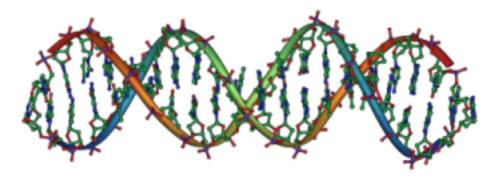
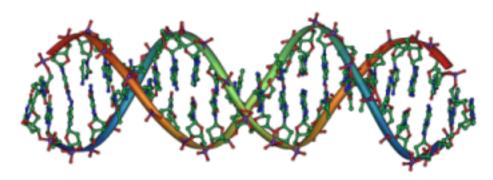
Bio Roll: Users Guide



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Preface

Bio-Informatics is the use of techniques from applied mathematics, informatics, statistics, and computer science to solve biological problems. Major research efforts in the field include sequence alignment, gene finding, genome assembly, protein structure alignment, protein structure prediction, prediction of gene expression and protein-protein interactions, and the modeling of evolution.

To address the requirements of these efforts, a wide spectrum of bio-informatics tools are available. These tools, while powerful, are packaged according to the individual tastes of the developers.

The Bio-informatics Roll is a collection of some of the most common bio-informatics tools that are being used by the community today. This roll is being developed in an attempt to standardize and ease packaging and installation of these tools.

Chapter 1. Overview

Table 1-1. Summary

Name	bio
Version	4.3
Maintained By	Rocks Group
Architecture	i386, x86_64
Compatible with Rocks TM	4.3

Table 1-2. Roll Compatibility

Roll	Requires a	Optional _b	Conflicts
alpha		X	
area51		X	
base	X		
bio	X		
condor		X	
ganglia		X	
grid		X	
hpc	X		
java	X		
kernel	X		
os (disk 1)	X		
os (disk 2)	X		
os (disk 3)		X	
os (disk 4)		X	
pbs		X	
service-pack		X	
sge		X	
viz		X	
web-server	X		

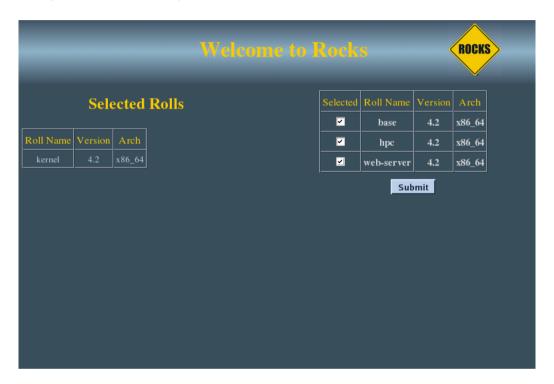
Notes

- a. You may also substitute your own OS CDs for the $Rocks^{TM}$ OS Roll CDs. In this case you must use all the CDs from your distribution and not use any of the $Rocks^{TM}$ OS Roll CDs.
- b. Only Rolls that have been verified as compatible with this Roll are listed. Other Rolls will likely work, but have not been tested by the maintainer of this Roll.

Chapter 2. Installing

2.1. On a New Server

The bio Roll should be installed during the initial installation of your server (or cluster). This procedure is documented in section 1.2 of the $Rocks^{TM}$ usersguide. You should select the bio Roll from the list of available rolls when you see a screen similary to the one below.



2.2. On an Existing Server

The bio Roll may also be added onto an existing server (or frontend). For sake of discussion, assume that you have an iso image of the roll called bio.iso. The following procedure will install the Roll, and after the server reboots the Roll should be fully installed and configured.

```
$ su - root
# mount -o loop bio.iso /mnt/cdrom
# cd /home/install
# rocks-dist --install copyroll
# umount /mnt/cdrom
# rocks-dist dist
# kroll bio | bash
# init 6
```

Chapter 3. Using

3.1. List of packages present in the Bio Roll

The Bio Roll contains a suite of Bio-informatics applications, most commonly in use by the bio-informatics community. The list of applications is as follows:

