Nomenclature of Organic Compounds

General rules

Nomenclature of Alkanes

Straight-Chain Alkanes			Alkyl Groups		
English	Czech		English	Czech	
name	name		name	name	
methane	methan	CH_4	methyl	methyl	CH ₃ -
ethane	ethan	CH ₃ CH ₃	ethyl	ethyl	CH ₃ - CH ₂ -
propane	propan	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	propyl	propyl	CH ₃ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -
butane	butan	$CH_3(CH_2)_2CH_3$	isopropyl	isopropyl	$(CH_3)_2CH$ -
pentane	pentan	$CH_3(CH_2)_3CH_3$	butyl	butyl	CH ₃ -CH ₂ -CH ₂ - CH ₂ -
hexane	hexan	$CH_3(CH_2)_4CH_3$			
heptane	heptan	$CH_3(CH_2)_5CH_3$			
octane	oktan	$CH_3(CH_2)_6CH_3$			

With alkanes containing a branched chain, such as

$$H_{3}$$
 CH_{3}
 CH_{3}

2-methylpropane

the name is more complex. A branched-chain alkane such as 2-methylpropane can be considered to be derived from a *straight-chain* alkane by replacing one or more hydrogen atoms by alkyl groups. The name consists of two parts:

- a suffix that identifies the parent straight-chain alkane. To find the suffix count the number of carbon atoms in the longest continuous chain. For a three-carbon chain, the suffix is propane; for a four-carbon chain it is butane, and so on.
- a prefix that identifies the branching alkyl group and indicates by a number the carbon atom where branching occurs. In 2-methylpropane, referred to above, the methyl group is located at the second carbon from the end of the chain:

Notice that

- if the same alkyl group is at two branches, the prefix **di-** is used (2,2-dimethylpropane). If there were three methyl branches, we would write trimethyl, and so on.
- the number in the name is made as small as possible. Thus, we refer to 2-methylbutane, numbering the chain from the left, rather than from the right.

<u>branched chain</u> – rozvětvený řetězec <u>straight chain</u> – přímý (rovný) řetězec

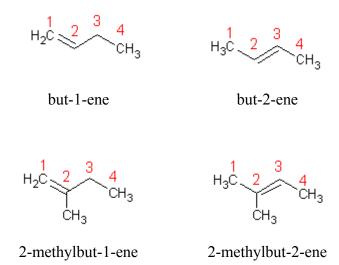
Nomenclature of Alkenes

The systematic names of alkenes are derived from those of the corresponding alkanes with the same number of carbon atoms per molecule. There are two modifications.

• the ending –ane is replaced by –ene

$$H_3C$$
— CH_3 H_2C — CH_2 ethane ethene

• where necessary, a number is used to designate the *double-bonded carbon*; the number is made as small as possible.



You may be surprised to learn that there are actually two different 2-butenes, differing from each other in molecular geometry.

<u>double-bonded carbon</u> – uhlík se dvěma vazbami

Nomenclature of Alkynes

The IUPAC names of alkynes are derived from those of the corresponding alkenes by replacing the suffix **–ene** with **–yne**.

HC
$$\longrightarrow$$
 CH₃
ethyne propyne

HC \longrightarrow CH₃
but-1-yne but-2-yne

Derivatives of Benzene

Monosubstituted benzenes are ordinarily named as derivatives of benzene.

The last three compounds listed are always referred to by their common names, shown in red.

Functional Groups

Many organic molecules can be considered to be derived from hydrocarbons by substituting a functional group for a hydrogen atom. The functional group can be a nonmetal atom or small group of atoms that is bonded to carbon.

Common Functional Groups							
Czech name	Class	Example	Name				
halogeny	halides	C ₂ H ₅ Cl	choloroethane				
alkoholy	alcohols	C ₂ H ₅ OH	ethanol				
ethery	ethers	CH ₃ -O-CH ₃	dimethyl ether				
aldehydy	aldehydes	H ₃ C H	ethanal				
ketony	ketones	H ₃ C CH ₃	propanone				
karboxylové kyseliny	carboxylic acids	H ₃ C OH	ethanoic acid				
estery	esters	H ₃ C O—CH ₃	methyl methanoate				
aminy	amines	CH ₃ NH ₂	aminomethane				
amidy	amides	H ₃ C NH ₂	ethanamide				

Carboxylic Acids

The systematic names of these compounds are obtained by adding the suffix –oic to the stem of the name of the corresponding alkanes. In practice, these names are seldom used for the first two members of the series, which are commonly referred to as formic acid and acetic acid.

methanoic acid ethanoic acid (formic acid) (acetic acid)

A wide variety of carboxylic acids occur in nature, giving a sour or tart taste to foods.

Some naturally Occurring Organic Acids						
Name		Source				
	H ₃ C					
	ОН					
acetic acid	O O	vinegar				
	O OH OH					
citric acid	но о он	citrus fruits				
	ОН ОН					
malic acid	 ОН	apples, grape juice				
oxalic acid	НООС-СООН	tomatoes, spinach				

Self-tests

Write the name

Write the correct names of these compounds:

malic acid

but-2-ene

pentane

pent-1, 3-diene

butanoic acid

aminobenzene

propanone

3-methylbutan-2-ol

Draw the formula

Draw the right formulas of these compounds

ethanoic acid

ethanal

nitrobenzene

propyne

trans-but-2-ene

pent-2,3-diene

hexane

2-methylbut-2-ene

hept-1,3-diyne

phenol

aminomethane

but-2-ene-1-ol