

Re: Help find more effective cures by folding DNA @ home

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So what is folding?

– Folding@home is a distributed computing project that is run by Stanford University.

What is distributed computing?

– Well you see many big universities research certain things and a lot of these things require computers to find out information for them. Huge super-computers are very costly and they are not always the best way to do things. So universities like Stanford decide to get some help from other people. What they did is they made a client that people could download to use on their home computer that would help them out with their research. The way this client works is when you are connected to the internet the client will download a work unit for you, then your computer will process it over a period of hours or days, then it will send it back when it is done. It is very easy process and almost anyone can do it.

I have been doing this for over 5 years with UD from the UK.
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