



Bringing MultiQC into a new era

Recent updates and what to expect
from the roadmap towards v2.0



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Genomic analysis, simplified

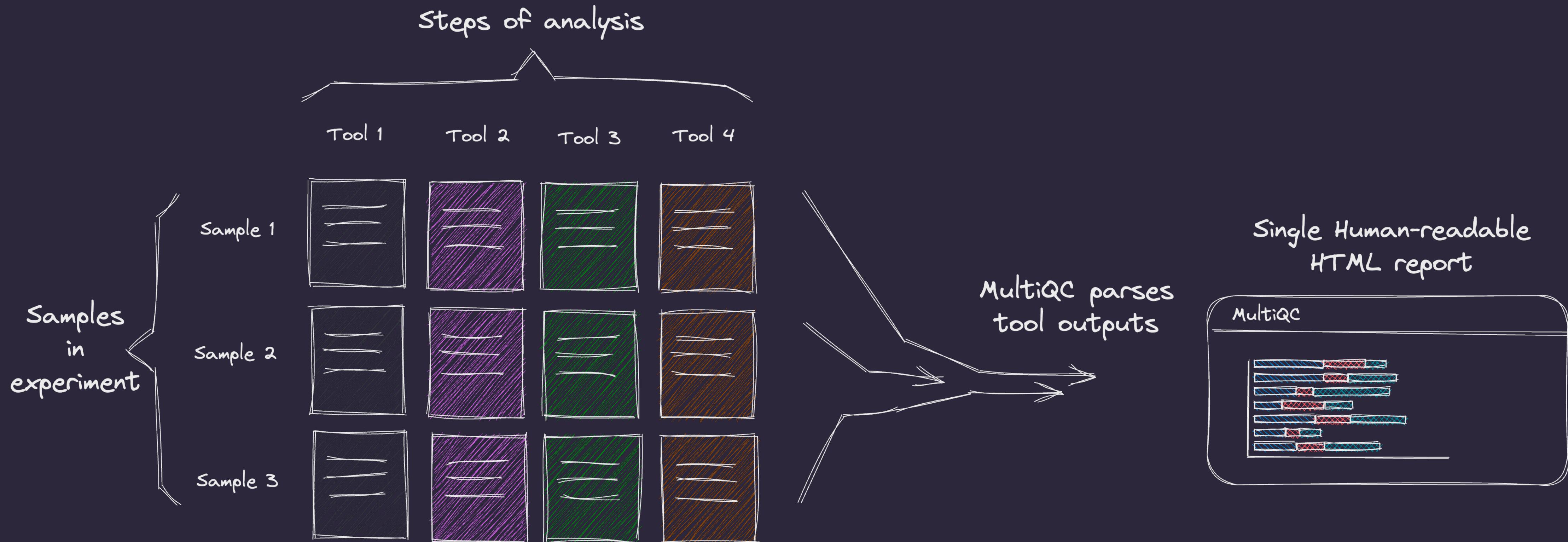
Easily aggregate results across bioinformatics studies of any size where ensuring accurate quality control across datasets is critical.

MultiQC integrates with the Seqera Platform enabling analysts to easily access reports.

