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# Sequence data

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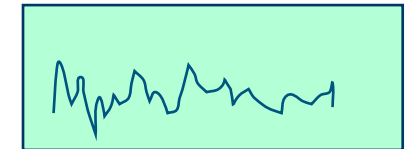
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# MinKNOW





Pretty user interface



Raw data



Name
kirstyn_Latitude_E5470_20170811_FA...20336_read_259_ch_287_strand.fast5
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Each fast5 file generated contains 4000 reads

Raw data format

FAST5

Raw signal data from MinION pores

Basecalled reads +  
quality info (Phred  
scores)

FASTQ

Text-based format for storing both sequence data and its  
corresponding quality scores

Binary  
Alignment/Map files

BAM

A BAM file (.bam) is the binary version of a SAM file, which is a  
tab-delimited text file that contains sequence alignment data

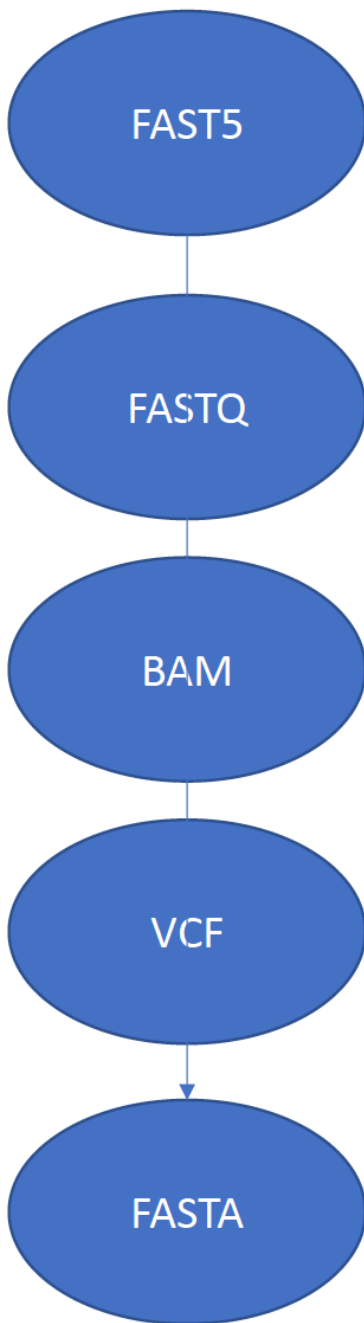
Variant call format

VCF

Text file used in bioinformatics for storing gene sequence  
variations

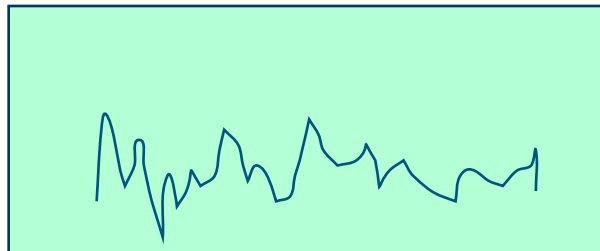
FASTA

Text-based format for storing both sequence data





- Raw electrical signal data, i.e. **squiggle data**
- HDF5 format: storage and organization of large amounts of heterogeneous data, using a hierarchical structure.



Needs “basecalled”



ATTGCCGTAAT....



## Fastq

- Common NGS format
- It contains a series of records, where each record represents a single sequence read obtained from the sequencing machine.
- Each record in the FASTQ file consists of four lines:
  1. sequence identifier
  2. raw DNA sequence
  3. a separator line
  4. quality scores corresponding to each base in the DNA sequence, representing the confidence or accuracy of the base call.



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**IMPORTANT:** Lines 2 and line 4 must have the same length or the sequence record is not valid.





# Fastq files

## Header contains:

@<READ\_ID> runid=<RUNID> read=<read\_number>  
ch=<channel\_number>  
start\_time=<start\_time>

```
@374f83da-aff0-423f-bc4a-85704c7a8990
runid=ealbe5c21cecf39c12e8f052011871a6e4b6863a read=112 ch=451
start_time=2018-01-23T07:18:56Z
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GCTCCAAATGTCCACTATATACTAAAAAGTGTTCAAACCTGCTCTACCAAGGGAATGTTTCTACTCTGACTTGAATAAACA
TCCCAAAGTTCTGAGAATAGCTTCTGTCCGTTGGATCTGAGAACAAATCCCGTTGTAACAATCCTCAAATCTATTAATATCT
CTTGCAGATTCCAGAAAGAGTGTTCAAACTGCTCCTTCAAAACAGAGGTGGTTCAATTCTCCTC
```

