

# Bioinformatics file formats

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# Goals and outline

- Understand importance of standardized file formats
- Introduce you to commonly-used formats in bioinformatics
- Resources for manipulating or parsing them yourself

# Why are (standardized) file formats important?

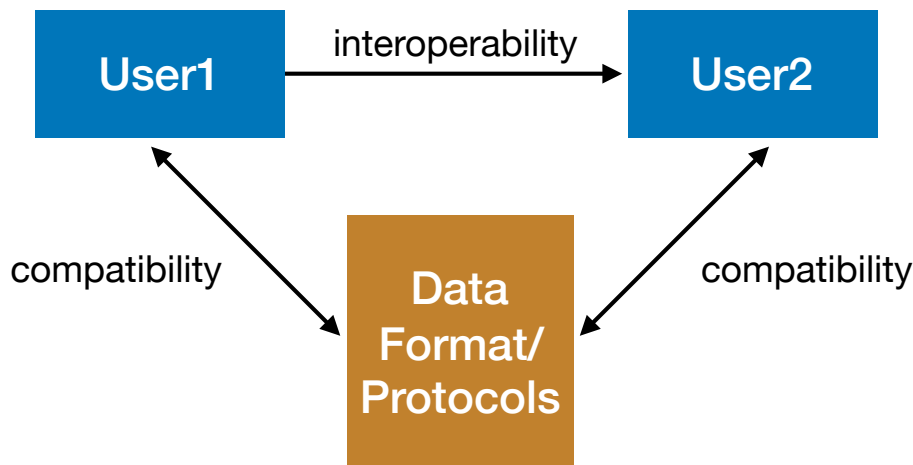
## Data sharing and collaboration

File standards provide:  
a common language for data sharing,  
promote collaboration,  
ensure data reusability,  
reduce user errors

## Syntactic and semantic interoperability

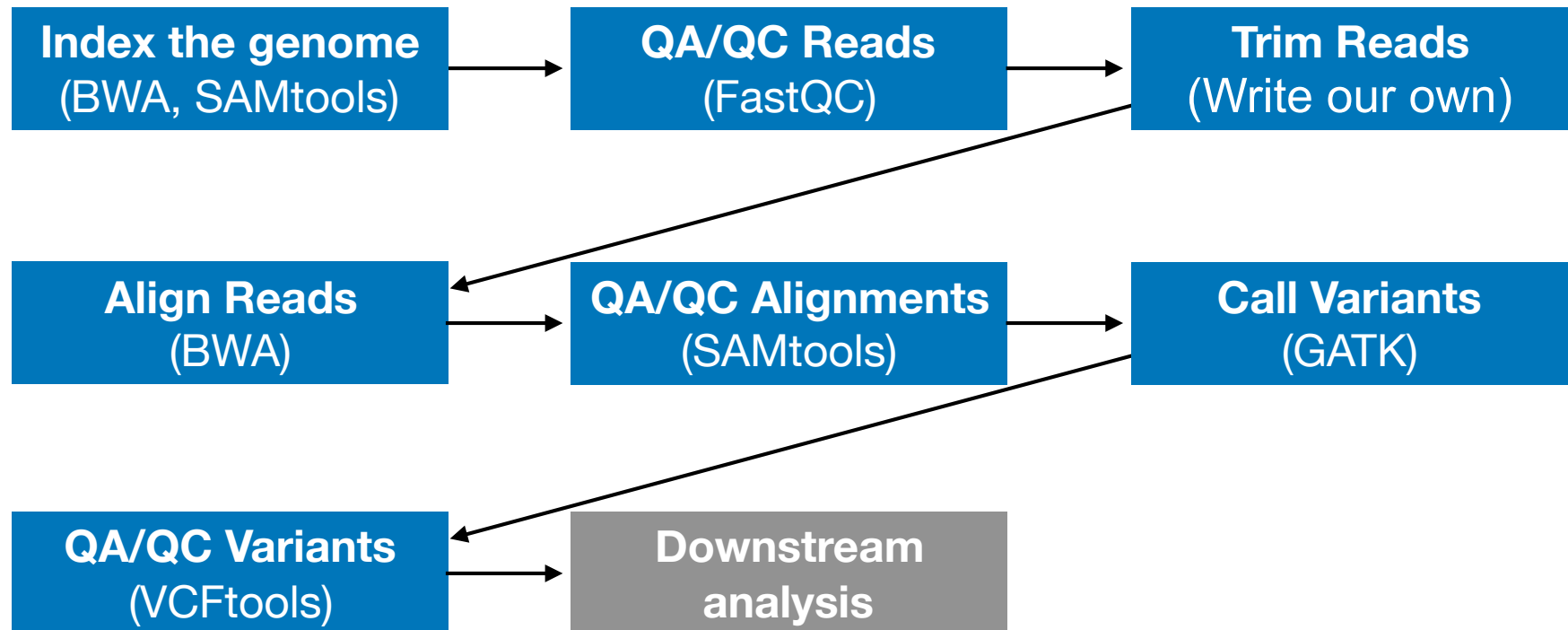
"The capability to communicate, execute programs, or transfer data among various functional units in a manner that requires the user to have little or no knowledge of the unique characteristics of those units"<sup>1</sup>

"the capability of different programs to exchange data via a common set of exchange formats, to read and write the same file formats, and to use the same protocols.... the lack of interoperability can be a consequence of a lack of attention to standardization during the design of a program"<sup>2</sup>



1. ISO/IEC 2382-01 *Information Technology Vocabulary, Fundamental Terms*
2. Gordon and Hernandez, *The Official Guide to the SSCP Book*

# Variant-calling workflow



# Variants

- SNPs: Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms
- Indels: Small insertions-deletions
- Structural variants: mid-to-large sized insertions, deletions, rearrangements

# We have data, now what?

```
$ ls
Trex_genome.fasta
Trex_genome.annotation.gff3
SAMPLE_NoIndex_R1_001.fastq.gz
SAMPLE_NoIndex_R2_001.fastq.gz

$ head -3 Trex_genome.fasta
>Chr1
ATGCGTACGTATTCTGCGCTATCGCTATCAGCTATCTAGCTACGATCGATCAGCTATCGTACGATCACT
ACTAGCTGACTGATCGATATCTCTTCGAGATTCTCTCTCTCTTTTTTTTTTCGATACGACGTACGATGCG

$ gunzip -c SAMPLE_NoIndex_R1_001.fastq.gz | head -4
@HS3:SAMPLE:1:1:1
ATCGCGAGCTTACGACTACGATCGATCGATTCTGGCTACTATCGATCGTAGCTACGTAGTCTCGCGTATC
+
AAFFFJFJJFJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJAJAFFJJJJFJJAJ<<JJJJJJJJFFJJFJ700+)’&#####
```

# Index the genome

```
$ bwa index Trex_genome.fasta # creates the following files:
```

```
$ ls Trex_genome.fasta*
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta.bwt
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta.pac
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta.ann
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta.amb
```

```
Trex_genome.fasta.sa
```

```
$ samtools faidx Trex_genome.fasta # creates Trex_genome.fasta.fai
```

```
$ head -3 Trex_genome.fasta.fai
```

```
Chr1 217471166 141 100 101
```

```
Chr2 181034961 219646160 100 101
```

```
Chr3 153873357 402491612 100 101
```

```
$ samtools dict Trex_genome.fasta >Trex_genome.dict
```

```
$ head -3 Trex_genome.dict
```

```
@HD VN:1.0 S0:unsorted
```

```
@SQ SN:Chr1 LN:217471166 M5:56d95ce6647ea9087b857b1efa6d00dd
```

```
@SQ SN:Chr2 LN:181034961 M5:20852c561ea38c67aa67e6d655cfebf2
```

# FASTA/Pearson

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA\\_format](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA_format)

```
>U31202.1 Human noggin (NOGGIN) gene, complete cds
GAGCTCCGGCGGGTCAGCCGACTGTCGGCTTCCCGGGGCATCTGGGTCCGGCGGGGCACAGCCCTGGGC
GCTGCCGAAGCCGCCGCCGCCCTCCGCGGCGAGTACAGGCGGCTTCCCCGAGCCTGTGCAGCTCCA
GCTCCTCGGGGGTGGAGAAGTGGGGGTGGGGGTGATGTATGGGGGAAGAAGGGGAGGGGCCAACCC
GAGAGAGTCAGTGGTTTCCATGGTGATGGAGCTGAAAGTGCAGGAAATTTAAAGGCTTGGACCCTGCGAG
ACAGACAAACCGGTGCCAACGTGCGCGGACGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCTGGAGTCCGCCGGGCAGAGC
CGGCCGCGGAGCCCGAGCAGGCGGAGGGAAGTGCCCCTAGAACCAGCTCAGCCAGCGGCGCTTGACAG
AGCGGCCGNGCAAGAGCAGCAGAGGAGGAGGGGAGAGCGGCTCGTCCACGCGCCCTGCGCCGCCGCCG
GCCCCGGAAGGCAGCGAGGAGCCGGCGCCTCCCGCGCCCCGCGGTCGCCCTGGAGTAATTTGCGATGCCC
AGCCGCGGCCGCTTCCCCAGTAGACCCGGGAGAGGAGTTGCGGCCAACTTGTGTGCCTTTCTTCCGCC
CGGTGGGAGCCGGCGCTGCGCGAAGGGCTCTCCCGGGGCTCATGCTGCCGGCCCTGCGCCTGCCAGCC
TCGGGTGAGCCGCTCCGGAGAGACGGGGGAGCGCGGCGGCGCGGGCTCGGCGTGCTCTCCTCCGGG
GACGCGGGACGAAGCAGCAGCCCCGGGCGCGCGCCAGAGGCATGGAGCGCTGCCCCAGCCTAGGGGTAC
CCTCTACGCCCTGGTGGTGGTCTGGGGCTGCGGGCGACACCGCCGGCGGCCAGCACTATCTCCACATC
CGCCCGGCACCCAGCGACAACCTGCCCCTGGTGGACCTCATCGAACACCCAGACCCTATCTTTGACCCCA
AGGAAAAGGATCTGAACGAGACGCTGCTGCGCTCGCTGCTCGGGGGCCACTACGACCCAGGCTTCATGGC
CACCTCGCCCCCGAGGACCGGCCCGGGGGCGGGGGTGCAGCTGGGGGCGCGGAGGACCTGGCGGAG
CTGGACCAGCTGCTGCGGCAGCGGCCGTCGGGGGCCATGCCGAGCGAGATCAAAGGGCTAGAGTTCTCCG
AGGGCTTGGCCCAGGGCAAGAAGCAGCGCCTAAGCAAGAAGCTGCGGAGGAAGTTACAGATGTGGCTGTG
GTCGCAGACATTCTGCCCCGTGCTGTACGCGTGGAACGACCTGGGCAGCCGCTTTTGGCCGCGCTACGTG
AAGGTGGGCAGCTGCTTCAGTAAGCGCTCGTGCTCCGTGCCCGAGGGCATGGTGTGCAAGCCGTCCAAGT
CCGTGCACCTCACGGTGCTGCGGTGGCGCTGTCAGCGGCGCGGGGGCCAGCGCTGCGGCTGGATTCCCAT
CCAGTACCCCATCATTTCCGAGTGCAAGTGCTCGTGCTAGAACTCGGGGGCCCCCTGCCCGCACCCGGAC
ACTTGATCCTCGAGCTC
>lcl|BC064885.2_cds_AAH64885.1_1 [gene=mtpn] [protein=myotrophin] [protein_id=AAH64885.1]
ATGGGTGACAAGGAGTTCTGTGGGCCATCAAGAACGGAGACCTGGATGCAGTGAAAGAATTCGTAATTG
GGGCGAGGATGTGAACCGGACGCTGGATGGTGAAGGAAACCTATGCACTACGCTGCCGACTGCGGGCA
GGATGAGGTCCTGGAGTTTCTTCTCTCGAAAGGAGCCAACATCAATGCTGCGGATAAACATGGCATCACC
CCCCACTATCTGCCTGCTACGAGGGCCATCGCAAATGTGTCGAGTTGCTTTTATCTAAGGGAGCCGACA
AGACGGTGAAGGGCCCAGACGGAATCAATGCTTTGGAATCTACAGACAACCAGGCTATCAAAGATTGCT
CCATTAA
```