- HMMER From Washington University at St. Louis http://hmmer.wustl.edu/
- NCBI BLAST From National Center for Biotechnology Information www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/2
- MpiBLAST From Los Alamos National Laboratory http://mpiblast.lanl.gov/
- · biopython www.biopython.org
- ClustalW From the European BioInformatics Institute http://www.ebi.ac.uk/clustalw/
- MrBayes From School of Computational Science at the Florida State University http://mrbayes.csit.fsu.edu/
- T_Coffee From Information Genomique et Structurale at Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique The T-Coffee Home Page⁷
- Emboss From European Molecular Biology Institute http://emboss.sourceforge.net/
- Phylip From the Dept. of Biology at the University of Washington http://evolution.genetics.washington.edu/phylip.html
- fasta From the University of Virginia http://fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/
- Glimmer From Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology at the University of Maryland http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/glimmer/
- All the perl utilities mentioned below are from CPAN
- · perl-bioperl
- · perl-bioperl-run
- · perl-bioperl-gui
- · perl-bioperl-db

All the packages that appear below are dependencies and are already present in the base and OS Rolls. They are installed automatically during system installation.

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foundation-python	gd-devel	perl-HTML-Tagset	perl-Scalar-List-Utils
foundation-python-extras	perl-Data-Stag	perl-IO-String	perl-SOAP-Lite
ReportLab	perl-Digest-MD5	perl-IO-stringy	perl-Storable
flex	perl-File-Temp	perl-libnet	perl-Text-Shellwords
xorg-x11-devel	perl-GD	perl-libwww-perl	perl-XML-DOM
readline	perl-GD-SVG	perl-MIME-Base64	perl-XML-Twig
readline-devel	perl-Graph	perl-Module-Signature	perl-XML-Writer
gd	perl-HTML-Parser	perl-PathTools	

3.2. HMMER

3.2.1. About

HMMER is an implementation of profile HMM methods for sensitive database searches using multiple sequence alignments as queries.

The version of HMMER that is distributed with this version of Rocks was obtained from here¹². The version as of code freeze is v2.3.2 and is distributed by WU, St.Louis under the GNU General Public License v2.0.

3.2.2. Usage

HMMER is setup in the /opt/Bio/hmmer directory. The HMMER execution environment is setup automatically by the login scripts. The environment contains HMMER_DB variable which points to the directory containing the hmmer databases. By default, this is set to /share/bio/hmmer/db/.

HMMER has many modes of execution. Please run

\$ man hmmer

for a description of all the executables that come with HMMER.

You may also refer to the Users Guide present here¹³. This guide is also available on your rocks installation at /opt/Bio/hmmer/Userguide.pdf

There is also a tutorial available on your cluster at /opt/Bio/hmmer/tutorial/. The description of how to use the tutorial is given in the Userguide.pdf file.

3.3. NCBI BLAST

3.3.1. About

BLAST, or Basic Local Alignment Search Tool, is a collection of tools that are used to search for and find regions of local similarity between sequences. The program compares nucleotide or protein sequences to sequence databases, and calculates the statistical significance of the matches. This software suite has been released free to the public by the National Centre for Biotechnology Information.

3.3.2. Usage

BLAST can be used for protein-protein comparisons or nucleotide-nucleotide comparisons. Before an example of the usage is presented, we must first define some environmental variables.

• \$BLASTDB - This is the variable which points to the Blast Database. This is set to /share/bio/ncbi/db/. This directory should contain the databases that you would want to search. BLAST by default checks this location and

the current working directory for the presence of the databases. This variable is set during login by system login scripts, and may be changed by the user to point to her preferred location in her startup scripts.

• \$BLASTMAT - This variable points to the location where the BLAST scoring matricies are present. It is set to /opt/Bio/ncbi/data Again, they may be changed to point to a desired location on a per-user basis.

BLAST requires the presence of 2 datasets. One dataset is the input sequence that you want to search for, and the other dataset is the database that you want to search against.

Use the following procedure to run blast

Download the BLAST database that you want to blast against. The databases can be obtained from the NCBI ftp site at ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/. Note that the databases available here are preformatted. Unformatted databases can be obtained in FASTA format at ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/FASTA/¹⁵. The databases may also be obtained by running the /opt/Bio/ncbi/doc/blast/update_blastdb.pl script. Run the script without any parameters to view usage.

