



# NGS and Galaxy data formats

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# Data formats

- most tools rely on very specific data format

The image shows a Galaxy dataset card on the left and its 'Datatype' tab on the right. The dataset card is titled '63: H3K4me3 Input RepA' and shows a size of '535.3 MB'. The format is listed as 'format: bam, database: dm3', which is circled in blue. Below this, it says 'Samtools Version: 0.1.18 (r982:295) SAM file converted to BAM'. There are several icons for actions like download, info, and share. At the bottom, it says 'Binary bam alignments file'. A blue arrow points from the 'edit' icon (a pencil) on the dataset card to the 'Datatype' tab on the right. Another blue arrow points from the 'Datatype' tab to the 'New Type' dropdown menu, which currently shows 'bam'. The 'Datatype' tab has a title bar 'Change data type' and a 'New Type:' label. Below the dropdown, there is a note: 'This will change the datatype of the existing dataset but *not* modify its contents. Use this if Galaxy has incorrectly guessed the type of your dataset.' and a 'Save' button.

63: H3K4me3 Input RepA  
535.3 MB  
format: bam, database: dm3  
Samtools Version: 0.1.18 (r982:295) SAM file converted to BAM  
display at UCSC [main](#) [test](#)  
display at Ensembl [Current](#)  
display with IGV [web](#) [current](#) [local](#)  
display in IGB [Local](#) [Web](#)  
Binary bam alignments file

if you want to change the format, click on "edit" and then choose "data type" within the main window

Attributes Convert Format **Datatype** Permissions

Change data type

New Type:  
bam

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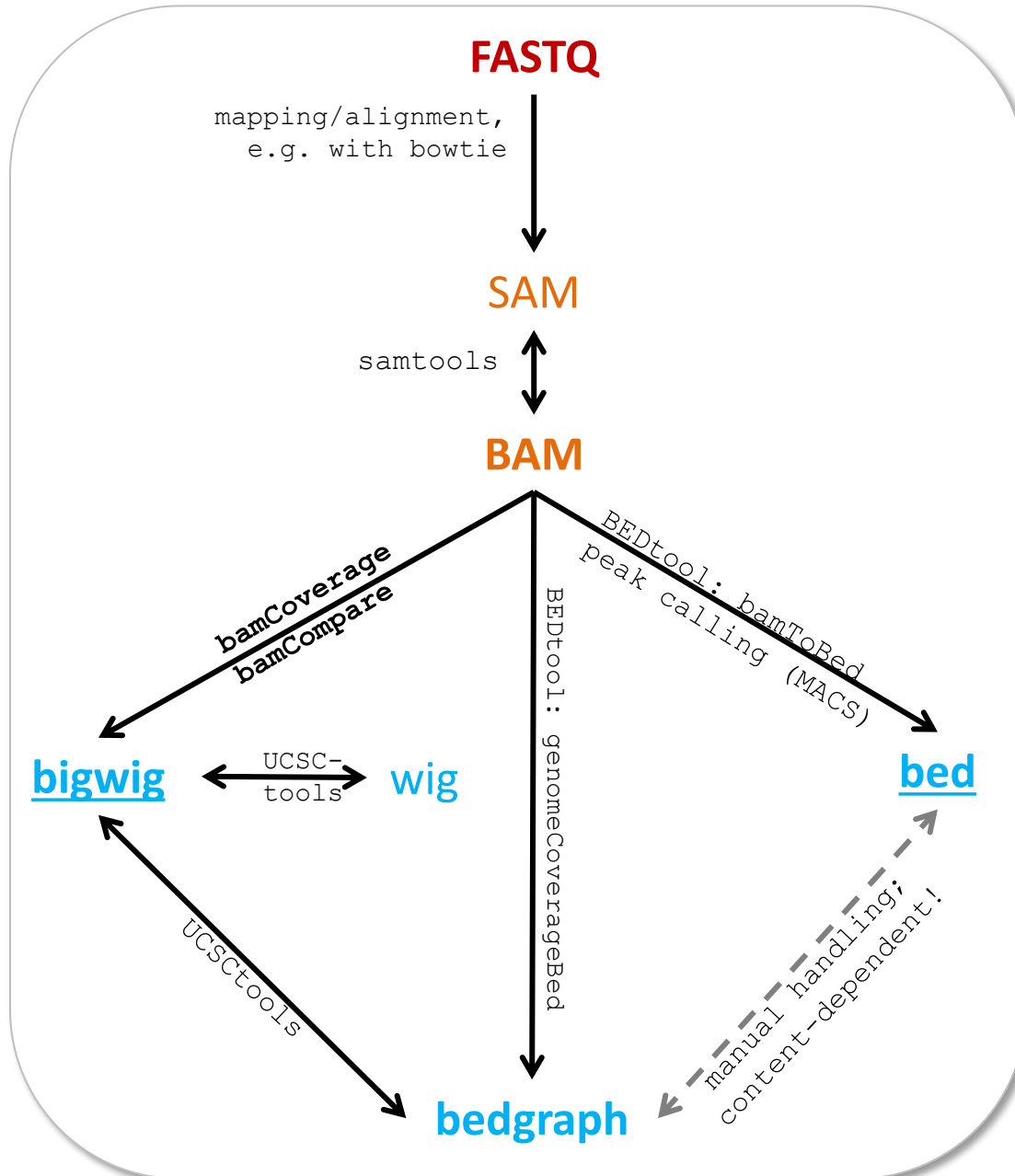
Save

