

Rosetta Input/Output



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How do I get Rosetta?

Download Rosetta:

<https://rosettacommons.org/software/download/>

Current release: Rosetta version 3.14

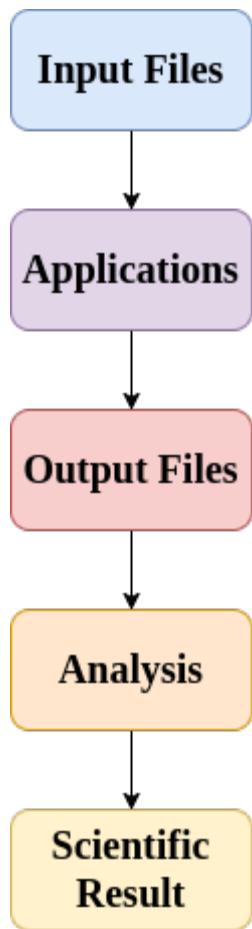
All tutorials here use version 3.14

Links to documentation, forum and demos:

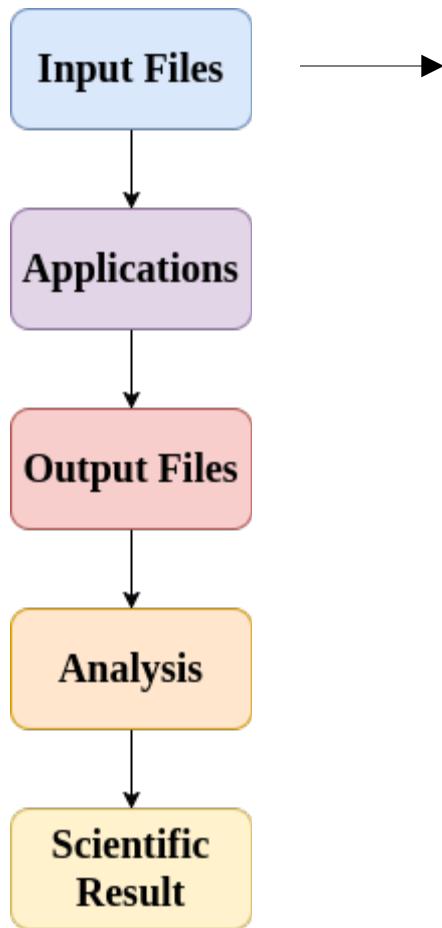
<https://docs.rosettacommons.org/docs/latest/Home>

<https://docs.rosettacommons.org/demos/latest/Home>

General Workflow



Input Files



Molecules:

Protein structure (pdb, silent files)
Protein sequence (fasta file)
Ligand structures (pdb, sdf file)

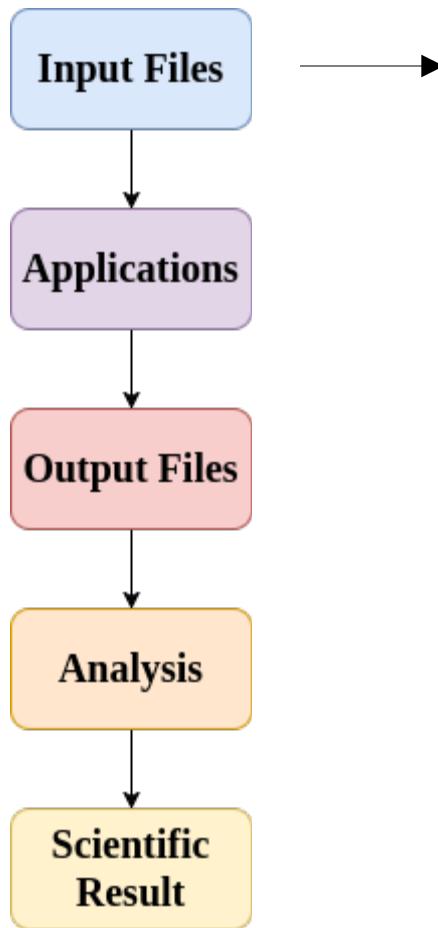
Application-specific inputs:

Span file (define residues in membrane)
Loops file (identify loop residues)
Param file (NCAA or small molecules)
Res file (residues to design)

Options:

-nstruct 1000
-score:weights XXX.wts

Input Files



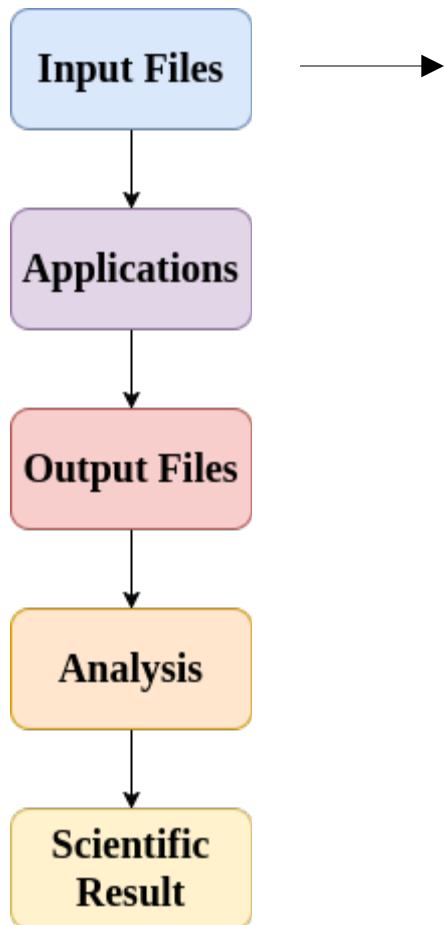
Input options:

- parser:protocol XXX.xml
- in:file:s XXX.pdb
- in:file:fasta XXX.fasta
- in:file:silent XXX.silent
- in:file:extra_res_fa XXX.params

Output options:

- out:file:silent XXX.silent
- out:file:scorefile XXX.sc

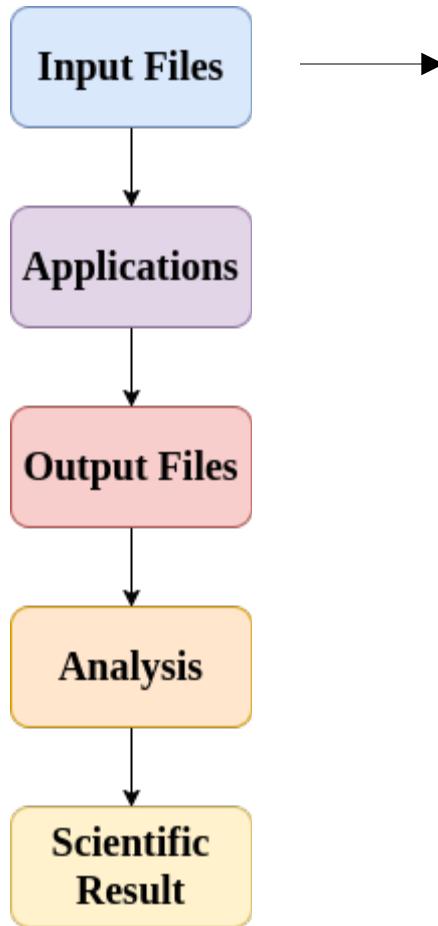
Input Files



Protocols can get complicated:

```
$ROSETTA/main/source/bin/AbinitioRelax.linux  
gccrelease -database ../../rosetta_database -  
in:file:fasta ./input_files/1elwA.fasta -  
in:file:native ./input_files/1elw.pdb -in:file:frag3  
./input_files/aa1elwA03_05.200_v1_3 -  
in:file:frag9 ./input_files/aa1elwA09_05.200_v1_3 -  
abinitio:relax -relax:fast -abinitio::increase_cycles 10  
-abinitio::rg_reweight 0.5 -abinitio::rsd_wt_helix 0.5  
-abinitio::rsd_wt_loop 0.5 -use_filterstrue -  
psipred_ss2 ./input_files/1elwA.psipred_ss2 -  
kill_hairpins -out:file:silent 1elwA_silent.out -  
nstruct 10
```

