

NEAT

Adding modules

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1 Introduction

Next generation **A**nalysis **T**oolbox (NEAT) is a perl/R package that supports users during the analysis of next generation sequencing (NGS).

NEAT is versatile and easy to modify. In this tutorial, we will show how to add a custom module to NEAT. Adding a new module has been made as easy as possible by automating all the repetitive tasks such as job creation, batch submission and queuing. Adding a new module usually falls down to a single line of code.

2 Architecture

2.1 General architecture

NEAT contains different modules (yellow boxes) than can be modified and/or added.

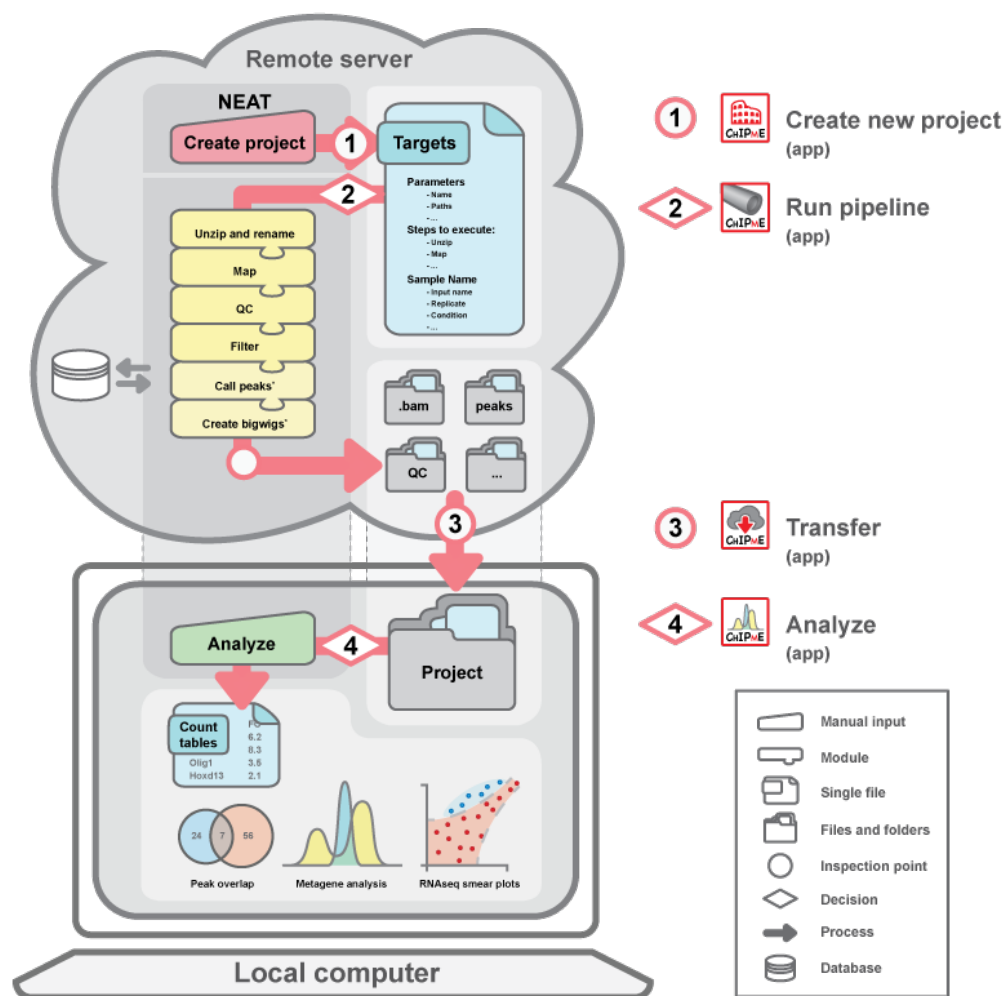


Fig.1 NEAT architecture. NGS data can be analyzed using NEAT in less than a day. Users follow a logical 4-step process, including the creation of a new project, running the pipeline on a remote server or in the cloud, transferring the data to a local computer and proceeding to the analysis.

2.2 Code architecture

The main code of NEAT (in the example of ChIPseq projects) is found in *./NEAT/ChIPpip/scripts/ChIPpip.pl*. The code is well annotated, highly redundant and should be self-explanatory to advanced users. Main modules are easily identifiable and customizable. A brief summary of how each module is built is depicted below.

iv Mapping sequences with bees

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Submit job to cluster and exit

To add a module, copy-paste an entire block and change the following:

- Name of job (\$jobName)
- Make sure the loop is correctly set (looping over all samples, inputs, etc)
- Add your code line under the “important code here” section
- Lastly, add the variable to the others in the “# Steps_to_execute_pipe” section at the top portion of the code.