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*<https://www.mimuw.edu.pl/~lukaskoz/teaching/adp/>*

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## Lectures

1) Every Tuesday 14:15-16:00

2) The slides from the lectures will be provided at:

<https://www.mimuw.edu.pl/~lukaskoz/teaching/adp/>

or

<https://moodle.mimuw.edu.pl/course/view.php?id=2110>

Key: **pV2C6>.9**



During the course, laboratories it is assumed that you use  
**Ubuntu/Debian**

(no help for Windows, Mac users will be provided)

- 1. Data formats in bioinformatics.**
- 2. Popular software libraries (BioPerl, BioPython).**
- 3. Most important bioinformatics databases (UniProt, PDB, RefSeq, GenBank, ENA, InterPro, etc.)**
- 4. Software licensing for scientific purposes. Free-software licensing. Patents.**
- 5. Generic model Organism database (GMOD) project - assumptions, history and usage.**
- 6. Genome browsers, problem description and state of the solutions.**

- 7. Version control systems (CVS, SVN, git), and online collaboration and distribution platforms (github, sourceforge).**
- 8. Software testing, automated testing frameworks.**
- 9. Scientific workflow systems - taverna and galaxy. MyExperiment platform. Reproducible research.**
- 10. Literate programming idea and sweave, markdown, software documentation.**
- 11. Interactive scripting platforms, Rstudio, Jupyter.**
- 12. High-performance computing, HPC**

The final score (grade) for the course depends on:

- 1) **Homeworks – 25%**
- 2) **Essay - 25%**
- 3) **Project – 50%**

**The homework:** after some laboratories there will be homework that need to be sent before next unit

**The essay:** *mini-review about specific bioinformatics topic*

*Before the student will be allowed to pass **the project** (s)he need to get 60% from **the homeworks and essay**. During last two-three laboratories students will present their topic in front of the class.*

**The project:** *given the subject the student(s) will need to prepare the presentation explaining the scope and the work done. The project is about making some work with selected the software.*

The will be no checking of the presence during lectures

## ***Exemplary subjects***

### ***Review about available software for:***

- Structural biology (proteins, RNA, drugs)*
- Phylogenetics*
- Chemoinformatics*
- Data warehouse in bioinformatics (e.g. Biomart)*
- Genomics (e.g. chip-seq)*
- Machine learning (clustering, classification, deep learning, etc.)*
- Image processing from microscopes/scanners etc.*
- own suggestions ...?*

***You have 1 week to decide/find/book the subject. At the next laboratory, you should make suggestions about the topic and then you will have 1 month to prepare it.***



## Homeworks

- 1) Frequently, there will homework after laboratory (it will be either the solutions from the laboratory itself or some extra exercise(s) similar to the one done during laboratories).
- 2) In order to pass given laboratory you need to send email with the solutions to [lukaskoz@mimuw.edu.pl](mailto:lukaskoz@mimuw.edu.pl)

## Homeworks

3) The email with homework need to have specific structure:

a) The subject: ADP24\_labN\_hw\_Surname\_Name  
e.g. ADP24\_lab1\_hw\_Kozlowski\_Lukasz

Note underscores, lack of special letters and the order of the parts

b) no text body in the email

c) single **standard** attachment with the same name compressed with 7z  
(**do not use** external services for the attachments like dropbox, google drive, aspera, usos, etc.)

e.g. ADP24\_lab1\_hw\_Kozlowski\_Lukasz.7z

The content and the structure of the attachment is laboratory specific and it will be explained separately

# Homeworks

## Deadline

For the homework there is only one (for all weeks) and it is Monday 23:59 CET (GMT+1 Winter and GMT+2 Summer)

Each week delay will be awarded by handicap/offset of -7.5% of the score (and remember that you need on average 60% to pass)

- optimize the size of files
- do not use special letters in file names e.g. Polish
- do not use Polish (everything should be in English)
- always add legends and descriptions for the plots
- README
- LICENSE
- etc.

follow the golden rule:

**one functionality, one (python) script**

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- make proper project structure

