

CLIMB-TRE

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1. CLIMB-TRE

The CLIMB Trusted Research Environment (CLIMB-TRE) project provides tools with which users can upload metagenomics data, with metadata, and analyse them on [CLIMB](#).

This site documents how to use the CLIMB-TRE tools and is distinct from more general [documentation on using CLIMB](#). Read further for general information on how to [upload](#) or [analyse](#) data.

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2. Getting started

2.1 Uploading data

2.1.1 Overview

Data in CLIMB-TRE is managed through a database called Onyx. To upload data into Onyx, you must deposit the appropriate files (including the metadata) into the relevant S3 bucket on CLIMB. We recommend doing this using the AWS or `s3cmd` command-line tools. For general information about how to upload data to CLIMB, see the CLIMB docs on [setting up s3cmd locally](#) and [running s3cmd locally or on Bryn](#). You may also wish to review the overall [CLIMB storage documentation](#).

Each CLIMB-TRE project requires data (e.g. FASTQ sequencing reads) and metadata (e.g. a CSV file). These must match the relevant specification ("spec") and be uploaded to the appropriate S3 bucket. Doing so will trigger the ingest process. Data that doesn't meet the spec will not be ingested.

Lines starting with `$` indicate commands to be entered at a terminal. The `$` represents the prompt, which might be different on your system.

2.1.2 Preparing example FASTQ files

As an example, let's imagine we want to upload the two example files in [Conor Meehan's Pathogen genomics course](#) as part of the mSCAPE project. The two files are from [Hikichi et al. \(2019\)](#), `DRR187559_1.fastqsanger.bz2` and `DRR187559_2.fastqsanger.bz2`, available in [this Zenodo archive](#). You can download the files either by clicking on them in the Zenodo interface or with the common command line tools `wget`:

```
$ wget https://zenodo.org/record/4534098/files/DRR187559_1.fastqsanger.bz2
$ wget https://zenodo.org/record/4534098/files/DRR187559_2.fastqsanger.bz2
```

or `curl`:

```
$ curl -L https://zenodo.org/record/4534098/files/DRR187559_1.fastqsanger.bz2 -O
$ curl -L https://zenodo.org/record/4534098/files/DRR187559_2.fastqsanger.bz2 -O
```

These two files are bzip2 files, not gzip, which is what we need. We can convert them by piping the output from `bzcat` (which decompresses the files) to `gzip -c` (which compresses the stream and writes it to `STDOUT`) and then to new files:

```
$ bzcat DRR187559_1.fastqsanger.bz2 | gzip -c > DRR187559_1.fastq.gz
$ bzcat DRR187559_2.fastqsanger.bz2 | gzip -c > DRR187559_2.fastq.gz
```

The [mSCAPE specification](#) says that our files must have names like `mscape.[run_index].[run_id].[extension]`, where the extension is `1.fastq.gz` or `2.fastq.gz`. The `run_index` and `run_id` can in principle contain any alphanumeric characters, underscores (`_`) or hyphens (`-`), so you can rename the FASTQ files to whatever meets those requirements. At the command line, this means moving the files with something like:

```
$ mv DRR187559_1.fastq.gz mscape.test-run-index-01.test-run-id-01.1.fastq.gz
$ mv DRR187559_2.fastq.gz mscape.test-run-index-01.test-run-id-01.2.fastq.gz
```

2.1.3 Creating a metadata CSV file

Data uploads require that the FASTQ files are accompanied by a CSV file with the metadata (e.g. when the sample was taken, what type of sample it is). This CSV file must have two rows:

1. the headers, as in the project metadata specification; and
2. the actual metadata.

It's filename must match the FASTQ files but with the extension `csv` instead of `1.fastq.gz` or `2.fastq.gz` (or `fastq.gz` if your data is single ended).

For the sake of our test and getting to know the system, you should try to create such a file by hand by referring to the relevant metadata spec. The columns are documented in alphabetical order but can be given in any order. The optional columns can be omitted entirely.

Note that the `run_index` and `run_id` must *exactly* match the values implied by the FASTQ filenames. E.g., in my example above

- the `run_index` is `test-run-index-01` and
- the `run_id` is `test-run-id-01`.

The first few columns of your metadata CSV file might look like

```
run_index,run_id,biosample_id,sample_source,sample_type,...
test-run-index-01,test-run-id-01,test-sample-01,nose_and_throat,swab,...
```

with no extra spaces separating the fields.

2.1.4 Uploading files to S3 buckets

You're now ready to upload your data to one of the buckets, which we'll do using the `s3cmd` tool. There's more information about using `s3cmd` with Bryn in the [CLIMB-BIG-DATA documentation on storage](#).

You can download `s3cmd` from the [s3cmd download pages](#) or install it using `pip` (perhaps in a virtual or Conda environment) with

```
$ python3 -m pip install s3cmd
```

To set `s3cmd` up to communicate with the buckets, you'll need your API keys from Bryn. You can find them by logging in to Bryn, selecting the S3 Buckets tab on the left and click the Show API Keys button that appears below the list of buckets.

You can then set up `s3cmd` with

```
$ s3cmd --configure
```

When asked for the following, you should give these answers:

- Access Key: value of `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` displayed on Bryn.
- Secret Key: value of `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY` displayed on Bryn.
- Default Region [US]: leave blank.
- S3 Endpoint: `s3.climb.ac.uk`
- DNS-style bucket+hostname:port template for accessing a bucket: `%(bucket)s.s3.climb.ac.uk`

You now should be ready to upload the data. But where? The names of the S3 buckets for each project are given in the metadata specs but are usually of the form

```
[project]-[sequencing_org]-[platform]-[test_flag]
```

We'll use `mscape-public-illumina-test`, so the command to "put" the three files in the bucket would be

```
$ s3cmd put mscope.test-run-index-01.test-run-id-01.csv mscope.test-run-index-01.test-run-id-01.1.fastq.gz mscope.test-run-index-01.test-run-id-01.2.fastq.gz
s3://mscape-public-illumina-test
```

You should then see the progress of your upload (the files might be split into parts), after which you're back at the terminal.

Now what?

2.1.5 Finding the result of your upload

You won't get any feedback from `s3cmd` about the progress of your data into Onyx. When the data is received in the bucket, it announces the files to whoever is listening, which includes a program called Roz. It then starts to check the data: Are all the files present? Are they named correctly? Is the metadata well-formed? If so, the data is copied into internal project buckets and a record is added to the database, Onyx.

At this point, you can interact with your data through Onyx, which is described in the page on [analysing data in Onyx](#).

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2.2 Analysing data

2.2.1 Overview

Once data and metadata have been ingested into the Onyx database, you can query it using the Onyx client, which provides a command line interface (CLI) and Python API. This short example demonstrates a few principal functions. More are described in the [onyx-client documentation](#).

This guide also assumes that you're using a Notebook Server on CLIMB, so that once installed, the Onyx client will automatically be configured.

2.2.2 Onyx client basics

First, let's install the Onyx client, which is available through the [conda-forge package](#) `climb-onyx-client` and can thus be installed with `conda`. As advised in the [CLIMB docs on installing software](#), you should install the client in a new Conda environment. I'll name my environment `onyx` and install `climb-onyx-client`, as well as `ipykernel` (so that the client is available in my Jupyter Notebooks).

```
jovyan:~$ conda create -n onyx ipykernel climb-onyx-client
```

Let's activate this environment.

```
jovyan:~$ conda activate onyx
```

On Bryn's Notebook Servers, the client will automatically be configured. Try running the command-line client with

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx
```

This should show you some options and commands that are available. Have a look at your own profile with

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx profile
```

and which projects you have access to with

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx projects
```

You should see `mscape` listed.

2.2.3 Querying data

As an example task, we'll see if we can find any sequencing data performed for ZymoBIOMICS sources. These are designed with a [particular specification](#) of DNA from eight bacteria and two yeasts. We can use these to see if our protocol correctly recovers the DNA fractions. I.e. if our protocol is biased.

From the command line, the main route to querying Onyx is via the `filter` command. On its own, this queries the database with *no* filters. The command

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx filter mscope
```

will produce tens of thousands of lines of JSON, so let's not do that just yet. To first see which fields are available in the database, we can use

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx fields mscope
...
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| extraction_enrichment_protocol | optional | text | Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps. |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
...
```

Let's search the database for entries with `zymo` (case-insensitive) in this field.

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx filter mscape --field extraction_enrichment_protocol.contains=zymo
...
```

That should return JSON data for a few entries. You may wish to format the data as CSV or TSV with `--format csv` or `--format tsv`, respectively.

2.2.4 Inspecting some pipeline output on the command line

When data is ingested into Onyx, a taxonomic classification is automatically run. The last part of the JSON data is usually some of this, in JSON format. The complete reports can be found in the S3 buckets given in the `'taxon_report'` field. You can find this in the output you've already produced or modify the `filter` command to only request them using the `--include` flag. e.g.

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx filter mscape --field extraction_enrichment_protocol.contains=zymo --include=taxon_reports
[
  {
    "taxon_reports": "s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/"
  },
  {
    "taxon_reports": "s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-04F4495068/"
  }
]
```

Multiple fields can be requested with the `--include` flag e.g.

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ onyx filter mscape --field extraction_enrichment_protocol.contains=zymo --include climb_id,taxon_reports
[
  {
    "climb_id": "C-FDE50853AD",
    "taxon_reports": "s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/"
  },
  {
    "climb_id": "C-04F4495068",
    "taxon_reports": "s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-04F4495068/"
  }
]
```

You can conversely exclude individual fields using the `--exclude` flag in the same way.

