

Data and (semantic) standards in clinical genomics / bioinformatics

Martin Kerick

Bioinformatic standards – first try

Minimum standards for bioinformatic command line tools

Always print something if no parameters are supplied

Always have a “-h” or “--help” switch

Have a “-v” or “--version” switch

Use stderr for messages and errors

Validate your parameters

Don't hardcode any paths

Don't pollute the command-line namespace

Don't distribute bare JAR files

Check that your dependencies are installed

Be strict if you are a Perl tragic like me

The Genome Factory

Bioinformatics tips, tricks, tools and commentary with a microbial genomics bent.
Torsten Seemann from Melbourne, Australia.

<http://thegenomefactory.blogspot.com.es/2013/08/minimum-standards-for-bioinformatics.html>

Chaos in science - but it works

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Managing Chaos: Lessons Learned Developing Software in the Life Sciences

[Sarah Killcoyne](#) and [John Boyle](#)

Life sciences research is, by nature, borderline chaotic. Scientists tend to work in small, isolated, and focused groups, collaborating only loosely with others. The process of testing and refining (or discarding) hypotheses leads to a multitude of elaborate experiments—each of which differs, using a unique mix of techniques, technologies, and analyses. Research mechanisms constantly change; researchers are continually introducing new technologies and refining older technologies. Experimental results can lead to myriad conclusions, some of which are contradictory and others of which are ignored. This constantly shifting landscape means that scientific discovery can sometimes be perceived as a manic foraging exercise rather than a rational, hypothesis-driven process. One of the most confusing elements of science is that this jumble of experiments leads to the development of ideas that directly advance our understanding of living systems. That is, the system works, and works well.

..in science!

Bioinformatics is largely driven by singular projects

ROUTINELY UNIQUE

Over 18 months, 46 data-analysis projects undertaken at the bioinformatics core of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston required 34 different types of analysis — most were used infrequently. Each project demanded unique combinations of analyses, demonstrating how bioinformaticians must be versatile, creative and collaborative.



most analysis are hardly reused

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data standards

semantic
standards

clinical genomics

bioinformatics

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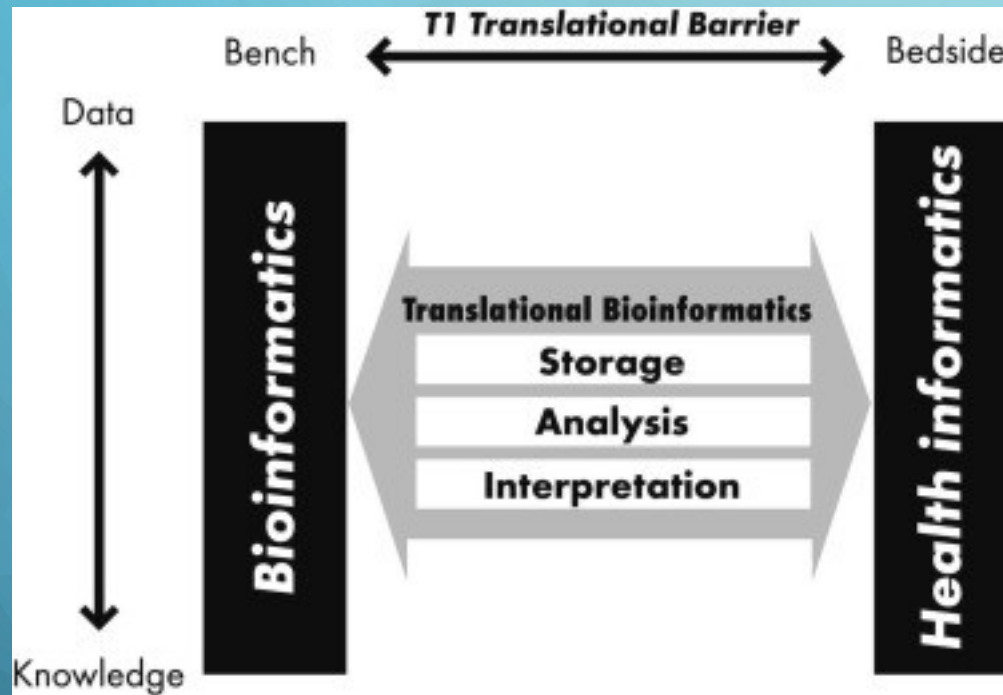
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Review
Translational Bioinformatics: Past, Present, and Future
Jessica D. Tenenbaum  

Basic science Vs clinical use of genomics

I found ?/%^!?! !



bench

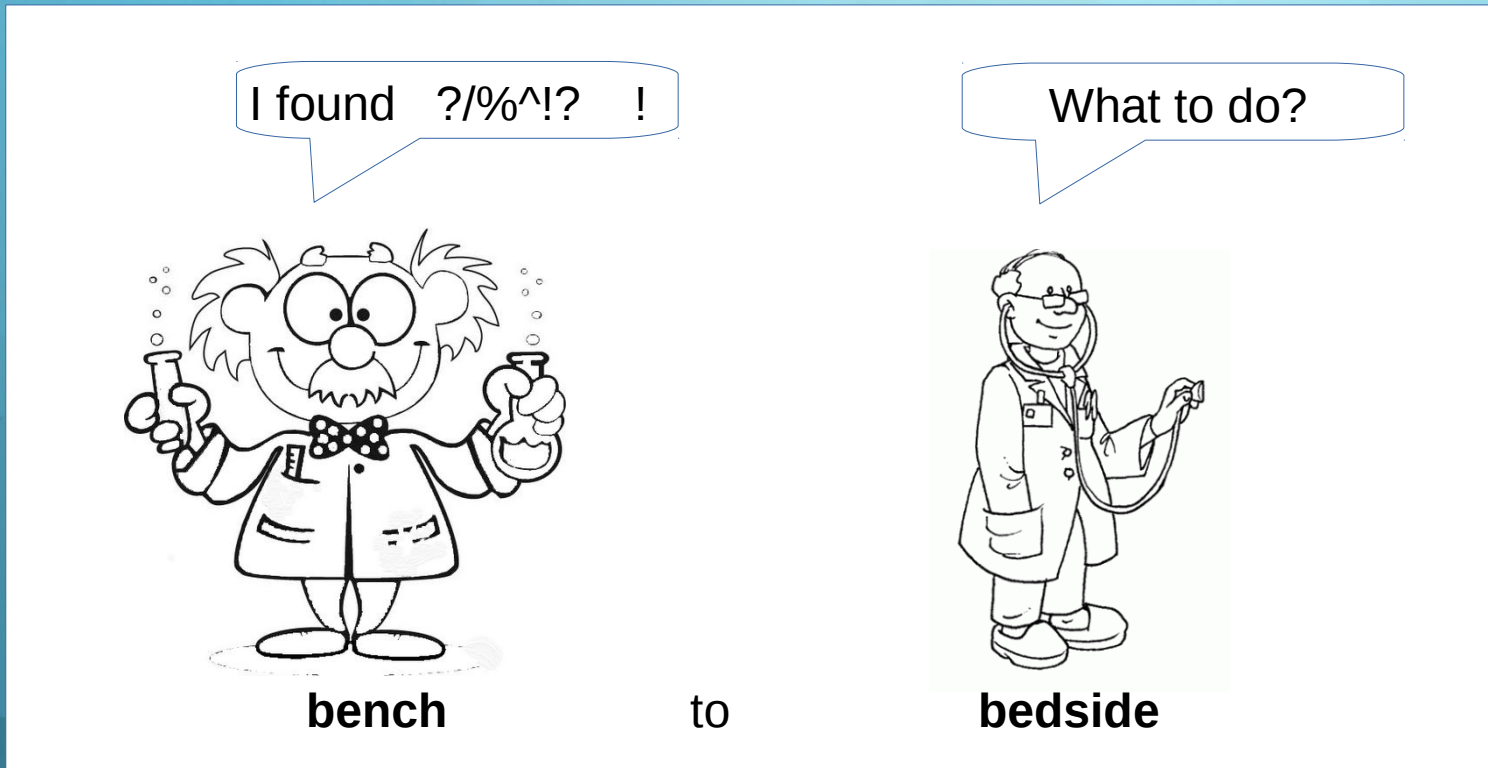
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What to do?



