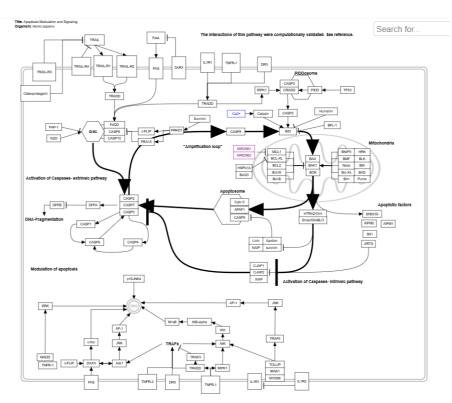


Gene set databases (GeneSetDB, MSigDB)





### Pathways are chains of reactions



http://wikipathways.org/index.php/Pathway:WP1772

A *biological pathway* is a **chain of interactions or chemical reactions** among molecules that leads to one or more products.

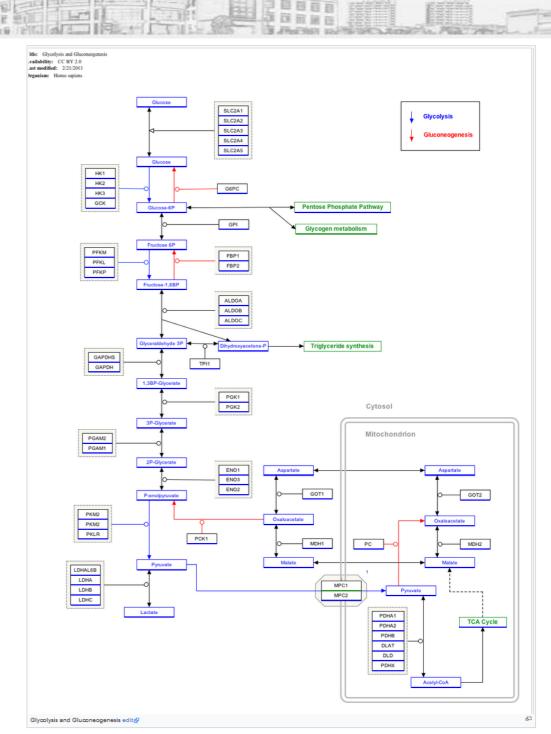


### Pathways are chains of reactions

The most studied types of biological pathways are: Metabolic pathways, signal transduction pathways, and gene regulation pathways.

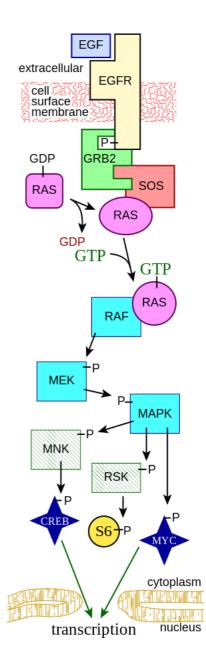


Metabolic pathways: Glycolysis

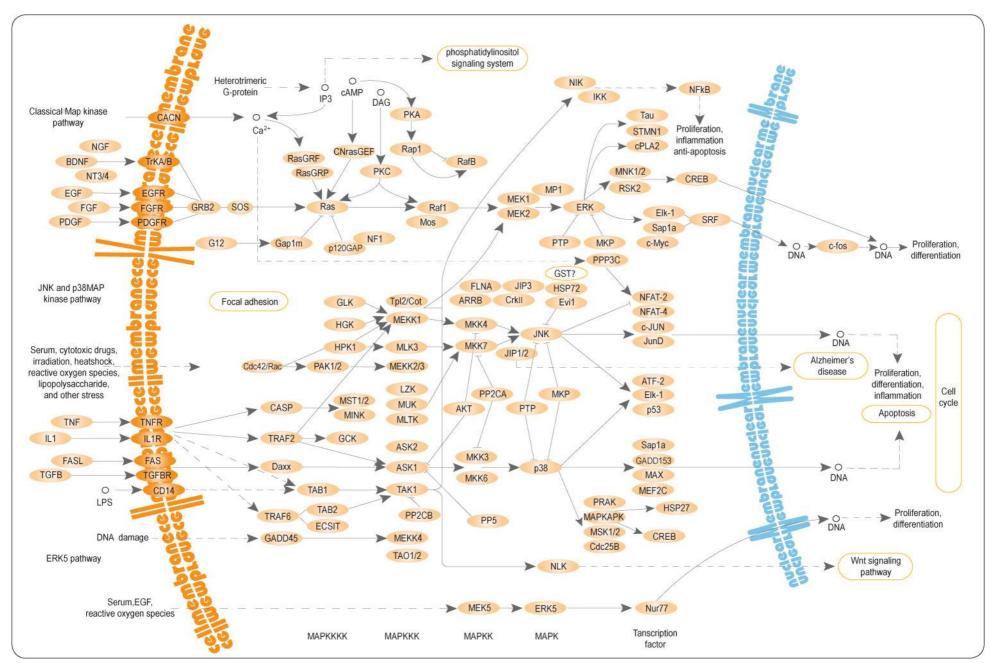




Signaling pathways: MAPK/ERK pathway







THREE



### Pathways are chains of reactions

A precise definition of a pathway?: The definition of a pathway is a little subjective. Three problems:

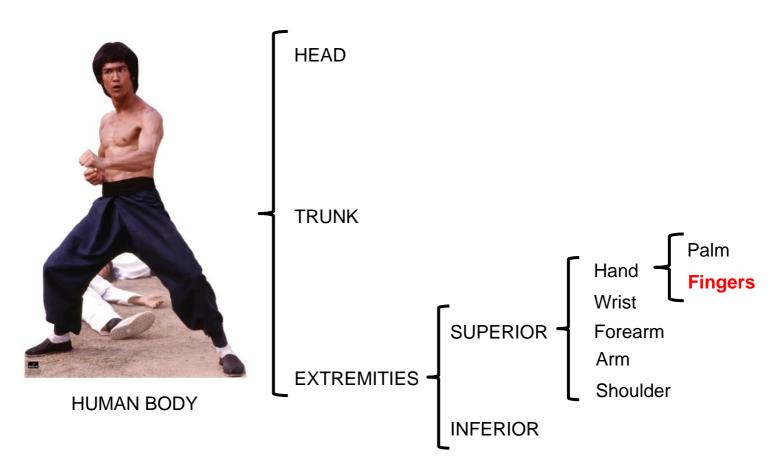
- Where to start and where to end
- Level of detail (intermediate reactions)
- Pathway cross-talk

Therefore, pathways may look slightly different according to the source.



# Ontologies are a summary of all the concepts in a field and their relationships

Example: An ontology of the **finger** 



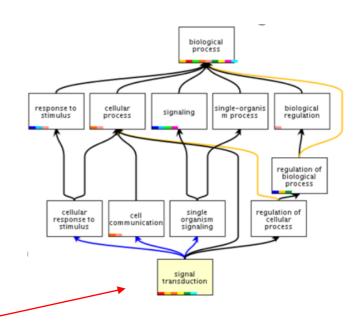
A finger IS PART OF a hand. A hand IS PART OF a superior extremity, which IS A extremity, which IS PART OF the human body



# Ontologies are a summary of all the concepts in a field and their relationships

An *ontology* is a way of organizing the knowledge in a field. Knowledge is organized in terms of all of the concepts involved, and the relationships between them (IS A, IS PART OF, and others).

