



# INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS

## مقدمة في علم المعلومات الحياتية

**W1P. Biological Databases**

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# What is Database?

A database is an organized collection of structured information, or data, typically stored electronically in a computer system.





**What is Database?**

**DATA VS INFORMATION ?**

## **Biological databases**

Biological data are complex, vast and incomplete. Therefore, several databases has been created and interpreted to ensure unmistakable results. A collection of biological data arranged in computer readable form that enhances the speed of search and retrieval and convenient to use is called biological database. A good database must have updated information.

## What we expect from a database?


- Sequence, functional, structural information, related bibliography.
- Well Structured and Indexed.
- Well cross-referenced (with other databases).
- From time to time updated.
- Tools for analysis and visualization.

# Biological Databases

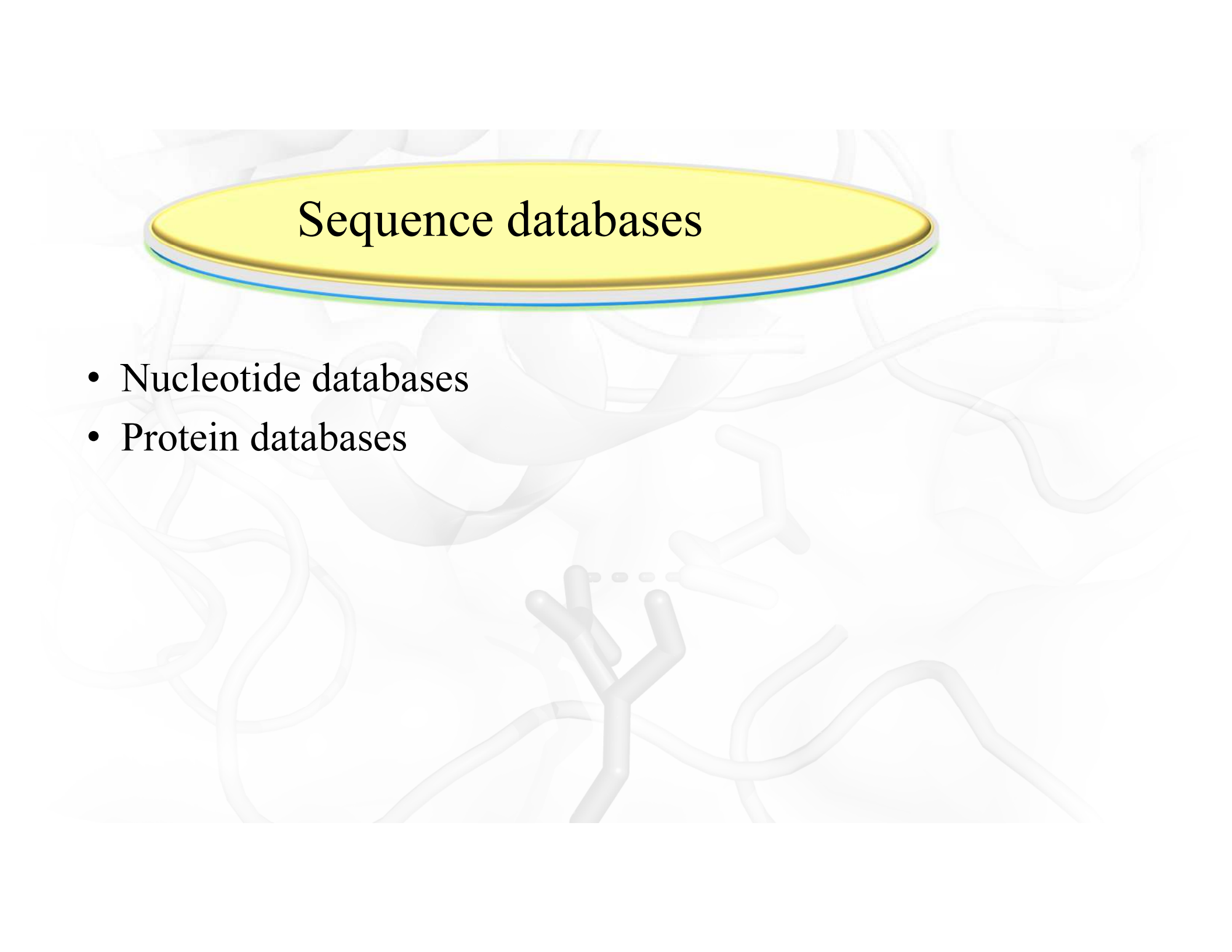


- Sequence databases
- Structure databases





# Sequence databases

- Nucleotide databases
  - Protein databases
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# Nucleotide databases

- International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration (INSDC)
  - NCBI
  - EMBL
  - DDBJ

