

Bioinformatics Workshop

Session #1

Course Introduction and Prerequisites

Register here



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<https://redcap.link/bfx>

ICTS – Precision Health Function



Support transdisciplinary research

- Match clinicians and investigators
- Review grants
- Fund Precision Health Innovation awards



Develop common workflows

- Genomic consent and return of results
- Enable access to large genomic data sets
- Develop infrastructure to speed discovery translation



Educate the community

- Expand access to educational research programs
- Educate scientific and clinical community in precision health
- Engage broader STL community in genomic research

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Precision Health Led Projects

- Pilot funding
 - Precision Health Innovation Awards

- Return of Results (ROR) for research participant
 - Genetic counseling, processes for returning results
- Genomic database access and submission
 - UK Biobank, All of Us Research Program, dbGaP, AnVIL, SRA
- Institutional Genomic Consent
 - One Protocol One Consent, Electronic Biobank

Providing Support For

- Core Services
 - WU Biological Therapy Core Facility (BTCF), McDonnell Genome Institute (MGI)
- Informatics Tools for Precision Health
 - Bioinformatics Workshop (BFX), pVAC, CIViC,
- Communications and Outreach
 - Women in Innovation and Technologies (WIT) program, EQUALIZE program through OTM
- Educational Opportunities
 - Precision medicine pathway, Bioinformatics Workshop (BFX), Genomics in Medicine





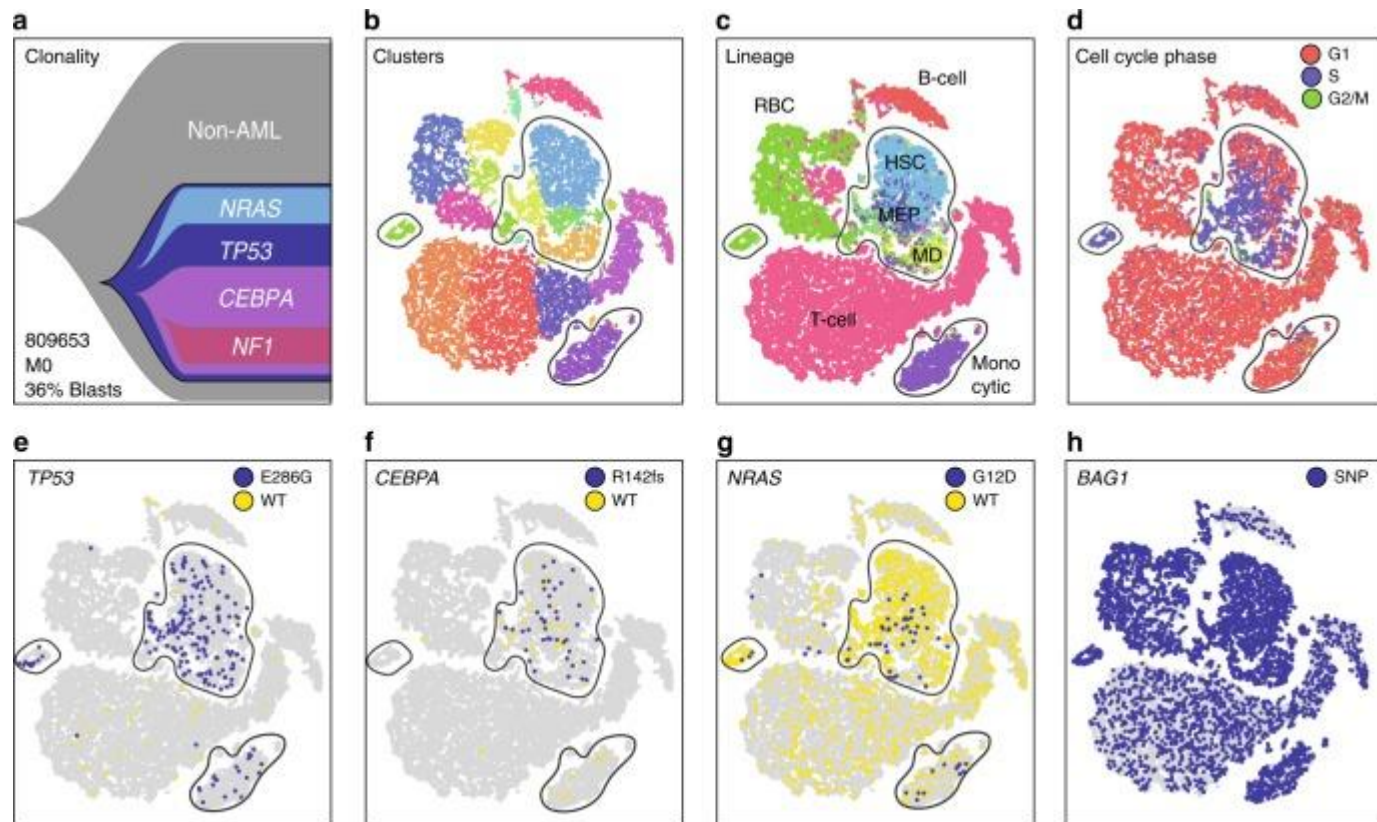
Providing cloud credits and expertise

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Cost per Genome





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People who need complex data analysis