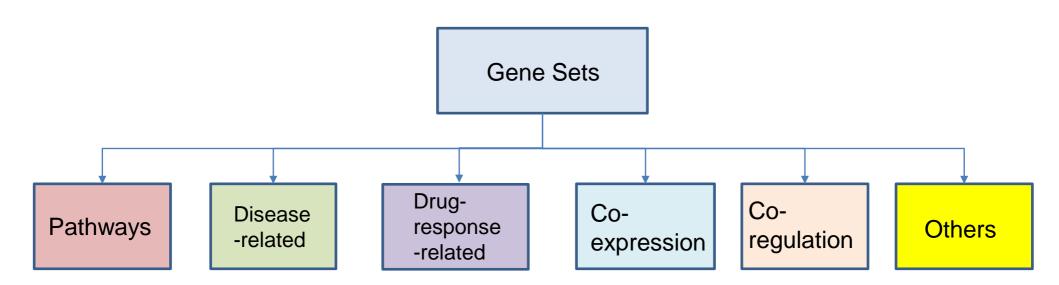
Example: The place of the concept «Signal transduction» inside an ontology graph and an ontology tree



- GO:0008150 biological\_process
  - GO:0065007 biological regulation
    - GO:0009987 cellular process
    - GO:0050789 regulation of biological process
    - GO:0050896 response to stimulus
      - GO:0007154 cell communication
      - GO:0051716 cellular response to stimulus
      - GO:0050794 regulation of cellular process
      - GO:0023052 signaling
      - GO:0007165 signal transduction
        - GO:0095500 acetylcholine receptor signaling pathway



#### Gene sets are... any set of genes



Essentially, any set of genes that can be grouped for some reason.



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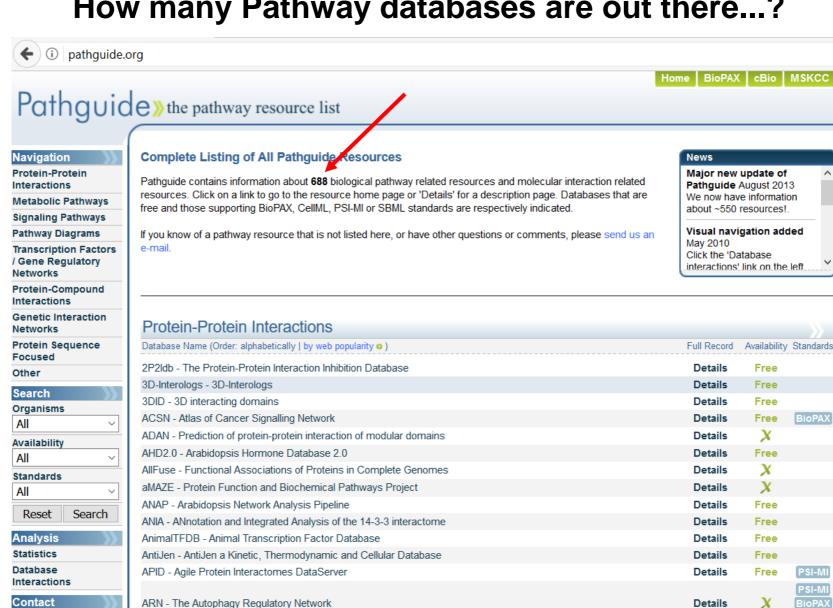


Comments. Questions.