Sequence

Separator

Quality data

```
+
"#$%&'()*+,-./:0123456789@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\\]^_`{|}~"
*+(((*,.,7./%%/5)+,-.4,,2)/+-286(+*%#$'+*('('+'%&'('('%&)+*$%()$$%#%,,) *(&'-*13**
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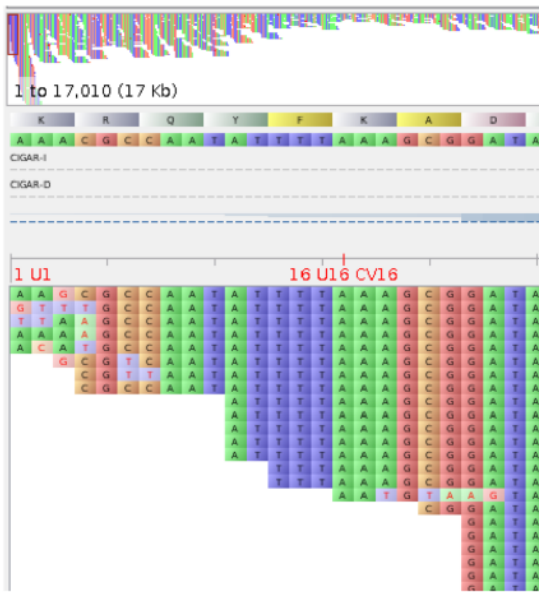
## BAM files

- Binary file format commonly used in genomics to store DNA sequence alignment data obtained from NGS
- It contains aligned reads, which are short DNA sequences from the original sample, along with information about their mapping locations to a reference genome
- The files are compressed and structured- so efficient for storage and analysis of large-scale sequencing data
- Allow various bioinformatics tools and algorithms to work with the aligned data efficiently

# BAM

Have to be sorted and indexed for visualization in different programs

e.g. Tablet,



BAM files contain a header section and an alignment section:

Header—Contains information about the entire file, such as sample name, sample length, and alignment method.

Alignments in the alignments section are associated with specific information in the header section.

Alignments—Contains read name, read sequence, read quality, alignment information, and custom tags. The read name includes the chromosome, start coordinate, alignment quality, and the match descriptor string.



## **VCF** (Variant Call Format)

- Represent genetic variations identified in DNA sequencing data.
- Information about genetic variants such as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), insertions, deletions (INDELS)
- Used for variant analysis, genotyping, and variant calling



## Example

**VCF header**

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.0
##fileDate=20100707
##source=VCFtools
##reference=NCBI36
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality (phred score)">
##FORMAT=<ID=GL,Number=3,Type=Float,Description="Likelihoods for RR,RA,AA genotypes (R=ref,A=alt)">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##ALT=<ID=DEL,Description="Deletion">
##INFO=<ID=SVTYPE,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Type of structural variant">
##INFO=<ID=END,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="End position of the variant">
```

**Mandatory header lines**

**Optional header lines** (meta-data about the annotations in the VCF body)

**Body**

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	SAMPLE1	SAMPLE2
1	1	.	ACG	A,AT	.	PASS	.	GT:DP	1/2:13	0/0:29
1	2	rs1	C	T,CT	.	PASS	H2;AA=T	GT:GQ	0 1:100	2/2:70
1	5	.	A	G	.	PASS	.	GT:GQ	1 0:77	1/1:95
1	100	.	T	<DEL>	.	PASS	SVTYPE=DEL;END=300	GT:GQ:DP	1/1:12:3	0/0:20

**Reference alleles** (GT=0)

**Alternate alleles** (GT>0 is an index to the ALT column)

**Deletion**

**SNP**

**Large SV**

**Insertion**

**Other event**

**Phased data** (G and C above are on the same chromosome)



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## Getting to a consensus

- Think about what you did to prepare your DNA for the MinION
- Added barcodes and adaptors



# Getting to a consensus

## Convert

Convert raw nanopore signal data into nucleotide sequence data.

## Filtering

Remove low-quality or noisy reads from the dataset.

## Align

Align filtered reads to a reference genome or a previously assembled consensus sequence.

## Consensus

Generate a consensus sequence by combining the aligned reads.

## Refine

Refine the consensus sequence through additional error correction steps.

## Assess

Assess the accuracy and quality of the consensus sequence using various metrics and tools.





## Advice

- Get an understanding of how the data needs to be processed
- Learn the basics in command line
- Use validated tools
- But unless you want to be a bioinformatician
  - Use a validated and trusted pipeline
  - Get help from a bioinformatician (easier said than done!)
  - Hand over to a bioinformatician for this part