# Standard contents of a sequence database

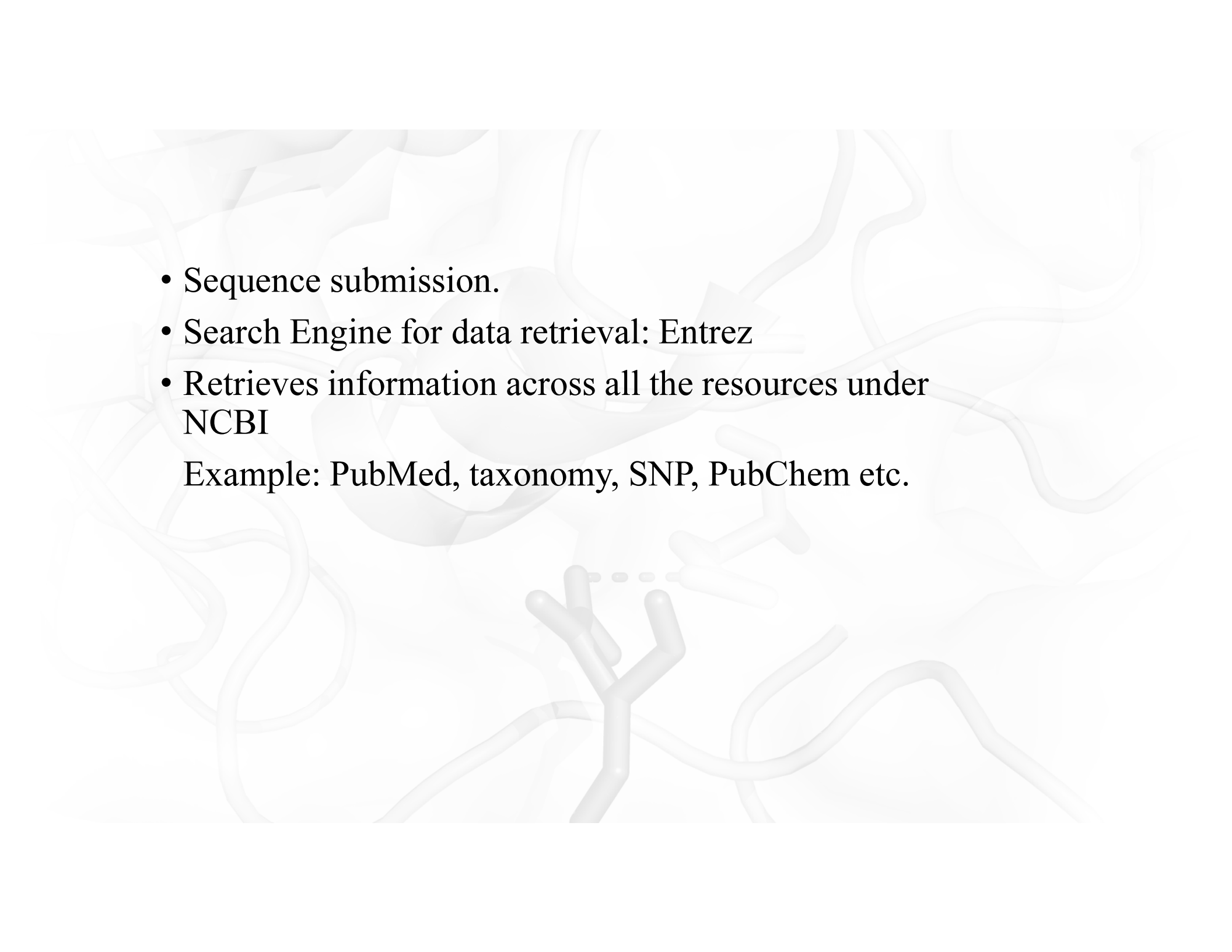
- Sequences
- Accession number
- References
- Taxonomic data
- Annotation/curation
- Keywords
- Cross-references
- Documentation