# FASTA/Pearson

**FASTA Defline:** Sequence ID + Description on same line, sequence string on the next

**"greater than"**  
Start of record

**Sequence ID**  
Required;  
Any printable  
non-whitespace  
characters:  
[!-~]

**Whitespace** only required if description present

**Description/Comment**  
Optional;  
Free-form text

**FASTA Body/  
Sequence string**  
Nucleotide,  
amino acid,  
IUPAC codes,  
alignment  
characters [-\*]

Should be  
wrapped flush,  
but sometimes is  
not

```
>U31202.1 Human noggin (NOGGIN) gene, complete cds
GAATCTCCGGCGGGTCAGCCGGACTGTCGGCTTCCCGGGGCATCTGGGTCCGGCGGGGCACAGCCCTGGGC
GCTGCCGAAGCCGCCGCCGCCCTCCGCGGCAGTACAGGCGGCTTCCCGGAGCCTGTGCAGTCCA
GCTCCTCGGGGGTGGAGAAGTGGGGGTGGGGGTGATGTATGGGGGAAGAAGGGGGAGGGGCCAACCC
GAGAGAGTCAGTGGTTTCCATGGTGATGGAGCTGAAAGTGCAGGAAATTTAAAGGCTTGGACCCTGCGAG
ACAGACAAACCGGTGCCAACGTGCGCGGACGCCGCCGCCGCCGCTGGAGTCCGCCGGGCAGAGC
CGGCCGCGGAGCCCGAGCAGGCGGAGGGAAGTGCCCTAGAACAGCTCAGCCAGCGGCGCTTGCACAG
AGCGGCCGGNCGAAGAGCAGCGAGAGGAGGAGGGGAGAGCGGCTCGTCCACGCGCCCTGCGCCGCCGCCG
GCCCCGGAAGGCAGCGAGGAGCGGCGCCTCCGCGCCCCGCGGTGCGCCTGGAGTAATTTGCGATGCC
AGCCGCGGCCGCTTCCCCAGTAGACCCGGGAGAGGAGTTGCGGCCAACTTGTGTGCCTTTCTTCCGCC
CGGTGGGAGCCGGCGCTGCGCAAGGGCTCTCCCGCGGCTCATGCTGCCGGCCCTGCGCCTGCCAGCC
TCGGGTGAGCCGCTCCGGAGAGACGGGGAGCGCGGCGGCGCGGGCTCGGCGTGCTCTCCTCCGGG
GACGCGGGACGAAGCAGCAGCCCCGGGCGCGCGCCAGAGGCATGGAGCGCTGCCCCAGCCTAGGGGTAC
CCTCTACGCCCTGGTGGTGGTCTGCGGGCTGCGGGCGACACCGCGCGGCGGCGGAGCACTATCTCCACATC
CGCCCGGCACCCAGCGACAACCTGCCCTGGTGGACCTCATCGAACACCCAGACCCTATCTTTGACCCCA
AGGAAAAGGATCTGAACGAGACGCTGCTGCGCTCGCTGCTCGGGGGCCACTACGACCCAGGCTTCATGGC
CACCTCGCCCCCGAGGACCGGCCCGGGGGCGGGGGTGCAGCTGGGGGCGCGGAGGACCTGGCGGAG
CTGGACCAGCTGCTGCGGCAGCGGCCGTCGGGGGCCATGCCGAGCGAGATCAAAGGGCTAGAGTTCTCCG
AGGGCTTGGCCAGGGCAAGAAGCAGCGCCTAAGCAAGAAGCTGCGGAGGAAGTTACAGATGTGGCTGTG
GTCGCAGACATTCTGCCCCGTGCTGTACGCGTGAACGACCTGGGCAGCCGCTTTTGGCCGCGCTACGTG
AAGGTGGGCAGCTGCTTCAGTAAGCGCTCGTGTCCGTGCCCGAGGGCATGGTGTGCAAGCCGTCCAAGT
CCGTGCACCTCACGGTGTGCGGTGGCGCTGTCAGCGGCGGGGGGCCAGCGCTGCGGCTGGATTCCCAT
CCAGTACCCCATCATTTCCGAGTGCAAGTGCTCGTGTAGAACTCGGGGGCCCCCTGCCCGCACCCGGAC
ACTTGATCCTCGAGCTC
>lc1IBC064885.2_cds_AAH64885.1_1 [gene=mtpn] [protein=myotrophin] [protein_id=AAH64885.1]
ATGGGTGACAAGGAGTTCTGTGGGCCATCAAGAACGGAGACCTGGATGCAGTGAAAGAATTCGTAATTG
GGGCGAGGATGTGAACCGGACGCTGGATGGTGAAGGAAACCTATGCACTACGCTGCCGACTGCGGGCA
GGATGAGGTCCTGGAGTTTCTTCTCTCGAAAGGAGCCAACATCAATGCTGCGGATAAACATGGCATCACC
CCCCACTATCTGCTGCTACGAGGGCCATCGCAATGTGTCGAGTTGCTTTTATCTAAGGGAGCCGACA
CCATTAA
```

FASTA files are *best* suffixed with ".fasta" or ".fa"; some tools *require* this.

# FASTQ

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ\\_format](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format)

```
@SRR10178655.1 0:N:0:
GGATCTATGGCCATGTAGGGACCATCTGAAGGCAGATCAAAATTTTCGCTGAGCAAATTTAGGGTCCGGGTTTGT
+
AA<A<F--FF<-F-A7FAF-F---A<F---<FF-<F--7F-----<-A7F-A-----7FJ<-FF--<J<-7-FFFJ
@SRR10178655.2 0:N:0:
ATAAAAAAAAAATTAATAATCTATTCTTTATTTAAACTAATTTTAAATTAATTGGTTTTTGTGGAATGGTATTA
+
AAFFFJFJAJJJFFA<JF-7FJF<JJJJ--<<FJ-J<A7---<-FFJFJFJJAJ-F<F<<-F-7---7-<-<FFA
@SRR10178655.3 0:N:0:
CATTATATACGTCGCCACTCTTAATTTCTTTTCCATAAGAGCGTATAATCTTGTAAATACAATGTCTTCTCCAAC
+
AAAFFJJJJAFJJJJAFJF<JFAFJJJF-<FAJJFJ-F-F-<7-7-<FJJJJF<JA-FF---<-7<F-F<-7-<F
@SRR10178655.4 0:N:0:
AAGTTATTCTGCCTCTAATGCGATAACTGTAATCTTTAATTGTGTAATTTCTTTTTCACAATCTGAGCCACGCCA
+
AAAAAJF<-A<-7FJFJJJFJFJJJJ<FJ--7<FF-7-<--7-A<7FFJAJFFJJJJAJ7FF-F7FA-7<-A-7-
@SRR10178655.5 0:N:0:
ATATATTAATTAATAATTAATTTATAATAAATATATGATATTAATTAATATATATATATAATATATTTAATAA
+
AAFFFJFJJJJJJ<FJJJAFJJ<FFAJFJ--FJJJJ-FFF-<FFJFA-FJJ-AJ-<<-FFFAFJJJJJJAJ-7---
```

# FASTQ

**FASTQ Sequence Header:** Sequence ID + Description on same line, sequence string on the next

Whitespace only required if description present

"At" symbol

Start of sequence  
portion of record

Sequence ID

Required;  
Any printable  
non-whitespace  
characters  
[!~]

Description/Comment optional

```
@SRR10178655.1 0:N:0:
GGATCTATGGCCATGTAGGGACCATCTGAAGGCAGATCAAAATTTTCGCTGAGCAAATTTAGGGTCCGGGTTTGT
+
AA<A<F--FF<-F-A7FAF-F---A<F---<FF<-F--7F-----<-A7F-A----7FJ<-FF--<J<-7-FFFJ
@SRR10178655.2 0:N:0:
ATAAAAAAAAAATAATAATCTATTCTTTATTTAAACTAATTTTAAATTAATTGGTTTTTGTGGAATGGTATTA
+
AAFFFFJFJAJJJFFA<JF-7FJF<JJJJ--<<FJ-J<A7---<-FFJFJFJJAJ-F<F<<-F-7---7-<-<FFA
@SRR10178655.3 0:N:0:
CATTATACGTGCGCACTCTTAATTTCTTTTCCATAAGAGCGTATAATCTTGAATACAATGTCTTCTCCAAC
+
AAAFFJJJJAFJJJJAFJF<JFAFJJJF-<FAJJFJ-F-F-<7-7-<FJJJJF<JA-FF---<-7<F-F<-7-<F
@SRR10178655.4 0:N:0:
AAGTTATTCTGCCTCTAATGCGATAACTGTAATCTTTAATTGTGTAATTTCTTTTCCACAATCTGAGCCACGCCA
+
AAAAAJF<-A<-7FJFJJJFJFJJJJ<FJ--7<FF-7-<--7-A<7FFJAJFFJJJJAJ7FF-F7FA-7<-A-7-
@SRR10178655.5 0:N:0:
ATATATTAATTAATAATTAATTTATAATAAATATATGATATTAATTAATATATATATATAATATATTTAATAA
+
AAFFJFJJJJJJ<FJJJAFJJ<FFAJFJ--FJJJJ-FFF-<FFJFA-FJJ-AJ-<<-FFFAFJJJJJJAJ-7---
```

**FASTQ Sequence**  
Nucleotide, amino  
acid, IUPAC codes

Should *not* be  
wrapped flush

FASTQ files are *best* suffixed with ".fastq" or ".fq", some tools *require* this.

