



Chapter 01. Introduction

Python Programming for Bioinformatics

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Agenda

- **About This Course**
- **Introduction to Biopython**
- **Installing Biopython**
- **A Quick Tour of Biopython**





ABOUT THIS COURSE

Robert C. Chi (紀俊男)

- **Education**

- Ph.D. Candidate / Bioinformatics
Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP), 2003-2007
- Master / Computer Sciences
Queens College, CUNY, 1994-1996
- Bachelor / Computer Sciences
Fu-Jen Catholic University

- **Experience**

- Training Director / AMI (2014-2020)
- Founder / Hatch Information Co., Ltd. (2007-2013)
- Research Assistant / Academia Sinica (2000-2007)
- Manager of Tech Support / Trend Micro Co., Ltd. (1998-2000)
- Game Developer / CG Animation Co., Ltd. (1997-1998)

- **Expertise**

- Artificial Intelligence (AI), Embedded System, Computer Security, Game Programming.



Syllabus

- **Part I. Python (10 Hr)**

- Python & Environments
- Literals & Variables
- Input & Output
- Branch & Loop
- String Manipulation
- Compound Data Types
 - Tuple, List, Dictionary, Set
- Functions
- Data Science Packages
 - NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib

DONE

- **Part II. BioPython (14 Hr + 7Hr)**

- Introduction
- Read/Write Bioinformatic Files
 - FASTA, GenBank, SwissProt, ExPASy, KEGG...
- Sequence Manipulation
 - Transcription, Translation, Alignment
- Databases Handling
 - BLAST, NCBI Entrez...
- Working with 3D Structures
- Machine Learning
 - Data Pre-Processing
 - Classification
 - Clustering



Schedule & Environment

- **Schedule**

- Part I (5 Weeks)
 - 2021/08/06 ~ 2021/09/03
 - Fri. 15:00 ~ 17:00
- Part II (7 Weeks)
 - 2021/10/29 ~ 2021/12/10
 - Fri. 14:00 ~ 17:00 (2Hr + 1Hr)

- **Location: Online**

- <https://www.gotomeet.me/TeacherChi/BioPython>

- **Environments**

- Google Colab

- **Lecturing in**

- English

- **Teaching Style**

- Part I: Lecturing
- Part II: Lecturing + Practicing

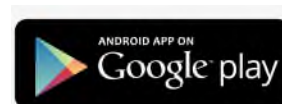
Live Broadcasting

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Pre-requisites



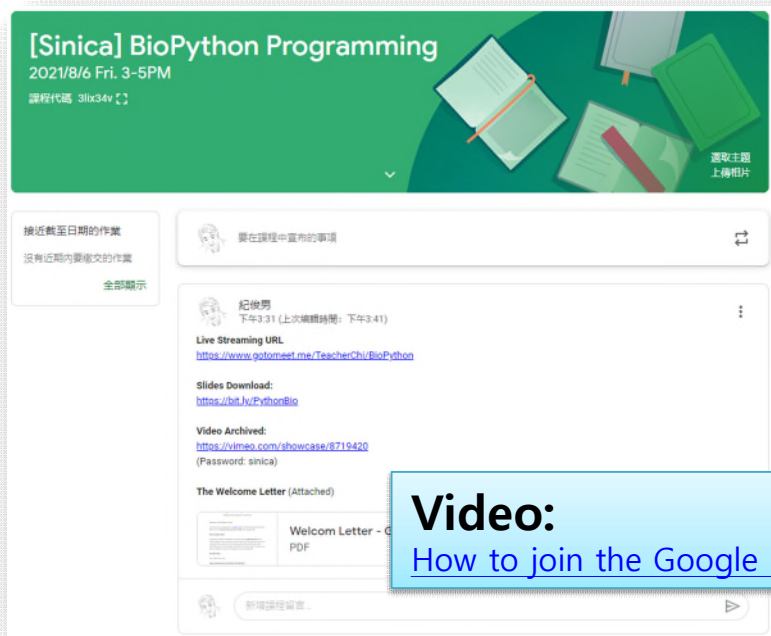
Python Programming
(Flow Controls, Compound Data...etc.)