Either way, you now have the location of the taxonomy reports. Let's have a look with `s3cmd`.

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ s3cmd ls s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/
2023-11-10 12:56 146K s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/PlusPF.kraken.json
2023-11-10 12:56 2G s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/PlusPF.kraken_assignments.tsv
2023-11-10 12:56 193K s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/PlusPF.kraken_report.txt
```

The plain text report is what we're after, so let's download that with `s3cmd`:

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ s3cmd get s3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/PlusPF.kraken_report.txt
download: 's3://mscape-published-taxon-reports/C-FDE50853AD/PlusPF.kraken_report.txt' -> './PlusPF.kraken_report.txt' [1 of 1]
197750 of 197750 100% in 0s 3.79 MB/s done
```

If you've never seen one of these reports before, it's worth having a quick look with a tool like `less` or by opening it using the JupyterLab file browser. For reference, it's worth showing the header

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ head -n 1 PlusPF.kraken_report.txt
% of Seqs      Clades      Taxonomies      Rank      Taxonomy ID      Scientific Name
```

The Zymo sample is prepared with 12% *Bacillus subtilis*. Let's see how much was actually reported in the results:

```
(onyx) jovyan:~$ grep "Bacillus subtilis" PlusPF.kraken_report.txt
20.30 435278 1452 G1 653685 Bacillus subtilis group
0.12 2624 1952 S 1423 Bacillus subtilis
0.03 565 242 S1 135461 Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis
0.01 108 108 S2 1404258 Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. OH 131.1
...
```

Looks like 20.3%, though classified under *Bacillus subtilis* "subgroup", rather than *Bacillus subtilis*, which reportedly only comprises 0.12% of the sample. Most of that 20.3% is under *Bacillus spizizenii*.

An important detail here is that the fraction reported in this output is not calculated in the same way as what's used in the reference values (12% for bacteria; 2% for yeasts). Let's make a fairer comparison using the JSON taxonomic data.

2.2.5 Working with database output in Python

To fairly compare the taxonomic data with the reference values in the Zymo community, we need to know the proportions of gDNA, so we need to compute the number of base pairs that were assigned to each taxon. Let's make this comparison in Python using the Onyx client's Python API.

Let's first run the same query for the Zymo data. We'll follow the examples in the Onyx documentation and run the query in a context manager.

```
import os
from onyx import OnyxConfig, OnyxEnv, OnyxClient

config = OnyxConfig(
    domain=os.environ[OnyxEnv.DOMAIN],
    token=os.environ[OnyxEnv.TOKEN],
)

with OnyxClient(config) as client:
    records = list(client.filter(
        "mscape",
        fields={
            "extraction_enrichment_protocol__icontains": "zymo",
        },
    ))
```

We've wrapped the `filter` call in a `list` because otherwise we get a generator.

If you want to inspect the data, it's a bit easier to read if formatted with indentation, which can be done using the standard `json.dumps` function:

```
import json
print(json.dumps(records[0], indent=2)) # show first record
```

In each record, the `'taxa_files'` key gives us a list of dictionaries that each has a number of reads and a mean length, the product of which is the total number of base pairs that were read for that taxon. A simple first step is to convert the taxonomic data (for the first record) into a Pandas DataFrame with

```
import pandas as pd

df = pd.DataFrame(records[0]['taxa_files'])
```

We also need to drop a few lower-level taxa that are already accounted for in higher ones. e.g. the reads for *Bacillus spizizenii* TU-B-10 are among the reads counted for *Bacillus spizizenii*. A quick way of doing this is by selecting the rows that have only two words in their names.

```
df = df.loc[df['human_readable'].apply(lambda name: len(name.split()) == 2)]
```

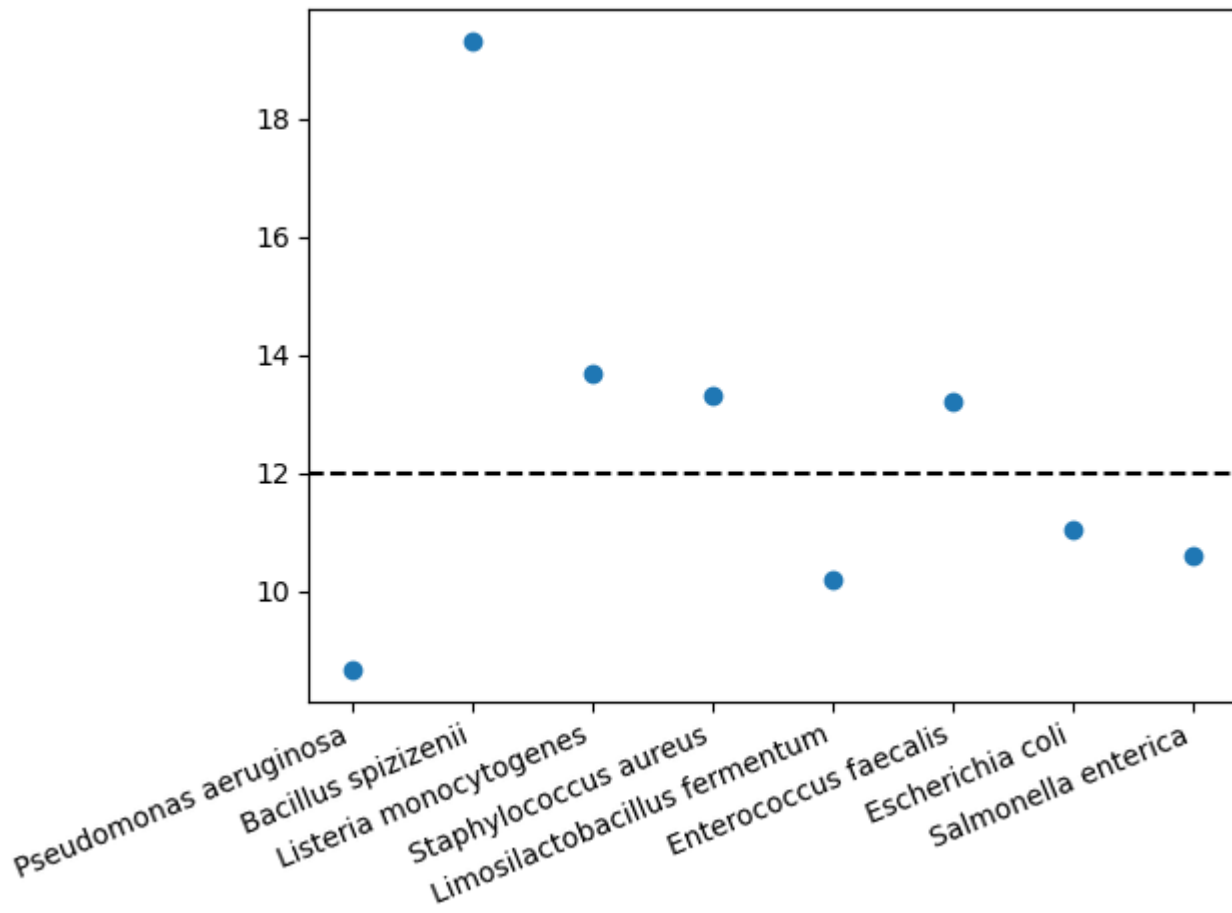
Now, let's add columns for the total number of base pairs associated with each taxon and what proportion that is of the total.

```
df['gDNA'] = df['n_reads'] * df['mean_len']
df['proportion'] = df['gDNA'] / df['gDNA'].sum()
```

Finally, let's make a rough plot with a black dashed line at 12%.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.plot(df['human_readable'], df['proportion'] * 100, 'o')
plt.axhline(12, c='k', ls='--');
plt.xticks(rotation=22.5, ha='right');
```



There are some clear discrepancies—*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is underreported and *Bacillus spizizenii* is overreported—but this matches results by e.g. [Nicholls et al. \(2019\)](#).

This short example is intended as a basic demonstration of what's possible in CLIMB-TRE. We're always interested to hear more examples of research questions that CLIMB-TRE can answer, so let us know if you have an example that could be included as a guide for others.

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2.3 Checking Results After Submitting Data

2.3.1 Bryn GUI

The Bryn GUI is the simplest way to check on the status of submitted data for most users. To do so, simply log in to [Bryn](#).

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Updated Ts and Cs

The terms and conditions for using CLIMB-BIG-DATA have been updated. You can find the updated policy and all the info at this link: <https://www.climb.ac.uk/terms-and-conditions-v2/>. Key points to be aware of are:

- As of October 1st, free tier users no longer have access to VMs or volume storage. These legacy resources are now only available to paying users.
- All users now have access to Jupyter Notebooks, with allocated resources of 14 CPUs, 1TB of shared team storage and 1TB of S3 storage per team.