Suggestions are

**Always Welcome!** 

### How many Pathway databases are out there...?



Details

Details

Free

AS-ALPS - Alternative Splicing - induced ALteration of Protein Structure

ASD - Allosteric Database



**KEGG** 

Reactome

**Wikipathways** 

**Pathway Commons** 

**Biocyc** 

**Panther Pathway** 













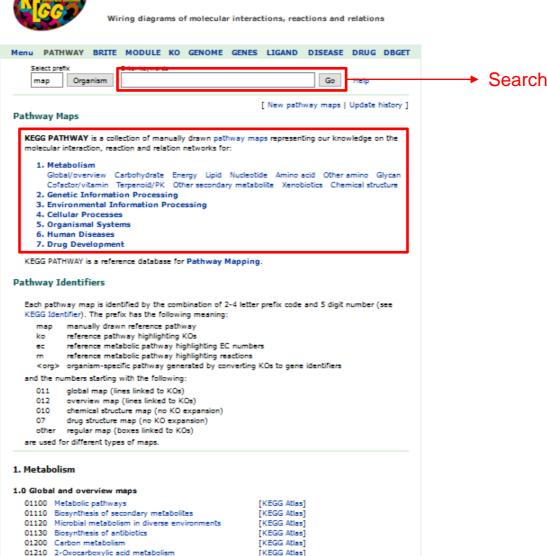


#### Pathway databases: KEGG



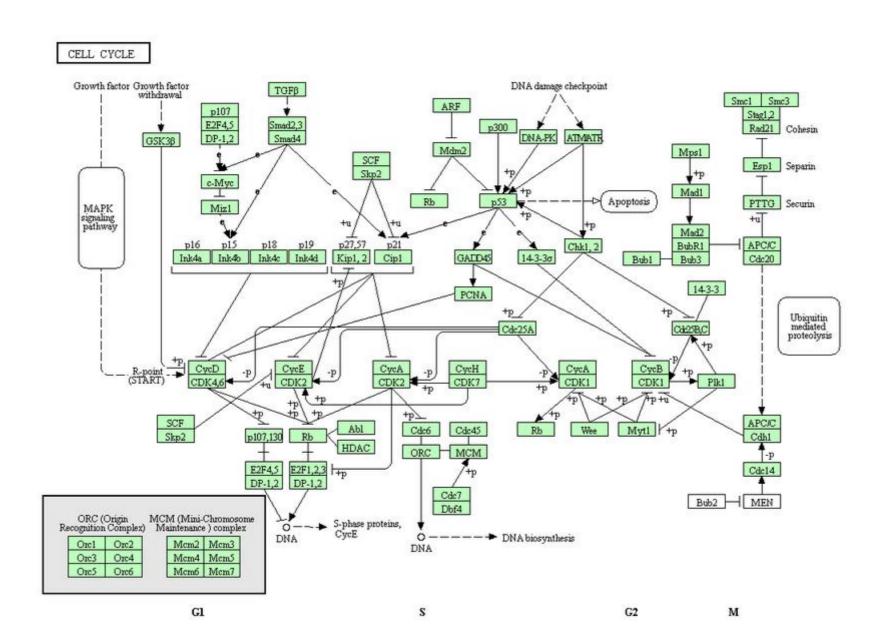


#### **KEGG PATHWAY Database**



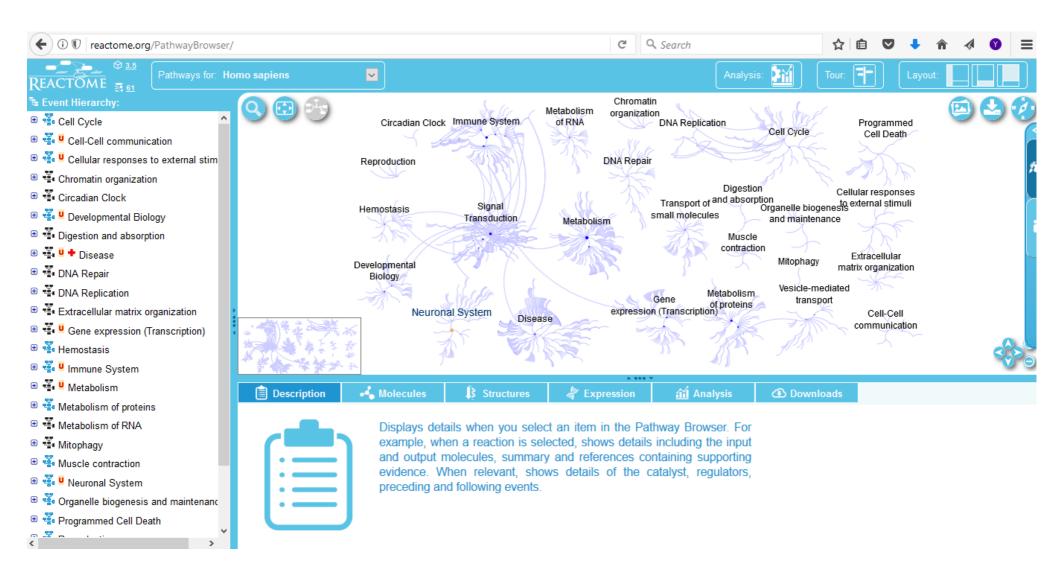


### Pathway databases: KEGG



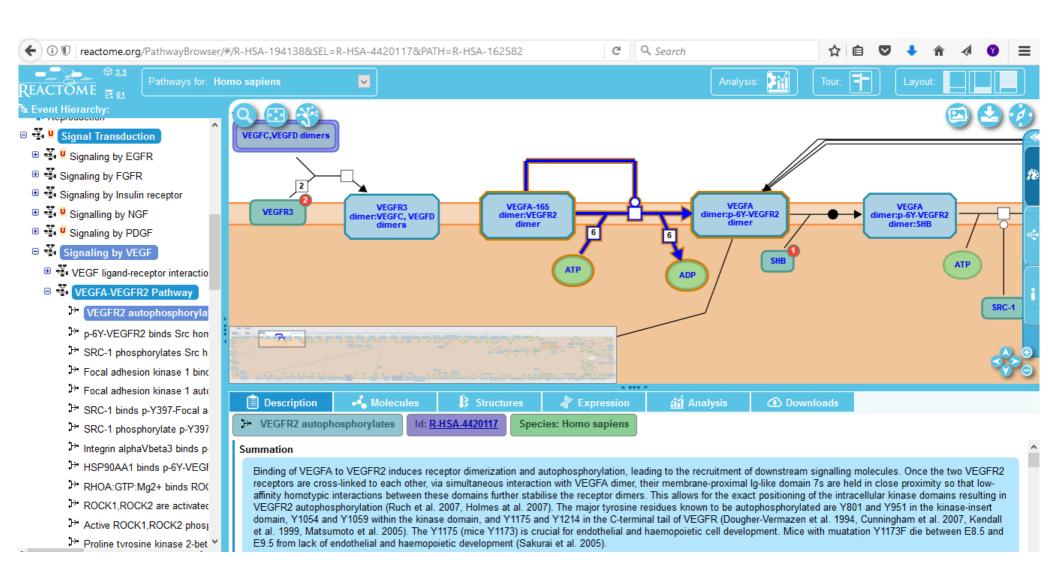


### Pathway databases: Reactome



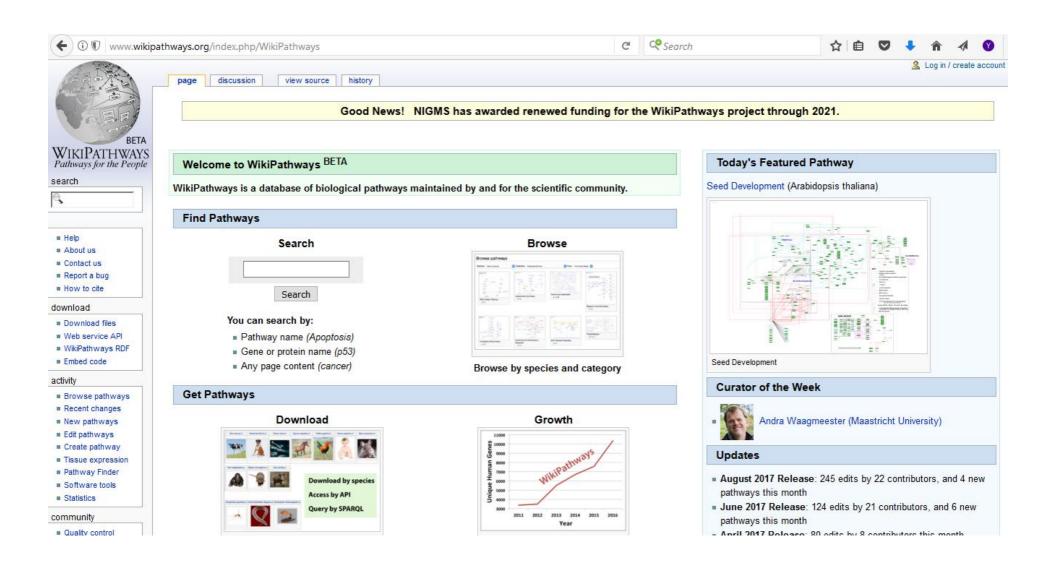


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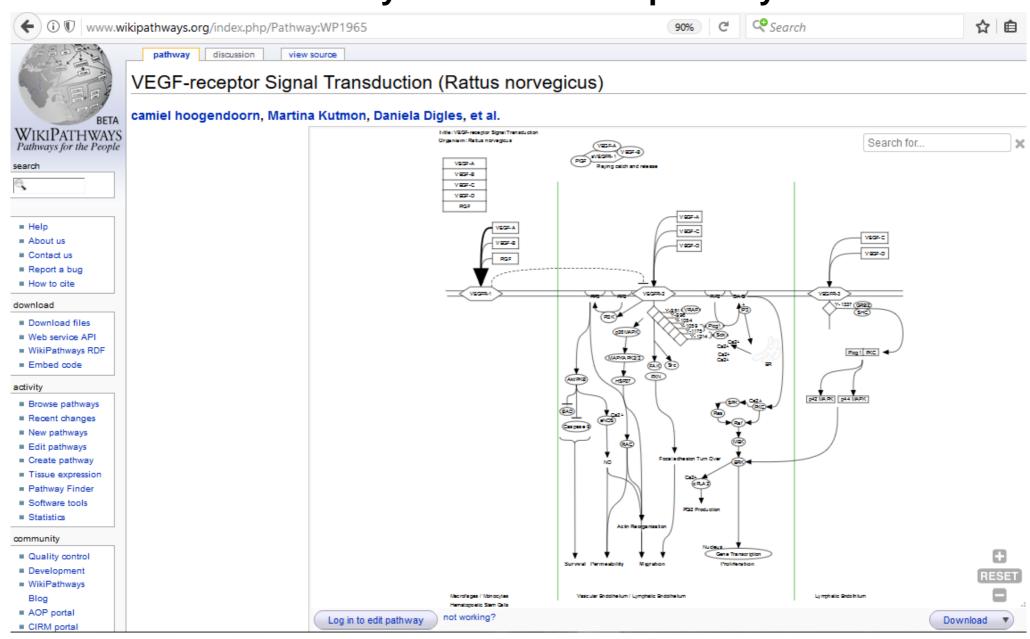


## Pathway databases: Wikipathways





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### Pathway databases: Reactome vs Wikipathways

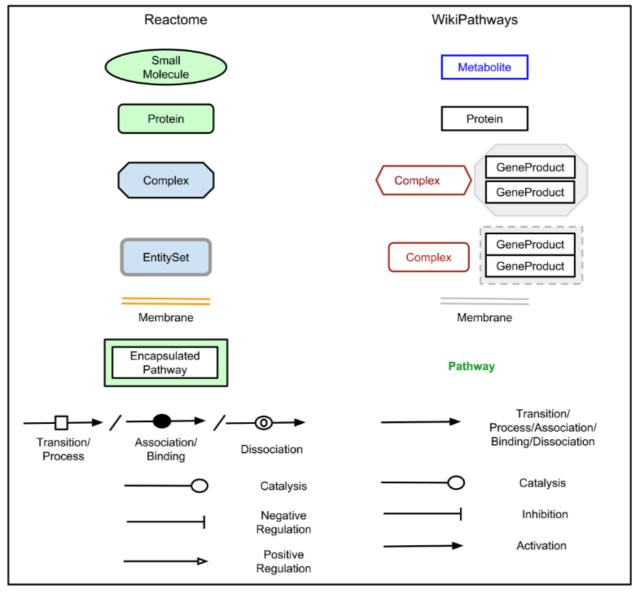
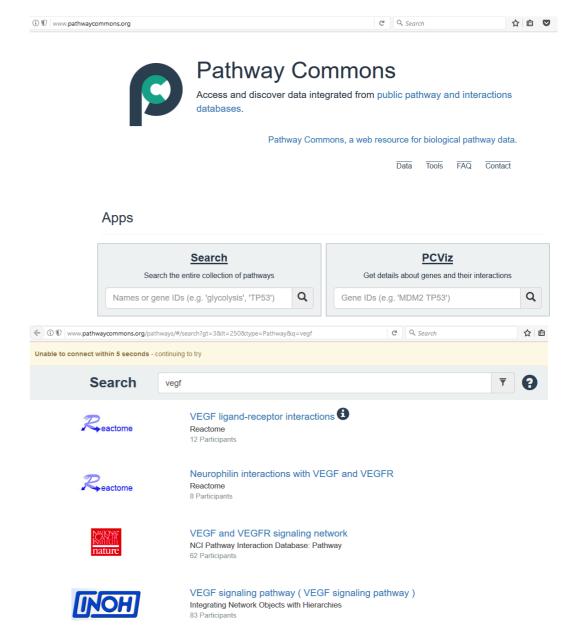


Fig 1. Mapping Reactome pathways elements to WikiPathways pathway elements. This diagram shows the symbols used to represent different biological entities in Reactome and the corresponding symbol used to represent the same biological entity in WikiPathways.



## Pathway databases: Pathway Commons



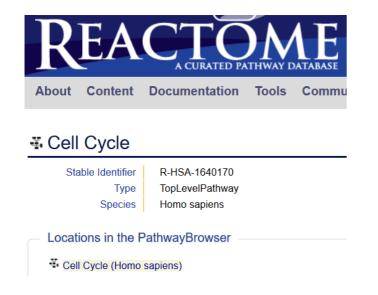
Search for pathways in multiple pathway databases



### Be aware of... Pathway database identifiers

Identifiers (IDs) are ideally unique, stable names or numbers that help track database records. For example, your wechat ID, Entrez Gene ID 41232, etc. Each DB has its own type of identifier.









### Be aware of... Pathway file formats

- Simple graphical file (png, jpeg, etc)
- SBML (Systems Biology Markup Language): Popular in Systems Biology (mathematical models of pathways). Databases of models such as "BioModels".