bedside

Basic science Vs clinical use of genomics



information

action

panorama

focus

whole genome

gene panels

ranked list

diagnosis

tomorrow

now

Translational bioinformatics

data

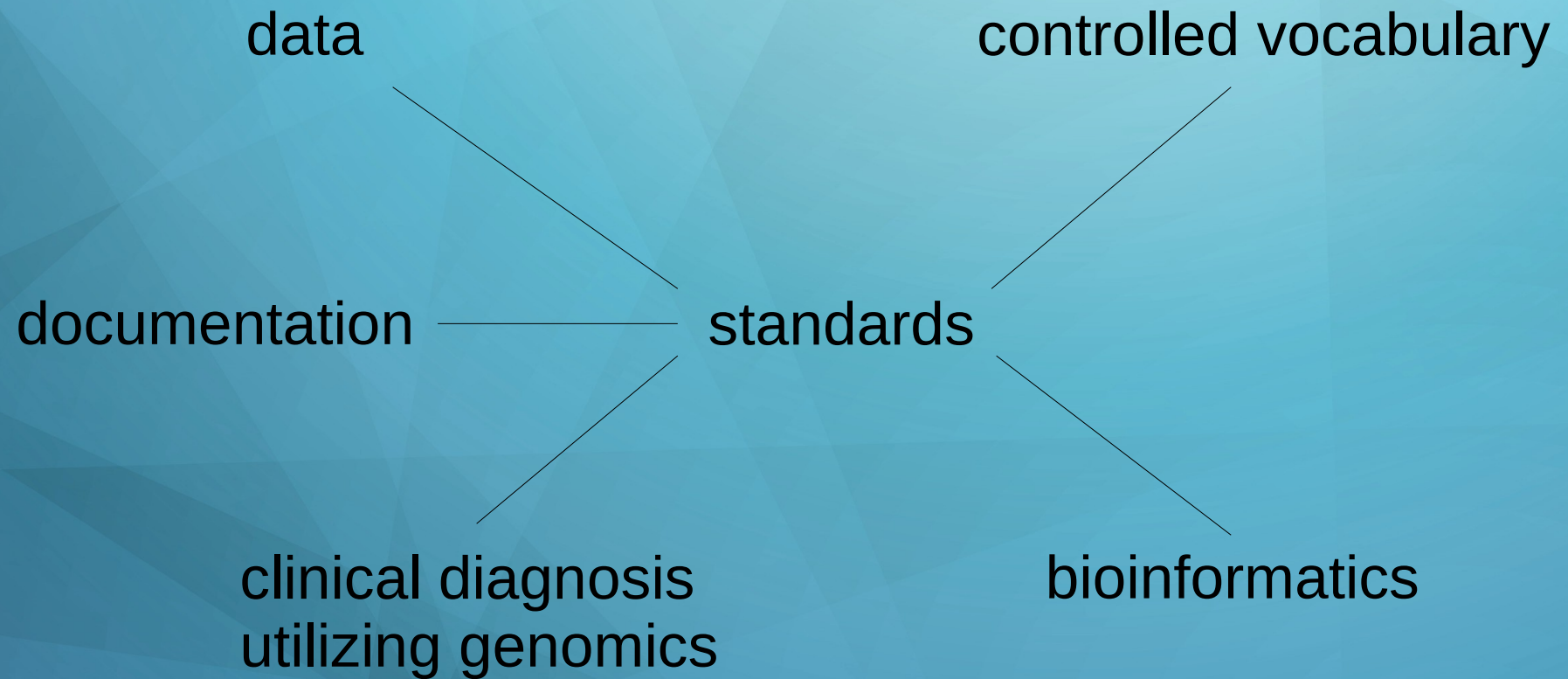
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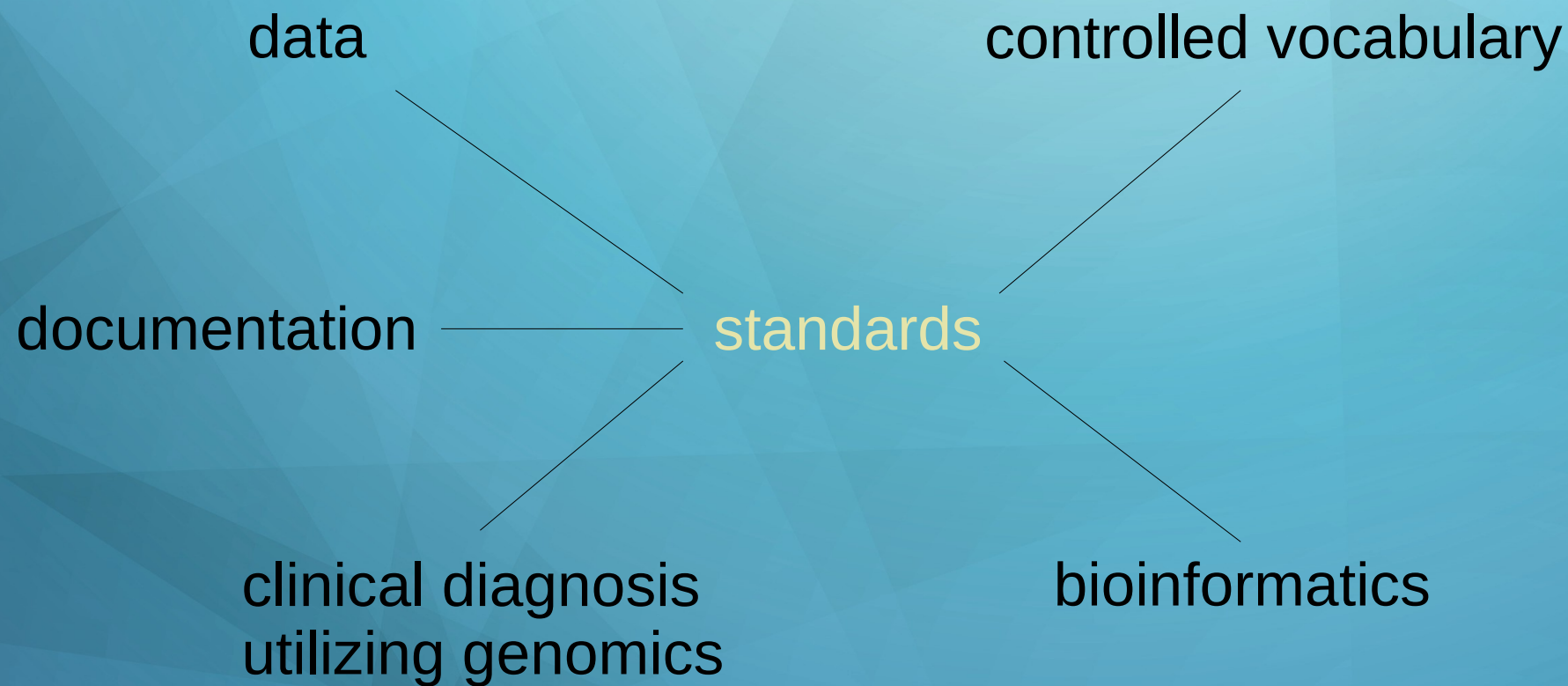
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Translational **bioinformatic**



...enable reproducibility

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OMICS data types

Binary or continuous data values?

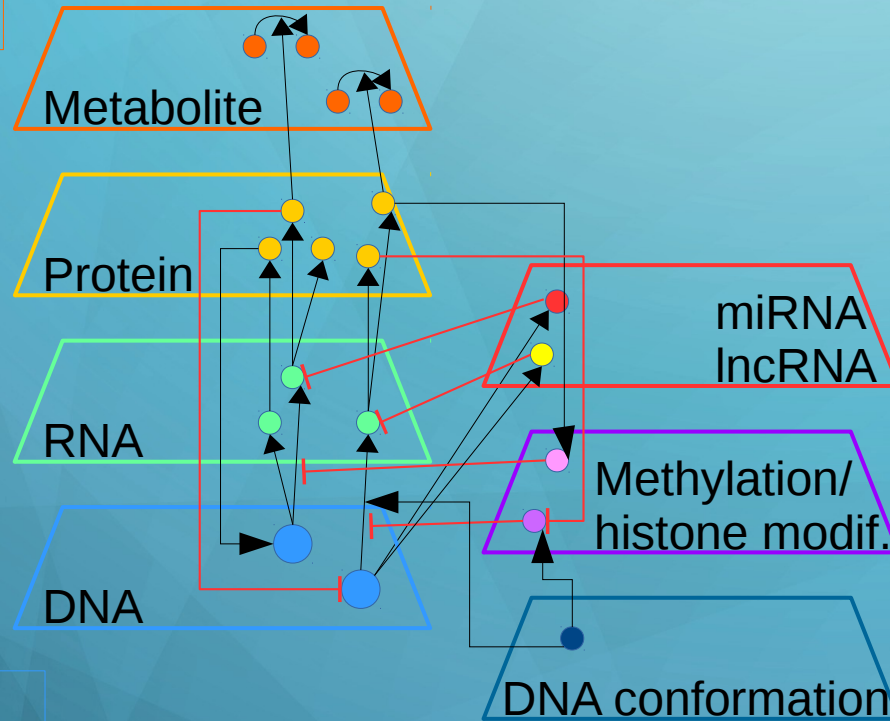
genomewide?
or whole exome?
or selected gene panel?

abundance
difference
activity

abundance
difference
modification
activity

abundance
difference
modification
(splicing)

