

# INTRODUCTION TO UNIX-LINUX – ALIGNMENT/MAPPING

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# Introduction to Alignment / Mapping

- A sequence alignment is a way of arranging the primary sequence/reads of DNA, RNA or Proteins to identify regions of similarity that may be a consequences of FUNCTIONAL, STRUCTURAL and EVOLUTIONARY relationship between the sequences
- Sequence alignment is the procedure of comparing two (pair-wise alignment) or more (multiple sequences) by searching for a series of individual characters/patterns that are in the same order in the sequences.

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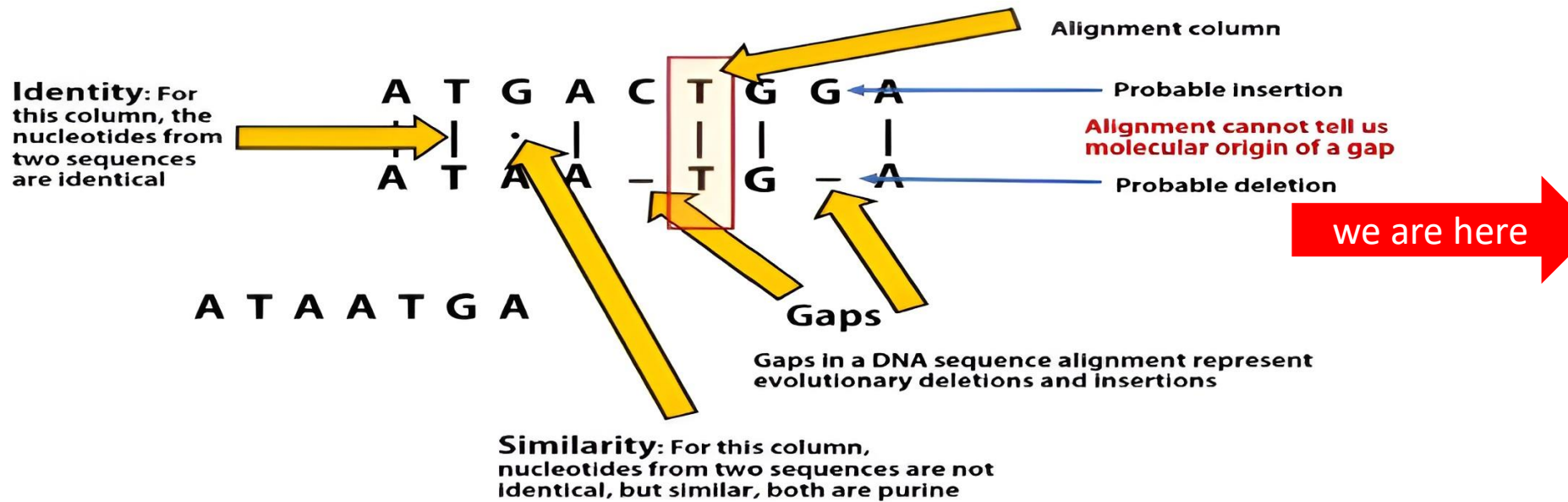
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- Known sequence is the REFERENCE SEQUENCE, and unknown is the QUERY SEQUENCE.
- Align QUERY SEQUENCE to CONTIGS

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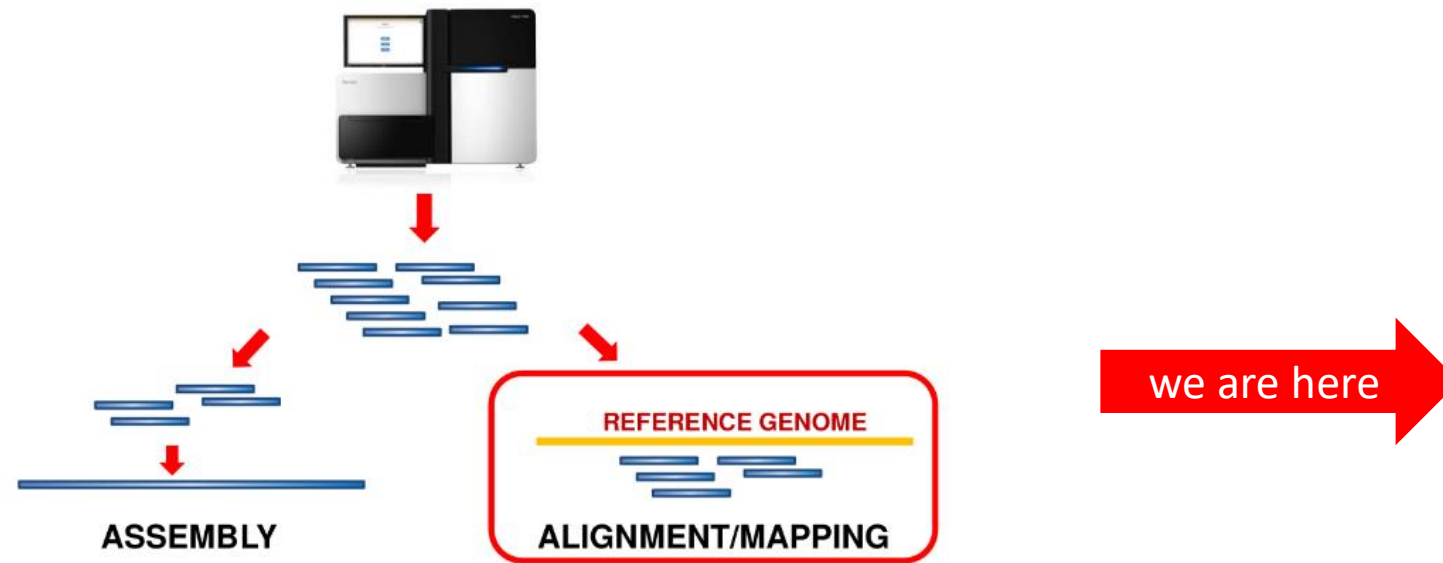
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# What is Alignment / Mapping