Be prepared to present everything as static file  
(preferably pdf)

```
(base) lukaskoz@x230:~/tmp/project1$ tree
```

```
.  
├── data  
│   ├── dataset1.json  
│   └── dataset2  
│       ├── test.csv  
│       ├── train.csv  
│       └── validate.csv  
├── images  
│   ├── fig1.png  
│   └── fig2.gif  
└── scripts  
    ├── fig1.py  
    └── fig2.py
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Guido van Rossum

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[https://pl.wikibooks.org/wiki/Zanurkuj\\_w\\_Pythonie](https://pl.wikibooks.org/wiki/Zanurkuj_w_Pythonie)



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Inc.



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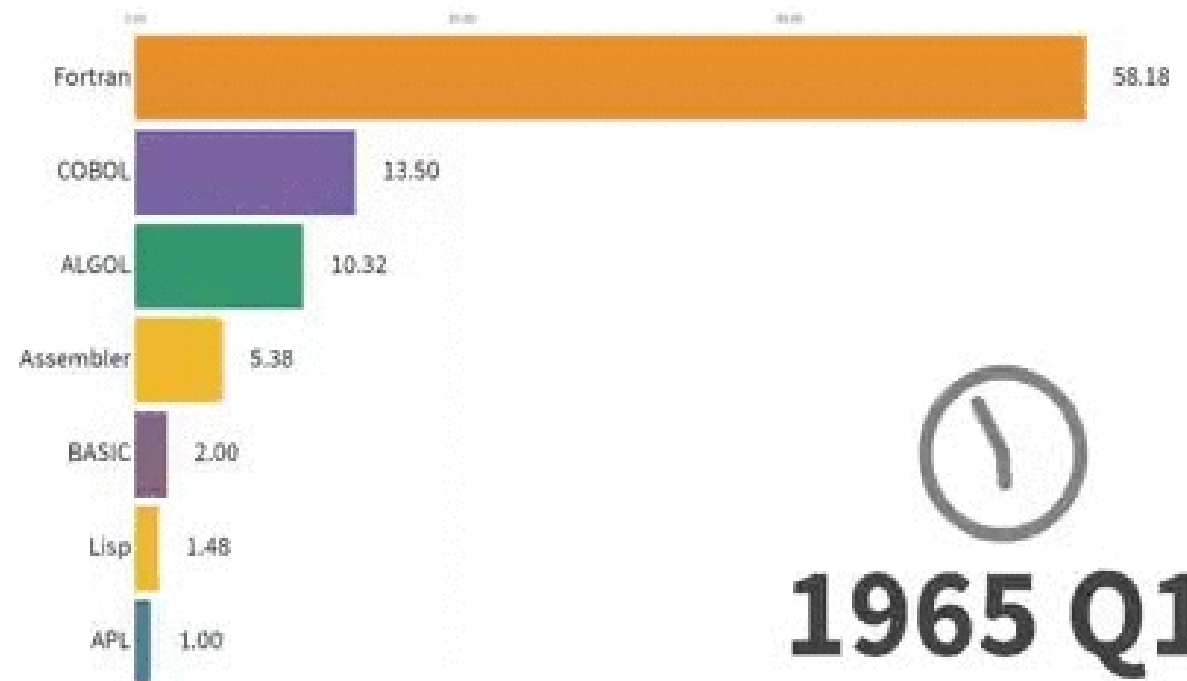
Guido van Rossum

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- scripting language (no compilation)

- uses whitespace indentation, rather than curly brackets or keywords, to delimit blocks

- we use **python3** instead **python2**





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1. Dive Into Python 3 (also in Polish, check on wikibooks)
2. Python Data Analysis, Ivan Idris, 2014
3. Python for Data Analysis, Wes MacKinney, 2013



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We will use a number of general python libraries useful for bioinformatics such as:

**jupyter, numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib, sckit-learn, seaborn, and many others**

Additionally, we will use domain specific libraries e.g. **biopython**

We will use (and compare) different formats such as general ones (csv, xml, json, etc.) and domain specific

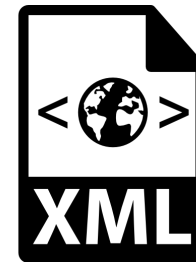
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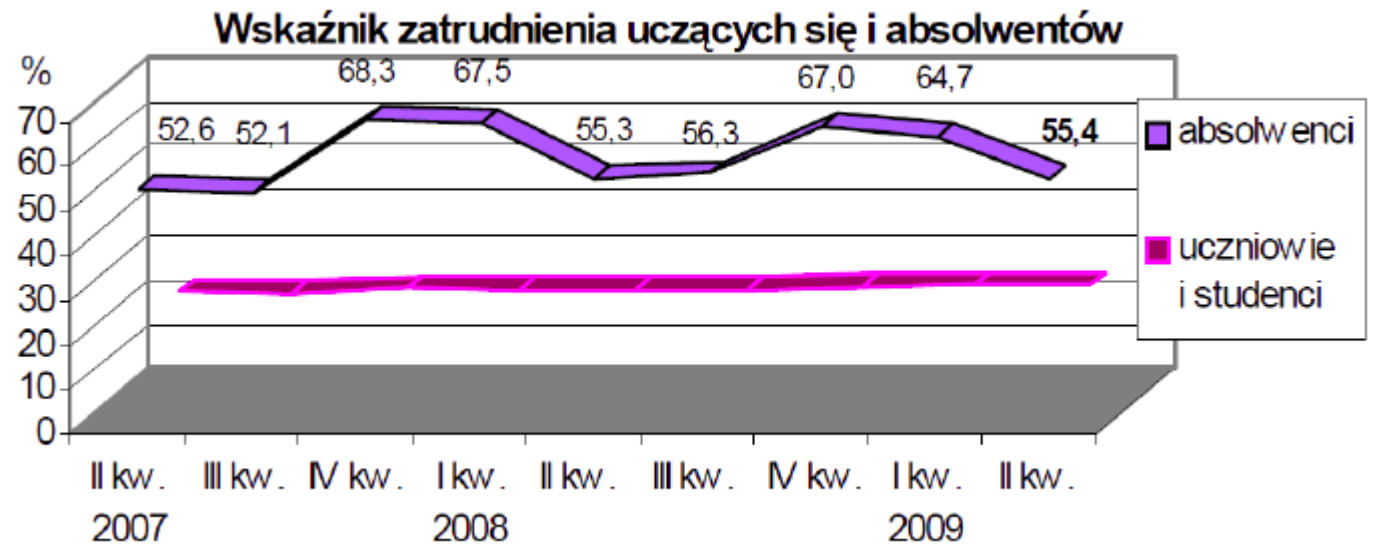
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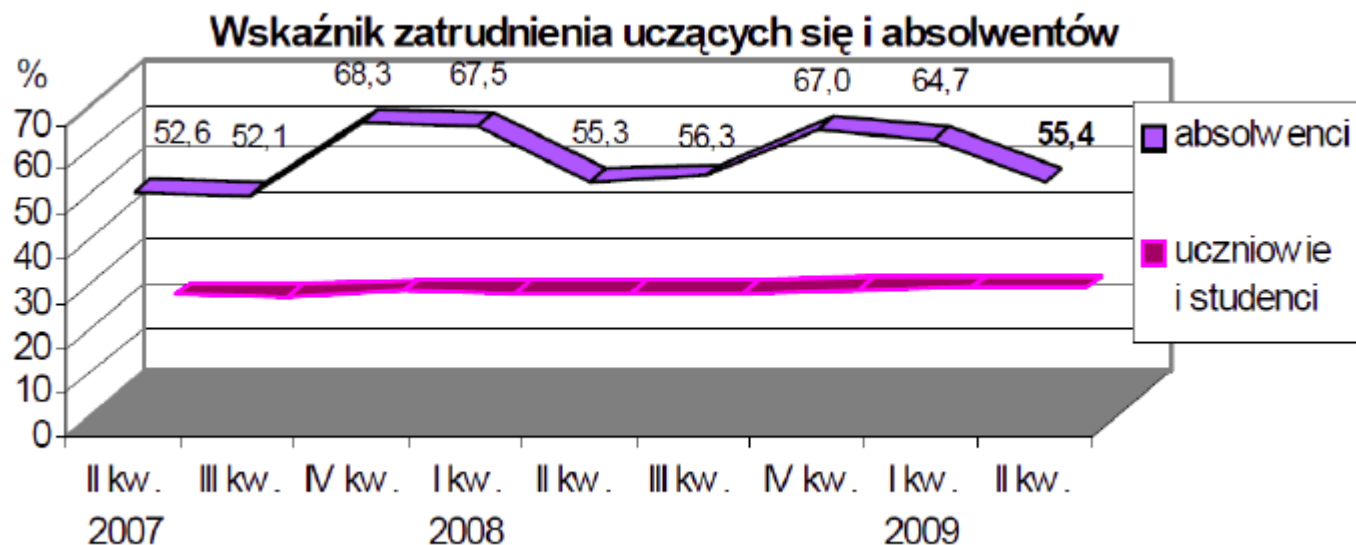
\* during labs frequently you will be asked to implement simple functionalities even if some libraries are available

# DATA FORMATS

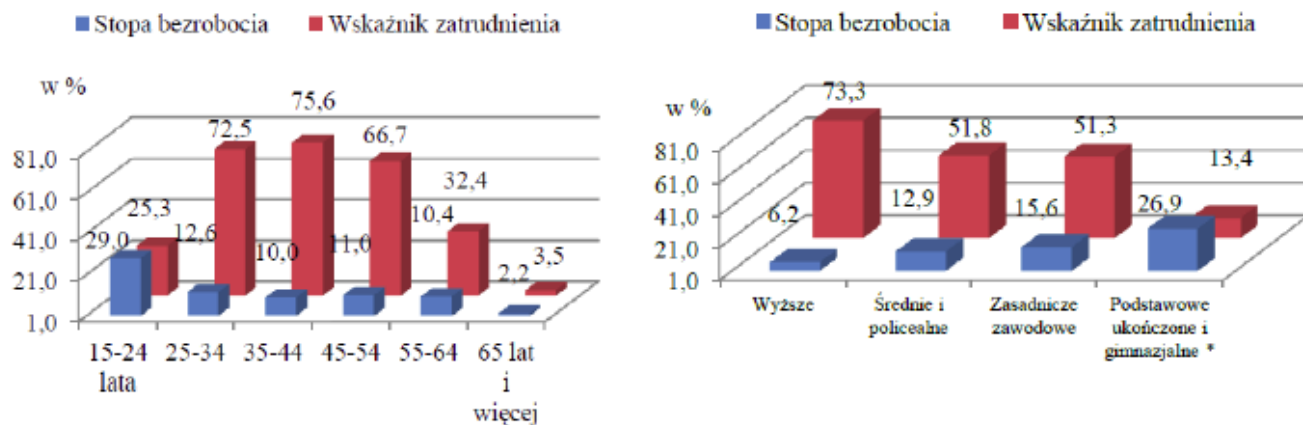








**Wykres 7. Wskaźnik zatrudnienia oraz stopa bezrobocia według grup wieku i poziomu wykształcenia w 2011 r.**



\* łącznie z wykształceniem podstawowym nieukończonym i bez wykształcenia szkolnego









## CSV

