

# Reticulation

Reticulation (from Latin *reticulum* 'net', diminutive of *rete* 'id.')

in phylogenetics is a generic term that refers to processes such as horizontal gene transfer, recombination, hybridisation, which lead to evolutionary relationships that cannot be fully represented as [tree](#) structures. Reticulation may also refer to [phylogenetic networks](#), which are diagrams representing non-treelike structures and which generalise the concept of a phylogenetic tree.

In stemmatology, reticulation results when the copying of a manuscript involves [contamination](#) between multiple exemplars.

## In other languages

DE: Netzstruktur (hardly in use)

FR: *réticulation* (hardly in use)

IT: *reticolazione*

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