MotifMarker Documentation

Abstract

MotifMarker is a tool designed to search for motifs whose consensus are represented by regular expressions.

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Program Flow

The program first reads in the fasta file containing the sequences, and loads in a consensus files containing the motifs represented in regular expression and a script templates containing the template to create scripts. The program then searches for each motif against each sequence and generate a script file for each match. The program halts after generating a report in HTML format and display the report on a browser.

Requirements

J2SE (Java 2 Standard Edition) 5.0 Runtime Environment which could be obtained from Sun Microsystems Java homepage (http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/download.jsp)

The program package

Obtain MotifMarker.zip from http://albertwcheng.inscyber.net/MotifMarker.htm
The program package comes in a zip file containing the following:

MotifMarker.jar	The java binary for this program, also containing the source
starthtml.win.bat	A BATCH script for lauching report in browser for Windows
documentation.pdf	This documentation
demo.pdf	The demo of the program
consensus/*.txt	Some sample consensus files
spdb.txt	A sample script template for use with Spdb-viewer
proteinstruct/hsa_cellcyclekinase/*.pdb	The sample pdb files

To Setup MotifMarker

- 1) Setup the J2SE Runtime Environment 5.0
- 2) Extract MotifMarker.zip
- 3) Done

To Run MotifMarker

- 1) run command in a console java –jar MotifMarker.jar
- 2) Follow the instructions of the program

The Parameters by Example

Parameter	Example
protein sequence (The fasta file containing the sequences)	cellcyclekinase_hs.txt
Consensus (The consensus file containing the regular expressions of the consensus)	consensus/pstaire.txt
script template (The script template file)	spdb.txt
pdb protein structure (The folder containing the PDB files, this is used to correct for the residue positions of the protein structure; type "_" to ignore)	proteinstruct/hsa_cellcyclekinase

(boldface represents user input)

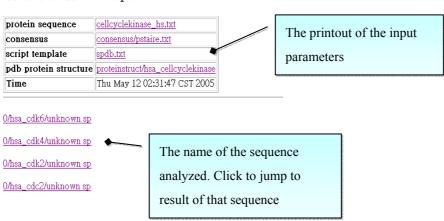
>java -jar MotifMarker.jar		
protein sequence>cellcyclekinase_hs.txt		
consensus>consensus/pstaire.txt		
script temp> spdb.txt		
pdb protein structure('_' to ignore)>proteinstruct/hsa_cellcyclekinase		
Processing 0/hsa_cdk6/unknown sp		

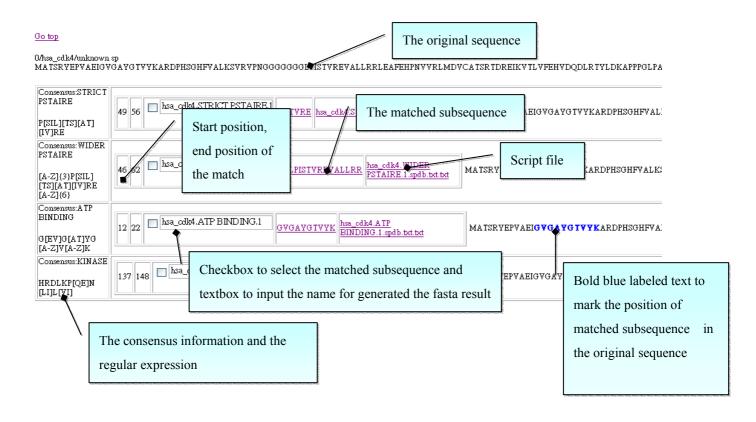
1Matches found for consensusP[SIL][TS][AT][IV]RE
1Matches found for consensus[A-Z]{3}P[SIL][TS][AT][IV]RE[A-Z]{6}
1Matches found for consensusG[EV]G[AT]YG[A-Z]V[A-Z]K
1Matches found for consensusHRDLKP[QE]N[LI]L[VI]
Processing O/hsa_cdk4/unknown sp
1Matches found for consensusP[SIL][TS][AT][IV]RE
1Matches found for consensus[A-Z]{3}P[SIL][TS][AT][IV]RE[A-Z]{6}
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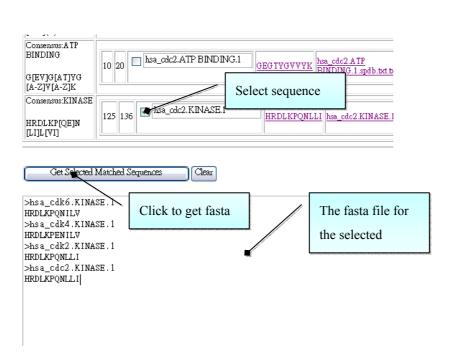
An HTML report MotifMarker.out.html is generated and displayed on the default browser

The HTML report









The consensus file format

Consensus file contains the regular expression of the consensus. Each consensus is written in a line and the consensus file can contain infinite number of lines of the following format (where _ means tab "\t" >> means required fields, [] means optional, ... means none or many times of the previous argument)

<consensus name>_<regular expression>_[<script replace key>_<script replace value>]_....

Parameter	Example
Consensus Name (A fancy description of the consensus)	ATP BINDING
Regular Expression (The regular expression to represent the consensus) please refer to java.util.Regex.Pattern in J2SE documentation for more information see ref #	G[EV]G[AT]YG[A-Z]V[A-Z]K (for consensus GE/VGA/TYGXVXK)
script replace key script replace value (replace every occurrence of script replace key by script replace value in the script file)	color0 RED (to replace all the occurance of <i>color0</i> in script files by <i>RED</i>

The script template file format

The script template file is an ordinary script file (in Rasmol format or Deepview format) with labels left out for MotifMarker to fill in and replace.

Some of the labels are replaced by MotifMarker, some of the labels are replaced by those defined in the consensus file, e.g., color0 is replaced by red in the script file in the example above

Some reserved label of MotifMarker

Parameter	Meaning
start0	The first residue of the motif, e.g., 49
end0	The last residue of the motif, e.g., 56

For example for a script in Deepview

\$start=start0;
\$end=end0;
\$color=color0;

will be replaced to

\$start=49;	
\$end=56;	
\$color=RED;	

That's it. Enjoy! Thanks, Albert

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