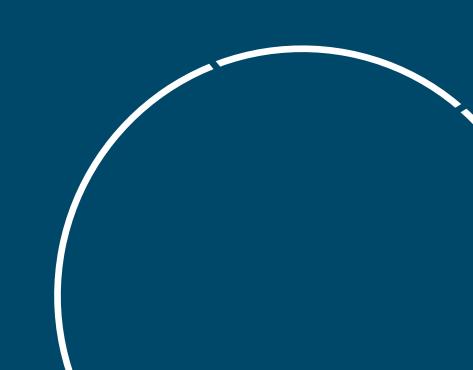


# **Bioinformatics Essentials**

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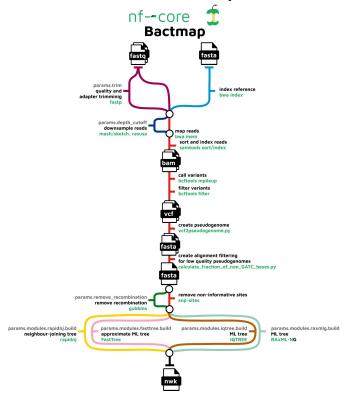


#### **Overview**

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Bioinformatics Pipelines



## **Learning Outcomes**

- You can expect to be able to:
  - Describe what a software package manager is and why are useful
  - Install a software package manager (conda/mamba)
  - Install bioinformatics software with the conda package manager
  - Describe what a workflow manager is and why useful
  - Install Nextflow and run a Nextflow pipeline

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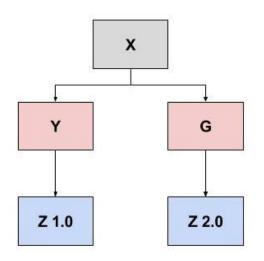
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#### **Bioinformatics Software**

- Many bioinformatics software
- Complex to install and manage
  - e.g. conflicting dependencies
- Use software package manager

#### **Dependencies Tree**



## Conda

- Automates the process of installing software and their dependencies
- Software applications available via channels
- ► A channel online locations of where packages are stored e.g. conda-forge, r, bioconda



#### Bioconda channel

#### BIOCONDA

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# BIOCONDA

**Bioconda** lets you install thousands of software packages related to biomedical research using the conda package manager.

NOTE: Bioconda supports only Linux (64-bit and AArch64) and macOS (x86\_64)

#### Usage

First, install conda.

Then perform a one-time set up of Bioconda with the following commands. This will modify your ~/.condarc file:

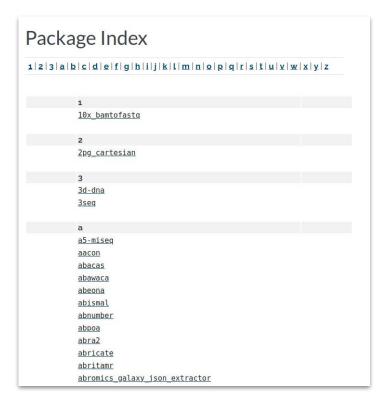
```
conda config --add channels defaults
conda config --add channels bioconda
conda config --add channels conda-forge
conda config --set channel_priority strict
```

If you have used Bioconda in the past, note that the recommended configuration has changed over the years. You should run the above commands to ensure your settings follow the current recommendations.

- ▶ How have the recommendations changed?
- ▶ What did these commands do?
- ▶ What if I don't want to modify my condarc?

Now you can use conda to install and use any of the packages available in bioconda.

- ► How do I speed up package installation?
- ▶ How do I get Docker containers of packages?



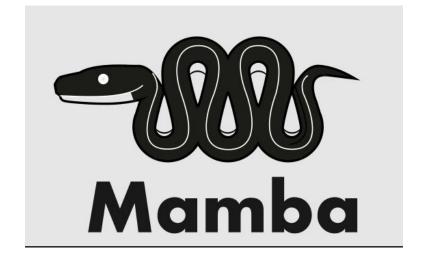
#### **Conda environments**

- A separate space (box) where you install specific versions of software/set of softwares
- Prevent conflicts between different softwares by allowing you to manage dependencies separately
- Create, activate, and switch between environments easily



#### Mamba

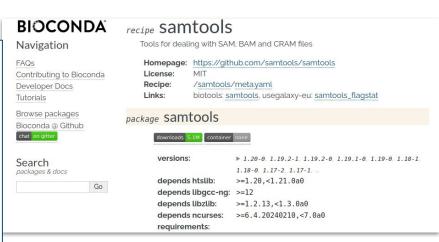
- A software package manager similar to Conda
- ► Faster and uses less memory, good for installing software faster and using less computer resources
- Fully compatible with conda