# FASTQ

## FASTQ Sequence Header: Paired-end or mate-pair reads

Type 1:



Read 1

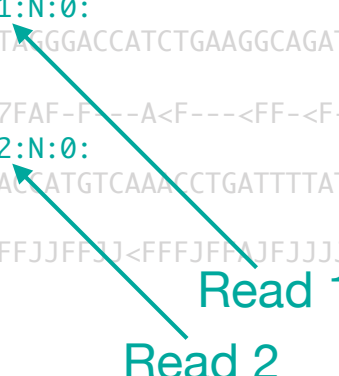
Read 2

```
@SRR10178655.1/1
GGATCTATGGCCATGTAGGGACCATCTGAAGGCAGATCAAAATTTTCGCTGAGCAAATTTAGGCTTCTTCTT
+
AA<A<F--FF<-F-A7FAF-F---A<F---<FF-<F--7F-----<-A7F-A----7FJ<-FF--<J<-7-FFFJ
@SRR10178655.1/2
CATTTTTCCAAACATACCATGTCAAACCTGATTTTATCGCTAGGTCTCCTGGCAGAGTAAATCTGATTGGT
+
-AAFFJJJJAF<F-FFFFJJFFJJ<FFFJFFAJFJJJJ-F-<FJ7JJFJJF<F-7A-7FJ-<FJJ<<FJJFFJJFJ<
```

Paired (or mated) reads may be interleaved into same file or separate files. If in separate files, Read 1 and Read 2 sequences *must* be in same order.

Type 2:

```
@SRR10178655.1 1:N:0:
GGATCTATGGCCATGTAGGGACCATCTGAAGGCAGATCAAAATTTTCGCTGAGCAAATTTAGGGTCCGGGTTTGT
+
AA<A<F--FF<-F-A7FAF-F---A<F---<FF-<F--7F-----<-A7F-A----7FJ<-FF--<J<-7-FFFJ
@SRR10178655.1 2:N:0:
CATTTTTCCAAACATACCATGTCAAACCTGATTTTATCGCTAGGTCTCCTGGCAGAGTAAATCTGATTGGT
+
-AAFFJJJJAF<F-FFFFJJFFJJ<FFFJFFAJFJJJJ-F-<FJ7JJFJJF<F-7A-7FJ-<FJJ<<FJJFFJJFJ<
```



Read 1

Read 2

# FASTQ

**FASTQ Qualities Header:** Same as Sequence Header, or absent completely

"Plus" symbol →  
Start of qualities  
portion of record

**Qualities ID**

Optional;

If present, typically  
same as Sequence  
ID; Must follow  
same rules

```
@SRR10178655.1 0:N:0:  
GGATCTATGGCCATGTAGGGACCATCTGAAGGCAGATCAAAATTTTCGCTGAGCAAATTTAGGGTCCGGGTTTGT  
+  
AA<A<F--FF<-F-A7FAF-F---A<F---<FF-<F--7F-----<-A7F-A----7FJ<-FF--<J<-7-FFFJ  
@SRR10178655.2 0:N:0:  
ATAAAAAAAAAATAATAATCTATTCTTTATTTAAACTAATTTTAAATTAATTGGTTTTGTGGAATGGTATTA  
+  
AAFFFFJFJAJJJFFA<JF-7FJF<JJJJ--<<FJ-J<A7---<-FFJFJFJJAJ-F<F<<-F-7---7-<-<FFA  
@SRR10178655.3 0:N:0:  
CATTATATACGTCGCCACTCTTAATTTCTTTTCCATAAGAGCGTATAATCTTGAATACAATGTCTTCTCCAAC  
+  
AAAFFJJJJAFJJJJAFJF<JFAFJJJF-<FAJJFJ-F-F-<7-7-<FJJJJF<JA-FF---<-7<F-F<-7-<F  
@SRR10178655.4 0:N:0:  
AAGTTATTCTGCCTCTAATGCGATAACTGTAATCTTTAATTGTGTAATTTCTTTTCCACAATCTGAGCCACGCCA  
+  
AAAAAJF<-A<-7FJFJJJFJFJJJJ<FJ--7<FF-7-<--7-A<7FFJAJFFJJJAJ7FF-F7FA-7<-A-7-  
@SRR10178655.5 0:N:0:  
ATATATTAATTAATAATTAATTTATAATAAATATATGATATTAATTAATATATATATATAATATATTTAATAA  
+  
AAFFFFJFJJJJJJ<FJJJAFJJ<FFAJFJ--FJJJJ-FFF-<FFJFA-FJJ-AJ-<<-FFFAFJJJJJAJ-7---
```

**FASTQ Qualities**  
ASCII+*offset*  
encoded "Phred"  
scores.

Must be same  
length as  
sequence.

Should *not* be  
wrapped flush

# FASTQ

$$\text{Phred} = -10 \cdot \log_{10}(P)$$

$P$  = fractional probability that the base call is wrong

`ascii_char = chr(Phred + offset);`      `Phred = ord(ascii_char) - offset`

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	NUL (null)	32	20	040	&#32; Space		64	40	100	&#64; @		96	60	140	&#96; `	
1	1	001	SOH (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33; !		65	41	101	&#65; A		97	61	141	&#97; a	
2	2	002	STX (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34; "		66	42	102	&#66; B		98	62	142	&#98; b	
3	3	003	ETX (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35; #		67	43	103	&#67; C		99	63	143	&#99; c	
4	4	004	EOT (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36; \$		68	44	104	&#68; D		100	64	144	&#100; d	
5	5	005	ENQ (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37; %		69	45	105	&#69; E		101	65	145	&#101; e	
6	6	006	ACK (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38; &		70	46	106	&#70; F		102	66	146	&#102; f	
7	7	007	BEL (bell)	39	27	047	&#39; '		71	47	107	&#71; G		103	67	147	&#103; g	
8	8	010	BS (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40; (		72	48	110	&#72; H		104	68	150	&#104; h	
9	9	011	TAB (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41; )		73	49	111	&#73; I		105	69	151	&#105; i	
10	A	012	LF (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42; *		74	4A	112	&#74; J		106	6A	152	&#106; j	
11	B	013	VT (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43; +		75	4B	113	&#75; K		107	6B	153	&#107; k	
12	C	014	FF (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44; ,		76	4C	114	&#76; L		108	6C	154	&#108; l	
13	D	015	CR (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45; -		77	4D	115	&#77; M		109	6D	155	&#109; m	
14	E	016	SO (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46; .		78	4E	116	&#78; N		110	6E	156	&#110; n	
15	F	017	SI (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47; /		79	4F	117	&#79; O		111	6F	157	&#111; o	
16	10	020	DLE (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48; 0		80	50	120	&#80; P		112	70	160	&#112; p	
17	11	021	DC1 (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49; 1		81	51	121	&#81; Q		113	71	161	&#113; q	
18	12	022	DC2 (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50; 2		82	52	122	&#82; R		114	72	162	&#114; r	
19	13	023	DC3 (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51; 3		83	53	123	&#83; S		115	73	163	&#115; s	
20	14	024	DC4 (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52; 4		84	54	124	&#84; T		116	74	164	&#116; t	
21	15	025	NAK (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53; 5		85	55	125	&#85; U		117	75	165	&#117; u	
22	16	026	SYN (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54; 6		86	56	126	&#86; V		118	76	166	&#118; v	
23	17	027	ETB (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55; 7		87	57	127	&#87; W		119	77	167	&#119; w	
24	18	030	CAN (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56; 8		88	58	130	&#88; X		120	78	170	&#120; x	
25	19	031	EM (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57; 9		89	59	131	&#89; Y		121	79	171	&#121; y	
26	1A	032	SUB (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58; :		90	5A	132	&#90; Z		122	7A	172	&#122; z	
27	1B	033	ESC (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59; ;		91	5B	133	&#91; [		123	7B	173	&#123; {	
28	1C	034	FS (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60; <		92	5C	134	&#92; \		124	7C	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	GS (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61; =		93	5D	135	&#93; ]		125	7D	175	&#125; }	
30	1E	036	RS (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62; >		94	5E	136	&#94; ^		126	7E	176	&#126; ~	
31	1F	037	US (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63; ?		95	5F	137	&#95; _		127	7F	177	&#127; DEL	

$P$	Phred
$1 \times 10^0$	0
$1 \times 10^{-1}$	10
$1 \times 10^{-2}$	20
$1 \times 10^{-3}$	30
$1 \times 10^{-4}$	40
$1 \times 10^{-5}$	50
$1 \times 10^{-6}$	60

# FASTQ

$$\text{Phred} = -10 \cdot \log_{10}(P)$$

$P$  = fractional probability that the base call is wrong

```
ascii_char = chr(Phred + offset);    Phred = ord(ascii_char) - offset
```



S - Sanger Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 40)  
X - Solexa Solexa+64, raw reads typically (-5, 40)  
I - Illumina 1.3+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (0, 40)  
J - Illumina 1.5+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (3, 41)  
with 0=unused, 1=unused, 2=Read Segment Quality Control Indicator (bold)  
(Note: See discussion above).  
L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 41)

