

# Introduction to Snakemake

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# Lesson 1

1. Why Snakemake?
2. Introducing Workflows
3. Workflow Syntax
4. Running Snakemake
5. Assignment 1

Preparation for Assignment 1:

```
sbatch -c 1 --mem 4G --wrap \  
"conda create -n smk-lesson-1 -c conda-forge -c bioconda prokka pirate snakemake"
```

# Why Snakemake?

## Automation

Front-loading your effort.

## Reproducibility

Modest investment at the beginning of a project yields a hands-off tool for performing routine analyses.

## Others' Snakefiles

# Why Snakemake?

Automation

Guarantee that the same inputs will give the same outputs.

**Reproducibility**

Altering any input will make Snakemake re-evaluate the outputs.

Others' Snakefiles

Built-in version tracking.

# Why Snakemake?

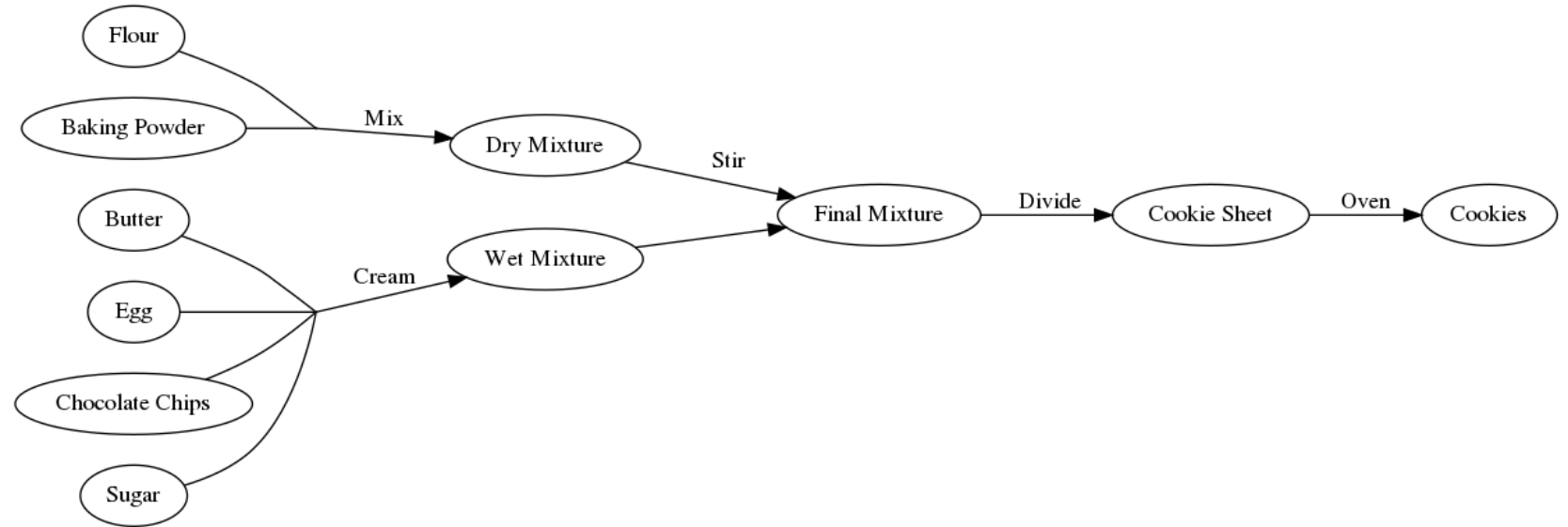
Automation

Understand and modify the tools others have created for you.

