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## **Objectives**

- Introduce the process of genome assembly and analysis, using Mate et. al. "Molecular Evidence of Sexual Transmission of Ebola Virus" as an example analysis.
- Starting with raw sequencing data, understand the steps for assembling a complete genome sequence.
- Compare multiple genome sequences.
- Use the output of the above analyses to draw conclusions about the biology of the samples.

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## **Outline**

- Brief review of Mate et. al. and Next Generation Sequencing.
- Step by step instructions for analyzing sequencing data using a Jupyter notebook.
- Glossary, FAQ, and complete breakdowns of all computational steps are provided at the end of this presentation.

### Molecular Evidence of Sexual Transmission of Ebola Virus

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- In Liberia, the partner of an Ebola survivor became sick.
- Did the partner contract Ebola through sexual transmission?
   Or through some other means?
- How can we tell?
- These questions can be answered by sequencing.

## Molecular Evidence of Sexual Transmission of Ebola Virus

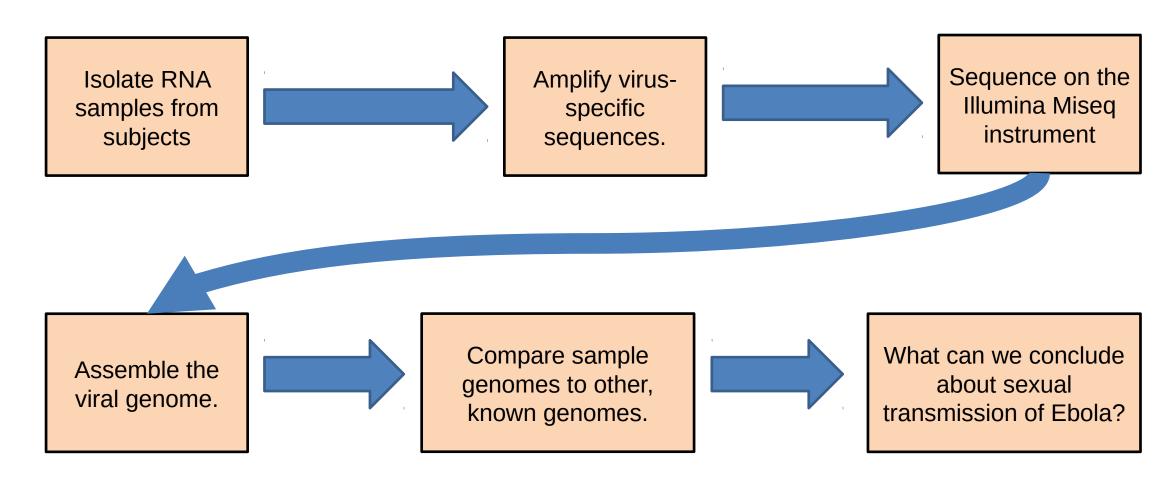
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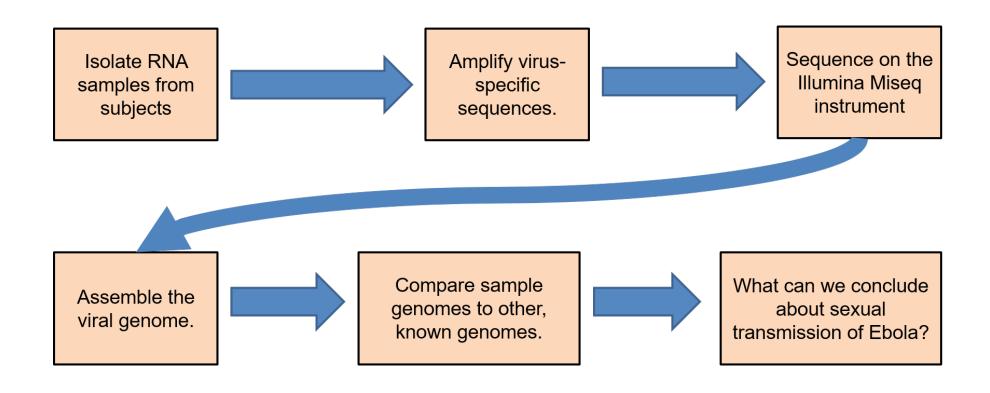
#### To answer these questions, we can:

- Isolate virus from the survivor and their partner.
- Sequence the virus to discover the complete, accurate genome of each sample.
- Compare these sequences to each other and to other virus samples from this outbreak.
- Is the partner sample more similar to the survivor sequence? Or to the other samples from this outbreak?

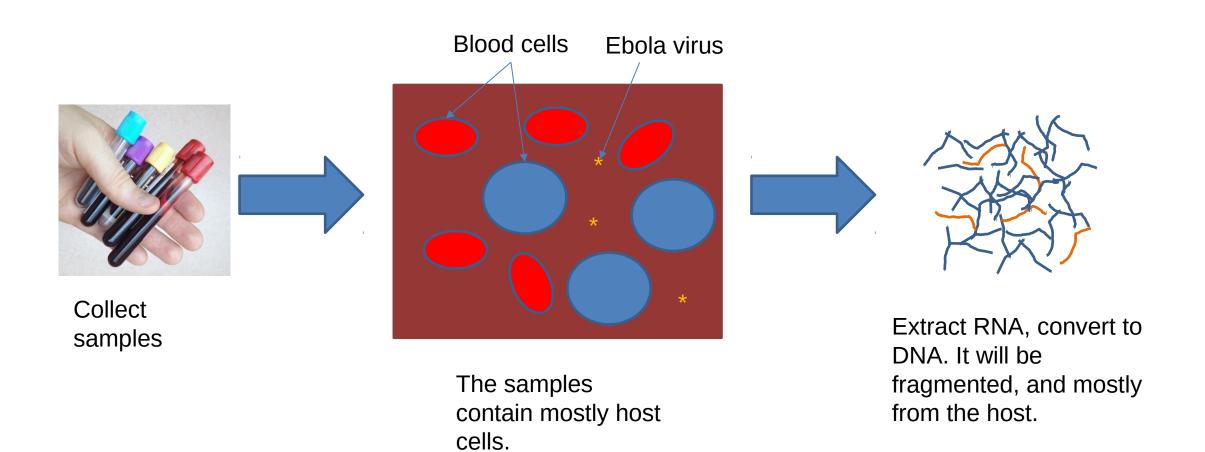
# We can answer these questions by following this outline:



- This module focuses on the final three steps: analyzing the raw sequencing data.
- But it is important to first understand how the raw data is generated.



# Isolate RNA samples from subjects



# Amplify virus-specific sequences.

 Since most of the DNA will be from the host, we need to increase the proportion of viral DNA.



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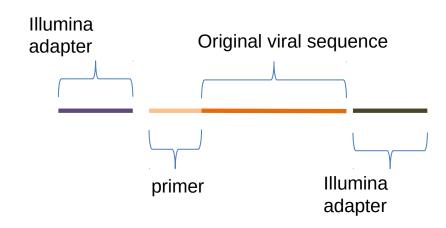


Find a previously sequenced Ebola genome (a "reference" sequence).

Make primers-short fragments of DNA-that match the reference genome.

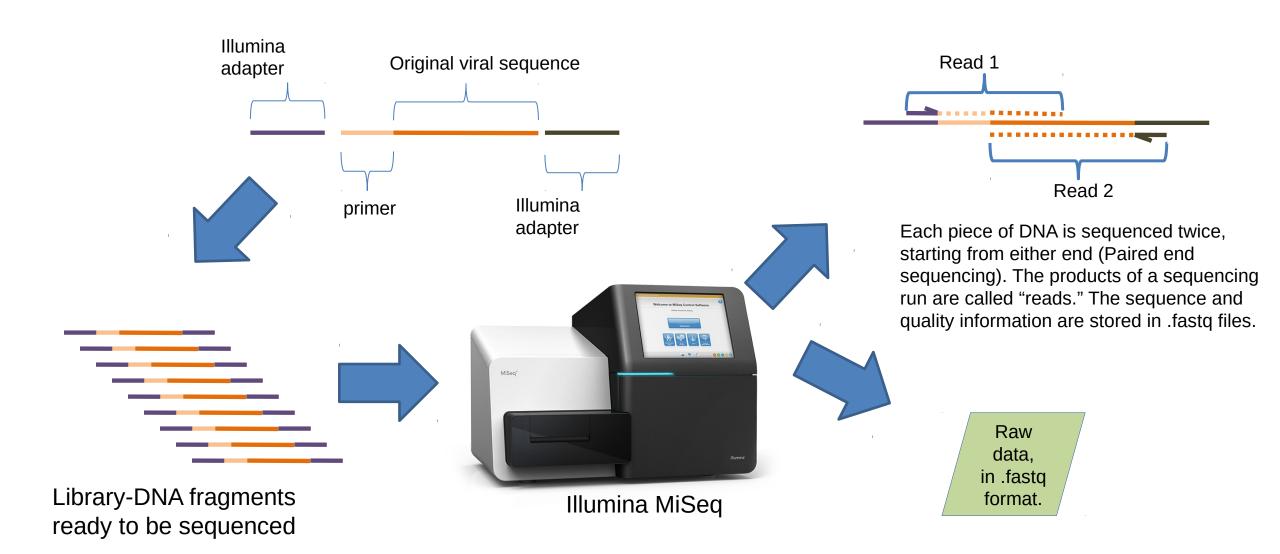
The primers bind to the similar Ebola virus sequence found in our sample. Primer-bound DNA is amplified, producing lots of viral DNA fragments.

# Sequence on the Illumina Miseq instrument

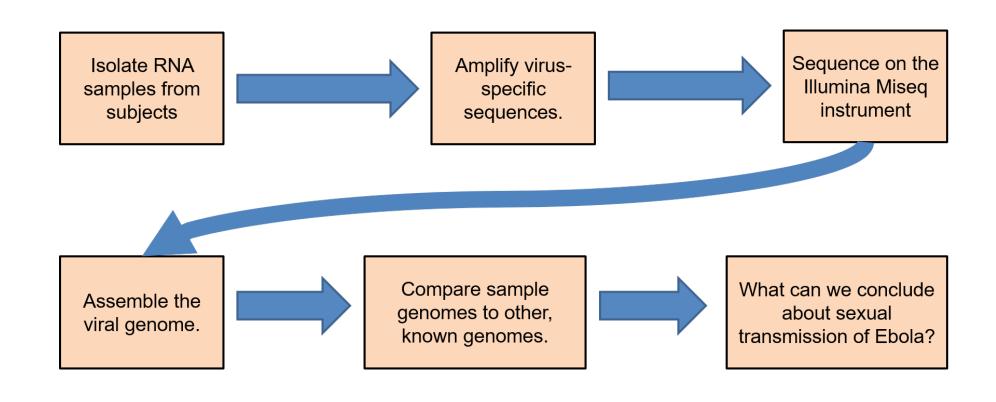


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- These are DNA sequences necessary for sequencing on the Illumina Miseq.
- The pool of DNA to be sequenced is known as a "library."

