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Bash, File formats and Quality Control

Lecture: Introduction to Linux systems, command line
and file formats

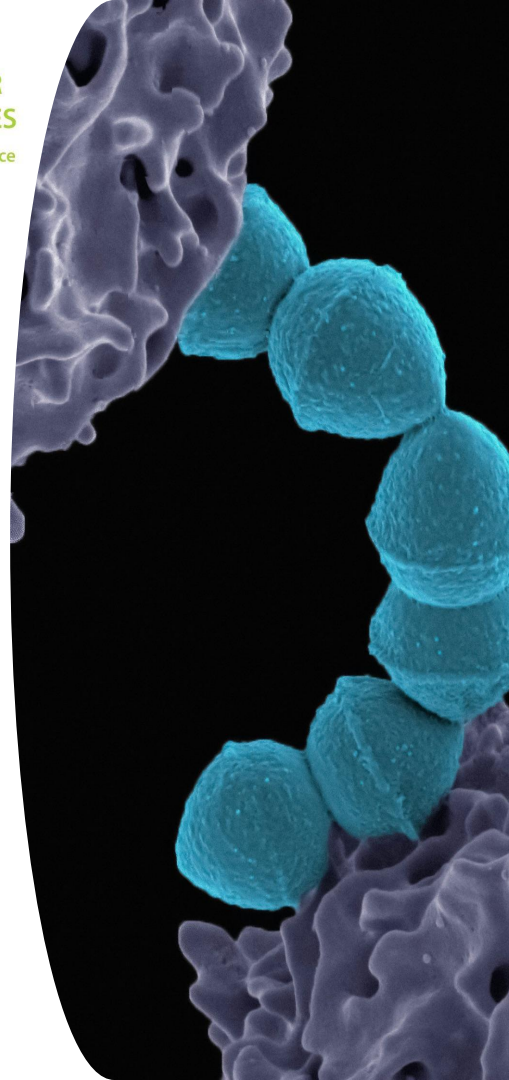
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Learning outcome

- Learn how to use the Unix command
- Understand the different file formats

Overview

- Background: Operating systems, Unix
- Basic Unix commands
- Introduction to colab notebooks (demo)
- Introduction to the basic file formats and their functions in genomics

Background: Operating systems

- An operating system (OS) is the software that functions as an interface between the computer user and its hardware
- The software enables and controls the set of programs that we install in our machines
- Some functions include: allocation of storage, processor management, security, error detection, file management
- Examples of most used OS include: Windows, Linux, Unix, MAC OS, Android, etc.

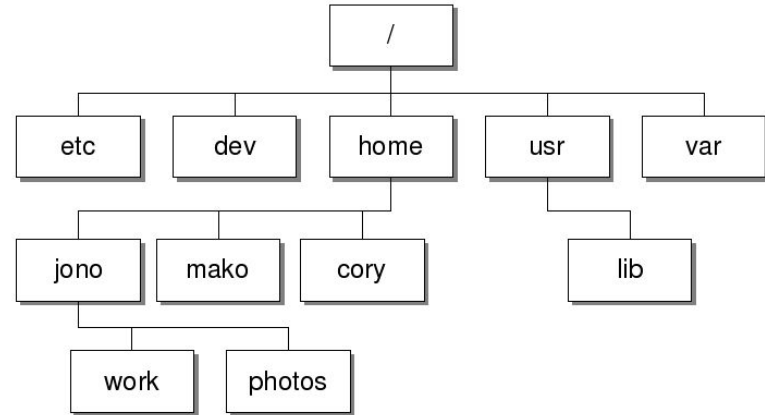
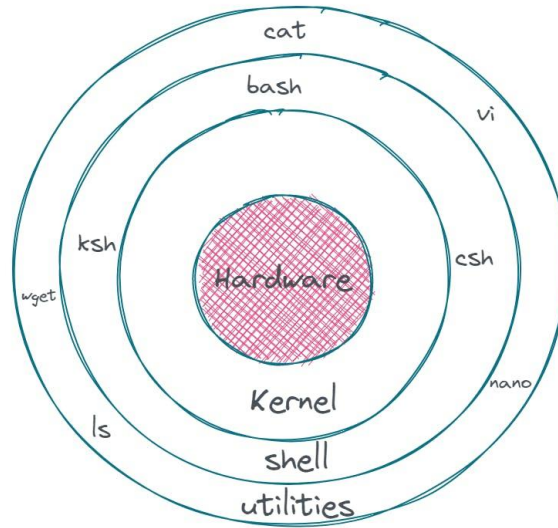