- Short reads must be combined into larger fragments
- **Mapping:** use a reference genome as a guide
- **Alignment:** referred to as alignment of query sequences to contigs. Also have gene alignment
- **De Novo assembly:** without a reference genome

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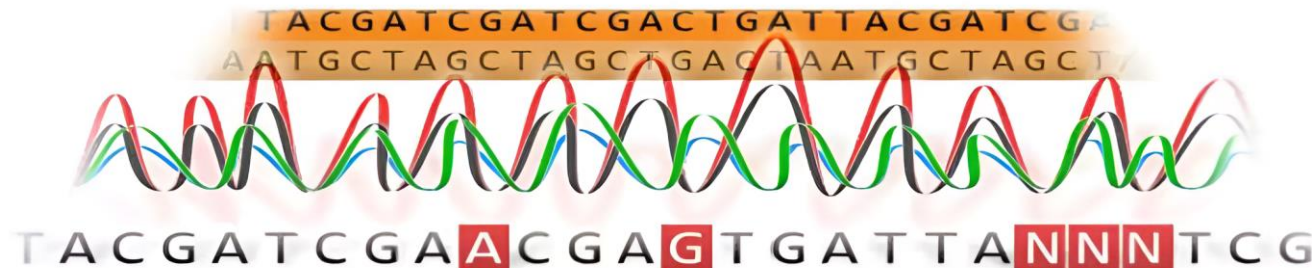
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# Why is Alignment needed?

- To compare sequences for similarities and differences
  - Mutations
- Often, we are looking for similarities
- Homology: similarity due to descent from a common ancestor
- For traceability
- To infer differences and similarities in structures, function and sequences

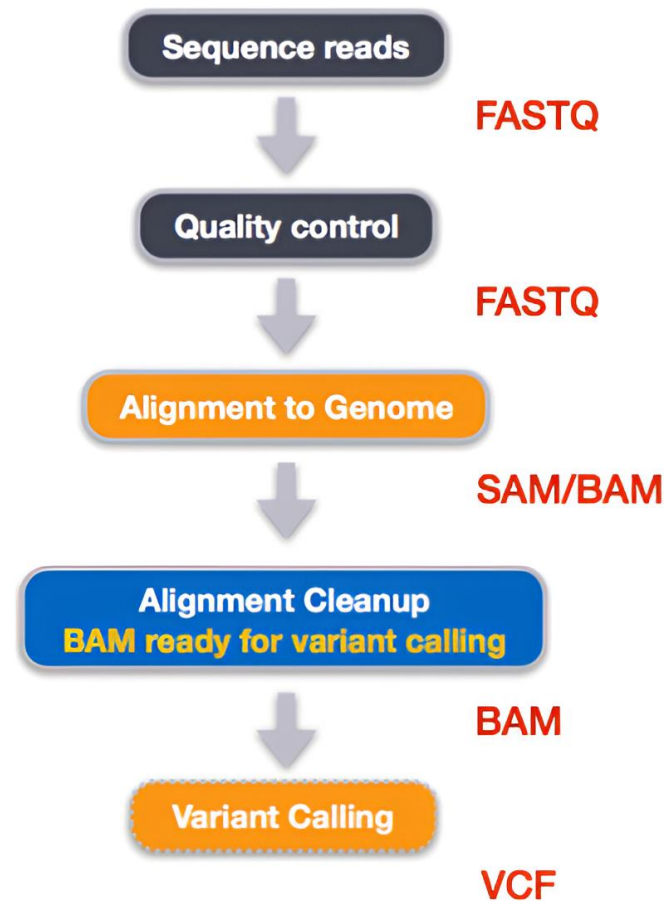
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## Example NGS pipeline