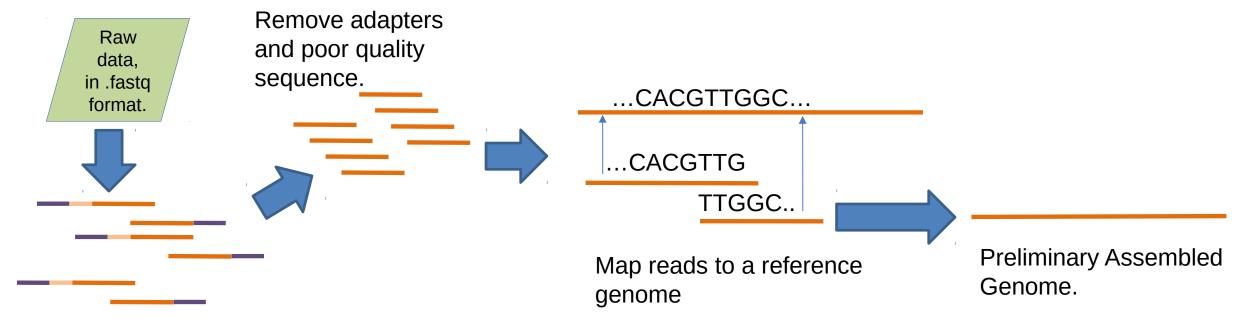
# Sequence on the Illumina Miseq instrument



Now we can assemble the raw data produced by the Miseq.



# Assembly: Broad Overview of the Computational Steps

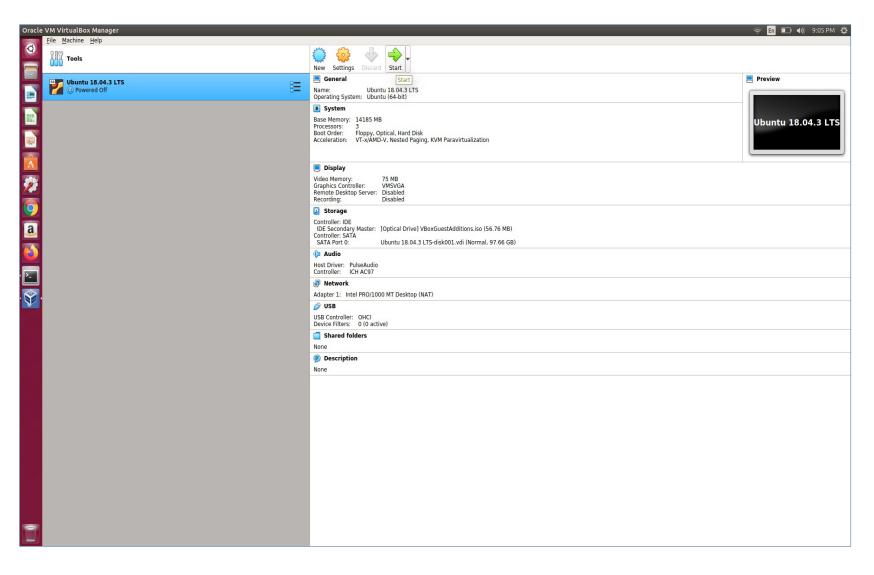


Raw data consists of sequences containing fragments of the Ebola genome. Ultimately, we need to take these fragments and assemble them into the complete genome.

Prepare for assembly: Open a virtual machine, which contains all of the data and programs you need to complete the module.

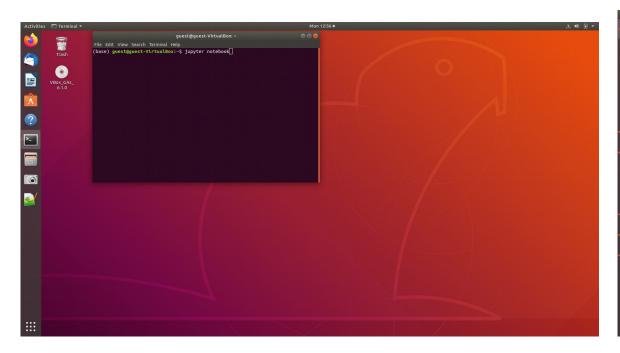


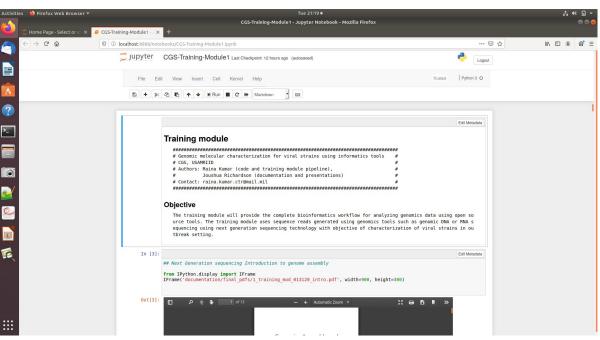
Click on the Oracle VM VirtualBox icon



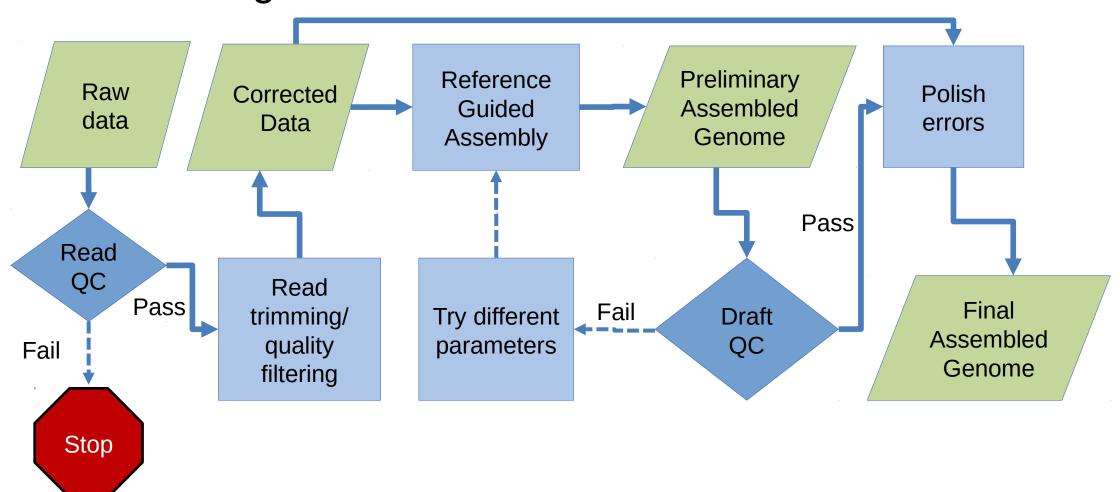
# Open the Jupyter notebook.

- Run through each step of the Jupyter notebook, examining any slides embedded in the step.
- Steps that advance the pipeline will be accompanied by an explanation slide, which is detailed next.

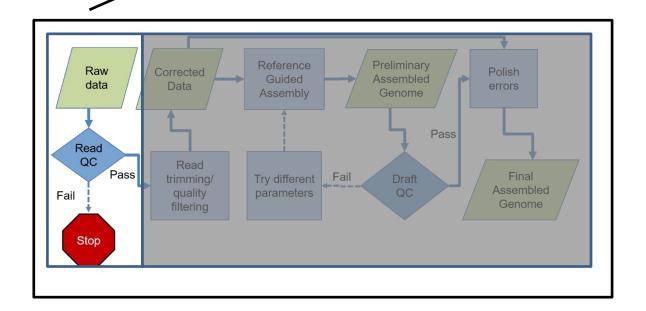




Assembly pipeline: How we get from raw data to the final assembled genome.

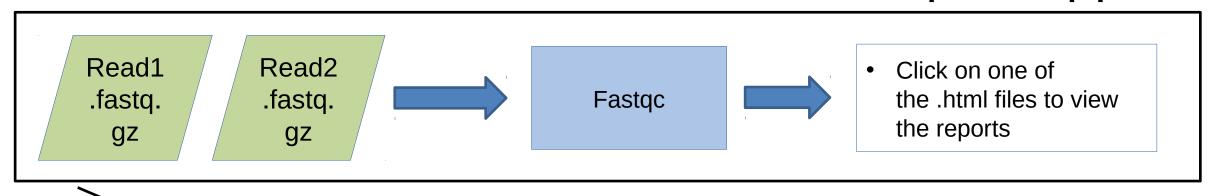


#### Location in the overall pipeline



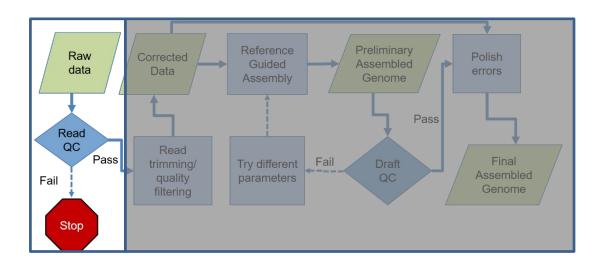
- Start with raw sequencing data, in fastq format and zipped.
- Remember, there are two reads for each DNA fragment. The first read of each fragment is stored in one file, and the second read of each fragment is stored in another.
- Run Fastqc, a program that summarizes the quality of reads. Also outputs a number of useful metrics.

# Plain English description of the steps in the pipeline.



Inputs and outputs for the current step of the pipeline.