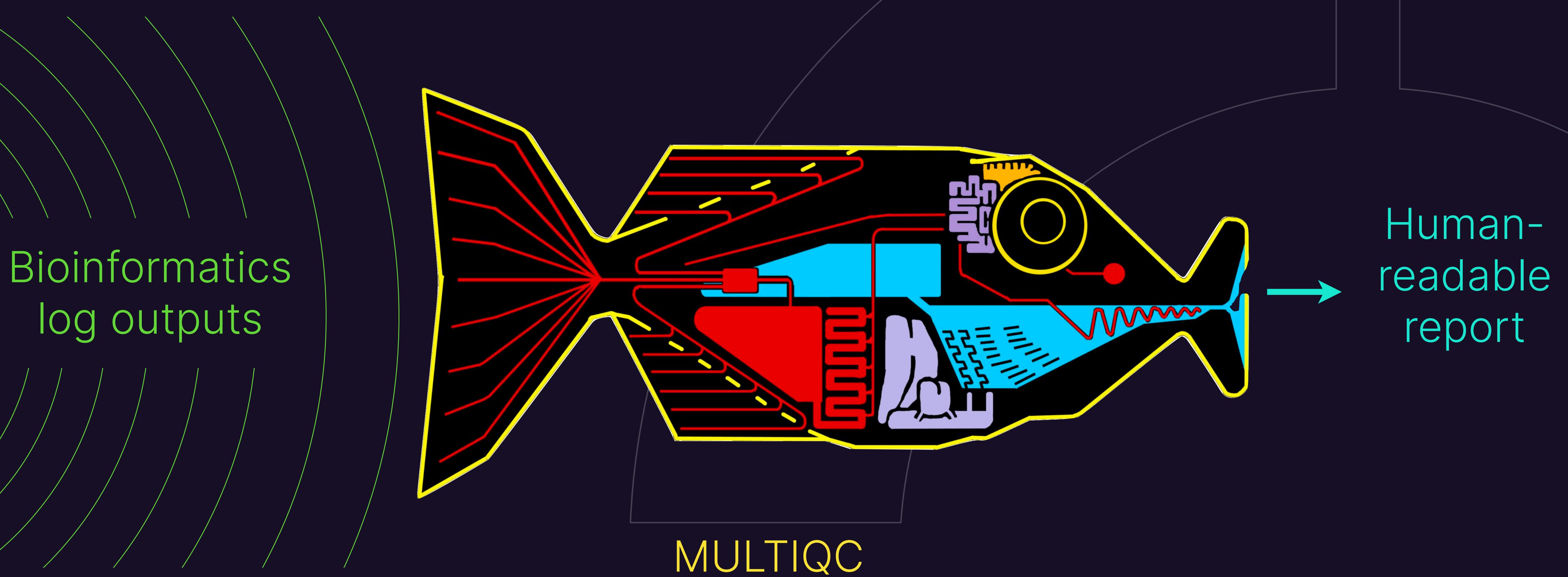
MultiQC is used in thousands of high-quality pipelines and is trusted by leading private and public research institutions worldwide.



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MultiQC by the numbers

135

Supported tools

1,000,000

Downloads from PyPI

1,057

GitHub Stars ★

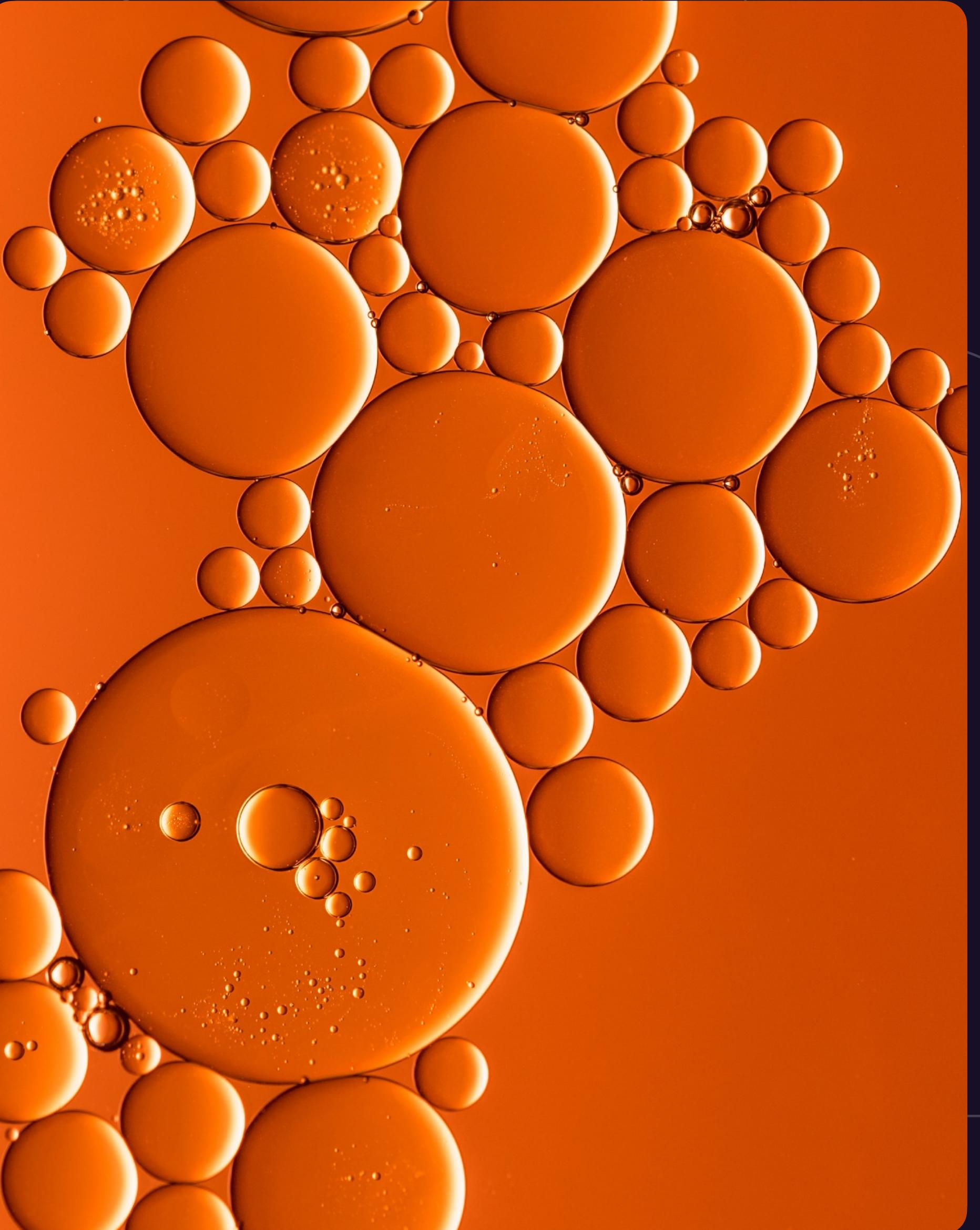
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MultiQC runs