NCBI National Center for Biotechnology Information

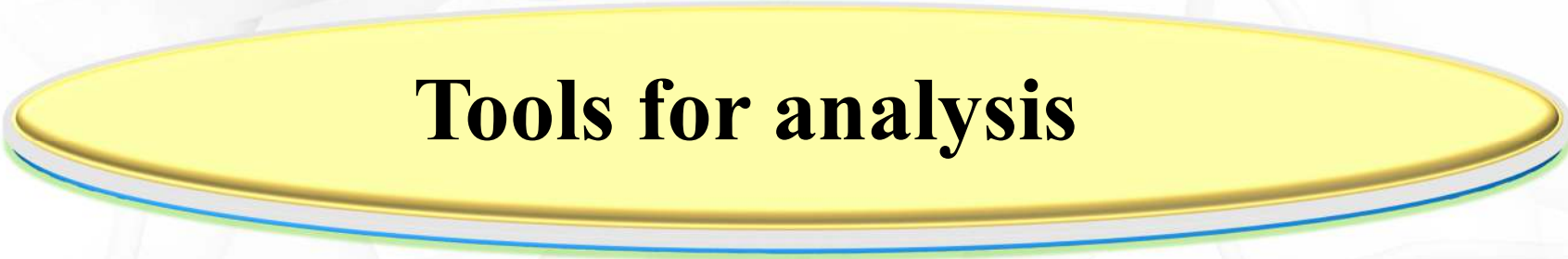


- Very comprehensive biological database
- GENBANK: The nucleotide sequence database
- Provides 42 different resource
- Provides a simple and easy to use web interface

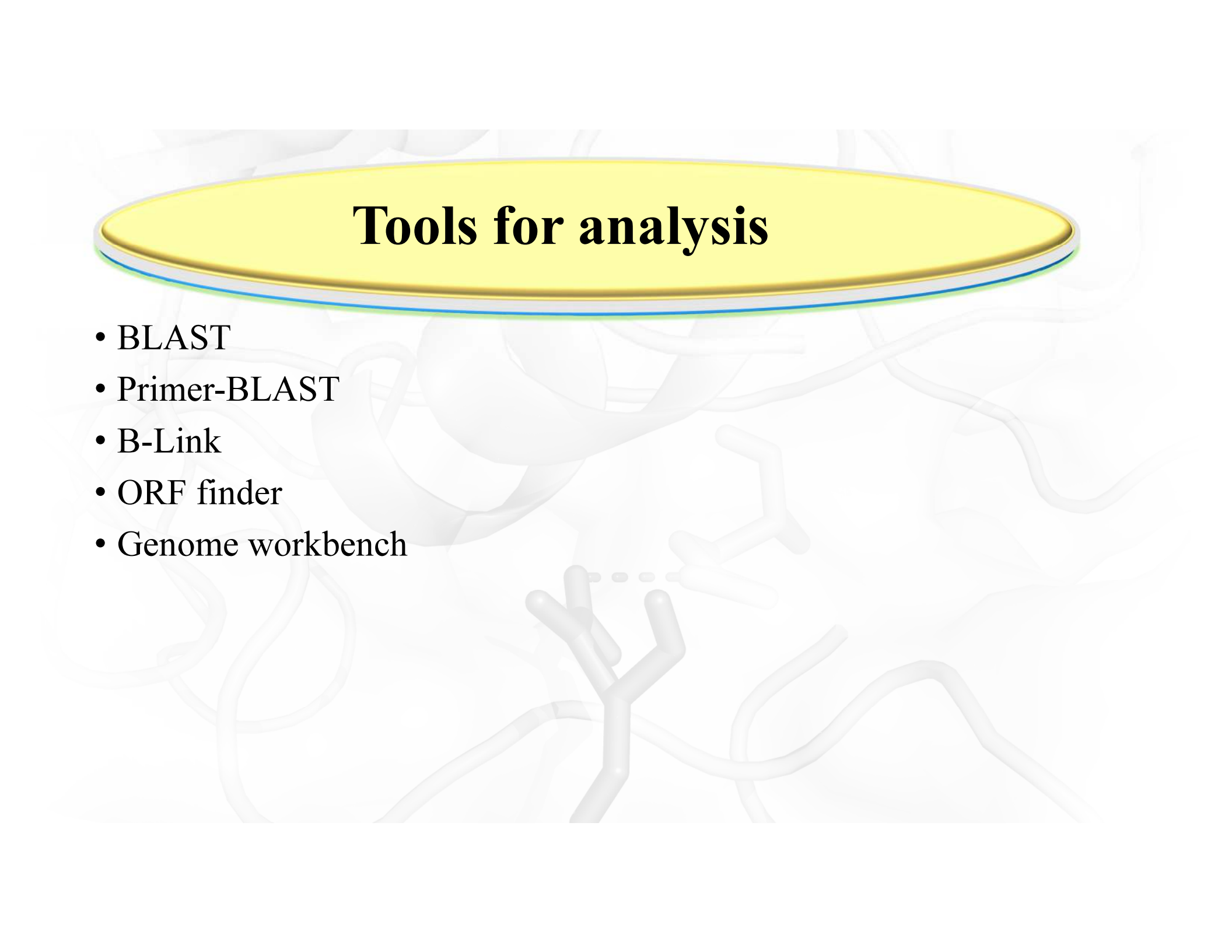
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

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- Sequence submission.
  - Search Engine for data retrieval: Entrez
  - Retrieves information across all the resources under NCBI

Example: PubMed, taxonomy, SNP, PubChem etc.