Reproducibility

**Others'**  
**Snakefiles**

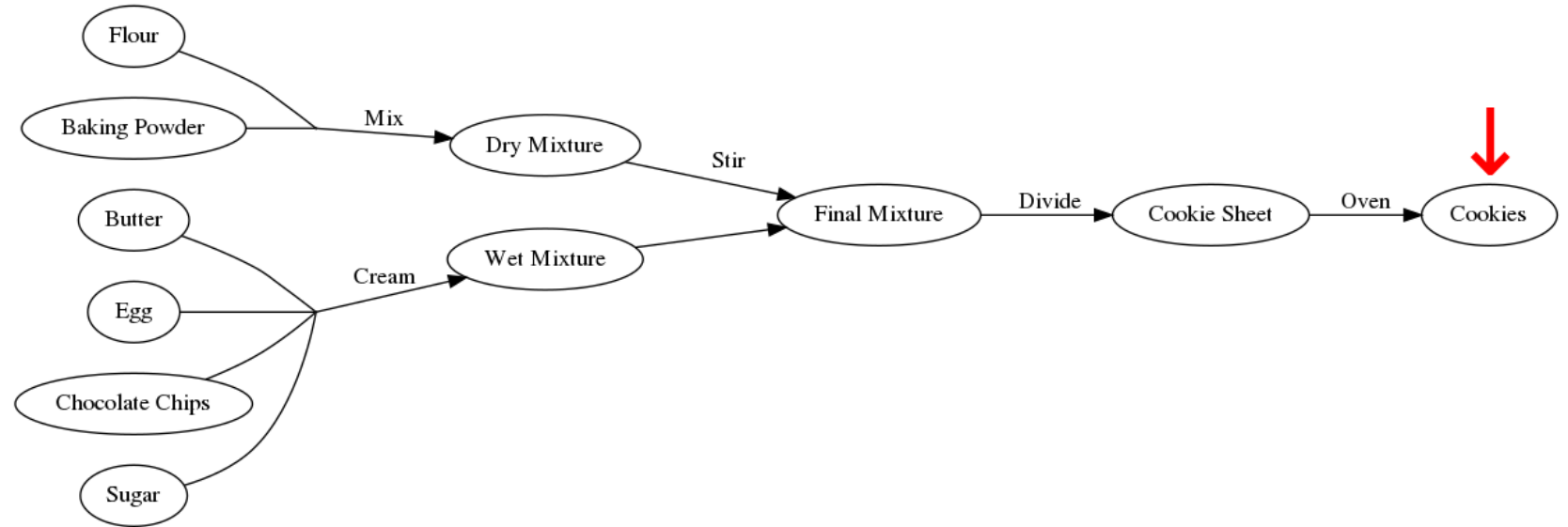
# Baking with Graphs



# Thinking Backwards

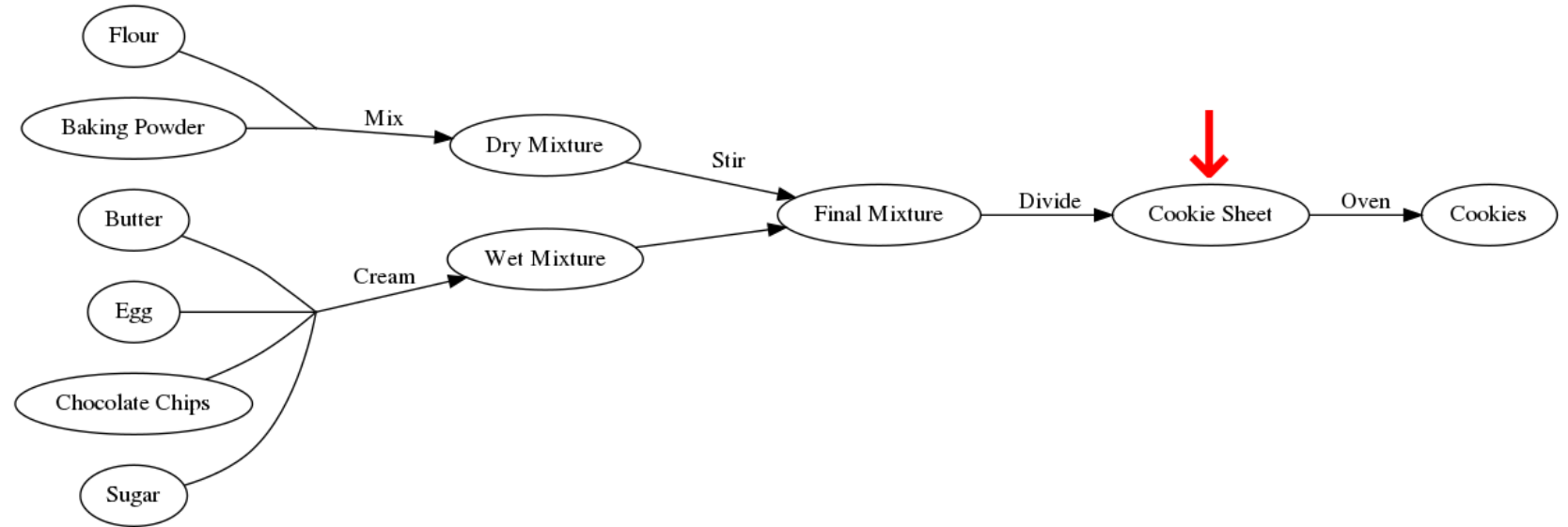
- Snakemake figures out how to achieve the desired result:
  - starts at the final product
  - works backwards until it finds what it needs
- A collection of dependencies not a sequence of instructions
- You tell it how to convert each input to each output