Google Colab
(Development Environment)

Resources & Courses Make Up

- **Google Classroom** : <https://bit.ly/BioPy-202108>



Video:
[How to join the Google Classroom](#)

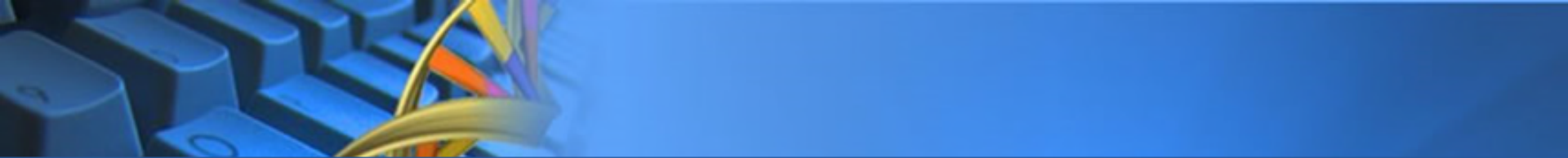
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INTRODUCTION TO BIOPYTHON

What is Biopython?

- The most popular **Python package** for **computational molecular biology**.



<https://biopython.org/>

Official Name:

Biopython



BioPython





Abilities of Biopython

- **Communicating with Bioinformatic Services**
 - NCBI Services (Blast, Entrez, PubMed)
 - ExPASy Services (Swiss-Prot, Prosite entries, Prosite searches)
- **Parsing Bioinformatic Files**
 - Blast, Clustalw, FASTA, GenBank, PubMed/Medline, ExPASy (Enzyme/Prosite), SCOP ('dom' & 'lin' files), UniGene, SwissProt
- **Performing Sequence Operations**
 - Translation, transcription, weight calculations, alignments...etc.
- **Performing Classification of Data**
 - k Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines...etc.
- **Integrating with BioSQL**
 - A sequence database schema also supported by the *BioPerl* and *BioJava* projects.



How to Cite Biopython?

- **The main Biopython reference**
 - [Cock *et al.*, 2009] ([URL](#))
- **The official project announcement**
 - [Chapman and Chang, 2000] ([URL](#))
- **For Bio.PDB**
 - [Hamelryck and Manderick, 2003] ([URL](#))
- **For Bio.Cluster**
 - [De Hoon *et al.*, 2004] ([URL](#))
- **For Bio.Graphics.GenomeDiagram**
 - [Pritchard *et al.*, 2006] ([URL](#))
- **For Bio.Phylo and Bio.Phylo.PAML**
 - [Talevich *et al.*, 2012] ([URL](#))
- **For the FASTQ file format as supported in Biopython, BioPerl, BioRuby, BioJava, and EMBOSS**
 - [Cock *et al.*, 2010] ([URL](#))



INSTALLING BIOPYTHON

Install Biopython

pip install biopython

Python Installation Program
(Tool for Installing Packages)

Sub-command of pip
(to install a package)

The name of package

Check If Installed Successfully

```
1 import Bio
2 print(Bio.__version__)
```



1.79

Practice

- **Install Biopython**

- Open a Colab page called “[BiopythonInstall.ipynb](#)”.
- **Write** and **run** the following codes:

```
✓ 3s ▶ 1 !pip install biopython

Requirement already satisfied: biopython in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (1.79)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages (from biopython) (1.19.5)

✓ 0s [5] 1 import Bio
      2 print(Bio.__version__)

1.79
```



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A QUICK TOUR OF BIOPYTHON

Convert Strings to Bio.Seq.Seq

```
1 # Install Biopython
2 !pip install biopython
3
4 # Import Bio.Seq.Seq
5 from Bio.Seq import Seq
6
7 # Convert String to Bio.Seq.Seq
8 my_seq = Seq("AGTACACTGGT")
9 print(my_seq)
10
11 # Convert Bio.Seq.Seq to String
12 bio_seq = str(my_seq)
13 print(bio_seq)
14 print(type(bio_seq))
```

Install Biopython onto Colab

Import Bio.Seq.Seq

AGTACACTGGT

AGTACACTGGT
<class 'str'>

Practice

- **Convert Strings to Bio.Seq.Seq**
 - **Write** and **Run** the following codes on a Colab page called “QuickTour.ipynb”:

▼ Install Biopython

```
[1] 1 !pip install biopython
```

▼ Convert String to Bio.Seq.Seq

```
[2] 1 from Bio.Seq import Seq
2
3 my_seq = Seq("AGTACACTGGT")
4 print(my_seq)
```

▼ Convert Bio.Seq.Seq to String

```
[3] 1 bio_seq = str(my_seq)
2 print(bio_seq)
3 print(type(bio_seq))
```