#### **Fastqc**



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#### **№**FastQC Report



Basic Statistics

Per base sequence quality

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Per sequence quality scores

Per base sequence content

Per sequence GC content

Per base N content

Sequence Length Distribution

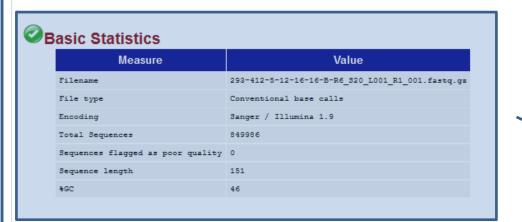
Sequence Duplication Levels

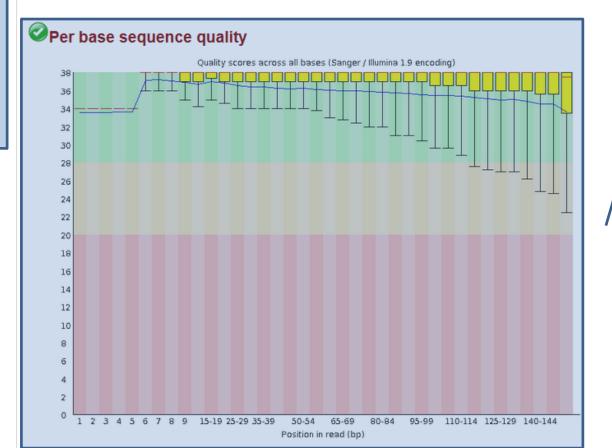
Overrepresented sequences

Adapter Content

Kmer Content

Links to other reports





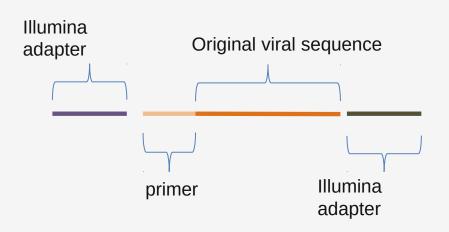
Fastqc Report

Preliminary information, number of sequences in file, average sequence length, etc.

Across all sequences, at each base position, what is the average quality score?

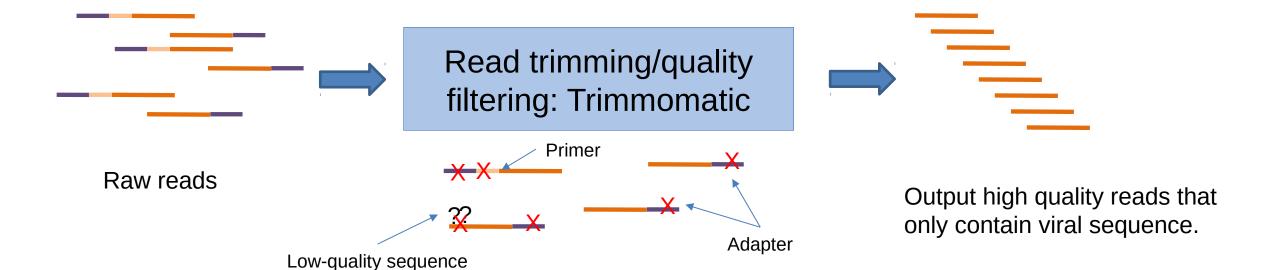
Quality>30 is good for most purposes.

The quality scores are high at each position of the read. We can proceed with the analysis.



- Add adapters to both ends of the DNA fragment to be sequenced.
- These are DNA sequences necessary for sequencing on the Illumina Miseq.
- The pool of DNA to be sequenced is known as a "library."
- Remember that sequences were added during sample and library preparations that are not part of the original viral sequence.
- We need to remove those sequences now.

# Read trimming/quality filtering

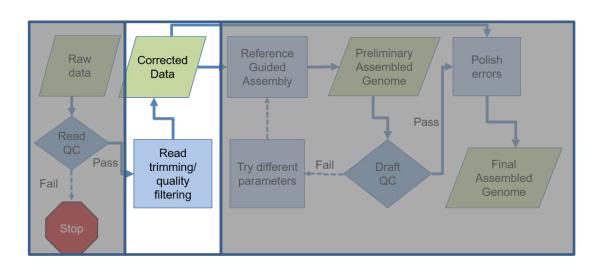


Find and remove adapters, primers and any low quality sequence

#### **Read Trimming and Quality Control**

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- Take raw reads and a list of sequences added during library prep.
- Remove those sequences, and any sequence of low quality



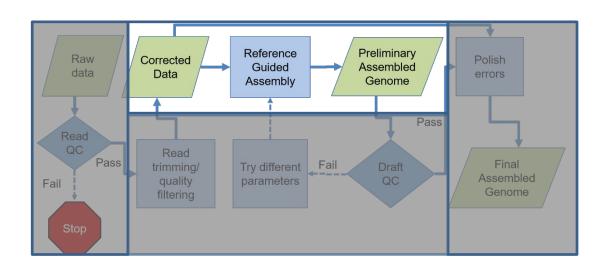
# We can now align the viral reads to a known reference sequence.

Sequence of the reference strain (already known).

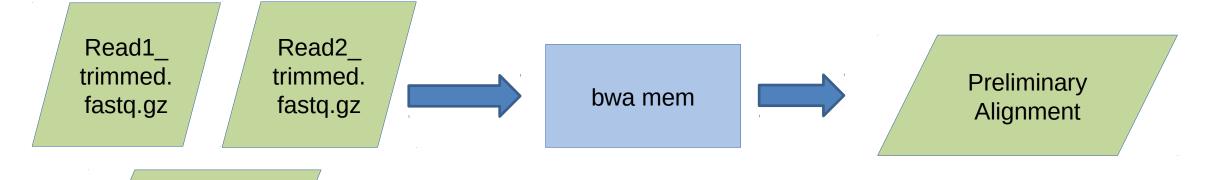
Quality Viral Reads, from the previous step.

Use the "bwa" program to map the viral reads to the known reference assembly.

#### Reference Guided Assembly, pt. 1

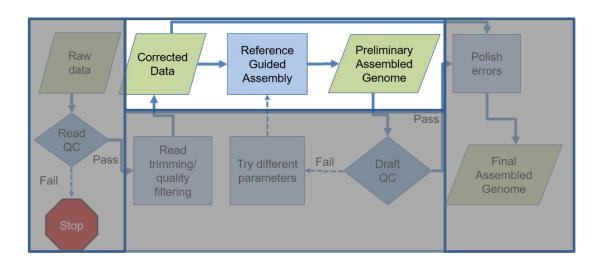


- Start with quality reads and a reference genome.
- The reference genome is the known sequence from the same species.
- Reads are mapped to the reference genome, creating a preliminary alignment



Reference genome

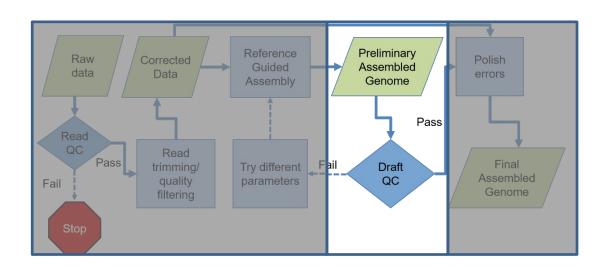
#### Reference Guided Assembly, pt. 2



- Starting with the preliminary alignment, run the velveth and velvetg programs.
- These programs compare the aligned reads to the reference genome and output a preliminary assembled genome.
- This preliminary assembly is now our best guess of the genome sequence of the virus isolated from our sample.



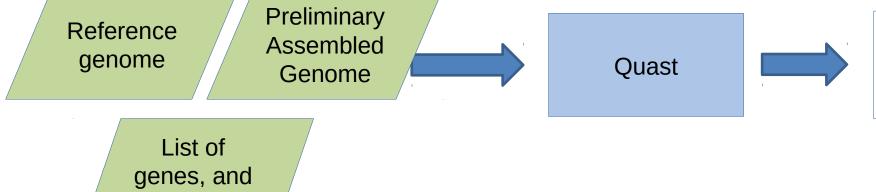
#### **Quality Control of the Preliminary Assembled Genome**



other

features

- Quast compares the preliminary assembly to a known genome from the same species.
- Also, identifies functional sequences, like genes and RNAs.



 Click on the .html file to open up the quast output.

# Assessing genome quality with QUAST. FIX

#### QUAST

Quality Assessment Tool for Genome Assemblies by CAB

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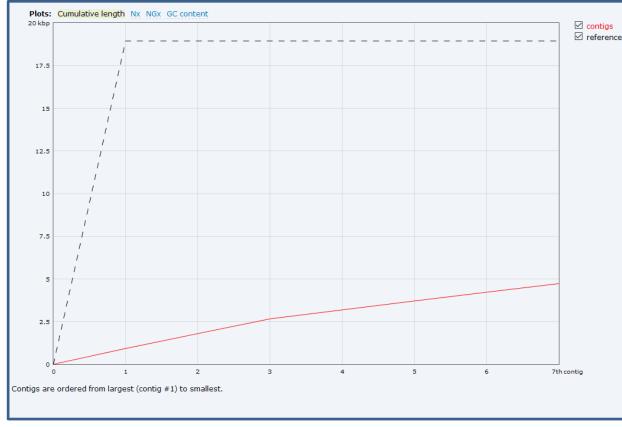
View in Icarus contig browser

All statistics are based on contigs of size >= 500 bp, unless otherwise noted (e.g., "# contigs (>= 0 bp)" and "Total length (>= 0 bp)" include all contigs).

 $Aligned\ to\ "GCF\_000889155.1\_ViralProj51245\_genomic"\ |\ 18\ 940\ bp\ |\ 1 fragment\ |\ 42.01\ \%\ G+C$ 

Genome statistics	<b>≡</b> contigs
NGA50	-
Mismatches	
# N's per 100 kbp	0
Statistics without reference	
# contigs	7
Largest contig	925
Total length	4727
Total length (>= 1000 bp)	0
Total length (>= 10000 bp)	0
Total length (>= 50000 bp)	0
Predicted genes	
# predicted genes (unique)	2
Extended report	

 Basic information about the assembly

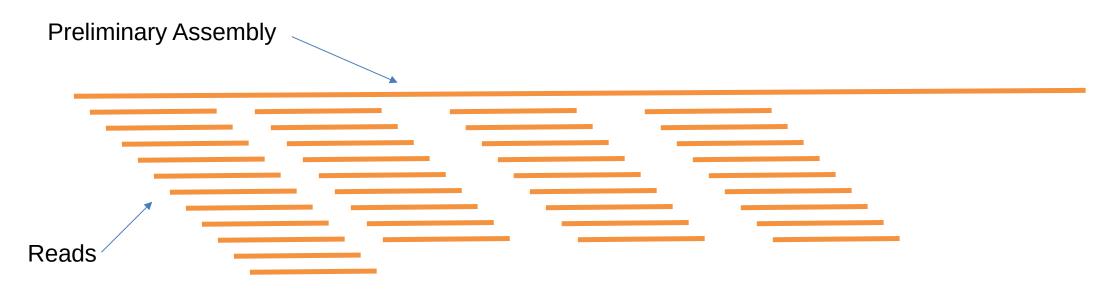


- Compare the length of the reference to the cumulative length of the contigs.
- Could the preliminary assembly contain a complete genome?

