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#### INTRODUCTION



The software used to examine and display structure information of biomolecules like amino acids and protein are called **structure** visualization tools.

The computer graphics help to analyze and compare protein structure to gain the functions of protein.

Molecular visualization helps the scientists to bioengineer the protein molecules.

# TOOLS FOR MOLECULAR VISUALIZATION

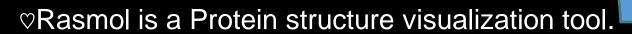


There are a number of software's both free and commercial are available to visualize the biomolecules.

The most commonly used free software are;

- ≻RasMol
- >Chime
- >MolMol
- >Protein explorer
- **≻Kinemage**
- > Ribbons
- Swiss-PDR viewer

#### RASMOL



©RasMol is an important scientific tool for visualisation of molecules created by Roger Sayle in 1992.

♥RasMol is used by hundreds of thousands of users world-wide to view macromolecules and to prepare publication-quality images.

#### RASMOL



©RasMol is a molecular graphics program proposed for the visualization of **proteins**, nucleic acids and small molecules.

©The program is aimed at display, teaching and generation of publication quality images.

The program reads in molecular coordinate files and interactively displays the molecule on the screen in a variety of representations and colour schemes.

©RasMol runs on wide range of architectures and operating systems including Microsoft Windows, Apple

#### SUPPORTED INPUT FILE FORMATS



- ♥Protein Data Bank (PDB)
- ♥Mol2 formats
- ♥Molecular Design Limited's(MDL) Mol file format
- ♥Minnesota Supercomputer Center's (MSC) XYZ (XMol) format
- **♥CHARMm** format CIF format
- ♥mmCIF format files





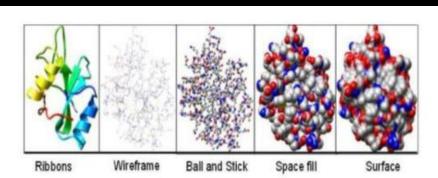
© The input file can be in PDB format and can be downloaded from the PDB structure database.

#### **PDB File Format**



#### DISPLAY

- There are different ways of displaying coordinates.
- These include:-#wireframe, sticks, spacefill, strands & cartoons.
- **⊙** The initial image is shown as a "wire" model.
- © In the last two styles, alpha helices are rendered as helical ribbons and beta structures as flat arrows pointing in the direction of the polypeptide chain.



#### COLOUR



The atoms of the model can be coloured by the standard CPK (named after Corey, Pauling and Koltun) To color by atom type: Colours/CPK

- © Carbon: gray
- Oxygen: red
- Nitrogen: blue
- Sulfur: yellow

#### COLOUR



The protein can be coloured based on polypeptide chains, the chemical property of the amino acids.

To color by the protein-secondary structure: Colours/Structure

-helices: magenta

-sheets: yellow

turns: pale blue

all other residues: white

The structure can be cut in the z-dimension

The left and right mouse buttons can be used to rotate the protein along the "x" and "y" axes.

### RASMOL FEATURES

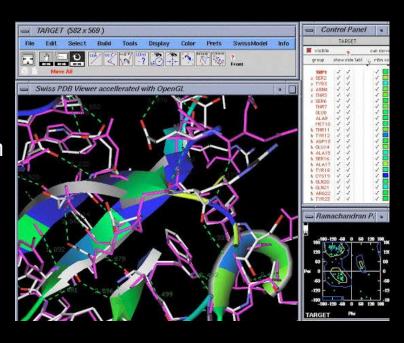


- ▼The ability to automatically mark non bonded atoms in wireframe and stick displays
- ▼The ability to report coordinates.
- **♥**Additions to the list of pre-defined colours.
- ♥Updating the picture title with the PDB ID code and EXPDTA information, so models will be clearly distinguished from experimental data.
- ♥Correction of coordinate handling for Mol2 and XYZ coordinates
- ▼Improved accuracy of coordinates in pseudo-PDB output.

## RASMOL FEATURES

- ♥Alternate conformers and multiple NMR models may be specially coloured and identified in atom labels.
- ♥Different parts of the molecule may be represented and coloured independently of the rest of the molecule or displayed in several representations simultaneously.
- ▼This software is freely available.Download link:
  http://www.openrasmol.org/#Software





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