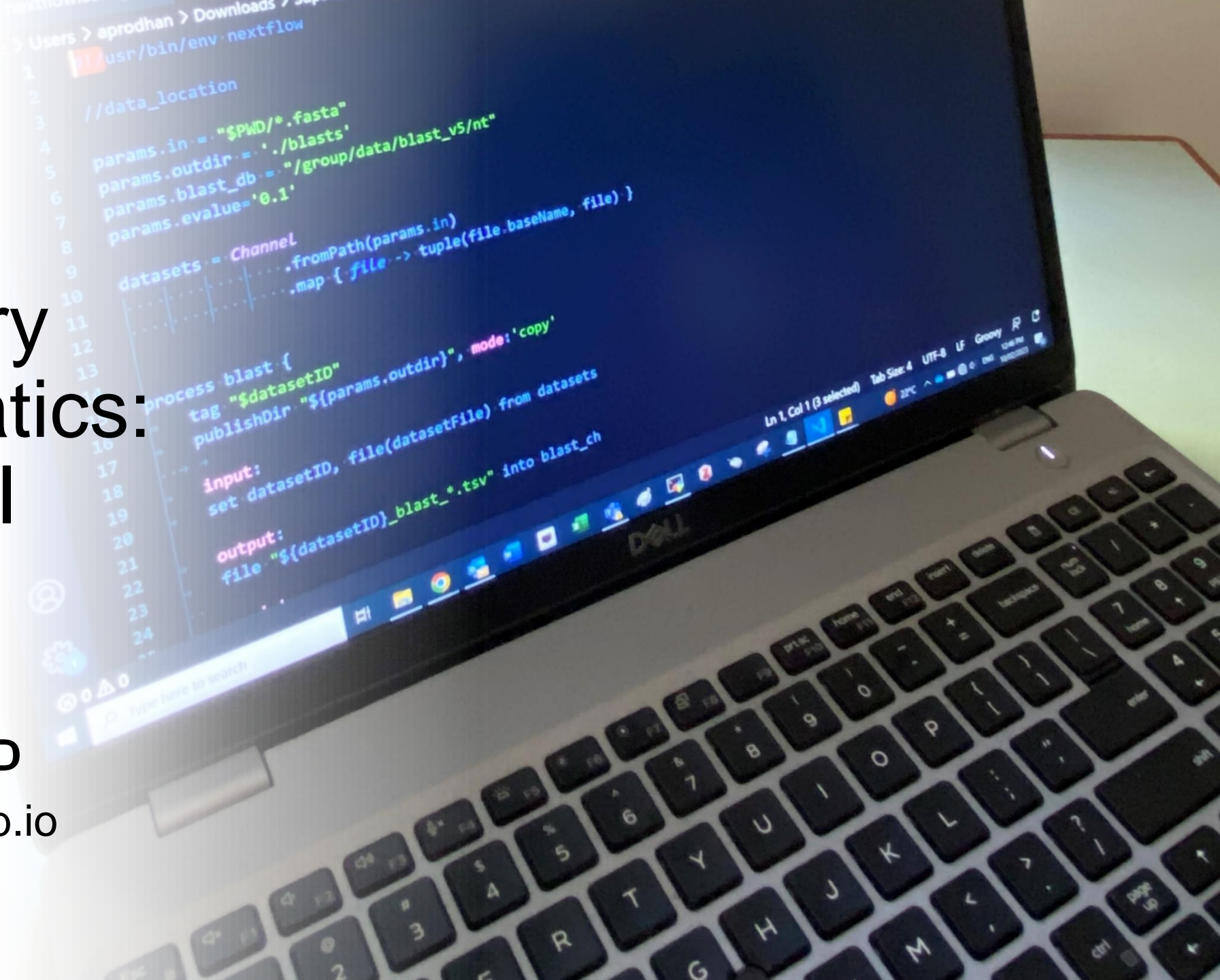


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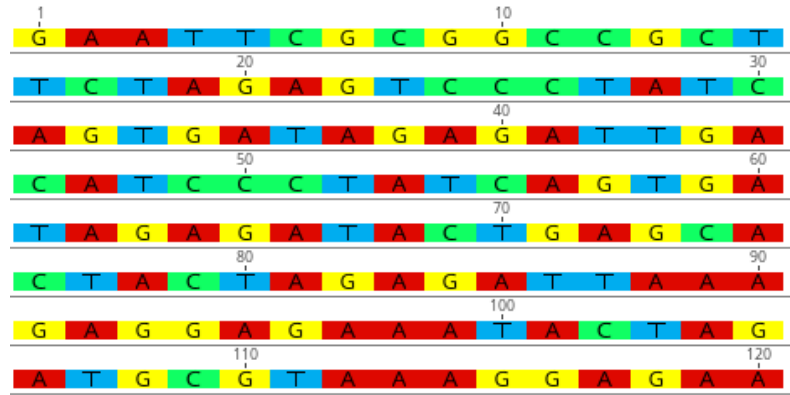
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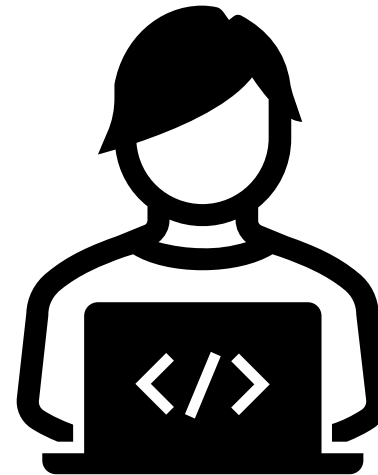
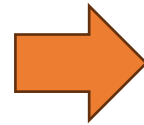