# We now have a preliminary assembly

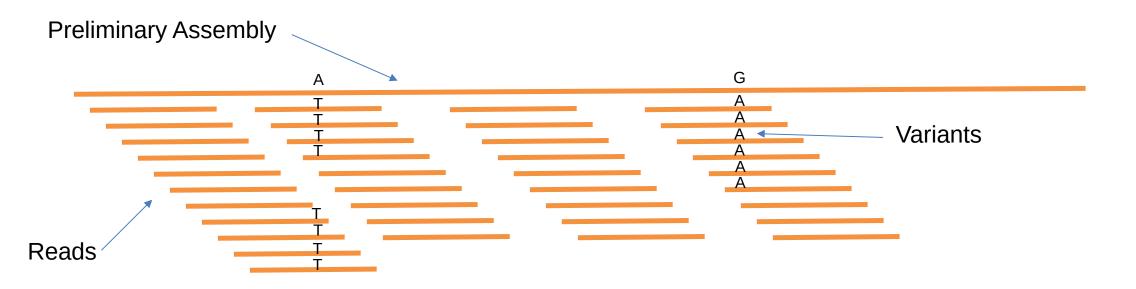
**Preliminary Assembly** 

# Improve the quality of the assembly: Polishing



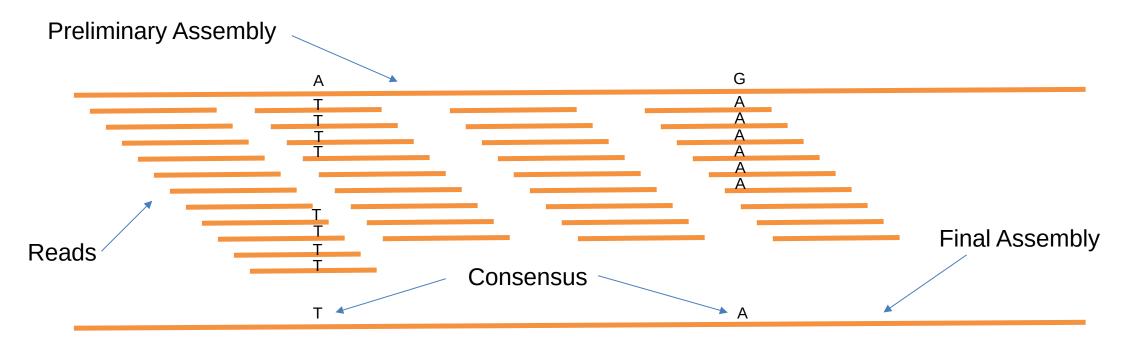
- We can map the quality filtered reads to this preliminary assembly.
- This is similar to the initial read mapping to the reference genome done previously.

# Improve the quality of the assembly: Polishing



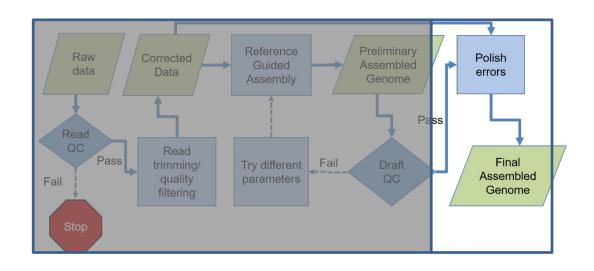
- The read sequences may disagree with the assembly sequence at certain positions.
   The divergent sequences are known as "variants."
- Identifying these differences will enable us to correct small-scale errors, yielding a more accurate final assembly.

# Improve the quality of the assembly: Polishing

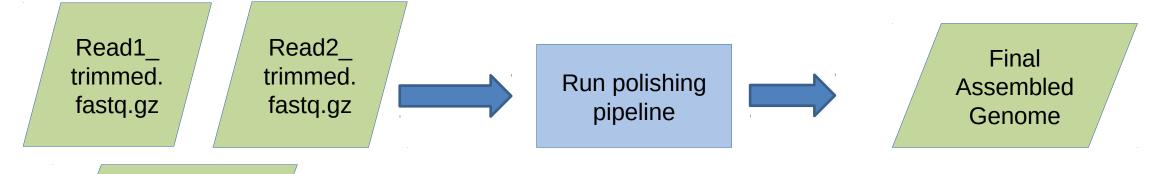


• A final assembly is generated with the consensus sequences, which are generally the most common sequence at the position.

#### **Polishing the Genome**

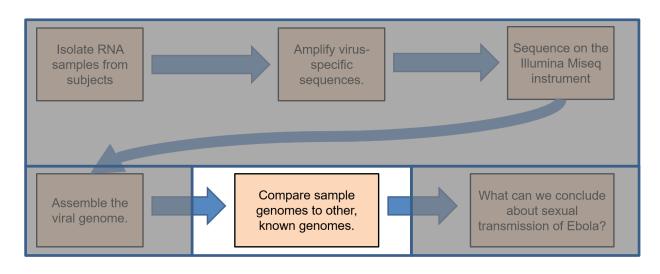


- "Polish" out errors in the assembly by mapping the reads back to the assembly.
- Identify positions where the read sequences differ from the draft genome.
- Correct the draft sequence at those positions, producing a higher quality final assembled genome.

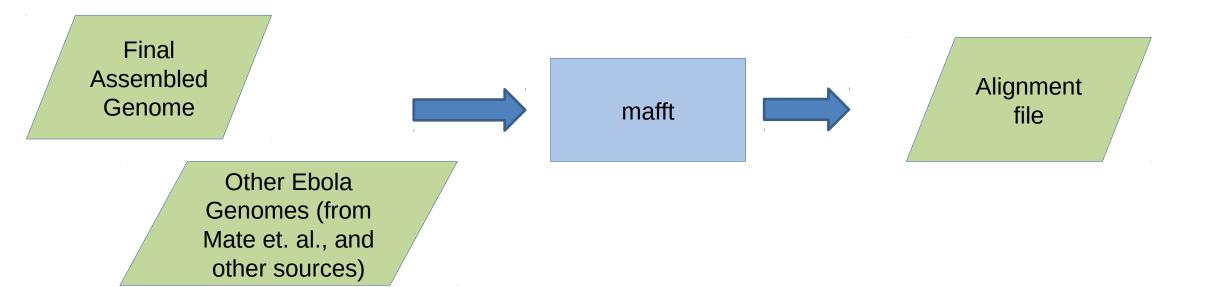


Preliminary Assembled Genome

#### **Multiple Genome Alignment**



- Take the final assembled genome, along with a diversity of other Ebola genomes.
- Align the genomes to each other, allowing us to quantify how different the genomes from each patient are from each other, and from other Ebola sequences.



# Summary of the alignment.

Position†	Reference	Alternative	Samples with Alternative	Survivor- Corrected Depth <u>:</u>	Nature of Substitution§
1,107	G	Α	P, S	1	VP35, V327I
3,592	Α	Т	P, S	1	VP30, synonymous
16,636	G	Α	P, S	5	L, G1686S
4,384	Α	C	P, S, SB	3	Noncoding
12,996	С	Α	P, S, SB	1	L, synonymous
18,399	AAAAA	AAAAAA	P, S, SB	2	Noncoding
11,263	С	Т	S	1	Noncoding

<sup>\*</sup> The GenBank accession numbers for the tested genomes are as follows: for the patient (P), the number is KT587343, for the survivor (S), the number is KT587344, and for the survivor's older brother (SB), the number is KT587346. L denotes RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, and VP viral protein.

- List the differences between the Mate et al. samples and a reference genome in a chart.
- There are three positions where the Survivor and Survivor's Partner differ from the reference, but not from each other (lines 1-3).
- There are three positions where the Survivor, Survivor's partner and Survivor's brother differ from the reference (lines 4-6).
- There is one position where only the Survivor differs from the reference (line 7).

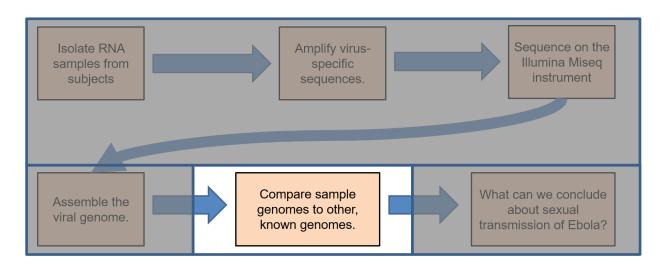
<sup>†</sup> Positions were relative to the reference genome Ebola virus/H.sapiens-wt/GIN/2014/Makona-C15 (GenBank accession number, KJ660346.2).

<sup>†</sup>The number indicates the depth at each position from the survivor after correction for duplicates resulting from polymerase-chain-reaction amplification.

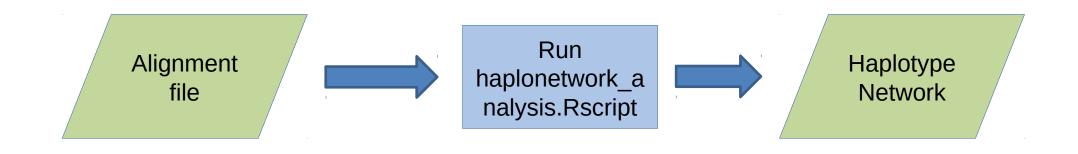
<sup>§</sup> The gene abbreviation is provided for substitutions within coding regions, followed by a description of the amino acid change for substitutions that are nonsynonymous.

# Show Alignment File

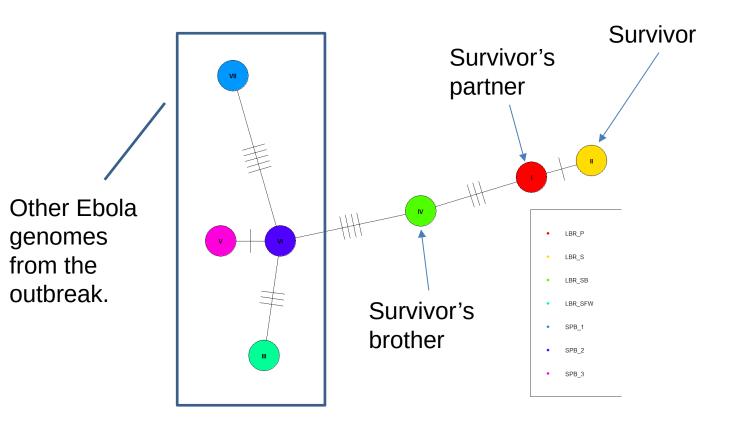
#### **Haplotype Network Analysis**



- Start with the alignment file made in the previous step.
- Arrange the genomes in a haplotype network: where each genome is connected by a line to the genomes it is most similar to.
- This allows us to visually depict the differences between several genomes.

