ASSEMBLER PIPELINE I/O

This document is the **defining document** for the precise information content of every message that flows through the Celera Assembler pipeline. As such, it contains precise message specifications for the input and output of the assembler. The document describes the messages in order of their introduction along the assembler pipeline, and provides an Appendix with concrete examples of each input/output message.

1 Conventions

The Assembly Group has adopted an organic software development strategy, rapidly prototyping pipeline components and then evolving them into robust components. To this end, the individual modules are engineered to communicate via a simple ASCII-based encoding of the pipeline messages, which can be switched over to a more compact and efficient binary representation in production situations. The requirement for the ASCII encoding was that it be easy to read by a human (aiding debugging), while also being trivial to parse. The result is the 3-code formatted messages described within this document.

1.1 3-code format

The format of all messages is called 3-code because every field name and message type name is compressed to a 3 letter abbreviation, with the added convention that type names are all capital-letters and field names are all lower-case letters. A record is encoded across several lines of input where the first line has a '{' in column 1 and the last line consists solely of a '}' in column 1. The 3-code for the message type name is in columns 2-4 of the header line, followed immediately by a new-line. The lines between the header and tail encode the fields of the record. Each field-line has the 3-code for the field in columns 1-3 and a ':' in column 4, followed immediately by the relevant data in columns 5 to the end-of-line, or in subsequent lines in the case of multi-line fields.

1.2 Data formats

1.2.1 Numeric and character data

For the messages specified in this document, the Pascal data structure is given (at left) along with the corresponding 3-code (in shaded area at right). The encoding of the data for each field is given by specifying the *scanf* UNIX format that would correctly read the input. Thus, for example, '%ld' reads a long and '%1[AD]' reads one character, from the two characters in square brackets. By convention, scalar values are encoded as a single capital letter and the sequence of letters corresponds directly to the sequence of value names in the scalar definition.

1.2.2 String Data

Arbitrary length strings, as needed for 'Quality', 'Sequence' and 'Source' fields, are encoded as a series of new-line terminated strings ending with a line containing a '.' in column 1. In the *scanf* translation specification of such message components, we take the liberty of using regular expression syntax for these fields, with the symbol '\(\p'\) denoting a new-line. The encoded string is the concatenation of all the characters save the new-lines and the terminating period.

1.3 Sequence Intervals

Sequence intervals are specified as a pair of positions within a sequence and positions are the points between symbols of the sequence. The leftmost position is numbered 0, so that for example, (0,4) specifies the first 4 symbols of a sequence, while (2,2) specifies the position between the second and third symbols.

SeqInterval: record bgn, end: int32 end

1.4 Alignment Positions

For every fragment in a contig/unitig alignment, a complete record of its alignment to the gapped consensus is supplied. The endpoints of the fragment in the alignment are specified as a SeqInterval, while the detailed alignment is given by a 'delta encoding'. This delta is a series of positive integers indicating the positions within the fragment at which to insert a dash to align to the consensus sequence. Note that in aggregate, these records specify the complete layout of the contig/unitig, and a precise representation from which to reconstruct the multi-alignment with just a bit of additional effort.

1.5 Quality Values

Phred quality values are integers in the range [0,60]. An encoding based on a series of, say blank-separated integer constants, is too space consumptive for even our modest prototyping requirements, so we choose to encode these numbers as a series of printable ASCII characters. To wit, a value i is mapped to the ASCII symbol '0'+i. Thus a sequence of Phred numbers is mapped to a sequence of characters and encoded in a 3-code record as a string.

2 Inputs

The input to the assembler is prefixed with an "audit record" for tracking purposes. Following the audit record, there are three main components to the Assembler input: fragments, links and distance records, and screen and repeat items.

2.1 Audit Records

Every pipeline transmission batch will have an audit record as its first item. An audit record will consist of a list of the agents that produced the batch in the sequence they were applied, and for each agent the name of the agent, time of completion, version number, and a possibly empty comment are specified:

```
AuditMesg:
                                                                      {ADT
 list of AuditLine
                                                                      (<ADL-record> 4)*.
AuditLine:
                                                                      {ADL
record
                                                                      who:%s
name:
       string
complete: time t
                                                                      ctm:%d
version: string
                                                                      vsn:%s
                                                                      com:%s
comment: string
end
```

2.2 Fragments (reads and guides)

The primary input to the assembler is a **fragment message**, which can describe a Celera read or a guide. Guides are sub-categorized as either being (a) BAC-ends, (b) pseudo-reads from unfinished BACs, (c) pseudo reads from finished BACs, and (d) STSs. The differences between read and guide fragment messages are as follows.

- 1. **Quality**: Every read has a quality vector and sequence clear range, whereas guides need not. In the absence of quality values, the quality field is NULL and the clear range is the entire fragment.
- 2. **Locale UID**: Every guide has an associated locale whereas this field is undefined for reads. The interpretation of the locale is different for each kind of guide, but is always expected to be a 64-bit UID produced by the Celera database. For the BAC-based guides it is a UID assigned to the

particular BAC from which the guide came. The assembler no requirement on this UID other than that a distinct integer be given to each BAC. If over time, end reads, then contigs, and finally finished sequence for a BAC become available, the same BAC number should be given to the associated guides for that BAC. For an STS guide, a distinct locale number should be assigned to each bin formed when a sufficiently high LOD score is used to order STSs. We suggest 6.