Note that it is recommended that the blast databases be downloaded to the \$BLASTDB location. As not everybody has write access to this location, a seperate user called biouser is created who can write to this location. The users of the system may su to this user using the following command.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ sudo su - biouser
-bash-3.00$ cd $BLASTDB
-bash-3.00$ /opt/Bio/ncbi/doc/blast/update_blastdb.pl --showall
Connected to NCBI
env_nr
env_nt
est
est_human
est_mouse
est others
gss
htgs
human_genomic
nr
nt.
other_genomic
pataa
patnt
pdbaa
pdbnt
refseq_genomic
refseq_protein
refseq_rna
sts
swissprot
taxdb
wgs
-bash-3.00$ /opt/Bio/ncbi/doc/blast/update_blastdb.pl patnt
Connected to NCBI
Downloading patnt.tar.gz... done.
-bash-3.00$ tar xzf patnt.tar.gz
```

This step is to be followed ONLY if you have downloaded unformatted databases from ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/FASTA/. If you've used the update_db.pl tool or downloaded the databases from ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/, then DO NOT run formatdb.

Run the formatdb command to format the database to the BLAST format.

```
-bash-3.00$ formatdb --help
```

gives you a list of all the available options to run formatdb. Make sure you choose the right set of options depending on whether you're running against a nucleotide database or a protien database.

· Create a test input file.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ cat > test.txt
>Test
```

• Run the blastall program on the test input against the downloaded database.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ blastall --help
```

gives a list of all the options that you can use to run the blastall program.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ blastall -d patnt -p blastn -i test.txt -o result.txt
BLASTN 2.2.14 [May-07-2006]
```

```
Reference: Altschul, Stephen F., Thomas L. Madden, Alejandro A. Schaffer, Jinghui Zhang, Zheng Zhang, Webb Miller, and David J. Lipman (1997), "Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs", Nucleic Acids Res. 25:3389-3402.

Database: Nucleotide sequences derived from the Patent division of GenBank
```

3,256,906 sequences; 1,981,990,296 total letters

Searching

Query= Test

```
(560 letters)
```

```
Score
                                                                          \mathbf{E}
Sequences producing significant alignments:
                                                                 (bits) Value
emb|CS104136.1| Sequence 1 from Patent WO2005049808
                                                                      589
                                                                             e-166
dbj|DD171864.1| Method of producing amino acid by fermentation
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD179435.1| Method and apparatus for recording sequential da...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD179434.1| Method and apparatus for recording sequential da...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD131253.1| Recording method and apparatus of sequence infor...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD131254.1| Recording method and apparatus of sequence infor...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD103218.1| Method and apparatus for recording information o...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|BD103217.1| Method and apparatus for recording information o...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|DD056878.1| Method and apparatus for recording information o...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
dbj|DD056877.1| Method and apparatus for recording information o...
                                                                      589
                                                                            e-166
qb|AR384840.1| Sequence 1569 from patent US 6610836
                                                                      262
                                                                            1e-67
gb|AR384989.1| Sequence 1718 from patent US 6610836
                                                                      196
                                                                            6e-48
dbj|E38337.1| Process for producing L-methionine by fermentation
                                                                      121
                                                                             3e-25
```

The above example shows how to search for the test input in a patented nucleotide database, and a snippet of the output file.

3.3.3. Running Blast with SGE

This section gives a very simple example of running BLAST through the provided batch system SGE.

• Create a simple submission script called blast_sge.sh containing the following -

```
#!/bin/bash
#
#$ -cwd
#$ -S /bin/bash
#$ -j y

export BLASTDB=/share/bio/ncbi/db/
export BLASTMAT=/opt/Bio/ncbi/data/

export PATH=$PATH:/opt/Bio/ncbi/bin

blastall -d patnt -p blastn -i $HOME/test.txt -o $HOME/result.txt
```