# What is bioinformatics?

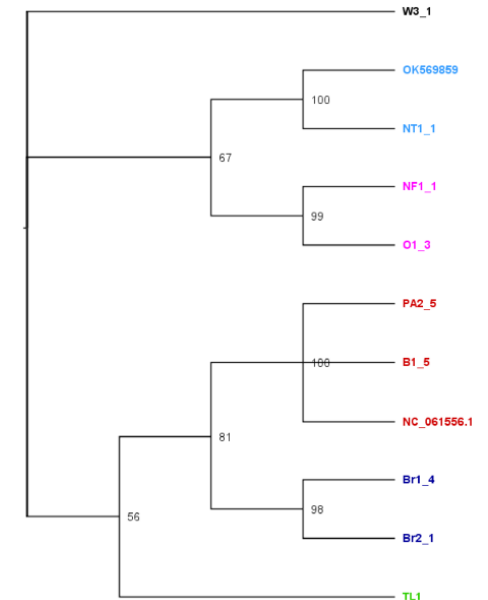
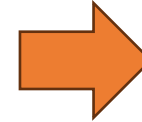
Bioinformatics = Biological Information Processing



Biological Information  
(DNA sequence data)



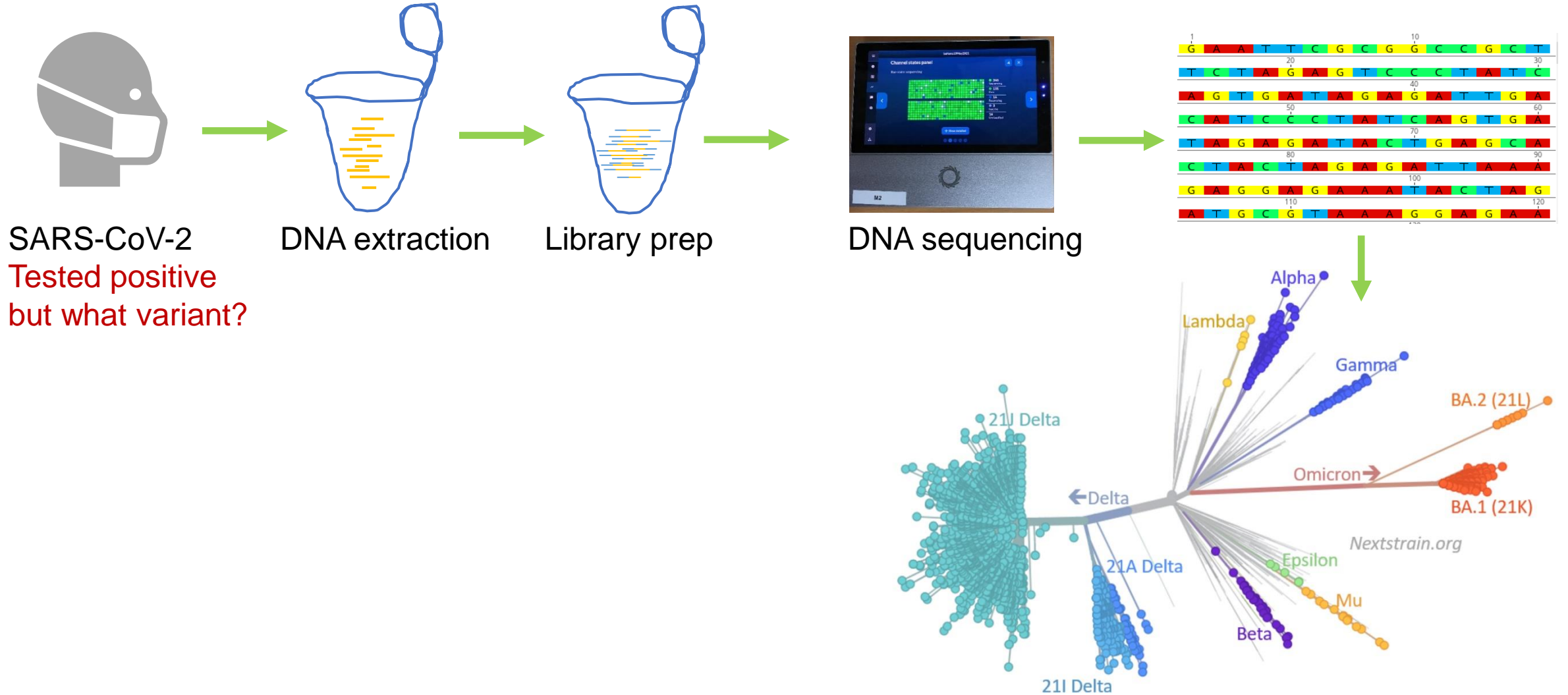
Processing  
(Computer + Computing)