SNPs, indels
CNV
rearrangements



abundance
difference

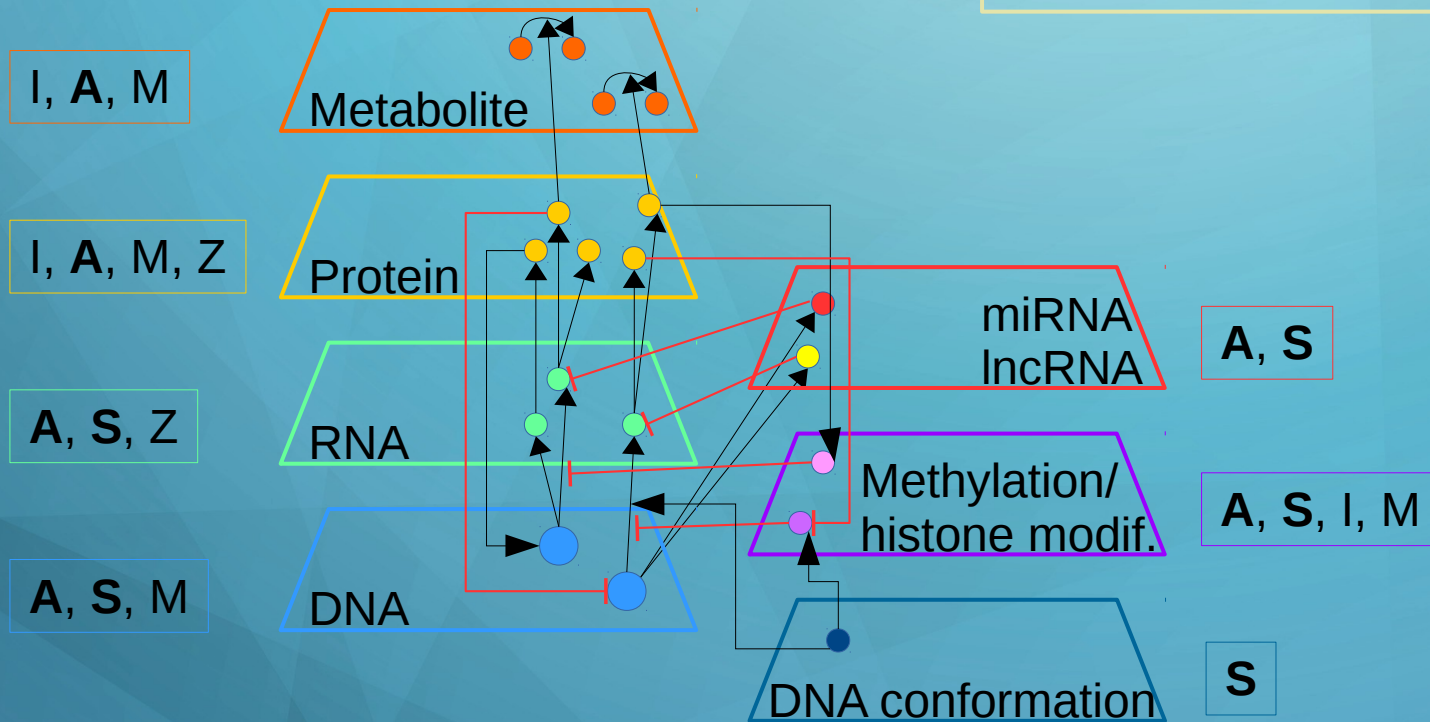
abundance
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conformation

figure adapted from Kristian Unger PMC3901372

OMICS methods

I = immuno precipitation
A = microarray
S = sequencing
M = mass spectrometry
Z = specialized assay



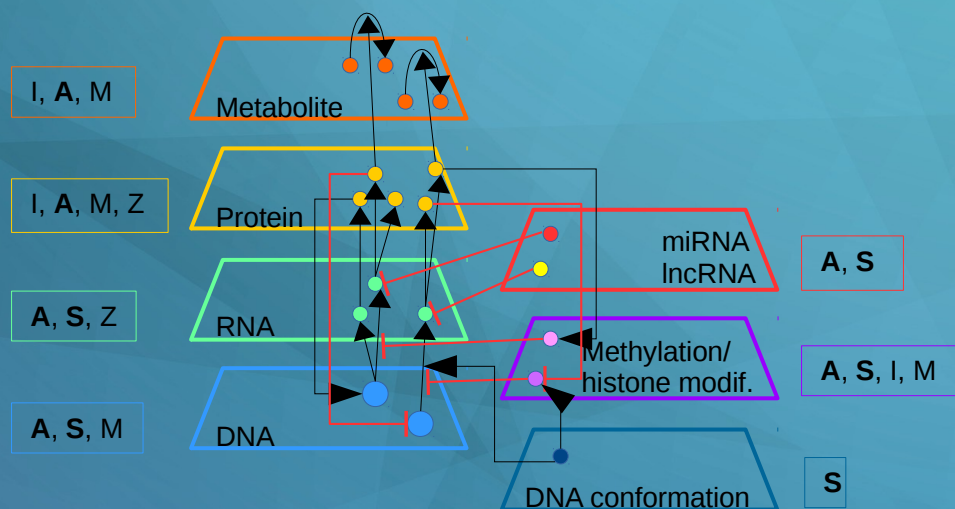
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plain text

binary

- .csv
- .tsv**
- .bed**
- .fasta
- .fastq**
- .map
- .ped
- .json
- .xml
- .vcf 4.2**
- .sam
- .gtf = .gff "2.5"
- .gff 3.0**
- .owl
- .tabix
- .bam**
- .cram**
- .bcf
- .2bit
- .bed(plink)**
- .bigBed
- .bigWig
- .RObject
- .Rdata
- .IDAT**
- .cel**



bold = will likely stay for longer

Example: The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)

34 different cancer types - 11,077 samples


Lung Cancer:

Biospecimen: Primary tumor & Blood derived Normal

Techniques: whole Exome sequencing
Genotyping Array Affymetrix SNP 6.0
RNA Seq
miRNA Seq
Methylation Array Illumina 450K

Data: Raw data, BAM/CEL/IDAT
SNPs, somatic mutations, VCF, 1.2Mb
Somatic CNVs, TXT, 51Kb
Gene Expression values (FPKM), TXT,
519Kb
miRNA Expression values, TSV, 286Kb
Beta methylation values, TXT, 141Mb

Example: The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)



Home Projects **Data** Analysis Quick Search Login

Cases Files « Hide Filters

[Add a Case/Biospecimen Filter](#)

Case

0075437e-ba1a-46be-86d6-9773209a2b5e

Search for Case Id

Case Submitter ID Prefix

Search for Submitter Id

Primary Site

Lung

Cancer Program

TCGA

Project

TCGA-LUAD

Disease Type

Lung Adenocarcinoma

Gender

Clear Case Id IS 0075437e-ba1a-46be-86d6-9773209a2b5e

Summary Cases (1) Files (32)

Files

Showing 21 - 32 of 32 files

Access	File Name	Cases	Project	Data Category	Data Format
Controlled	TCGA.LUAD.varscan.f44f86e8-abec-4dd9-9c01-5b85510fbd2f.DR-6.0.protected.maf.gz	569	TCGA-LUAD	Simple Nucleotide Variation	MAF
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Open	cd8d48a8-d183-48ab-82f8-ffb11224239a.FPKM-UQ.txt.gz	1	TCGA-LUAD	Transcriptome Profiling	TXT

File Properties

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Data format	VCF
Size	1.20 MB
MD5 Checksum	73eeb2ff180ad83eb90a18007d35e80e
Archive	--
Project ID	TCGA-LUAD

Data Information

Data Category	Simple Nucleotide Variation
Data Type	Annotated Somatic Mutation
Experimental Strategy	WXS
Platform	--

Associated Cases / Biospecimen

Search: Type to filter cases.

Entity ID	Entity Type	Sample Type	Case UUID	Annotations
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Analysis

Analysis ID	6690147d-659d-4906-8b3f-dd4f4eda8341
Workflow Type	MuTect2 Annotation
Workflow Completion Date	2017-03-04
Source Files	1

Reference Genome

Genome Build	GRCh38.p0
Genome Name	GRCh38.d1.vd1

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NIH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE GDC Data Portal

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Example: PRECISESADS

4+3 different autoimmune diseases ~ 2,600 samples

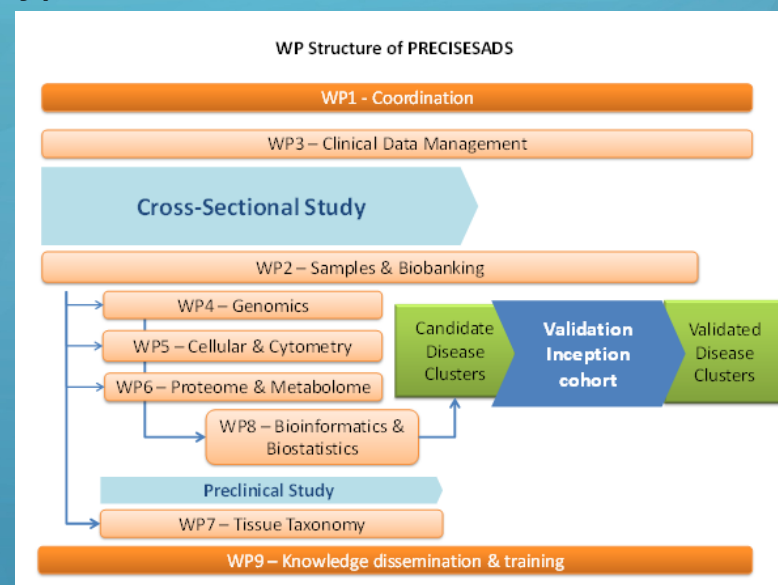
Rheumatoide arthritis:

Biospecimen: whole blood, selected cell populations

Techniques: Genotyping Array Illumina Human Core 360 K
(Expression Array Human HT12v4)
RNA Seq
Methylation Array Illumina 450K
8 color flow cytometry of 8 Antibody panels
Mass-spectrometry of Plasma Metabolites
Cytokines & Auto-antibodies (Luminex Assay)
Imaging Analysis

Data: Raw data, BAM/IDAT/TXT
SNPs, Bed/Bim/Fam
Germline CNVs, TXT
Gene Expression values (FPKM),TXT

TXT
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Beta methylation values, TXT
Metabolomic peaks, TXT
Cytokine levels, TXT
Auto-antibody-levels, TXT
Flow Cytometry, ?



