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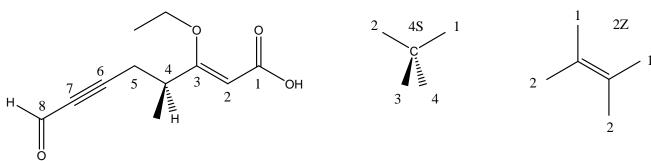
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General Strategy For Naming Simple Organic Compounds (Bare bones summary sheets)

- 1. Find the highest priority group. These are listed in order of priority in the table of functional groups.
- 2. Find the longest chain containing the highest priority group. You should know carbon chains of length C_1 - C_{12} (listed in the table).
- 3. Number the longest chain containing the highest priority group to give the highest priority group the lowest number possible in numbering the longest chain. For the first seven groups, the functional group carbon will be number 1 (if it is the highest priority group) and the "1" can be omitted, since it is understood that it has to be this way.
- 4. Usually the highest priority group is named as a suffix at the end of alkane, alk-#-ene or alk-#-yne. The final e is dropped if the suffix begins with a vowel and it is retained if the suffix begins with a consonant. A number will be present in front of the suffix name unless its position is unambiguously clear (i.e. carboxyl groups aldehydes, nitriles, etc. always = 1, if highest in priority). If there is a C/C pi functional group to identify (alkene or alkyne), the number in front of its part of the name describes its position (see rule 6 below). If both a pi bond and a high priority substituent are present, then two numbers may be necessary, one for each functionality.
- 5. Lower priority groups are named with their prefix names and their location numbers based on the numbering of the parent chain (always true for substituents numbered 12 on the next page). The lower priority substituents should be listed in alphabetical order. Some parts of prefix names count in this regard and some don't. We will not emphasize this aspect in this course.
- 6. Double bonds and triple bonds are named as alk-#-ene or alk-#-yne, respectively. If both are present, name as alk-#-en-#-yne. Multiple pi bonds (or other substituents) use the prefixes di, tri, tetra, penta etc. with a number for each occurrence. In such cases, an "a" is added in front of the numerical prefix for better phonetics. (alka-#,#-diene or alka-#,#,-triyne, alka-#,#-dien-#,#-diyne, etc.)

The essential functional groups to know (for our course) and their prefixes and suffixes are given in the attached table. In this table the term "alkan-#-suffix" is a generic term for any alkane with a functional group suffix, and it must be replaced with the correct parent stem name based on the number of carbons in the longest chain (C_1 - C_{12} for us). If there is a double bond, the name will change to "alk-#-en-#-suffix and if there is a triple bond, the name will change to "alk-#-yn-#-suffix.



(2Z,4S)-3-ethoxy-4-methyl-8-oxooct-2-en-6-ynoic acid

Notice that no "1" is used for the carboxylic acid group, because it has to be "1" in this structure.

Functional Group		<u>prefix</u>	refix suffix The part of each name specific to the function				
1. Carboxylic acid		#-carboxy not considered	alkan <u>oic acid</u>	group is in bold and underlined to help you see those features.			
2. Anhydride	0 0 R C C R	#-acyloxyalkanecarbonyl	alkan <u>oic anhydride</u> (if symmetrical)	"R" = carbon chains			
3. Ester	O R	#- <u>alkoxycarbonyl</u>	alkyl alkan <u>oate</u> (R') (RCO ₂)	# carbons	alkane chain name	alkyl branch name	
4. Acid halide	O R C C	#- <u>chlorocarbonyl</u>	alkan oyl chloride	1 2 2	methane ethane	methyl ethyl	
5. Amide	O R C NH ₂	#- <u>carbamoyl</u> # <u>-amido</u>	alkan amide	3 4 5 6	propane butane pentane hexane	propyl butyl pentyl hexyl	
6. Nitrile	R−C≡N	#- <u>cyano</u>	alkane <u>nitrile</u>	7 8 9	heptane octane nonane	heptyl octyl	
7. Aldehyde	O R ^C \H	#- <u>oxo</u>	alkan <u>al</u>	10 11 12	decane undecane dodecane	nonyl decyl undecyl dodecyl	
8. Ketone	O R C R'	#- <u>oxo</u> (older = #- <u>keto</u>)	#-alkan <u>one</u>	13 14 15	tridecane tetradecane pentadecane	tridecyl tetradecyl	
9. Alcohol	R-OH	#-hydroxy	#-alkan <u>ol</u>	16 17 18	hexadecane heptadecane octadecane	hexadecyl	
10. Thiol	R-SH	#- <u>mercapto</u>	#-alkane <u>thiol</u>	19 20	nonadecane icosane etc.		
11. Amine	R-NH ₂	#- <u>amino</u>	#-alkyl <u>amine</u> / #-alk	an amine	etc.		
12. Ether	R-O-R'	#-alk <u>oxy</u> (if more than 50 (can also use "#					
12. Thioether	R-S-R'	count as carbo #-alkyl <u>thio</u>					
12. Halogen	R-X	#- <u>fluoro</u> , #- <u>chloro</u> , #- <u>bromo</u> , #- <u>iodo</u>					
12. Azide*	R-N ₃	#- <u>azido</u>			nys prefixes		
12. Diazo*	R-N ₂	#- <u>diazo</u>		(no	suffix names)		
12. Nitro*	R-NO ₂	#- <u>nitro</u>					
12. Nitroso	R-NO	#- <u>nitroso</u>					
12. Carbon branches R— #-alkyl, #-(alk-#-enyl), #-(alk-#-ynyl) * = formal charge is necessary in these Lewis structures and there are two reasonable resonance structures							
stereoisomerism prefixes parent stem C/C pi bonds high priority suffix							
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