```
column 1 name,column 2 name, column 3 name  
first row data 1,first row data 2,first row data 3  
second row data 1,second row data 2,second row data 3  
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Nice to work with unix commands like: **head**, **tail**, **split**, **cat**, etc.

## CSV

```
name,department,birthday month
John Smith,Accounting,November
Erica Meyers,IT,March
```



Here's code to read it:

## Python

```
import csv

with open('employee_birthday.txt') as csv_file:
    csv_reader = csv.reader(csv_file, delimiter=',')
    line_count = 0
    for row in csv_reader:
        if line_count == 0:
            print(f'Column names are {", ".join(row)}')
            line_count += 1
        else:
            print(f'\t{row[0]} works in the {row[1]} department, and was born :
            line_count += 1
    print(f'Processed {line_count} lines.')
```

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            print(f'Column names are {", ".join(row)}')
            line_count += 1
        else:
            print(f'\t{row[0]} works in the {row[1]} department, and was born in {row[2]}')
            line_count += 1
    print(f'Processed {line_count} lines.')
```

## Shell

```
Column names are name, department, birthday month
    John Smith works in the Accounting department, and was born in November.
    Erica Meyers works in the IT department, and was born in March.
Processed 3 lines.
```

```
import csv
```

```
import pandas
```



```
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```

```
df = pandas.read_csv('hrdata.csv')
```

```
print(df)
```



#### Shell

```
      Name Hire Date   Salary Sick Days remaining
0  Graham Chapman 03/15/14 50000.0             10
1    John Cleese 06/01/15 65000.0              8
2    Eric Idle 05/12/14 45000.0             10
3   Terry Jones 11/01/13 70000.0              3
4  Terry Gilliam 08/12/14 48000.0              7
5 Michael Palin 05/23/13 66000.0              8
```

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "isAlive": true,
  "age": 27,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021-3100"
  },
  "phoneNumbers": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1234"
    },
    {
      "type": "office",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    },
    {
      "type": "mobile",
      "number": "123 456-7890"
    }
  ],
  "children": [],
  "spouse": null
}
```





```
import json


person = '{"name": "Bob", "languages": ["English", "Fench"]}'
person_dict = json.loads(person)

# Output: {'name': 'Bob', 'languages': ['English', 'Fench']}
print( person_dict)

# Output: ['English', 'French']
print(person_dict['languages'])
```



Python	JSON Equivalent
<code>dict</code>	object
<code>list</code> , <code>tuple</code>	array
<code>str</code>	string
<code>int</code> , <code>float</code> , <code>int</code>	number
<code>True</code>	true
<code>False</code>	false
<code>None</code>	null



**MUST be in UTF-8**

<https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/json>

```
$ python test_serialization_speed.py
-----
Encoding Tests
-----
Encoding: 100000 x {'m': 'asdsasdqwqw', 't': 3}
[   json] 1.12385 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.011239ms
[simplejson] 0.44356 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.004436ms
[   cJSON] 0.09593 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.000959ms

Encoding: 10000 x {'m': [['0', 1, '2', 3, '4', 5, '6', 7, '8', 9, '10', 11, '12', 13,
[   json] 7.76628 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 0.776628ms
[simplejson] 0.51179 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 0.051179ms
[   cJSON] 0.44362 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 0.044362ms

-----
Decoding Tests
-----
Decoding: 100000 x {"m": "asdsasdqwqw", "t": 3}
[   json] 3.32861 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.033286ms
[simplejson] 0.37164 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.003716ms
[   cJSON] 0.03893 seconds for 100000 runs. avg: 0.000389ms

