These Functional Groups must be memorized

On the next page, see how the symbol R is used to abbreviate alkyl groups when drawing condensed structures.

Alcohols and Phenols

- Alcohols can be primary, secondary, or tertiary.
- A phenol is an aromatic alcohol.
- The general form for an alcohol is R-OH

Amines

- Amines can be primary (1°), secondary (2°), tertiary (3°), or quaternary (4°).
 1°, 2°, and 3° amines can be protonated.
- Protonated amines have 4 bonds to N, one of those bonds is to a H.
- A protonated amine has a positive charge on the N and has one less spare pair of electrons than it would have if it was neutral (still follows the octet rule).
- The general form for a primary amine is RNH₂, secondary is R₂NH, tertiary is R₃N, and quaternary is R₄N⁺.

Carbonyl containing compounds

- A carbonyl is a carbon double bonded to an oxygen (C=O).
- The carboxylate form of carboxylic acid is ionic. The single bonded oxygen atom holds the negative charge and has *one more* spare pair of electrons than it would have if neutral (still follows the octet rule).

Sulfur containing compounds

- thio- is a prefix that commonly refers to the presence of sulfur in organic molecules.
- The general form for a thiol is R-SH

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