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Bioinformatic “standard” Software

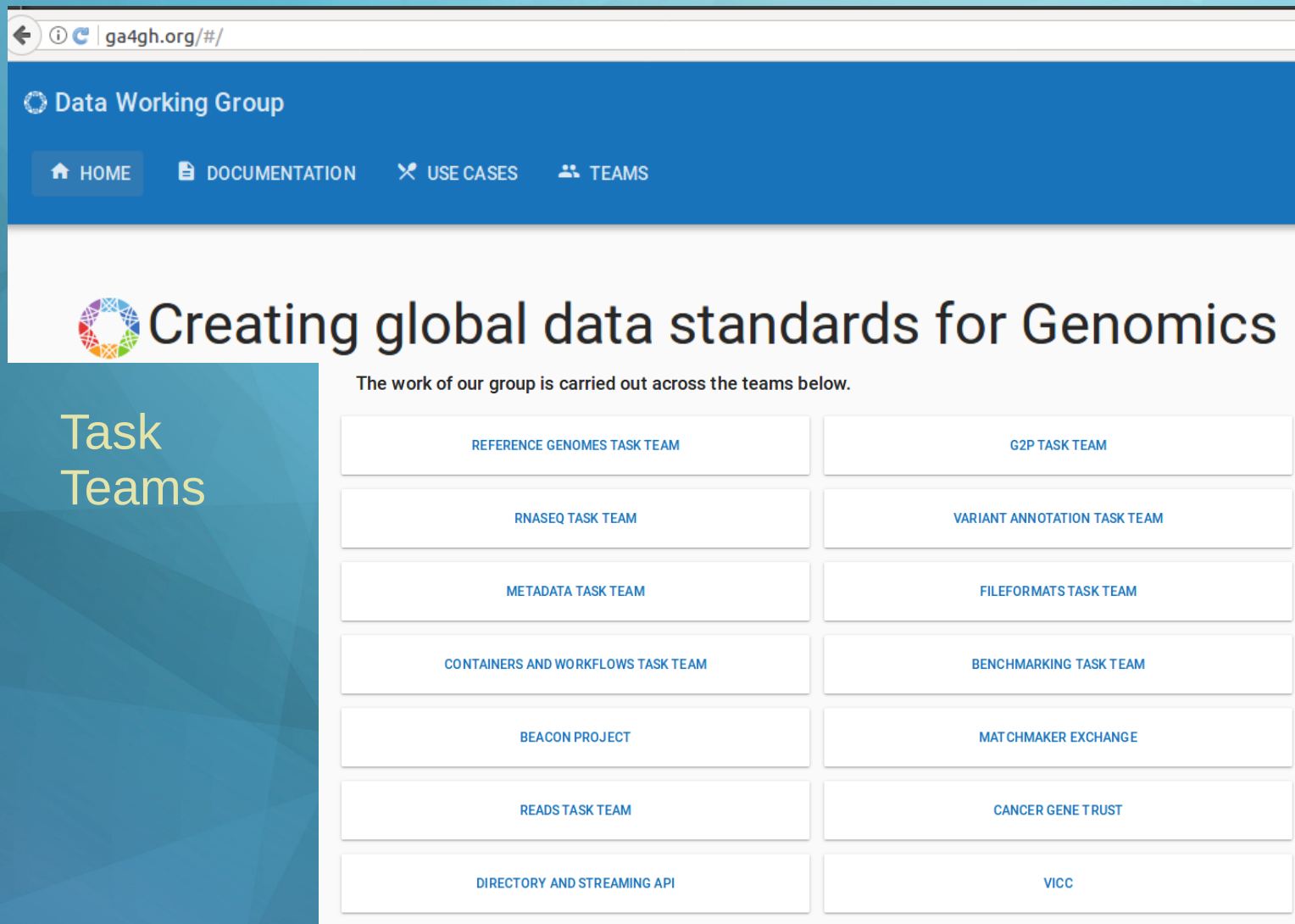
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Task/Person	Pedro	Edu	Axel	Sven	Martin	Carlos
QC	fastqc, qualimap	fastqc	fastqc, bseqc, rseqc	fastqc	fastqc	fastqc
Sequence Trimming	-	cut adapt, reaper, minion, fastqx	flexbar, seqtrimnext	trimmomatic, superdeduper, prinseq	-	cut adapt, fastqx
Alignment DNA	bwa, bowtie2	bwa, bowtie2	bwa	bwa, bowtie2	bwa	bwa, bowtie2, blasr, dazzler
Alignment RNA	star	tuxedo, star, bowtie1, miarma-Seq	star, kallisto, salmon	hisat2	star	tophat, gmap, star, blasr
Alignment Bisulphite DNA	bwa	rubio-seq	bismark, bsmmap	bismark, bsmmap	bismark, bsmmap	bwa-meth, bismark
SNP/Indel detection	samtools, gatk, varscan	samtools, bcftools	gatk, freebayes	gatk	gatk, samtools	samtools, bcftools
CNV detection	-	gistic	delly	bedtools coverage, cnver	dnacopy, penncnv	-
Expression analysis	deseq2, rsem	limma, edger, deseq2, noiseseq	limma, edger, deseq2	stringtie, ballgown	limma, edger	limma, edger, deseq2, noiseseq, sqanti
Methylation analysis	rnbeads, minfi	wanderer, lumi	methylkit	qsea, mcall	minfi, qsea	methylkit, bsseq
Gene enrichment	genecodis, gsea, david	gsea, goseq, david, ingenuity	gsea, clusterprofiler	gsea, david, fisher.test	gsea, david, ingenuity, consensuspath db	david, ingenuity, blast2go
Clustering	hclust, kmeans, som, pca, ica	venny, dendrogram, heatmap2	pca, kmeans, random forest	hclust, pca	gmm, hclust, nmf	dendrogram, hclust, heatmap2

Bioinformatic “standard” Software

as found by “Expert vote”

ga4gh.org



The screenshot shows the website for the Data Working Group at ga4gh.org. The page features a blue header with navigation links for HOME, DOCUMENTATION, USE CASES, and TEAMS. The main heading is "Creating global data standards for Genomics". Below this, a text block states "The work of our group is carried out across the teams below." and a grid of 18 task teams is displayed in two columns.

REFERENCE GENOMES TASK TEAM	G2P TASK TEAM
RNASEQ TASK TEAM	VARIANT ANNOTATION TASK TEAM
METADATA TASK TEAM	FILEFORMATS TASK TEAM
CONTAINERS AND WORKFLOWS TASK TEAM	BENCHMARKING TASK TEAM
BEACON PROJECT	MATCHMAKER EXCHANGE
READS TASK TEAM	CANCER GENE TRUST
DIRECTORY AND STREAMING API	VICC

Task
Teams

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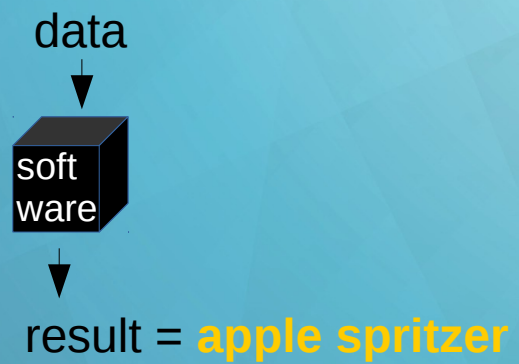
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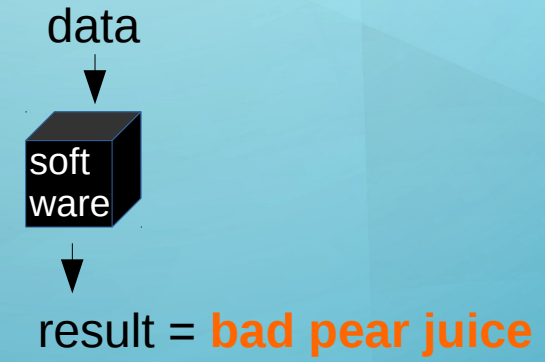
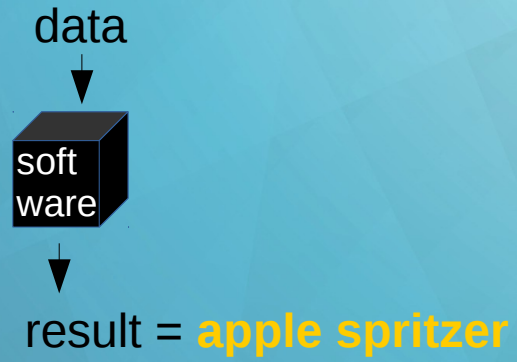
interpretation