3. **Locale Position**: Each contig of an unfinished BAC and each finished BAC is assumed to have been partitioned into a set of neatly overlapping pseudo-reads that are given as guides to the assembler. For these pseudo-reads, the assembler requires the interval of the underlying BAC from which the pseudo-read was excised, communicated in the locpos field. This field is defined only for unfinished and finished BACs. In the case of the several unordered contigs for a given unfinished BAC, one would simply assign a disjoint interval to each contig and then give the position of each pseudo-read of a contig with respect to the assigned interval, (see 1.3 for interval specification).

```
FragMesg:
                                                                         {FRG
 record
 action: scalar (AS ADD, AS DELETE)
                                                                         act:%1[AD]
                                                                         acc:%ld
 accession: Fragment ID
 variant of action:
  AS ADD:
  record
     type: scalar (AS READ, AS EXTR, AS TRNR,
                                                                         typ:%1[RXTELUFS]
                 AS EBAC, AS LBAC, AS UBAC,
                 AS FBAC, AS STS)
                                                                        loc:%ld
           Locale ID
   locale:
           SeqInterval
   locpos:
                                                                         pos:%d,%d
   source:
            "description of data source"
                                                                         \operatorname{src}: (\%[^{n}])^*.
   entry time: time t
                                                                         etm:%d
   sequence: string(char)
                                                                         seq: (\% [^\n])*.
   quality: string(bytes)
                                                                         qlt: (\%[^{n}])^*.
  clear rng: SeqInterval
                                                                         clr:%d,%d
  end
 end
end
```

2.3 Links and associated distance records

After the relevant fragments have been added to the system one may then add (or delete) pairwise distance constraints or **links** between them. A link message contains the type of link being added or deleted and the two fragments involved. If a link is being added then one also needs to specify the time of entry, a reference to the distance record specifying the distance range between the fragments, and a scalar indicating whether the fragments are in the same, opposite orientation, or unknown orientation. Note that mates and BAC guides are always in the opposite orientation with respect to each other. The distance constraint always refers to the distance between the 5' end of the two fragments, regardless of orientation. The last two link types model user input constraints and may be between any pair of fragments in the system.

Links are divided into six categories according to the source of the link:

- **AS_MATE** links are for mated pairs of 2K, 10K, 50K, and transposon library end reads from the Celera sequencing pipeline and external sources of whole genome shotgun sequence, or from UBAC fragments that were sequences from opposite end of subclones.
- AS BAC GUIDE links are between end-sequenced BACs.
- AS_STS_GUIDE links are between paired STSs.
- AS_REREAD links permit one to specify that two reads were sequenced from the same end of an insert. These are rereads that were resequenced for some reason, e.g. the PCR-prep encountered a

mononucleotide repeat and stuttered, and thus was resequenced with a plasmid prep. In this case neither the distance or orientation fields convey any information.

- MAY_JOIN links represent single links that may be incorporated if there is not conflicting information.
- MUST_JOIN links represent infinitely weighted links that will be followed if at all possible.

The distance between guides and mates are specified in **distance records** that are passed to the assembly system as records requesting that a given distance entity be added or deleted. The distance record specifies the action, the ID of the distance entity, and (in the case of insertion) the normal distribution from which the distances were sampled. The fields mean and stddev give the mean standard deviation of the distribution. Thus, for example, 99% of all links referring to a particular distance message will be of length in [mean-3stddev, mean+3stddev]. Note that there should be exactly one distance record for each insert library, even if the library was designed to have insert sizes equal to that of another library. The reason for this is that the assembler will be empirically determining a distribution of observed mate distances and these distributions will be different, even for libraries designed to have the same mean distance.

The orientation field specifies the relative orientation of the two fragments. Links representing sequence of opposite ends of some type of insert (AS_MATE or AS_BAC_GUIDE) must specify an AS_INNIE orientation (3' ends are adjacent) except in the case of mated pairs of reads from a transposon library, which must specify an AS_OUTTIE orientation. Specifying an AS_UNKNOWN orientation is equivalent to specifying 4 links, each with one of the possible orientations.

```
Distance ID, Fragment ID, Screen Item ID: int64
```

```
LinkMesg:
                                                                 {LKG
record
action: scalar (AS ADD, AS DELETE)
                                                                 act:%1[AD]
type: scalar (AS MATE, AS BAC GUIDE,
                                                                 typ:%1[MBSRYT]
                    AS STS GUIDE, AS REREAD.
                    AS_MAY_JOIN,AS_MUST_JOIN)
frag1: Fragment ID
                                                                 fg1:%ld
                                                                 fg2:%ld
frag2: Fragment ID
variant of action:
 AS ADD:
 record
 entry time: time t
                                                                 etm:%d
                                                                 dst:%ld
 distance: Distance ID
 orientation: scalar (AS NORMAL, AS ANTI
                                                                 ori:%1[NAIOU]
           AS INNIE, AS OUTTIE,
           AS UNKNOWN
 end
 end
end
                                                                 }
DistanceMesg:
                                                                 {DST
record
action: scalar (AS ADD, AS DELETE)
                                                                 act:%1[AD]
accession: Distance ID
                                                                 acc:%ld
mean: float32
                                                                 mea:%f
stddev: float32
                                                                 std:%f
end
```