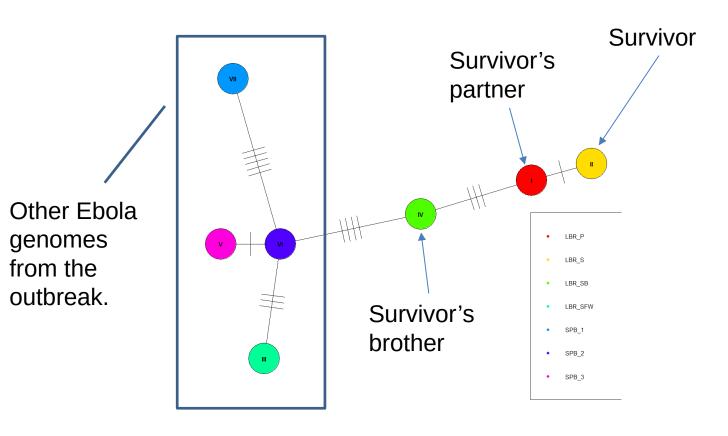


# Compare the genomes in the study and other Ebola genomes using a haplotype network



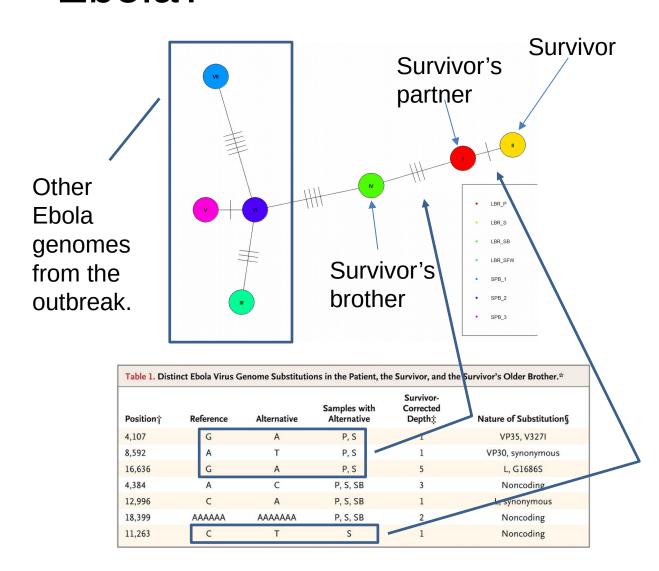
- A haplotype is a region of DNA inherited from the parent.
- NOTE: for viruses, the haplotype is the full genome.
- Each circle (node) represents a genome sequence.
- Hash marks on the lines show the number of differences between the genomes connected by the lines.
- Remember our original question: Is the partner sample more similar to the survivor sequence? Or to the other samples from this outbreak?

# Compare the genomes in the study and other Ebola genomes using a haplotype network



- The Survivor and Survivor's Partner have one difference between them.
- There are at least three differences between the Survivor's Partner and the next most similar genome.

## What can we conclude about sexual transmission of Ebola?



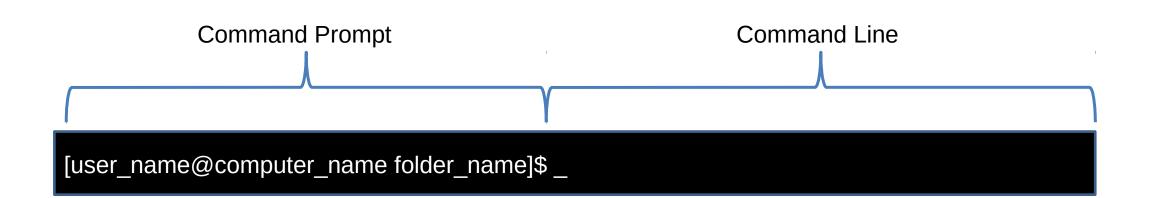
- We see a similar pattern from the chart we previously produced.
- There is one position unique to the Survivor.
- There are three positions shared by the Survivor and Survivor's partner, but different in the Survivor's brother.
- This data is consistent with sexual transmission from the Survivor to the Survivor's Partner.

### Assembly through the command line.

- The following details how to run the analysis through the command line.
- The underlying analysis is the same, but we go into greater detail, breaking down each command that ran behind the scenes in the previous tutorial.

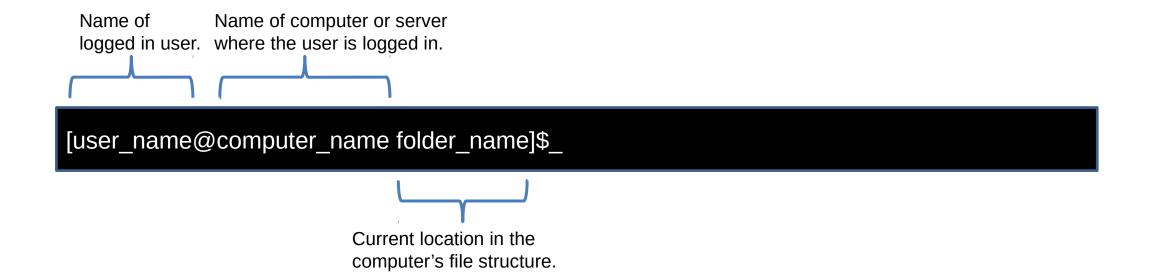
#### The Shell

- A Shell is a program that provides a text only user interface for interacting with the computer.
- The shell consists of a command prompt, showing the user name and location, and the command line, where commands are entered.



### The Command Prompt

The command prompt shows basic information.



#### The Command Line

• Run programs and navigate files by typing commands into the command line, next to the command prompt.



[user\_name@computer\_name folder\_name]\$ fastqc --help



### --help

 Note that for most programs that run on the command line, the manual can be accessed by typing the name of the program, followed by a space and "-h" or "--help" as in the example below.



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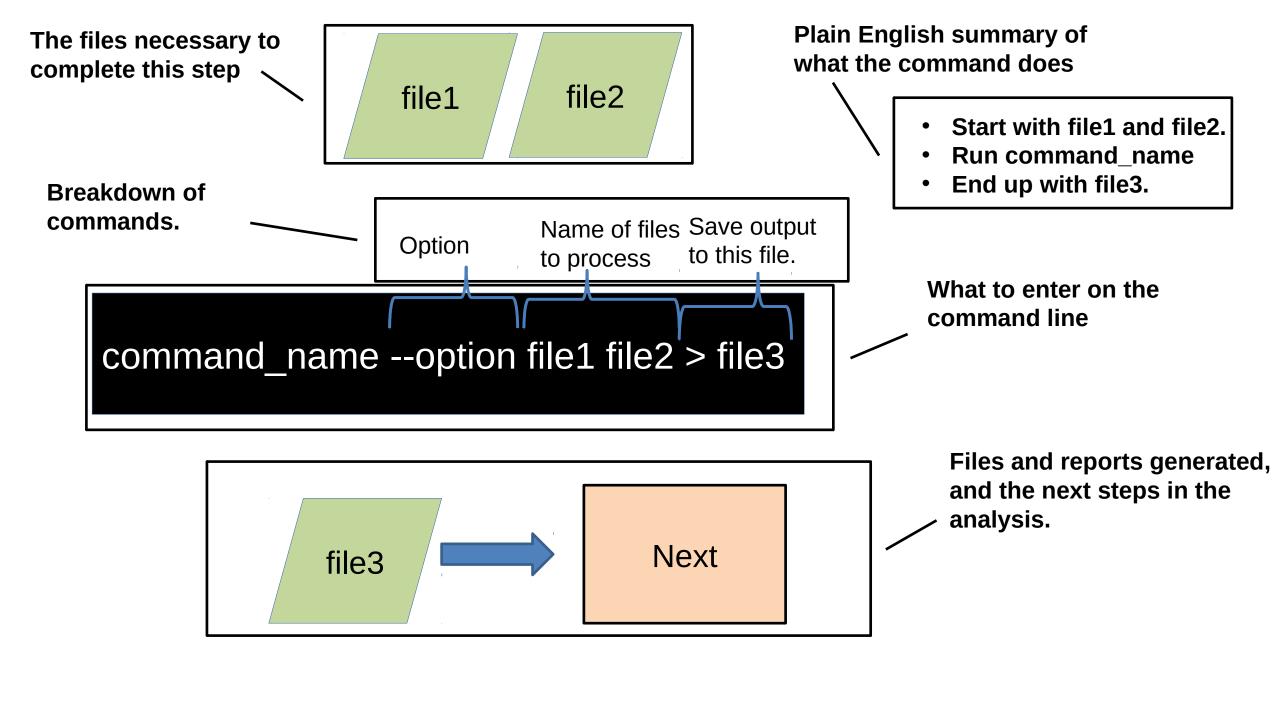


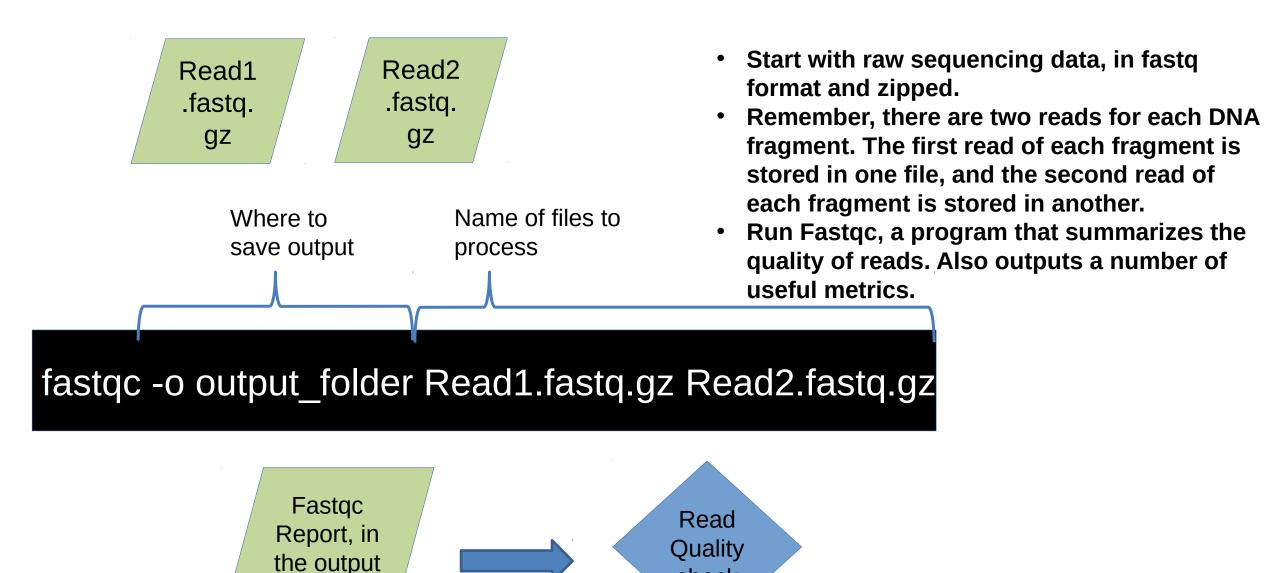
#### Command line caveats

- Commands are case sensitive. Enter commands exactly as written!
- Spacing and ordering of arguments are important, and can change the output of the command, so enter the commands exactly as written!
- Pressing enter runs the command as it appears in the command line. There is no warning or confirmation!
- Shells are text only interfaces. You cannot click on a space in the

#### Benefits of using the command line.

- Finer control of program parameters.
- Can string together multiple programs into analysis pipelines.
- Record of exactly what commands and parameters have been run.
- Increased portability and reproducibility.