Recent updates

What's new in the world of
MultiQC



Vladislav Savylyev

Vlad joins the MultiQC team at Seqera

- Key contributor to MultiQC over the years
- Moved from Melbourne, Australia
- Picking up MultiQC development after several years of minimal maintenance



MultiQC file search

720% faster

Citations and DOIs

4000

Journal citations

The **NASA Twins Study**: A multidimensional analysis of a year-long human spaceflight

Attenuation of clinical and immunological outcomes during **SARS-CoV-2** infection by ivermectin

In vivo base editing rescues Hutchinson–Gilford progeria syndrome in mice

Biofilm formation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* **in spaceflight** is minimized on lubricant impregnated surfaces

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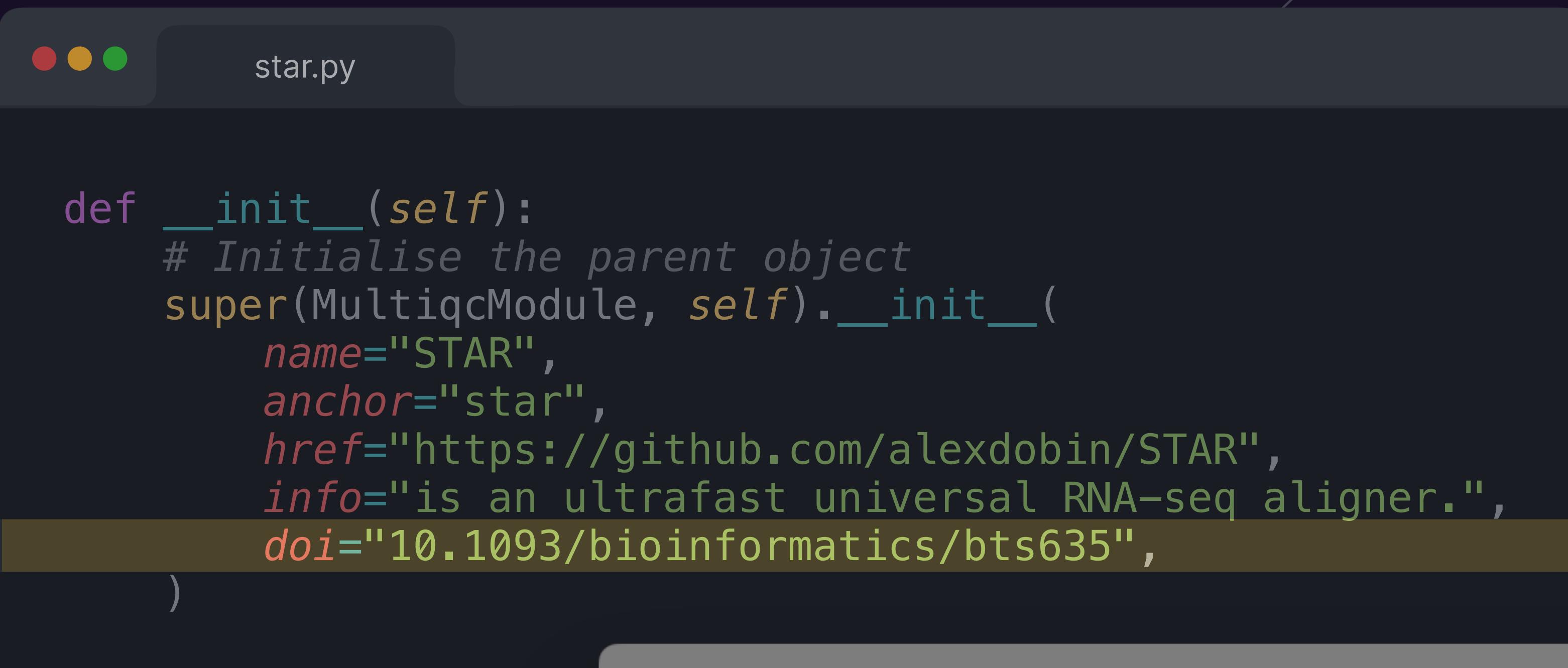
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salmon.py