Run

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ qsub blast_sge.sh
Your job 10 ("blast_sge.sh") has been submitted
```

• The output of the Blast job is similar to the one given above and will be stored in \$HOME/result.txt

3.3.4. Further Information

For further information about BLAST and its usage, please refer to the following sources

- THE NCBI Blast website http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/¹⁶
- BLAST Help page on your cluster BLAST Help Page¹⁷
- BLAST Program selection Guide http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/BLAST_guide.pdf¹⁸

3.4. ClustalW

3.4.1. About

ClustalW is a multiple sequence alignment program. The version included with this distribution is v1.83.

3.4.2. Using ClustalW

ClustalW can be run at the command line as

- 1. Sequence Input From Disc
- 2. Multiple Alignments
- 3. Profile / Structure Alignments
- 4. Phylogenetic trees
- S. Execute a system command
- H. HELP
- X. EXIT (leave program)

Your choice:

Choosing the option 'H' brings up the help on clustalW.

3.4.3. Further Information

Further information on the usage of ClustalW can be obtained from clustalw.doc(MS Word Document) available at /opt/Bio/clustalw/doc/clustalw.doc on the frontend of your cluster.

3.5. EMBOSS

3.5.1. About

EMNOSS is the European Molecular Biology Open Software Suite, a set of tools that are used for sequence analysis by the Molecular Biology community (EMBnet).

3.5.2. Further Information

Information about using EMBOSS is available at http://emboss.sourceforge.net/. You may also register at their mailing list here²⁰.

3.6. Glimmer

3.6.1. About

Glimmer is a system for finding genes in microbial DNA, especially the genomes of bacteria, archaea, and viruses. Glimmer was developed at the Centre for BioInformatics and Computational Biology. The version that is distributed with Rocks is Glimmer v3.02.

3.6.2. Using Glimmer

Glimmer is installed at /opt/Bio/glimmer/. Glimmer is run in 2 stages.

- · Glimmer is trained on a particular training set of similar species to recognize genes
- Glimmer is then run on an input DNA sequence to find genes

3.6.3. Further Information

Further information about the usage of Glimmer can be found in the release notes of the software, available here²¹. This file is also available on the frontend of your cluster at /opt/Bio/glimmer/glim302notes.pdf

3.7. Fasta

3.7.1. About Fasta

FASTA is a program used to search in large Protein or DNA sequence data banks. It was developed at the University of Virginia by William R. Pearson, and D.J. Lippman.

3.7.2. Usage

FASTA is installed in /opt/Bio/fasta/. FASTA is run in a similar manner to NCBI Blast.

• First create a test query file

• The next step is to search for this against a database sequence. For this, we can download a DNA or protein sequence database or use the ones that are provided by the program. For this example, we will use the ones present along with the fasta program in /opt/Bio/fasta/.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ fasta34
# fasta34
FASTA searches a protein or DNA sequence data bank
version 3.4t25 Sept 2, 2005
Please cite:
W.R. Pearson & D.J. Lipman PNAS (1988) 85:2444-2448
test sequence file name: test.txt
library file name: /opt/Bio/fasta/gst.seq
ktup? (1 to 6) [6] 1
Query library test.txt vs /opt/Bio/fasta/gst.seq library
searching /opt/Bio/fasta/gst.seq library
 1>>>Test - 560 nt
vs /opt/Bio/fasta/gst.seq library
  1287 residues in
                        1 sequences
Altschul/Gish params: n0: 560 Lambda: 0.192 K: 0.177 H: 0.360
FASTA (3.47 Mar 2004) function [optimized, +5/-4 matrix (5:-4)] ktup: 1
 join: 77, opt: 62, open/ext: -12/-4, width: 16
```

```
Scan time: 0.000
Enter filename for results []: res.txt
How many scores would you like to see? [20]
The best scores are:
                                                          opt bits E(1)
gi|193547|gb|J04632|MUSGLUTA Mouse glutathione (1287) [r] 68 21.5
                                                                         0.22
qi|193547|qb|J04632|MUSGLUTA Mouse glutathione (1287) [f]
                                                             62 19.8
                                                                         0.55
More scores? [0]
Display alignments also? (y/n) [n] y
number of alignments [20]?
560 residues in 1 query sequences
1287 residues in 1 library sequences
Scomplib [34t25]
start: Wed Mar 15 16:14:08 2006 done: Wed Mar 15 16:14:51 2006
Total Scan time: 0.000 Total Display time: 0.010
Function used was FASTA [version 3.4t25 Sept 2, 2005]
Looking into res.txt we can see the results of our search.
```

3.7.3. Further Information

Further information about the usage of fasta can be obtained from /opt/Bio/fasta/fasta3x.doc present on the frontend of your installation.

More information is also available at the FASTA home page²².

For support, you are encouraged to join the FASTA mailing list at http://list.mail.virginia.edu/mailman/listinfo/fasta_list

3.8. MrBayes

3.8.1. About

MrBayes is a program used for bayesian inference of phylogeny. MrBayes is cowritten by John Huelsenbeck and Fredrik Ronquist.

3.8.2. Usage

MrBayes uses the NEXUS file format for input. To use MrBayes, just type mb at the command line

[nostromo@rocks-168 mrbayes]\$ mb

MrBayes v3.1.2

(Bayesian Analysis of Phylogeny)

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Type "help" or "help <command>" for information on the commands that are available.

