

Q: What is **ASAP**?

A: ASAP = Automated Sequence Annotation Pipeline. It is a system that contains different plans of various annotations that you can use for your needs.

Q: I have a certain problem to solve. How do I use the **ASAP** to do it?

A: So far, there are two ways to do it.

Number one is when we have an annotation plan for your problem – then you need just to query the plan submitting your information and receive the results *ASAP*.

Second way is when you have rather specific problem and we didn't create a plan for it yet. Please contact us with the description of the problem and the plan for it will be created *ASAP*.

In the next version of the **ASAP** (when we'll create enough different small independent plans) we intend to include into system the ability for the user to combine the plans together to receive the answer user needs.

Q: What is a '*plan*'?

A: In a nutshell, plan is a script that is programmed to take some input, and using different sources (local and remote databases, internet sites, programs, etc.), to get information (annotation) about this input.

Q: Why should I register?

A: Why not? It takes just about 15 seconds to do and it gives you the flexibility of keeping track of all queries you performed, allows you to customize your environment, and of course helps us to control things that happening in our system.

Q: What is a '*query*'?

A: That is obviously the action you can do with a plan to receive some information from it by passing some input.

Q: What is a '*job*'?

A: Job is created to handle your single query.

Q: What is a '*status*'?

A: You can check status of any job (in other words, query progress) you launched. A portion of queries (e.g. with BLAST search) take some time to be finished and the status is the convenient feature to keep you posted on the job's progress.