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# Parse meta information. JSON win!
self.salmon_meta = dict()
for f in self.find_log_files("salmon/meta"):
    # Get the s_name from the parent directory
    s_name = os.path.basename(os.path.dirname(f["root"]))
    s_name = self.clean_s_name(s_name, f)
    self.salmon_meta[s_name] = json.loads(f["f"])
    self.add_software_version(self.salmon_meta[s_name]["salmon_version"], s_name)
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cmd_info.json

{

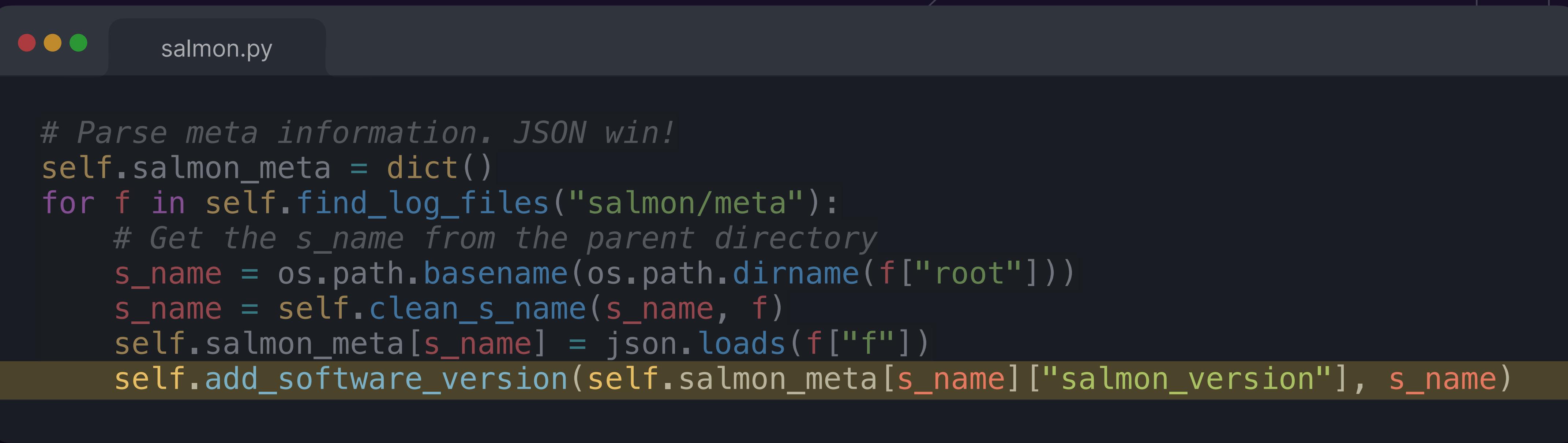
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"salmon_version": "0.9.1",
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Salmon

