

Computational tool

A computational **tool** is a **software application** or **digital system** designed to perform specific **tasks** that involve **data processing**, **modeling**, **simulation**, or **analysis** using **algorithms** or mathematical **methods**. These tools help users, especially in scientific, engineering, or technical fields, handle complex problems that would be difficult or impossible to solve manually.

Key Features of a Computational Tool

Automates **calculations** or **simulations**.

Processes large or complex **datasets** efficiently.

Often includes visualization features to aid interpretation.

Can be standalone or integrated into larger systems or pipelines.

May have a graphical user interface (GUI) or require command-line input or scripting.

Examples by Field: In neuroscience: tools like Neuropathological Function Estimations or The Virtual Brain model brain function.

In bioinformatics: tools like BLAST or Clustal Omega analyze genetic sequences.

In engineering: tools like MATLAB or ANSYS perform simulations and numerical modeling.

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