

Scientists are starting to open their DNA databases online, creating a network that could pave the way for gene analysis at a new scale.

A coalition of geneticists and computer programmers calling itself the [Global Alliance](#) for Genomics and Health is developing protocols for exchanging DNA information across the Internet. The researchers hope their work could be as important to medical science as HTTP, the protocol created by Tim Berners-Lee in 1989, was to the Web.

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