# QA/QC'ing Illumina Reads

```
# Run FASTQ quality assessment tool and generate plots
```

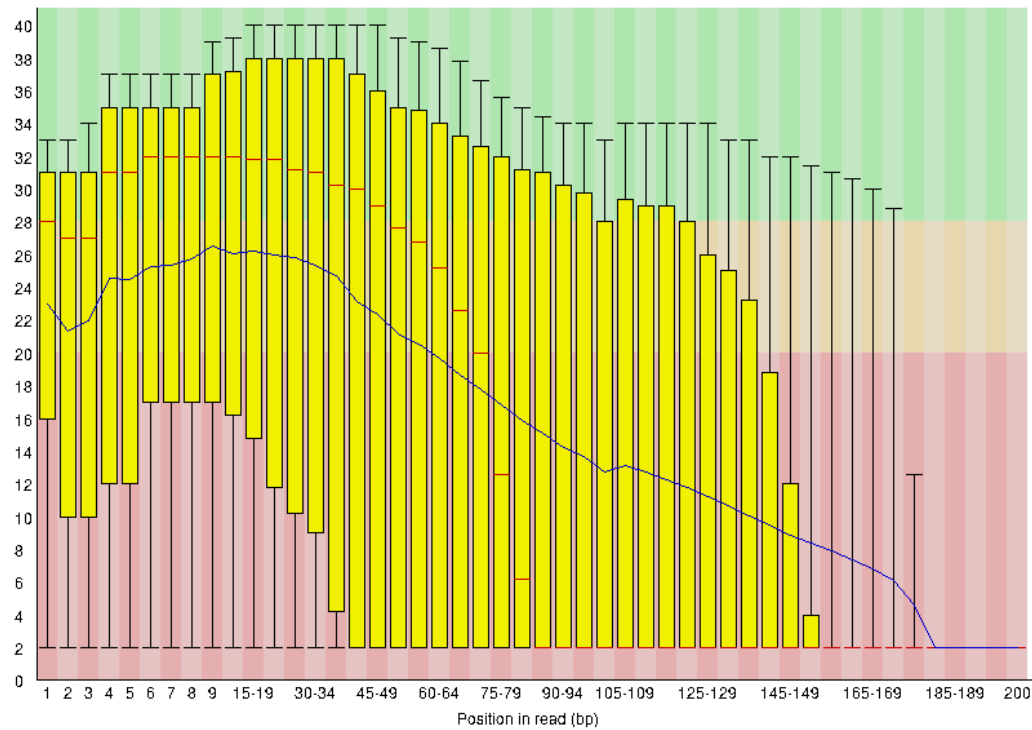
```
$ fastqc --threads 2 --extract SRR10178655_1.fastq.gz SRR10178655_2.fastq.gz
```

```
# View the FastQC results in Safari (Mac only):
```

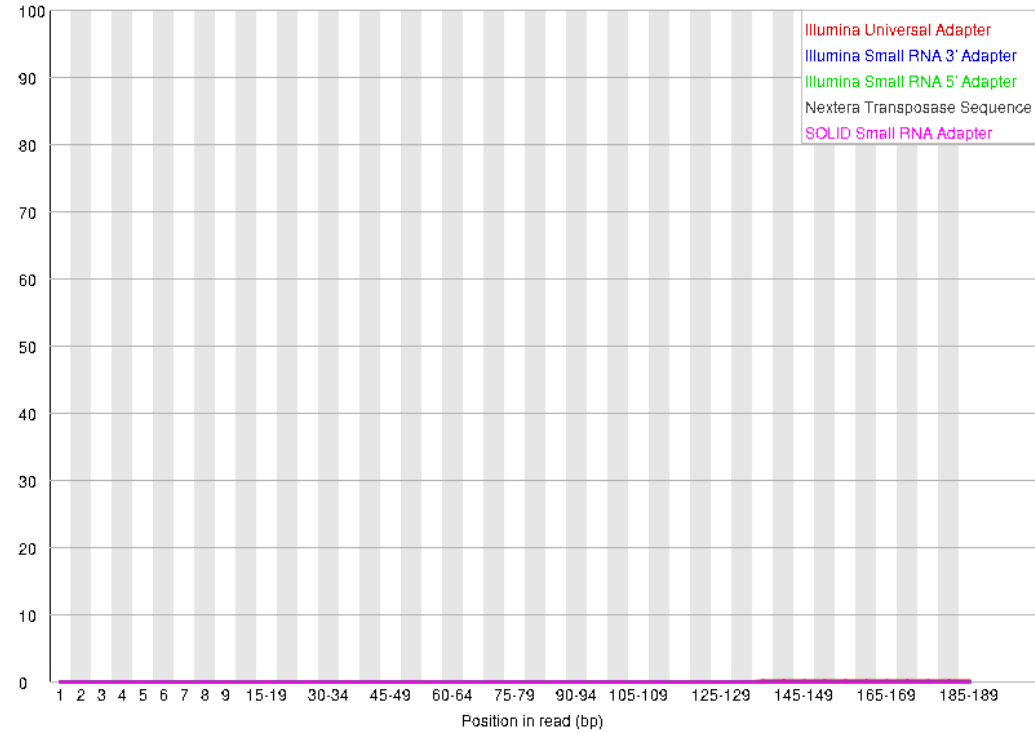
```
$ open -a Safari.app SRR10178655_1_fastqc/fastqc_report.html
```



Quality scores across all bases (Sanger / Illumina 1.9 encoding)

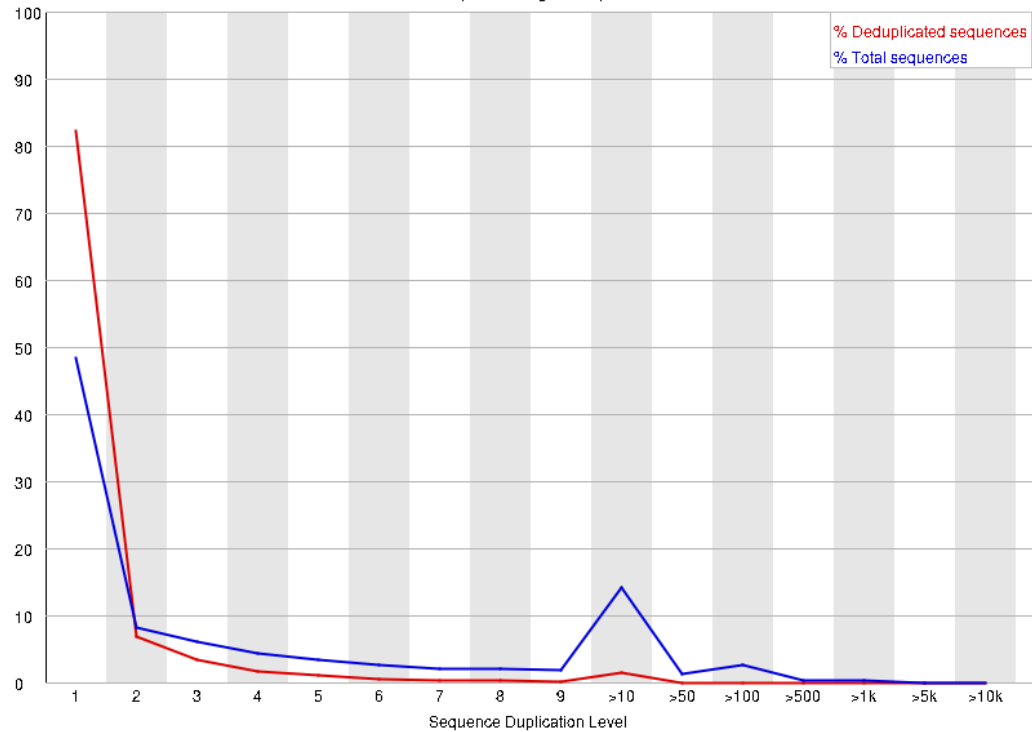


% Adapter

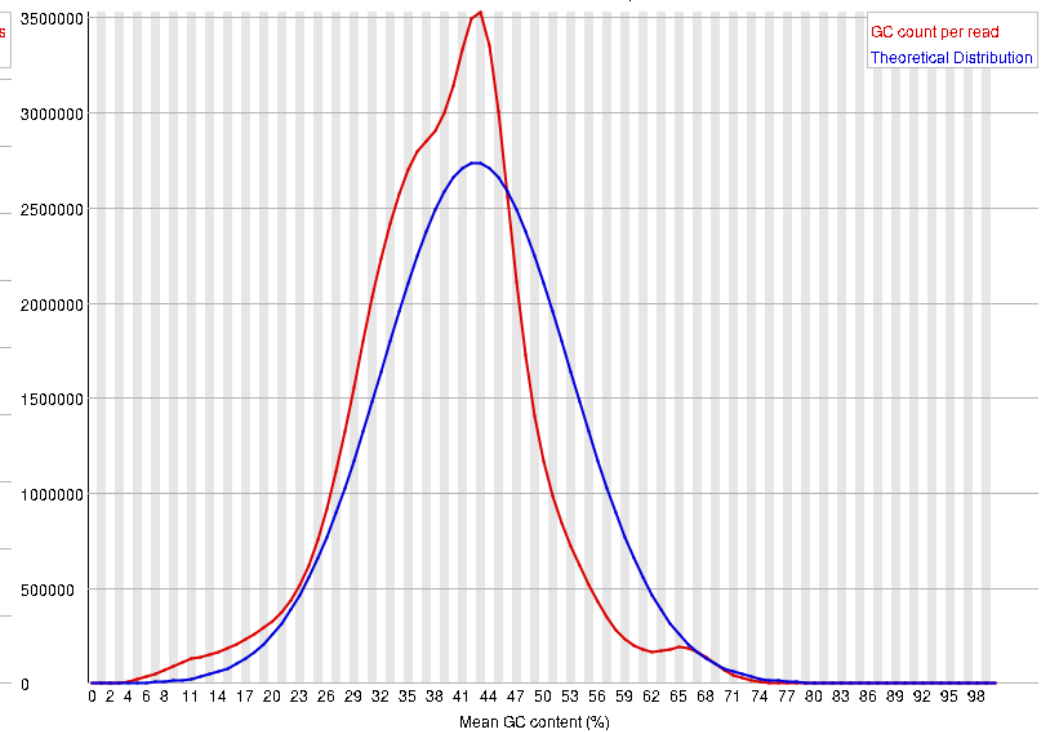


<https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>

Percent of seqs remaining if deduplicated 59.02%



GC distribution over all sequences



# Trim and align Reads

```
# Align the reads to the genome
```

```
$ bwa mem -R '@RG\tID:SRR10178655\tSM:Trex\tLB:HAMMOND01\tPL:ILLUMINA' \  
Trex_genome.fasta SRR10178655_1_passed.fastq.gz SRR10178655_2_passed.fastq.gz | \  
samtools view -b - >SRR10178655.bam
```

```
# Sort the read alignments by genome coordinate
```

```
$ samtools sort -m 1g -o SRR10178655.srt.bam SRR10178655.bam
```

```
# Index the BAM file for fast search (creates SRR10178655.srt.bam.bai)
```

```
$ samtools index SRR10178655.srt.bam
```

# SAM/BAM/CRAM

<http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf>

<http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMtags.pdf>

**SAM:** Sequence Alignment/Map format

**BAM:** Binary SAM

**CRAM:** Reference-Compressed SAM (also binary)

```
@HD VN:1.3 S0:coordinate
@SQ SN:refINC_001133| LN:230218
@SQ SN:refINC_001134| LN:813184
@SQ SN:refINC_001148| LN:948066
@SQ SN:refINC_001224| LN:85779
@PG ID:bwa PN:bwa VN:0.7.15-r1140 CL:bwa mem ...
@RG ID:SRR10178655 SM:Trex LB:HAMMOND01 PL:ILLUMINA
SRR10178655.85923 163 refINC_001133| 1 30 257M = 383 392
ACATTACTC AAA))-*## NM:i:0 MD:i:7 AS:i:7 RG:Z:SRR10178655
SRR10178655.85923 83 refINC_001133| 383 60 9M = 1 -392
ACCTCACAT 7JFFFFFAA NM:i:0 MD:Z:9 AS:i:9 RG:Z:SRR10178655
```

# SAM/BAM/CRAM

**SAM Header:** Meta information describing file format and data within. Header lines must start with "@" symbol (and read IDs must not). Tab separated. Reference IDs cannot be "\*", "0", or "="; they have special meaning.