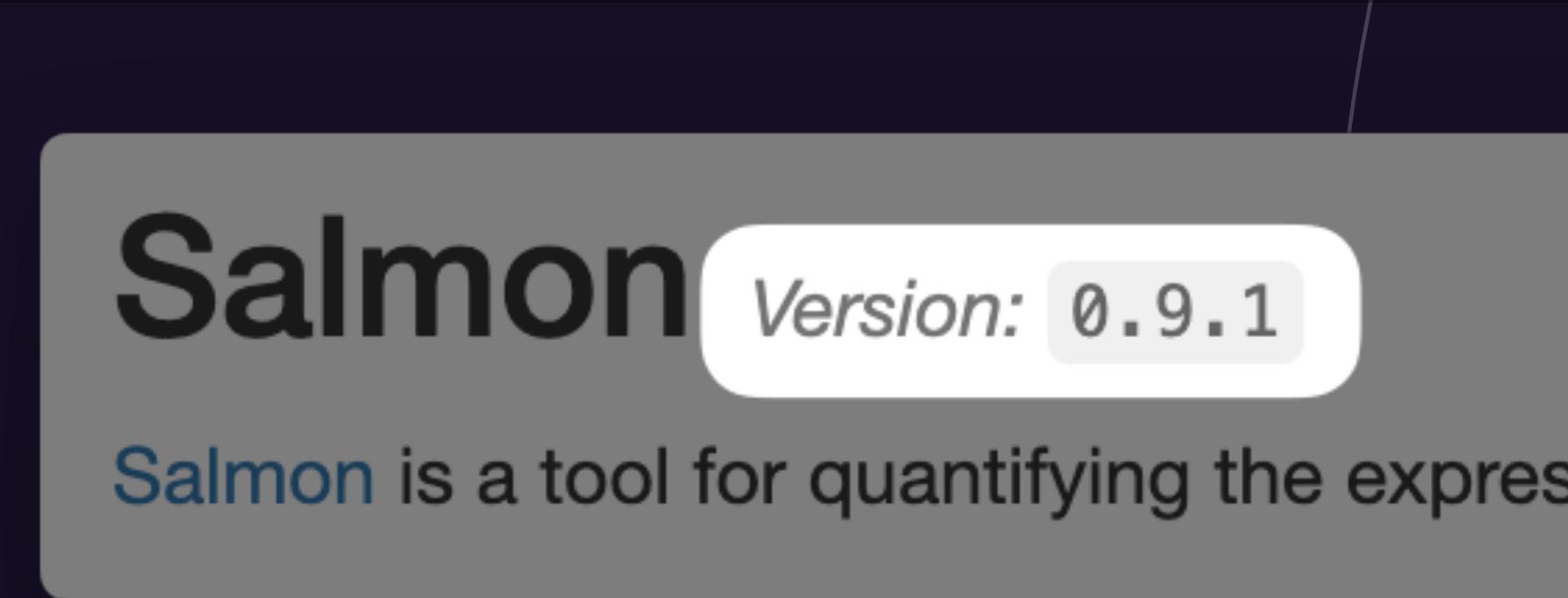
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Manual version reporting

```
fastqc_mqc_versions.yaml
FASTQC:
  fastqc: "0.11.9"

salmon_mqc_versions.yaml
SALMON_QUANT:
  salmon: "1.10.1"

star_mqc_versions.yaml
STAR_ALIGN:
  star: "2.6.1d"
  samtools: "1.10"
  gawk: "5.1.0"
```

Software Versions

Software Versions lists versions of software tools extracted from file contents.

