

Handling SAM files

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SAM Format

Header section: @

Alignment section:

- 1 QNAME: read name
- 2 FLAG: bitwise FLAG
- 3 RNAME: reference sequence name (chromosome)
- 4 POS: 1-based leftmost mapping position (where the read starts mapping)
- 5 MAPQ: mapping quality
- 6 CIGAR: CIGAR string
- 7 RNEXT: name of the mate/next read (for paired ends)
- 8 PNEXT: Position of the mate/next read (BP O)
- 9 TLEN: observed Template LENgth
- 10 SEQ: read sequence
- 11 QUAL: read quality (phred-scale +33)

BAM format

SAM

SAM : Sequence Alignment/Map format.

Is a TAB-delimited **text** format storing the alignment information.

BAM

A **binary** and *compressed* version of the file is easier to handle.

Generally **sorted** by chromosome position.

Supplementary **index** files may be created for certain purposes (quick access)

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Version: 0.1.19-96b5f2294a

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merge	merge sorted alignments
rmdup	remove PCR duplicates
reheader	replace BAM header
cat	concatenate BAMs
bedcov	read depth per BED region
targetcut	cut fosmid regions (for fosmid pool or
phase	phase heterozygotes
bamshuf	shuffle and group alignments by name

SAMtools Commands

Usage: `samtools sort [options] <in.bam> <out.prefix>`

Options:

- `-n` sort by read name
- `-f` use <out.prefix> as full file name instead of just prefix
- `-o` final output to stdout
- `-l INT` compression level, from 0 to 9 [-1]
- `-@ INT` number of sorting and compression threads
- `-m INT` max memory per thread; suffix K/M/G recommended

SAMtools First Commands

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SAMtools more Commands

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