- BioPax (Biological Pathway Exchange).

You will need tools that can read the pathway format you choose. Many graphical tools can read SBML and BioPax files.

#### Databases with BioPAX Export [edit]

Online databases offering BioPAX export include:

- Signaling Gateway Molecule Pages (SGMP)
- Reactome
- · BioCyc
- INOHInoH
- BioModels
- · Nature/NCI Pathway Interaction Database
- Pathway Commons ₽
- Netpath A curated resource of signal transduction pathways in humans
- · ConsensusPathDB A database integrating human functional interaction networks
- PANTHER 
   ⊕ (List of Pathways ⊕)
- WikiPathways
- PharmGKB/PharmGKB®\*

#### Software [edit]

Software supporting BioPAX include:

- Systems Biology Linker (Sybil) &, an application for visualizing BioPAX and converting BioPAX to SBML, as part of the Virtual Cell
- ChiBE (Chisio BioPAX Editor), [2] an application for visualizing and editing BioPAX.
- Cytoscape p includes a BioPAX reader and other extensions, such as PathwayCommons plugin and CyPath2 app.



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#### Pathway visualization: PathVisio



#### **PathVisio**

a tool to edit and analyze biological pathways

Support/Help +

#### What is PathVisio?

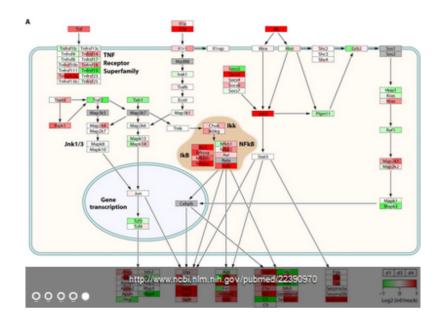
PathVisio is a free open-source biological pathway analysis software that allows you to draw, edit and analyze biological pathways. Learn more.

#### How to use PathVisio?

Learn how to download PathVisio and go through the tutorials to find out how to do pathway analysis and how to visualize and analyze your data. Get started.

#### PathVisio Plugins

Plugins are extensions that provide advanced analysis methods, visualization options or additional import/export functionality. Find out more.