Background: Unix

- Unix was originally called AT&T Unix, and was first developed in 1969 at the Bell Lab research center
- A family of OS's that allow for multiple users and allow for multitasking
- Beneficial for working with large text files (or genomic data files) and accommodates several powerful yet flexible commands
- Ability to combine these multiple commands for different objectives

Basic Unix: Basic terms

- **Shell**
Command-line interpreter
- **Terminal**
Tool used for shell commands
- **Command prompt**
(base) ubuntu@student-1:~\$
- **Directories**
 - Equivalent to folders with files
- **Root**
 - The mother directory where all directories stem from
- **Syntax**
 - Command [options] [arguments]
 - Different programs will have their own syntax with a number of options



Basic Unix: Commands

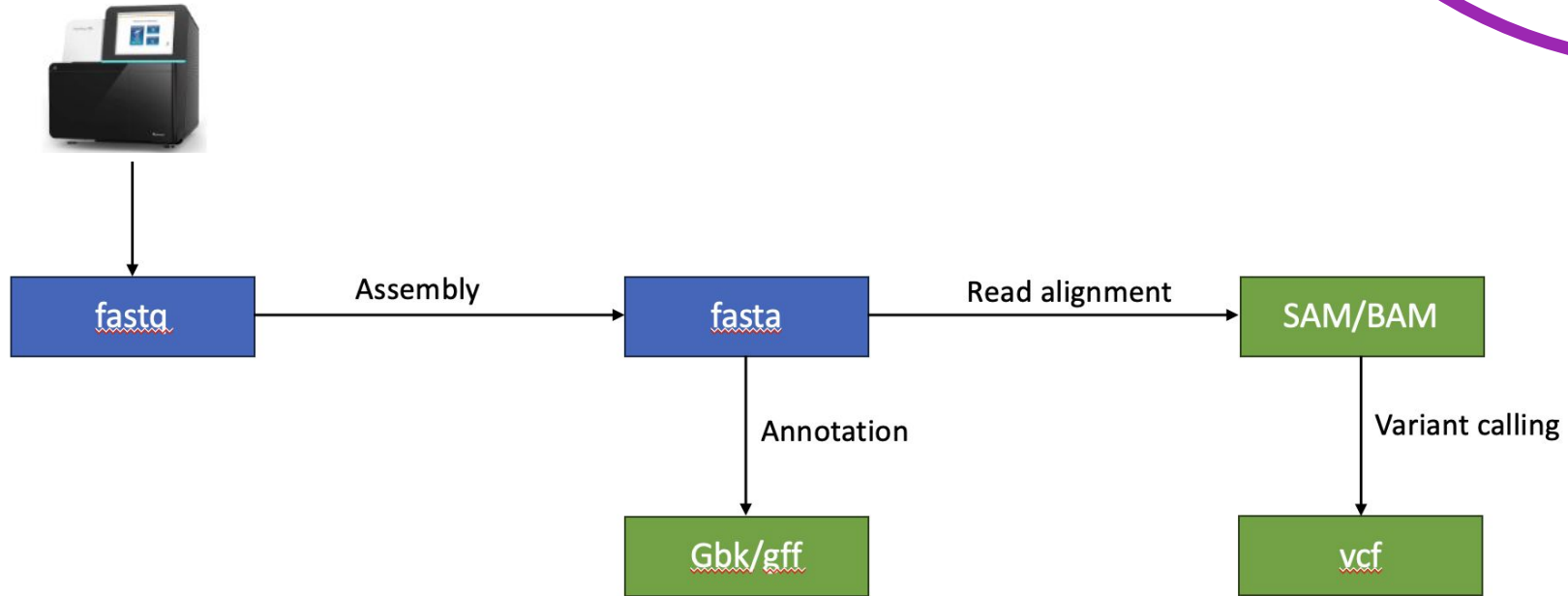
- Navigation through files and directories
(*cd*, *ls*, *pwd*)
- File and directory management
(*mkdir*, *touch*, *nano*, *cat*, *less*, *rm*, *mv*, *cp*, *head*, *tail*)
- Pipes
(*we*, *sort*)
- Searching and filtering
(*grep*, *find*, *locate*)
- Process control
(*kill*)
- Tricks and shortcuts
(*tab complete*, *wildcard*, *arrows*)