Biological Insight  
(Phylogenetic tree)

[nature.com/articles/s41598-023-37425-1](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-37425-1)

# Bioinformatics applications. An example



Bioinformatics analysis of SARS-CoV-2 evolution,  
adopted from Dr Emma Hodcroft, Nextstrain

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❑ PhD research proposal

❑ Bioinformatics project ideas,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoqbmLuw5Tw>

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- ☐ What data do you need?
- ☐ Read publications (M & M)
- ☐ New data?
- ☐ How to generate? An example

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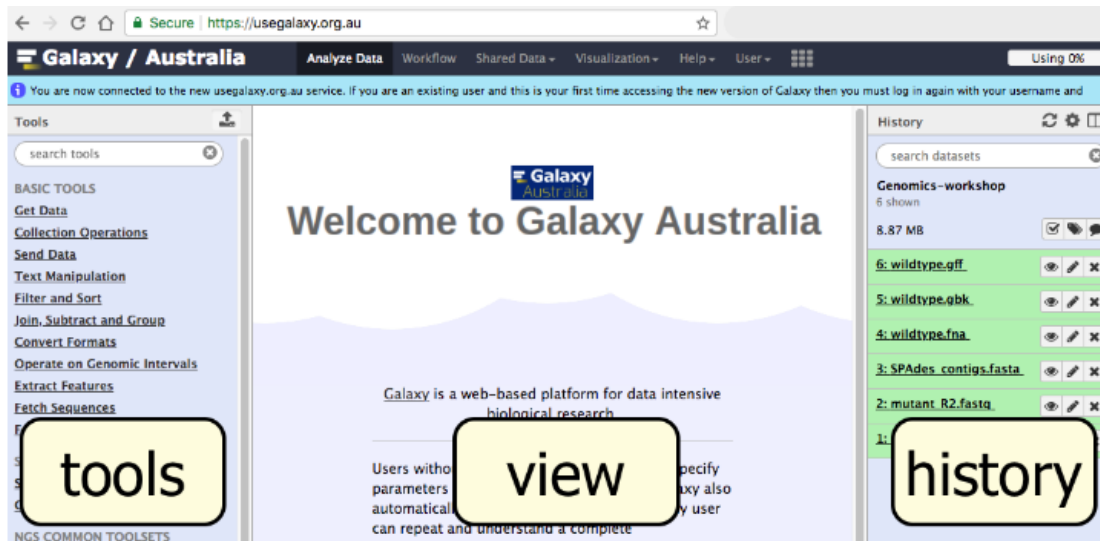
- ☐ Secondary data?
- ☐ How to download? Tutorials:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7161193395183325184/>

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- ❑ GUI: any operating system
  - ❑ CLI: Mac/Linux/WSL/VirtualBox

