

## User Manual for TersectBrowser+

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### 1 Overview

# 2 Admin setup of browser

The Admin is defined as an individual with bioinformatics and software design knowledge, background comprehension for all sections of this Technical Documentation, and acting to facilitate the use of a deployed TersectBrowser+ by the plant breeder main user of the software. When a new dataset is requested for deployment on TersectBrowser+, the admin will need to follow the below steps.

## 2.1 Download of required material

- 1. Collect background context from the user.
  - Size and chromosome number of the reference genome.
  - Size and diversity of the resequenced dataset. Any metadata associated with different accessions in the dataset, such as wild variety vs domesticated variety.
  - Whether there are prior identified introgressions known to be functionally relevant for the species. These can be used to 'check' the ability of TersectBrowser+ to identify introgressed regions for the specified dataset.
- 2. Clone the GitHub repository of TersectBrowser+ to the local machine. Follow the README from Tersect GitHub for issues with install.
- 3. Download relevant files to to the specified location within the repository: Tersect-browser/ $\sim$ /mongo-data/gp\_data\_copy/
  - Download all VCF files in the resequenced dataset. Run tabix on these files to create .tbi index files.

- Download the reference genome FASTA file. Run SAMtools faidx to create .fai index file.
- Download (or generate) an annotation GFF file for the resequenced dataset using SNPeff. If not using SNPeff, ensure that variant impact levels are categorised into 'High', 'Medium', and 'Low' impact. Index the GFF file. Run tabix on this file to create a .tbi index file.
- 4. Use JBrowse CLI text-index tool to generate Trix text searching files (.ix, .ixx, and .meta.json) from the GFF annotation file.
- 5. Run the script add\_config\_tracks.py using these downloaded files. This will use a set of jbrowse arguments to load the datafiles as tracks in the Variant Browser component.
- 6. Run the script change\_dataset\_files.py using these downloaded files as CLI arguments, in order to update the references to these data files in the project.
- 7. Run the script add\_example\_dataset.sh to prepare the dataset.

# 3 Config file generation

There are multiple extensions incorporated within TersectBrowser+, and all config files must be correctly generated for full functionality of the browser. However, each extension has different config requirements and may allow limited functionality before the generation of all config files.

### 3.1 Variant Browser Pane

A config.json file containing a/the genome assembly is first generated.

### Using JBrowse CLI

The fasta file must first be indexed as follows (this step can be omitted if a fai file already exists):

```
$ cd Tersect-browser/~mongo-data/gp_data_copy/
$ samtools faidx genome.fa
```

The config.json file is created and the genome assembly added to it via the following command:

```
$ jbrowse add-assembly <genome.fa> --load copy --out config.json
```

The variant tracks can then be added to the config.json file via the following commands. Jbrowse CLI expects the VCFs to be compressed with bgzip and indexed using tabix.

```
$ bgzip file.vcf
$ tabix file.vcf.gz
$ jbrowse add-track file.vcf.gz --load copy --out config.json
```

The generated config file will contain both the assembly[] and the tracks[]. These can then be manually copied and pasted into their respective assembly.ts and tracks.ts files - the reference genome fasta will be added to the extension/genome-browser/src/app/react-components/assembly.ts file, while the GFF file and all accession VCF tracks will be added to the extension/genome-browser/src/app/react-components/tracks.ts file.

Correct config specifications for the reference genome assembly can be found \_here.

#### **Manual Generation**

If Jbrowse CLI is not compatible with the machine, the assembly config can be generated by adding the following text, and changing the parameters trackID, name, and URI where necessary.

```
$ cd extension/genome-browser/src/app/react-components/
$ nano config.json
"name": "SL2.50",
"sequence": {
  "type": "ReferenceSequenceTrack",
  "trackId": "SL2.50-ReferenceSequenceTrack",
  "adapter": {
    "type": "IndexedFastaAdapter",
    "fastaLocation": {
      "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/datafi
      "locationType": "UriLocation"
    },
    "faiLocation": {
      "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/datafi
      "locationType": "UriLocation"
    } } }
```

The track config can also be generated by adding the following text, and changing the parameters trackID, name, and uri where necessary.

```
{
"type": "VariantTrack",
"trackId": "S.lyc_LA2706",
"name": "S.lyc_LA2706",
"adapter": {
    "type": "VcfTabixAdapter",
    "vcfGzLocation": {
        "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/data
        "locationType": "UriLocation"
    },
    "index": {
        "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/
        "location": {
            "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/
            "locationType": "UriLocation"
```

```
},
    "indexType": "TBI"
}

},
"assemblyNames": [
    "SL2.50"
]
```

A script to automate this process (the tracks will be more numerous than assemblies) can be found on Elvis at  $gp\_data\_copy/scripts/generate\_track\_config.py$ , and a script to generate this files for all VCF files,  $generate\_tbi.sh$ , is also present in this folder.

### 3.2 Gene Model Track

### Using JBrowse CLI

Once a config.json file for the main reference assembly has been created, run the following commands to sort the GFF3 file, create the .tbi file, and add the config files to the config.json using these Jbrowse commands:

```
$ jbrowse sort-gff <yourfile.gff> |
    bgzip > <yourfile.sorted.gff.gz>
$ tabix <yourfile.sorted.gff.gz>
$ jbrowse add-track <yourfile.sorted.gff.gz> --load copy
```

This will create a FeatureTrack under the tracks[] section in the config.json. Then copy and paste the FeatureTrack to the extension/genome-browser/src/app/react-components/tracks.ts file.

Note: the Jbrowse "sort-gff" command just automates the following shell command

```
$ (grep "^#" in.gff; grep -v "^#" in.gff |
    sort -t"'printfu'\t''" -k1,1 -k4,4n)
> sorted.gff;
```

#### **Manual Generation**

If Jbrowse CLI cannot be accessed, the FeatureTrack can be generated by adding the following text, replacing trackID, name, and uri with the respective inputs:

```
"type": "FeatureTrack",
   "trackId": "ITAG2.4_Gene_Models",
   "name": "ITAG2.4_Gene_Models",
   "adapter": {
      "type": "Gff3TabixAdapter",
      "gffGzLocation": {
      "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/data
      "locationType": "UriLocation"
```

```
},
"index": {
    "location": {
        "uri": "http://localhost:4200/TersectBrowserGP/tbapi/da
        "locationType": "UriLocation"
     },
        "indexType": "TBI"
    }
},
"assemblyNames": [
    "SL2.50"
] }
```

- 3.3 Feature Search
- 3.4 Barcode Generation
- 4 User access of browser