Input Files

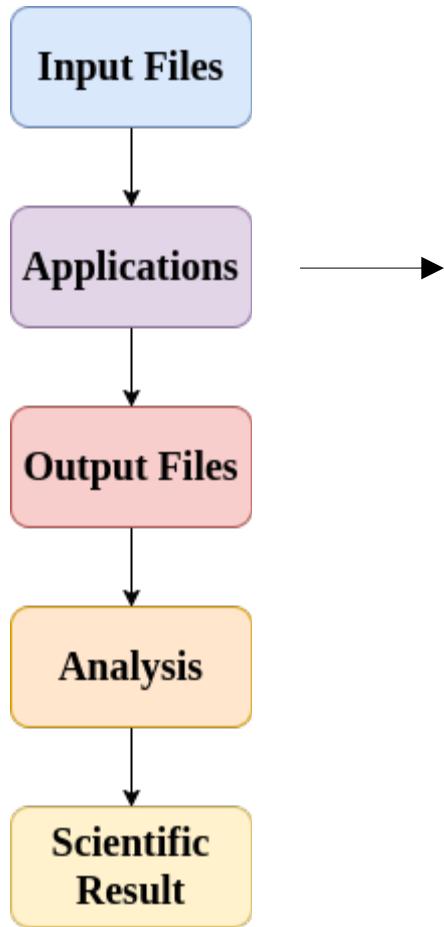


But you can use @options.txt:

\$ROSETTA/main/source/bin/AbinitioRelax.linux
gccrelease @options.txt

```
-in:file
    -fasta ./input_files/1elwA.fasta
    -native ./input_files/1elw.pdb
    -frag3 ./input_files/aalelwA03_05.200_v1_3
    -frag9 ./input_files/aalelwA09_05.200_v1_3
-psipred_ss2 ./input_files/1elwA.psipred_ss2
-ab initio:relax
-relax:fast
-ab initio::increase_cycles 10
-ab initio::rg_reweight 0.5
...
-out:file:silent ./output_files/1elwA_silent.out
-nstruct 10
```

Applications



Applications (old school)

.../main/source/bin/<app_name>.default.linuxgccrelease

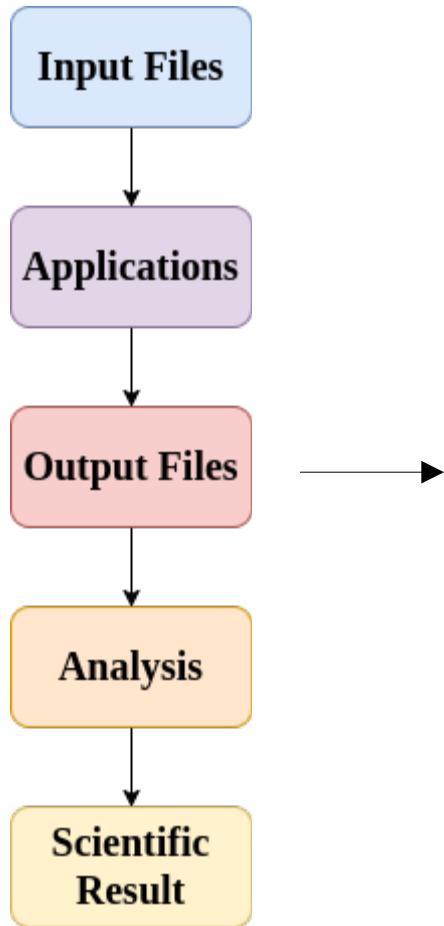
AbinitioRelax
docking_protocol
Fixbb
antibody_designer

Movers/XML files (default)

.../main/source/bin/rosetta_scripts.default.linuxgccrelease \
-parser:protocol XXX.xml

DockingProtocolMover
FixBMMover
FastDesignMover

Output Files



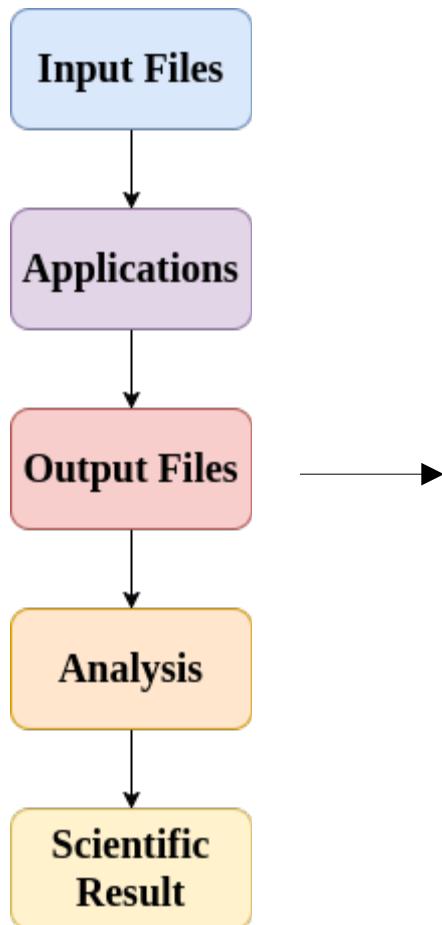
Structures: PDB files

- International standard
- Readable by Pymol, MOE, Chimera, etc
- One line per atom
- Useful for small number of structures

