

# Protease

**Proteases** are enzymes that break down proteins by hydrolyzing the peptide bonds between amino acids. According to the place of action in the peptide chain, proteases are divided into:

- endoproteases – cleaves a protein molecule inside its chain (e.g. trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin),
- exoproteases – cleaves amino acids from the end of the peptide chain (e.g. carboxypeptidase).

## Links

## Source

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