Decoding: 10000 x {"m": [["0", 1, "2", 3, "4", 5, "6", 7, "8", 9, "10", 11, "12", 13,
[   json] 37.26270 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 3.726270ms
[simplejson] 0.56643 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 0.056643ms
[   cJSON] 0.33007 seconds for 10000 runs. avg: 0.033007ms
```



JSON libraries in python:

simplejson, ujson, cJSON, ...

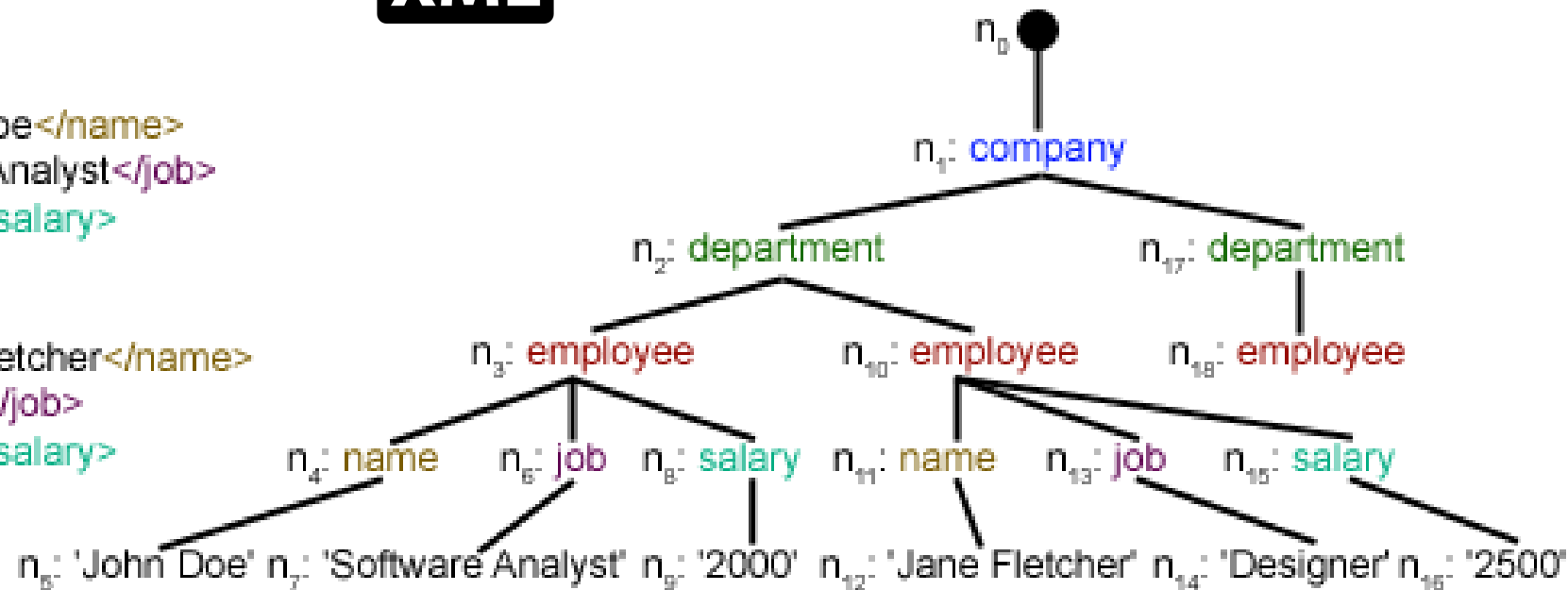
<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/712791/what-are-the-differences-between-json-and-simplejson-python-modules>