2.4 Screen Items

Screen items are used to specify vector, contaminant, or repeat sequences that should be masked or tagged for the purposes of assembly. The repeat_id field indicates a user determined classification of the

item, while the relevance bit-vector field is used to indicate how matches should be handled within the screener or in subsequent programs. For example, in the case of ubiquitous repeats, a relevance value that binary-ands with AS_OVL_HEED_RPT (1) instructs the overlapper not to base overlaps on sequences in matching intervals. Simple repeats (and heterochromatin) should have relevance fields that binary-and with AS_URT_IS_SIMPLE (8) to instruct the screener to consolidate matches more effectively.

```
ScreenItemMesg:
                                                                             {SCN
record
type:
         scalar(AS UBIOREP, AS CONTAMINANT)
                                                                            tvp:%1[UC]
accession: ScreenItem ID
                                                                            acc:%ld
repeat id: [0...Num of Repeat Types-1]
                                                                            rpt:%d
relevance: int32
                                                                            rel:%d
source: "description of data source"
                                                                            \operatorname{src}: (\%[^{n}])^*.
sequence: string(char)
                                                                            seq: 4(\% \lceil \lceil n \rceil_4)^*.
variation: float32 in [0,.1]
                                                                            var:%f
min length: int32
                                                                            mln:%d
end
                                                                             }
                                                                             {RPT
RepeatItemMesg:
record
repeat id: [0...Num of Repeat Types-1]
                                                                            rpt:%d
which:
         string(char)
                                                                            wch:%s
                                                                            len:%d
length: int32
end
                                                                             }
```

3 Outputs

The assembler output consists essentially of the Extended Unitig Graph, the Extended Contig Graph and the Scaffold. The nodes of the unitig graph are output as Unitig messages, and the edges are output as UnitigLink messages. Similarly, the contig graph is output as Contig and ContigLink messages. The scaffold is repesented by a series of Scaffold messages. These basic snapshot components are accompanied by a) Augmented Fragment messages, which present the assembler's determination of each fragment's screen matches, mate status, chimeric status and clear range, and b) Mate Distribution messages, which summarize the mean and standard deviation of the mate distances AS ASSEMBLED (versus as input).

3.1 The Augmented Fragment Messages

Assembler annotation of individual fragments is provided by augmented fragment messages (AFG), emitted for each fragment that the assembler has processed. The accession indicates the Celera UID assigned to the fragment being augmented. Any Screen Matches found during the assembler's screening phase are provided, along with the assembler's evaluation of the fragment's mate status and chimerism (all chimeric fragments will appear in singleton unitigs). The mate status field should be interpreted as follows.

- 'G' GOOD MATE: the mate is confirmed by the assembly
- 'B' BAD MATE: the mate is inconsistent with the assembly
- 'N' NO MATE: no mate for the fragment was input into the assembler
- 'U' UNRESOLVED MATE: mate is neither confirmed nor inconsistent with the assembly

The clear range field reflects any changes to the clear range made within the assembler.

```
AugFragMesg: {AFG

record

accession: Fragment_ID acc:%ld

screened: list of ScreenMatch
mate_status: scalar (GOOD_MATE, BAD_MATE,
```

```
NO_MATE,UNRESOLVED_MATE)

chimeric: Boolean

clear_rng: SeqInterval

end

NO_MATE,UNRESOLVED_MATE)

mst:%1[GBNU]

chi:%d

clr:%d,%d

clr:%d,%d

}
```

Each Screen Match record provides the affected interval of the fragment ('where'), which Screen Item was matched ('what'), the repeat identifier and relevance (described in 2.4) and the matching interval and orientation within the Screen Item

```
ScreenMatch:
                                                                              {SMA
   record
             SegInterval in fragment
                                                                             whr:%d,%d
   where:
   what:
            Screen ID
                                                                             wht:%ld
   repeat\_id: \ [0...\overline{N}um\_of\_Repeat\_Types-1]
                                                                             rpt:%d
                                                                             rel:%d
   relevance: int32
   portion of: SeqInterval
                                                                             pof:%d,%d
   direction: scalar (AS_FORWARD, AS REVERSE)
                                                                             dir:%1[FR]
end
```

3.2 The Extended Unitig Graph

A Unitig message provides a unique accession number assigned by the assembler, and communicates several calculated statistics on the unitig, as well as its multi-alignment. The assembler passes along the unitig coverage statistic, which is used internally to determine whether a unitig should be classified as unique. The unitig status should be interpreted as follows.

- 'U' AS UNIQUE:appears in only one contig
- 'C' AS CHIMER: represents a single fragment that has been deemed chimeric
- 'N' AS_NOTREZ: an repeat containing some fragments that can not be assigned uniquely
- 'S' AS_SEP: an repeat whose fragments have all been assigned to unique contigs (a.k.a.separable repeat)
- 'X' AS UNASSIGNED: status as yet undetermined

An interesting branch point at either end of the unitig is output using the a_branch_point and b_branch_point fields. The magnitude of the field value specifies how far from the respective unitig ends the branch point is located, while the sign indicates the orientation of the branch points. A positive value indicates a branch from repeat into unique, while a negative value from unique into repeat. If no interesting branch point is detected (i.e., none within a certain fixed distance from the end, currently 1000 b.p.), the field will be set to zero.