#### News

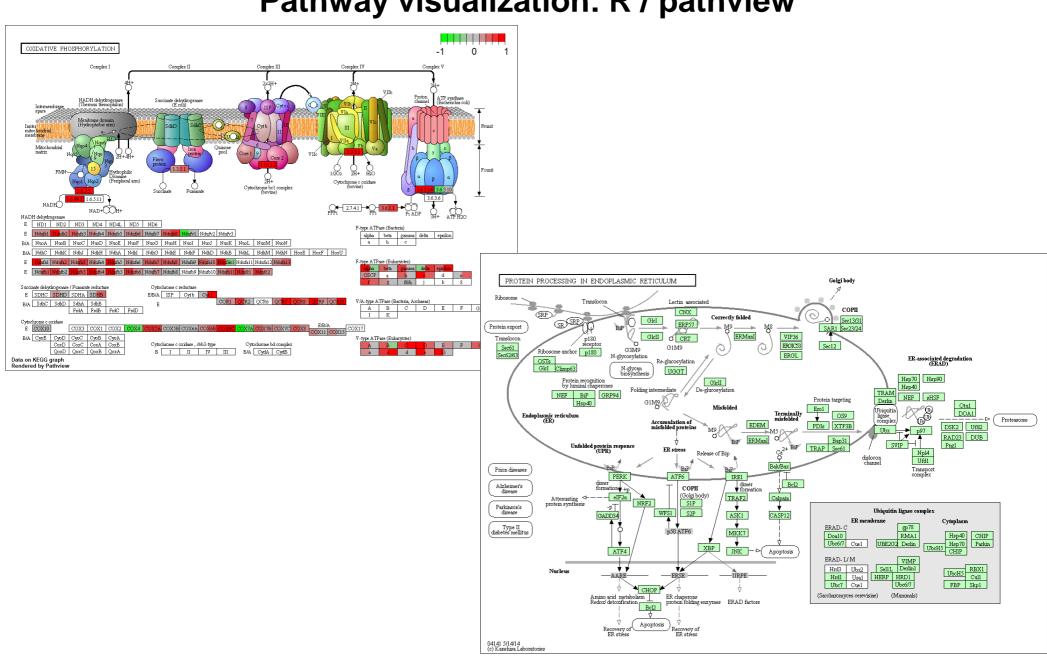
- . WikiPathways survey: Are you using WikiPathways in your research? Let us know in order to improve the odds of us working on what matters to you: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wikipathways
- · Check out the new WikiPathways paper! "WikiPathways: capturing the full diversity of pathway knowledge." Nucl. Acids Res. first published online October 19, 2015. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv1024
- . New PathVisio 3 paper!! "PathVisio 3: An Extendable Pathway Analysis Toolbox." PLoS Comput Biol. 2015 Feb 23;11(2):e1004085. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004085
- . Developer website: The previous website will stay available on developers.pathvisio.org and will be used as a developers website.
- . Plugin repository: Find plugins in the plugin repository and install them through the plugin manager.

#### Releases

- . Nov 24 2016 PathVisio 3.2.4 has been released!
- Sep 20 2016 PathVisio 3.2.3 has been released!
- May 03 2016 PathVisio 3.2.2 has been released!
- . Oct 07 2015 PathVisio 3.2.1 has been released!
- . Feb 28 2015 PathVisio 3.2.0 has been released!

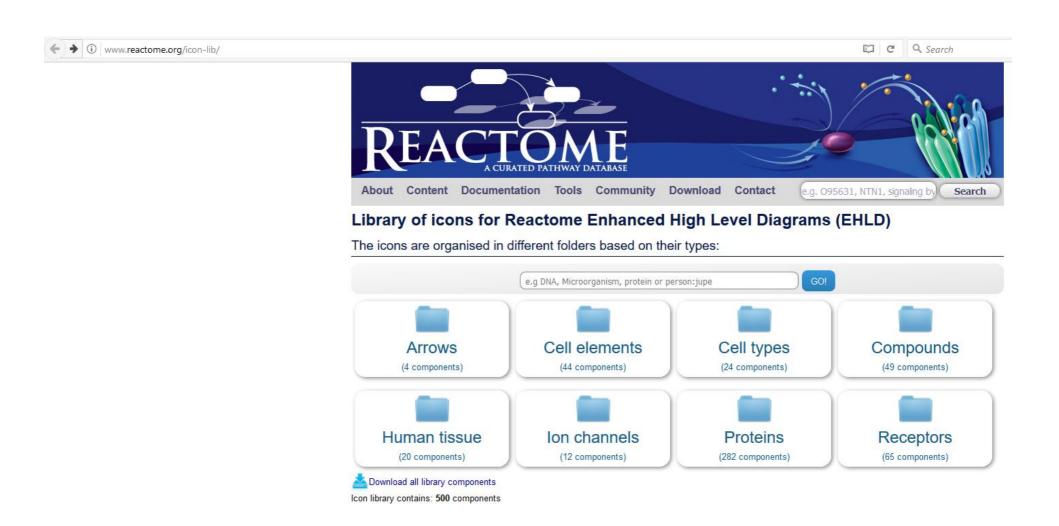


### Pathway visualization: R / pathview



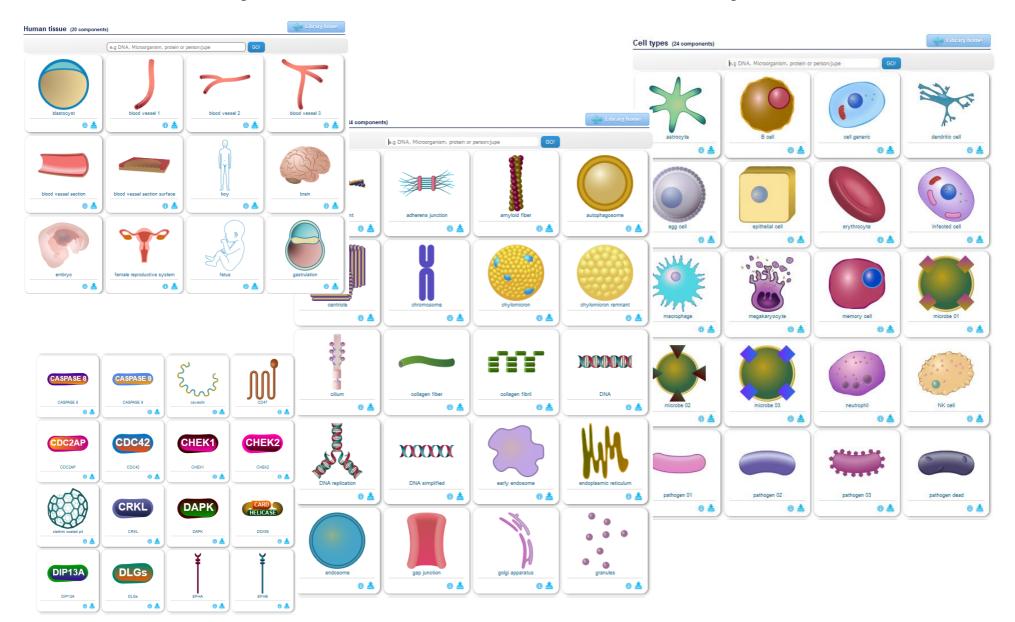


### Pathway visualization: Reactome Library of Icons





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### What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE ALL CONCEPTS IN THIS MOLECULAR BIOLOGY BOOK AND TELL ME HOW THEY RELATE TO EACH OTHER?