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Team resources

Resource	Value	Quota
Servers	0	0
vCPUs	0	0
Memory	0	0
Volumes	0	0
Storage	0	931.32 GB

Your current plan: **CLIMB-TRE**

Service status

Region	Capacity?	VMs	vCPUs	Memory
Warwick Offline	✖	95	820 / 1280	5.5 / 10.5 TB
Birmingham Available	✖	61	1490 / 2640	18.4 / 32.5 TB
Cardiff Offline	✖	51	640 / 2240	6.0 / 19.8 TB
Swansea Offline	✖	0	0 / 256	0.0 / 3.6 TB
Cardiff Available	✔	71	926 / 4464	6.7 / 25.1 TB

Once there navigate to the "S3 Buckets" menu on the left which should look like this:

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Total usage: 6.29 GB - 12,784 objects (Quota: 14.65 TB)

Name	Created	Size	Object Policy
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina-prod https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina-prod.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	462.39 MB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina-test https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina-test.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	1.84 MB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina.se-prod https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina.se-prod.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	1 KB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina.se-test https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-illumina.se-test.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	1 KB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-prod https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-prod.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	5.29 GB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-test https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-test.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	553.45 MB	Private Delete
synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-results https://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-results.s3.climb.ac.uk	4 months ago	6.16 MB	Private Delete

Show API Keys

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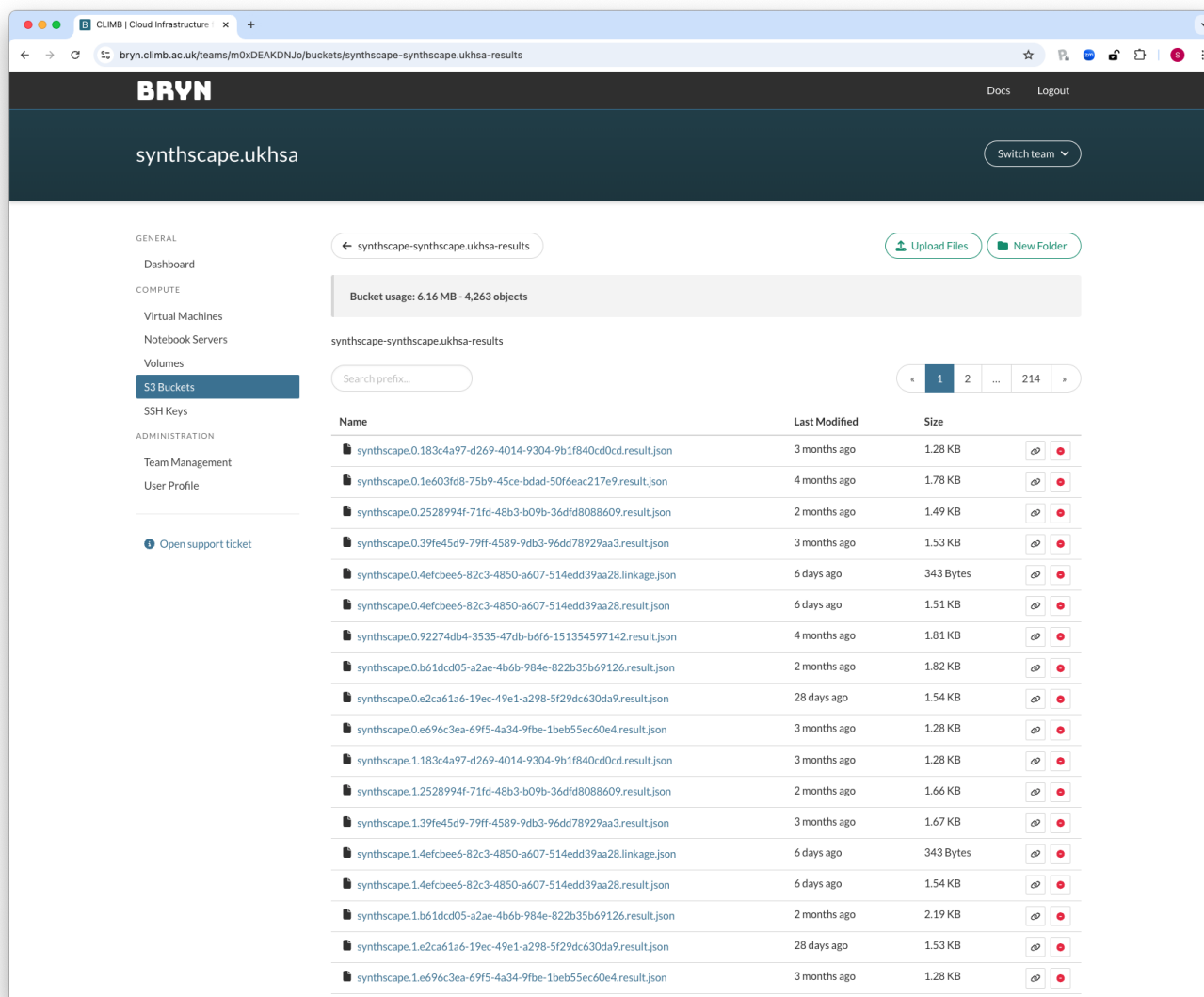
WARWICK THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY PREVIOUSLY CARDIFF

Queens University Belfast

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Then select the results bucket by clicking on it, the name of the results bucket will differ based on the CLIMB-TRE project and which site you belong to but the layout will be: `{project}-{bryn tenant name}-results`. Once you click on the bucket you should see a page like this:

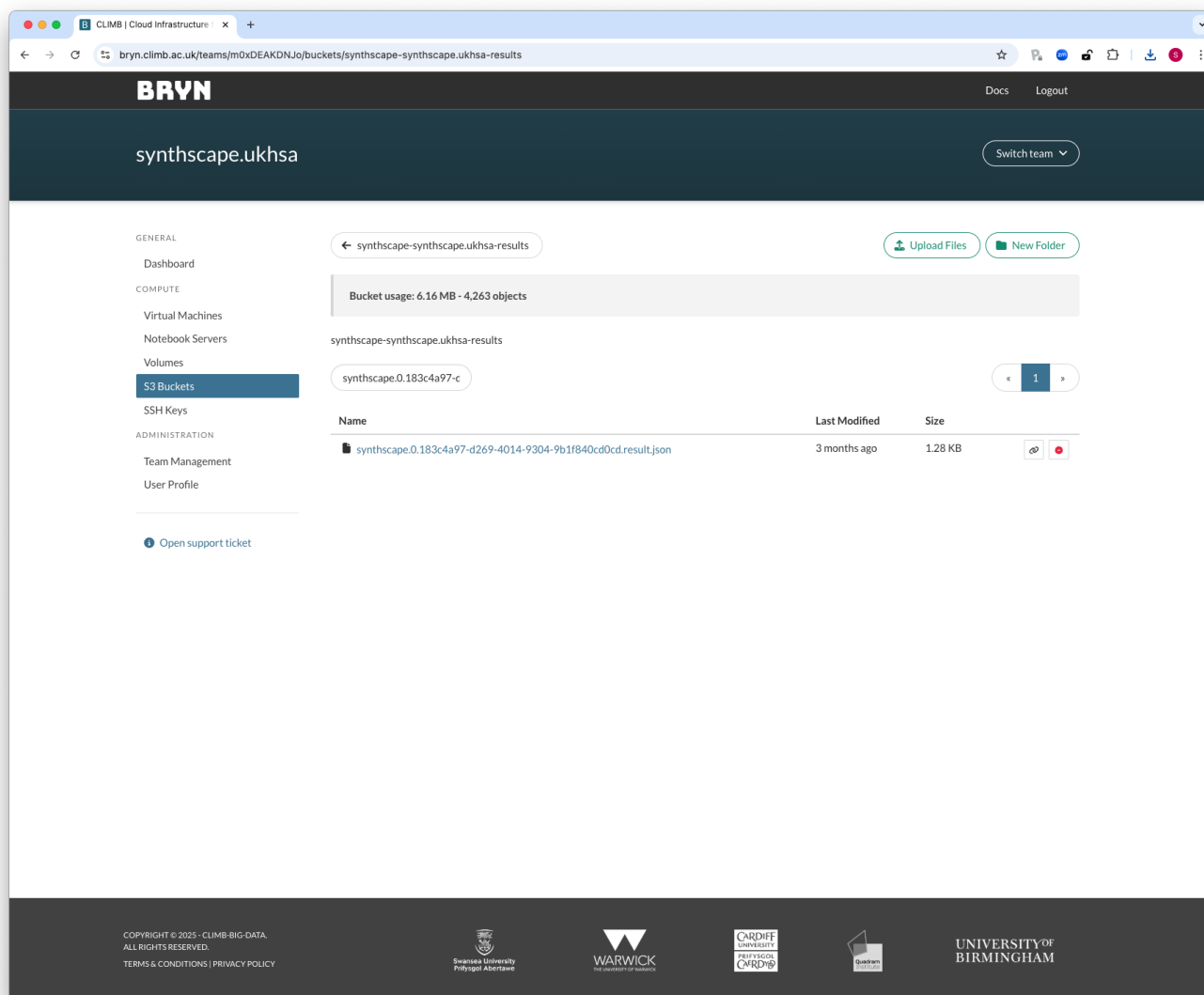


There will be up to two types of file present in this S3 bucket; result JSON files and linkage JSON files.