documentation

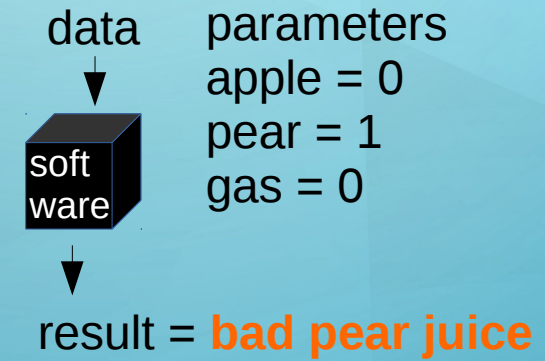
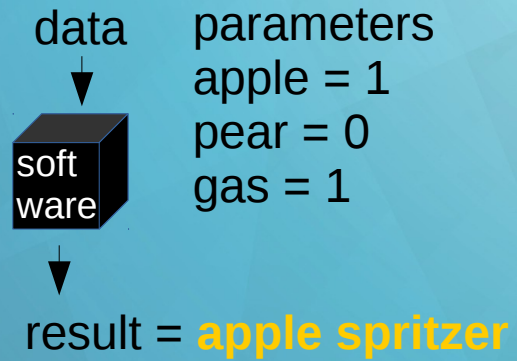
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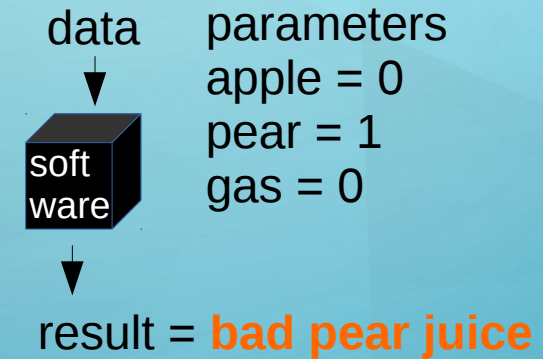
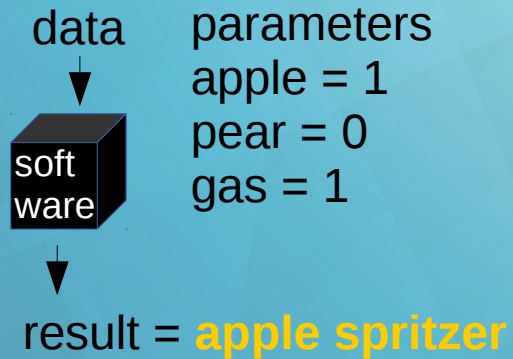
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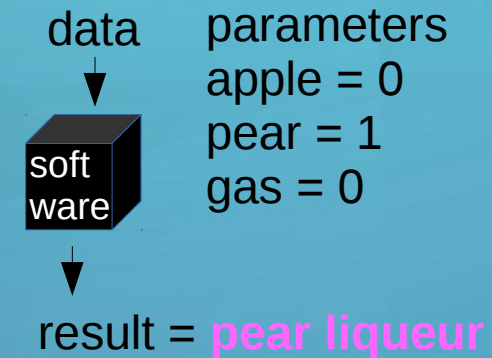
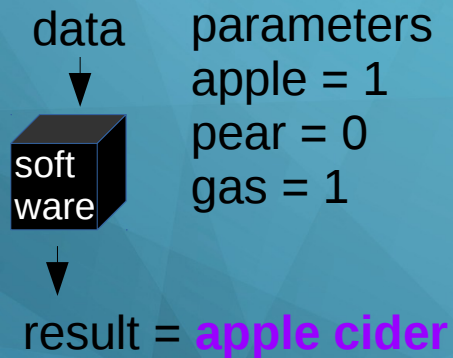
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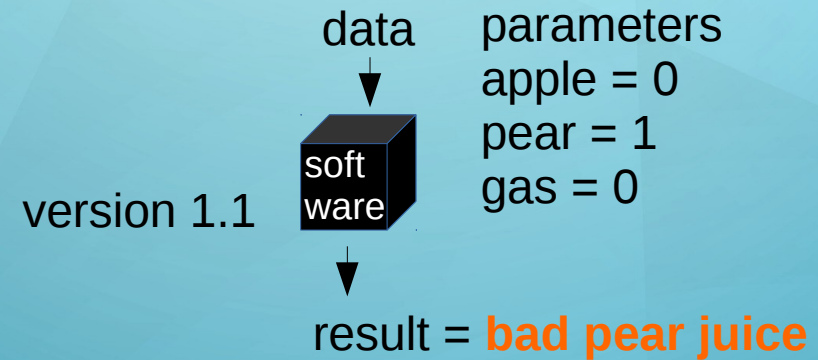
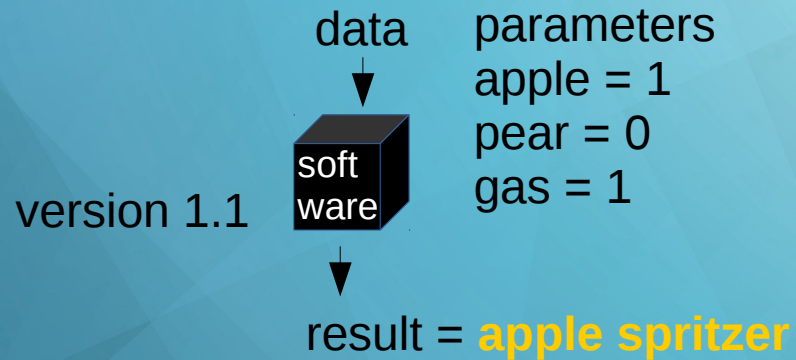
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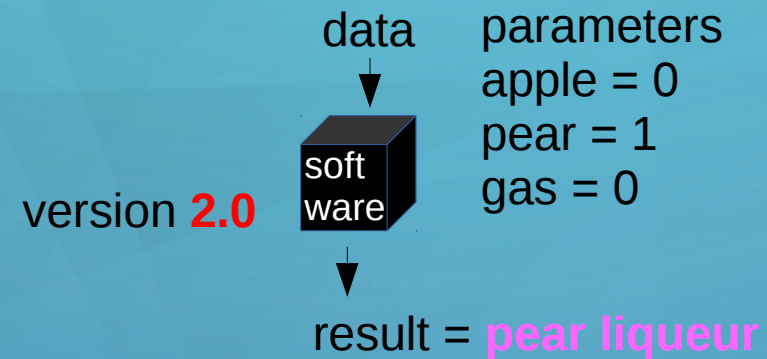
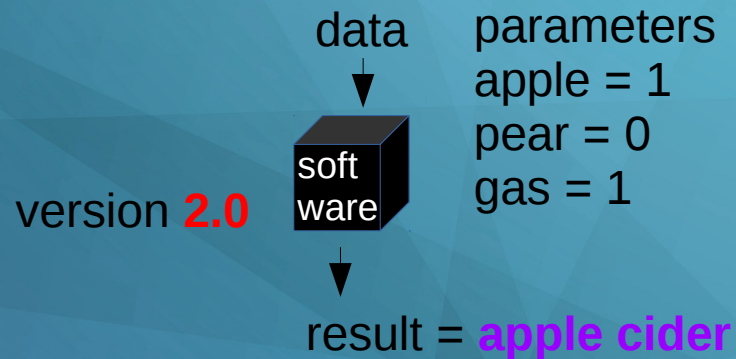
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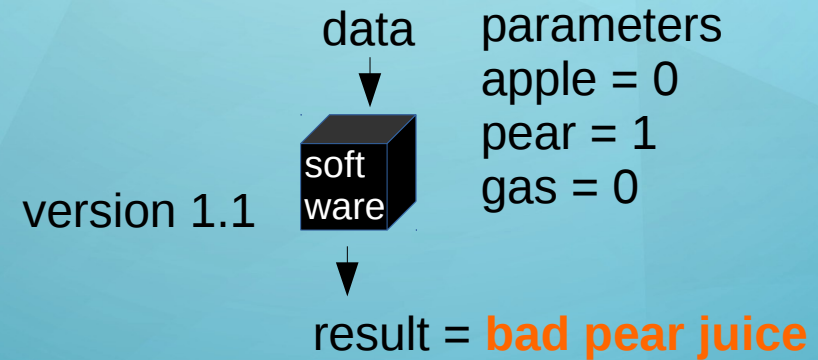
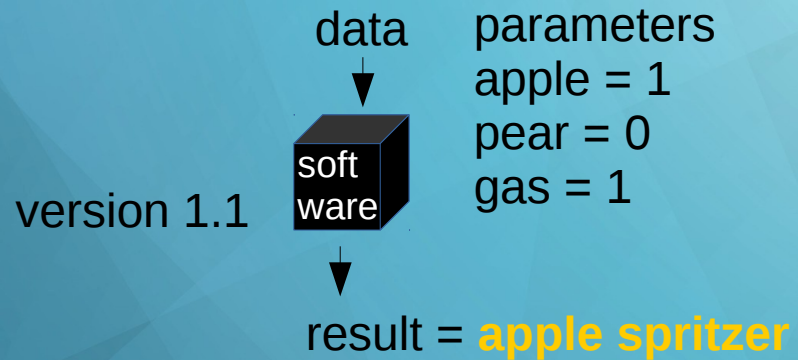
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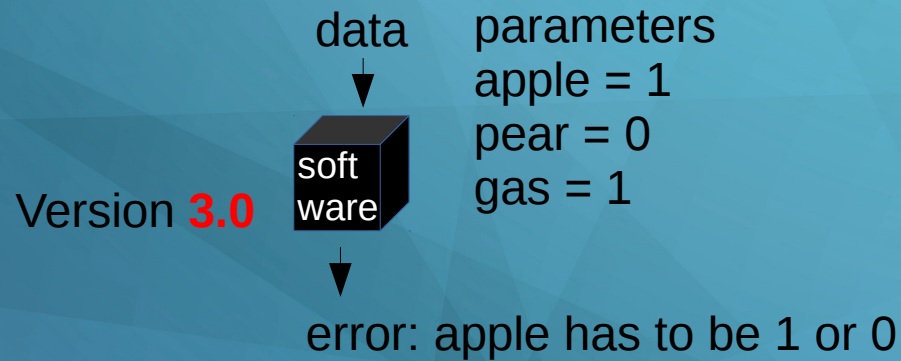
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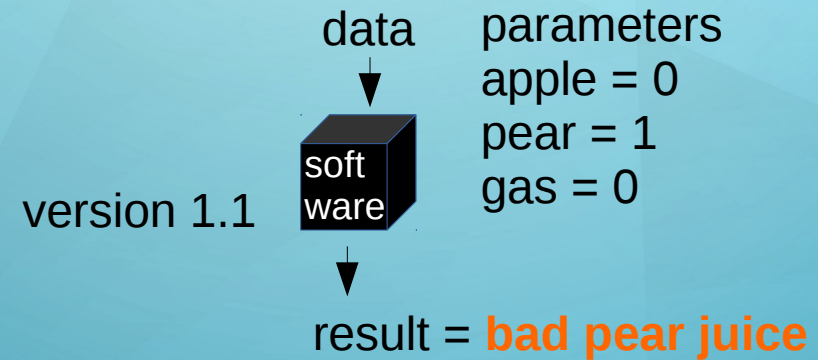
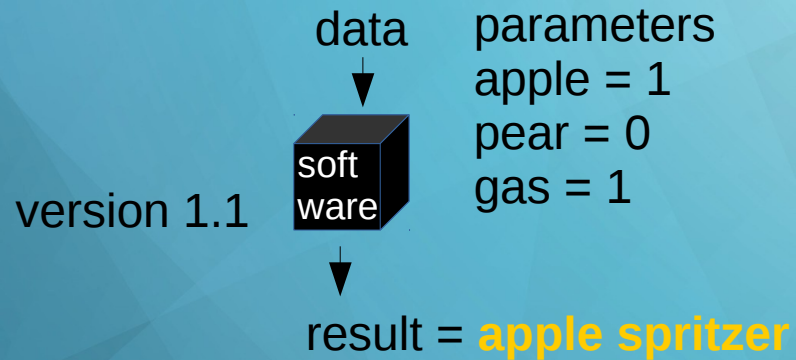
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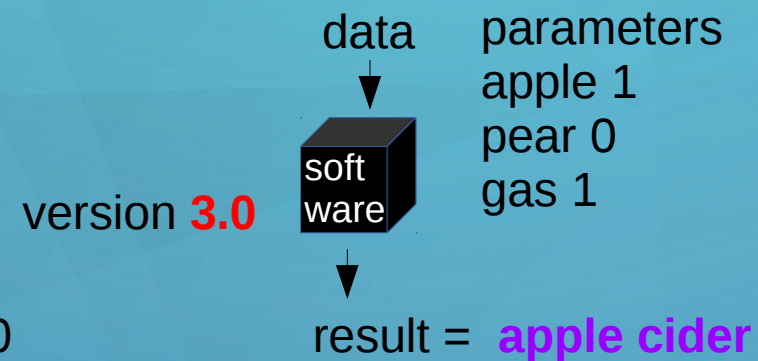
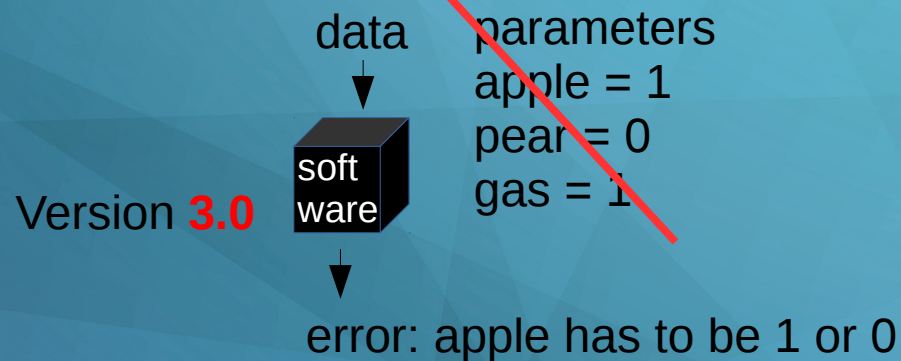
three years pass by ...