SURE! BASICALLY, THERE ARE 3 MAJOR CATEGORIES IN BIOLOGY: BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES, MOLECULAR FUNCTIONS, AND CELLULAR COMPONENTS. NOW, I WILL SHOW THE SUBDIVISION OF THE THREE CATEGORIES...



WOW! HE ORGANIZED ALL BIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IN AN ONTOLOGY!!





### What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

ALSO... CAN YOU FIND A WAY TO TELL ME ALL THE BIOLOGY CONCEPTS RELATED TO A GIVEN GENE?



SURE! WE BUILT THIS DATABASE CALLED "GO" WHERE EVERY GENE IS RELATED TO EVERY CONCEPT IN OUR ONTOLOGY







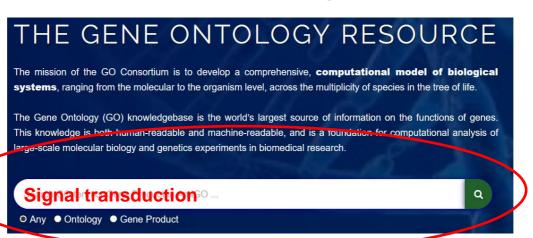


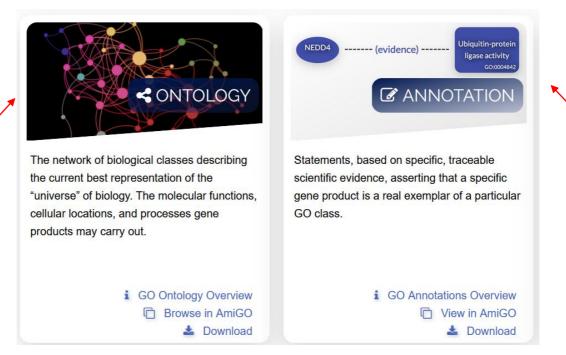
## What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

- The GO is a set of words or phrases (called GO terms) which are related to genes. For example: "protein kinase" (a molecular function), "glycolysis" (a biological process), or "nucleus" (a cellular component).
- It is a *Dictionary*: Term definitions
- It is an Ontology: A formal system for describing knowledge
- It is Annotated: Genes linked to GO terms



## The Gene Ontology (GO)







ink to all direct and indirect annotations to signal transduction.

Link to all direct and indirect annotations download (limited to first 10,000) for signal transduction.



## Gene Ontology Consortium The Gene Ontology (GO)

Data health 🛡

#### Description (Name, Ontology, GO Term, Synonym, Definitions):

#### signal transduction

#### Term Information Accession GO:0007165 Name signal transduction Ontology biological\_process Synonyms signaling pathway, signalling pathway, signaling cascade, signalling cascade Alternate IDs GO:0023033 Definition The cellular process in which a signal is conveyed to trigger a change in the activity or state of a cell. Signal transduction begins with reception of a signal (e.g. a ligand binding to a receptor or receptor activation by a stimulus such as light), or for signal transduction in the absence of ligand, signal-withdrawal or the activity of a constitutively active receptor. Signal transduction ends with regulation of a downstream cellular process, e.g. regulation of transcription or regulation of a metabolic process. Signal transduction covers signaling from receptors located on the surface of the cell and signaling via molecules located within the cell. For signaling between cells, signal transduction is restricted to events at and within the receiving cell. Source: GOC:go\_curators, GOC:mtg\_signaling\_feb11 Comment Note that signal transduction is defined broadly to include a ligand interacting with a receptor, downstream signaling steps and a response being triggered. A change in form of the signal in every step is not necessary. Note that in many cases the end of this process is regulation of the initiation of transcription. Note that specific transcription factors may be annotated to this term, but core/general transcription machinery such as RNA polymerase should not. History See term history for GO:0007165 at QuickGO Subset goslim metagenomics goslim\_aspergillus goslim\_chembl goslim plant goslim\_generic gosubset prok goslim\_candida Related Link to all genes and gene products annotated to signal transduction.

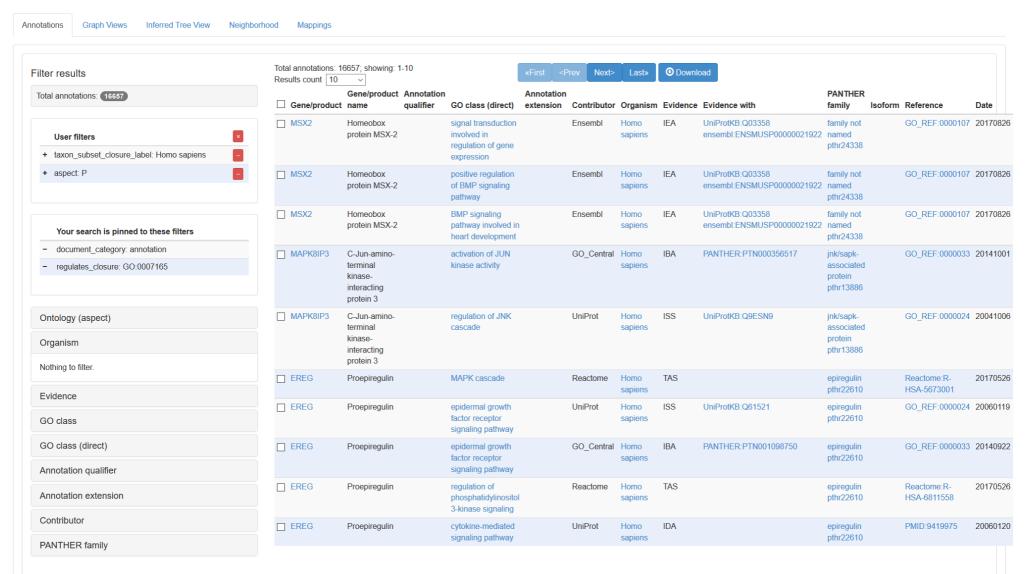






## Gene Ontology Consortium The Gene Ontology (GO)

#### **Annotations:**



amigo.geneontology.org/amigo/term/GO:0007165

Inferred Tree View

■ GO:0008150 biological\_process

**Annotations** 

■ GO:0065007 biological regulation

R GO:0009987 cellular process

**Graph Views** 

- GO:0050789 regulation of biological process
- GO:0050896 response to stimulus
- P GO:0007154 cell communication
- GO:0051716 cellular response to stimulus
- GO:0050794 regulation of cellular process
- P GO:0023052 signaling