- Result JSON files are named with the following pattern: `{project}.{run_index}.{run_id}.result.json` and contain all the relevant information about your sample including errors during the ingest process, issues with the metadata CSV, etc.
- Linkage JSON files are named with the following pattern: `{project}.{run_index}.{run_id}.linkage.json`, these are only generated once when the ingest for that `run_index` and `run_id` has been successful and the artifact has been ingested into the dataset. It contains data which can be used to link the submitted file names with the anonymised identifiers in the main dataset, you are responsible for maintaining this linkage information and have the ability to delete it from your results bucket, if you do and lose linkage **we WILL NOT be able to establish linkage for you.**

To find the result for a specific artifact you can search, the search function requires a full match from the start of the file name, e.g. for a file named `synthscape.1.some_run_id.result.json`

- `1.some_run_id` **will not** match the file
- `synthscape.1.some_run_id` **will** match the file



Once you have found the result / linkage file you are interested in you can download it by clicking on it, be aware, these files contain private identifiers and should be treated as sensitive, we take no responsibility if you do not follow data security procedures for your trust / organisation.

A result JSON will look similar to this:

```
{
  "uuid": "f84ae65d-ec57-443a-946f-6af34bace889",
  "site": "synthscape",
  "raw_site": "synthscape.ukhsa",
  "uploaders": [
    "bryn-synthscape-ukhsa"
  ],
  "match_timestamp": 1.7286538918609505e+18,
  "artifact": "synthscape|0|183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd",
  "run_index": "0",
  "run_id": "183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd",
  "project": "synthscape",
  "platform": "ont",
  "files": {
    ".csv": {
      "uri": "s3://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-prod/synthscape.0.183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd.csv",
      "etag": "0b17ccec938f4876029972c4d37dba72",
      "key": "synthscape.0.183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd.csv",
      "submitter": "bryn-synthscape-ukhsa",
      "parsed_fname": {
        "project": "synthscape",
        "run_index": "0",
        "run_id": "183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd",
        "ftype": "csv"
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

    ".fastq.gz": {
      "uri": "s3://synthscape-synthscape.ukhsa-ont-prod/synthscape.0.183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd.fastq.gz",
      "etag": "62adfae7ac5dcbbc3a770133e2bcf7e5",
      "key": "synthscape.0.183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd.fastq.gz",
      "submitter": "bryn-synthscape-ukhsa",
      "parsed_fname": {
        "project": "synthscape",
        "run_index": "0",
        "run_id": "183c4a97-d269-4014-9304-9b1f840cd0cd",
        "ftype": "fastq",
        "gzip": "gz"
      }
    },
    "test_flag": false,
    "validate": false,
    "onyx_test_create_errors": {
      "source_climb_id": [
        "This CLIMB ID does not exist in mSCAPE."
      ]
    }
  }
}

```

If the submission was successful there will be no `onyx_test_create_errors` or `ingest_errors` fields present and the `created` / `published` fields will both be `"true"`.

Any metadata issues will be defined in the `onyx_test_create_errors` field separated by the field to which the issue applies, we hope that the errors should be fairly readable and self explanatory but if not the please contact the CLIMB-TRE team for assistance.

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2.4 Further Examples

2.4.1 Analysis examples for mSCAPE

Retrieve all samples that contain a particular taxa e.g. `pseudomonas`

This can be done through the CLI:

```
$ onyx filter mscape --field taxa_files.human_readable.icontains=pseudomonas --format csv
```

Or through the Python API:

```
import os
from onyx import OnyxConfig, OnyxClient, OnyxEnv, OnyxField

config = OnyxConfig(
    domain=os.environ[OnyxEnv.DOMAIN],
    token=os.environ[OnyxEnv.TOKEN],
)

with OnyxClient(config) as client:
    # Filter for read sets containing "pseudomonas"
    for metadata in client.query(
        "mscape",
        query=OnyxField(taxa_files__human_readable__icontains="pseudomonas"),
    ):
        # Do analysis here
        print("CLIMB ID:", metadata["climb_id"])
        print("Published date:", metadata["published_date"])

        # The query command by default does not return taxonomic information
        # To get this, we have to call the `get` method and retrieve the samples individually
        full_metadata = client.get("mscape", metadata["climb_id"])

        # Now we can inspect the taxonomic information for the readset
        print(
            "Number of binned reads:", len(full_metadata["taxa_files"])
        ) # etc. Do more analysis
        print("Pseudomonas taxa:")
        for taxa in full_metadata["taxa_files"]:
            if "pseudomonas" in taxa["human_readable"].lower():
                print(" ", taxa["human_readable"])
```

Example output for this python script:

```
CLIMB ID: C-FE89BACF2D
Published date: 2024-02-28
Number of binned reads: 3
Pseudomonas taxa:
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA7
CLIMB ID: C-470A57DCD0
Published date: 2024-02-28
Number of binned reads: 8
Pseudomonas taxa:
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA7
CLIMB ID: C-FB67513BE0
Published date: 2024-02-28
Number of binned reads: 4
Pseudomonas taxa:
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa
CLIMB ID: C-E49EED98E4
Published date: 2024-02-28
Number of binned reads: 3
Pseudomonas taxa:
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA7
...
```

Get a CSV distribution of all binned taxa present in the dataset

Through the CLI:

```
$ onyx filter mscape --summarise taxa_files.taxon_id,taxa_files.human_readable --format csv
```


Or through the Python API:

```
import os
from onyx import OnyxConfig, OnyxClient, OnyxEnv, OnyxField

config = OnyxConfig(
    domain=os.environ[OnyxEnv.DOMAIN],
    token=os.environ[OnyxEnv.TOKEN],
)

with OnyxClient(config) as client:
    for summary_data in client.query(
        "mscape",
        summarise=["taxa_files__taxon_id", "taxa_files__human_readable"],
    ):
        # Do analysis here
        print("Taxon ID:", summary_data["taxa_files__taxon_id"])
        print("Taxon name:", summary_data["taxa_files__human_readable"])
        print("Number of readsets present:", summary_data["count"])
```

Example output for this python script:

```
Taxon ID: 1304
Taxon name: Streptococcus salivarius
Number of readsets present: 22
Taxon ID: 1305
Taxon name: Streptococcus sanguinis
Number of readsets present: 9
Taxon ID: 1313
Taxon name: Streptococcus pneumoniae
Number of readsets present: 26
Taxon ID: 1318
Taxon name: Streptococcus parasanguinis
Number of readsets present: 42
Taxon ID: 1328
Taxon name: Streptococcus anginosus
Number of readsets present: 4
...
```

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3. Project specifications

3.1 Project specification structure

3.1.1 Overview

All projects on CLIMB-TRE are specified in the same way.

3.1.2 Files to be provided

These are the files that must be uploaded (usually some sequencing reads and a metadata file). Submissions without the correct number of files provided will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

3.1.3 File naming convention

This is the convention to which the provided file names must adhere.

Each of the files to be provided will use the same basename followed by specified extensions (e.g. for data versus metadata). The basename for each file is usually several fields separated by a fixed number of stops/periods (.).

The set of valid characters is usually limited to letters, numbers, hyphens (-) and underscores (_) but this will be specified. Filenames containing forbidden characters or extensions will not be processed.

3.1.4 File processing requirements

FASTQ

- Must be gzipped.
- Must adhere to the FASTQ format.

CSV

- Must be a plain text file with comma-delimited data.
- Must contain two rows: the first will contain the column names and the second will contain the data.
- Must have column names that match the specification exactly.
- Must not have missing data for required fields.
- Must not have invalid data (e.g. "N/A") to circumvent missing data checks.
- Must not contain metadata that contradicts the file name.
- Must use the latest version of the metadata specification.

3.1.5 Metadata specification

The metadata for each project is specified in tables detailing required fields (which must not be empty) and optional fields (which can be left empty).

3.1.6 Project upload buckets

Files should be uploaded to S3 buckets hosted at the s3.climb.ac.uk endpoint.

The bucket names are a combination of:

- Project (e.g. `mscape`).
- Site code (e.g. `bham`).
- Platform (e.g. `illumina`).
- A flag that indicates a test (`test`) or production (`prod`) submission.

All files must be placed in the root directory of the submission buckets. Any S3 URI containing a directory will be ignored.

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3.2 PATH-SAFE

3.2.1 PATH-SAFE Uploader Specification

Files to be provided

- A FASTQ 1 file containing the forward sequencing reads.
- A FASTQ 2 file containing the reverse sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

File naming convention

The base filenames should be of the form

```
pathsafe.[run_index].[run_id].[extension]
```

where:

- `[run_index]` is an identifier that is unique within a sequencing run, e.g. a sequencing barcode identifier, or a 96-well plate coordinate.
- `[run_id]` is the name of the sequencing run as given by the supplier's sequencing instrument (not an internal identifier assigned by the supplier).
- `[extension]` is the file extension indicating the file type.

File name extensions

The extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `1.fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `2.fastq.gz` for the reverse FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

Valid characters

The `[run_index]`, `[run_id]` and `[extension]` must contain only:

- Letters (A-Z , a-z).
- Numbers (0-9).
- Hyphens (-).
- Underscores (_).