Structures: Silent files

- Specific to Rosetta
- Compact
- One line per residue
- Useful for archiving
- Also possible in binary silent files (non readable by humans)

Output Files



Score file (score.sc)

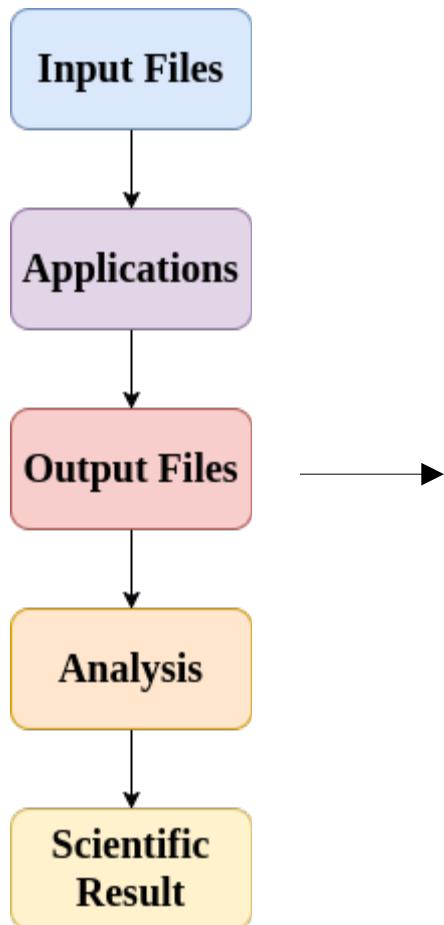
- One output model per line
- Second column is “Total score”
- Last column is the output model name
- Each column in between is a score term

```
SEQUENCE:  
SCORE: score fa_atr fa_rep fa_sol fa_intra_rep fa_elec ...  
SCORE: -1217.209 -2778.696 266.309 1545.149 5.900 -301.320 ...  
SCORE: -1217.028 -2792.422 263.906 1549.738 5.867 -295.799 ...  
SCORE: -1204.280 -2760.354 259.175 1534.072 5.913 -293.050 ...  
SCORE: -1207.127 -2768.191 260.443 1541.857 5.881 -301.847 ...  
SCORE: -1208.390 -2769.872 262.398 1539.668 5.879 -297.571 ...  
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Score (in pdb file)

```
ATOM 3381 2HG2 THR L 227 -35.593 22.831 31.238 1.00 0.00 H  
ATOM 3382 3HG2 THR L 227 -34.799 21.240 31.213 1.00 0.00 H  
TER  
# All scores below are weighted scores, not raw scores.  
#BEGIN_POSE_ENERGIES_TABLE 3gbn_Ab_0005.pdb  
label fa_atr fa_rep fa_sol fa_intra_rep fa_elec pro_close hbond_sr_bb hbond_lr_bb hbc  
weights 1 0.55 0.9375 0.005 0.875 1.25 1.17 1.17 1.17 1.1 1.25 0.25 0.625 0.7 0.4 0.6  
pose -994.338 137.719 561.027 2.15688 -112.612 19.7634 -12.2069 -79.5391 -24.1449 -23  
GLU:NtermProteinFull_1 -1.58225 0.53996 1.45283 0.00353 0.06909 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.01109  
VAL 2 -3.34255 0.45648 1.46378 0.01322 -0.08167 0 0 0 0 0 0 -0.16095 0.87346 0.30715
```

Output Files



Tracer output (Log file)

- Report your command at the beginning
- Reports databases, protocols, errors
- Useful for debugging
- Makes your protocol reproducible
- Take a bunch of space!

Options to control tracer output:

- Silence certain tracers:
 mute core.chemical.ResidueTypeSet
- Change verbosity level
(Error/Warning/Info/Debug/Trace)
 out:levels all:Warning core.init:Info

Resources for Users:

<https://www.rosettacommons.org>

Documentation
User guides
Forum
Software Download
Tutorials
(<https://meilerlab.org/tutorials/>)

Us teachers at this workshop (email us whenever, we do answer!)