# Thinking Backwards

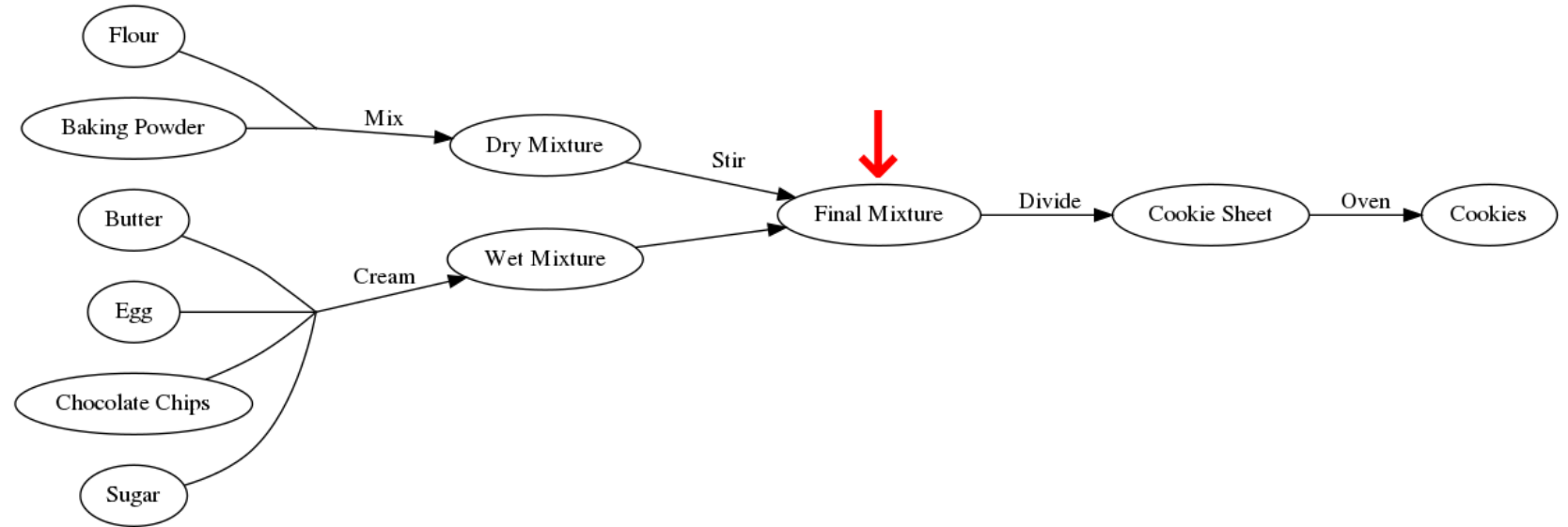




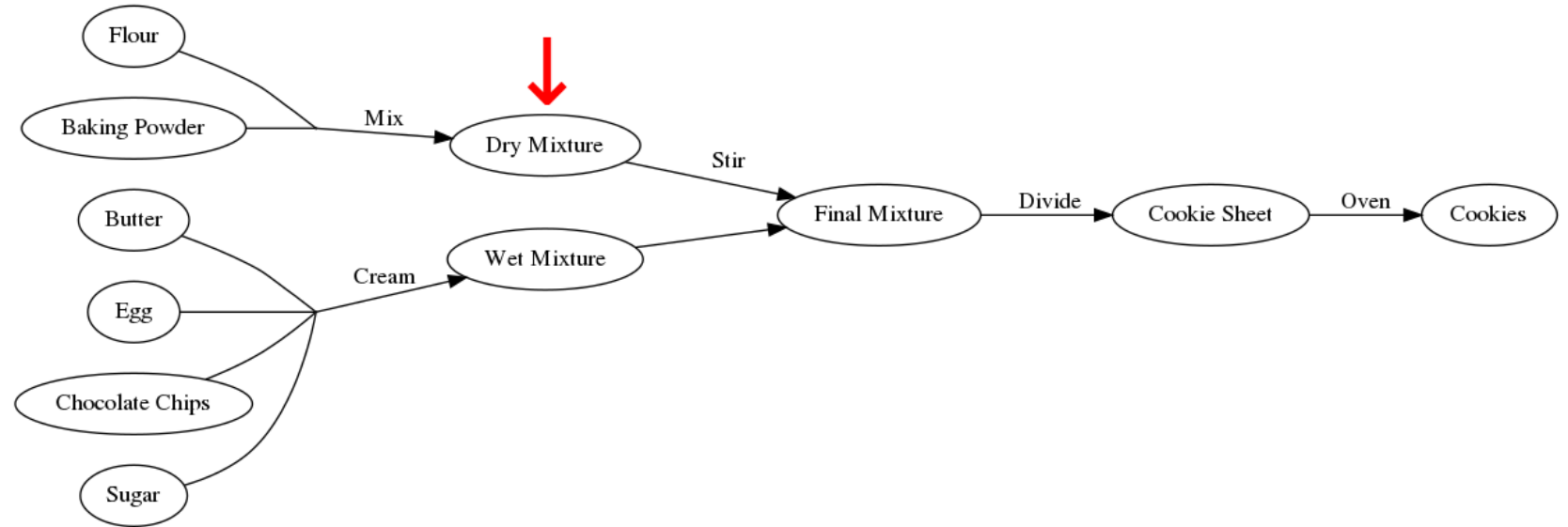
# Thinking Backwards



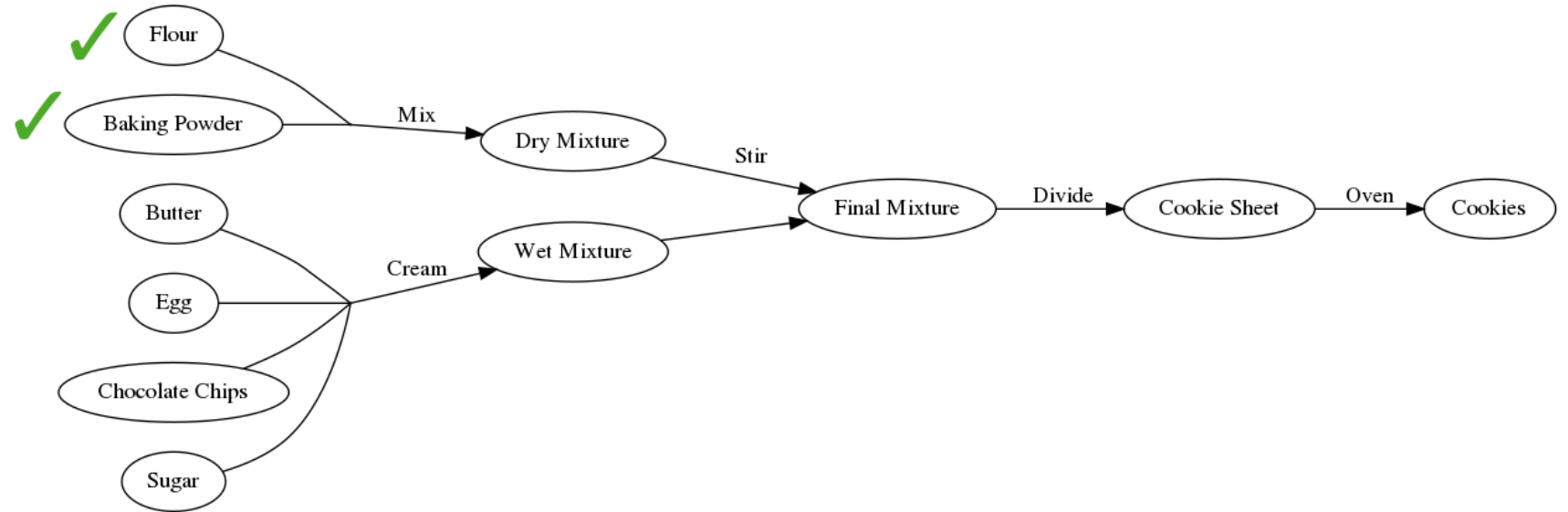
# Thinking Backwards



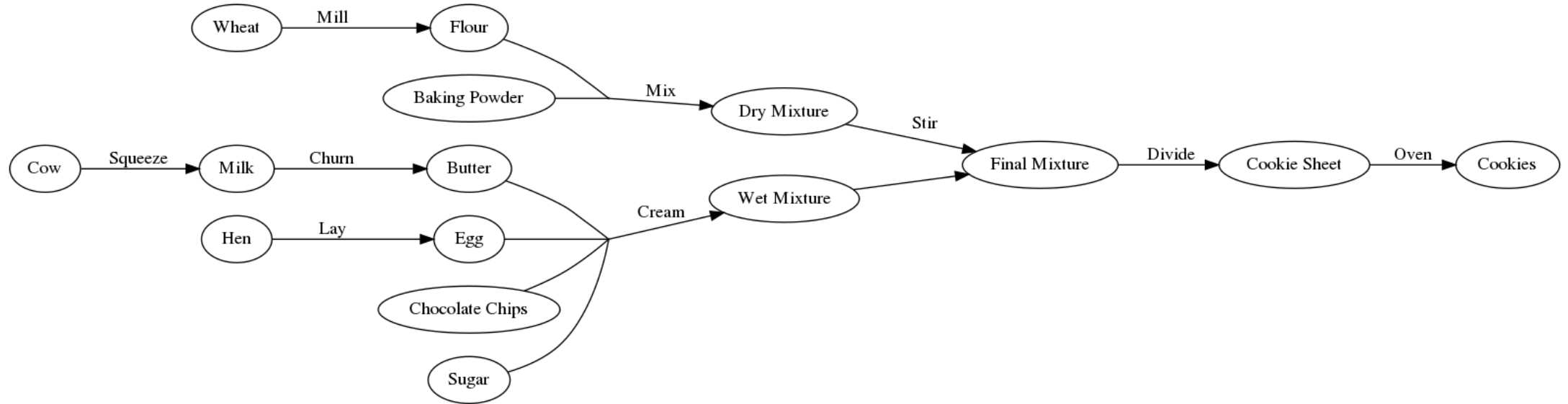
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# Rules for Baking

```
rule all:
  input: "cookies"

rule bake_cookies:
  input: "pan/dough.blobs"
  output: "cookies"
  shell: "oven -i {input} -o {output} --temp 350 --time 15"

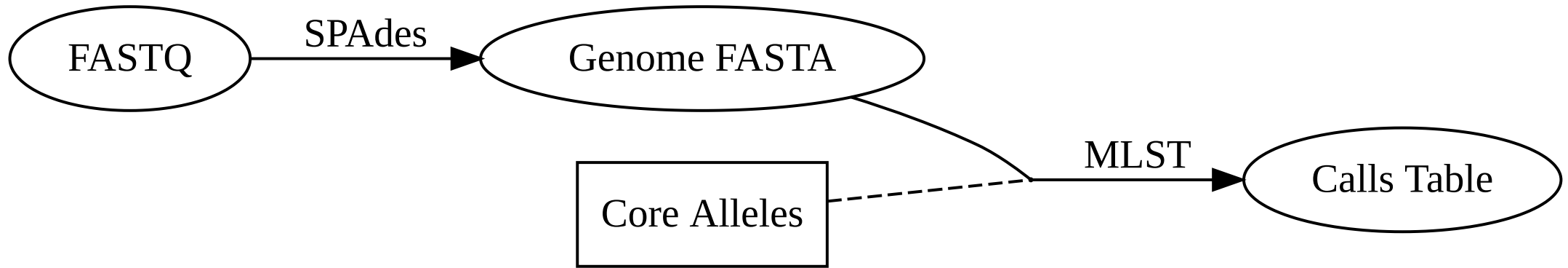
rule apportion_dough_blobs:
  input: "bowls/final.mix"
  output: "pan/dough.blobs"
  shell: "scoop -n 24 {input} > {output}"

rule combine_bowls:
  input: wet="bowls/wet.mix", dry="bowls/dry.mix"
  output: "bowls/final.mix"
  shell: "mixer {input.wet} {input.dry} > {output}"
```

# Rules for Baking

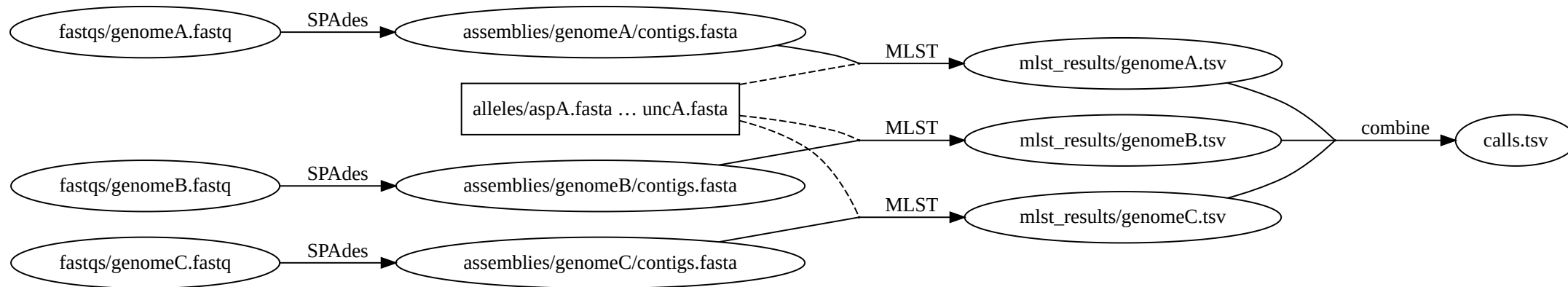
- The `all` rule is the final target, and written first
- Each rule specifies its `input` and `output`
- The `shell` command defines how the `input` becomes the `output`
- Snakemake matches up `input` and `output` for all the rules until it can generate `all`

# Baking → Bioinformatics





# Multiple Samples



# Multiple Samples

- Recall that rules are only executed if their inputs update or outputs are missing
- Lets you run jobs without worrying you'll waste effort

## MLST Example from Above

1. If you have 1000 genomes and run the above MLST rule, it will calculate 1000 calls, and build the calls table
2. If you add 1 more genome, and rerun snakemake, only a single MLST will run, and the calls table is rebuilt