https://cdn.hostinger.com/tutorials/pdf/Linux-Commands-Cheat-Sheet.pdf?_gl=1*1qpygsr*_gcl_au*MTc3ODMzODAwMi4xNzE0OTM3MDUx&_ga=2.258160322.999754537.1714937051-998924758.1714937051

Introduction to the basic file formats

- Data transformation



Introduction to the basic file formats

- Data is information contained in a file
- Different file formats carry data in a specific design and optimization for some programs to be able to read and display the information in an understandable way
- The basic progression of sequencing data and formats involved:
 - **Fastq** – raw sequence reads
 - **Fasta** – genome assembly
 - **.gff/.gbk** – annotation files
 - **SAM/BAM** – read alignment
 - **VCF** – variant calling



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Fastq

- Standard format directly from the sequencing instrument

Identifier	●	@SRR566546.970 HWUSI-EAS1673_11067_FC7070M:4:1:2299:1109 length=50
Sequence	●	TTGCCTGCCTATCATTTTAGTGCCTGTGAGGTGGAGATGTGAGGATCAGT
'+' sign	●	+
Quality scores	●	hhhhhhhhhhghghghghghhfhghghhffffe'ee['X]b[d[ed'[Y[~Y
Identifier	●	@SRR566546.971 HWUSI-EAS1673_11067_FC7070M:4:1:2374:1108 length=50
Sequence	●	GATTTGTATGAAAGTATACAACATAAACTGCAGGTGGATCAGAGTAAGTC
'+' sign	●	+
Quality scores	●	hhhhghfhcghghghgfcffdhfehhhhcehdchhdhahehffffde'bVd

Fasta

- Following genome assembly
- fasta format is much simpler
- Contains only an identifier and the sequence
- Can also be amino acids (20 letters)

```
>NG_008679.1:5001-38170 Homo sapiens paired box 6 (PAX6)
ACCTCTTTTCTTATCATTTGACATTTAAACTCTGGGGCAGGTCCTCGCGTAGAACGCGGCTGTCAGATCT
GCCACTTCCCCTGCCGAGCGGCGGTGAGAAAGTGTGGGAACCGGCGCTGCCAGGCTCACCTGCCTCCCCGC
CCTCCGCTCCCAGGTAACCGCCCCGGGCTCCGGCCCCGGCCCGGCTCGGGGCCCGCGGGGCTCTCCGCTG
CCAGCGACTGCTGTCCCCAAATCAAAGCCCCGCCCAAGTGGCCCCGGGGCTTGATTTTGCTTTTAAAG
GAGGCATACAAAGATGGAAGCGAGTTACTGAGGGAGGGATAGGAAGGGGGGTGGAGGAGGACTTGCTTT
TGCCGAGTGTGCTCTTCTGCAAAAGTAGCAAAATGTTCCACTCCTAAGAGTGGACTTCCAGTCCGGCCCT
GAGCTGGGAGTAGGGGGCGGGAGTCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTAAAGCCACTCGCGACCGCGAAAAATGCA
GGAGGTGGGGACGCACTTTGCATCCAGACCTCCTTCGCATCGCAGTTCACGACATCCACGCTTGGGAAAG
TCCGTACCCGCGCCTGGAGCGCTTAAAGACACCCTGCCGCGGTCGGGCGAGGTGCAGCAGAAGTTCCC
CGGTTGCAAAAGTGCAGATGGCTGGACCGCAACAAAGTCTAGAGATGGGGTTCGTTTCTCAGAAAGACGC
```