#### GO:0007165 signal transduction

- GO:0095500 acetylcholine receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0007196 adenylate cyclase-inhibiting G-protein coupled glutamate receptor signaling pathway

Neighborhood

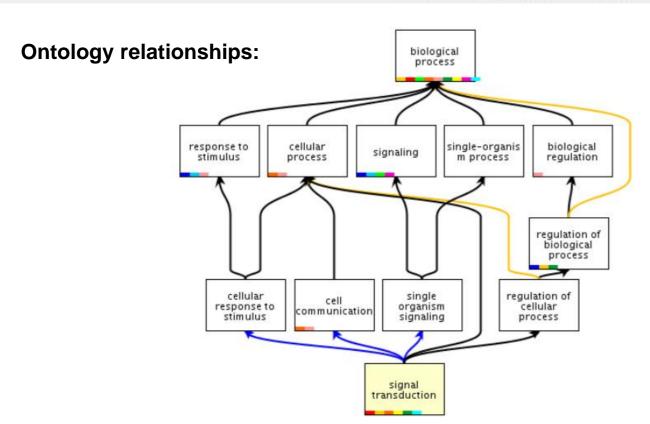
Mappings

- GO:0007198 adenylate cyclase-inhibiting serotonin receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0071875 adrenergic receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0098990 AMPA selective glutamate receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0097190 apoptotic signaling pathway
- GO:0038183 bile acid signaling pathway
- GO:0099004 calmodulin dependent kinase signaling pathway
- GO:0038171 cannabinoid signaling pathway
- GO:0009756 carbohydrate mediated signaling
- GO:0007166 cell surface receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0010019 chloroplast-nucleus signaling pathway
- GO:0009870 defense response signaling pathway, resistance gene-dependent
- GO:0010204 defense response signaling pathway, resistance gene-independent
- GO:0030968 endoplasmic reticulum unfolded protein response
- GO:2000803 endosomal signal transduction
- GO:0006984 ER-nucleus signaling pathway
- GO:0007213 G-protein coupled acetylcholine receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0007216 G-protein coupled glutamate receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0007186 G-protein coupled receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0098664 G-protein coupled serotonin receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0007215 glutamate receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0009755 hormone-mediated signaling pathway
- GO:0071588 hydrogen peroxide mediated signaling pathway
- GO:0097411 hypoxia-inducible factor-1alpha signaling pathway
- GO:0002764 immune response-regulating signaling pathway
- GO:0030522 intracellular receptor signaling pathway
- GO:0035556 intracellular signal transduction
- GO:0035235 ionotropic glutamate receptor signaling pathway
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- GO:0055095 lipoprotein particle mediated signaling
- GO:0031930 mitochondria-nucleus signaling pathway
- GO:0097527 necroptotic signaling pathway

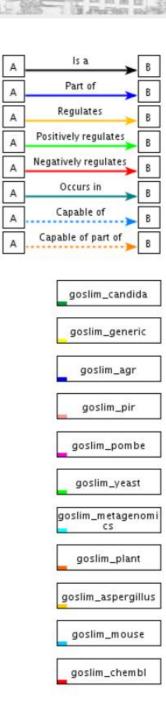
### **Ontology tree:**

Parents and children





- Terms are related within a hierarchy
- Terms can have more than one parent or child







Annotations Graph Views Inferred Tree View Neighborhood Mappings

Reactome REACT 89740

REACT\_100624

REACT 112549

REACT 102354

REACT\_114820

REACT 114657

REACT 113601

REACT 113964

**REACT 12478** 

REACT 114910

REACT 114690

**REACT 93680** 

REACT 98872

REACT\_113151

REACT\_78535

REACT\_112130

REACT\_115037

REACT 115147

**REACT 31232** 

Wikipedia Signal transduction



### **GO Terms and GO Annotations**

- GO terms are added by editors at EBI Some terms may be added by request
- · Genes are associated with GO terms either by trained curators or created automatically (without human review)
- Multiple annotations per gene
- · Manual annotation is considered of higher quality but it is timeconsuming.
- Electronic annotation may have variable quality.



### **Evidence Codes**

GO terms include information regarding the type of evidence. For example:

**EXP: Inferred from Experiment** 

IEA: Inferred from electronic annotation

IC: Inferred by curator

Many others (see:

http://geneontology.org/docs/guide-go-

evidence-codes/)

Key point: Be aware of annotation origin

#### Guide to GO evidence codes

A GO annotation is a statement about the function of a particular gene. Each annotation includes an evidence code

Evidence codes fall into six general categories:

- experimental evidence
- phylogenetic evidence
- · computational evidence
- author statements
- · curatorial statements
- · automatically generated annotations

http://geneontology.org/docs/guide-go-evidence-codes/

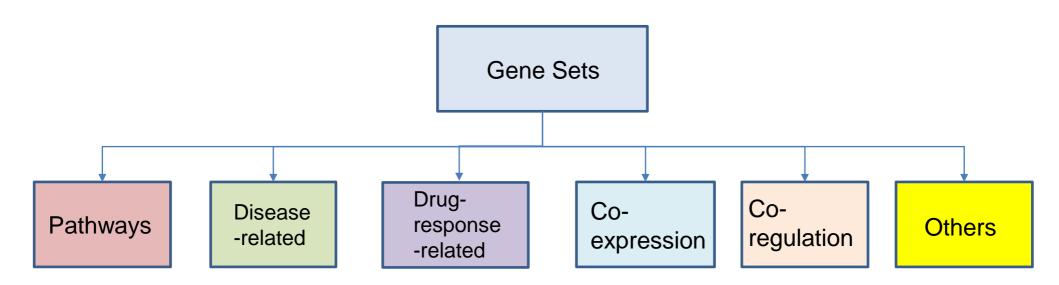


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### From pathways to «gene sets»



From pathway databases to "gene set" databases, such as **GeneSetDB** (Araki, 2012) and **MSigDB** (Broad Institute), which include pathways, phenotypes, GO, and others.



## **GeneSetDB**

Table 1
Sources databases included in GeneSetDB.

Subclass Name	Sources database	Reference/URL
Pathway	Biocarta	http://www.biocarta.com
	EHMN	[15]
	HumanCyc	[16]
	INOH	[17]
	NetPath	[18]
	PID	[19]
	Reactome	[20]
	SMPDB	[21]
	Wikipathways	[22]
Disease/Phenotype	CancerGenes	[23]
	НРО	[24]
	KEGG Disease	[25]
	MethCancerDB	[26]
	MethyCancer	[27]
	MPO	[28]
	SIDER	[29]
Drug/Chemical	CTD	[30]
	DrugBank	[31]
	MATADOR	[32]
	STITCH	[33]
	T3DB	[34]
Gene Regulation	MicroCosm Targets	[35]
	miRTarBase	[36]
	Rel/NF- $\kappa$ B target genes	http://bioinfo.lifl.fr/NF-KI
	TFactS	[37]
GO	Gene Ontology	[8]







#### MSigDB Collections

The 17779 gene sets in the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) are divided into 8 major collections, and several sub-collections. See the table below for a brief description of each, and the MSigDB Collections: Details and Acknowledgments page for more detailed descriptions. See also the MSigDB Statistics and the MSigDB Release Notes.