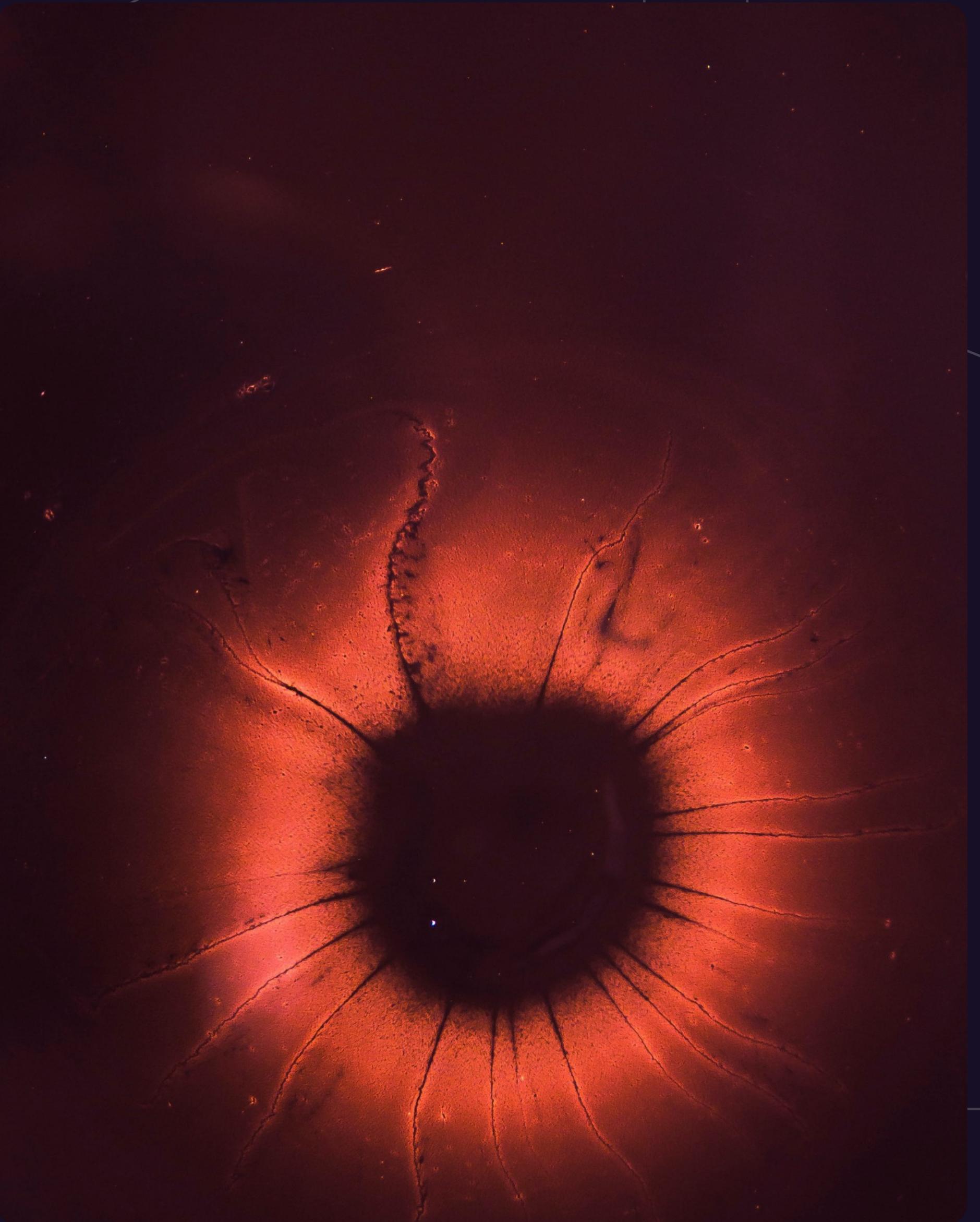
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SALMON_QUANT	salmon	1.10.1