The remaining fields provide the multi-alignment of the unitig, including the gapped consensus and quality strings (and their length), an indicator of whether any fragments were forced into the alignment, and the complete encoding of the multi-alignment as described in 1.4.

```
Chunk_ID: int64

UnitigMesg: {UTG

record

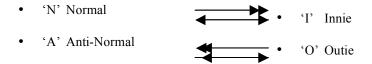
accession: Chunk_ID

source: "description of data source" src: \( \( \) (\( \) \) |_{\}\)*.

coverage_stat: float32 cov: %f
```

```
scalar (AS UNIQUE, AS CHIMER,
 status:
                               AS NOTREZ, AS SEP,
                               AS UNASSIGNED)
                                                                   sta:%1[UCNSX]
a branch point: int32
                                                                   abp:%d
                                                                   bbp:%d
b_branch_point: int32
 length:
                     int32
                                                                   len:%d
 consensus:
                                                                   cns: (اله [^\n] اله) *.
                     string(char)
 quality:
                     string(bytes)
                                                                   qlt: اله (%[^\n] ع) *.
 forced:
                     boolean
                                                                   for:%d
 num frags:
                                                                   nfr:%d
                     int32
 f list:
                     list of MultiPos
                                                                    (<MPS-record>ا) *
end
MultiPos: record
                                                                    {MPS
type: scalar (AS READ, AS EXTR, AS TRNR,
                                                                    typ:%1[RXTELUFS]
              AS EBAC, AS LBAC, AS UBAC,
              AS_FBAC,AS_STS)
ident:
         IntFragment ID
                                                                   mid:%d
source:
          "description of data source"
                                                                   \operatorname{src}: (\% \lceil \wedge \rceil)^*.
position:
         SeqInterval
                                                                   pos:%d,%d
delta length: int32
                                                                   dln:%d
delta:
         list of int16
                                                                    del: ∠((%d)* ∠)*
end
                                                                    }
```

Each Unitig Link Message identifies a pair of unitigs and the orientation of the overlap between them. The orientation is encoded as a scalar with the following interpretation:

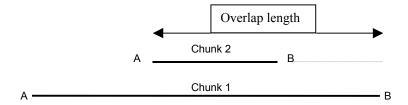


In the case of the containment overlaps, there are only two possible orientations for each overlap, innie or outie (the unitigs are either aligned in the same direction, or in opposite directions).

The overlap type specifies the relationship between the unitigs:

'N' No overlap
'O' Regular overlap
'T' Tandem overlap
'C' chunk1 contains chunk2
'I' chunk2 contains chunk1

For contained unitigs, the overlap distance is specified as if the contained unitig was extended past the B end of the containing unitig.



If the number of contributing edges is two, and a single read is required for both edges, then is possible chimera is set to true. This will happen if a read is part of a mate in the other chunk

and is also required for the chunks to overlap. If the edge includes a guide, the includes_guide is set to TRUE. The mean_distance and std_deviation fields describe the distribution of the edge distances represented in the link (a negative distance means the unitigs overlap). The number of edges (mates and potentially a chunk overlap) contributing to the mate edge is given by the field num_contributing. The status field, determined late in the process after a best scaffold has been chosen, gives the status of the link with respect to the assembly. Finally, the jump_list gives a list of all pairs contributing to the edge. The length of the jump_list corresponds to the number of contributing edges if overlap_type takes the value AS_NO_OVERLAP. Otherwise the length of the jump_list will be num_contributing - 1.

```
UnitigLinkMesg:
                                                                  {ULK
record
unitig1
                                                                 ut1:%ld
unitig2:
             Chunk ID
                                                                 ut2:%ld
orientation:
               scalar {AB AB, BA BA,
               BA AB, AB BA}
                                                                 ori:%1[NAOI]
                scalar (AS NO OVERLAP,
overlap type:
          AS OVERLAP,
        AS_TANDEM_OVERLAP, AS_1_CONTAINS_2,
        AS 2 CONTAINS 1)
                                                               ovt:%1[NOTCI]
                                                                 ipc:%d
is possible chimera: boolean
                                                                 gui:%d
includes guide:
                 boolean
mean distance:
                 float32
                                                                 mea:%f
std deviation:
                float32
                                                                 std:%f
num contributing: int32
                                                                 num:%d
            scalar (AS IN ASSEMBLY,
status:
          AS POLYMORPHISM,
          AS BAD, AS CHIMERA,
          AS UNKNOWN IN ASSEMBLY)
                                                                 sta:%1[APBCU]
jump list:
              list of Mate Pairs
                                                                 jls: ₄(%d,%d₄)*
end
Mate Pairs:
record
             Fragment ID
in1, in2:
            scalar (AS MATE,
type:
          AS BAC GUIDE,
                       AS STS GUIDE,
                       AS_MAY_JOIN,
                       AS MUST JOIN)
                                                             %d,%d,%1[MBSYT]
end
```

3.3 Extended Contig Graph

Contigs are ordered collections of Unitigs (and Surrogates, pending placement of all fragments) that cover contiguous regions of the genome. A contig is composed of fragments from the contained Unitigs, as well as fragment-like "surrogates", which are subsets of repeat Unitigs introduced to span gaps in contigs in the absence of complete repeat resolution. A Contig Message provides a unique accession number assigned by the assembler and a representation of the multi-alignment of the contig. The consensus sequence is **gapped**, that is, it will contain dash characters as needed to allow the alignment of all fragments. For each of the 'num_pieces' component fragments, a MultiPos record is given specifying its location in the multi-alignment and a delta encoding of the alignment to the consensus. Further, for each 'num_unitigs' component unitig, an ElementPos record is given specifying the extent of the unitig within the gapped consensus.

```
{CCO
ConConMesq:
record
accession:
                    Contig ID
                                                               acc:%ld
                    int32
length:
                                                               len:%d
                    string(char)
                                                               cns: (%[^\n] 4) *.
consensus:
                    string(bytes)
                                                               qlt: \downarrow (%[^{n}] \downarrow) *.
quality:
 forced:
                    boolean
                                                               for:%d
num pieces:
                    int32
                                                               npc:%d
 num unitigs:
                     int32
                                                               nou:%d
                    list of MultiPos
pieces:
                                                               (<MPS-record>ا) *
unitigs:
                    list of ElementPos
                                                               (<EPS-record>ا) *
end
ElementPos: record
                                                               {EPS
         scalar (AS UNITIG)
                                                               typ:%1[U]
type:
ident:
          Chunk ID
                                                               lid:%d
position:
           SeqInterval
                                                               pos:%d,%d
end
```