Metadata specification

A CSV template for uploaders can be downloaded here: [pathsafe-template.csv](#)

REQUIRED FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
biosample_id	text	The sequencing providers identifier for a sample.	• Max length: 50
run_index	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for the position of a sample on a run.	• Max length: 50
run_id	text	The unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	• Max length: 100
submitted_species	choice	The NCBI taxonomy id provided for the sample.	• Choices: 1639, 28901, 562
year	integer	Year of sample collected if available or year of sample receipt otherwise.	• Min value: 2000
data_steward	choice	Laboratory, organisation or agency that hold the data for the sample.	• Choices: APHA, FSA, FSS, OTHER, PHS, PHW, SEPA, SSSCDRL, UKHSA
source_type	choice	Source of the sample.	• Choices: animal, animal_associated_environment, environment, food, food_associated_environment, human, human_associated_environment, missing, not_applicable, not_collected, not_provided, other, other_environment, restricted_access
country	choice	The country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ISO_3166_country_codes), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2:GB).	• Choices: GB, GB-ENG, GB-NIR, GB-SCT, GB-WLS
sample_purpose	choice	The purpose of the sample collection.	• Choices: active_surveillance, not_applicable, not_collected, not_provided, other, outbreak_initiated_surveillance, outbreak_investigation, population_based_surveillance, research, restricted_access, routine_diagnostics, routine_surveillance

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 50
sample_accession	text	Sample accession number if sequence is publically available in SRA.	
enterobase_barcode	text	Sample barcode if sequence is publically available in Enterobase.	
collection_date	date	Date of sample collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input formats: YYYY-MM Output format: YYYY-MM
receipt_date	date	Date of receipt of the sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input formats: YYYY-MM Output format: YYYY-MM
month	integer	Month of sample collected if available or month of receipt otherwise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min value: 1 Max value: 12
sequence_org	choice	Laboratory, organisation or agency the sample has been sequenced by.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: APHA, FSA, FSS, OTHER, PHS, PHW, SEPA, SSSCDRL, UKHSA
sequence_org_other	text	Additional laboratory, organisation or agency the sample has been sequenced by.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: sequence_org Required when sequence_org is: OTHER
data_steward_other	text	Additional laboratory, organisation or agency that hold the data for the sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: data_steward Required when data_steward is: OTHER
county	choice	County that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: country Choices: GB-ABC, GB-ABD, GB-ABE, GB-AGB, GB-AGY, GB-AND, GB-ANN, GB-ANS, GB-BAS, GB-BBD, GB-BCP, GB-BDF, GB-BDG, GB-BEN, GB-BEX, GB-BFS, GB-BGE, GB-BGW, GB-BIR, GB-BKM, ...
sample_purpose_other	text	Additional purpose of the sample collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: sample_purpose Required when sample_purpose is: other
sequencing_kit	text	The sequencing kit used.	
library_kit	text	The library kit used to prep the sample.	
is_multiplexed	bool	Whether the sample was multiplexed.	
type_of_sample	choice	Type of sample used to produce the sequence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: genomic Choices: genomic

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3.2.2 PATH-SAFE Analysis Specification

ANALYSIS FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
published_date	date	The date the object was published in Onyx.	• Output format: iso-8601
site	choice	Laboratory, organisation or agency the sample has been submitted by.	• Choices: APHA , CGPS , FSA , FSS , PHS , SSSCDRL , UKHSA
climb_id	text	Unique identifier for a project record in Onyx.	
biosample_id	text	The sequencing providers identifier for a sample.	
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	
run_id	text	The unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	
platform	choice	The platform used to sequence the data.	• Choices: illumina
submitted_species	choice	The NCBI taxonomy id provided for the sample.	• Choices: 1639 , 28901 , 562
sample_accession	text	Sample accession number if sequence is publically available in SRA.	
enterobase_barcode	text	Sample barcode if sequence is publically available in EnteroBase.	
collection_date	date	Date of sample collection.	• Output format: YYYY-MM
receipt_date	date	Date of receipt of the sample.	• Output format: YYYY-MM
month	integer	Month of sample collected if available or month of receipt otherwise.	
year	integer	Year of sample collected if available or year of sample receipt otherwise.	
sequence_org	choice	Laboratory, organisation or agency the sample has been sequenced by.	• Choices: APHA , FSA , FSS , OTHER , PHS , PHW , SEPA , SSSCDRL , UKHSA
sequence_org_other	text	Additional laboratory, organisation or agency the sample has been sequenced by.	
data_steward	choice	Laboratory, organisation or agency that hold the data for the sample.	• Choices: APHA , FSA , FSS , OTHER , PHS , PHW , SEPA , SSSCDRL , UKHSA
data_steward_other	text	Additional laboratory, organisation or agency that hold the data for the sample.	

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
source_type	choice	Source of the sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: animal, animal_associated_environment, environment, food, food_associated_environment, human, human_associated_environment, missing, not_applicable, not_collected, not_provided, other, other_environment, restricted_access
country	choice	The country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ISO_3166_country_codes), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: GB, GB-ENG, GB-NIR, GB-SCT, GB-WLS
county	choice	County that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: GB-ABC, GB-ABD, GB-ABE, GB-AGB, GB-AGY, GB-AND, GB-ANN, GB-ANS, GB-BAS, GB-BBD, GB-BCP, GB-BDF, GB-BDG, GB-BEN, GB-BEX, GB-BFS, GB-BGE, GB-BGW, GB-BIR, GB-BKM, ...
sample_purpose	choice	The purpose of the sample collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: active_surveillance, not_applicable, not_collected, not_provided, other, outbreak_initiated_surveillance, outbreak_investigation, population_based_surveillance, research, restricted_access, routine_diagnostics, routine_surveillance
sample_purpose_other	text	Additional purpose of the sample collection.	
sequencing_kit	text	The sequencing kit used.	
library_kit	text	The library kit used to prep the sample.	
is_multiplexed	bool	Whether the sample was multiplexed.	
type_of_sample	choice	Type of sample used to produce the sequence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: genomic
assembly	text	Assembly FASTA file.	
pathogenwatch_uuid	text	UUID from Pathogenwatch.	

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3.3 mSCAPE

3.3.1 mSCAPE Uploader Specification

Files to be provided

For *paired-end Illumina* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ 1 file containing the forward sequencing reads.
- A FASTQ 2 file containing the reverse sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

For *single-end Illumina* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

For *ONT* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

Sequencing data must be dehumanised prior to submission. The ingest pipeline will reject sequencing data where the number of assigned human reads exceeds the human read rejection threshold.

File naming convention

The base filenames should be of the form

```
mscope.[run_index].[run_id].[extension]
```

where:

- `[run_index]` is an identifier that is unique within a sequencing run, e.g. a sequencing barcode identifier, or a 96-well plate coordinate.
- `[run_id]` is the name of the sequencing run as given by the supplier's sequencing instrument (not an internal identifier assigned by the supplier).
- `[extension]` is the file extension indicating the file type.

File name extensions

For *paired-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `1.fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `2.fastq.gz` for the reverse FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *single-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *ONT* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

Valid characters

The `[run_index]`, `[run_id]` and `[extension]` must contain only:

- Letters (A-Z, a-z).
- Numbers (0-9).
- Hyphens (-).
- Underscores (_).

Buckets

Bucket names follow the general convention:

```
mscape-[sequencing_org]-[platform]-[test_flag]
```

Metadata specification

A CSV template for uploaders can be downloaded here: [mscape-template.csv](#)

REQUIRED FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>biosample_id</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_index</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for the position of a sample on a run.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_id</code>	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	• Max length: 100
<code>input_type</code>	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: <code>community_standard</code> , <code>negative_control</code> , <code>positive_control</code> , <code>specimen</code> , <code>validation_material</code>
<code>sample_source</code>	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: <code>blood</code> , <code>environment</code> , <code>faecal</code> , <code>lower_respiratory</code> , <code>nose_and_throat</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>plasma</code> , <code>pleural_fluid</code> , <code>stool</code> , <code>tissue</code> , <code>upper_respiratory</code> , <code>urine</code>
<code>sample_type</code>	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: <code>aspirate</code> , <code>bal</code> , <code>biopsy</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>sputum</code> , <code>swab</code>
<code>spike_in</code>	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: <code>ERCC-RNA_4456740</code> , <code>bacillus_ms2phage</code> , <code>ms2-phage</code> , <code>none</code> , <code>phix</code> , <code>tobacco_mosaic_virus</code> , <code>zymo_D6320</code> , <code>zymo_D6321</code>

At least one of the following fields are required:

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
collection_date	date	The date the sample was collected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: YYYY-MM, YYYY-MM-DD • Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
received_date	date	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if collection_date unavailable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: YYYY-MM, YYYY-MM-DD • Output format: YYYY-MM-DD

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 50
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: specimen Choices: asymptomatic, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: positive_control Required when input_type is: negative_control Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: False
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: no_consent_for_research Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>iso_region</code>	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: <code>iso_country</code> Choices: <code>GB-ABC</code>, <code>GB-ABD</code>, <code>GB-ABE</code>, <code>GB-AGB</code>, <code>GB-AGY</code>, <code>GB-AND</code>, <code>GB-ANN</code>, <code>GB-ANS</code>, <code>GB-BAS</code>, <code>GB-BBD</code>, <code>GB-BCP</code>, <code>GB-BDF</code>, <code>GB-BDG</code>, <code>GB-BEN</code>, <code>GB-BEX</code>, <code>GB-BFS</code>, <code>GB-BGE</code>, <code>GB-BGW</code>, <code>GB-BIR</code>, <code>GB-BKM</code>, ...
<code>extraction_enrichment_protocol</code>	text	Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
<code>library_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing library construction.	
<code>sequencing_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing.	
<code>protocol_arm</code>	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>bacterial</code>, <code>viral</code>
<code>bioinformatics_protocol</code>	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
<code>dehumanisation_protocol</code>	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
<code>is_public_dataset</code>	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>False</code>
<code>public_database_name</code>	choice	The public repository where the data is.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>ENA</code>, <code>SRA</code>
<code>public_database_accession</code>	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	