Roadmap

Looking ahead to v2.0

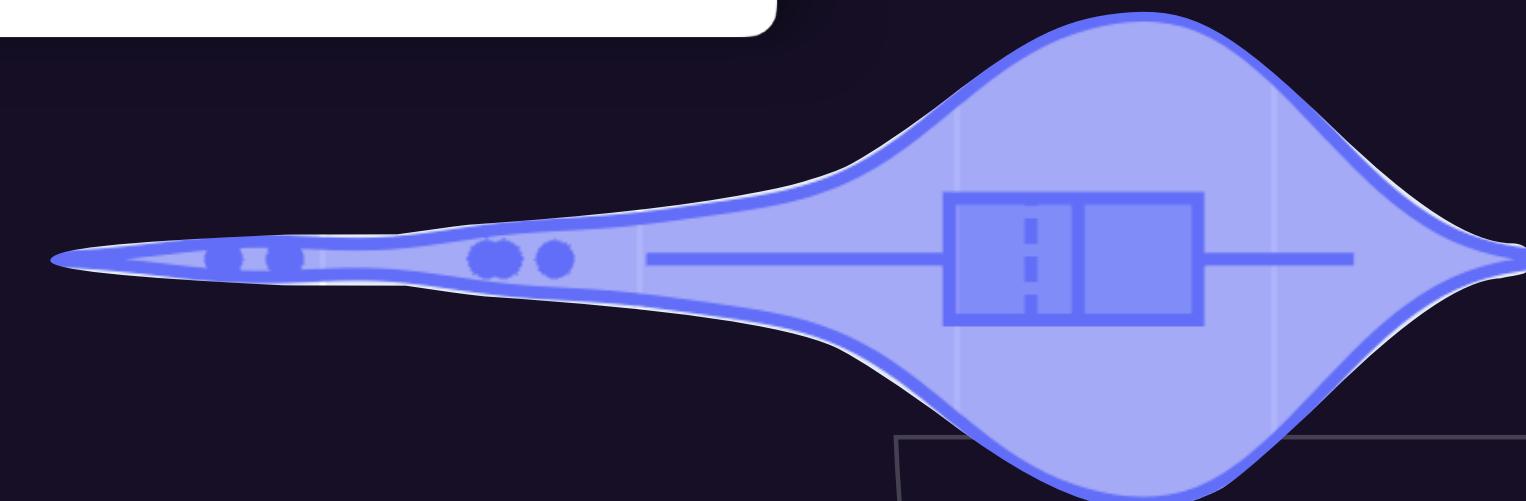
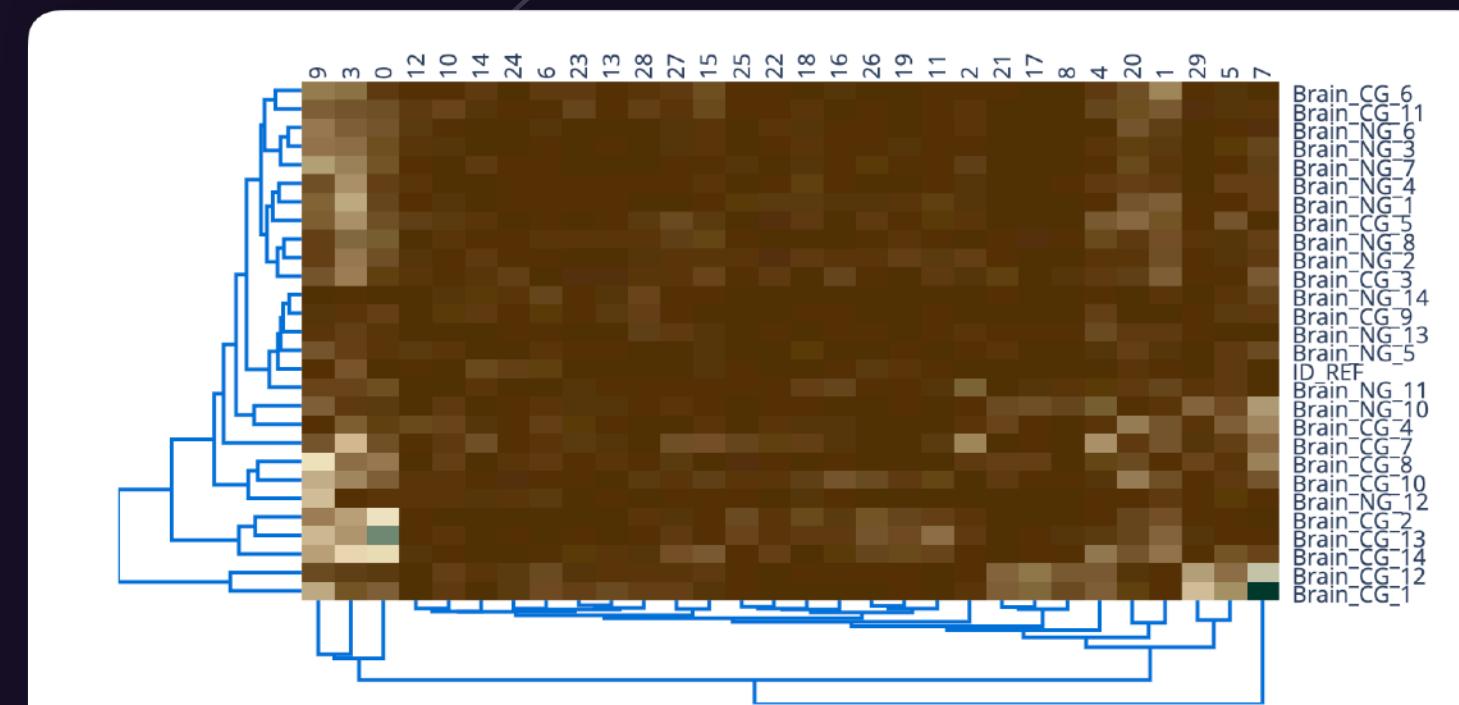
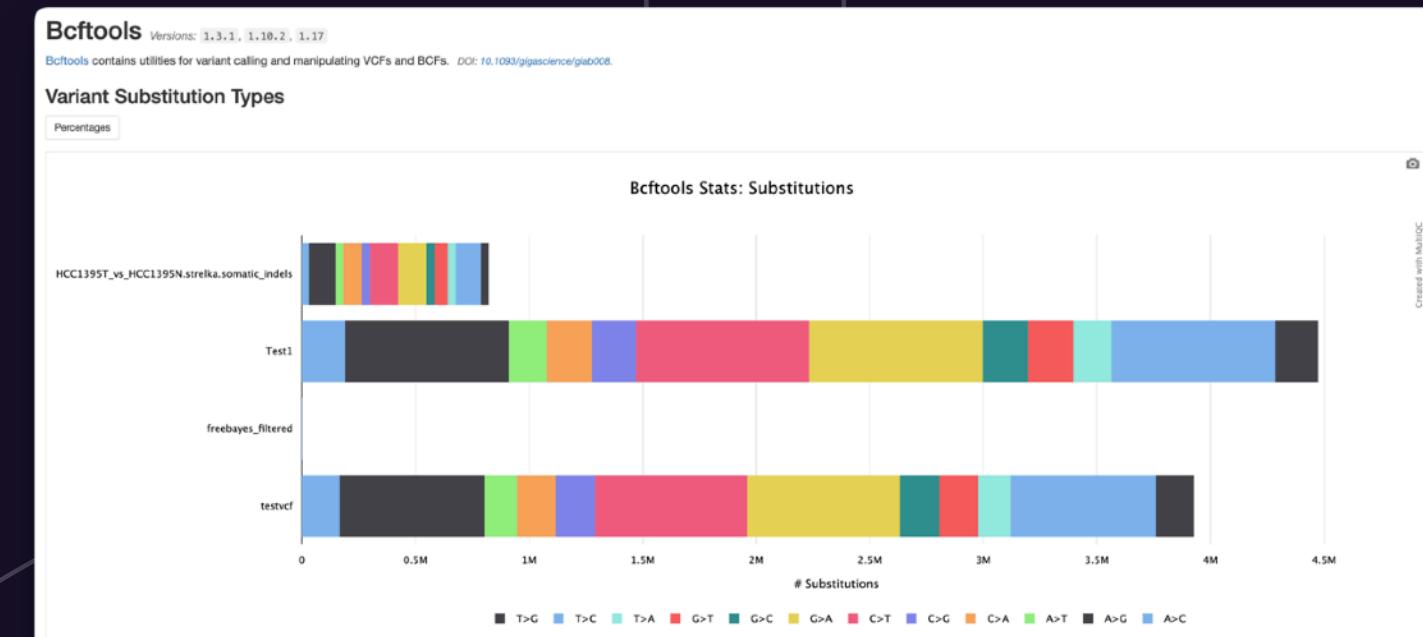