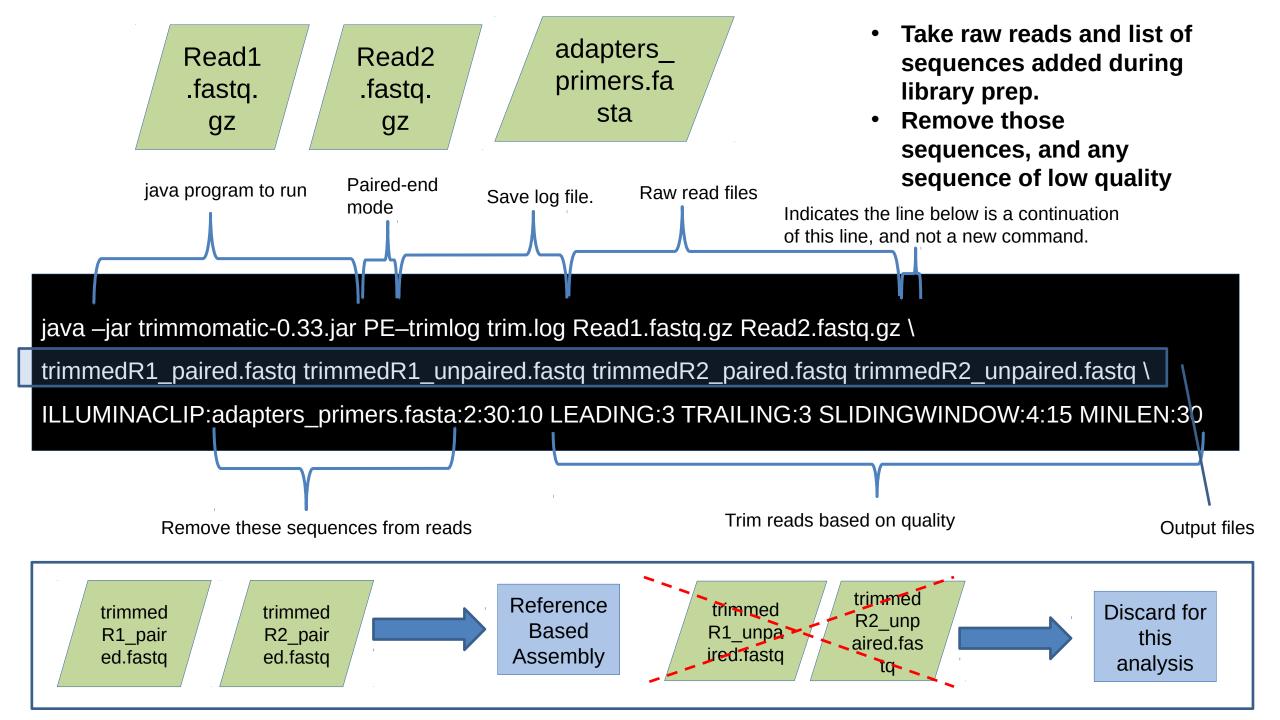




folder

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Warning! The next command is lengthy and contains trimmedR1\_paired.fastq trimmedR1\_unpmanyrioptionS.fa It is written on several lines for ease of viewing.



Note that this command requires outputting 4 files, but we will only use two in the subsequent steps.

trimmed R1 pair ed.fastq trimmed R2 pair ed.fastq

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trimmed R1\_unpa ired.fasta

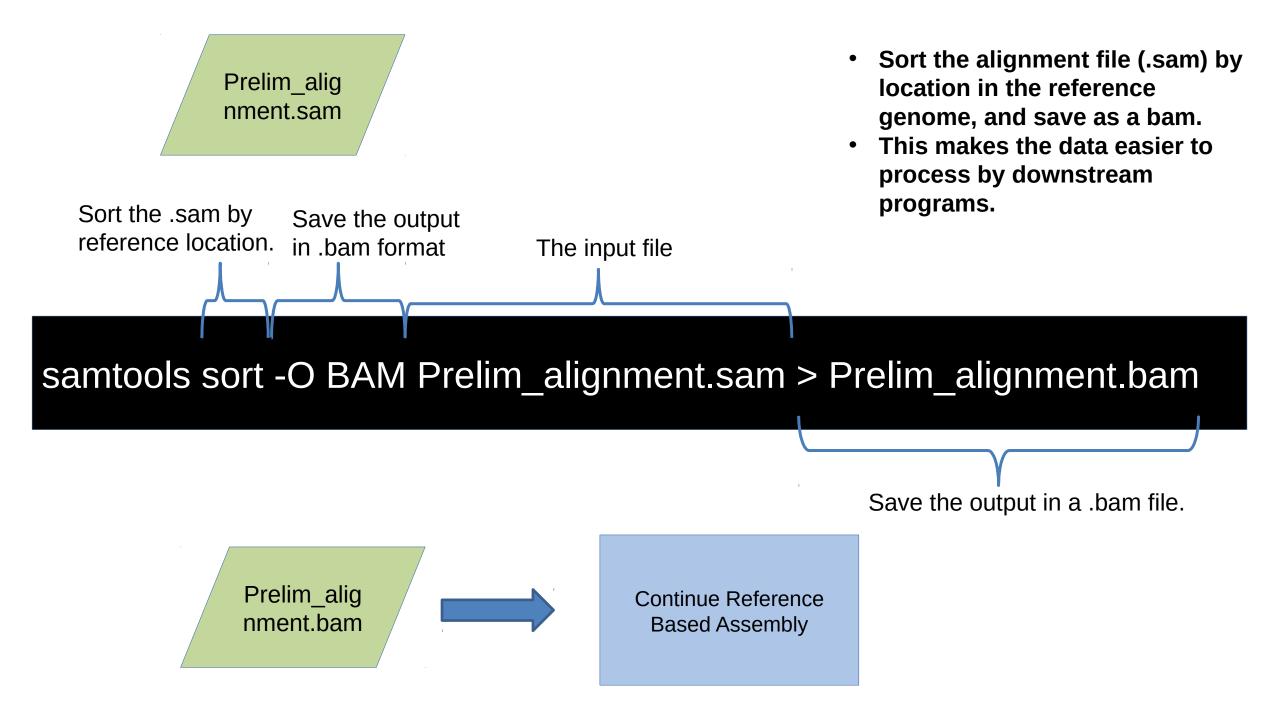
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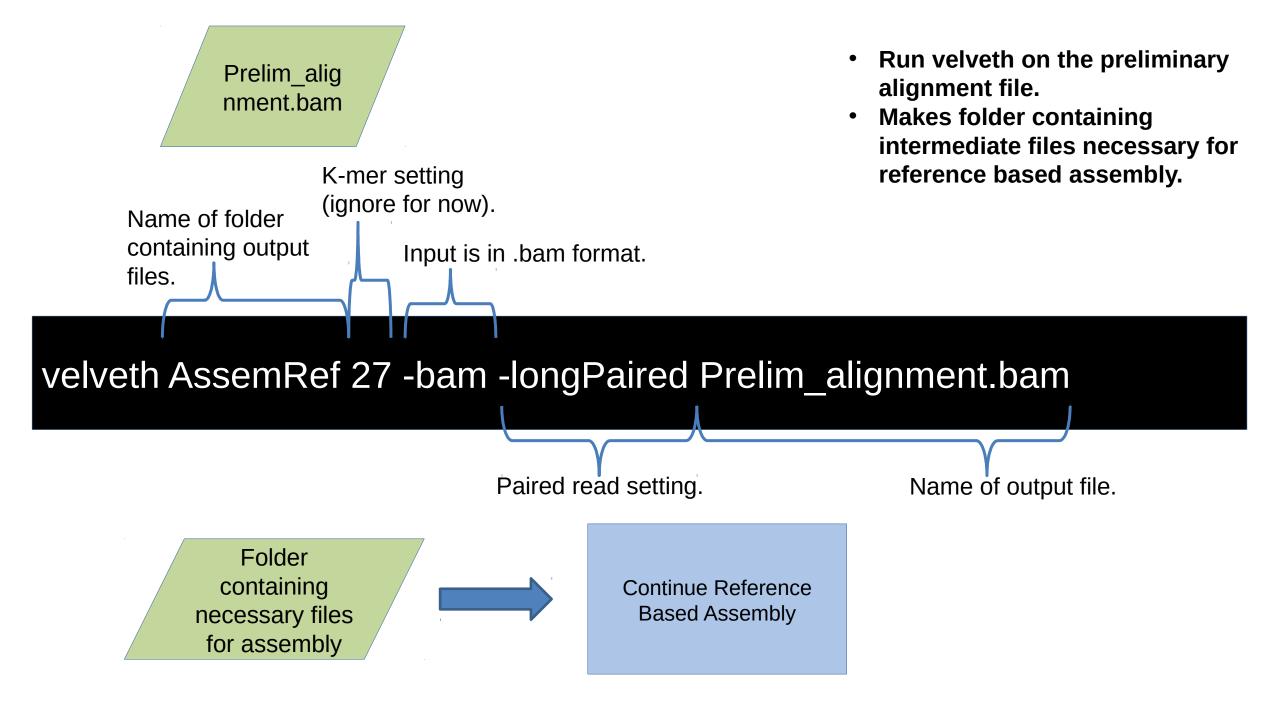
Discard for this analysis

Reference Start with quality reads and a trimmed trimmed genome, reference genome. R1 pair R2\_pair indexed for Use bwa mem to align the reads ed.fastq ed.fastq use with bwa to the reference. Save the output in a .sam file, which links the read to a Mapping Name of Name of files to location in the reference algorithm reference. process genome where the read aligns. bwa mem ebola ref trimmedR1 paired.fastq trimmedR2 paired.fastq \ > Prelim alignment.sam Save output in a .sam file. Prelim\_alig Continue Reference

**Based Assembly** 

nment.sam





Folder containing necessary files for assembly

Name of folder containing output files.