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ANALYSIS FIELDS


Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
published_date	date	The date the object was published in Onyx.	• Output format: iso-8601
site	choice	The site or sequencing centre providing the data.	• Choices: bham, cuh, gosh, gstt, nuth, public, ripl, uclh, uhs, ukhsa, wtsi
climb_id	text	Unique identifier for a project record in Onyx.	
biosample_id	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	
run_id	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	
platform	choice	The platform used to sequence the data.	• Choices: illumina, illumina.se, ont
input_type	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: community_standard, negative_control, positive_control, specimen, validation_material
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	• Choices: asymptomatic, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	• Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
sample_source	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: blood, environment, faecal, lower_respiratory, nose_and_throat, other, plasma, pleural_fluid, stool, tissue, upper_respiratory, urine
sample_type	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: aspirate, bal, biopsy, other, sputum, swab
spike_in	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: ERCC-RNA_4456740, bacillus_ms2phage, ms2-phage, none, phix, tobacco_mosaic_virus, zymo_D6320, zymo_D6321
spike_in_result	choice	Result assigned by scylla for the provided spike-in.	• Choices: fail, partial, pass

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
collection_date	date	The date the sample was collected.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
received_date	date	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if collection_date unavailable).	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	• Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	• Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2:GB).	• Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...
iso_region	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	• Choices: GB-ABC, GB-ABD, GB-ABE, GB-AGB, GB-AGY, GB-AND, GB-ANN, GB-ANS, GB-BAS, GB-BBD, GB-BCP, GB-BDF, GB-BDG, GB-BEN, GB-BEX, GB-BFS, GB-BGE, GB-BGW, GB-BIR, GB-BKM, ...
extraction_enrichment_protocol	text	Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
library_protocol	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Details of sequencing library construction.	
sequencing_protocol	text	Details of sequencing.	
protocol_arm	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	• Choices: <code>bacterial</code> , <code>viral</code>
bioinformatics_protocol	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
dehumanisation_protocol	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
is_public_dataset	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	
public_database_name	choice	The public repository where the data is.	• Choices: <code>ENA</code> , <code>SRA</code>
public_database_accession	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	
ingest_report	text	HTML report summarising the read profile and taxa identified.	
taxon_reports	text	Folder of all classification output files.	
human_filtered_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
human_filtered_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
unclassified_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
viral_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_reads_2	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
total_bases	integer	Total number of bases in the input FASTQ file(s), before any filtering.	
classifier	choice	The classifier used.	• Choices: Kraken2
classifier_version	text	Version of the classifier used.	
classifier_db	choice	Database used for read classification.	• Choices: PlusPF
classifier_db_date	date	Date classifier database was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
ncbi_taxonomy_date	date	Date that the NCBI taxonomy dump was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
scylla_version	text	Version of the scylla pipeline used.	
taxa_files	relation	Table of all species level taxa extracted.	
taxa_files.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
taxa_files.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
taxa_files.n_reads	integer	The number of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.total_bases	integer	Total number of bases extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.avg_quality	decimal	The mean quality of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.mean_len	decimal	The mean length of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.rank	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
taxa_files.fastq_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>taxa_files.fastq_2</code>	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	
<code>classifier_calls</code>	relation	Table summarising the NCBI taxonomy ids, counts and ranks of all taxa found by the classifier.	
<code>classifier_calls.taxon_id</code>	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
<code>classifier_calls.human_readable</code>	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
<code>classifier_calls.percentage</code>	decimal	The percentage of the (dehumanised) sample that the taxa represents.	
<code>classifier_calls.count_descendants</code>	integer	The number of reads mapping to this taxa and all descendant taxa.	
<code>classifier_calls.count_direct</code>	integer	The number of reads mapping directly to the taxa.	
<code>classifier_calls.rank</code>	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
<code>classifier_calls.raw_rank</code>	text	The rank of the taxa including an intermediate grading.	
<code>classifier_calls.is_spike_in</code>	bool	The taxa is a spike-in.	
<code>spike_in_info</code>	relation	Table containing taxonomic results found for the provided spike-in.	
<code>spike_in_info.taxon_id</code>	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
<code>spike_in_info.human_readable</code>	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
<code>spike_in_info.reference_header</code>	text	Reference header for the individual sequence within the provided spike-in.	
<code>spike_in_info.mapped_count</code>	integer	Number of reads which aligned to a reference sequence for the provided spike-in.	

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All notable changes to CLIMB-TRE mSCAPE APIs, data or interchange formats that have impact to users or other pipelines should be documented in this file. Changes described here may only be a subset of all changes to a project as this log concerns itself only with changes that impact how data is provided or consumed by users or other pipelines. The following DIPI projects are routinely using this CHANGELOG.

- `Scylla` -- ingest analysis pipeline
- `Roz` -- ingest management
- `Onyx` -- metadata database
- `Onyx-client` -- API for interacting with metadata database

The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#).

Issues can be reported to the [mSCAPE DIPI group](#).

3.3.3 2025-08-05

Onyx

ADDED

- Added `spike_in` option `bacillus_ms2phage`.

3.3.4 2025-07-02

Onyx

ADDED

- Added `total_bases` field, for recording the number of bases in the input FASTQ file(s), before any filtering.
- Added `taxa_files.total_bases` field, for recording the number of bases extracted for a taxa (assignable for each taxa within the `taxa_files` of a record).

3.3.5 2025-05-08

Scylla

Released version 2.0.0. Given the number of changes, they are grouped by category rather than Added/Changed etc.

HCID CHANGES

- Add `min_coverage` parameter to HCID JSON
- Update references in HCID JSON and reference file
- Update thresholds for HCID detection
- Drop requirement for classified reads at taxon/parent level for HCID to be detected (mapping sufficient)
- Output reads corresponding to HClDs which have flagged a warning (NEW OUTPUT in `qc/<taxid>.reads.fq`)
- Output read stats for HCID reads to the warning JSON (`mapped_mean_quality` and `mapped_mean_length`)
- Add coverage information for HCID found showing how many bases have coverage at each level - in HCID JSON

EXTRACT TAXA CHANGES

- Reworked code to interact with kraken reports and assignment files during extract steps. Found a bug where some of the counts in the summary had previously been double counted (where both a S and S1 or S2 level taxa were extracted)
- Extract reads at different levels for different domains as specified by config (`F` for Viruses, `G` for everything else)
- Only extract reads at the specific level, not sublevels (e.g. S not S1 or S2)
- Add `total_len` calculated both for input and extracted output files in the summary JSON (NEW OUTPUT `qc/total_length.json`)

- Make extraction percentages domain-specific (e.g. 1% of bacterial reads rather than 1% of classified reads) to fix zepto example
- To extract a taxon, needs to pass count threshold OR the percentage threshold (previously both) and increase the count threshold for bacteria to 500

WORKFLOW CHANGES

- Add workflow to reclassify the viral+unclassified fraction with a second database
- In the process, the parameters associated with kraken databases have been restructured. Replace `--k2_host` with `--kraken_database.default.host`, `--k2_port` with `--kraken_database.default.port`, `--database` with `--kraken_database.default.path` and `database_set` is now `kraken_database.default.name`. This allows a second dictionary of kraken parameters for `kraken_database.virus` to be defined if/when necessary.
- Add code to merge kraken assignment files, giving preference to second assignment file
- Add code to update kraken report, giving list of changes made to assignments
- Add a QC script to check the input file where a single fastq file is provided, so that it can warn if there are duplicate headers. This was seen in some example data and would cause big problems for the viral reclassification step when run, as read names need to be unique. If it finds duplicate/unexpectedly interleaved files, tries to correct them but then exists. The user can try rerunning with the fixed files. I considered silently handling but this approach seemed dangerous.
- Add messaging if paired reads provided and `--paired` not.
- Add a workflow to run modules (use `--module <name>`) and remove workflow definitions from within these modules
- Add a warning for incorrect Phred parsing as this is thought to be a resolved issue

NEXTFLOW CHANGES

- set `docker.userEmulation` = true

OTHER CHANGES

- Add to README more helpful
- Review all local test commands and make sure they run as expected.

3.3.6 2025-03-31

Onyx


ADDED


- Added `nuth` (Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) as an option in the mSCAPE `site` field.

3.3.7 2025-03-06

All

- Start of changelog

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3.4 synthSCAPE

3.4.1 synthSCAPE Uploader Specification

Files to be provided

For *paired-end Illumina* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ 1 file containing the forward sequencing reads.
- A FASTQ 2 file containing the reverse sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

For *single-end Illumina* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

For *ONT* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

Sequencing data must be dehumanised prior to submission. The ingest pipeline will reject sequencing data where the number of assigned human reads exceeds the human read rejection threshold.

File naming convention

The base filenames should be of the form

```
synthscape.[run_index].[run_id].[extension]
```

where:

- `[run_index]` is an identifier that is unique within a sequencing run, e.g. a sequencing barcode identifier, or a 96-well plate coordinate.
- `[run_id]` is the name of the sequencing run as given by the supplier's sequencing instrument (not an internal identifier assigned by the supplier).
- `[extension]` is the file extension indicating the file type.

File name extensions

For *paired-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `1.fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `2.fastq.gz` for the reverse FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *single-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *ONT* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

Valid characters

The `[run_index]`, `[run_id]` and `[extension]` must contain only:

- Letters (A-Z, a-z).
- Numbers (0-9).
- Hyphens (-).
- Underscores (_).