<https://hellogiggles.com/news/how-many-people-attend-coachella/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/02/theater/germany-theater-coronavirus.html>



People who know how to do
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- Biology is now a quantitative discipline - especially genomics
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- This course aims to teach you the theory and practice of computational biology, with a focus on genomics but lessons that apply broadly

Goals:

- To empower you to improve and expedite your research
- To expose you to new ideas and techniques that may advance your research program

Who we are, and why you should trust us



Jason Walker, M.S.

Informatics group leader,
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Chris Miller, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
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Over 30 years of combined experience in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Other Lecturers/Organizers include:

Malachi Griffith
Susanna Kiwala

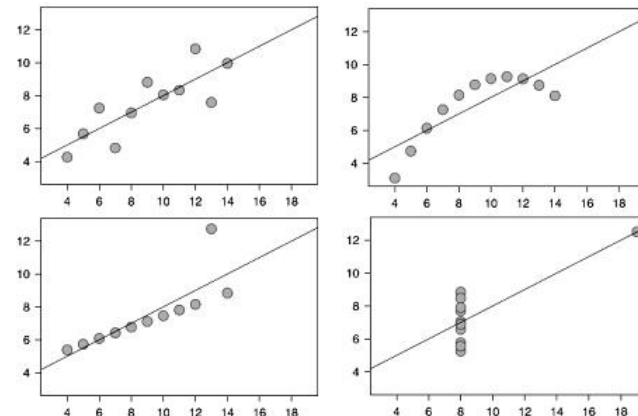
Obi Griffith
Todd Wylie

Jennifer Foltz-Stringfellow
Many others!

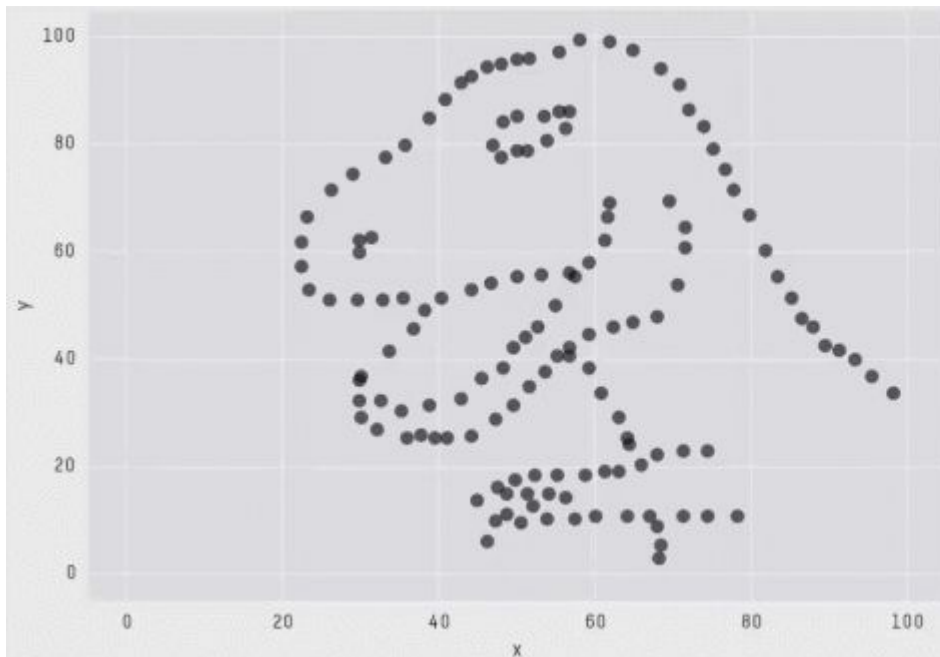
Don't trust your data

Trusting your data

Property	Value	Accuracy
Mean of x	9	exact
Sample variance of x : σ^2	11	exact
Mean of y	7.50	to 2 decimal places
Sample variance of y : σ^2	4.125	± 0.003
Correlation between x and y	0.816	to 3 decimal places
Linear regression line	$y = 3.00 + 0.500x$	to 2 and 3 decimal places, respectively
Coefficient of determination of the linear regression : R^2	0.67	to 2 decimal places



Datasaurus Dozen



X Mean: 54.2659224
Y Mean: 47.8313999
X SD : 16.7649829
Y SD : 26.9342120
Corr. : -0.0642526

“Analyzing your data means inherently distrusting your data until you have exhausted yourself into giving up and trusting it.”