```

<company>
  <department>
    <employee>
      <name>John Doe</name>
      <job>Software Analyst</job>
      <salary>2000</salary>
    </employee>
    <employee>
      <name>Jane Fletcher</name>
      <job>Designer</job>
      <salary>2500</salary>
    </employee>
  </department>
</department>
</company>

```

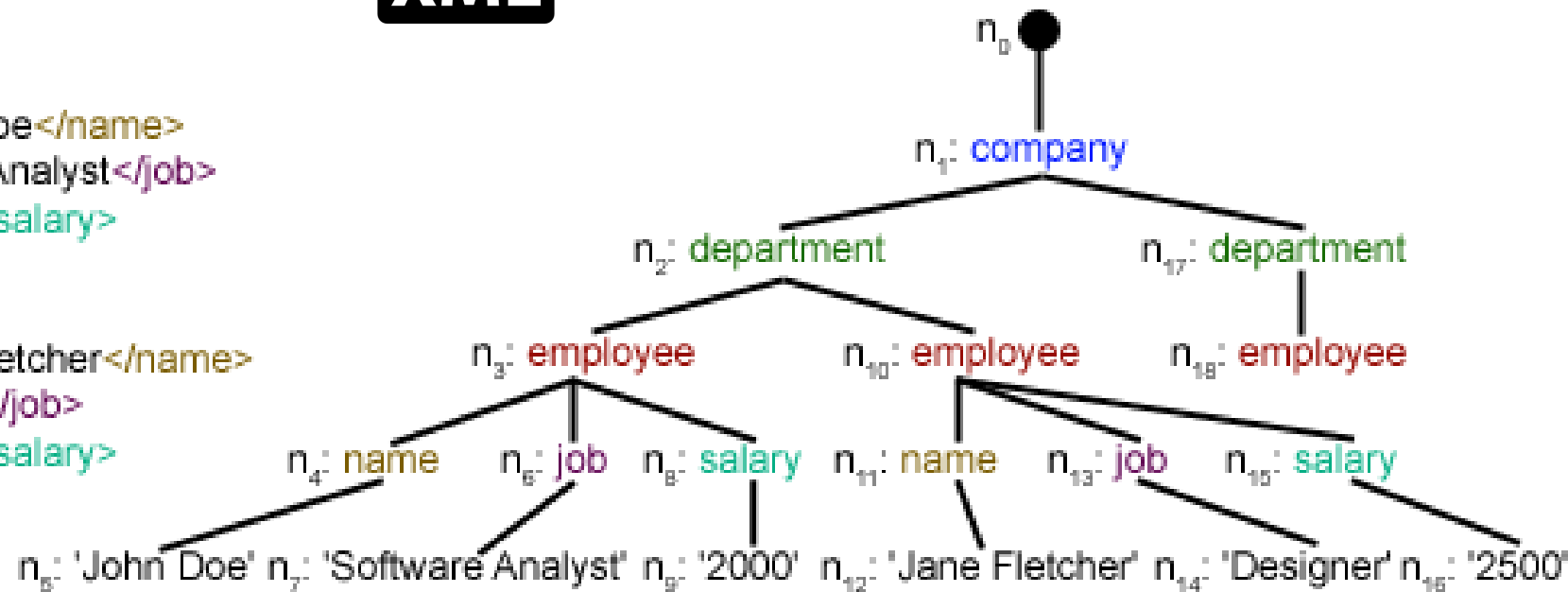




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xml.etree.ElementTree

xml.dom.minidom

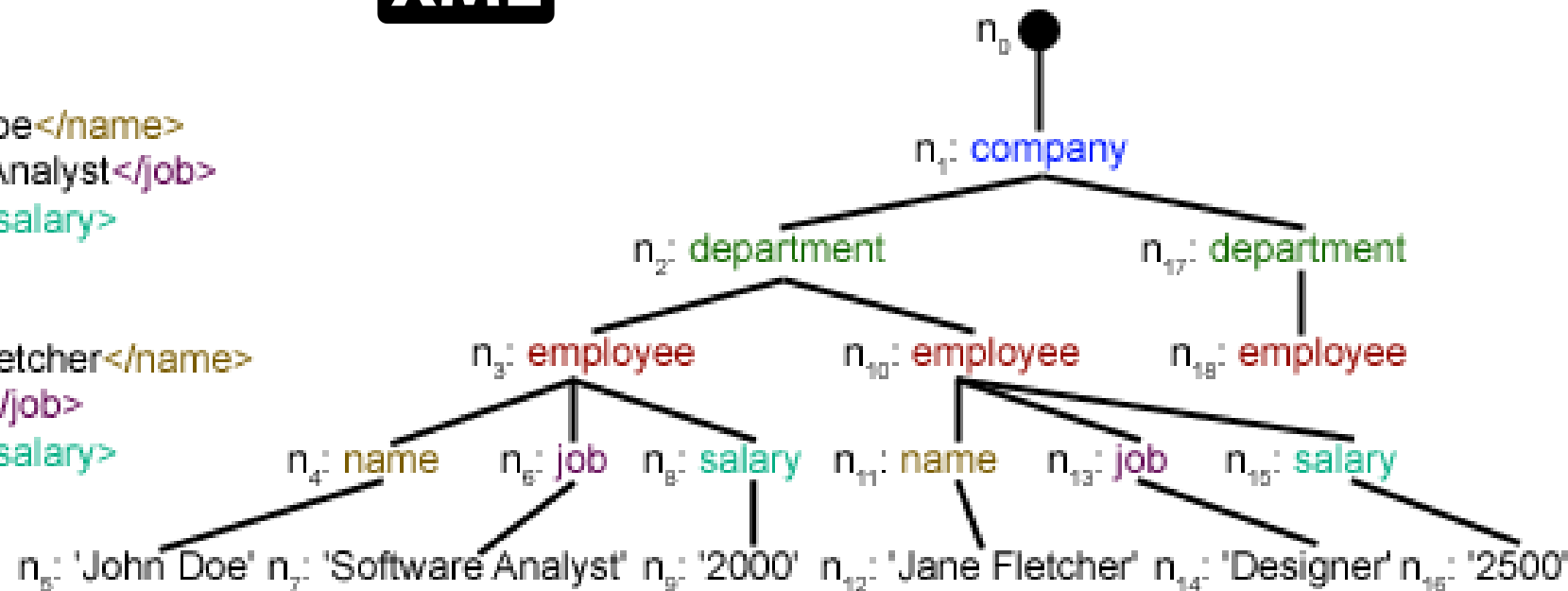
etree.XMLParser() [from lxml]



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**XML is not known for being short and sweet**

**Human-readable, although ...**

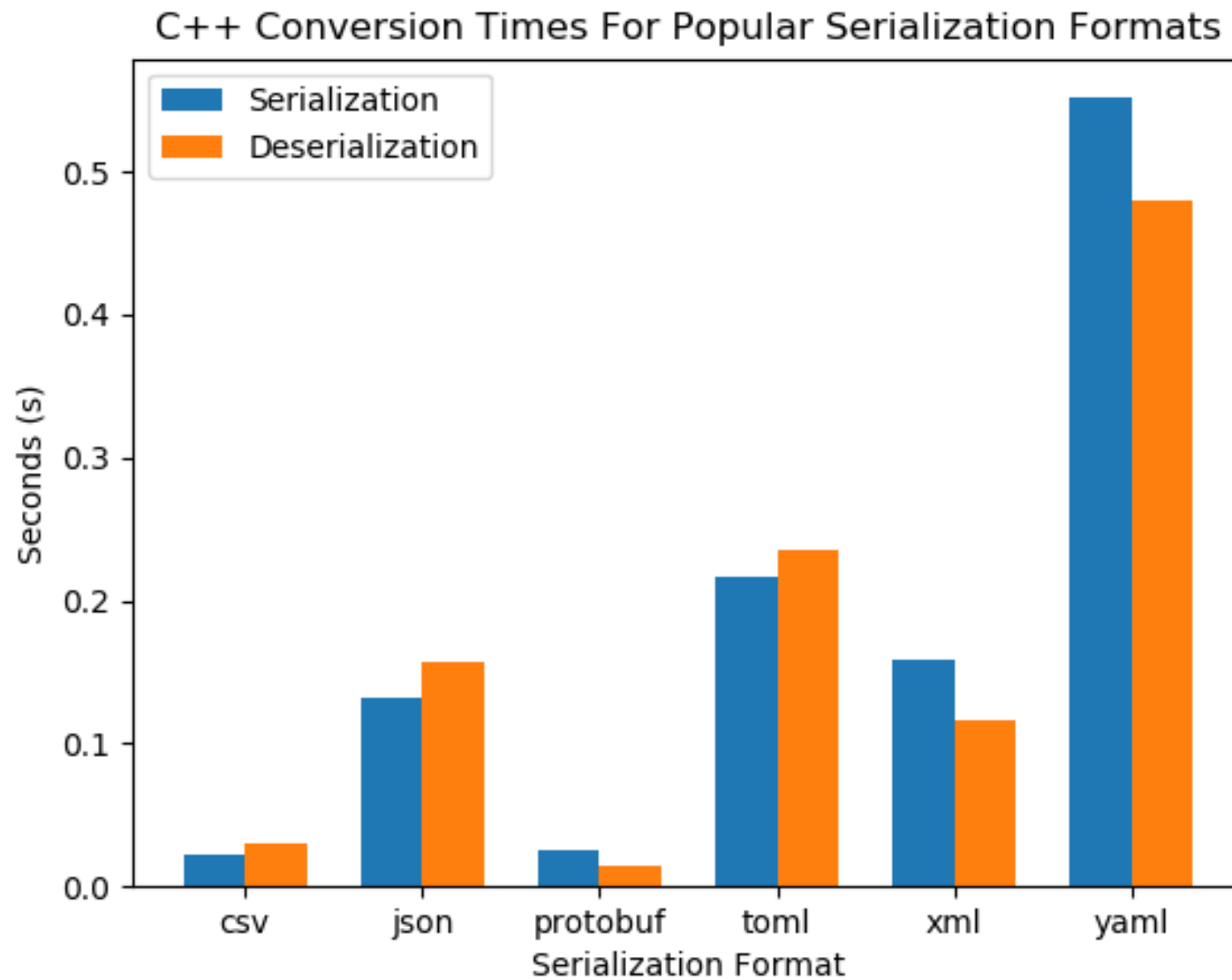
**you can get lost in-between all the tags in-front of your eyes**

Properties	CSV	JSON	Parquet	Avro
Columnar	X	X	✓	X
Compressable	✓	✓	✓	✓
Splittable	✓*	✓*	✓	✓
Readable	✓	✓	X	X
Complex data structure	X	✓	✓	✓
Schema evolution	X	X	✓	✓

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Parquet (Apache) – column based format

Avro (Hadoop) – row based format



<https://blog.mbedded.ninja/programming/serialization-formats/a-comparison-of-serialization-formats/>



Format	File Size (MiB, 10k records)	File Size (MiB, 100k records)
csv	0.41	4.2
json	0.81	8.2
xml	1.50	15
yaml	0.80	8.1



COMMENT

Genome Biology

Open Access



# Gene name errors are widespread in the scientific literature

Mark Ziemann<sup>1</sup>, Yotam Eren<sup>1,2</sup> and Assam El-Osta<sup>1,3\*</sup>

## Abstract

The spreadsheet software Microsoft Excel, when used with default settings, is known to convert gene names to dates and floating-point numbers. A programmatic scan of leading genomics journals reveals that approximately one-fifth of papers with supplementary Excel gene lists contain erroneous gene name conversions.

**Keywords:** Microsoft Excel, Gene symbol, Supplementary data

**Abbreviations:** GEO, Gene Expression Omnibus; JIF, journal impact factor

frequently reused. Our aim here is to raise awareness of the problem.