Buckets

Bucket names follow the general convention:

```
synthscape-[sequencing_org]-[platform]-[test_flag]
```

Metadata specification

A CSV template for uploaders can be downloaded here: [synthscape-template.csv](#)

REQUIRED FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>biosample_id</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_index</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for the position of a sample on a run.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_id</code>	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	• Max length: 100
<code>input_type</code>	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: <code>community_standard</code> , <code>negative_control</code> , <code>positive_control</code> , <code>specimen</code> , <code>validation_material</code>
<code>sample_source</code>	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: <code>blood</code> , <code>environment</code> , <code>faecal</code> , <code>lower_respiratory</code> , <code>nose_and_throat</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>plasma</code> , <code>pleural_fluid</code> , <code>stool</code> , <code>tissue</code> , <code>upper_respiratory</code> , <code>urine</code>
<code>sample_type</code>	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: <code>aspirate</code> , <code>bal</code> , <code>biopsy</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>sputum</code> , <code>swab</code>
<code>spike_in</code>	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: <code>ERCC-RNA_4456740</code> , <code>bacillus_ms2phage</code> , <code>ms2-phage</code> , <code>none</code> , <code>phix</code> , <code>tobacco_mosaic_virus</code> , <code>zymo_D6320</code> , <code>zymo_D6321</code>

At least one of the following fields are required:

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>collection_date</code>	<code>date</code>	The date the sample was collected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: <code>YYYY-MM</code>, <code>YYYY-MM-DD</code> • Output format: <code>YYYY-MM-DD</code>
<code>received_date</code>	<code>date</code>	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if <code>collection_date</code> unavailable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: <code>YYYY-MM</code>, <code>YYYY-MM-DD</code> • Output format: <code>YYYY-MM-DD</code>

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 50
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: specimen Choices: asymptomatic, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: positive_control Required when input_type is: negative_control Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: False
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: no_consent_for_research Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>iso_region</code>	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: <code>iso_country</code> Choices: <code>GB-ABC</code>, <code>GB-ABD</code>, <code>GB-ABE</code>, <code>GB-AGB</code>, <code>GB-AGY</code>, <code>GB-AND</code>, <code>GB-ANN</code>, <code>GB-ANS</code>, <code>GB-BAS</code>, <code>GB-BBD</code>, <code>GB-BCP</code>, <code>GB-BDF</code>, <code>GB-BDG</code>, <code>GB-BEN</code>, <code>GB-BEX</code>, <code>GB-BFS</code>, <code>GB-BGE</code>, <code>GB-BGW</code>, <code>GB-BIR</code>, <code>GB-BKM</code>, ...
<code>extraction_enrichment_protocol</code>	text	Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
<code>library_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing library construction.	
<code>sequencing_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing.	
<code>protocol_arm</code>	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>bacterial</code>, <code>viral</code>
<code>bioinformatics_protocol</code>	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
<code>dehumanisation_protocol</code>	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
<code>is_public_dataset</code>	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>False</code>
<code>public_database_name</code>	choice	The public repository where the data is.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>ENA</code>, <code>SRA</code>
<code>public_database_accession</code>	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	
<code>source_climb_id</code>	text	CLIMB ID of the record used as a base dataset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 12
<code>spiked_ids</code>	array	JSON list of taxon ids included in the spike-in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>[]</code> Array type: <code>integer</code>
<code>applications</code>	array	JSON list of applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>[]</code> Array type: <code>text</code>
<code>methods</code>	structure	JSON dictionary containing methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>{}</code>

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3.4.2 synthSCAPE Analysis Specification

ANALYSIS FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
published_date	date	The date the object was published in Onyx.	• Output format: iso-8601
site	choice	The site or sequencing centre providing the data.	• Choices: bham, synthscape, ukhsa
climb_id	text	Unique identifier for a project record in Onyx.	
biosample_id	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	
run_id	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	
platform	choice	The platform used to sequence the data.	• Choices: illumina, illumina.se, ont
input_type	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: community_standard, negative_control, positive_control, specimen, validation_material
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	• Choices: asymptomatic, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	• Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
sample_source	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: blood, environment, faecal, lower_respiratory, nose_and_throat, other, plasma, pleural_fluid, stool, tissue, upper_respiratory, urine
sample_type	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: aspirate, bal, biopsy, other, sputum, swab
spike_in	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: ERCC-RNA_4456740, bacillus_ms2phage, ms2-phage, none, phix, tobacco_mosaic_virus, zymo_D6320, zymo_D6321
spike_in_result	choice	Result assigned by scylla for the provided spike-in.	• Choices: fail, partial, pass
collection_date	date		• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		The date the sample was collected.	
received_date	date	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if collection_date unavailable).	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	• Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	• Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2:GB).	• Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...
iso_region	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	• Choices: GB-ABC, GB-ABD, GB-ABE, GB-AGB, GB-AGY, GB-AND, GB-ANN, GB-ANS, GB-BAS, GB-BBD, GB-BCP, GB-BDF, GB-BDG, GB-BEN, GB-BEX, GB-BFS, GB-BGE, GB-BGW, GB-BIR, GB-BKM, ...
extraction_enrichment_protocol	text	Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
library_protocol	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
sequencing_protocol	text	Details of sequencing library construction.	
protocol_arm	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	• Choices: <code>bacterial</code> , <code>viral</code>
bioinformatics_protocol	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
dehumanisation_protocol	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
is_public_dataset	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	
public_database_name	choice	The public repository where the data is.	• Choices: <code>ENA</code> , <code>SRA</code>
public_database_accession	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	
ingest_report	text	HTML report summarising the read profile and taxa identified.	
taxon_reports	text	Folder of all classification output files.	
human_filtered_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
human_filtered_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
unclassified_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
viral_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_reads_2	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
total_bases	integer	Total number of bases in the input FASTQ file(s), before any filtering.	
classifier	choice	The classifier used.	• Choices: Kraken2
classifier_version	text	Version of the classifier used.	
classifier_db	choice	Database used for read classification.	• Choices: PlusPF
classifier_db_date	date	Date classifier database was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
ncbi_taxonomy_date	date	Date that the NCBI taxonomy dump was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
scylla_version	text	Version of the scylla pipeline used.	
source_climb_id	text	CLIMB ID of the record used as a base dataset.	
spiked_ids	array	JSON list of taxon ids included in the spike-in.	• Array type: integer
applications	array	JSON list of applications.	• Array type: text
methods	structure	JSON dictionary containing methods.	
taxa_files	relation	Table of all species level taxa extracted.	
taxa_files.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
taxa_files.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
taxa_files.n_reads	integer	The number of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.total_bases	integer	Total number of bases extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.avg_quality	decimal	The mean quality of reads extracted for the taxa.	

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
taxa_files.mean_len	decimal	The mean length of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.rank	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
taxa_files.fastq_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	
taxa_files.fastq_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	
classifier_calls	relation	Table summarising the NCBI taxonomy ids, counts and ranks of all taxa found by the classifier.	
classifier_calls.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
classifier_calls.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
classifier_calls.percentage	decimal	The percentage of the (dehumanised) sample that the taxa represents.	
classifier_calls.count_descendants	integer	The number of reads mapping to this taxa and all descendant taxa.	
classifier_calls.count_direct	integer	The number of reads mapping directly to the taxa.	
classifier_calls.rank	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
classifier_calls.raw_rank	text	The rank of the taxa including an intermediate grading.	
classifier_calls.is_spike_in	bool	The taxa is a spike-in.	
spike_in_info	relation	Table containing taxonomic results found for the provided spike-in.	
spike_in_info.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
spike_in_info.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
spike_in_info.reference_header	text	Reference header for the individual sequence within the provided spike-in.	
spike_in_info.mapped_count	integer	Number of reads which aligned to a reference	

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		sequence for the provided spike-in.	

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3.5 openMGS

3.5.1 openMGS Uploader Specification

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- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

For *ONT* sequencing data, suppliers must provide:

- A FASTQ file containing the sequencing reads.
- A CSV file containing the metadata associated with sequencing the sample.

Sequencing data must be dehumanised prior to submission. The ingest pipeline will reject sequencing data where the number of assigned human reads exceeds the human read rejection threshold.

File naming convention

The base filenames should be of the form

```
openmgs.[run_index].[run_id].[extension]
```

where:

- `[run_index]` is an identifier that is unique within a sequencing run, e.g. a sequencing barcode identifier, or a 96-well plate coordinate.
- `[run_id]` is the name of the sequencing run as given by the supplier's sequencing instrument (not an internal identifier assigned by the supplier).
- `[extension]` is the file extension indicating the file type.

File name extensions

For *paired-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `1.fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `2.fastq.gz` for the reverse FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *single-end Illumina* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

For *ONT* sequencing data, the extensions (`[extension]`) should be:

- `fastq.gz` for the forward FASTQ file.
- `csv` for the CSV metadata file.

Valid characters

The `[run_index]`, `[run_id]` and `[extension]` must contain only:

- Letters (A-Z, a-z).
- Numbers (0-9).
- Hyphens (-).
- Underscores (_).