# Wildcards

- We can match every file with particular naming pattern with wildcards
- In a rule, wrap a variable name with curly braces
  - *e.g.* `{sample}`
- Rule will be applied in parallel to each file matching the rule
- In `shell` block, you can access these when preceded by `wildcards`
  - *e.g.* `{wildcards.sample}`

# Expanding patterns

- The `expand()` function can be useful for taking a pattern and using it to get many files matching that pattern

```
# get sample names from starting fastas
# genomes/foo.fasta, genome/bar.fasta, genome/baz.fasta
from pathlib import Path
samples = [p.stem for p in Path("genomes").glob("*.fasta")]
# samples = ["foo", "bar", "baz"]

rule all:
    input: "aggregated_results.txt"

rule process_genomes:
    input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"
    output: "results/{sample}.txt"
    shell: "frobnicate {input} > {output}"

rule takes_many_files:
    input: expand("results/{sample}.txt", sample=samples)
    output: "aggregated_results.txt"
```

# Rules for Multiple Samples

```
from pathlib import Path
sample_names = [fq.stem for fq in Path("fastqs").glob("*")]

rule all:
    input: "calls.tsv"

rule assemble:
    input:
        fwd="fastqs/{sample}/{sample}_1.fastq", rev="fastqs/{sample}/{sample}_2.fastq"
    output: "assemblies/{sample}/contigs.fasta"
    shell: "spades -1 {input.fwd} -2 {input.rev} -o assemblies/{wildcards.sample}"

rule get_sequence_types:
    input: "assemblies/{sample}/contigs.fasta"
    output: "mlst_results/{sample}.tsv"
    shell: "mlst --scheme campylobacter {input} > {output}"

rule combine_mlst_results:
    input: expand("mlst_results/{sample}.tsv", sample=sample_names)
    output: "calls.tsv"
    shell: "cat {input} > {output}"
```

# Threads

- Many (but not all!) bioinformatics tools use multiple CPU threads
- `threads` directive defaults to `1`
  - Accessible in the `shell` block, similar to `input` and `output`
    - `{threads}`

```
rule annotate_genome:  
    input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"  
    output: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"  
    threads: 8  
    shell: "prokka --cpus {threads} -o annotations/{wildcards.sample} {input}"
```

# Caveats and Assumptions

## Directory Structure

- Snakefiles themselves can live anywhere
  - I keep mine in `~/snakefiles/`
- Workflows tightly coupled to any directory structure described within
- Will implicitly create any directories it needs
  - No need for `mkdir`

# Directory Structure

This rule...

```
rule annotate_genome:
  input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"
  output: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"
  threads: 8
  shell: "prokka --cpus {threads} -o annotations/{wildcards.sample} {input}"
```

*requires* this structure:

```
analysis/
├── annotations/
│   ├── isolateA.fasta
│   ├── isolateB.fasta
│   └── isolateC.fasta
└── genomes/
    ├── isolateA.fasta
    ├── isolateB.fasta
    └── isolateC.fasta
```



# Caveats and Assumptions

## Independent Jobs

- Failure of any job will abort all other jobs
  - Override with `--keep-going`
  - Dependent jobs will still await all inputs
  - *e.g.* if stirring the dry cookie mixture fails, the wet mixture still gets made, but nothing goes in the oven

# Running Snakemake (Basic)

The **basic invocation** of Snakemake:

```
snakemake --jobs <number of parallel jobs> -s <path to your Snakefile> -d <work directory>
```

Example populated with real values:

```
snakemake --jobs 5 -s ~/snakefiles/assemble.smk -d ~/Projects/cj_population_study
```

# Running Snakemake on Waffles

- Snakemake can be run on HPCs like **Waffles**
  - *Must* be combined with Slurm
  - *Don't run it on the head node!*
- Two parts:
  1. Tell Snakemake how to submit jobs with `--cluster`
  2. Submit Snakemake itself as a Slurm job

# Running Snakemake on Waffles

The `--cluster` argument:

- Create a template command to pass to **Slurm**
- May access Snakemake special variables like `{threads}`
  - **More on this later**

```
--cluster 'sbatch -c {threads} --mem 12G --partition NMLResearch '
```

# Running Snakemake on Waffles

Submitting the Snakemake job to Slurm:

```
sbatch -c 1 --mem 4G --wrap "snakemake --jobs 5 -s  
~/snakefiles/assemble.smk -d ~/Projects/cj_population_study --cluster  
'sbatch -c {threads} --mem 12G --partition NMLResearch '"
```

# Assignment 1

Write a Snakemake workflow that does the following:

1. Run Prokka on each genome
2. Symlink GFF annotations into `gffs/`
3. Build a pangenome with PIRATE

```
conda activate smk-lesson-1
```

# Lesson 2

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1. Assignment 1 Answers
2. Conda Integration
3. Params and Threads
4. Mixing in Python
5. Assignment 2