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Bioinformatics Standards and Software Tools for Flow Cytometry

The importance of flow cytometry as an analytical tool in varied research/clinical areas has widely increased over the past decade. However, flow cytometry data standards do not capture the full scope of flow cytometry experiments, which contributes to irreproducibility and unverifiability by independent researchers. The lack of standardization also prevents collaborative opportunities to recreate experimental methods and results.

Cytometry data standards do not capture the full scope of flow cytometry experiments

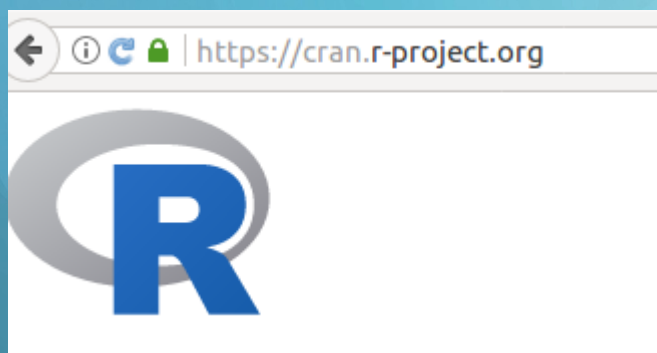
my personal documentation:

(commented) Perl code

(commented) R code

(sometimes) README files

Documentation from a data analyst point of view

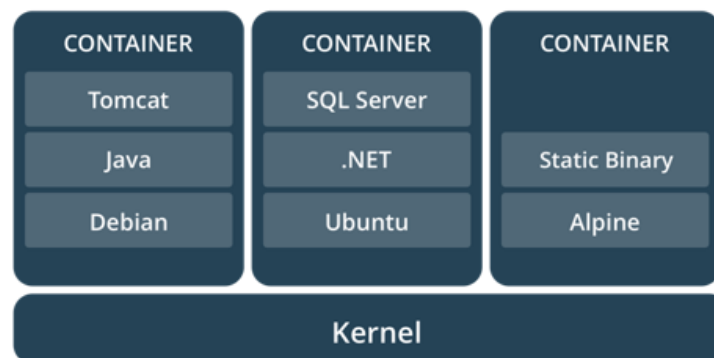


Sweave, Knitr integrate **Rcode** with **LaTeX** into a “executable” and “readable” **pdf**

Docker saves your stable version of tools/pipelines within the changing software environment

Package software into standardized units for development, shipment and deployment

A container image is a lightweight, stand-alone, executable package of a piece of software that includes everything needed to run it: code, runtime, system tools, system libraries, settings. Available for both Linux and Windows based apps, containerized software will always run the same, regardless of the environment. Containers isolate software from its surroundings, for example differences between development and staging environments and help reduce conflicts between teams running different software on the same infrastructure.

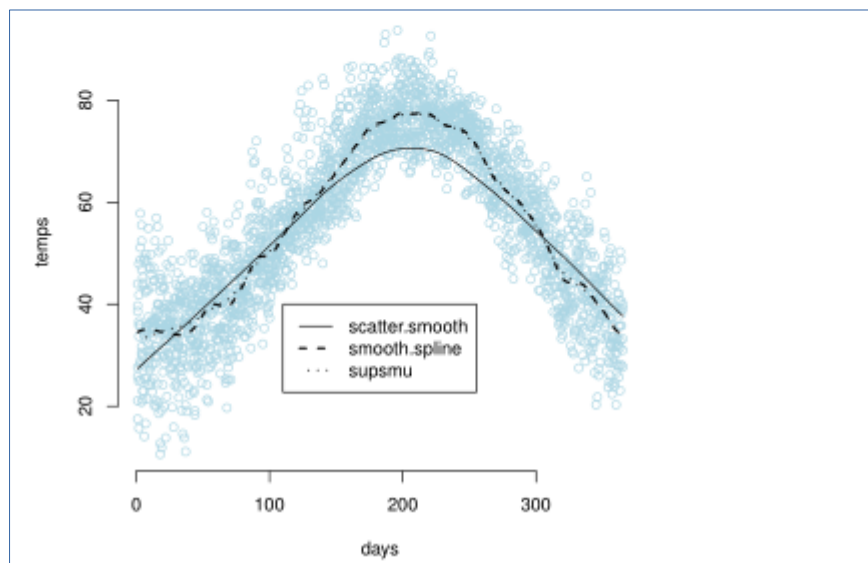


Documentation from a data analyst point of view

Sweave, Knitr, Rcode example produces a **pdf**

Here's a chart depicting three different smoothing techniques on a dataset. Below, you'll see some R input, along with the resulting diagram:

```
> library('UsingR')
> attach(five.yr.temperature)
> scatter.smooth(temps~days,col="light blue",bty="n")
> lines(smooth.spline(temps~days),lty=2,lwd=2)
> lines(supsmu(days, temps),lty=3,lwd=2)
> legend(x=110,y=40,lty=c(1,2,3),lwd=c(1,2,2),
+       legend=c("scatter.smooth","smooth.spline","supsmu"))
> detach(five.yr.temperature)
```



a commentary text
to your analysis

the R code producing
the result below

the result

Documentation ..integrated with user-defined pipelines

GENOMESPACE
Frictionless connection of bioinformatics tools
Register User Login
STATUS 04.11.17 09:09PM Currently all systems are operating normally.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

BioMoby
A world of data at your fingertips
what is
Tired of This?
Try This!
Protocol
Create a gene list in Excel
Go to NCBI
Retrieve FASTA for each gene
DragonDB Blast each sequence
Copy/paste IDs into a spreadsheet
Run Repeat Masker on each sequence
copy/paste masked sequence into Excel
Run MacVector cut each seq with EcoRI

analysis recipes
can be published

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Data intensive biology for everyone
Galaxy is an open, web-based platform for accessible, reproducible, and transparent computational biomedical research.
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Documentation – Workflows

<http://www.commonwl.org>

Common Workflow Language

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The Common Workflow Language (CWL) is a specification for describing analysis workflows and tools in a way that makes them portable and scalable across a variety of software and hardware environments, from workstations to cluster, cloud, and high performance computing (HPC) environments. CWL is designed to meet the needs of data-intensive science, such as Bioinformatics, Medical Imaging, Astronomy, Physics, and Chemistry.