The edges in the contig graph are represented by Contig Link edges, direct analogs of the Unitig Link Edges in the unitig graph. The only difference is in the objects being related.

```
ContigLinkMesg:
                                                                       {CLK
record
contig1:
                               Contig ID
                                                                       co1.%ld
contig2:
                               Contig ID
                                                                       co2:%ld
orientation:
                               scalar {AB AB, BA BA,
                               BA \overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{AB} \overrightarrow{BA}
                                                                       ori:%1[NAOI]
                               scalar (AS NO OVERLAP,
overlap_type:
                               AS OVERLAP,
                               AS TANDEM OVERLAP)
                                                                       ovt:%1[NORT]
is possible chimera:
                               boolean
                                                                       ipc:%d
                               boolean
                                                                       gui:%d
includes guide:
                               float32
mean distance:
                                                                       mea:%f
std deviation:
                               float32
                                                                       std:%f
num contributing:
                               int32
                                                                       num:%d
status:
                               scalar (AS IN ASSEMBLY,
                               AS POLYMORPHISM,
                               AS BAD, AS CHIMERA,
                                                                       sta:%1[APBCU]
AS UNKNOWN IN ASSEMBLY)
                                                                       ils: اله/%d,%d)*
                               list of Mate Pairs
jump list:
end
```

3.4 The Scaffold

The Assembler's best choice for the scaffolds is output as "the" assembly. Each scaffold is given as a list of the pairs of adjacent contigs in the scaffold with the chi-squared estimate of the distance and standard deviation between the pair of contigs. The unitig and contig links supporting the scaffold are flagged by their AS IN ASSEMBLY status value.

In the list of contig pairs, the contigs are ordered from left to right across the scaffold. For example, if the first three contigs in a scaffold have ids 1, 2, & 3. Then in the list of contig pairs, the first pair of contigs would have contig1 = 1 and contig2 = 2, and the second pair would have contig1 = 2 and contig2 = 3. The orientation field describes the pairwise orientation of the two contigs within the scaffold. A scaffold may

consist of a single contig, in which case the num_contig_pairs will be zero and the id of the second contig will repeat the first, with arbitrary orientation and distance.

```
ScaffoldMesg:
                                                                   {SCF
  record
               Scaffold ID
                                                                   acc:%ld
  accession:
  num contigs pairs: int32
                                                                   noc:%d
  contig pairs: list of ContigPairs
                                                                   (<CTP -record>ا)*
end
  ContigPairs:
                                                                  {CTP
  record
                          Contig ID
                                                                   ct1:%ld
   contig1:
                         Contig ID
                                                                   ct2:%ld
   contig2:
                scalar {AB AB, BA BA,
   orientation:
           BA_AB, AB_BA}
                                                                  ori:%1[NAOI]
   mean:
                          float32
                                                                  mea:%f
   stddev:
                          float32
                                                                   std:%f
  end
```

3.5 Mate-Distance Distribution Messages

These messages are emitted to provide information on the distribution of mate lengths observed for those pairs whose mates lie in the same unitig or contig (and thus whose distance in the assembly is known precisely). For each mate-link distance record provided as input to the assembler with such a contributing pair, a message describing the observed distribution of corresponding mates in the current assembly is produced, with the 'refines' field referencing the original input record. The observed mean and standard deviation for mate pairs of this type in the current assembly are given, as well as the minimum and maximum distances observed for this type. Further, a histogram is provided of the number of contributing pairs within each distance subrange of the entire range from min to max.

```
MateDistMesg:
                                                                          {MDI
  record
   refines:
            Distance ID
                                                                          ref:%ld
   mean:
            float
                                                                          mea:%f
   stddev:
            float
                                                                          std:%f
           int32
                                                                          min:%d
  min:
   max:
           int32
                                                                          max:%d
   num buckets: int32
                                                                          buc:%d
   histogram: list of int32
                                                                          his: (%d)*
end
```

4 Intermediate messages

The following table identifies each stage of the pipeline, and the component messages output from that stage. (The input is presumed to be the output from the previous stage.

<u>Input</u>	<u>Gatekeeper</u>	Screener	<u>Overlapper</u>	<u>Unitiger</u>	Scaffolder	Terminator
<u>.frg</u>	<u>.inp</u>	<u>.urc</u>	<u>.ovl</u>	<u>.cgb</u>	<u>.cgw</u>	<u>.asm</u>
ADT →	ADT	ADT	ADT	ADT	ADT	ADT
FRG =	IFG	SFG	OFG		IAF	AFG
LKG →	ILK	ILK	ILK	ILK		
DST -	IDT	IDT	IDT	IDT	IDT	MDI
SCN →			OVL	IUM	IUM	UTG
RPT →				UOM	IUL	ULK
—					ICM	CCO
-					ICL	CLK
→					ISF	SCF

4.1 Gatekeeper

The assembler modules require consecutive IDs beginning at 1 for efficient indexing of internal and disk-based data structures. These 32-bit "IID's" are assigned and added to every record containing a UID supplied by the external DMS with the exception of Repeat_Ids, which already have this property. Thus the GateKeeper module augments all input messages -- FRG, LKG, SCR, and DST -- with internal ID assignments and passes them on as IFG, ILK, ISN, and IDT messages. These messages are identical to the input counterparts save that:

All acc-fields that contain external references are converted to (External,Internal) accession number pairs, encoded in 3-format as "(%ld,%d)". In the corresponding C-structs, the single field, say "<X>" to the external ID, is replaced with two fields "e<X>" and "i<X>" to the appropriate sized ints.