# Tools for analysis

- BLAST
  - Primer-BLAST
  - B-Link
  - ORF finder
  - Genome workbench
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# Protein Sequence databases

- UniProt
- PFAM
- Gene Index project



# UniProt

- Universal Protein Resource
- Formed through the merger of :
  - SIB
  - EBI-SwissProt
  - TrEMBL
  - PIR-PSD

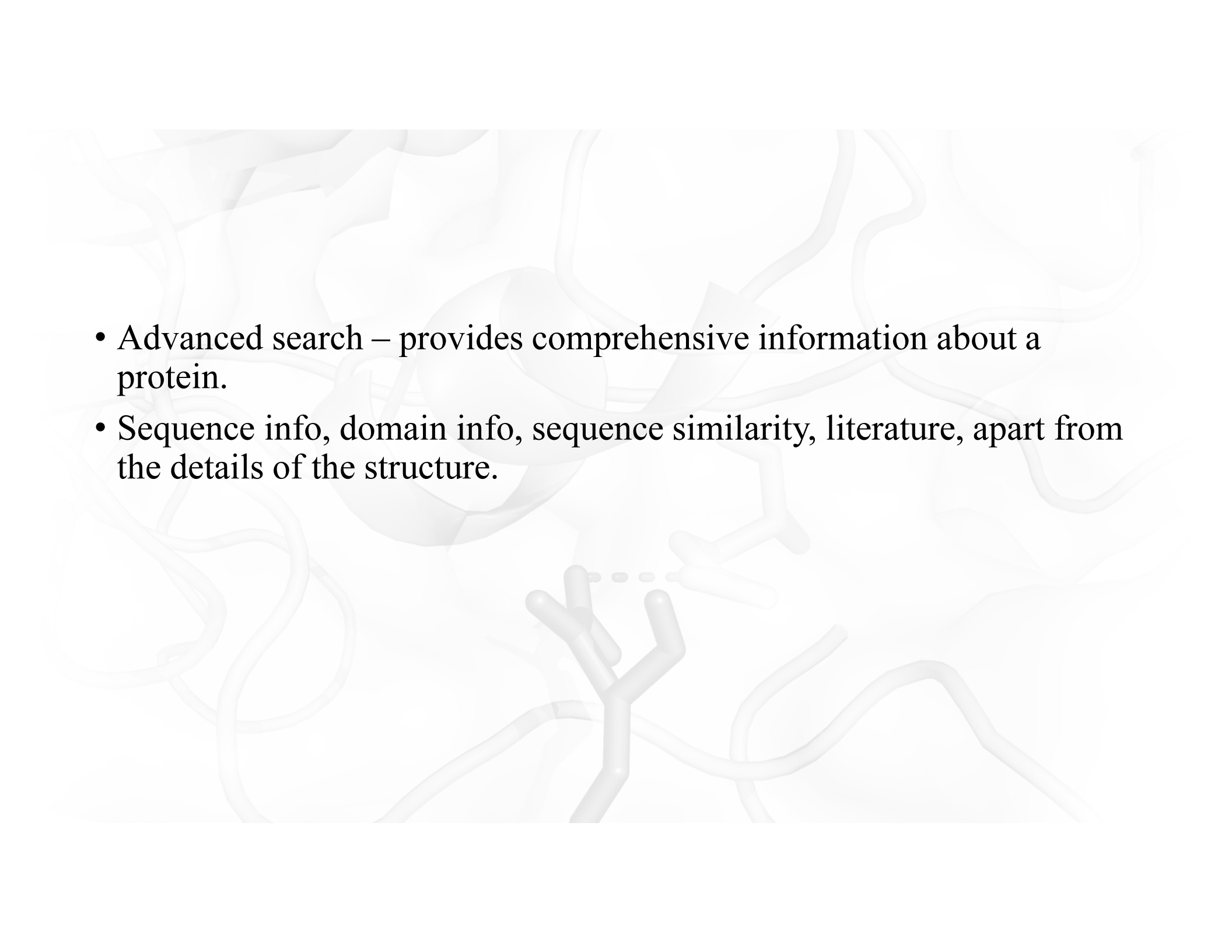




# Structural databases

## PDB – Protein Data Bank

- Contains information about experimentally determined structures of proteins, nucleic acids, and complex assemblies
- RCSB-PDB, PDBe, PDBj, BMRB – repositories of protein structure data
- Files in PDB, mmCIF, PDBML/XML formats

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- Advanced search – provides comprehensive information about a protein.
  - Sequence info, domain info, sequence similarity, literature, apart from the details of the structure.

*Thank  
You!*

