

MSc Microbiology Sem IV MIC 403c

MICROBIAL GENOMICS &  
PROTEOMICS

Lecture 4 | Biological Databases

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# Databases

- Database: systematic collection of structured information or data
- It is supported by electronic storage and manipulation of data in a computer system
- Used for ease of Data management
- A database is controlled by DBMS: Database Management System (4 types)- (MySQL, Oracle, dBASE, Clipper, FoxPro)
- Database Server and Client: dB client is the software that connects with dB server and performs functions in the data. So different types of database clients can connect with database server (stores and manages data).
  - Hierarchical
  - Network
  - Relational
  - Object Oriented
  - Cloud Database

# Database Access

- Individual database: Collection of integrated files used by an individual
- Shared Database: Database shared by organization in one location
- Distributed database: Database stored on different computers in different locations and connected by a client/server network
- Public Database/Databank: Compilation of data that is available to the public with no restrictions
- Available but with copyright
- Accessible but not downloadable
- Commercial

# Curators of databases


- Large Public Institutions
  - NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)
  - EMBL: European Molecular Biology Laboratory
  - DDBJ: Data Databank of Japan
- Quasi Academic Institutes
  - Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics
  - TIGR: The Institute of Genome Research
- Academic groups or Scientists
- Private Commercial Company

# Biological database

- Collective term for Data compilation, organization, analysis, retrieval and dissemination of biological information
- Biological Databases are important component of bioinformatics
- Biological Databases is collection of data that is structured, searchable, updated and cross referenced
- Type of Data
  - Published Literature
  - High Through put Experiment OutPuts
  - Computational Analysis
- Information include Biological macromolecules sequence, structure, function, localization, expression data and its analysis

Published: March 1994

# Biological databases: A new scientific literature

[Robert J. Robbins](#) 

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## Abstract

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Biology is entering a new era in which data are being generated that cannot be published in the traditional literature. Databases are taking the role of scientific literature in distributing this information to the community. The success of some major biological undertakings, such as the Human Genome Project, will depend upon the development of a system for electronic data publishing. Many biological databases began as secondary literature—reviews in which certain kinds of data were collected from the primary literature. Now these databases are becoming a new kind of primary literature with findings being submitted directly to the database and never being published in print form. Some databases are offering publishing on demand services, where users can identify subsets of the data that are of interest, then subscribe to periodic distributions of the requested data. New systems, such as fordable while offering a

# Features of Biological Data

- High Volume Data
- Data heterogeneity- sequence, graphs, images, Xray data
- Large Scale Data Integration
- Searchable (Index)- table of content
- Data Sharing/ Cross referenced--- link with other databases
- Dynamic – Periodical updates– new editions
- Data Curation
- Exponential growth in biological data- fast increase in biological information requires measure for future expansion
- Data are no longer published in conventional manner but directly submitted to databases

# Types of Data- based on Content

- Nucleotide Sequences-
  - raw reads, assembled genomes, whole genome sequence, single nucleotide polymorphism
  - Eg. NCBI GenBank
- Protein Sequences
- 3D structure
- Gene expression data
- Metabolic pathways
- Biological information about diseases, drugs, images etc
- Organism



# Types of Databases- Source of Data

- **Primary database**

- Original data submission by researcher

- Example

- Literature: Medline (PubMed, PubMed Central)