# Assignment 1

# Conda Integration

- Snakemake can manage `conda` directly
- No need to manually build or activate conda environments

## Conda directive

```
rule annotate_genome:  
    input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"  
    output: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"  
    conda: "envs/prokka.yaml"  
    shell: "prokka --cpus {threads} -o annotations/{wildcards.sample} {input}"
```

# Conda YAML files

- Placed **relative to the Snakefile**, *not* the project directory

```
# annotate.smk
rule annotate_genome:
    input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"
    output: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"
    conda: "envs/prokka.yaml"
    shell: "prokka --cpus {threads} -o annotations/{wildcards.sample} {input}"
```

The above will look for the following directory structure:

```
snakefiles/
├── annotate.smk
├── envs
│   └── prokka.yaml
```

# Conda YAML files

This YAML file ...

```
name: prokka
channels:
  - conda-forge
  - bioconda
  - defaults
dependencies:
  - prokka
```

... is equivalent to this conda command:

```
conda create -n prokka -c conda-forge -c bioconda -c defaults prokka
```

# Using Conda Directives with Snakemake

- Must explicitly tell Snakemake to use Conda

```
snakemake --use-conda <...>
```

- Automatic installation and activation

# Config

Configuration is possible through `config`

- Python `dict` available within the Snakefile
- Available through two methods
  - `--config` passes arguments directly via command line
  - `--configfile` points to a YAML file that provides values

`--config "key=value"` is equivalent to `--configfile config.yaml` where...

```
# config.yaml  
key: "value"
```

# Configuration via:

`--config` flag:

- ↓ effort
- ↑ flexible
- ↓ reproducible

YAML file:

- ↑ effort
- ↓ flexible
- ↑ reproducible

# Params

- Non-file parameters may be provided in the `params` directive



# Abusing Params to Fine-tune Resources

```
snakemake <...> --cluster 'sbatch -c {threads} --mem {params.mem} --time {params.time} '
```

```
rule annotate_genome:
    input: "genomes/{sample}.fasta"
    output: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"
    threads: 8
    params:
        time="45:00",
        mem="16G"
    shell: "prokka --cpus {threads} -o annotations/{wildcards.sample} {input}"

rule symlink_gff:
    input: "annotations/{sample}/{sample}.gff"
    output: "gffs/{sample}.gff"
    threads: 1
    params:
        time="01:00",
        mem="100M"
    shell: "ln -sr {input} {output}"
```

# Config vs Params

- Params are fairly "fixed"
  - Used primarily to simplify `shell` block
- Config for run-specific information
  - *e.g.* providing a particular host database to `kat` or training file to `chewBBACA`

# Mixing in Python

- Python may be mixed in arbitrarily into Snakemake
  - *i.e.* All Python is valid Snakemake
- Two main ways of using Python in Snakemake
  - `run` blocks
  - Python used directly in the Snakemake file

Python → Snakemake, get it?

# Run blocks

- `run` blocks can be used in place of `shell` blocks
- Write Python inside the `run` block, rather than Bash in a `shell` block
- May access snakemake values like `input` and `output`

```
rule transpose_table:
    input: "data/results_table.csv"
    output: "data/results_table_transposed.csv"
    run:
        import pandas as pd
        original = pd.read_csv(input[0], header=0)
        transposed = original.transpose()
        transposed.to_csv(output[0], header=False)
```

# Directly Using Python in Snakemake

- You can directly use Python in Snakemake
- Particularly useful for handling cases where a rule generates variable output
  - *e.g.* The number of gene FASTAs generated by a pangenome analysis
- Can provide a Python function to `input` instead of a file pattern

- `select_high_quality_genomes` takes a list of FASTAs, then symlinks high-quality ones into `./good_genomes/` and writes a report called `quality_report.txt`
- We don't know in advance which genomes will pass QC, so we need an input function

```
rule quality_filter_genomes:
    input: expand("genomes/{sample}.fasta", sample=samples)
    output: "quality_report.txt"
    shell: "select_high_quality_genomes {input} > {output}"

# input functions need to take parameter `wildcards`
def collect_good_genome_sample_names(wildcards):
    good_genomes = Path("good_genomes/").glob("*.fasta")
    return list(good_genomes)

# use the report as a dummy input to make sure quality_filter_genomes executes
rule run_abricate:
    input: report="quality_report.txt", fastas=collect_good_genome_sample_names
    output: "amr_results.tsv"
    shell: "abricate {input.fastas} > {output}"
```

# Assignment 2

- Build upon Assignment 1
  1. Create conda YAMLS for `prokka` and `pirate`
  2. Give appropriate resources to each rule with `params`
  3. Write a rule with a `run` block that reads `PIRATE.gene_families.tsv`, finds loci present in 100% of genomes, and writes their names to a text file
    - columns of interest: `gene_family` & `number_genomes`
  4. A rule that:
    - Uses an input function reads selected genes from the text file in **Part 3**
    - Symlinks these into a directory called `loci`
      - Either `shell` or `run` at your preference

