

# STACKS\_WORKFLOW

An integrated workflow standardizing STACKS analyses on RAD/GBS data

## About STACKS

The STACKS analysis pipeline (<http://creskolab.uoregon.edu/stacks/>) is the de facto tool for SNP discovery in Genotyping By Sequencing (GBS) and Restriction-site Associated DNA sequencing (RAD) studies when no reference genome is available. Upon starting to use STACKS, it is highly suggested to read the two official STACKS papers. These articles are listed at the bottom of the official page and contain the keyword *Stacks* in their title.

## About the STACKS Workflow

This STACKS Workflow aims at making the use of the STACKS pipeline easier and more structured so that people with GBS or RAD projects and limited UNIX/Linux experience can jump on the analysis wagon faster. It was developed with the needs of our research group in mind. We mainly developed the part workflow for its use in non-model species studies. We make no claim about its use to other groups or in other contexts but hope it may be of use to some.

The workflow has been tested with version 1.09 and earlier versions of STACKS.

## Licence

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## Overview of the steps

Step 0 - Install and prepare the workflow  
Step 1 - Download raw datafiles (Illumina lanes)  
Step 2 - Extract individual data with `process_radtags`  
Step 3 - Rename samples  
Step 4 - STACKS pipeline (`ustack/pstacks`, `cstack`, `sstack`, `populations/genotypes`)  
Step 5 - Filters

## The workflow

### Step 0 - Install and prepare the workflow

a) Download and install the most recent version of this workflow

- From the terminal, run:

```
cd ~/Desktop
wget https://github.com/enormandeu/stacks_workflow/archive/master.zip
unzip master.zip
```

Use the extracted folder (stacks\_workflow-master) as your working directory for the rest of the project. If you just updated the workflow, please use the MANUAL.pdf file that comes with that new version.

b) Download and install STACKS

- <http://creskolab.uoregon.edu/stacks/>
- Unzip the archive
- From within the STACKS folder, run:

```
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

### Step 1 - Download raw datafiles (Illumina lanes)

a) Put them in the **raw** folder of the stacks\_workflow folder

- NOTE: All file names MUST end with **.fastq.gz**

b) Prepare the **lane\_info.txt** file automatically

- From the stacks\_workflow folder, run:

```
./00-scripts/01_prepare_lane_info.sh
```

- c) Prepare the **sample\_information.csv** file using the same format as found in the **example\_sample\_information.csv** file. This file will be used to extract the samples and rename the sample files in a more intelligible manner. The first column contains the EXACT name of the data file for the lane of each sample. The second column contains the barcode sequence of each sample. The third column contains the population name of each sample. The fourth column contains the name of the sample. The fifth column contains a number identifying the populations. Columns three and four are treated as text, so they can contain either text or numbers. Other columns can be present after the fifth one and will be ignored. However, it is crucial that the five first columns respect the format in the example file exactly. Be especially careful not to include errors in this file, for example mixing lower and capital letters in population or sample names (eg: Pop01 and pop01), since these will be treated as two different populations.

## Step 2 - Extract individual data with process\_radtags

- a) Prepare a sample information file **sample\_information.csv** and put it in the **01-info\_files** folder. This file should contain one line per sample and two columns. The first column contains the exact name of the lane in which the individual is found and the second column contains the barcode sequence of that individual.
- b) Launch process\_radtags with: `### TODO use discarded reads at each step rather than treating the whole file each time`

```
./00-scripts/02_process_radtags.sh <trimLength> <enzyme>
```

Where: - trimLength = length to trim all the sequences - enzyme = name of enzyme (run **process\_radtags**, without options, for a list of the supported enzymes)

## Step 3a - Rename samples

- a) To rename and copy the samples, run:

```
./00-scripts/03_rename_samples.sh
```

- b) Join samples that should go together
- Go to 04-all\_samples and join the .fq files that should go together with the **cat** command
  - Remove partial .fq files that have been joined
  - Remove individuals with too few sequences (optional)

### Step 3b - (Optional) Align reads to a reference genome

- a) Install bwa
- b) Download reference genome to the 01-info\_files
- c) Index reference genome, run:

```
bwa index -p genome -a bwtsw ./01-info_files/<genome reference>
```

- d) copy files

```
cp genome.* 01-info_files
```

- d) Align samples

```
for i in $(ls -1 04-all_samples/*.fq); do name=$(basename $i); bwa aln -n 5 -k 3 -t 2 ./01-
```

### Step 4 - STACKS (ustack/pstacks, cstack, sstack, populations/genotypes)

- a) Prepare population info file
  - To prepare a template of that file, run:

```
./00-scripts/04_prepare_population_map_template.sh
```

- b) Rename the template file to **population\_map.txt** and remove **.fq** extensions in column 1
- c) Open the stacks script in the 00-scripts folder and edit the options
- d) Run the STACKS programs, in order:

- ustacks (or pstacks for reference assisted)

```
./00-scripts/stacks_1a_ustacks.sh
```

or (if you are using a reference genome)

```
./00-scripts/stacks_1b_pstacks.sh
```

- cstacks

```
./00-scripts/stacks_2_cstacks.sh
```

- sstacks

```
./00-scripts/stacks_3_sstacks.sh
```

- populations or genotypes

```
./00-scripts/stacks_4_populations.sh
```

## Step 5 - Filters

- Use ./00-scripts/05\_filterStacksSNPs.py to filter your SNPs. To print the documentation, type:

```
./00-scripts/05_filterStacksSNPs.py
```

- Launch the script, example:

```
./00-scripts/05_filterStacksSNPs.py ./05-stacks/batch_1.sumstats.tsv 2 1 0.6 0.05 -0.3 0.3 8
```