All other fields that contain external references are converted to internal accession numbers encoded in 3-code format as "%d" with a suitably modified field name, ("xyz" becomes "ixz", for example).

The Gatekeeper further checks all input for semantic consistency as described in the defining document for that stage.

4.2 Repeat Tagger/Contaminant Screener

The URT/URC module consumes ISC messages, passes IDT messages through unaltered, and adds to the IFG message. The consumed ISC messages are recorded in a screen index store on disk. To avoid any ambiguity the augmented fragment records are called "ScreenedFragMesg" and their 3-code header is "SFG". The component IntScreenMatch records are the internal equivalents of the output ScreenMatch records described in 3.1.

IntScreen ID: int32

ScreenedFragMesg:
Record
"As Before"

clear_rng: SeqInterval

screened: sorted list of IntScreenMatch

"As Before"

scn:عا<ISM-record>*.

{SFG

end }

4.3 Overlapper

The Overlapper module stores screened fragments in a fragment store, passes on relevant fragment information to the subsequence stages in an OFG fragment message, and adds overlap messages (OVL) to the stream. An OFG fragment message message the SFG, save that:

- (1) the type name is OFG instead of SFG
- (2) the seq and glt fields are absent.

Overlaps between fragments are described in "OverlapMesg" records as follows. It would be preferrable if the overlaps for a given fragment followed its OFG message and if that fragment were the A_frag for the relevant overlap records.

```
OverlapMesg:
                                                                       {OVL
record
aifrag:
         IntFrag ID
                                                                      afr:%d
         IntFrag ID
bifrag:
                                                                      bfr:%d
orientation: scalar (AS_NORMAL, AS_INNIE,
          AS OUTTIE, AS ANTI)
                                                                      ori:[NAIO]
overlap_type: scalar (AS DOVETAIL,
           AS CONTAINMENT,
          AS SUPERREPEAT)
                                                                      olt:[DCM]
           int\overline{3}2
a_hang:
                                                                      ahg:%d
                                                                      bhg:%d
b hang:
           int32
quality:
          float32
                                                                      qua:%f
min offset,
                                                                      mno:%d
max offset: int32
                                                                      mxo:%d
                                                                      pct:%d
polymorph ct: int32
delta:
         string(int)
                                                                      del:₄((%d)*₄)*.
end
                                                                       }
```

4.4 Unitiger

See output messages for description of the Unitig message. The internal version merely substitutes an internal ID for the Celera UID.

A series of independent UnitigOverlapMesg messages specify chunk graph edges. Each edge identifies a pair of chunks and the orientation of the overlap between them. Details of the orient and ovrelap_type fileds are identical to the UnitigLink description of 3.2. The UnitigOverlapMesg also provides the best, minimum, and maximum overlap length between the pairs of unitigs. The minimum and maximum equal, except in the case of edges induced by a tandem repeat, where the extent of possible 'slippage' in the overlap is thus indicated. Note that not every tandem edge will be detected by overlap alone, and the CGB will transitively infer when the overlapping parts of an edge involve tandem satellites. This inference will be reflected in the overlap_type field. In this internal context, the AS_NO_OVERLAP value is not exercised.

```
UnitigOverlapMesg:
                                                               {UOM
record
             IntChunk ID
                                                               ck1:%d
chunk 1:
             IntChunk ID
                                                               ck2:%d
chunk2:
            scalar (AB AB, BA BA,
orient:
            BA AB, AB BA)
                                                             ori:%1[NAOI]
               scalar (AS_NO_OVERLAP,
overlap_type:
             AS OVERLAP,
             AS TANDEM OVERLAP,
```

```
AS_1_CONTAINS_2,
AS_2_CONTAINS_1)
source: "description of data"
best_overlap_length: int32
min_overlap_length: int32
max_overlap_length: int32
quality: float32
polymorph_ct: int32
end
```

```
ovt:%1[NOTCI]
src:_d(%[^\n]_d)*.
len:%d
min:%d
max:%d
qua:%f
pct:%d
}
```

4.5 Scaffolder

The scaffolder reads Internal Unitig Messages, and outputs an internal representation of the extended unitig graph, the extended contig graph and the scaffold, as well as mate distance summaries. The internal versions of these messages correspond directly to their external counterparts.

A. Input Examples

```
{ADT
{ADL
who:dewim
ctm:939937796
vsn:0
com:
Genome Length is 130000000
{ADL
who:gatekeeper
ctm:942871386
vsn: (blank)
com:
    $Id: IOSpec.rtf,v 1.1.1.1 2004/04/14 13:41:50 catmandew Exp $
    $Id: IOSpec.rtf,v 1.1.1.1 2004/04/14 13:41:50 catmandew Exp $
Complete call: gatekeeper -e 1000000 -P -f celera. Store celera
Started: Wed Nov 17 15:43:06 1999
Working directory: /dev4/data/drosophila/celera.Oct29/QV WINDOW NEW PARAMS
{FRG
act:A
acc:17000001585819
typ:R
src:
etm:925759534
\tt CTCTAAAATCTGCATGCTTAATCTCAACCTTCTAGATTTTATAGTCATTGATAACATAACGAAGCTATTG
ACTTCCTTTGCAATAATAAAGCAAGTCATTTTGCAACAGTTTTCGTAGCAGCTACATGTGATTTTGATCA
{\tt TATAAAGATCAAGTTTTTAAATTGTAAACAATTTTTTAAATACAAATAAGTTATCTTACACTTAGATAAA}
{\tt AAAAAATCAGTTTCGGTTCCATTTCAATACTTGTTTGACGTTTGGAACAAGCATTTGTTCAACAGCGTGT}
AAAGGTAAAATGAAACGTTTTCCACCCTATAACACCAGTCGTTATGATTAAAATTCAGCATGAAGATTCT
GGAGACAAAGTTTGTTTTAGAAAAATTACCACGTACTCCCAGTTTACAAAACGTGCAAAAAAACGTTTGGT
{\tt CACGCCCACTCTATCGCTTACAAACATCTGTTCTTGATCAAAAAGTATTCTAACTCAGTTAAAAACAGTT}
\tt GTCTAACTATAGGCCGGTACGCCCTACATTGGAACATTTTTAAGGTTTTTTATTTTATTTTATTCCCCTT
TCACTTTAGAATCTCTCTGGTCTTTAGCTCACCCCCTTTACCTCCCAATTTTTTTAAAAAGAATATTTAT
```