A high level view of a typical NGS bioinformatics workflow

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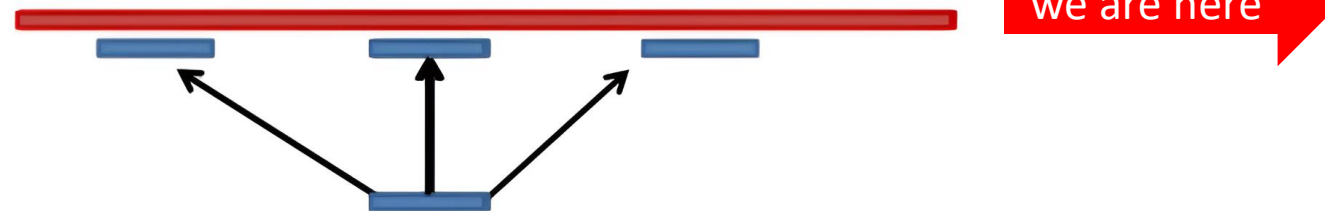
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## Sequence alignment

- Determine position of short read on the reference genome

Reference:	. . . A A - C G C C T T . . .	= match
	.   : - :	: = mismatch
Read:	A G G G G C C T T	- = gap

- Read could align to multiple places



- How to handle multi-mapped reads? Depends on tool:
  - Map to best region (but what is "best"? And what about ties?)
  - Map to all regions
  - Map to one region randomly
  - Discard read
- How do we determine *best* region?
  - Assign **alignment score** to every mapping

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## Sequence Alignment

Reference: AAA CAGTGA GAA

Observed: AAA TCTCT GAA

Alignment		Tool	Variant calls
AAA-CAGTGAGAA    - -- ::    AAATC--TCTGAA	Maybe like this?	Novoalign	ins T del AG sub GA -> CT
AAACAGTGAGAA    -:: ::    AAA-TCTCTGAA	Or this?	Ssaha2	del C sub AG -> TC sub GA -> CT
AAACAGTGAGAA    -:: ::    AAAT-CTCTGAA	Or..?	BWA	snp C -> T del A snp G -> C sub GA -> CT
AAACAGTCA-----GAA    -----    AAA-----TCTCTGAA	What about this?	Complete Genomics	del CAGTGA ins TCTCT

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## Mapping tools

Mapping tool	Uses	Characteristics
HISAT2	DNA/RNA	Short reads. Based on <a href="#">GCSA</a> . <a href="#">Reference</a> .
RNASTAR	RNA	Short reads. Extremely fast. High sensitive and accuracy. Based on Maximal Mappable Prefixes (MMPs). <a href="#">Reference</a> .
BWA-MEM2	DNA	Short reads. Twice as faster as BWA-MEM. Memory efficient. Based on <a href="#">Burrows-Wheeler</a> . <a href="#">Reference</a> .
Minimap2	DNA/RNA	Long reads (PacBio and ONT). Extremely fast. Based on <a href="#">DALIGN</a> and <a href="#">MHAP</a> . <a href="#">Reference</a> .
Bismark	DNA/RNA	Short reads. Bisulfite treated sequencing. Based on <a href="#">GCSA</a> . <a href="#">Reference</a> .
BBMap	DNA/RNA	Short and long reads (PacBio and ONT). Memory demanding. <a href="#">Reference</a> .
Whisper 2	DNA	Short reads. Indel sensitive. Variant-calling oriented. <a href="#">Reference</a> .
S-conLSH	DNA	Long reads (ONT). High sensitivity and accuracy. <a href="#">Reference</a> .

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- There are many more tools, the mapping tool is chosen based on which best fits your data

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**BAM:** Binary (compressed) SAM; not human-readable

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# Tool: SNIPPY

- An alignment and variant calling tool – all-in-one
- Snippy finds SNPs between a haploid reference genome and your NGS sequence reads. It will find both substitutions (SNPS) and insertions/deletions (indels).
- Input: NGS Reads in fastq format (SE or PE) & a Reference file in either fasta or genbank format
- Various parameters can be defined “options”
  - `--contigs` allows you to call SNPs from contigs rather than reads.
  - `--rgid` will set the Read Group (RG) ID (ID) and Sample (SM) in the BAM and VCF file.
- Simplicity, input → output

