

SAM file format

SAM file contents

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From SAM format specification:

Col	Field	Brief description
1	QNAME	Query template NAME
2	FLAG	bitwise FLAG
3	RNAME	Reference sequence NAME
4	POS	1-based leftmost mapping POSition
5	MAPQ	MAPping Quality
6	CIGAR	CIGAR string
7	RNEXT	Ref. name of the mate/next read
8	PNEXT	Position of the mate/next read
9	TLEN	observed Template LENgth
10	SEQ	segment SEQUENCE
11	QUAL	ASCII of Phred-scaled base QUALity+33

FLAG field

Bit	Description
0x1	template having multiple segments in sequencing
0x2	each segment properly aligned according to the aligner
0x4	segment unmapped
0x8	next segment in the template unmapped
0x10	SEQ being reverse complemented
0x20	SEQ of the next segment in the template being reversed
0x40	the first segment in the template
0x80	the last segment in the template
0x100	secondary alignment
0x200	not passing quality controls
0x400	PCR or optical duplicate
0x800	supplementary alignment

4 $\xrightarrow{\text{to binary}}$ 0000000000100 = segment unmapped

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16 $\xrightarrow{\text{to binary}}$ 000000001000 = reverse complement

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16 $\xrightarrow{\text{to binary}}$ 000000001000 = reverse complement

20 $\xrightarrow{\text{to binary}}$ 000000001100 = segment unmapped
and reverse complement

CIGAR string

Op	Description
M	alignment match (can be a sequence match or mismatch)
I	insertion to the reference
D	deletion from the reference
N	skipped region from the reference
S	soft clipping (clipped sequences present in SEQ)
H	hard clipping (clipped sequences NOT present in SEQ)
P	padding (silent deletion from padded reference)
=	sequence match
X	sequence mismatch

Reference: AGTCGATTAGGAA
Read: AGTCGATTTAGAA

Reference: AGTCGATTAGGAA
Read: ACTCGATTTAGAA
6M

Reference: AGTCGA*TTAGGAA
Read: ACTCGATTTAGAA
6M 1I

Reference: AGTCGA*TTAGGAA
Read: ACTCGATTTAGAA
6M 1I4M

Reference:

AGTCGA*TTAGGAA

Read:

ACTCGATTTAG*AA

6M 1I4M1D

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