- Nucleotide: GenBANK, EMBL, DDBJ

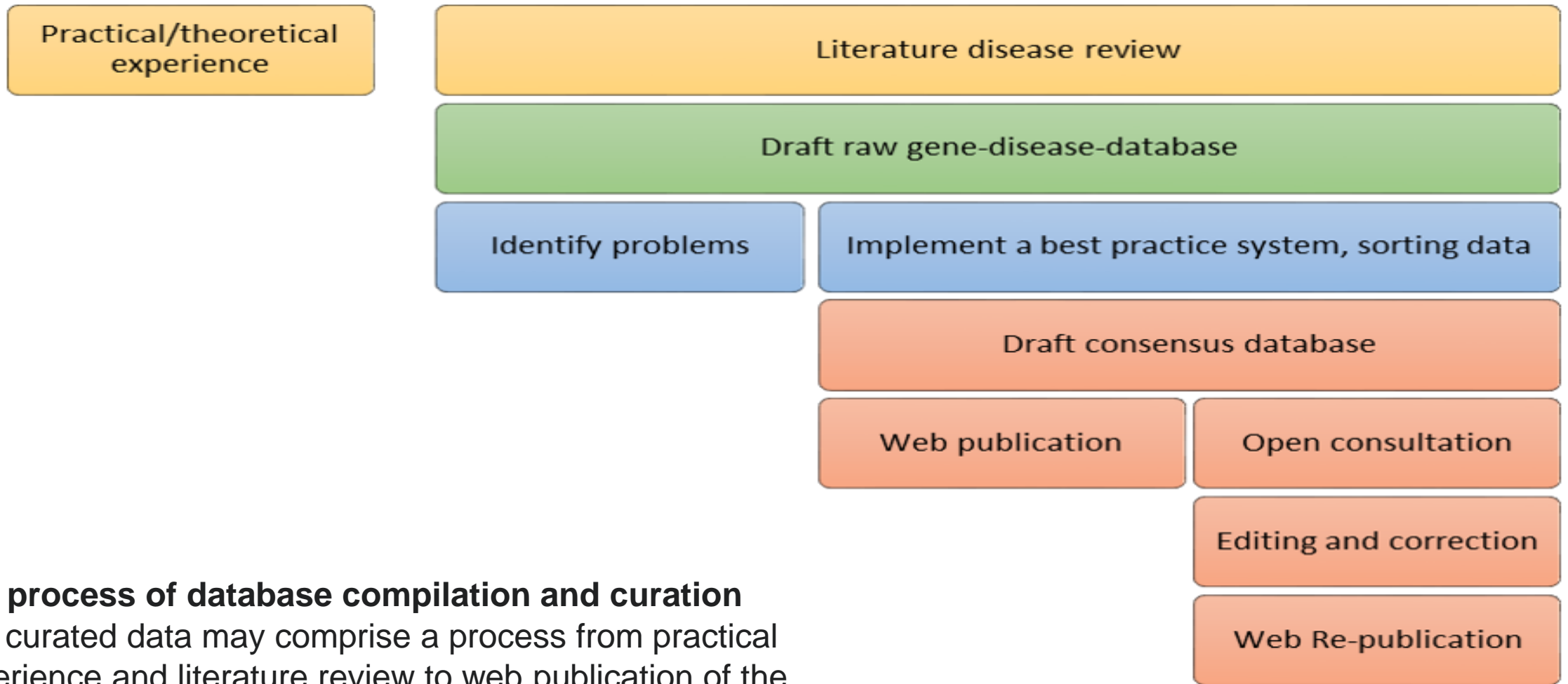
- Protein: Protein Data Bank (PDB), UniProt

# Secondary Database/ Derived Databases

- Derived from results of primary Database
- Manually Curated or by automated methods
- Content controlled by Third Party
- Enhanced with annotations: structures, images
- **Examples:**
  - NCBI Protein
  - PROSITE, Conserved Domain
  - PFAM
  - RefSeq
  - OMIM: Online Mutation Inheritance in Man
  - UniProt

# Specialized Databases

- Focussed on a particular research interest of organisms
- Specific categories/ function of sequences
- Data generated by specific sequencing/ HTS technology
- Usually Curated or contain raw information
- Molecule specific
- Disease specific
  - Eg Flybase, Worm-base, Plant DB, Pseudomonas database
  - TRANSFAE- Transcription factor database
  - RFAM: RNA family database



### The process of database compilation and curation

The curated data may comprise a process from practical experience and literature review to web publication of the database

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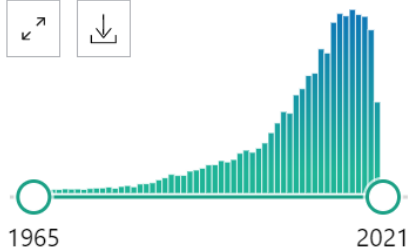
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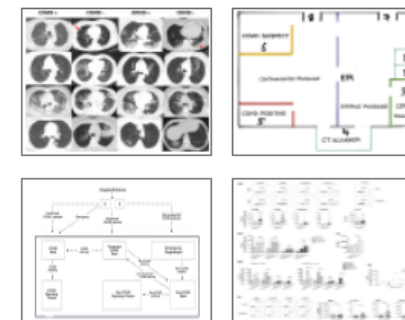
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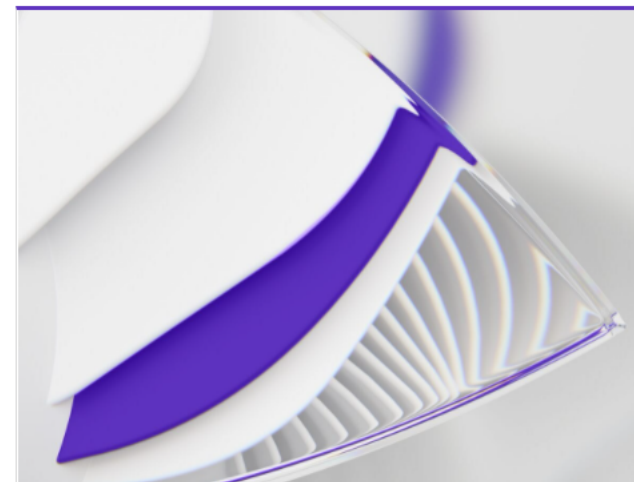
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