Buckets

Bucket names follow the general convention:

```
openmgs-[sequencing_org]-[platform]-[test_flag]
```

Metadata specification

A CSV template for uploaders can be downloaded here: [openmgs-template.csv](#)

REQUIRED FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>biosample_id</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_index</code>	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for the position of a sample on a run.	• Max length: 50
<code>run_id</code>	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	• Max length: 100
<code>input_type</code>	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: <code>community_standard</code> , <code>negative_control</code> , <code>positive_control</code> , <code>specimen</code> , <code>validation_material</code>
<code>sample_source</code>	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: <code>blood</code> , <code>environment</code> , <code>faecal</code> , <code>lower_respiratory</code> , <code>nose_and_throat</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>plasma</code> , <code>pleural_fluid</code> , <code>stool</code> , <code>tissue</code> , <code>upper_respiratory</code> , <code>urine</code>
<code>sample_type</code>	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: <code>aspirate</code> , <code>bal</code> , <code>biopsy</code> , <code>other</code> , <code>sputum</code> , <code>swab</code>
<code>spike_in</code>	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: <code>ERCC-RNA_4456740</code> , <code>bacillus_ms2phage</code> , <code>ms2-phage</code> , <code>none</code> , <code>phix</code> , <code>tobacco_mosaic_virus</code> , <code>zymo_D6320</code> , <code>zymo_D6321</code>

At least one of the following fields are required:

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
collection_date	date	The date the sample was collected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: YYYY-MM, YYYY-MM-DD • Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
received_date	date	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if collection_date unavailable).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input formats: YYYY-MM, YYYY-MM-DD • Output format: YYYY-MM-DD

OPTIONAL FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 50
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: specimen Choices: asymptomatic, gastrointestinal_infection, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when input_type is: positive_control Required when input_type is: negative_control Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: False
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max length: 100
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: no_consent_for_research Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
<code>iso_region</code>	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires: <code>iso_country</code> Choices: <code>GB-ABC</code>, <code>GB-ABD</code>, <code>GB-ABE</code>, <code>GB-AGB</code>, <code>GB-AGY</code>, <code>GB-AND</code>, <code>GB-ANN</code>, <code>GB-ANS</code>, <code>GB-BAS</code>, <code>GB-BBD</code>, <code>GB-BCP</code>, <code>GB-BDF</code>, <code>GB-BDG</code>, <code>GB-BEN</code>, <code>GB-BEX</code>, <code>GB-BFS</code>, <code>GB-BGE</code>, <code>GB-BGW</code>, <code>GB-BIR</code>, <code>GB-BKM</code>, ...
<code>extraction_enrichment_protocol</code>	text	Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
<code>library_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing library construction.	
<code>sequencing_protocol</code>	text	Details of sequencing.	
<code>protocol_arm</code>	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>bacterial</code>, <code>viral</code>
<code>bioinformatics_protocol</code>	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
<code>dehumanisation_protocol</code>	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
<code>is_public_dataset</code>	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: <code>False</code>
<code>public_database_name</code>	choice	The public repository where the data is.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choices: <code>ENA</code>, <code>SRA</code>
<code>public_database_accession</code>	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	

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ANALYSIS FIELDS

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
published_date	date	The date the object was published in Onyx.	• Output format: iso-8601
site	choice	The site or sequencing centre providing the data.	• Choices: analysis
climb_id	text	Unique identifier for a project record in Onyx.	
biosample_id	text	The sequencing provider's identifier for a sample.	
biosample_source_id	text	Unique identifier for an individual to permit multiple samples from the same individual to be linked.	
run_id	text	Unique identifier assigned to the run by the sequencing instrument.	
platform	choice	The platform used to sequence the data.	• Choices: illumina, illumina.se, ont
input_type	choice	The type of input sequenced.	• Choices: community_standard, negative_control, positive_control, specimen, validation_material
specimen_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for specimens.	• Choices: asymptomatic, gastrointestinal_infection, respiratory_infection
control_type_details	choice	Named control or standard for positive and negative controls.	• Choices: NIBSC_11/242, NIBSC_20/170, bacillus_ms2phage, resp_matrix_mc110, water_extraction_control, zepto_rp2.1, zymo-mc_D6300
sample_source	choice	The source from which the sample was collected.	• Choices: blood, environment, faecal, lower_respiratory, nose_and_throat, other, plasma, pleural_fluid, stool, tissue, upper_respiratory, urine
sample_type	choice	The type of sampling method used.	• Choices: aspirate, bal, biopsy, other, sputum, swab
spike_in	choice	The type of spike-in used in the run.	• Choices: ERCC-RNA_4456740, bacillus_ms2phage, ms2-phage, none, phix, tobacco_mosaic_virus, zymo_D6320, zymo_D6321
spike_in_result	choice		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Result assigned by scylla for the provided spike-in.	• Choices: fail, partial, pass
collection_date	date	The date the sample was collected.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
received_date	date	The date the sample was received by the sequencing centre (if collection_date unavailable).	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
is_approximate_date	bool	The date is approximate e.g. the sample is from a public repository and it is unclear whether the date corresponds to collection or publishing.	
batch_id	text	Used to identify samples prepared in the same laboratory batch (e.g. extraction, library and/or sequencing).	
study_id	text	Used to identify study or if NHS residual sample.	
study_centre_id	text	Used to identify sequencing centre.	
sequence_purpose	choice	Used to differentiate between clinical or research studies.	• Choices: clinical, research
governance_status	choice	Did the patient consent to their sample being used for research purposes or not.	• Choices: consented_for_research, no_consent_for_research, open
iso_country	choice	Country that the sample was collected in, using ISO-3166-1 alpha-2 codes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2), unless within United Kingdom. If so, use ISO-3166-2:GB (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2:GB).	• Choices: AD, AE, AF, AG, AI, AL, AM, AO, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AW, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BD, BE, ...
iso_region	choice	Region that the sample was collected in, using the second level subdivision codes of ISO-3166-2:GB (https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:code:3166:GB).	• Choices: GB-ABC, GB-ABD, GB-ABE, GB-AGB, GB-AGY, GB-AND, GB-ANN, GB-ANS, GB-BAS, GB-BBD, GB-BCP, GB-BDF, GB-BDG, GB-BEN, GB-BEX, GB-BFS, GB-BGE, GB-BGW, GB-BIR, GB-BKM, ...
extraction_enrichment_protocol	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Details of nucleic acid extraction and optional enrichment steps.	
library_protocol	text	Details of sequencing library construction.	
sequencing_protocol	text	Details of sequencing.	
protocol_arm	choice	Used to indicate arm for protocols which have separate arms for bacterial and viral nucleic acids.	• Choices: <code>bacterial</code> , <code>viral</code>
bioinformatics_protocol	text	Detail of initial bioinformatics protocol, for example versions of basecalling software and models used, any read quality filtering/trimming employed.	
dehumanisation_protocol	text	Details of bioinformatics method used for human read removal.	
is_public_dataset	bool	The sample is from a public dataset. Please only set this after it has been made public.	
public_database_name	choice	The public repository where the data is.	• Choices: <code>ENA</code> , <code>SRA</code>
public_database_accession	text	The accession for the data in the public database.	
ingest_report	text	HTML report summarising the read profile and taxa identified.	
taxon_reports	text	Folder of all classification output files.	
human_filtered_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
human_filtered_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads that have been filtered for human reads.	
unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
unclassified_reads_2	text		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Compressed FASTQ of input reads which could not be classified.	
viral_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
viral_and_unclassified_reads_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of input reads which were classified as viral or were unclassified.	
total_bases	integer	Total number of bases in the input FASTQ file(s), before any filtering.	
classifier	choice	The classifier used.	• Choices: Kraken2
classifier_version	text	Version of the classifier used.	
classifier_db	choice	Database used for read classification.	• Choices: PlusPF
classifier_db_date	date	Date classifier database was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
ncbi_taxonomy_date	date	Date that the NCBI taxonomy dump was produced.	• Output format: YYYY-MM-DD
scylla_version	text	Version of the scylla pipeline used.	
taxa_files	relation	Table of all species level taxa extracted.	
taxa_files.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
taxa_files.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
taxa_files.n_reads	integer	The number of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.total_bases	integer	Total number of bases extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.avg_quality	decimal	The mean quality of reads extracted for the taxa.	

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
taxa_files.mean_len	decimal	The mean length of reads extracted for the taxa.	
taxa_files.rank	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
taxa_files.fastq_1	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	
taxa_files.fastq_2	text	Compressed FASTQ of extracted reads for the taxa.	
classifier_calls	relation	Table summarising the NCBI taxonomy ids, counts and ranks of all taxa found by the classifier.	
classifier_calls.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
classifier_calls.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
classifier_calls.percentage	decimal	The percentage of the (dehumanised) sample that the taxa represents.	
classifier_calls.count_descendants	integer	The number of reads mapping to this taxa and all descendant taxa.	
classifier_calls.count_direct	integer	The number of reads mapping directly to the taxa.	
classifier_calls.rank	choice	The rank of the taxa.	• Choices: C, D, F, G, K, O, P, R, S, U
classifier_calls.raw_rank	text	The rank of the taxa including an intermediate grading.	
classifier_calls.is_spike_in	bool	The taxa is a spike-in.	
spike_in_info	relation	Table containing taxonomic results found for the provided spike-in.	
spike_in_info.taxon_id	integer	The NCBI taxonomy id associated with the taxa.	
spike_in_info.human_readable	text	A human readable name for the taxa.	
spike_in_info.reference_header	text	Reference header for the individual sequence within the provided spike-in.	
spike_in_info.mapped_count	integer		

Field	Data type	Description	Restrictions
		Number of reads which aligned to a reference sequence for the provided spike-in.	

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