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Complement of a Sequence

DNA coding strand (aka Crick strand, strand +1)

5' ATGGCCATTGTAATGGGCCGCTGAAAGGGTGCCCGATAG 3'

|||||

3' TACCGGTAACATTACCCGGCGACTTCCACGGGCTATC 5'

DNA template strand (aka Watson strand, strand -1)

Complement

A → **T**

C → **G**

T → **A**

G → **C**

Reverse Complement

5' ATGGCCATTGTAATGGGCCGCTGAAAGGGTGCCCGATAG 3'

|||||

3' TACCGGTAACATTACCCGGCGACTTCCACGGGCTATC 5' ← Complement

5' CTATCGGGCACCCCTTCAGCGGCCATTACAATGGCCAT 3' ← Reverse Complement

Complement of a Sequence

```
1 from Bio.Seq import Seq
2 my_seq = Seq("AGTACACTGGT")
3
4 # Complement & Reverse Complement of a Sequence
5 print(my_seq.complement())
6 print(my_seq.reverse_complement())
```



```
TCATGTGACCA
ACCAGTGTACT
```


Practice

- **Complement of a Sequence**
 - **Write** and **Run** the following codes on a Colab page called “**QuickTour.ipynb**”:

▾ Sequence Complement & Reverse Complement

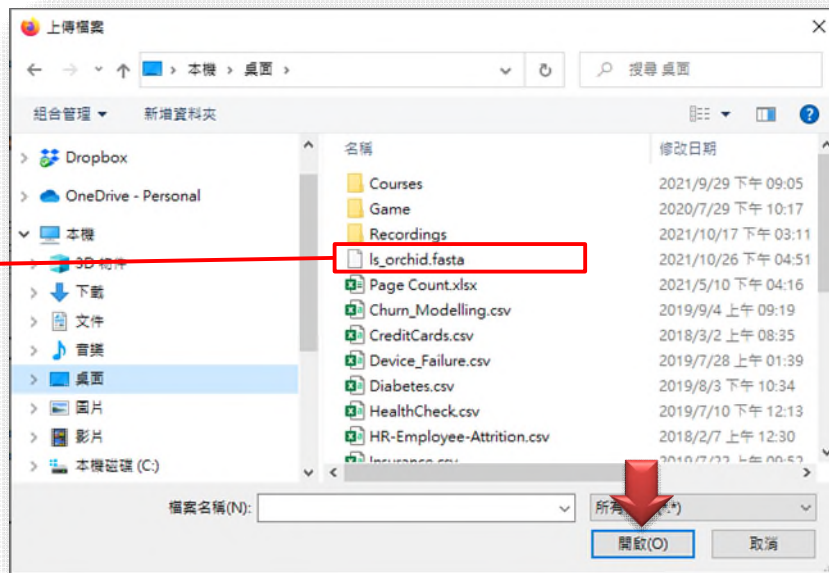
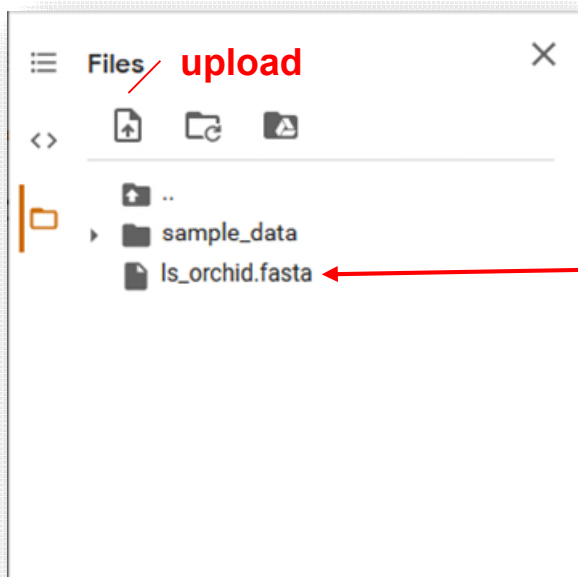
```
✓ [4] 1 print(my_seq.complement())  
      2 print(my_seq.reverse_complement())
```

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Parsing FASTA Files

- Upload “**ls_orchid.fasta**” to **Colab** (by the **Local File**)

