

Galaxy for virologist training Exercise 4: Nanopore Assembly 101

Title	Galaxy
Training dataset:	Nanopore MinION Sequencing of a Monkey Pox Virus (MPXV) from Spain 2022 outbreak. Data is publicly available at SRA with ID ERR10297654 . Paper
Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Nanopore reads are differently assembled from Illumina?
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the concept of assembly• Learn how to interpret assembly quality control metrics
Estimated time:	40 min

1. Description

Nanopore technology is a third generation sequencing technique which allows to get longer sequences, but with reduced sequence quality. Different technologies have different formats, qualities, and specific known biases which make the analysis different among them. In this tutorial, we are going to see an example of how to assemble long reads from a Nanopore sequencing run.

2. Upload data to galaxy

Training dataset

- [SRA ID: ERR10297654](https://trace.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Traces/?view=run_browser&acc=ERR10297654&display=metadata)

Create new history

- Click the **+** icon at the top of the history panel and create a new history with the name **nanopore assembly 101 tutorial** as explained [here](#)

Upload data

1. Look for **SRA** in the tool search bar and select **Faster Download and Extract Reads in FASTQ format from NCBI SRA**
2. Accession = **ERR10297654**
3. Execute

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Europe interface. On the left, the 'Tools' sidebar has a search bar with 'SRA' entered (labeled 1). Below it, the 'Faster Download and Extract Reads in FASTQ format from NCBI SRA' tool is selected (labeled 2). The main panel shows the tool configuration: 'select input type' is set to 'SRR accession' (labeled 3), and the 'Accession' field contains 'ERR10297654'. The 'Advanced Options' section is expanded, showing 'Email notification' set to 'No'. The 'Execute' button is highlighted with a red box (labeled 4). Below the button, the 'What it does?' and 'How to use it?' sections are visible.

Load reference file from NCBI

1. Search **NCBI** using the search toolbox and select **NCBI Accession Download Download sequences from GenBank/RefSeq by accession through the NCBI ENTREZ API**
2. Select source for IDs > Direct entry
3. ID List = NC_063383.1
4. Execute

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Europe interface. On the left, the 'Herramientas' sidebar has a search bar with 'ncbi' entered (labeled 1). Below it, the 'NCBI Accession Download' tool is selected (labeled 2). The main panel shows the tool configuration: 'Select source for IDs' is set to 'Direct Entry' (labeled 3), and the 'ID List' field contains 'NC_063383.1' (labeled 4). The 'Molecule Type' is set to 'Nucleotide' and the 'File Format' is set to 'FASTA'. The 'How to handle download failures' section is expanded, showing 'Abort with error on first failure' selected. The 'Email notification' is set to 'No'. The 'Execute' button is highlighted with a red box (labeled 5). Below the button, the 'History' section shows a list of datasets, including 'nanopore assembly 101 tutorial' and '4 : fasterq-dump log'.

Unhide data

Using SRA and NCBI API downloads data as hidden so we are going to unhide this data as follows:

1. Click on the strikethrough eye (Show hidden)
2. Select the strikethrough for ERR10297654 and NC_063383.1 datas.
3. Then select the location icon (show active)

History

buscar conjuntos de datos

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7 : NCBI Accession Download on : Log

6 : NCBI Accession Download on : Downloaded Files

a list with 1 fasta dataset

4 : fasterq-dump log

3 : Other data (fasterq-dump)

a list with 0 datasets

2 : Single-end data (fasterq-dump)

a list with 1 fastqsanger.gz dataset

1 : Pair-end data (fasterq-dump)

a list with 0 pairs

History

visible:false

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8 : NC_063383.1

5 : ERR10297654

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Assemble reads with Flye

1. Search **Flye** assembler using the search toolbox and select **Flye de novo assembler for single molecule sequencing reads**
2. Input reads: ERR10297654
3. Click execute and wait.

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Flye de novo assembler for single molecule sequencing reads

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Todos los flujos de trabajo

Flye de novo assembler for single molecule sequencing reads (Galaxy Version 2.9.1+galaxy0)

Input reads

8: NC_063383.1

5: ERR10297654

Mode

Nanopore raw (--nano-raw)

Number of polishing iterations

1

Polishing is performed as the final assembly stage. By default, Flye runs one polishing iteration. Additional iterations might correct a small number of extra errors (due to improvements on how reads may align to the corrected assembly). If the parameter is set to 0, the polishing is not performed (--iterations)

Minimum overlap between reads

4 Execute

Assembly quality control with Quast

1. Search Quast in the search tool box.
2. ⚠️ **Assembly mode? > Individual assembly**

3. Contigs/scaffolds file > Flye results

4. Use a reference genome: Yes. Select the NC_063383.1 fasta file previously loaded.

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Quast Genome assembly Quality 2

rnaQUAST A Quality Assessment Tool for De Novo Transcriptome Assemblies

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Quast Genome assembly Quality (Galaxy Version 5.2.0+galaxy0)

Use customized names for the input files?

No, use dataset names

They will be used in reports, plots and logs

Contigs/scaffolds file

11: Flye on data 5: consensus
8: NC_063383.1

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Reads options

Disabled

Currently, the supported read types are Illumina unpaired, paired-end and mate-pair reads, PacBio SMRT, and Oxford Nanopore long reads.

Type of assembly

Genome

Use a reference genome?

Yes

4

Many metrics can't be evaluated without a reference. If this is omitted, QUASt will only report the metrics that can be evaluated without a reference.

Reference genome

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8: NC_063383.1

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4. Click the :eye: icon Quast HTML report.

- How much of or reference genome have we reconstructed?
- How many contigs do we have greater than 1000 pb?
- How long is the largest contig in the assembly?
- Which is the N50?

5. Open the Icarus viewer in the quast report.

QUAST

Quality Assessment Tool for Genome Assemblies by CAB

17 November 2021, Wednesday, 18:07:45

[view in Icarus contig browser](#)

All statistics are based on contigs of size ≥ 500 bp, unless otherwise noted (e.g., "# cor bp)" and "Total length (≥ 0 bp)" include all contigs).

Aligned to "dataset_76f460df_9dce_4919_9108_be70c4d29af9" | 11 029 bp | 1 fragment
G+C

Genome statistics

Genome fraction (%)

SPAdes_on_data_3_and_data_2....

83.070

► Which contig align against our reference genome?

This training history is available at: <https://usegalaxy.eu/u/s.varona/h/nanopore-assembly-101-tutorial>

Note: Nanopore data is known to have more error than short sequencing reads. This is why assembly post-processing is strongly recommended, usually using combined sequencing approximation with both Nanopore and Illumina reads.