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# How SNIPPY works

## Output Files

Extension	Description
.tab	A simple <a href="#">tab-separated</a> summary of all the variants
.csv	A <a href="#">comma-separated</a> version of the .tab file
.html	A <a href="#">HTML</a> version of the .tab file
.vcf	The final annotated variants in <a href="#">VCF</a> format
.bed	The variants in <a href="#">BED</a> format
.gff	The variants in <a href="#">GFF3</a> format
.bam	The alignments in <a href="#">BAM</a> format. Includes unmapped, multimapping reads. Excludes duplicates.
.bam.bai	Index for the .bam file
.log	A log file with the commands run and their outputs
.aligned.fa	A version of the reference but with <code>-</code> at position with <code>depth=0</code> and <code>N</code> for <code>0 &lt; depth &lt; --mincov</code> (does not have variants)
.consensus.fa	A version of the reference genome with <i>all</i> variants instantiated
.consensus.subs.fa	A version of the reference genome with <i>only substitution</i> variants instantiated
.raw.vcf	The unfiltered variant calls from Freebayes
.filt.vcf	The filtered variant calls from Freebayes
.vcf.gz	Compressed .vcf file via <a href="#">BGZIP</a>
.vcf.gz.csi	Index for the .vcf.gz via <code>bcftools index</code>

- SNIPPY has the following incorporated:
  - BWA-MEM – maps individual sequence
  - SAM tools – converts SAM→ BAM
  - GNU parallel – executing job in parallel (isolates)
  - Freebayes – variant calling program
  - VCFLib – parsing and manipulating VCF files
  - VCFtools – output .vcf file
  - SNPEFF – Prediction tool, annotates and predicts the effects of genetic variants

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# Installation - SNIPPY

- Installation - CLI:

- `cd $HOME`
- `git clone https://github.com/tseemann/snippy.git`
- `$HOME/snippy/bin/snippy -help`

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- Installation – Bioconda:

- `conda install -c conda-forge -c bioconda -c defaults snippy`

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# Usage - SNIPPY

- Usage:
  - a reference genome in FASTA or GENBANK format (can be in multiple contigs)
  - sequence read file(s) in FASTQ or FASTA format (can be .gz compressed) format
  - a folder to put the results in

- <https://github.com/tseemann/snippy>

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# VCF - Output

```
1 ##fileformat=VCFv4.2
2 ##FILTER=<ID=PASS,Description="All filters filters passed">
3 ##fileDate=20200914
4 ##source=freeBayes v1.2.0-dirty v1.2.0-dirty
5 ##reference=reference/ref.fa
6 ##contig=<ID=NC_000962,length=4411532>
7 ##phasing=none
8 ##commandline="freebayes -p -p 2 -P 0 -C --min-repeat-entropy 1.5 --strict-vcf
9 ##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total read read depth at the locus">
10 ##INFO=<ID=RO,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Count of of full observations of the haplotype.">
11 ##INFO=<ID=AO,Number=A,Type=Integer,Description="Count of of full observations of this haplotype.">
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24 ##bcftools_viewCommand=view --include 'FMT/GT="1/1" && QUAL>=100 && (FMT/AO)/(FMT/DP)>=0' snps.raw.vcf;
25 ##bcftools_annotateVersion=1.9+htslib-1.9
26 ##bcftools_annotateCommand=annotate --remove --remove ^INFO/TYPE,^INFO/DP,^INFO/RO,^INFO/AO,^INFO/AB,^FORMAT/GT,^FORMAT/DP,^FORMAT/RO,^FORMAT/AO,^FORMAT/QR,^FORMAT/QA,^FORMAT/GL; Date=Mon Sep 14 2020
27 ##SnpEffVersion="4.3 (build (build 2016-07-03 08:26), by Pablo
28 ##SnpEffCmd="SnpEff -noStats -noStats -no-downstream -no-upstream -no-utr ref "
29 ##INFO=<ID=ANN,Number=.,Type=String,Description="Functional annotations: annotations: 'Allele | Annotation | | Gene_Name |
30 ##INFO=<ID=LOF,Number=.,Type=String,Description="Predicted loss loss of function effects for variant. Format: 'Gene_Name
31 ##INFO=<ID=NMD,Number=.,Type=String,Description="Predicted nonsense nonsense mediated decay effects for variant. Format: 'Gene_Name
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33 NC_000962 1849 1849 . C A 5478.13 AB=0;AO=158;DP=158;QA=6132;QR=0;RO=0;TYPE=snp;ANN=A|intergenic_region|MODIFIER|Rv0001-Rv0002|GENE_Rv0001-GENE_Rv0002|intergenic_region|GENE_Rv0001-GENE_Rv0002|||n.
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