CWL is developed by an informal, multi-vendor working group consisting of organizations and individuals aiming to enable scientists to share data analysis workflows. [The CWL project is on Github](#) and we follow the [Open-Stand.org principles for collaborative open standards development](#)



CWL builds on technologies such as [JSON-LD](#) for data modeling and [Docker](#) for portable runtime environments.

strategic break

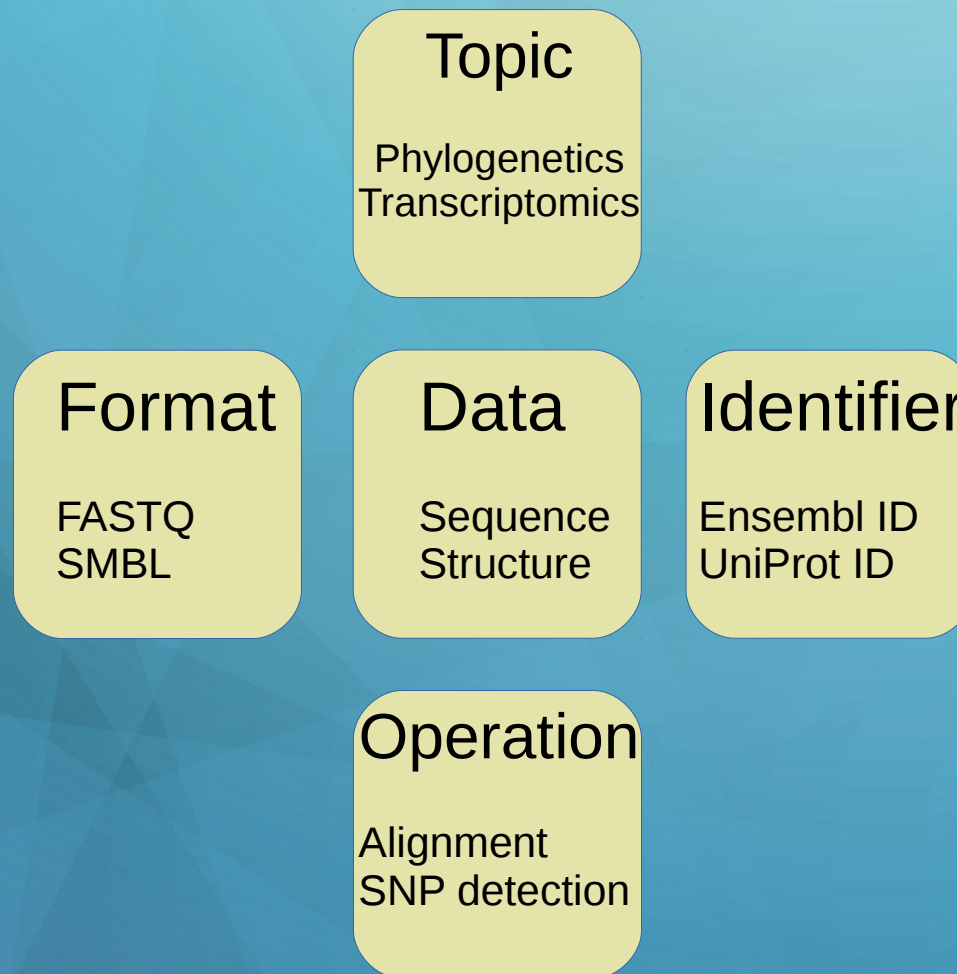


<http://www.toggo.de>

Documentation – Ontology

EDAM Ontology

EDAM provides a set of concepts with preferred terms and synonyms, definitions, and some additional information - organized into an intuitive hierarchy