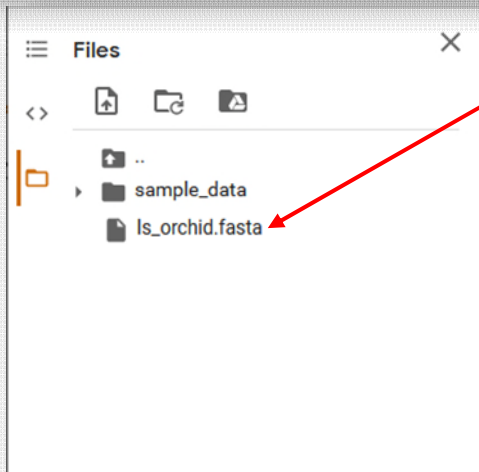


Parsing FASTA Files

- Upload “**ls_orchid.fasta**” to **Colab** (by **fetching** from Internet)

```
34 # Download Data File: ls_orchid.fasta
35 import os
36 if not os.path.isfile("ls_orchid.fasta"):
37     os.system("wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/biopython/biopython/master/Doc/examples/ls_orchid.fasta")
```

isfile(): =True if exist, =False if miss



wget: Web GET. Download file by URL.
os.system(): Send the command to OS.

Parsing FASTA Files

```
1 from Bio import SeqIO
2 for seq_record in SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.fasta", "fasta"):
3     print(seq_record.id)
4     print(seq_record.seq)
5     print(len(seq_record))
```

1 Parse the file in FASTA format

2 Get one record a time

3 Print ID, Sequence, and Length of the current record



```
1st SeqRecord { gi|2765582|emb|Z78457.1|PCZ78457
                  CGTAACAAGGTTTCCGTAGGTGAACCTCCGGAAGGATCATTGTTGAGATCACATAATAATTGATC
                  739
2nd SeqRecord { gi|2765581|emb|Z78456.1|PTZ78456
                  CGTAACAAGGTTTCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGGAAGGATCATTGTTGAGATCACATAATAATTGATC
                  740
3rd SeqRecord { gi|2765580|emb|Z78455.1|PJZ78455
                  CGTAACCAGGTTTCCGTAGGTGGACCTTCGGGAGGATCATTTTTGAGATCACATAAAAATTGATC
                  745
```


Practice

- **Parsing FASTA Files**

- **Write** and **Run** the following codes on a Colab page called “QuickTour.ipynb”:

▼ Parse FASTA File

```
[5] 1 # Download Data File: ls_orchid.fasta
     2 import os
     3 if not os.path.isfile("ls_orchid.fasta"):
     4     os.system("wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/biopython/biopython/master/Doc/examples/ls_orchid.fasta")

[6] 1 from Bio import SeqIO
     2 for seq_record in SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.fasta", "fasta"):
     3     print(seq_record.id)
     4     print(seq_record.seq)
     5     print(len(seq_record))
```

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Parsing GenBank Files

SeqIO

parsing

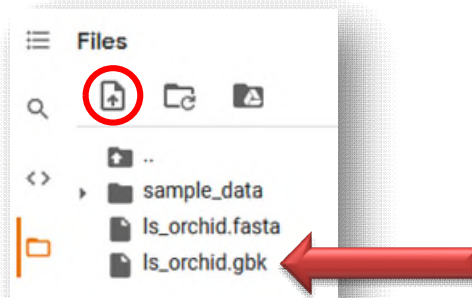
• "ls_orchid.gbk" ([Download Link](#))