#### Demo

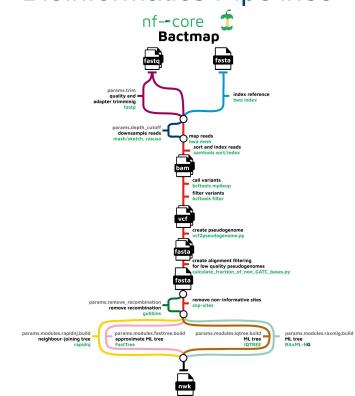
- Bioinformatics Software
  - Install conda from: <a href="https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/install/linux.html">https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/install/linux.html</a>
  - Install mamba from:
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  - Use conda to install samtools

```
$ conda info --envs
$ conda list
$ samtools --version
$ conda create -n samtools-1.21 samtools=1.21.0
$ conda activate samtools-1.21
$ conda info -envs
$ conda list
$ samtools --version
$ conda deactivate
```



## **Overview**

Bioinformatics Pipelines



## **Bioinformatics Pipelines**

- Automate analysis using a pipeline
  - e.g. bash script
- Re-write the pipeline for different platforms
- Use workflow/pipeline management system



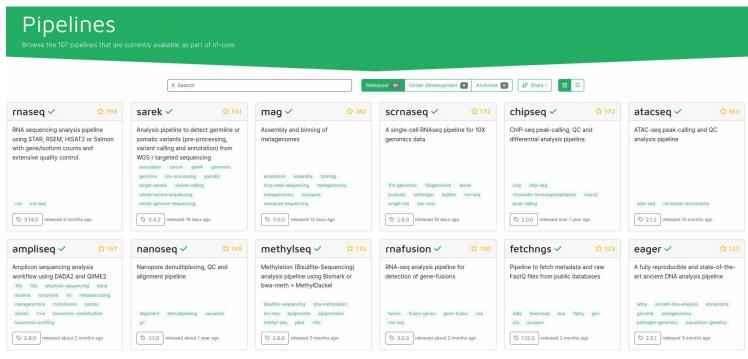
#### **Nextflow**

- Use it to write and run data-intensive workflows/pipelines
- Nextflow consists of a
  - language to write pipelines
  - engine to run pipelines
- Write a pipeline once and run everywhere!



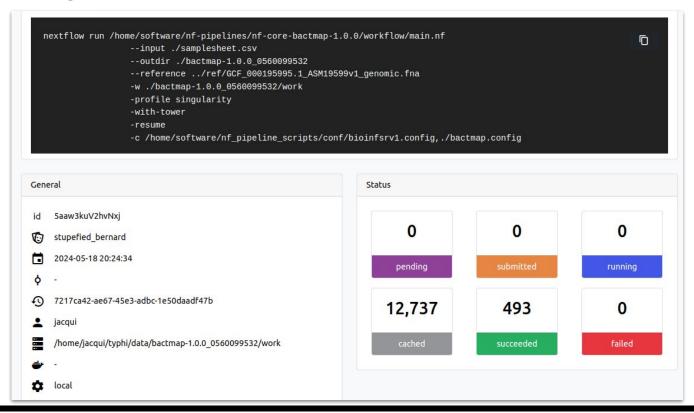
#### nf-core

 Community effort to collect a set of best practice analysis pipelines built using Nextflow

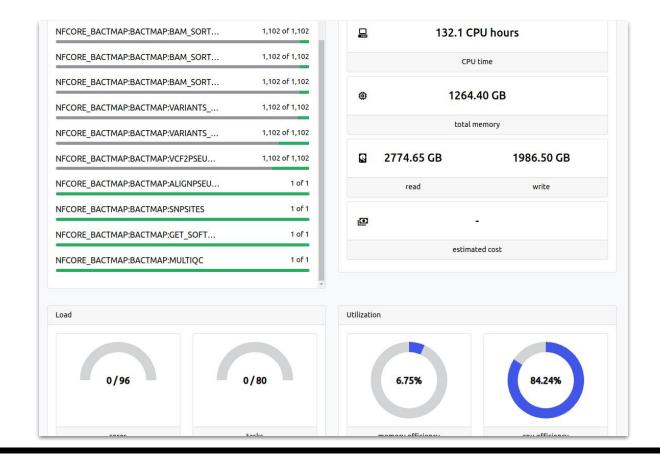


## **Sequera Platform (Nextflow Tower)**

Manages and tracks the executions of Nextflow pipelines



# **Sequera Platform (Nextflow Tower)**



#### Demo

- Bioinformatics Pipelines
  - Install Nextflow and nf-core
  - Install nf-core pipeline
    - fetchngs
  - Run the fetchngs pipeline

```
$ conda create -n nf-pipelines
```

- \$ conda activate nf-pipelines
- conda install nextflow nf-core
- \$ nf-core list
- \$ nf-core list | grep -i rna

# **Questions?**