MrBayes >

3.8.3. Further Information

A wealth of information about MrBayes is available at the following source - MrBayes Home Page²³

3.9. Phylip

3.9.1. About

Phylip - Phylogeny Inference Package - is a package of programs for inferring phylogenies or evolutionary trees. The version distributed with Rocks is v3.65.

3.9.2. Further Information

Furtherinformation about Phylip is available at the Phylip home page²⁴.

3.10. **T_Coffee**

3.10.1. About

T_Coffee is a multiple sequence alignment package. The version included with this distribution of Rocks is v3.84

3.10.2. Usage

T-coffee is used for standard alignments and alignment combinations. It is installed at /opt/Bio/t_coffee/ on the Rocks distribution. To use T-Coffee, just type t_coffee at the command line for a list of all possible parameters that can be used. T-coffee recognizes formats such as fasta, clustalw, blast, etc. Example input files are available at /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/

A simple sequence alignment example is shown below about. It is run against a sample fasta file present in the example directory. Parts of the output are deleted for the sake of brevity. Where missing, output is substituted by ellipses (.....)

[nostromo@rocks-168 ~]\$ t_coffee /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta

```
PROGRAM: T-COFFEE (Version_3.84)
-full_log
                S
                         [0]
                S
                         [0]
-run_name
                         [0]
                S
-mem_mode
                                 mem
                D
                         [1]
-extend
                S
                         [0]
                                 very_fast_triplet
-extend_mode
                D
                         [0]
-max_n_pair
                                          [0]
                                                  all
-seq_name_for_quadruplet
                         [0]
-compact
                S
                                 default
-clean
                S
                         [0]
                                 no
-do_self
                FL
                         [0]
-do_normalise
                         [0]
                                 1000
                         [0]
-template_file S
                S
                         [0]
                                 Mlalign_id_pair Mslow_pair
-in
                S
                         [1]
                                 /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta
-seq
-aln
                S
                         [0]
-method
                         [0]
. . . . . . . . .
                         FL
                                 [0]
-dpa_keep_tmpfile
-dpa_debug
                D
                         [0]
                                 Ω
-multi_thread
                         [0]
-lib_list
                         [0]
INPUT FILES
        Input File (M) lalign_id_pair
        Input File (M) slow_pair
        Input File (S) /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Format
clustal_aln
INPUT SEQUENCES: 6 SEQUENCES [PROTEIN]
  Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 1cms
                                                                       Length
```

```
175 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
 Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 4pep
                                                                   Length
174 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
 Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 4ape
                                                                   Length
178 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
 Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 3app
                                                                   Length
174 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
 Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 2apr
                                                                   Length
178 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
 Input File /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta Seq 1cms_1 Length
148 type PROTEIN Struct Unchecked
COMPUTE PAIRWISE SIMILARITY [dp_mode: idscore_pair_wise]
[distance_matrix_mode: idscore]
              1cms_1 identity= 19% score=190
       1cms
       1cms
              2apr identity= 34% score=340
       1cms
              3app identity= 31% score=310
       1cms
              4ape identity= 29% score=290
. . . . . . .
             identity= 34% score=340
       4pep
3app
             4pep identity= 31% score=310
       4ape
READ/MAKE LIBRARIES:[3]
       lalign_id_pair [method]
               [Submit Job][TOT= 15][ 0 %][ELAPSED TIME:
sec.][REMAINING TIME: -1073750336 sec.]
                                              [Submit Job][TOT= 15][100
%][ELAPSED TIME: 0 sec.][REMAINING TIME:
                                              0 sec.1
               [Retrieve Job][TOT= 15][ 0 %][ELAPSED TIME:
sec.][REMAINING TIME: 6722352 sec.]
                                              [Retrieve Job][TOT= 15][100
                   0 sec.][REMAINING TIME:
%][ELAPSED TIME:
                                             0 sec.]
       slow_pair [method]
. . . . . . .
       Library Total Size: [5142]
                           WEIGHT Format= tc_weight Name= no | NOT PRODUCED
       #### File Type=
[WARNING:T-COFFEE:Version_3.84]
WEIGHTED MODE:t_coffee
         1cms 0.61
       1cms_1 3.32
         2apr 0.59
         3app 0.49
         4ape 0.48
         4pep 0.51
```

```
MAKE NEIGHBOR JOINING DENDROGRAM
[MODE=nj][DONE]
```

```
PROGRESSIVE_ALIGNMENT [Tree Based]
              7: [Group 6 ( 1 seq)] with [Group 1 ( 1 seq)]-->[Score=
       Group
53][Len= 176]
              8: [Group 2 ( 1 seq)] with [Group 7 ( 2 seq)]-->[Score=
       Group
8][Len= 196]
. . . . . .
CLUSTAL FORMAT for T-COFFEE Version_3.84, CPU=0.94 sec, SCORE=34, Nseq=6,
Len=204
              ---gevasvpltnyl-dsqyfqkiylqtppqeftv-----lfdtqss
1cms
4pep
              ----iqdeplenyl-dteyfqtiqiqtpaqdftv-----ifdtqss
1 \text{cms}_1
              y-tgslhwvpvtv----qqyw-----qftvdsvtisgvvvaceggcqaildtgts
2apr
              a---gvgtvpmtdygndieyygqvtigtpgkkfnl------dfdtgss
4ape
              s-tgsatttpids-l-ddayitpvqigtpaqtlnl------dfdtgss
              aasgvatntptan---deeyitpvtig--gttlnl------nfdtgsa
3app
                                            : . :
. . . . . .
OUTPUT RESULTS
       #### File Type= GUIDE_TREE Format= newick Name= sample_aln2.dnd
       #### File Type= MSA Format= clustalw Name= sample_aln2.aln
TIP: Change the Width of your MSA with the environement variable
ALN_LINE_LENGTH (all formats)
Command Line: t_coffee /opt/Bio/t_coffee/example/sample_aln2.fasta
[PROGRAM: T-COFFEE]
T-COFFEE Memory Usage: Current= 4.233 Mb, Max= 6.807 Mb
T-COFFEE CPU Usage: 940 millisec
```

