

Many pipelines work with tables

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Bioinformatic pipelines frequently implement steps as operations on tables

Often, these tables are just tab-delimited text files

UNIX has powerful tools for working with these files

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