

Bash Day 1

Cut

Takes columns and removes them from a text file

Syntax

Cut -f the number of the column filename

Cut -f 1 gene_annotations.tsv
Takes column 1

To cut multiple columns use a comma

Cut -f 1,3 gene_annotations.tsv
Takes columns 1 and 3

To take a range of locations use a dash

Cut -f 1-3 gene_annotations

Takes columns 1 to 3

Grep

'Global regular expressions' lets you look for a particular sequence inside a file

Syntax

Grep string to search for file name

grep blue color.txt

Prints out the lines with the matching text

Ex grep re color.txt

Gives all words with 're' in the list of words in the color txt file

If you don't get a write out it means the string was not present in the file

You can count how many matching patterns using the flag -c

Grep indigo *.txt will allow you to search multiple files in the same directory.

Paste adds columns of data right next to each other. However it does not account for line matching so if rows are not equivalent it will paste the data and make an uneven number of rows.

Sort to sort files by a value

Comm select or reject lines common to two files