PPPPPPPPKB<<BGF@EPF@FPFBFPPPPPPPPPPPPPP;;>=;;;;<@PPLFKPPPPPKF>BB>;> AOPPPPPPPPPK;<E<;;<F@FBEDEPPPPPPZZZJFKVOOOPPPPPPPPBKBEPPPPEBEPPPP PPQPPPPPPPPPPPPQPPPPPQPPPPQPPPCA;@GPPPPPPPPPPPPPPPPPZZPPPPPPP PPPPPPPKFKFKPPPPPPPPPPPPPPPP);>P@BLPPLGJPFG=A>;;>>;AIPQOKPPLDEDPPEHIP PPPPPPPI>;;BB>==CPPQPPPPPQPD<>;>AB<FDO<;<<;;;=>;BBBIDDF;;;;;?;LBE;<;< =RRPC=;;;;;;?C?;;;?CF?;?;;>DDPHDA;;;;AA?@=;;;<;<<;;;;H@;@;B=B;;>>: ;;;A;;;<<F;;?C??=?<;<>;;BPPP>;;;;;;;;A?<<><;;;;;<;;;<;;;< clr:18,639 {FRG act:A acc:17000035336745 typ:T loc:1 pos:47,550 src: <This is an UBAC guide> etm:941811186 seq: TATACGAGACCGGCAGATCTGATATCATCGCCACTGTGCTCTAAAGAGCCCTAATAAGAAGAACTCGGGAA TTTGTAGTCAATTTACTCTGTAATTACAATTTTTTAAAATATTAAGATAAGAAATATAGTTAACTTGAAA ${\tt TGAATGTGAAATTCTAAAACATATCTTTTGCCGCCTAAAATCTTCTAAAATATTTTCGTGGTTTTGAACT}$ ${\tt CACTCGGCTGCCCACATCATCTTTTCGGGGCCACAATGGGCGCACTTACGGGCAGCGGCTCCGTGTTCCG}$ GCCCAGGTCACAGTTCGTCCGGGTTCAGCTGGGCTCCTGATACCTGGAGGTGGCAGTAAGTTAAATTGCA $\tt TTCGCCCCGTTGCCGATAACTTTCTAATGAGTGGTAATCGACGTTCGGCTTTATGTGTGTCCTGGCCTGG$ GCGCCACAAATGGTCGCTGCAATGCCACCGA qlt: 9?999CAJJJLUSMMMMRWXRLIIIIMMMMMPc^^ZUSSSXXXXWWSUSPPPSZZ hhhhhhh ZZ XXXXZ^^cc^hhhh^[[ZWSJJSWZ^^^[hh^^c]X]XSSZTTXX]]hhZZZZ[[hhhbbbhhhbb\\\\ bbbbbbZUSUUXZYY]YYYYY]YYYYY\\ bbbbbbhhhhZZZZ\ZZSSSbhYYYVVVVVVVXbb\ bbZZZ^^b\\YZZ[[bb ZbZbbbXYSMMLOTXZZ\ b\\\\bb^[[ZZZbWYYSSTZ\XXUWUUQ ZQ\UXXXXSSSXXSSPPPSbbXUSSSSSPSSSSSSSUUUUXXUXUUUXZZ`\\\\UQQQSSSUUUUU UUSXSSUPSJJJSTTTTZZZZh\ZZUUSTTXXXZZhhZUSSSSSVZQQLLLNLLMMMSSMMIIIIMIMIC CGIKPTXXUQQMLNHBB=>>MMQQSMSRRSSSMMFFFOQLLLMKUMUMMDDDMMHE@<:@CDPPPXUUNN KMFFGPPSQMMMMMSVUXVSRRPMMMMMQOKJJHHCFMEDCCBBGQQRRRQQUUKKHLIC>:>:=?FAA> A>GEC@<<?@EED@B@>>HAC:==>::<=B@B<??A@;:999;B@9:<GDD<;;?DDHGEEEC==?999A ?=<:?9999888887::<888<<89;B<8898778:7799ACRQKE@<<<77977@DM>A>>>C7766688 :>;98889C<=877:89>@=;9999:;7777 clr:47,550 {DST act:A acc:17000001001566 mea:2667.000000 std:341.000000 {LKG

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act:A
typ:M

fg1:17000001594981

```
fg2:1700001585968
etm:925759632
dst:17000001001566
ori:I
```