# deepTools data formats

Tool	Input files	Output files
<b>bamCorrelate</b>	2 or more BAM files 1 BED	Image file Table of values
<b>bamFingerprint</b>	2 BAM files	Image file Table of counts
<b>computeGCbias</b>	1 BAM file 1 BED file	Image file Table of frequencies (→ correctGCbias)
<b>correctGCbias</b>	1 BAM file Table of frequencies	BAM or bedGraph or bigWig
<b>bamCoverage</b>	1 BAM file	bedGraph or bigWig
<b>bamCompare</b>	2 BAM files	bedGraph or bigWig
<b>computeMatrix</b>	1 bigWig 1 BED	Zippped matrix of values (→ heatmapper and profiler) Table of values for summary plot Table of values for heatmap BED file of regions used for the computation
<b>heatmapper</b>	Output of computeMatrix	Image file Table of values for summary plot Table of values for heatmap BED file of regions used for the computation
<b>profiler</b>	Output of computeMatrix	Image file Table of values for summary plot Table of values for heatmap BED file of regions used for the computation

black = required, grey = optional

# NGS data formats overview



reads: **sequence** only

reads:  
sequence + genomic localization

coverage files:  
read numbers per genomic bin

can be viewed in  
Genome Browsers

# Formats: SAM/BAM

- preferred format for storage of **aligned** sequencing reads
- SAM = text file, BAM = binary (compressed) version of a SAM, not human-readable
- each line contains many information about each single read: where it aligned, how well it aligned, its DNA sequence, whether it has a mate read etc.

*this is one (1) line of a SAM file:*

read ID

chromosome

left-most position of the  
read on the chromosome  
indicated in column 3

mapping quality

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39V34V1:38:C0RLHACXX:4:1216:16137:31969 163 chr1 3000307 42 51M = 3000408 152
CTGTAGTTACTGTTTGCTTACCTAGATTCTTCTTTCCAGAATTCTCTTAG CCCFFFFHHHGHIIJIIJJJJIIGHFGIGIGIJJJJIHEHIGIIIIJJGF AS:i:0
XN:i:0 XM:i:0 XO:i:0 XG:i:0 NM:i:0 MD:Z:51 YS:i:0 YT:Z:CP
```

flags indicating all kinds of information, typically depending on  
the software used for read alignment

for detailed information see <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAMv1.pdf>

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# Formats: bedGraph/bigWig

- preferred file formats for storage of genome-wide read coverages
- bedGraph = text file, bigWig = compressed version of bedGraph
- no information about individual reads, instead: information about how many reads were mapped to each genomic locus
- much smaller in size than SAM/BAM files

chr2	100100	100120	5
chr2	100121	100141	3.2
chr2	100142	100163	13.8

chromosome, start position, end position, read coverage

# Formats: BED

chr1	134212701	134230065	NM_028778	0	+
chr1	134212701	134230065	NM_001195025	0	+
chr1	8352741	9289811	NM_027671	0	-
chr1	25124320	25886552	NM_175642	0	-
chr1	33510655	33726603	NM_008922	0	-
chr1	58714963	58752833	NM_175370	0	-


- most common format for **genomic regions**  
[genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format1](http://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format1)
- Column 1-3: same as interval
- Column 4: name
- Column 5: score
- Column 6: strand

# Formats: interval

chr1	3660676	3661050	375	210	62.0876250438913	-2.00329386666667
chr1	3661326	3661500	175	102	28.2950833625942	-0.695557142857143
chr1	3661976	3662325	350	275	48.3062708406486	-1.29391285714286
chr1	3984926	3985075	150	93	34.1879823073944	-0.816992
chr1	4424801	4424900	100	70	26.8023246007435	-0.66282
chr1	4482601	4482775	175	77	32.2288894195497	-0.778994285714286
chr1	4775576	4775875	300	210	46.3134120503457	-1.27111133333333
chr1	4804026	4804125	100	85	28.2335379387586	-0.715186
chr1	4832226	4832325	100	97	29.0016223214396	-0.727826

- for **genomic regions**
- Column 1: chromosome
- Column 2: start position
- Column 3: end position
- other columns: anything

*much less stringent than BED format!  
(i.e. much more tolerant as only the  
first three columns are strictly  
defined)*





# Formats: tabular

13122	Hist1h2ai	-1.09803337373210	1.99391309961338	13
33790	Cenpi	-1.31045935685183	2.92807115314139	X
17603	Tcf19	-1.41017188366083	4.5199737219041	17
29570	Depdc1a	-1.74134731960069	5.22738553353615	3
32663	Anln	-1.76637339700090	4.82842251330819	9

- most simple format
- column-based
- separated by tabs
- similar to Excel tables

# additional format information

## Sequences

- FASTA: [wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA\\_format](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA_format)
- FASTQ: [wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ\\_format](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format)

## Coverage

- BedGraph  
[genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/bedgraph.html](http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/bedgraph.html)
- Wiggle  
[genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/wiggle.html](http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/wiggle.html)
- BigWig(gle)  
[genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/bigWig.html](http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/bigWig.html)