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Multifasta

- Concatenated
fasta files usually
following
multisequence
alignment

```
Header >VIT_201s0011g03530.1
Sequence AATTAAGCATAAATACCTACTCTTACCCCTTATTTTCTTATCTCTCATCACTTTTGGTGCGAAG
GACCATGAGAACAAAGCTGCAATGGGTGTAGGGTTCTTCGCAAGGCATGCAGCCAAGACTGCATCA
Header >VIT_201s0011g03540.1
Sequence CAGGTAGCGTGAAGTTAAACCTAGCGCTTTAGACAAACAGCTGTAGTCAACGCCACAAACACC
AGCCTCTGAGACACCACTCAAACCTTCCACTTAAATACACATCCCTCACACCTTTTCAATTC
Header >VIT_201s0011g03550.1
Sequence CATGCAAAGCTGAACGCGATGCTGTGATTGGTGGTAAGTGGTAGTTGAGTAAATTTGACAGTGAA
GCCGAAATGTTAAAGACTAAGGCTAGAAGTAGAATACCACTGTTCTTCTCATCACGTGGGCCCA
```

Genbank (gbk)

- Genome annotation output
- Combination of computer
and human-readable
information
- Still need another
application to visualize
annotations

```
LOCUS       NC_002516                6264404 bp    dna    circular UNK
DEFINITION  Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA01 chromosome, complete genome.
ACCESSION   NC_002516
FEATURES             Location/Qualifiers
     source          1..6264404
                     /mol_type="genomic DNA"
                     /db_xref="taxon:208964"
                     /strain="PA01"
                     /organism="Pseudomonas aeruginosa PA01 (Reference)"
     gene            483..2027
                     /locus_tag="PA0001"
                     /db_xref="GeneID:878417"
                     /name="dnaA"
     CDS             483..2027
                     /locus_tag="PA0001"
                     /db_xref="GeneID:878417"
                     /translation="MSVELWQCVDLLRDELPSQQFNTWIRPLQVEAEGDELRVYAPN
RFVLWDVNEKYLGRLLLELGERGEGQLPALSLIGSKRSRTPRAAIVPSQTHVAPPPP
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HSHFMRGPITIELIRESKDLLALQDKLVSIDNIQRTVAEYKIKISDLLSKRRSRV
ARPRQVAMALSKELTNHSLPEIGVAFGGRDHTTVLHACRCKIAQLRESADIREYKNL
LRTLTT"
                     /product="chromosomal replication initiator protein DnaA"
```

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Sequence alignment map (SAM)

- A tab-delimited, line oriented text format of information on alignments
- Header section with metadata in each column
- Alignment section with corresponding information on the alignment

```
HD VN:1.5 SD:coordinate
SD SN:ref LN:45
```

HEADER section

```
r001 99 ref 7 30 8M2I4M1D3M = 37 39 TTAGATAAAGGATACTG *
r002 0 ref 9 30 3S6M1P1I4M * 0 0 AAAAGATAAGGATA *
r003 0 ref 9 30 5S6M * 0 0 GCCTAAGCTAA * SA:Z:ref,29,-,6H5M,17,0;
r004 0 ref 16 30 6M14N5M * 0 0 ATAGCTTCAGC *
r003 2064 ref 29 17 6H5M * 0 0 TAGGC * SA:Z:ref,9,+,5S6M,30,1;
r001 147 ref 37 30 9M = 7 -39 CAGCGGCAT * NM:i:1
```