**Header** format version and sort order

**Program**

processing history  
(with commands)

**Read Group**

Almost required;  
ID, sample name,  
and library names,  
sequencing platform

**Sequence**

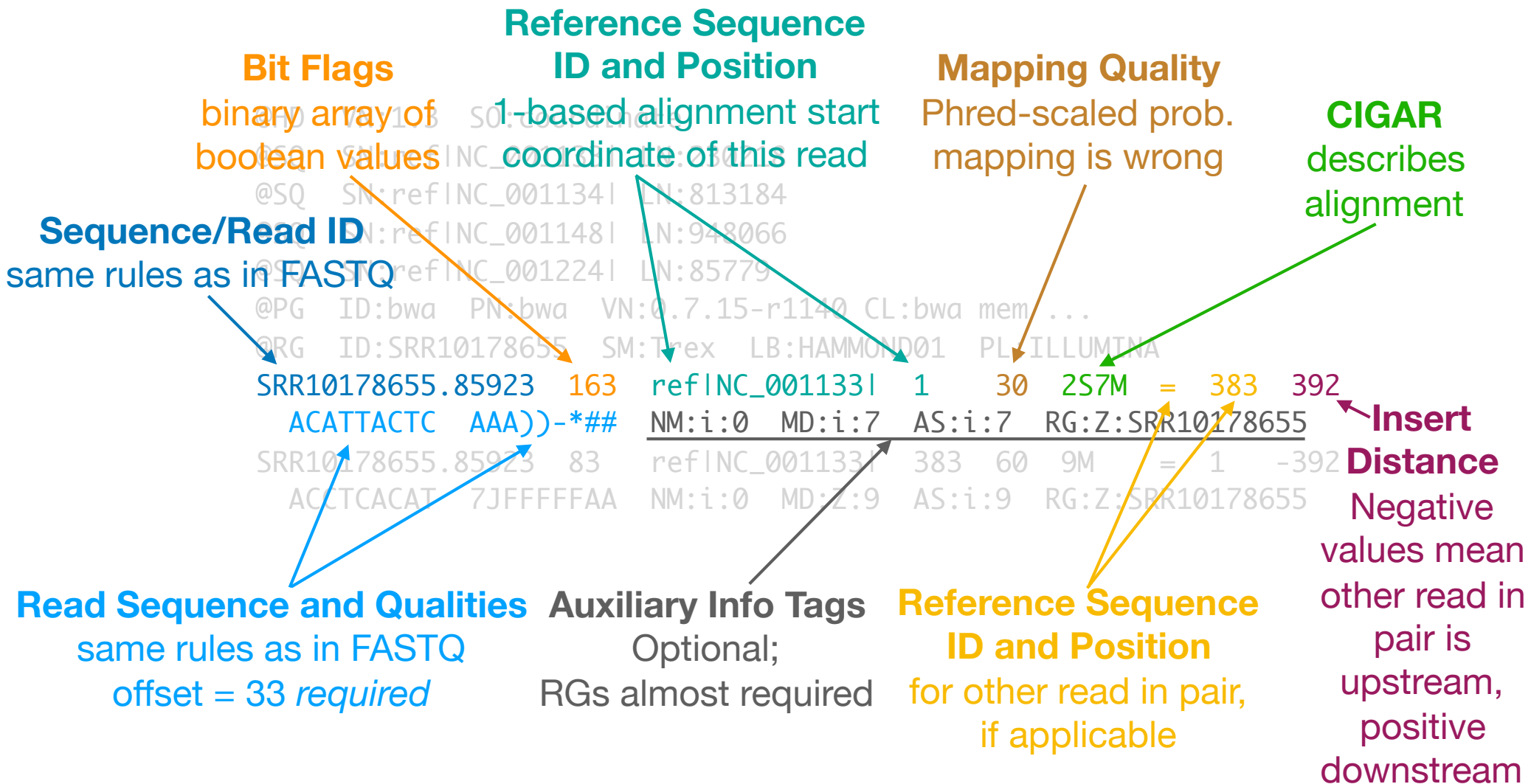
Reference

sequence IDs  
and lengths;  
listed in same  
order as in  
FASTA

```
@HD VN:1.3 SO:coordinate
@SQ SN:refINC_001133| LN:230218
@SQ SN:refINC_001134| LN:813184
@SQ SN:refINC_001148| LN:948066
@SQ SN:refINC_001224| LN:85779
@PG ID:bwa PN:bwa VN:0.7.15-r1140 CL:bwa mem ...
@RG ID:SRR10178655 SM:Trex LB:HAMMOND01 PL:ILLUMINA
SRR10178655.85923 163 refINC_001133| 1 30 257M = 383 392
ACATTACTC AAA))-*## NM:i:0 MD:i:7 AS:i:7 RG:Z:SRR10178655
SRR10178655.85923 83 refINC_001133| 383 60 9M = 1 -392
ACCTCACAT 7JFFFFFAA NM:i:0 MD:Z:9 AS:i:9 RG:Z:SRR10178655
```

# SAM/BAM/CRAM

**SAM Body:** Describes mapping and alignment without the reference. Eleven required fields. Tab separated. Undefined values: "0" for numeric field, a "\*" for non-numeric.



# SAM/BAM/CRAM

## CIGAR AND Bitwise flag field details

### CIGAR operators

Op	Meaning
----	---------

M	: Match
---	---------

I	: Insertion
---	-------------

D	: Deletion
---	------------

=	: Sequence match
---	------------------

X	: Sequence mismatch
---	---------------------

N	: Forward-skip query on reference (intron)
---	--

H	: Query hard clipping
---	-----------------------

S	: Query soft clipping
---	-----------------------

P	: Padded reference
---	--------------------

B	: Backward-skip query on reference
---	------------------------------------

### Example:

Q: ATGACAGGACAGAT-<sup>GG</sup>

   | | | | | | | | | |

R: ATG-CAGGCCAGATTGATA

3M 1I 10M 1D 2S

describes same alignment as

3= 1I 4= 1X 5= 1D 2S

### Bit Flags

n	2 <sup>n</sup>	Meaning
---	----------------	---------

0	: 1	: Read is paired
---	-----	------------------

1	: 2	: Read is part of proper pair
---	-----	-------------------------------

2	: 4	: Read is unmapped
---	-----	--------------------

3	: 8	: Other read in pair is unmapped
---	-----	----------------------------------

4	: 16	: Read is rev complemented
---	------	----------------------------

5	: 32	: Other read is rev complemented
---	------	----------------------------------

6	: 64	: Read is R1
---	------	--------------

7	: 128	: Read is R2
---	-------	--------------

8	: 256	: Alignment is a secondary hit
---	-------	--------------------------------

9	: 512	: Read fails QA/QC
---	-------	--------------------

10	: 1024	: Read is duplicate
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11	: 2048	: Alignment is split/supplementary
----	--------	------------------------------------

To add or test for flags, use 2<sup>n</sup> values with bitwise operations:

### Add flag(s)

flags |= 2\*\*0

flags |= 2\*\*1

flags |= 2\*\*6

### Test for flag(s)

flags & 1024 # correct

flags > 1024 # incorrect!!

# QA/QC'ing Alignments

```
# Calculate QA/QC metrics for read quality etc.
```

```
$ samtools stats --ref-seq Trex_genome.fasta \  
    SRR10178655.srt.mdup.bam >SRR10178655.stats
```

```
# Generate the plots
```

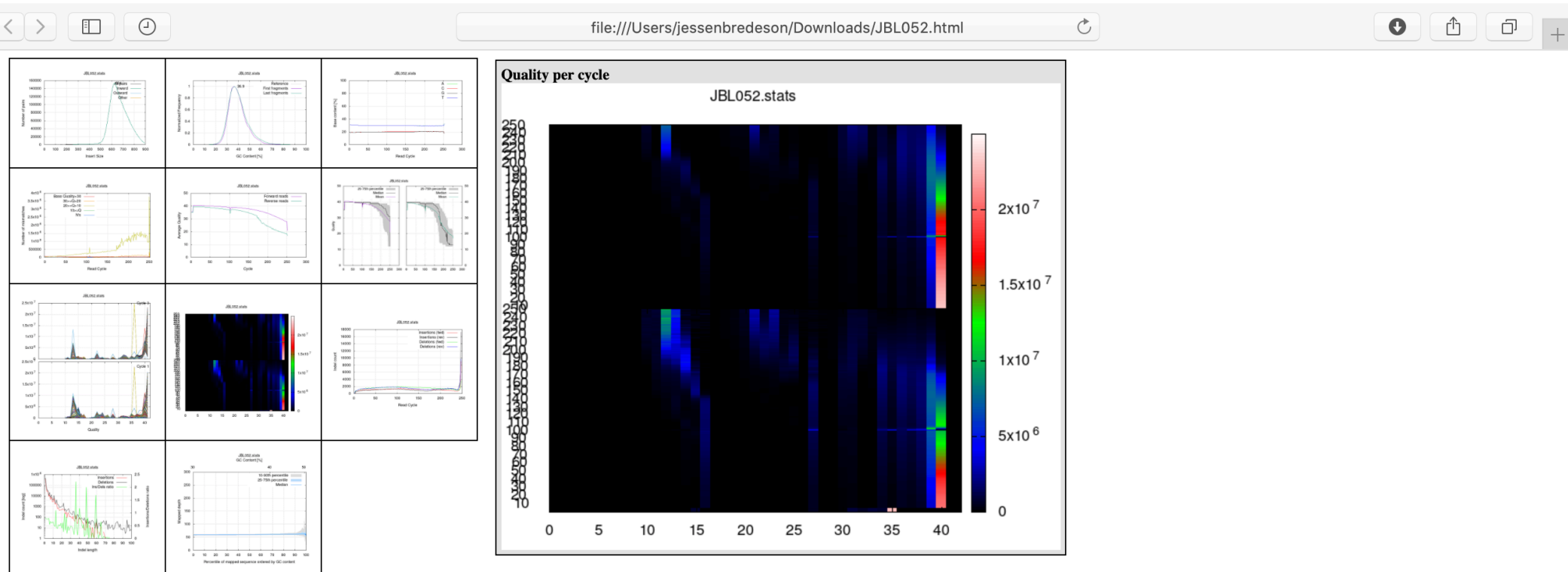
```
$ plot-bamstats -s Trex_genome.fasta >Trex_genome.gc
```

```
$ plot-bamstats -r Trex_genome.gc -p SRR10178655 SRR10178655.stats
```

```
# View the FastQC results in Safari (Mac only):
```

```
$ open -a Safari.app SRR10178655.html
```