3.10.3. Further Information

Further information about t_coffee is available at -

• The T-coffee home page²⁵

[nostromo@rocks-168 ~]\$

- On your cluster head node at /opt/Bio/t_coffee/doc/
- T-Coffee Documentation²⁶

3.11. MPI-Blast

3.11.1. About

MPI-Blast is a program from LANL²⁷ which parallelizes the NCBI Blast algorithms using Message Passing Interface library. The version of MPI-Blast included with Rocks is v1.4.0-May2006.

3.11.2. Usage

MPI-Blast is used in a similar manner to NCBI-Blast. MPI-Blast uses the same variables that are available for NCBI-Blast.

There are 3 steps to running MPI-Blast.

Download a FASTA database to \$BLASTDB. For this example we will download the ecoli nucleotide database.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~1$ sudo su - biouser
-bash-3.00$ cd $BLASTDB
-bash-3.00$ wget ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/FASTA/ecoli.nt.gz
--17:06:23-- ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/db/FASTA/ecoli.nt.gz
          => 'ecoli.nt.gz'
Resolving ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov... 165.112.7.10
Connecting to ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov | 165.112.7.10 | :21... connected.
Logging in as anonymous ... Logged in!
==> SYST ... done. ==> PWD ... done.
==> TYPE I ... done. ==> CWD /blast/db/FASTA ... done.
==> PASV ... done.
                   ==> RETR ecoli.nt.gz ... done.
Length: 1,438,199 (1.4M) (unauthoritative)
100%[=========] 1,438,199
610.14K/s
17:06:27 (607.91 KB/s) - 'ecoli.nt.qz' saved [1438199]
```

• Format the database using mpiformatdb as follows. A good rule is to format the database to atleast 4 processors, as follows.

```
-bash-3.00$ gunzip ecoli.nt.gz
-bash-3.00$ ls
ecoli.nt
-bash-3.00$ mpiformatdb --nfrags=4 -i ecoli.nt -pF --quiet
Reading input file
Done, read 58882 lines
Reordering 400 sequence entries
Breaking ecoli.nt into 4 fragments
Executing: formatdb -p F -i /tmp/reorderncq8B1 -N 4 -n /share/bio/ncbi/db/ecoli.nt -o T
Removed /tmp/reorderncq8B1
Created 4 fragments.
Changing permissions of /share/bio/ncbi/db//ecoli.nt.mbf
-bash-3.00$ ls
```