B. Output Examples

```
{AFG
acc:17000006003882
{SMA
whr:0,56
wht:600002
rpt:6
rel:0
pof:139,197
dir:R
{SMA
whr:0,43
wht:600027
rpt:6
rel:0
pof:438,481
dir:R
mst:U
chi:0
clr:23,625
{UTG
acc:6000006770087
src:
gen> uu [0,0]
cov:-0.495
sta:N
abp:0
bbp:0
len:706
GGCAAAAGGACAATGTTTGTAGCCAGTGCGGGCAACAAGGCGACACCGCGGCAAAGTGCCAAAACCCGGT
{\tt GAACTGCCGGAACTGCCGTCACAGAGGGCAACCTACGGGGCATTATATGCTCTCGAATGTATGCCCAATA}
{\tt TACGGAGCGTTGCTAGCAAAGGTTGCAAGCTAGATTTTAATGTTTAGCTTCATCCAAGAGAACTGTGCCC}
GGAACCGTACCTCGGCGGGGATGGAATGGATGTGCTGCCTGAAGGAATGAGGGTTTTCCCCGACCGGCGA
\tt GGGAAGGCAGCCATCCTAGTGGATCATCAGGAAGCCATCTGTATACCAGTGGAAACCCTCATCACAGATA
\tt ATGCCGTATGTCTGGTCGTTTAAGGGAGTTTTGGCTCAATCATTTTGCGCCGCATACTGCCATTCTGTTC
GACGCACCTCTGGAACCGTACCTCCGGTACATGGATGCGGTCCTTCTGCAGGCCAGCAGAACCCCCGCAA
TCCTGGGCCTCGACGCAAATGCAGTGTCCCTCAGTGGCTTAGCAAACTCTTTCGTCATGCCGAGGGGCAA
GCTAAA
alt:
llllllllllhjlllllllllllckjkjllllllllfbfedelllllllklllllllg`hlqkllllll
\verb|11QQQQQQQQQQQMPRQQKQQQQLMOLQQQQQQAELQHL> | PQQQQSPRQQQQLLLKQQFCMQQFER|
QQQQGE
for:0
nfr:2
{MPS
typ:R
mid:17000017604749
src:
```

```
lab>BE
.
pos:0,632
dln:1
del:
62
}
{MPS
typ:R
mid:17000018443345
src:
lab>BE
.
pos:8,706
dln:0
del:
}
}
```

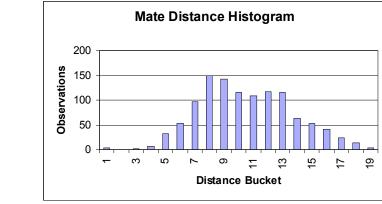
```
{ULK
ut1:6000006408321
ut2:6000006408435
ori:0
ovt:T
ipc:0
gui:0
mea:-386.000
std:108.871
num:8
sta:B
jls:
17000010581032,17000011052168,M
17000004869118,17000004338777,M
17000004378897,1700004440217,M
17000006001388,17000006020913,M
1700000738335,17000004239070,M
17000007247406,17000007323381,M
17000010558554,17000010942531,M
}
```

{CCO

```
acc:6000007191259
len:709
{\tt TAAAAAAATATACTCTCTTTAGCGTCTATCACCTTTTGAAGTCGTTTTGGTACAGACTATACCAAGCTG}
TCGATATAATCTATTGAAATATCCTTCCATAAGGTTTGAATTTCCAAAATCGTTTCTTTGCGACTTCTAG
\tt ATAAGTTTGCTAAGTTTGTGAGGTGGCTAATCCAATGTGTTTTACGCAAACATCTTTCAGAAACTGCGTAA
{\tt AGAGGGGAATGCATGATTATTAAGGACATCTAAATATTTTCCTTGATTCATGGTTCCATCAACAGGAACC}
\tt AAATCTCCCAAGCCAGTGAAGGCTACGCATATCCAAAACATAACAGACCCTCCTGAATGATTTACTCTCT
GACATACTGGTGCCCCTTTTTTCCGATATTGTTTAGGTAAAAGAGCTTTCATC-GCTCCACAAAACATTG
TTCCAGAATAATACAGGCTGACCAACATATTTTTTTCCAAAATCGGCATCCTTAAGACGACTGGGAACCG
\tt TTCTTTACTGATATCGATTTCTGCTCCTTCTTTTAGTTTTTTGGCAACCGATCGGGGAGTTTGTAGAACA
\tt TTCTGCTTAAACTTCCGTAAAATATAACCATCGTCCTTTTGAGTTGTTTTACGTGGTTGGCCACTACGCG
CAACGTTTT
alt:
\verb|GQQRHPNEFQQNNQQQQQM<|IQQQQQQQKQELCRPC=??> @QQQQQMLLLLDQQQQQQQQBEHEFQQ1|
F>LQQQQRI
for:0
npc:3
nou:1
{MPS
typ:R
mid:17000009478835
src:
pos:617,0
dln:1
del:
596
{MPS
typ:R
mid:17000003389122
src:
pos:690,69
dln:1
del:
404
{MPS
mid:17000003557317
src:
pos:117,709
dln:1
del:
356
{EPS
typ:U
lid:6000006408686
pos:0,709
```

```
{CLK
col:6000007191211
co2:6000007191213
ori:N
ovt:N
ipc:0
gui:0
mea:-5049.000
std:146.312
num:4
sta:B
jls:
17000005169778,17000005573432,M
17000005113856,17000005257824,M
17000004862206,17000004804742,M
17000005301085,17000005302243,M
{SCF
acc:6000007958935
noc:3
{CTP
ct1:6000007191211
ct2:6000007191212
mea:693.091
std:310.470
ori:N
{CTP
ct1:6000007191212
ct2:6000007191213
mea:814.491
std:251.357
ori:N
CTP
ct1:6000007191213
ct2:6000007191214
mea:389.617
std:308.193
ori:N
}
```

```
{MDI
ref:1700001001566
mea:2470.0
std:246.56
min:1677
max:3183
buc:19
his:
```



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