ALIGNMENT section

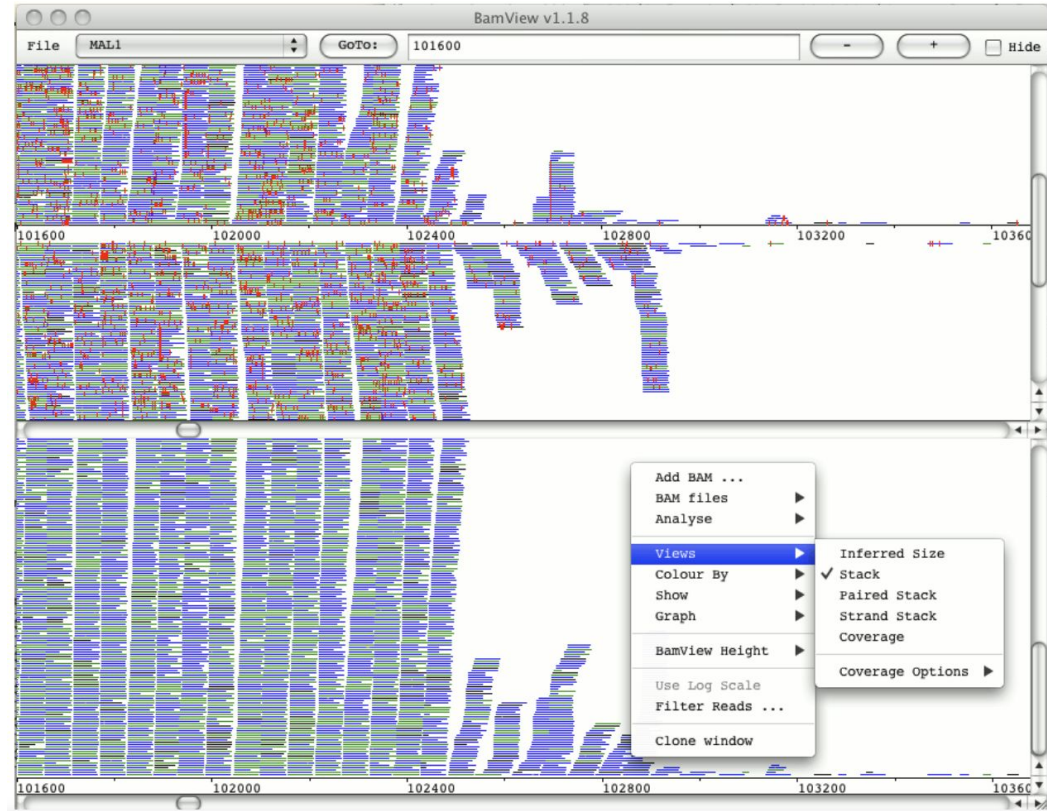
```
QNAME FLAG RNAME POS MAPQ CIGAR RNEXT PNEXT TLEN SEQ QUAL
```

<https://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf>

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Binary alignment map (BAM)

- Compressed version of SAM
- Not human-readable
- Can be recognized by certain programs that allow you to visualize the alignment (e.g IGV, Artemis)
- Ready for variant calling



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Variant call format (VCF)

- Output from extraction of variance/variations between the query sequence and the reference sequence directly from the BAM file.

HEADER

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.1
##fileDate=20090805
##tcgaversion=1.1
##vcfProcessLog=<InputVCF=<file1.vcf>, InputVCFSource=<caller1>, InputVCFVer=<1.0>, InputVCFParam=<a1.b>, InputVCFGeneAnno=<annol.gaf>>
##reference=ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/genbank/genomes/Eukaryotes/vertebrates_mammals/Homo_sapiens/GRCh37/special_requests/GRCh37-lite.fa
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
##phasing=partial
##INFO=<ID=NS,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total Depth">
##INFO=<ID=AF,Number=A,Type=Float,Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=DB,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">

##FILTER=<ID=q10,Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">

##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ,Number=2,Type=Integer,Description="Haplotype Quality">