# QA/QC'ing Alignments



## Reads

total:	54,968,582	
filtered:	0	(0.0%)
non-primary:	377,364	
duplicated:	0	(0.0%)
mapped:	54,878,503	(99.8%)
zero MQ:	3,226,009	(5.9%)
avg read length:	251	

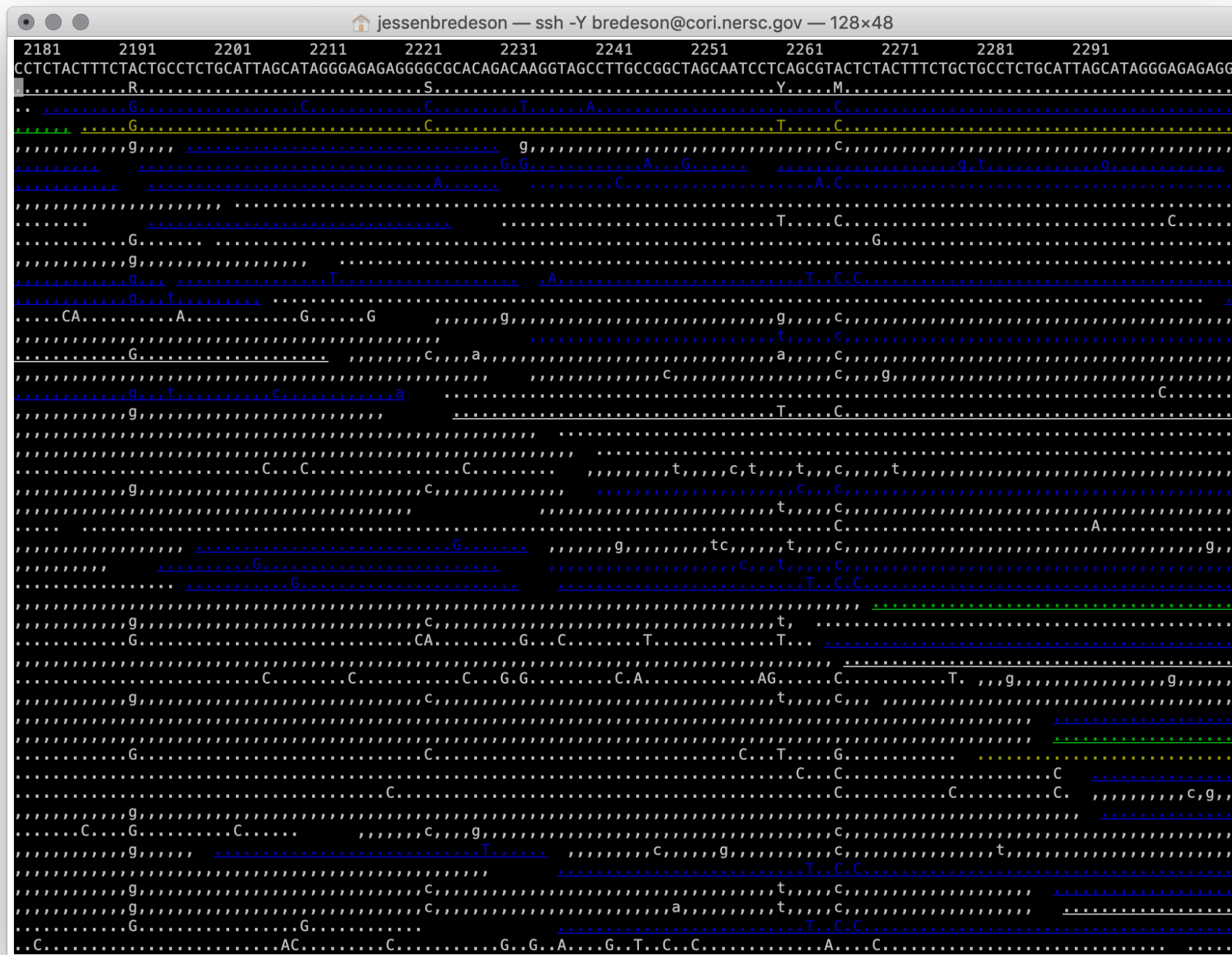
## Bases

total:	13,797,114,082	
mapped:	12,862,420,009	(93.2%)
error rate:	1.21%	



Press "?" for help

```
$ samtools tview SRR10178655.srt.mdup.bam Trex_genome.fasta
```

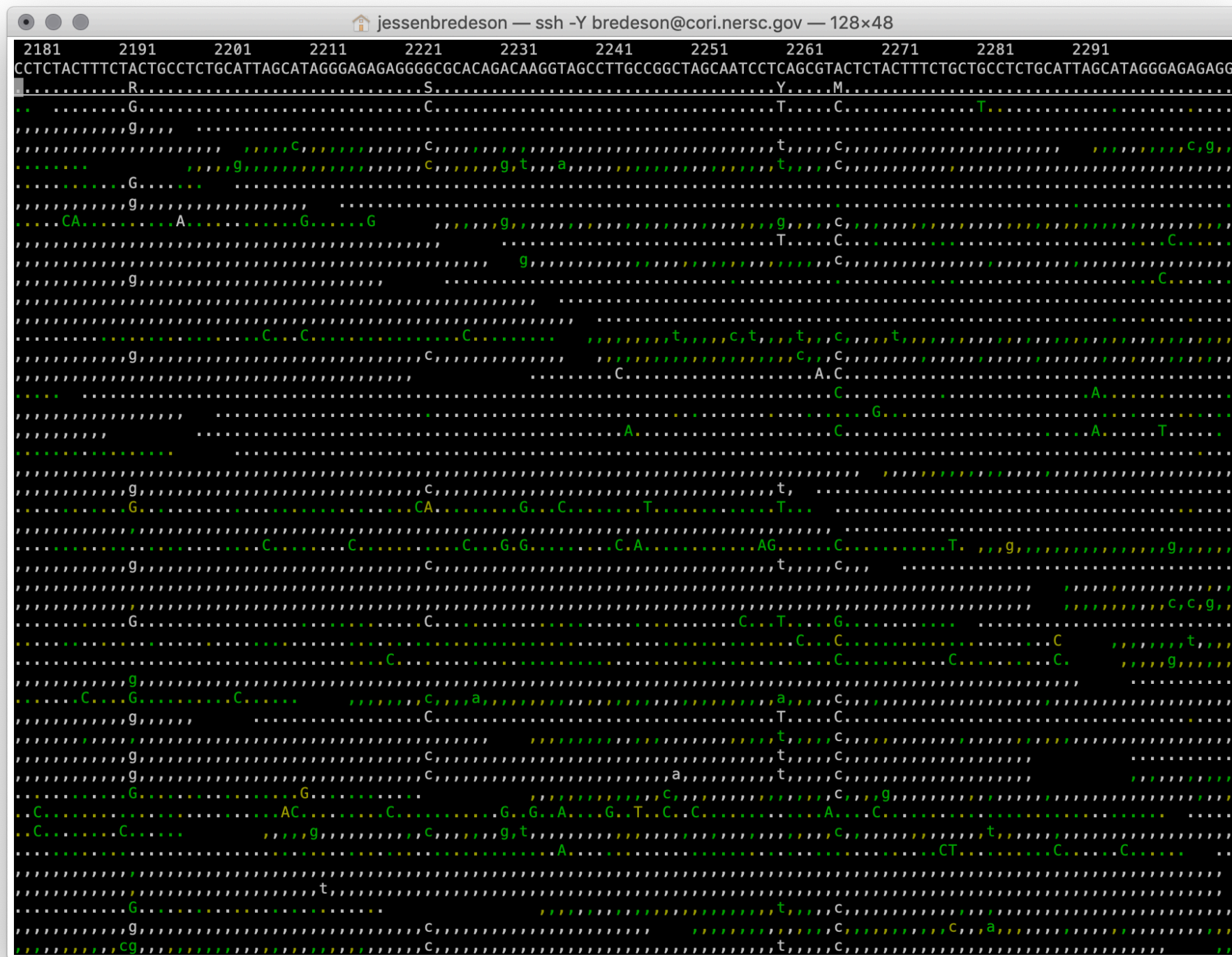


```
jessenbredeson — ssh -Y bredeson@cori.nersc.gov — 128x48
2181 2191 2201 2211 2221 2231 2241 2251 2261 2271 2281 2291
CCTCTACTTTCTACTGCCTCTGCATTAGCATAGGGAGAGAGGGGCGCACAGACAAGGTAGCCTTGCCGGCTAGCAATCCTCAGCGTACTCTACTTTCTGCTGCTCTGCATTAGCATAGGGAGAGAGG
.....R.....S.....Y.....M.....
.....G.....C.....C.....T.....A.....C.....
.....G.....C.....T.....C.....
g, g, c,
.....G.G.....A.G.....g,t,g,
.....A.....C.....
.....T.....C.....C.....
G.....G.....
g, g, c,
.....T.....A.....T.C.C.....
g,t,
CA.....A.....G.....G.....g, g, c,
.....c, a, t, c,
.....c, c, g,
g,t,C,a.....C.....
g,.....T.....C.....
.....t, c, t, t, c, t,
g, c, c,
t, c,
C.....A.....
.....g, tc, t, c, g,
.....c, t, c,
.....T.C.C.....
g, c, t,
G.....CA.....G.....C.....T.....T.....
.....C.....C.....C.....G.G.....C.A.....AG.....C.....T.....g, g,
g, c, t, c,
.....
G.....C.....C.....T.....G.....
.....C.....C.....C.....C.....c,g,
C.....G.....C.....c,g,
g,.....T.....c,g, c, t,
.....T.C.C.....
g, c, t, c,
g, c, a, t, c,
G.....G.....T.C.C.....
C.....AC.....C.....G.G.A.....G.T.C.C.....A.....C.....
```

```
$ samtools view -b -f3 -F3852 SRR10178655.srt.mdup.bam > SRR10178655.srt.mdup.proper.bam
$ samtools index SRR10178655.srt.mdup.proper.bam
$ samtools tview SRR10178655.srt.mdup.proper.bam Trex_genome.fasta
```

```
2181      2191      2201      2211      2221      2231      2241      2251      2261      2271      2281      2291
CCTCTACTTTCTACTGCCTCTGCATTAGCATAGGGAGAGAGGGCGCACAGACAAGGTAGCCTTGCCGGCTAGCAATCCTCAGCGTACTCTACTTTCTGCTGCTCTGCATTAGCATAGGGAGAGAGG
.....R.....S.....Y.....M.....
.....G.....C.....T.....C.....T.....
//////////g,//////c,////////c,////////t,////c,////////c,g,////
.....g,////////c,////////g,t,a,////////t,c,////////
.....G.....
////////g,////////
.....CA.....A.....G.....G      //////////g,////////g,////c,////////c,////////
//////////T.....C.....C.....
////////g,////////g,////////c,////////c,////////
////////g,////////
//////////C...C.....C.....      //////////t,////c,t,////t,c,////t,////////
////////g,////////c,////////c,////////c,c,////////c,////////
//////////C.....A.C.....
.....C.....A.....
//////////A.....C.....A.....T.....
//////////
////////g,////////c,////////t,
.....G.....CA.....G..C.....T.....T.....
//////////C.....C.....C..G.G.....C.A.....AG.....C.....T. ,g,////////g,////
////////g,////////c,////////t,c,
//////////c,c,g,
.....G.....C.....C..T.....G.....
.....C.....C.....C.....C      //////////t,////
//////////C.....C.....C.....g,////
.....C..G.....C.....      //////////c,a,////////a,c,////////
////////g,////////C.....T.....C.....
//////////t,////c,////////
////////g,////////c,////////t,c,////////
////////g,////////c,////////a,t,////c,////////
.....G.....G.....C,g,////////
..C.....AC.....C.....G..G..A...G..T..C..C.....A..C.....
..C.....C.....      //////////g,////////c,g,t,      //////////c,////////CT.....C.....C.....
//////////t,
.....G.....
////////g,////////c,////////t,c,////////c,a,////////
cg,////////c,////////t,c,
```

```
$ samtools tview SRR10178655.srt.mdup.proper.bam Trex_genome.fasta
```