We downloaded and screened supplementary files from 18 journals published between 2005 and 2015 using a suite of shell scripts. Excel files (.xls and .xlsx suffixes) were converted to tabular separated files (tsv) with `ssconvert` (v1.12.9). Each sheet within the Excel file was converted to a separate tsv file. Each column of data in the tsv file was screened for the presence of gene symbols. If the first 20 rows of a column contained five or more gene symbols, then it was suspected to be a list of gene symbols, and then a regular expression (regex) search of the entire column was applied to identify gene symbol errors. Official gene symbols from Ensembl version 82, accessed November 2015, were obtained for *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Danio rerio*, *Escherichia coli*, *Gallus*

The problem of Excel software (Microsoft Corp., Redmond,

Gene symbols:

SEPT2 (Septin 2) --> '2-Sep'

MARCH1 [Membrane-Associated Ring Finger (C3HC4) 1] --> '1-Mar'

RIKEN identifiers:

'2310009E13' --> '2.31E+13'

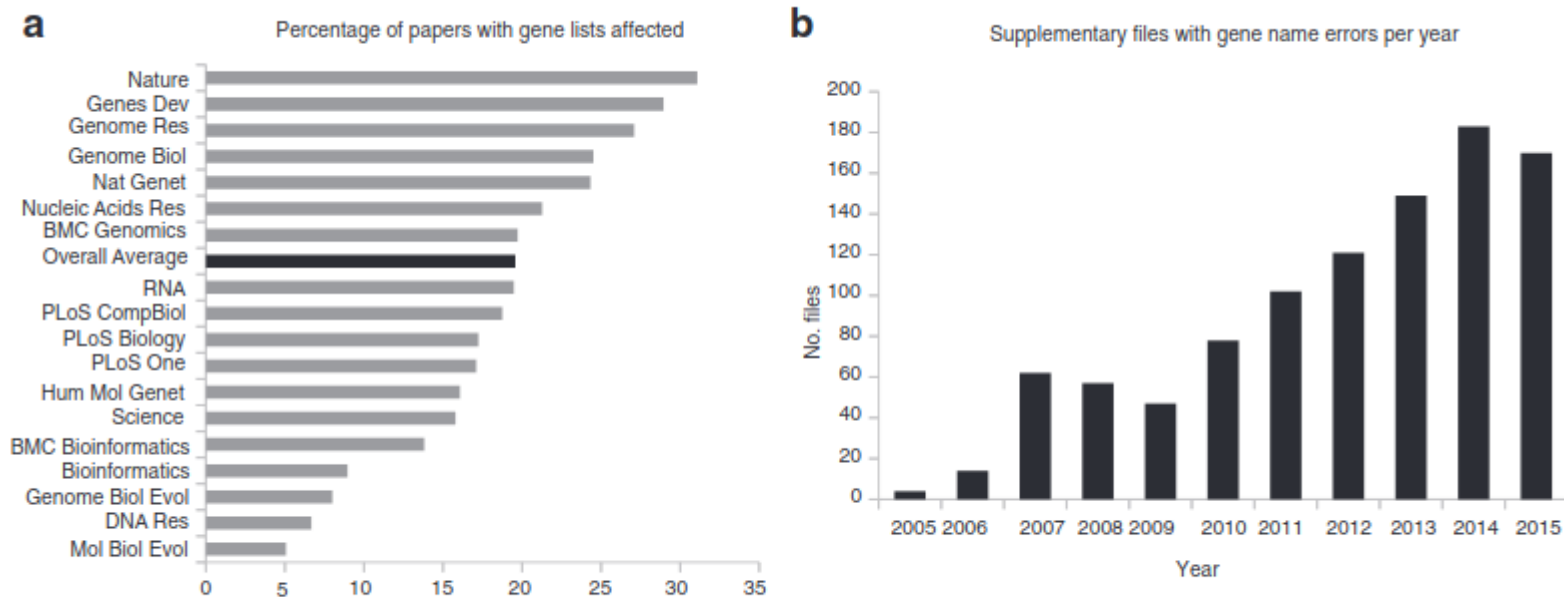
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**Fig. 1** Prevalence of gene name errors in supplementary Excel files. **a** Percentage of published papers with supplementary gene lists in Excel files affected by gene name errors. **b** Increase in gene name errors by year

**Domain specific formats**

**Bioinformatics**



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## FASTA format

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [bioinformatics](#) and [biochemistry](#), the **FASTA format** is a text-based [format](#) for representing either [nucleotide sequences](#) or amino acid (protein) sequences, in which nucleotides or [amino acids](#) are represented using single-letter codes. The format also allows for sequence names and comments to precede the sequences. The format originates from the [FASTA](#) software package, but has now become a near universal standard in the field of [bioinformatics](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

The simplicity of FASTA format makes it easy to manipulate and parse sequences using text-processing tools and [scripting languages](#) like the [R programming language](#), [Python](#), [Ruby](#), and [Perl](#).

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### FASTA format

<b>Filename extensions</b>	.fasta, .fna, .ffn, .faa, .frn
<b>Internet media type</b>	<span>text/x-fasta</span>
<b>Developed by</b>	<a href="#">David J. Lipman</a> <a href="#">William R. Pearson</a> <sup>[1][2]</sup>
<b>Initial release</b>	1985
<b>Type of format</b>	Bioinformatics