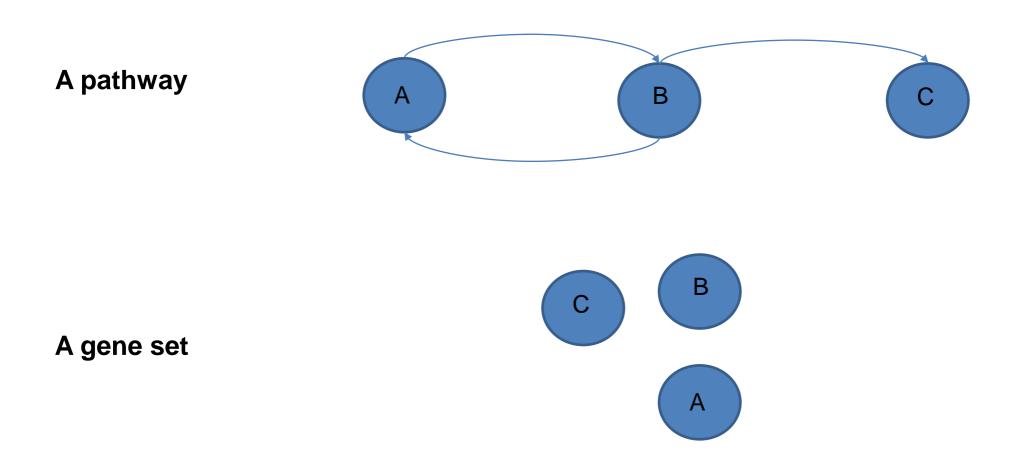
Click on the "browse gene sets" links in the table below to view the gene sets in a collection. Or download the gene sets in a collection by clicking on the links below the "Download GMT Files" headings. For a description of the GMT file format see the Data Formats in the Documentation section. The gene sets can be downloaded as Entrez Gene Identifiers or HUGO Gene Symbols. An XML file containing all the MSigDB gene sets is available on the Downloads page.

H: hallmark gene sets (browse 50 gene sets)	Hallmark gene sets summarize and represent specific well-defined biological states or processes and display coherent expression. These gene sets were generated by a computational methodology based on identifying overlaps between gene sets in other MSigDB collections and retaining genes that display coordinate expression. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C1: positional gene sets (browse 326 gene sets)	Gene sets corresponding to each human chromosome and each cytogenetic band that has at least one gene. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C2: curated gene sets (browse 4731 gene sets)	Gene sets curated from various sources such as online pathway databases, the biomedical literature, and knowledge of domain experts. The gene set page for each gene set lists its source. The C2 collection is divided into two sub-collections: CGP and CP. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CGP: chemical and genetic perturbations (browse 3402 gene sets)	Gene sets represent expression signatures of genetic and chemical perturbations. A number of these gene sets come in pairs: xxx_UP (and xxx_DN) gene set representing genes induced (and repressed) by the perturbation.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CP: Canonical pathways (browse 1329 gene sets)	Gene sets from pathway databases. Usually, these gene sets are canonical representations of a biological process compiled by domain experts.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CP:BIOCARTA: BioCarta gene sets (browse 217 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the BioCarta pathway database.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CP:KEGG: KEGG gene sets (browse 186 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the KEGG pathway database.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CP:REACTOME: Reactome gene sets (browse 674 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the Reactome pathway database.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids

C3: motif gene sets (browse 836 gene sets)	Gene sets representing potential targets of regulation by transcription factors or microRNAs. The sets consist of genes grouped by short sequence motifs they share in their non-protein coding regions. The motifs represent known or likely cis-regulatory elements in promoters and 3'-UTRs. The C3 collection is divided into two sub-collections: MIR and TFT details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
MIR: microRNA targets (browse 221 gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes sharing putative target sites (seed matches) of human mature miRNA in their 3'-UTRs.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
TFT: transcription factor targets (browse 615 gene sets)	Gene sets that share upstream <i>cis</i> -regulatory motifs which can function as potential transcription factor binding sites. Based on work by Xie et al. 2005	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C4: computational gene sets (browse 858 gene sets)	Computational gene sets defined by mining large collections of cancer- oriented microarray data. The C4 collection is divided into two sub- collections: CGN and CM. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CGN: cancer gene neighborhoods (browse 427 gene sets)	Gene sets defined by expression neighborhoods centered on 380 cancer-associated genes. This collection is described in Subramanian, Tamayo et al. 2005	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CM: cancer modules (browse 431 gene sets)	Gene sets defined by Segal et al. 2004. Briefly, the authors compiled gene sets ('modules') from a variety of resources such as KEGG, GO, and others. By mining a large compendium of cancer-related microarray data, they identified 456 such modules as significantly changed in a variety of cancer conditions.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C5: GO gene sets (browse 5917 gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes annotated by the same GO term. The C5 collection is divided into three sub-collections based on GO ontologies: BP, CC, and MF. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
BP: GO biological process (browse 4436 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Biological Process Ontology.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
CC: GO cellular component (browse 580 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Cellular Component Ontology.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
MF: GO molecular function (browse 901 gene sets)	Gene sets derived from the GO Molecular Function Ontology.	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C6: oncogenic signatures (browse 189 gene sets)	Gene sets that represent signatures of cellular pathways which are often dis-regulated in cancer. The majority of signatures were generated directly from microarray data from NCBI GEO or from internal unpublished profiling experiments involving perturbation of known cancer genes. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids
C7: immunologic signatures (browse 4872 gene sets)	Gene sets that represent cell states and perturbations within the immune system. The signatures were generated by manual curation of published studies in human and mouse immunology. details	Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids



## But pathways in gene set databases are gene-sets





### What have we learned today?

What are biological pathways
Where and how to find biological pathways
Pathway database formats and identifiers
How to use the Gene Ontology
What are the main Gene Set databases





**EXTRA.** Automatic reconstruction of pathways



Pathway databases follow two main strategies: Either a curator team, such as in KEGG or Reactome, or open to public submission, such as in Wikipathways.

However, there are huge amounts of pathway information in the scientific literature that would take many years to human beings to process it. Therefore, we need **text mining** methodologies to automatically extract pathway knowledge from the literature.



One example of this is **MELODI**, a text mining tool that extracts mechanisms of disease based on subject-predicate-object triples from **SemMedDB** (Semantic Medline Database).

For example, the sentence "We used hemofiltration to treat a patient with digoxin overdose that was complicated by refractory hyperkalemia" produces the following four triples:

- Hemofiltration-TREATS-Patients
- Digoxin overdose-PROCESS\_OF-Patients
- Hyperkalemia-COMPLICATES-Digoxin overdose
- INFERENCE: Hemofiltration-TREATS-Digoxin overdose



Building a database of triples for all PubMed, we can let computers link information from different papers and reconstruct the pathway for us!