# Call Variants

```
# Use local assembly of reads on the genome to calculate SNPs and Indels
gatk HaplotypeCaller \
  --minimum-mapping-quality 30 \
  --min-base-quality-score 30 \
  --read-validation-stringency SILENT \
  --reference Trex_genome.fasta \
  --input SRR10178655.srt.mdup.proper.bam \
  --output SRR10178655.vcf
```

# VCF/BCF

<http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/VCFv4.3.pdf>

**VCF:** Variant Call Format

**BCF:** Binary VCF

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.2
##FILTER=<ID=LowQual,Description="Locus is low quality">
##FILTER=<ID=PASS,Description="Locus passes all filters">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="The Phred-scaled prob. of the genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=AD,Number=R,Type=Integer,Description="Number of observation for each allele">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total read depth at the locus">
##contig=<ID=Chr1,length=217471166>
##contig=<ID=Chr2,length=181034961>
#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT Trefx
Chr1 534 . T A 8.826 LowQual DP=1 GT:GQ:AD ./.:0:0,1
Chr1 1315 . A G 564.103 PASS DP=51 GT:GQ:AD 1|0:99:26,25
Chr1 369655 . CTC CC 209.026 . DP=31 GT:GQ:AD 0|1:99:19,12
Chr1 672396 . GTT GT,GGT 912.199 . DP=36 GT:GQ:AD 2|1:43:0,28,8
Chr1 2192815 . GG GGTATTTT TAG 253.597 . DP=64 GT:GQ:AD 0/1:99:46,18
```

# VCF/BCF

**VCF Metadata Lines:** For humans and computers. Required by most tools to pre-declare how to parse file body correctly.

## fileformat Meta

Required on first line;

Tells tools how to interpret rest of file

##fileformat=VCFv4.2

##FILTER=<ID=LowQual,Description="Locus is low quality">

##FILTER=<ID=PASS,Description="Locus passes all filters">

##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="The Phred-scaled prob. of the genotype">

##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">

##FORMAT=<ID=AD,Number=R,Type=Integer,Description="Number of observation for each allele">

##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total read depth at the locus">

##contig=<ID=Chr1,length=217471166>

##contig=<ID=Chr2,length=181034961>

#CHROM POS ID REF ALT

Chr1 534 . T A

Chr1 1315 . A G

Chr1 369655 . CTC CC

Chr1 672396 . GTT GT,GGT

Chr1 2103811 . GGG GGTATTTT

QUAL

8.826

564.103

209.103

412.103

253.597

FILTER

LowQual

PASS

PASS

PASS

PASS

INFO

DP=1

DP=51

DP=31

DP=36

DP=64

FORMAT

GT:GQ:AD

GT:GQ:AD

GT:GQ:AD

GT:GQ:AD

GT:GQ:AD

Trex

./.:0:0,1

GT:GQ:AD 99:99:25

GT:GQ:AD 211:43:0,28,8

GT:GQ:AD 0/1:99:46,18

## FILTER Meta

explicitly defines soft

filters one expects to see in the FILTER column

## INFO Meta

Explicitly defines the types of Key=Value data to be observed in INFO column

## FORMAT Meta

Explicitly defines the types data to be observed in sample column(s)

## contig Meta

Optional, encouraged;  
Describes reference sequences observed in CHROM column

# VCF/BCF

**VCF Header Line:** Defines columns, including the sample names. Required by most tools to parse file correctly; undefined fields set to ".".

Chromosome name and Position		Locus ID	Locus-Level Meta Information		Locus-level Quality Score		Sample-Level Field Formatting		Sample Field
Sequence IDs should be in contig Meta; Positions 1-based		if applicable e.g., DBsnp ID, etc.	Key=Value pair info about the locus (and all samples at the locus)		Phred-scaled prob. that locus is not really variant		Ordered list of fields present in samples		Contains sample genotype and associated info at the locus
#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	Trex
Chr1	534	.	T	A	8.826	LowQual	DP=1	GT:GQ:AD	./:0:0,1
Chr1	1315	.	A	G	564.103	PASS	DP=51	GT:GQ:AD	110:99:26,25
Chr1	369655	.	CTC	CC	209.026	.	DP=31	GT:GQ:AD	011:99:19,12
Chr1	912199	.	GTT	GT,GGT	912.199	.	DP=54	GT:GQ:AD	211:99:11,8,
Chr1	2103815	.	GG	GGTATTT	2103.167	.	DP=54	GT:GQ:AD	011:99:16,18,
Reference and Alternate Alleles		Locus-level Soft Filter(s)		Sample-Level Field Formatting		Sample Field			
Alleles observed in reference sequence and samples at the locus		"PASS" = passes filters "." = no filters applied anything else = failure		Ordered list of fields present in samples		Contains sample genotype and associated info at the locus			



# VCF/BCF

**VCF Loci:** Tab-delimited columns. Alleles indexed from 0 (REF) to N (ALT) alleles.  
Genotypes represented with those indices

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.2
##FILTER=<ID=LowQual,Description="Locus is low quality">
##FILTER=<ID=PASS,Description="Locus passes all filters">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="The Phred-scaled prob. of the genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=AD,Number=R,Type=Integer,Description="Number of observation for each allele">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total read depth at the locus">
##contig=<ID=Chr1,length=217471166>
##contig=<ID=Chr2,length=181034961>
```

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	Trex
Chr1	534	.	T	A	8.826	LowQual	DP=1	GT:GQ:AD	./.:0:0,1
Chr1	1315	.	A	G	564.103	PASS	DP=51	GT:GQ:AD	1 0:99:26,25
Chr1	369655	.	CTC	CC	209.026	.	DP=31	GT:GQ:AD	0 1:99:19,12
Chr1	672396	.	GTT	GT,GGT	912.199	.	DP=36	GT:GQ:AD	2 1:43:0,28,8
Chr1	2192815	.	GG	GGTATTTT TAG	253.597	.	DP=64	GT:GQ:AD	0/1:99:46,18

Deletion locus

Insertion locus

Complex locus

Multi-allele;

Deletion and substitution!