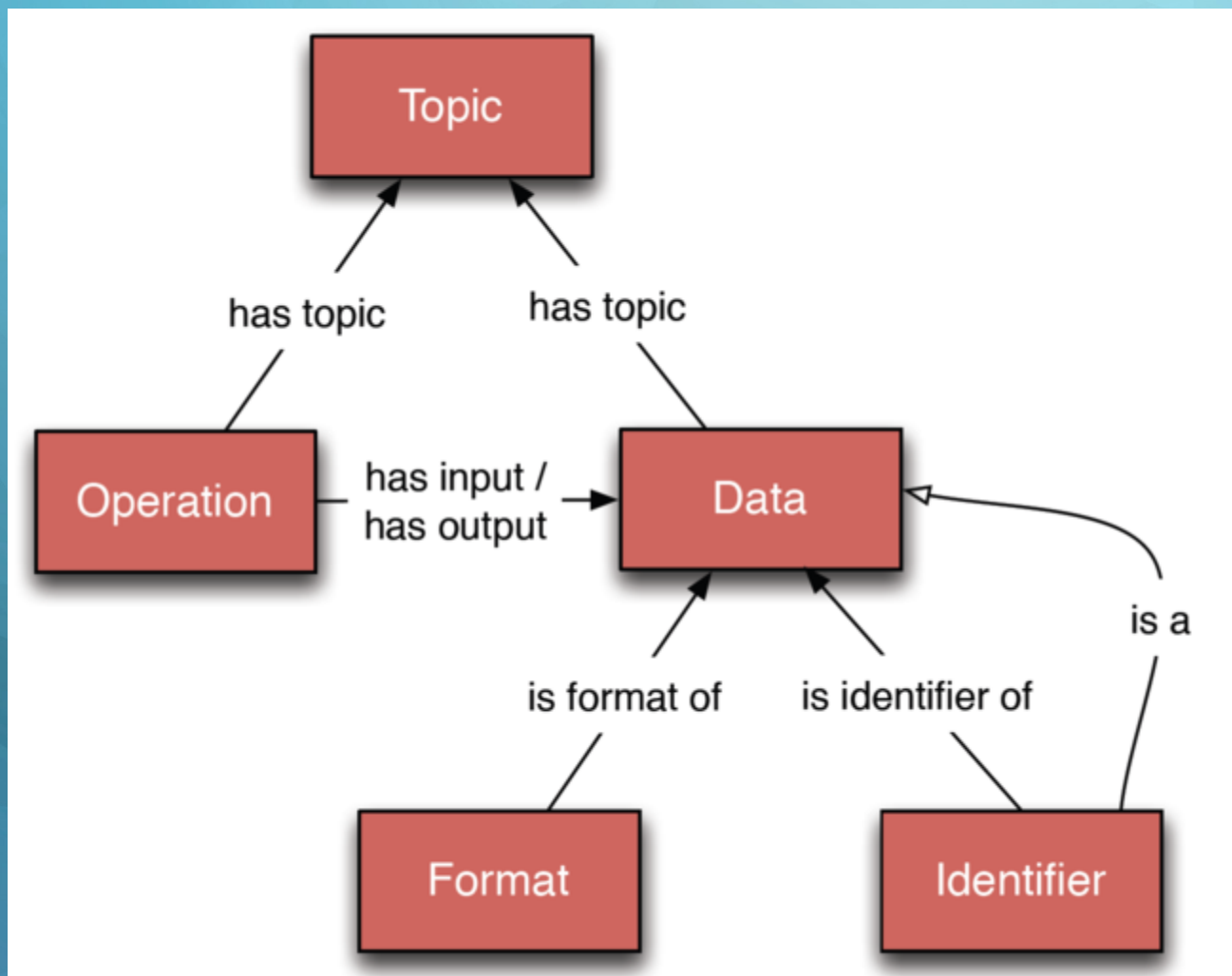
<http://edamontology.org>

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ols/ontologies/edam>

<http://bioportal.bioontology.org/ontologies/EDAM?p=classes>

Documentation – Ontology

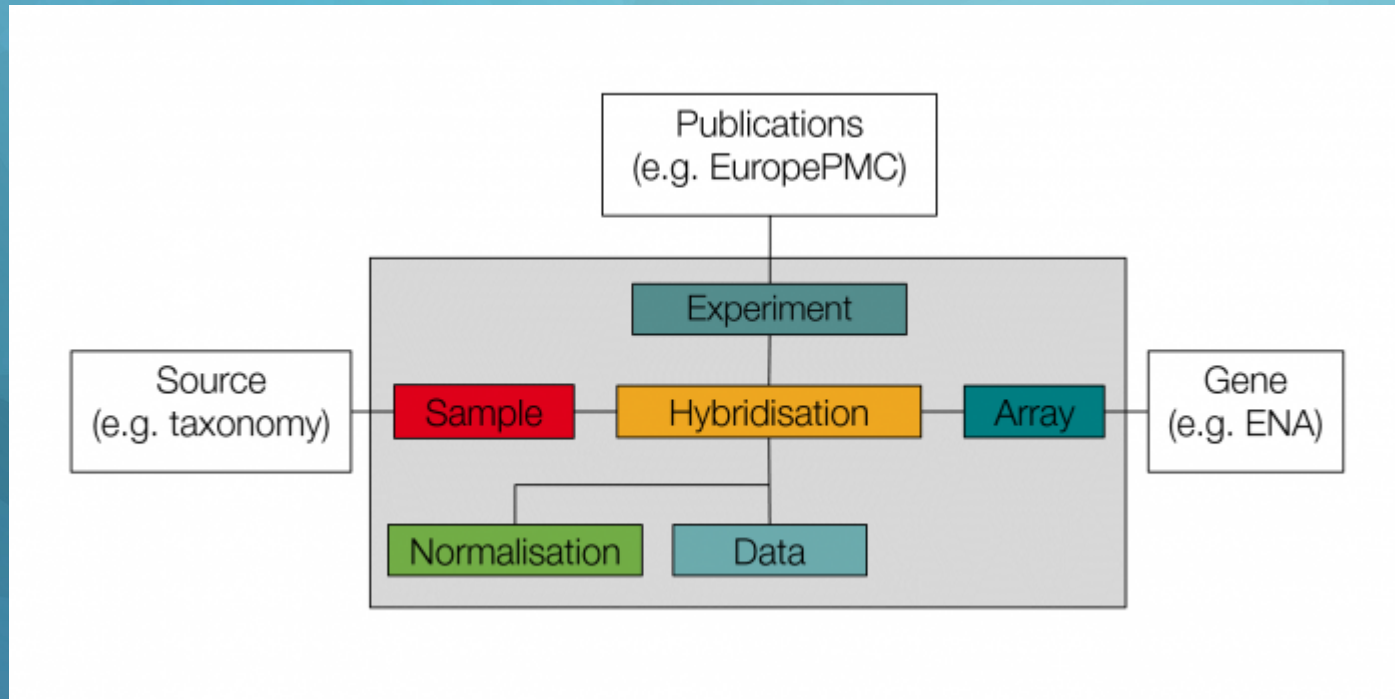
EDAM Ontology structure



Documentation – minimum information standards

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimum_Information_Standards

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/info/MIAME.html>



<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/course/bioinformatics-terrified/minimum-information-standards>

Reproducibility

needs controlled

input data set (machine, protocol, tissue type, disease type)

software environment (operation system)

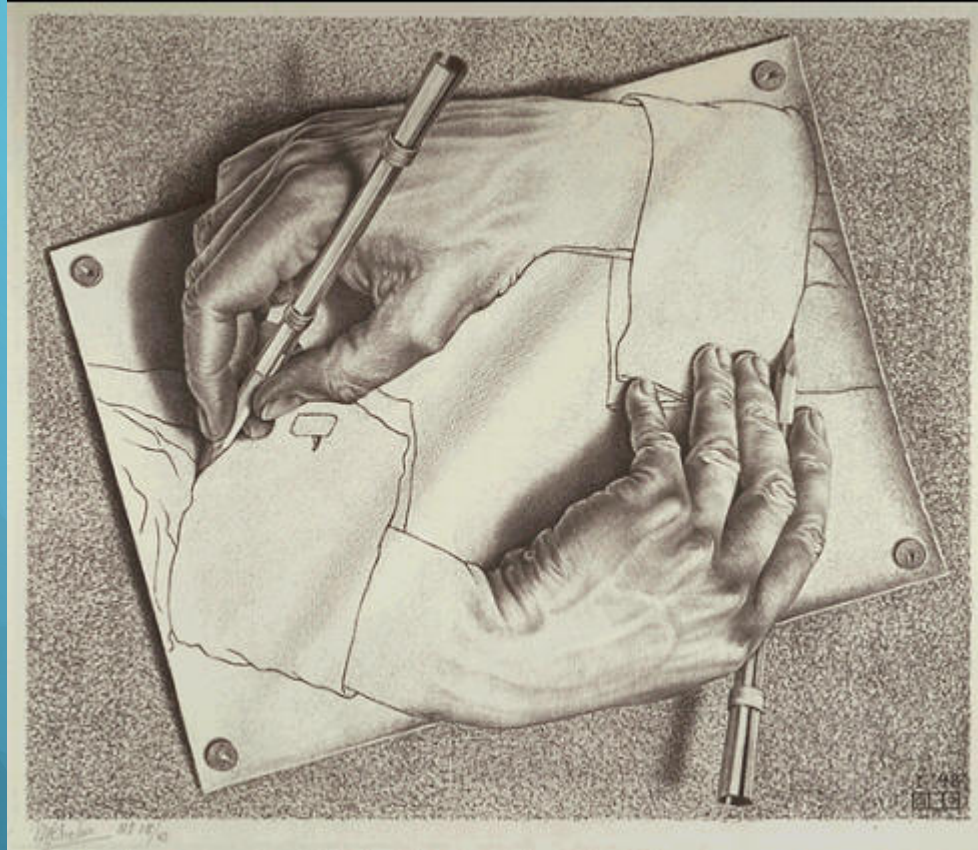
software (version)

parameters

documentation

interpretation

Interpretation



The data interpretation in a clinical context is constantly changing

Interpretation

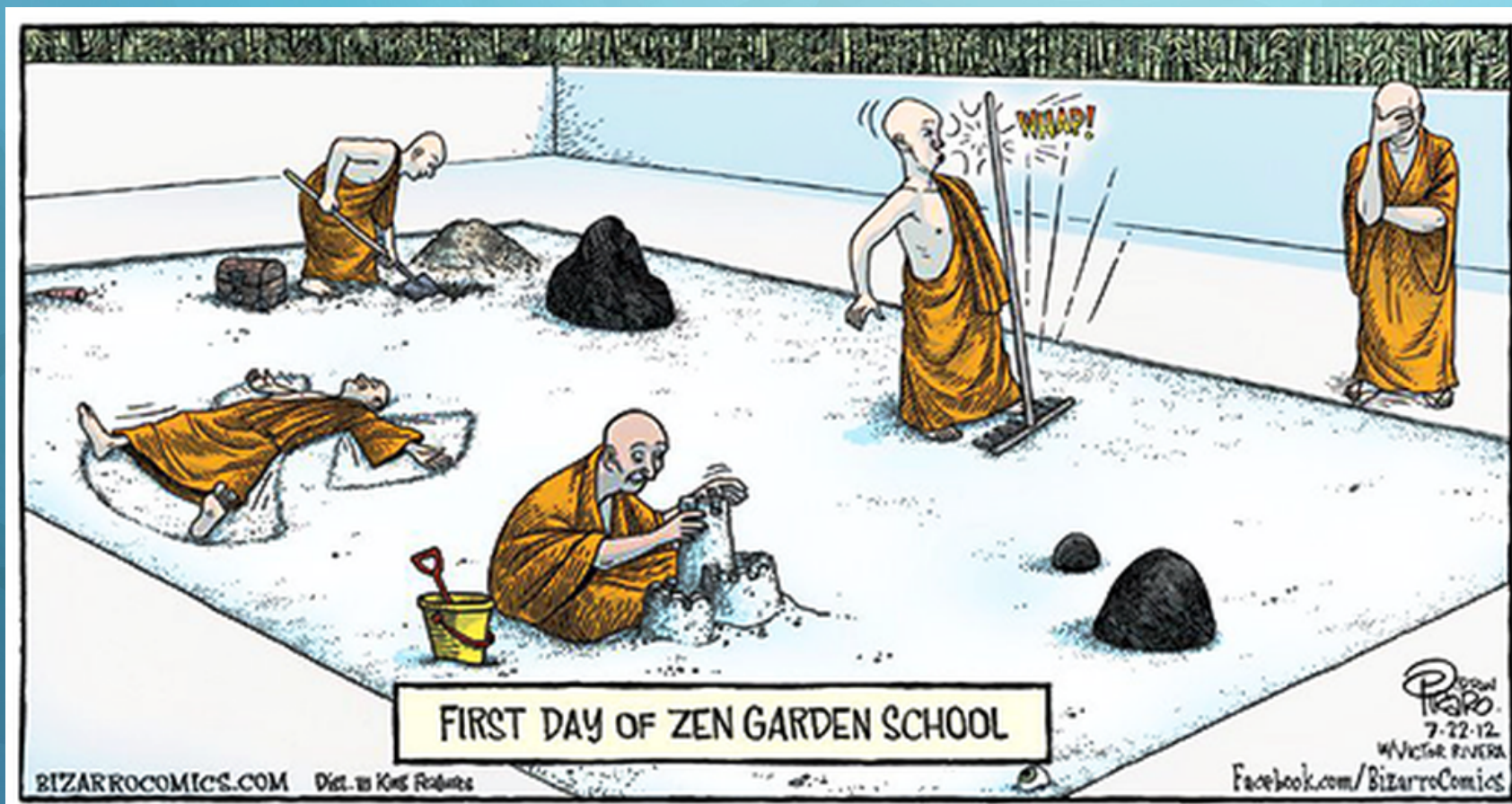
I favor a data structure that distinguishes between
“findings”
its supporting data
and additional data

“finding” = actionable fact

findings could be grouped by molecular class

findings could be grouped to create meta findings

“Data is a zen garden”



Thank you

Questions?