<b>Extended from</b>	<a href="#">ASCII for FASTA</a>
<b>Extended to</b>	<a href="#">FASTQ format</a> <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/fasta.shtml">www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/fasta.shtml</a>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA\\_format](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA_format)



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# FASTQ format

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**FASTQ format** is a text-based *format* for storing both a biological sequence (usually *nucleotide sequence*) and its corresponding quality scores. Both the sequence letter and quality score are each encoded with a single *ASCII* character for brevity.

It was originally developed at the [Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute](#) to bundle a *FASTA* formatted sequence and its quality data, but has recently become the *de facto* standard for storing the output of high-throughput sequencing instruments such as the [Illumina](#) Genome Analyzer.<sup>[1]</sup>

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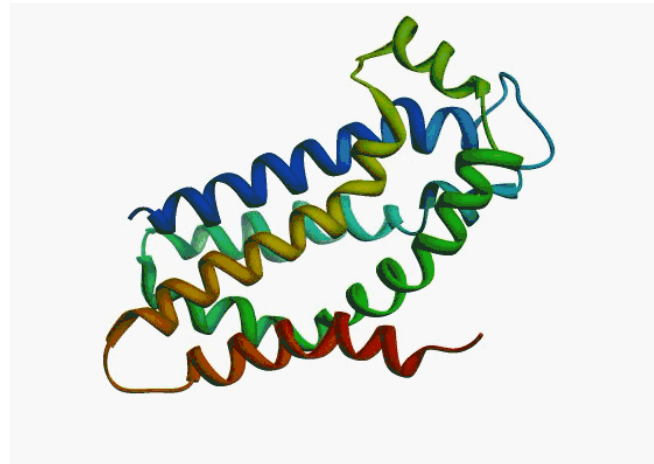
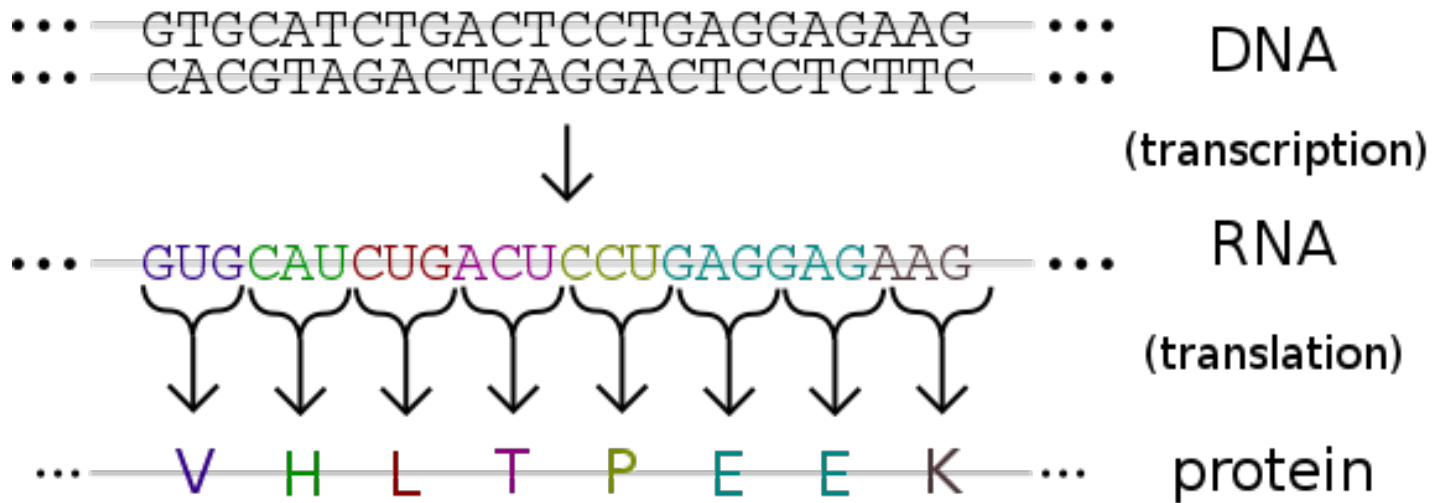
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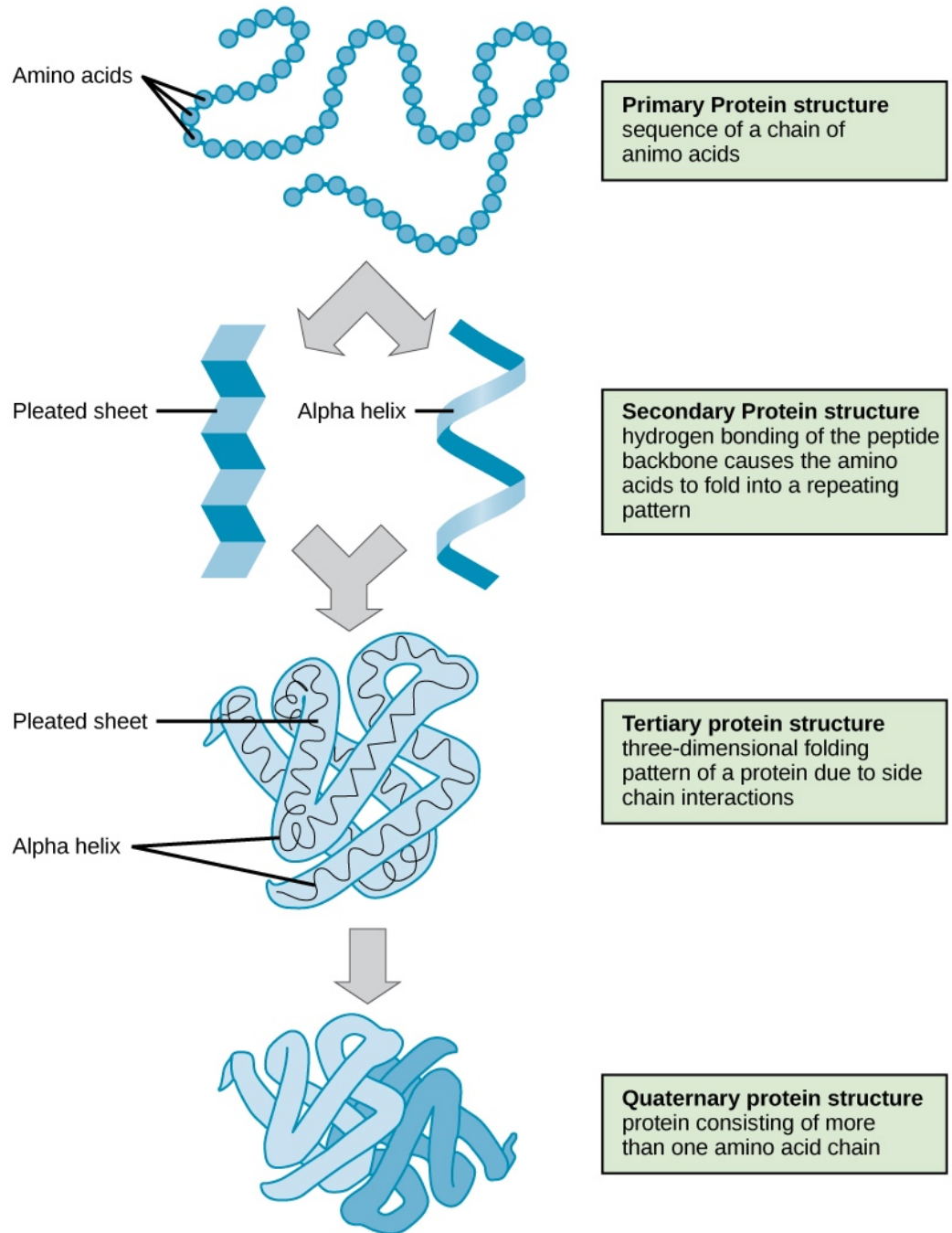
## FASTQ format

<b>Internet media type</b>	text/plain, chemical/seq-na-fastq
<b>Developed by</b>	<a href="#">Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute</a>
<b>Initial release</b>	~2000
<b>Type of format</b>	Bioinformatics
<b>Extended from</b>	<a href="#">ASCII</a> and <a href="#">FASTA</a> format
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://maq.sourceforge.net/fastq.shtml">maq.sourceforge.net/fastq.shtml</a>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ\\_format](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format)







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**Protein modeling**

**(USCF Chimera)**

**Protein disorder**

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## Protein Data Bank (file format)