1. **.name** → LOCUS
2. **.description** → DEFINITION
3. **.id** → VERSION
4. **.annotations**['references'] → REFERENCE xN
5. **.features** → FEATURES xN
6. **.seq** → ORIGIN
7. **.annotations** → All the other information

```
1 LOCUS       Z78533                740 bp    DNA
2 DEFINITION  C.irapeanum 5.8S rRNA gene and ITS1
3 ACCESSION  Z78533
4 VERSION    Z78533.1 GI:2765658
5 KEYWORDS   5.8S ribosomal RNA; 5.8S rRNA gene; internal transcribed spacer;
           ITS1; ITS2.
6 SOURCE     Cyripedium irapeanum
           ORGANISM  Cyripedium irapeanum
           Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta;
           Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Lilliolesida; Asparagales; Orchidaceae;
           Cyripedioideae; Cyripedium.
7 REFERENCE  1
           AUTHORS  Cox,A.V., Pridgeon,A.M., Albert,V.A. and Chase,M.W.
           TITLE    Phylogenetics of the slipper orchids (Cyripedioideae:
           Orchidaceae): nuclear rDNA ITS sequences
           JOURNAL   Unpublished
8 REFERENCE  2 (bases 1 to 740)
           AUTHORS  Cox,A.V.
           TITLE    Direct Submission
           JOURNAL   Submitted (19-AUG-1996) Cox A.V., Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew,
           Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB, UK
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           /product="5.8S ribosomal RNA"
           misc_feature 551..740
           /note="internal transcribed spacer 2"
10 ORIGIN
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12 61 cgatcgagt aatccggagg accggtgtac tcagctcacc gggggcattg ctcccgtggt
13 121 gaccctgatt tgtttgtsz ccgctcggz agctccatg gcggtttga acccttagcc
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19 481 gcatcacgc agcctgctt gggcgtcgc cttgctctc ctctgcgca tgcctgccg
20 541 gcggttcaa gagctggtt ttgatgcc ccgaaccgca caagaggtag aggatgctg
21 601 gcagcagct ccgctgcaat ccccatgtt gtcgtgctg tggacaggc agggaaccc
22 661 tccgaacc caatggagg cggttgacc ccattcgat gtgacccgag gtcaggcgg
23 721 gacaccgct gattttacc
```


Parsing GenBank Files

- Upload “**ls_orchid.gbk**” to **Colab** (by the **Local File**)



- Upload “**ls_orchid.gbk**” to **Colab** (by **fetching** from Internet)

```
1 # Download Data File: ls_orchid.gbk
2 import os
3 if not os.path.isfile("ls_orchid.gbk"):
4     os.system("wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/biopython/biopython/master/Doc/examples/ls_orchid.gbk")
```

Parsing GenBank Files

1 Parse the file in GenBank format

```
1 from Bio import SeqIO
2 for seq_record in SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.gbk", "genbank"):
3     print(seq_record.name) # LOCUS name
4     print(seq_record.description) # DEFINITION line
5     print(seq_record.id) # VERSION line
6     print(Len(seq_record.features)) # FEATURES part
7     print(seq_record.seq) # ORIGIN part
8     print(seq_record.annotations) # All the other misc info
9     print("-----")
```

2 Get one record a time

3 Print Information of the current record

1st SeqRecord {

```
Z78533
C.irapeanum 5.8S rRNA gene and ITS1 and ITS2 DNA
Z78533.1
5
CGTAACAAGGTTTCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGGAAGGATCATTGTGATGAGACCGTGGAAATAAACGATCGAG
-----
{'molecule_type': 'DNA', 'topology': 'linear', 'data_file_division': 'genbank'}
```

2nd SeqRecord {

```
Z78532
C.californicum 5.8S rRNA gene and ITS1 and ITS2 DNA
Z78532.1
5
CGTAACAAGGTTTCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGGAAGGATCATTGTGAGACAACAGAATATATGATCGAG
-----
{'molecule_type': 'DNA', 'topology': 'linear', 'data_file_division': 'genbank'}
```

Practice

- **Parsing GenBank Files**

- **Write** and **Run** the following codes on a Colab page called “QuickTour.ipynb”:

- Parse GenBank File

```
[7] 1 # Download Data File: ls_orchid.gbkg
    2 import os
    3 if not os.path.isfile("ls_orchid.gbkg"):
    4     os.system("wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/biopython/biopython/master/Doc/examples/ls_orchid.gbkg")

[13] 1 from Bio import SeqIO
    2 for seq_record in SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.gbkg", "genbank"):
    3     print(seq_record.name) # LOCUS name
    4     print(seq_record.description) # DEFINITION line
    5     print(seq_record.id) # VERSION line
    6     print(len(seq_record.features)) # FEATURES part
    7     print(seq_record.seq) # ORIGIN part
    8     print(seq_record.annotations) # All the other misc info
    9     print("-----")
```

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Summary

- **Install Biopython**
 - pip install `biopython`
- **Import Biopython**
 - import `Bio`
- **Check the Version of Biopython**
 - print(`Bio.__version__`)
- **Convert Strings to Bio.Seq.Seq**
 - `my_seq = Seq("AGTACACTGGT")`
- **Convert Bio.Seq.Seq to Strings**
 - `bio_seq = str(my_seq)`
- **Complement & Reverse Complement**
 - `my_seq.complement()`
 - `my_seq.reverse_complement()`
- **Parse FASTA / GenBank**
 - `SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.fasta", "fasta")`
 - `SeqIO.parse("ls_orchid.gbk", "genbank")`

