Classification of Organisms

What is classification?

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What are the benefits of classification?

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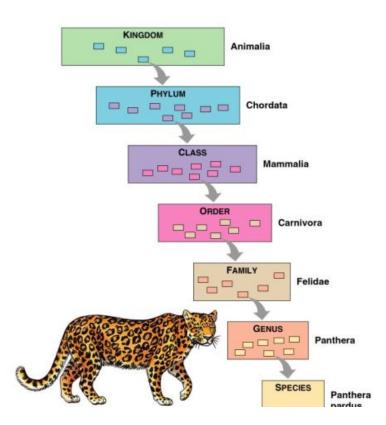
Early Taxonomists: Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778):

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Classification Groups:

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- There is a hierarchy of groups (taxa) from broadest to most specific:

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Binomial Nomenclature:			
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Domains:			
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Prokaryotes vs. Eukaryotes:			
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Archaea:			
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 Found in: sewage treatment plants, thermal volcanic vents, hot springs or geysers that are acidic, very salty water (Dead Sea, Great Salt Lake) 			
Eubacteria:			
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Commercially important in making cottage cheese, yogurt,	PLANTAE (Multicellular, eukaryotic) FUNGI (Multicellular, eukaryotic)		
buttermilk, etc.	PROTISTA (Eukaryotic, unicellular and multicellular)		
	EUBACTERIA (Unicellular, prokaryotic) ARCHAEBACTERIA (Unicellular, prokaryotic)		

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Eukarya:

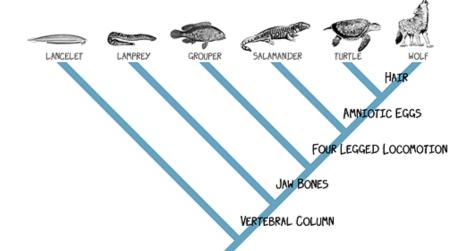
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- Divided into 4 kingdoms:
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Basis for Modern Taxonomy:

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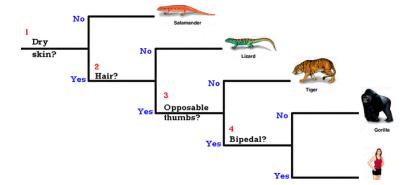
Cladogram:

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Dichotomous Key:

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Dichotomous Key

1. Has pointed ears	go to 3
Has rounded ears	go to 2
2. Has no tail	Kentuckyus
Has tail	Dakotus
3. Ears point upward	go to 5
Ears point downward	go to 4
4. Engages in waving behavior	Dallus
Has hairy tufts on ears	Californius
5. Engages in waving behavior	WalaWala
Does not engage in waving behavior	
6. Has hair on head	Beverlus
Has no hair on head (may have ear tufts) .	go to 7