Make a file for QC purposes

- Run the assembly program, velvetg.
- Reads the alignment file, in the folder containing intermediate files, and generates the preliminary assembly.

Save a log file.

velvetg AssemRef -amos\_file yes > logfile\_assemref\_27.txt 2>&1 &

Preliminary assembly

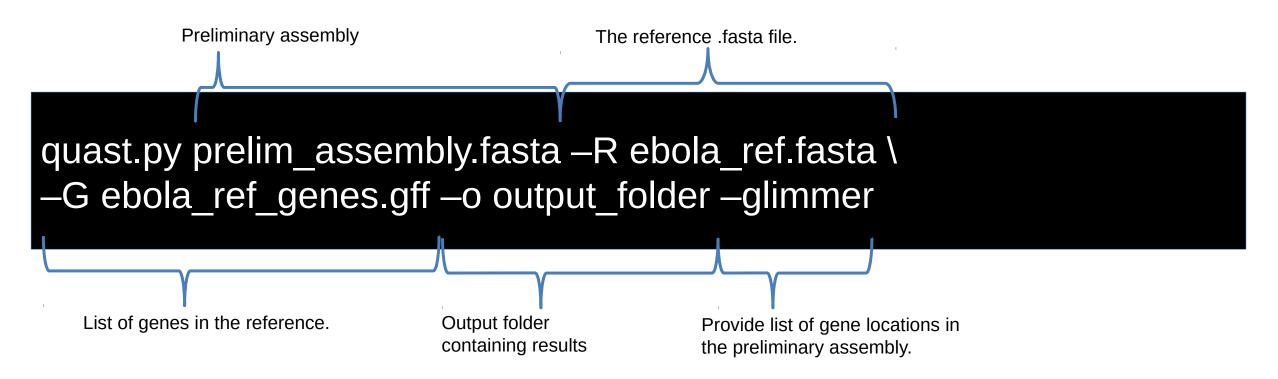
Assem bly Quality Check Save any error messages, and run this command in the background.

Preliminary Assembled Genome

Reference genome

List of genes, and other features

- Quast compares the preliminary assembly to a known genome from the same species.
- Also, identifies functional sequences, like genes and RNAs.

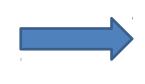


## Preliminary assembly

"index" the assembly for use in downstream programs. Use. The algorithm to index.

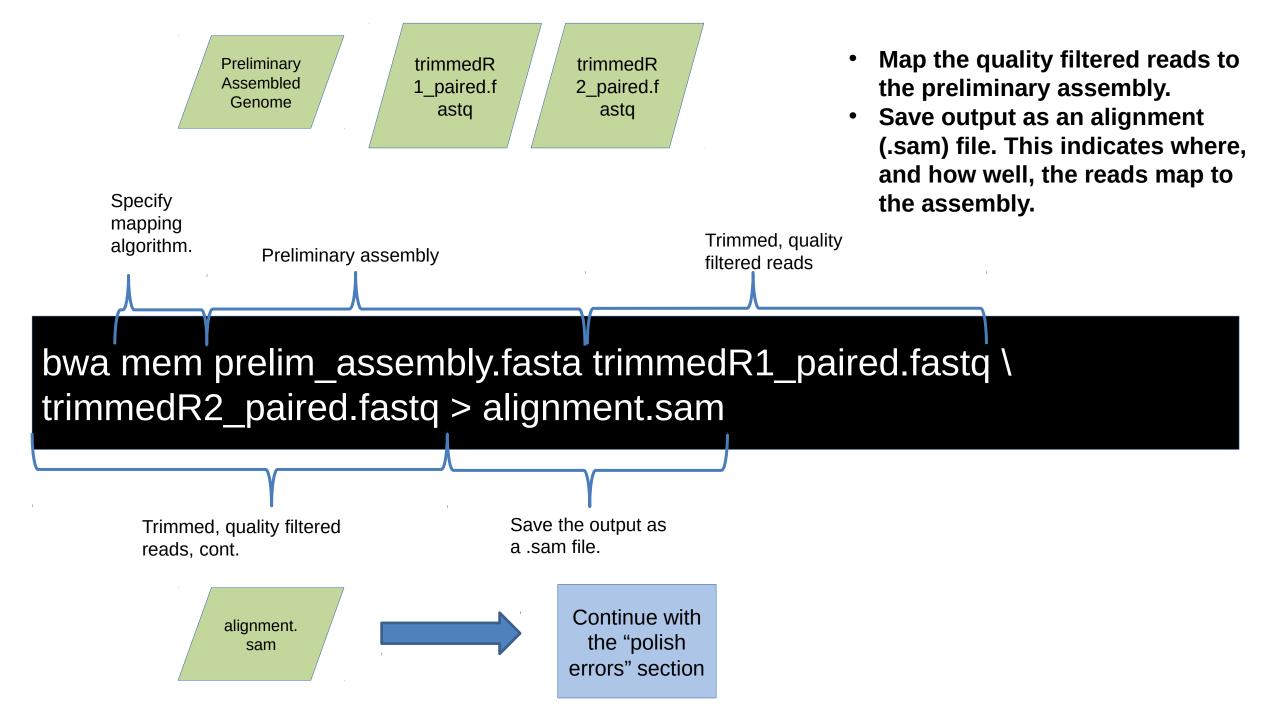
bwa index -a bwtsw prelim\_assembly.fasta

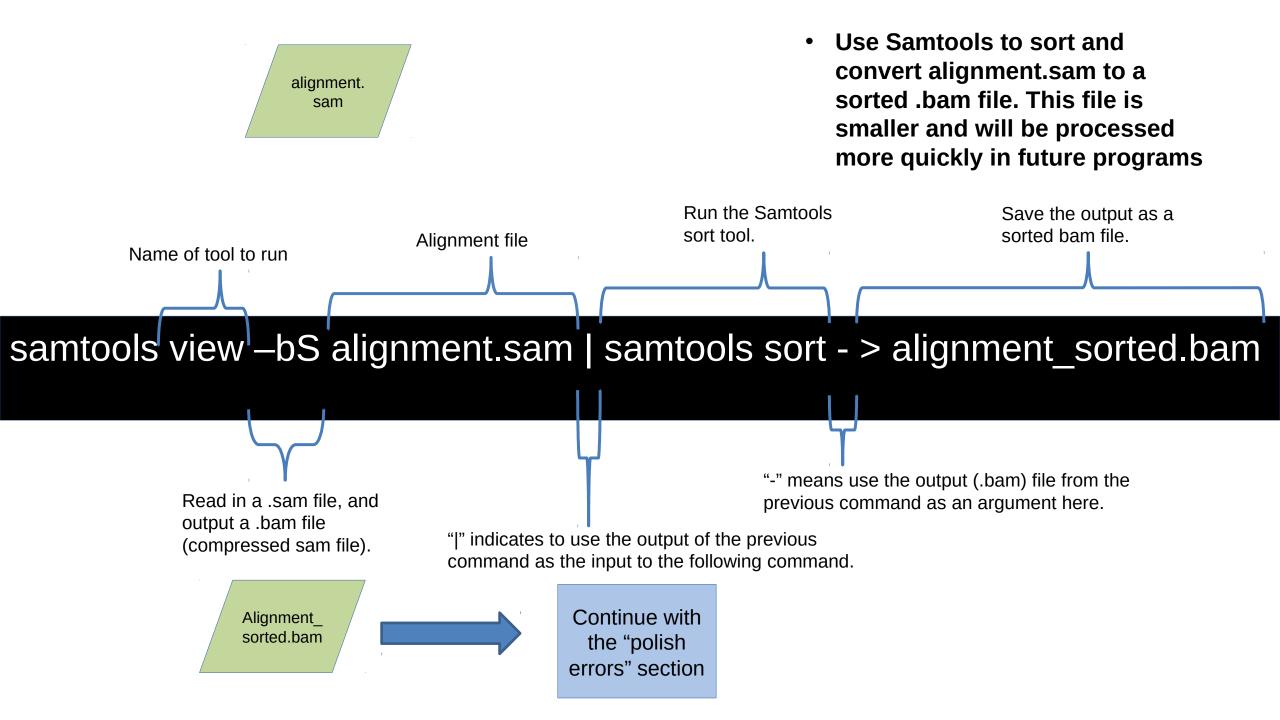
bwa index of the Preliminary Assembled Genome



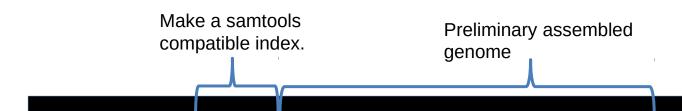
Continue with the "polish errors" section

- "Polish" out errors in the assembly by mapping the reads back to the assembly.
- This will take several steps.
- Map the quality filtered reads to the preliminary assembly.
- The index can then be used by the mapping program, bwa mem, in the next step.