-Aaron Quinlan

Course structure

- Pair an introduction to a biological or technical concept with some of the tools needed to analyze it
- Next week:
 - Sequence data generation
 - How to read, manipulate, and run quality control on sequence data

Prerequisites

- You do not need to know all of these things on Day 1
 - Tutorials and documentation in today's notebook
- But you do need to get moving!
 - Hands-on learning is *essential*. If you can't follow along and do the assignments, you will not get the most out of this course

Access to compute

- Laptop
 - limited resources
 - one time cost
- Compute cluster
 - Thousands of cores, Terabytes of RAM
 - Yearly fee (\$100), storage costs
 - Shared usage (queues)
- Cloud
 - Virtually unlimited resources
 - Pay for usage

Cluster computing

- Large compute cluster
 - Dozens of servers
 - Thousands of cores
 - Terabytes of RAM
- How do we give everyone access efficiently and fairly?

LSF - Load Sharing Facility

- Binds different machines together into one common pool
- Jobs can be run on any machine
- Need to specify job requirements
 - How many CPUs
 - How much RAM
 - How much tmp (sometimes)
 - What kind of environment to run in
- Cloud environments have similar dispatch systems

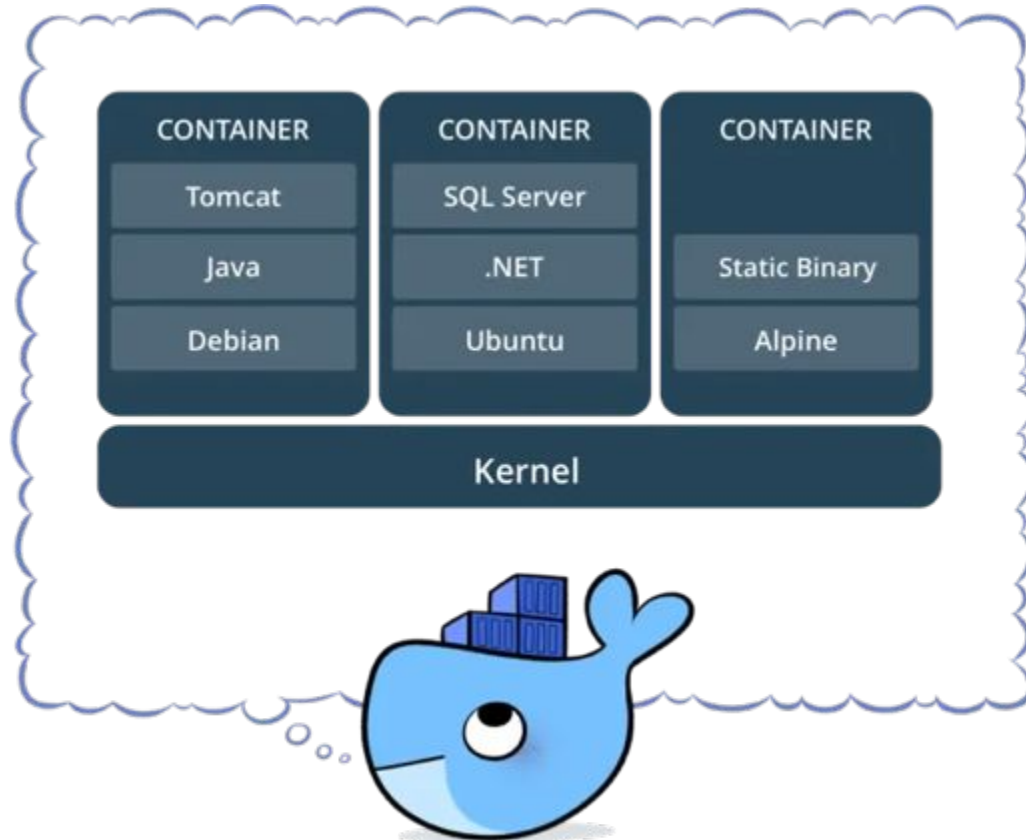
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Docker containers



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- Docker (containers)
 - Sysadmins handle the hardware
 - You control the software almost completely

Finding docker images

- Search engines
 - “docker bedtools”
- Repositories - Bioconda/Quay.io/Dockerhub
 - “docker mosdepth quay”
- Slack - ask in #docker
- Building your own

Homework

- Will not be turned in or graded
- Will be useful for understanding subsequent lectures
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- Posted on the course page

<https://github.com/genome/bfx-workshop>