```
ecoli.nt.000.nsq ecoli.nt.001.nsq ecoli.nt.002.nsq
                                                                     ecoli.nt.003.nsq
ecoli.nt
ecoli.nt.000.nhr
                 ecoli.nt.001.nhr
                                  ecoli.nt.002.nhr
                                                    ecoli.nt.003.nhr
                                                                     ecoli.nt.mbf
ecoli.nt.000.nin ecoli.nt.001.nin
                                  ecoli.nt.002.nin
                                                    ecoli.nt.003.nin
                                                                     ecoli.nt.nal
ecoli.nt.000.nnd ecoli.nt.001.nnd ecoli.nt.002.nnd ecoli.nt.003.nnd
                                                                     formatdb.log
ecoli.nt.000.nni ecoli.nt.001.nni
                                  ecoli.nt.002.nni
                                                    ecoli.nt.003.nni
ecoli.nt.000.nsd ecoli.nt.001.nsd
                                  ecoli.nt.002.nsd
                                                    ecoli.nt.003.nsd
ecoli.nt.000.nsi ecoli.nt.001.nsi
                                  ecoli.nt.002.nsi
                                                    ecoli.nt.003.nsi
```

· Now, as a normal user, create a test sequence file and run mpiblast on the sequence against the formatted database.

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ cat > test.txt
>Test
```

[nostromo@xxx mpiblast]\$ /opt/mpich/gnu/bin/mpirun -np 4 /opt/Bio/mpiblast/bin/mpiblast -d ecoli.n After mpirun terminates, result.txt contains the result of your computation.

3.11.3. Running MPI Blast and SGE

This section gives a brief overview of running MPI Blast with SGE

• Create a simple SGE submission scripts called mpiblast_sge.sh with the following contents

```
#$ -cwd
#$ -j y
#$ -S /bin/bash

export MPI_DIR=/opt/mpich/gnu/
export BLASTDB=/share/bio/ncbi/db/
export BLASTMAT=/opt/Bio/ncbi/data/
```

\$MPI_DIR/bin/mpirun -np \$NSLOTS -machinefile \$TMP/machines /opt/Bio/mpiblast/bin/mpiblast -d ecoli

Run

#!/bin/bash

```
[nostromo@xxx ~]$ qsub -pe mpich 4 mpiblast_sge.sh
Your job 11 ("mpiblast_sge.sh") has been submitted
```

• The results of your computation will be present in \$HOME/result.txt

Please note that an MPI blast job requires atleast 3 processors to run. The argument for mpirun specifying the number of processors should be factor of the number of pieces the blast database was divided into. If you're running on a cluster with 2 processors, SGE, by default, will not schedule a job which requires more than 2 slots to run.

3.11.4. Further Information

Further information about using mpiblast can be found at the MPI-Blast home page²⁸.

For support, please join the mpiblast mailing list²⁹

3.12. GROMACS

3.12.1. About

GROMACS - Groningen MAchine for Chemical Simulation - is a software suite meant for molecular dynamics simulation.

The version of GROMACS included with the distribution is version 3.3.1. It is available at http://www.gromacs.org under the GNU General Public Licence v2.0.

3.12.2. Usage

GROMACS is setup in /opt/Bio/gromacs directory. The version included in this distribution is compiled with mpi support. MPICH is used as the MPI library.

To get more help on using GROMACS, please refer to the following resources:

- GROMACS Home Page³¹
- GROMACS Documentation³²
- GROMACS Online Reference Manual³³
- GROMACS FAQ³⁴
- · Tutorials available on your machines at /opt/Bio/gromacs/share/tutor

3.13. Bioperl

3.13.1. About

Bioperl is a set of perl modules for Bio-informatics computation.

3.13.2. Usage

Bioperl modules can be used to supplement already existing applications such as t_coffee, clustalw, and blast. For information on how to use the library, please refer to the API Docs³⁵.

3.13.3. Further Information

Further information about bioperl is available at the Bioperl home page³⁶

3.14. Biopython

3.14.1. About

Biopython is a set of python modules for Bio-informatics computation.

3.14.2. Usage

Biopython modules can be used to supplement already existing applications such as blast. For information on how to use the library, please refer to the biopython documentation³⁷.

3.14.3. Further Information

Further information about biopython is available at the Biopython home page³⁸

Notes

- 1. http://hmmer.wustl.edu/
- 2. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/
- 3. http://mpiblast.lanl.gov/
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- 5. http://www.ebi.ac.uk/clustalw/

- 6. http://mrbayes.csit.fsu.edu/
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