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The **Protein Data Bank (pdb) file format** is a textual file format describing the three-dimensional structures of molecules held in the [Protein Data Bank](#). The pdb format accordingly provides for description and annotation of protein and nucleic acid structures including atomic coordinates, secondary structure assignments, as well as atomic connectivity. In addition experimental metadata are stored. PDB format is the legacy file format for the [Protein Data Bank](#) which now keeps data on biological macromolecules in the newer [mmCIF](#) file format.

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### PDB

<b>Filename extension</b>	.pdb, .ent, .brk
<b>Internet media type</b>	chemical/x-pdb
<b>Type of format</b>	chemical file format

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**Crystallographic Information File** (CIF) is a standard text file format for representing [crystallographic](#) information, promulgated by the [International Union of Crystallography](#) (IUCr). CIF was developed by the IUCr Working Party on Crystallographic Information in an effort sponsored by the IUCr Commission on Crystallographic Data and the IUCr Commission on Journals. The file format was initially published by Hall, Allen, and Brown<sup>[1]</sup> and has since been revised, most recently version 1.1.<sup>[2]</sup> Full specifications for the format are available at the IUCr website. Many computer programs for molecular viewing are compatible with this format, including [Jmol](#).

Closely related is **mmCIF**, macromolecular CIF,<sup>[3]</sup> which is intended as an alternative to the [Protein Data Bank \(PDB\) format](#). It is now the default format used by the [Protein Data Bank](#).<sup>[4]</sup> Also closely related is **Crystallographic Information Framework**, a broader system of exchange protocols based on data dictionaries and relational rules expressible in different machine-readable manifestations, including, but not restricted to, Crystallographic Information File and [XML](#).

### CIF format

<b>Filename extension</b>	.cif
<b>Internet media type</b>	chemical/x-cif
<b>Type of format</b>	chemical file format
<b>Extended from</b>	Self-defining Text Archive and Retrieval
<b>Extended to</b>	mmCIF
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.iucr.org/resources/cif">http://www.iucr.org/resources/cif</a>

### mmCIF format

<b>Filename extension</b>	.cif
<b>Internet media type</b>	chemical/x-mmCIF
<b>Type of format</b>	chemical file format

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