No-call or hard-filtered genotype

Phased genotypes

Unphased genotype

Allele Depth

Read count for each allele



# Annotation files

# BED

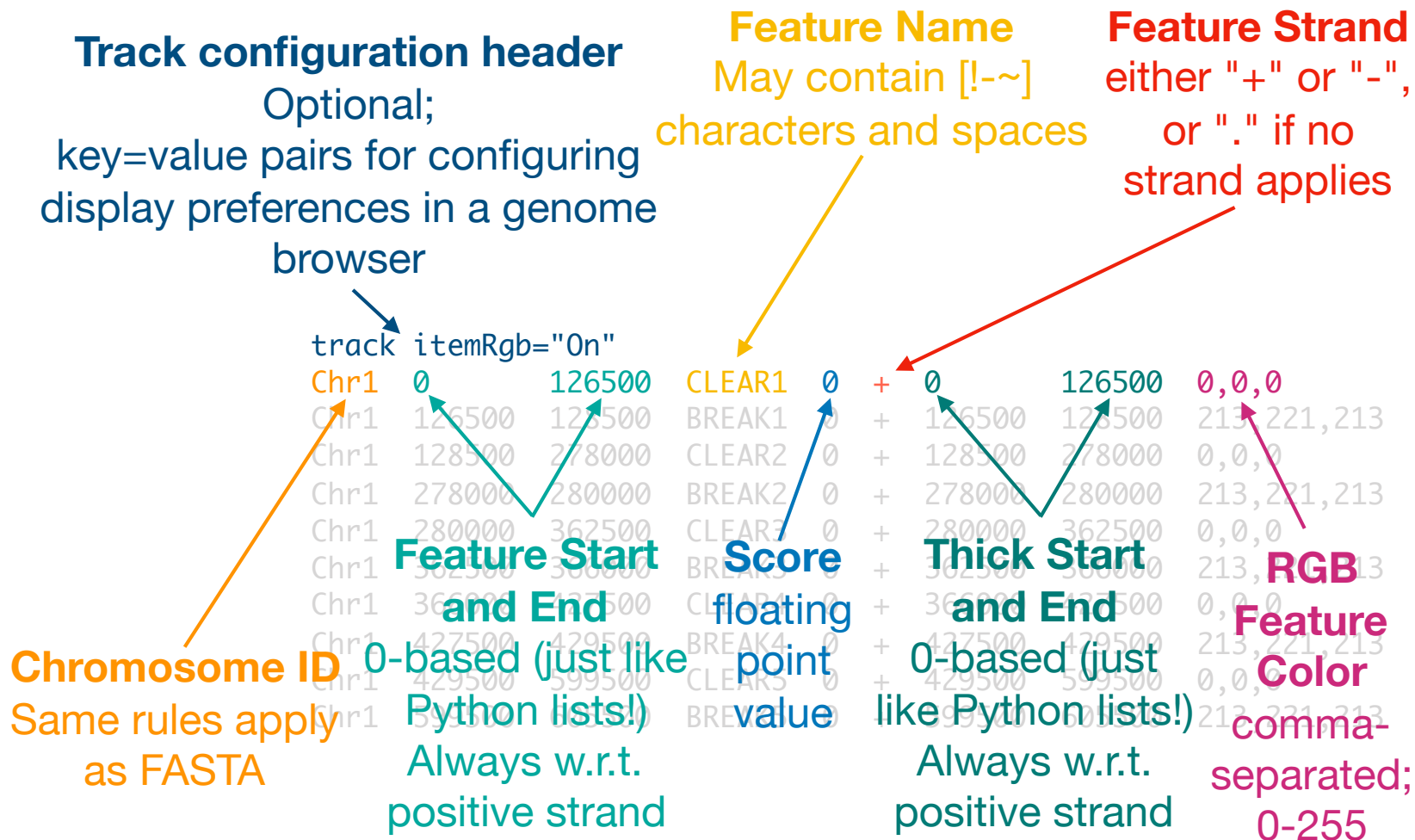
<https://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format1>

**BED:** Browser Extensible Data format

```
track itemRgb="On"
Chr1 0 126500 CLEAR1 0 + 0 126500 0,0,0
Chr1 126500 128500 BREAK1 0 + 126500 128500 213,221,213
Chr1 128500 278000 CLEAR2 0 + 128500 278000 0,0,0
Chr1 278000 280000 BREAK2 0 + 278000 280000 213,221,213
Chr1 280000 362500 CLEAR3 0 + 280000 362500 0,0,0
Chr1 362500 366000 BREAK3 0 + 362500 366000 213,221,213
Chr1 366000 427500 CLEAR4 0 + 366000 427500 0,0,0
Chr1 427500 429500 BREAK4 0 + 427500 429500 213,221,213
Chr1 429500 599500 CLEAR5 0 + 429500 599500 0,0,0
Chr1 599500 605500 BREAK5 0 + 599500 605500 213,221,213
```

# BED

**BED:** Columns tab-delimited. First three required, all others optional (first 6 typical).



# GFF3

<https://github.com/The-Sequence-Ontology/Specifications/blob/master/gff3.md>

## GFF: Generic Feature Format

```
##gff-version 3
##species http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=436495
##genome-build RexBase Trex1
##sequence-region Chr1 1 217471166
# Note Trex_genome.fasta, complete genome
Chr1  Gnomon  gene      43895  78350  .  +  .  ID=gene32251;Name=LOC101732307
Chr1  Gnomon  mRNA      43895  78350  .  +  .  ID=rna61088;Name=XM_012954515.1;Parent=gene32251
Chr1  Gnomon  CDS       43895  43947  .  +  0  ID=rna61088.1.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  exon      43895  43947  .  +  .  ID=rna61088.1.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  start_codon 43895  43897  .  +  0  ID=rna61088.1.start_codon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  CDS       48839  49007  .  +  1  ID=rna61088.2.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  exon      48839  49007  .  +  .  ID=rna61088.2.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  CDS       53889  54000  .  +  0  ID=rna61088.3.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  exon      53889  54000  .  +  .  ID=rna61088.3.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  CDS       55055  55173  .  +  2  ID=rna61088.4.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1  Gnomon  exon      55055  55173  .  +  .  ID=rna61088.4.exon;Parent=rna61088
```

# GFF3

**GFF Header:** Pragma begin with "##", comments with "#". Format pragma required for GFF3, highly-recommended for GFF2/GTF.

## Pragma/Directives

Pre-declared set of pragma with specific formats/definitions.

Mostly for computers/browsers.

##gff-version 3

##species <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=436495>

##genome-build RexBase Trex1

##sequence-region Chr1 1 217471166

# Note Trex\_genome.fasta, complete genome

Chr1	Gnomon	gene	43895	78350	.	+	.	ID=gene32251;Name=LOC101732307
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	43895	78350	.	+	.	ID=rna61088;Name=XM_012954515.1;Parent=gene32251
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	43895	43947	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.1.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	43895	43947	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.1.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	start_codon	43895	43897	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.1.start_codon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	48839	49007	.	+	1	ID=rna61088.2.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	48839	49007	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.2.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	53889	54000	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.3.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	53889	54000	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.3.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	55055	55173	.	+	2	ID=rna61088.4.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	55055	55173	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.4.exon;Parent=rna61088

**Format Version**

**Pragma/Directive**

Required for GFF3,  
highly-recommended  
for GFF2/GTF formats

**Comments**

Free-form text  
for humans,  
ignored by  
parsers.

# GFF3

**GFF Features:** Nine tab-delimited fields required. Null values a "."

## Reference ID

Chromosome/scaffold ID

May only contain characters in set:

[a-zA-Z0-9.:^\*\$@!+\_-|]

## Feature Type

Must be SO term or accession number

## Score

floating point number

## Feature Strand

either "+" or "-", or "." if no strand applies

## Feature Attributes

Semi-colon separated  
Key=Value pairs;  
reserved keys begin with capitals letters;  
"Parent" attribute defines feature hierarchy; must use URL-escaping for forbidden characters

Chr1	Gnomon	gene	43895	78350	.	+	.	ID=gene32251;Name=LOC101732307
Chr1	Gnomon	mRNA	43895	78350	.	+	.	ID=rna61088;Name=XM_012954515.1;Parent=gene32251
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	43895	43947	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.1.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	43895	43947	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.1.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	start_codon	43895	43897	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.1.start_codon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	48839	49007	.	+	1	ID=rna61088.2.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	48839	49007	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.2.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	53889	54000	.	+	0	ID=rna61088.3.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	53889	54000	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.3.exon;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	CDS	55055	55173	.	+	2	ID=rna61088.4.CDS;Parent=rna61088
Chr1	Gnomon	exon	55055	55173	.	+	.	ID=rna61088.4.exon;Parent=rna61088

## Source

Usually the program or organization that generated the annotations

## Start and End Positions

1-based coordinates on "+" strand

## Codon Phase

either 0, 1, or 2;  
Offset to next codon position

# Resources

## File manipulation/filtering

<b>pysam (API)</b>	FASTA/Q, BED, B/CR/SAM, B/VCF	<a href="https://pysam.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html#sam-bam-cram-files">https://pysam.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html#sam-bam-cram-files</a>
<b>pyFaidx (API)</b>	FASTA	<a href="https://doi.org/10.7287/peerj.preprints.970v1">https://doi.org/10.7287/peerj.preprints.970v1</a>
<b>Seqtk</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/lh3/seqtk">https://github.com/lh3/seqtk</a>
<b>Seqkit</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0163962">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0163962</a>
<b>seqmagick</b>	Many	<a href="https://seqmagick.readthedocs.io">https://seqmagick.readthedocs.io</a>
<b>bedtools</b>	BAM, BED, GFF, VCF	<a href="https://bedtools.readthedocs.io">https://bedtools.readthedocs.io</a>
<b>bcftools</b>	VCF/BCF	<a href="https://samtools.github.io/bcftools">https://samtools.github.io/bcftools</a>
<b>genometools</b>	FASTA/Q, GFF3	<a href="http://genometools.org">http://genometools.org</a>
<b>samtools</b>	FASTA/Q, B/SAM	<a href="https://github.com/samtools/samtools">https://github.com/samtools/samtools</a>
<b>vcftools</b>	VCF/BCF	<a href="https://vcftools.github.io/man_latest.html">https://vcftools.github.io/man_latest.html</a>

# Resources

## QA/QC, Adapter and Quality trimming

<b>trimmomatic</b>	FASTQ	<a href="http://usadellab.org/cms/?page=trimmomatic">http://usadellab.org/cms/?page=trimmomatic</a>
<b>FastQC</b>	FASTQ, B/SAM	<a href="https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/">https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/</a>
<b>Sickle</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/ucdavis-bioinformatics/sickle">https://github.com/ucdavis-bioinformatics/sickle</a>
<b>Scythe</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/ucdavis-bioinformatics/scythe">https://github.com/ucdavis-bioinformatics/scythe</a>
<b>Sabre</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/najoshi/sabre">https://github.com/najoshi/sabre</a>
<b>cutadapt</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://cutadapt.readthedocs.io/en/stable/">https://cutadapt.readthedocs.io/en/stable/</a>

## Alignment

<b>minimap2</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/lh3/minimap2">https://github.com/lh3/minimap2</a>
<b>BWA</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="https://github.com/lh3/bwa">https://github.com/lh3/bwa</a>
<b>bowtie2</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml">http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml</a>
<b>STAR</b>	FASTQ	<a href="https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR">https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR</a>
<b>GMAP</b>	FASTA/Q	<a href="http://research-pub.gene.com/gmap/">http://research-pub.gene.com/gmap/</a>
<b>exonerate</b>	FASTA	<a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/about/vertebrate-genomics/software/exonerate">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/about/vertebrate-genomics/software/exonerate</a>



# Resources

## Variant calling

**FreeBayes**

BAM, VCF

<https://github.com/ekg/freebayes>

**GATK4**

FASTA/Q, B/CRAM, VCF

<https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/documentation>

**DeepVariant**

FASTA/Q

<https://github.com/google/deepvariant>

**vg**

FASTA/Q

<https://github.com/vgteam/vg>

# Common file issues

- Non-printable characters
- Non-ASCII encoded characters
- Incorrect formatting (spaces instead of tabs)
- Truncated files

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