

Using VolcaNoseR, a webtool that allows interactive volcano plot generation:

https://huygens.science.uva.nl/VolcaNoseR/

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You can take a first look at the example data (tab "Data", Example data 1 and 2) to see what to expect.

To try it on your own data, load the

*DESeq2results_GeneSymbols_GeneTypes_forVolcano.txt file you find in this folder for the comparison of interest.

Since the webtool only accepts files with a size up to 1 MB, I filtered the DESeq2 results, removing genes fulfilling one or several of the following criteria:

- a) padj == NA
- b) log2FoldChange == 0
- c) GeneType != protein_coding

On the website, you need to proceed as follows:

- 1. In the tab "Data", select "upload file", then select the file via "Browse".
- 2. Select Delimiter = Tab
- 3. Select X-axis = log2FoldChange
- 4. Select Y-axis = minus log10 padj
- 5. Select column with names = GeneSymbol
- 6. Go to tab "Plot". (It takes a couple of seconds to load the plot.)
- 7. Explore the plot (mouse-over the dots to see which genes they represent).
- 8. Personalize the plot (cutoffs, labelled genes, colors, title).
- 9. Export plot.