# Assignment 2 Hints

## pandas for easily reading tabular files

```
import pandas as pd
data_table = pd.read_csv(input[0], sep = "\t")
# select rows from columnA where columnC is greater than 42
selected_rows = data_table["columnC"] > 42
selected_columnA = data_table["columnA"].loc[selected_rows]
```

## Creating symlinks from a list of file basenames

```
# list_of_names = ["larry", "moe", "curly"]
import os
for name in list_of_names:
    src = f"originals/{name}.txt"
    dst = f"filtered/{name}.txt"
    os.symlink(src, dst)
```



# Assignment 2 Hints

## Reading a text file into a list with Python

- Consider combining functions like this with `expand()`
  - `expand("path/to/{sample}.txt", sample=read_list_to_list())`

```
def read_lines_to_list(path: str):  
    lines = []  
    with open(path, "r") as f:  
        for line in f:  
            trimmed_line = line.strip()  
            lines.append(trimmed_line)  
    return lines
```

# Reading a text file, but using at as an input function

```
def aggregate_files(path: str):  
    lines = []  
    with open(path, "r") as f:  
        for line in f:  
            trimmed_line = line.strip()  
            lines.append(trimmed_line)  
    lines_with_paths = [f"path/to/{sample}.txt" for sample in lines]  
    return lines_with_paths
```

```
rule do_something:  
    input: aggregate_files  
    output: "somefile.txt"  
    shell: "my_program {input} -o {output}"
```

# Lesson 3

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1. Assignment 2 Answer
2. Fixing when things go wrong
3. Priorities
4. Script files (Python, R, and Julia)
5. Visualizing Workflows
6. Clinic

# Assignment 2

# When Things Go Wrong

- Snakemake locks its working directory when running
  - Prevents other snakemake instances from running in the same place
- Snakemake removes the lock when it completes (success *or* failure)
- Lockfile may not be removed when if snakemake crashes or is killed by slurm
  - `scancel --user your_username`

Unable to lock working directory.

# Unlocking a Stale Lock

## The Correct Way: `--unlock`

```
sbatch -c 1 --mem 2G --wrap "snakemake --unlock -s path/to/your/workflow.smk -j 1"
```

## 💀💀💀 Nuclear Option 💀💀💀

```
rm -r ./snakemake
```

# Priorities

- Rule priorities may be set
- These **are not** the same as slurm partitions
- Only determine the priority of execution within the workflow
- Rules default to priority 0
- Bigger numbers are higher priority

```
rule my_example:  
  input: ...  
  output: ...  
  priority: 50  
  shell: ...
```



# Script Files

- Can be used like a `run` block, but stored in another file
  - Path is specified relative to the workflow
- Available languages:
  - Python
  - R
  - Julia
- Snakemake will use special variables in the script
  - These scripts won't be general purpose!
  - Tied to snakemake

# Script Files

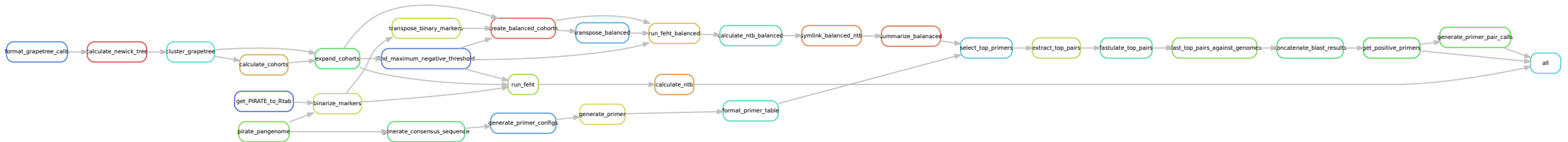
```
# workflow.smk
rule scriptfile_example:
    input:
        "path/to/inputfile",
        "path/to/other/inputfile"
    output:
        "path/to/outputfile",
        "path/to/another/outputfile"
    script:
        "scripts/script.py"
```

```
# scripts/script.py
def do_something(data_path, out_path, threads, myparam):
    # python code here

do_something(snakemake.input[0], snakemake.output[0],
             snakemake.threads, snakemake.config["myparam"])
```

# Visualizing Workflows

```
# Shows just the abstract graph of rules
snakemake -s your/workflow.smk --rulegraph | dot -Tpng > workflow.png
# OR
# Show every sample's journey through the workflow
snakemake -s your/workflow.smk --dag | dot -Tpng > workflow.png
```



# Clinic

**Please feel free to ask any questions!**