# GUI



<https://galaxy-au-training.github.io/tutorials/modules/galaxy/>

# CLI

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Setting up tree (1.7.0-5) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.8.3-2) ...
mark@linux-desktop:/tmp/tutorial$ tree
.
├── another
├── combined.txt
├── dir1
├── dir2
│   ├── dir3
│   │   ├── test_1.txt
│   │   ├── test_2.txt
│   │   └── test_3.txt
├── dir4
│   └── dir5
│       └── dir6
├── folder
└── output.txt

8 directories, 5 files
mark@linux-desktop:/tmp/tutorial$
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<https://ubuntu.com/tutorials/command-line-for-beginners#1-overview>



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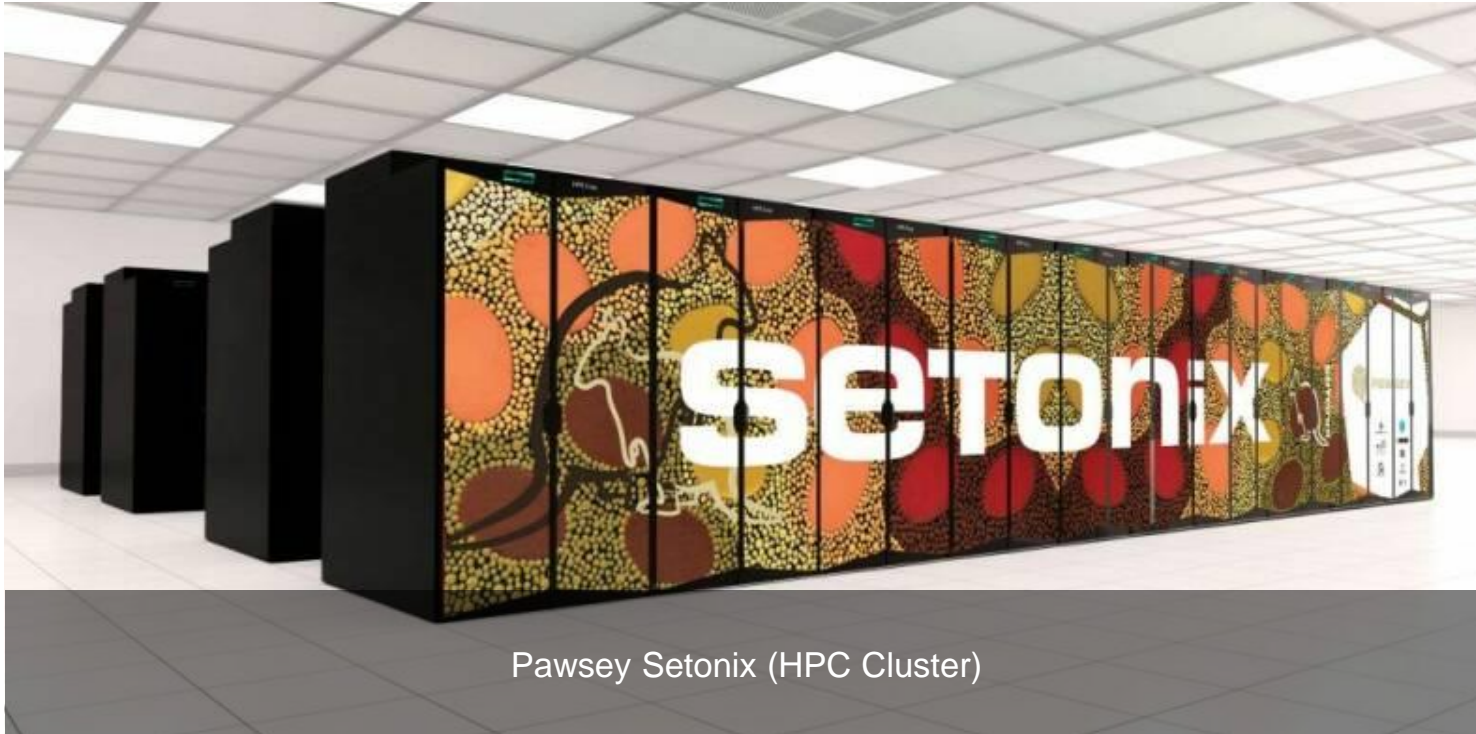
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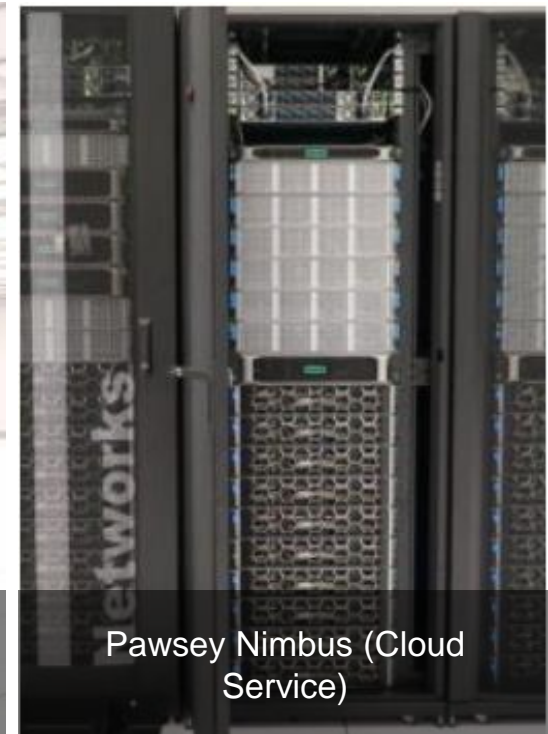
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Pawsey Setonix (HPC Cluster)