##SAMPLE=<ID=NORMAL,Individual=TCGA-01-1000,File=TCGA-01-1000-1.bam,Platform=Illumina,Source=dbGAP,Accession=1234>
##SAMPLE=<ID=TUMOR,Individual=TCGA-01-1000,File=TCGA-01-1000-2.bam,Platform=Illumina,Source=dbGAP,Accession=4567>
##PEDIGREE=<Name_0=TUMOR,Name_1=NORMAL>
```

INFO meta-information

FILTER meta-information

FORMAT meta-information

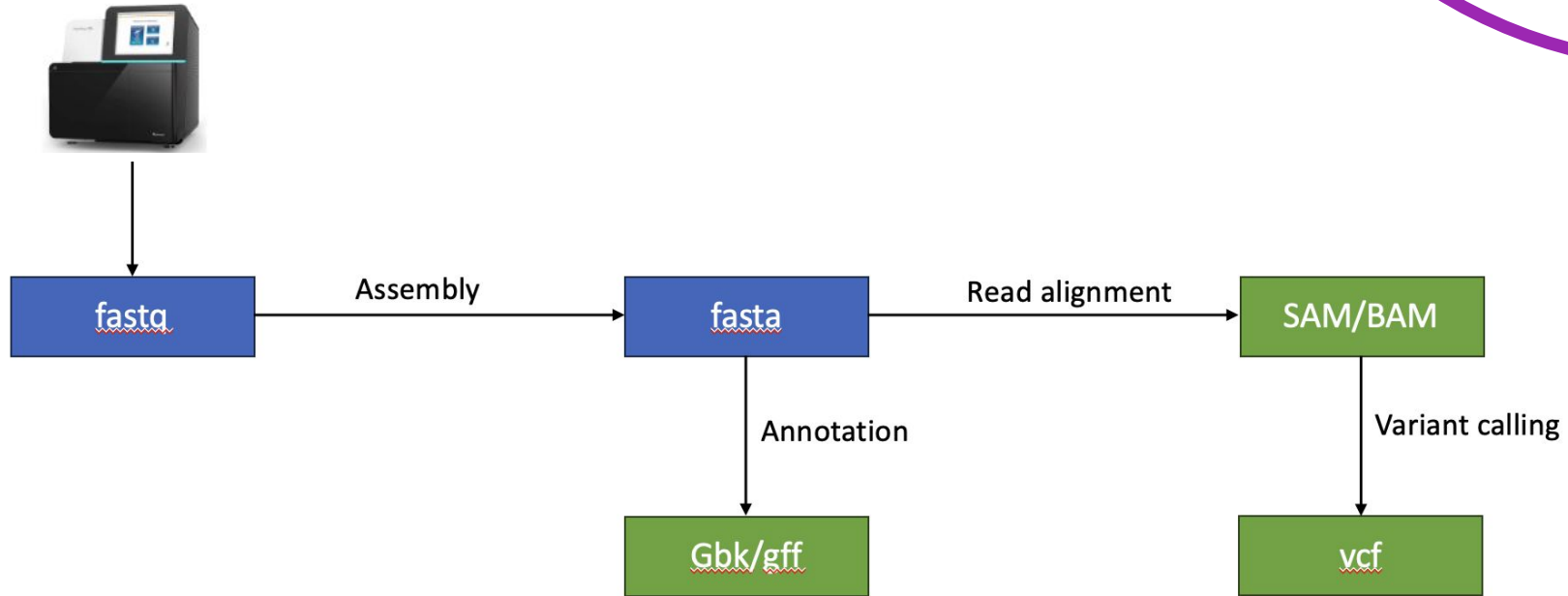
Optional: FORMAT field specifying data type + Per-sample genotype data

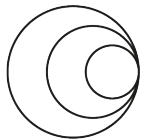
Fixed fields								Optional: FORMAT field specifying data type + Per-sample genotype data		
#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	NORMAL	TUMOR
20	14370	rs6054257	G	A	29	PASS	NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0/0:48:1:51,51	1/0:48:8:51,51
20	17330		T	A	3	q10	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0/0:49:3:58,50	0/1:3:5:65,3
20	1110696	rs6040355	A	G,T	67	PASS	NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;DB	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	1/2:21:6:23,27	2/1:2:0:18,2
20	1230237		T	.	47	PASS	NS=3;DP=13;AA=T	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0/0:54:7:56,60	0/0:48:4:51,51
20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCTC	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2

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