Preliminary Assembled Genome



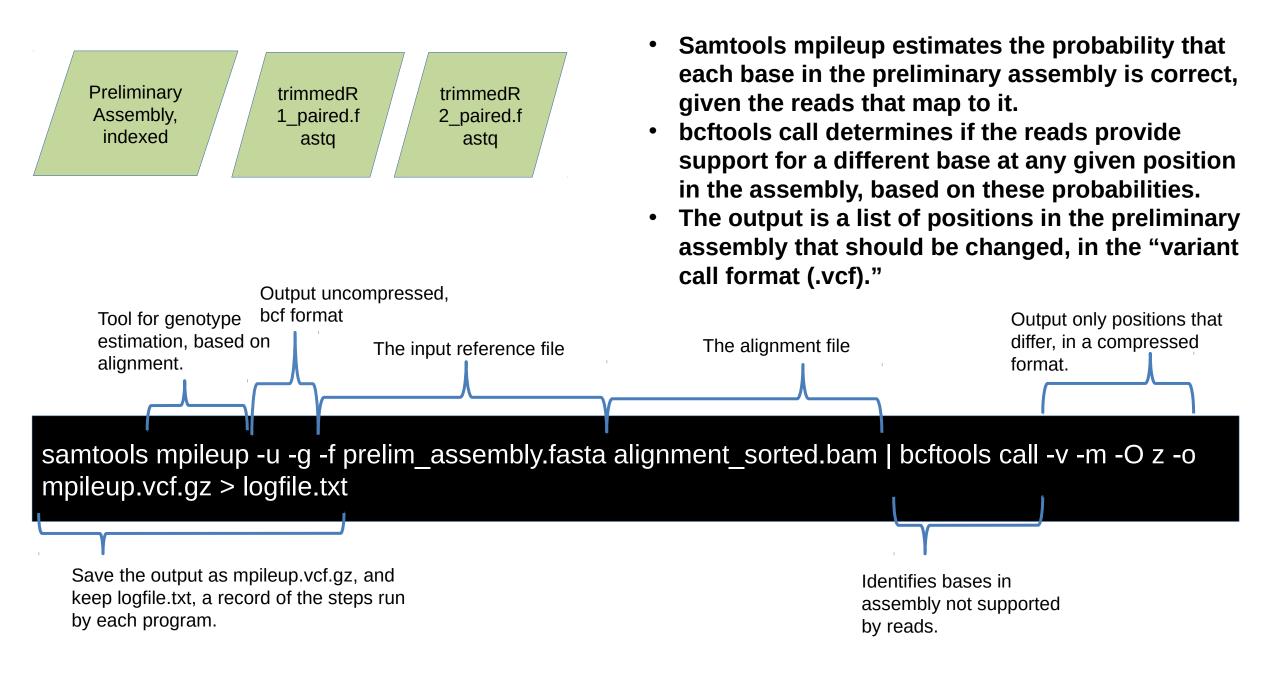
samtools faidx prelim\_assembly.fasta

Preliminary Assembled Genome Index

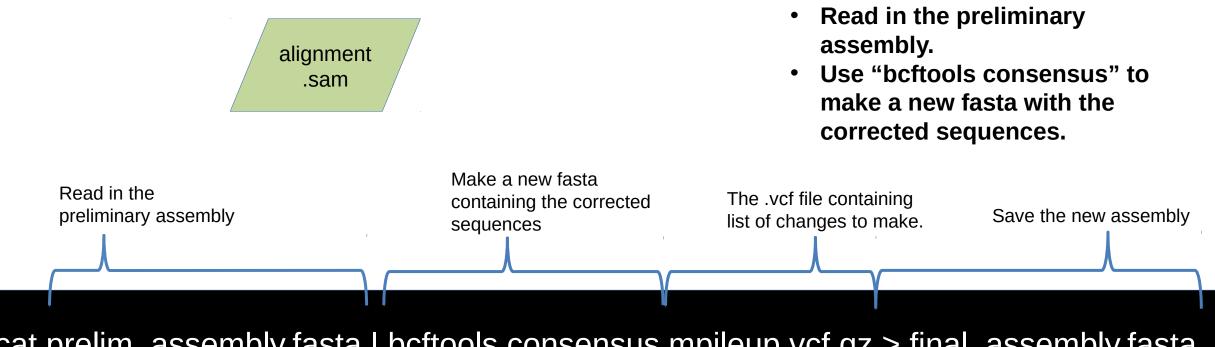


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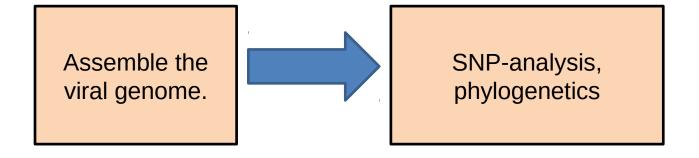
- Make an index of the preliminary assembled genome.
- This is necessary to use the assembly in the next step.

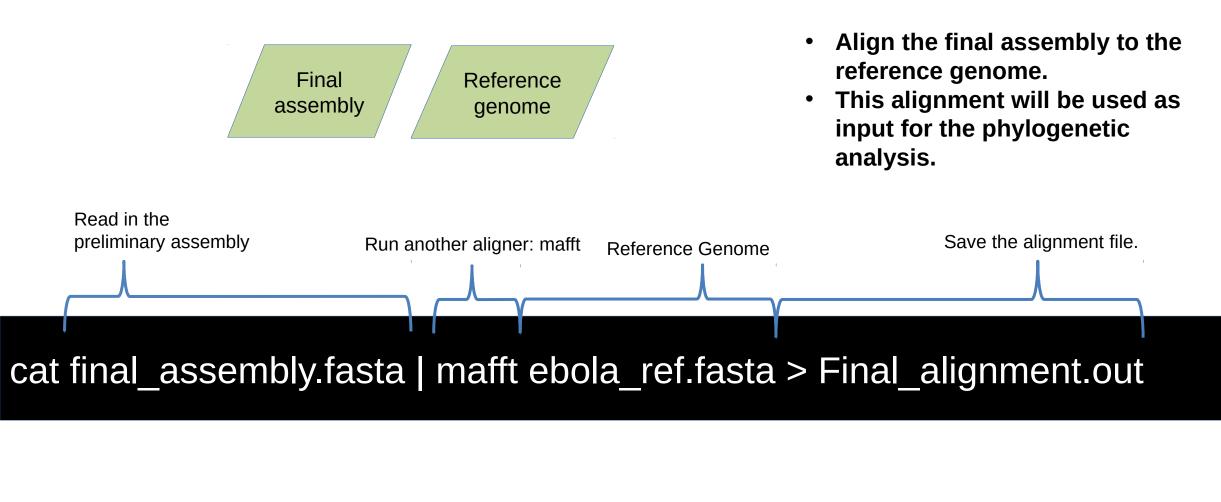


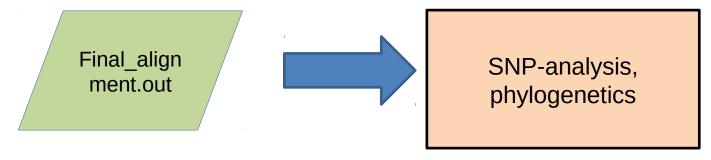
mpileup. vcf.gz .vcf file containing the base Make a bcftools positions that should be changed in compatible index. the assembly. bcftools index mpileup.vcf.gz Continue with Indexed the "polish .vcf file. errors" section  Make an index of the .vcf file, which will make processing the file easier in the next step.

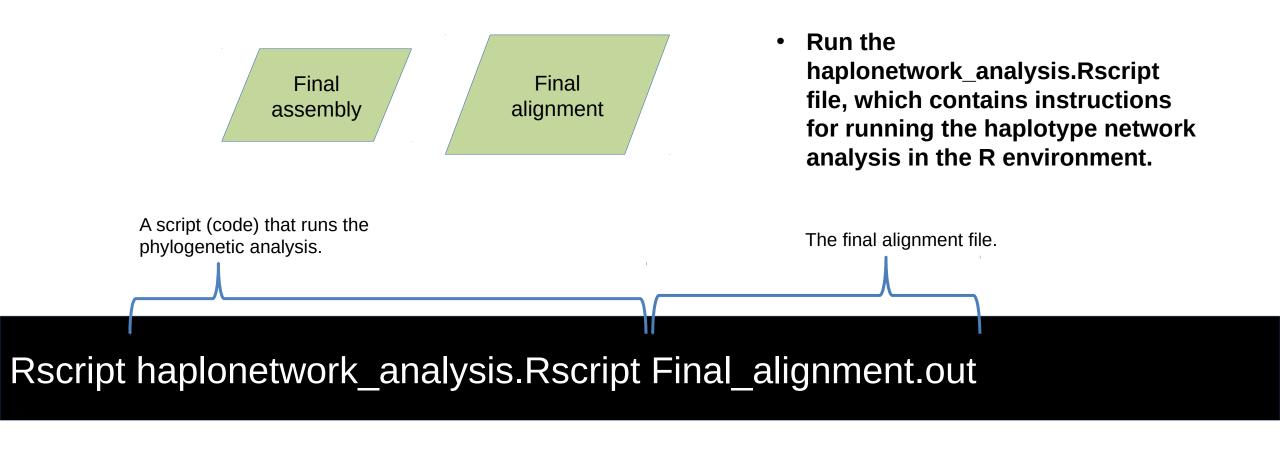


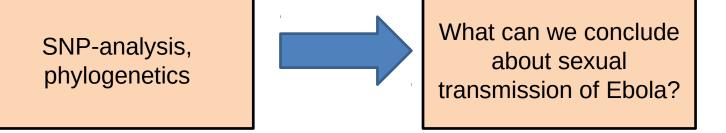
cat prelim\_assembly.fasta | bcftools consensus mpileup.vcf.gz > final\_assembly.fasta



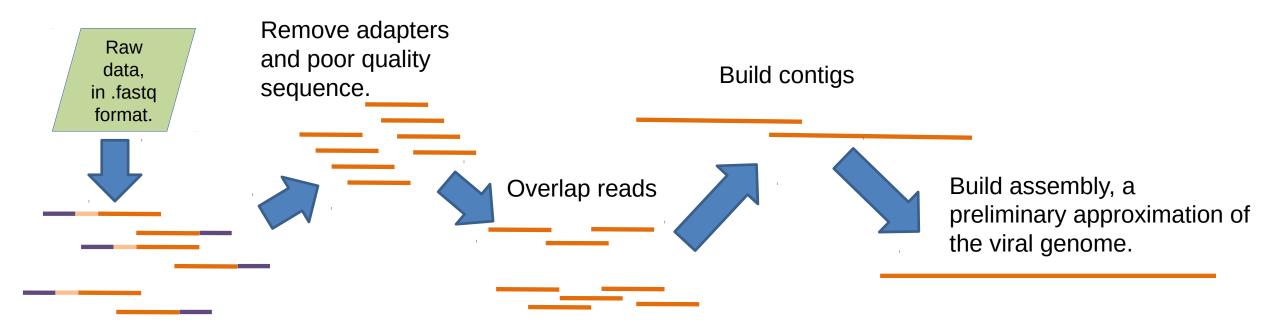








#### De Novo Assembly



Raw data consists of sequences containing fragments of the Ebola genome. Ultimately, we need to take these fragments and assemble them into the complete genome.

## File types

.gz	Appended to files that are compressed
.fasta	Simple format for storing sequence information.
.fastq	Stores sequence and quality information
.gff	General Feature Format: a list of genes and other genomic features, and their location in a particular genome.
.sam	Sequence Alignment/Map format. Links sequences (as from reads) to a position in a reference genome.
.bam	The compressed version of a .sam file.
.vcf	Variant Call Format; stores information about variation between sequences, as between reads and a reference genome.