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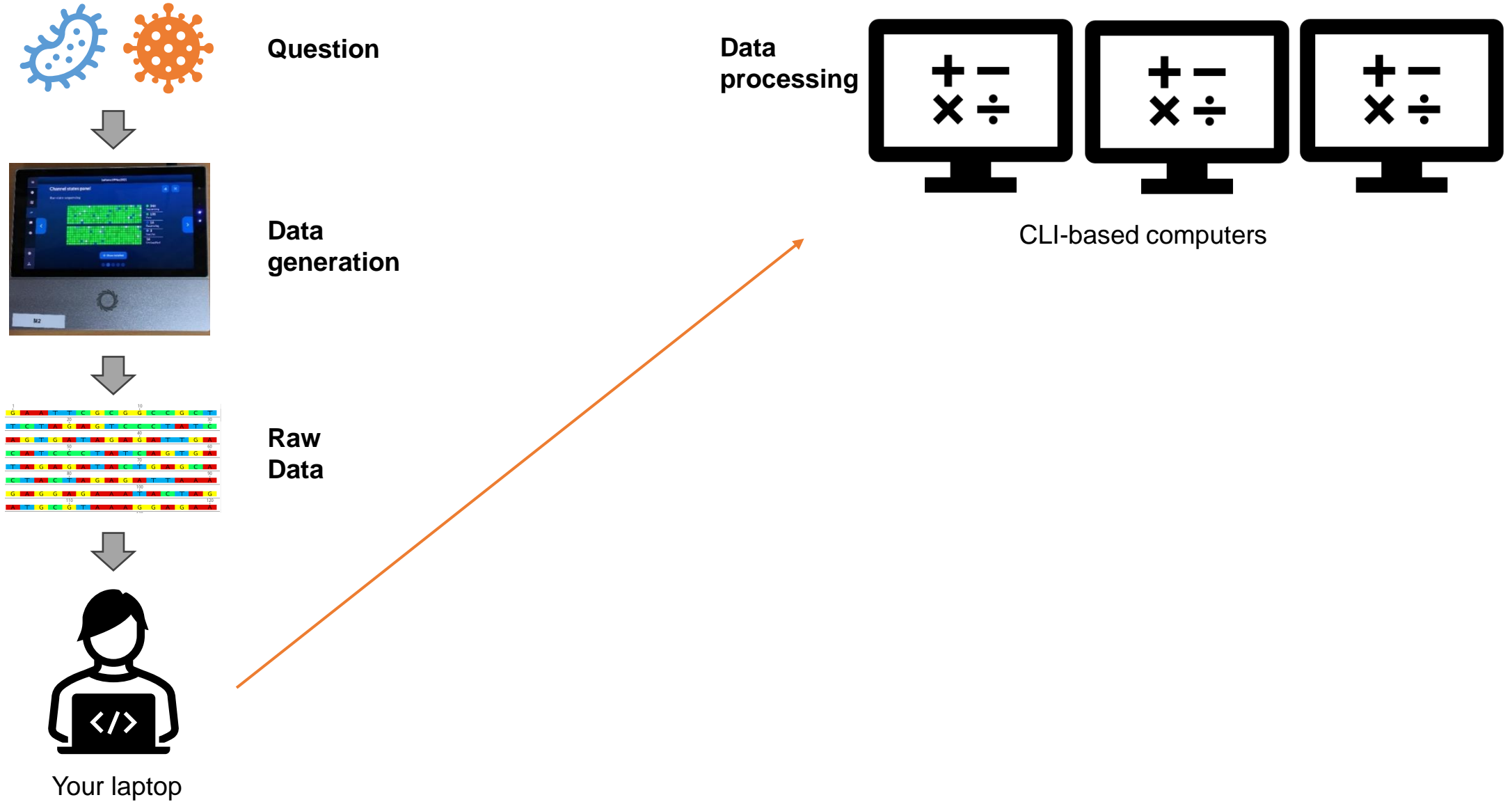
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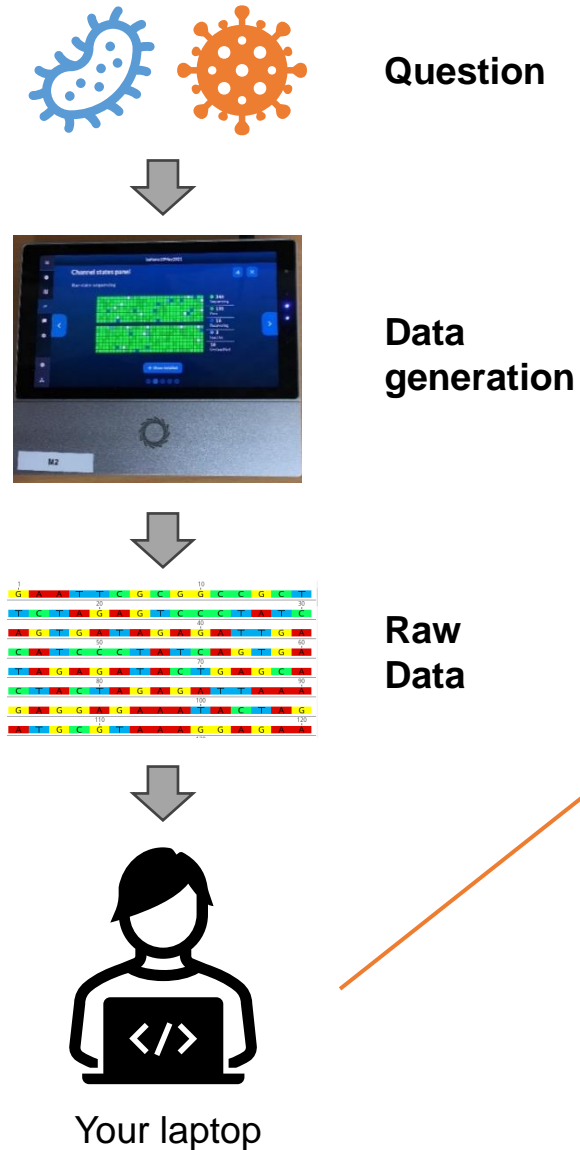
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- ❑ Question > Data > Access to the  
CLI-based Computer > Now what?
- ❑ Coding!

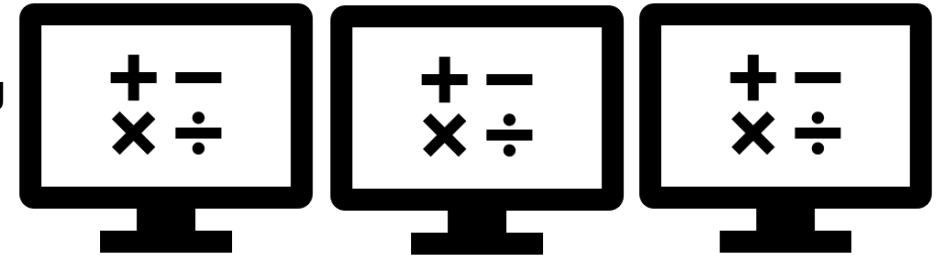
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Data processing



CLI-based computers

## What to learn?

How to set up your laptop for coding?

How to connect to remote computers?

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How to navigate files using CLI?

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How to transfer data?

How to install bioinformatics tools?

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How to carry out your analyses?

Hands-on workshop, YouTube

Steep learning curve!



# Steep learning curve but REWARDING