Replacing the plotting library

Switching HighCharts with Plotly

- Many more plot types available
- Can generate interactive plots and static images in Python

 plotly



Updates to the default template

A fresh lick of pixels

- Rewrite the interactive tooling to work with Plotly
- Dark mode 😎 ❤️
- Updates to the JavaScript / CSS frameworks



Dark mode

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- *Bonus:* Find the easter egg on [multiqc.info!](https://multiqc.info/)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the MultiQC documentation at <https://multiqc.info/docs/>. The page has a dark background with a hexagonal pattern. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Examples, Supported Tools, Docs (which is currently selected), About, and a dark mode toggle. A mouse cursor is visible on the right side of the screen.

Introduction

DOCS / INDEX

How to install MultiQC on your system

Getting Started

- Introduction (selected)
- Quick Start
- Installation
- Running MultiQC
- Configuration

Reports

- Using Reports
- Customising Reports

Custom Content

- Custom Content

Usage

- Downstream analysis
- Using MultiQC in pipelines
- Common Problems

Development

Note

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Steps of analysis

Samples in experiment

Tool 1 Tool 2 Tool 3 Tool 4

MultiQC parses tool outputs

Single Human-readable HTML report

MultiQC

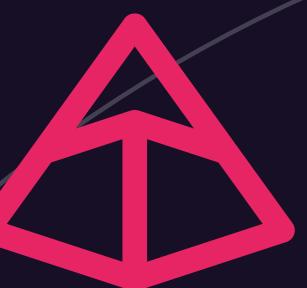
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Core code refactoring

Cleaner code for all

- Better use of objects and classes instead of globals
- Python 3 best practices, including the aim to have complete variable typing
- Adopt Pydantic for rich validation and support of multiple sta
- Import MultiQC into scripts and use as a library for your own purposes

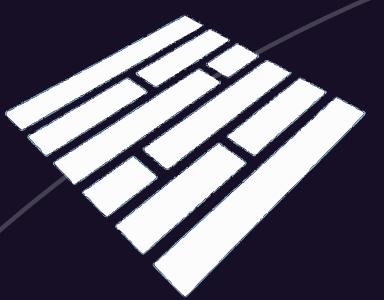


Pydantic

Standardised file format

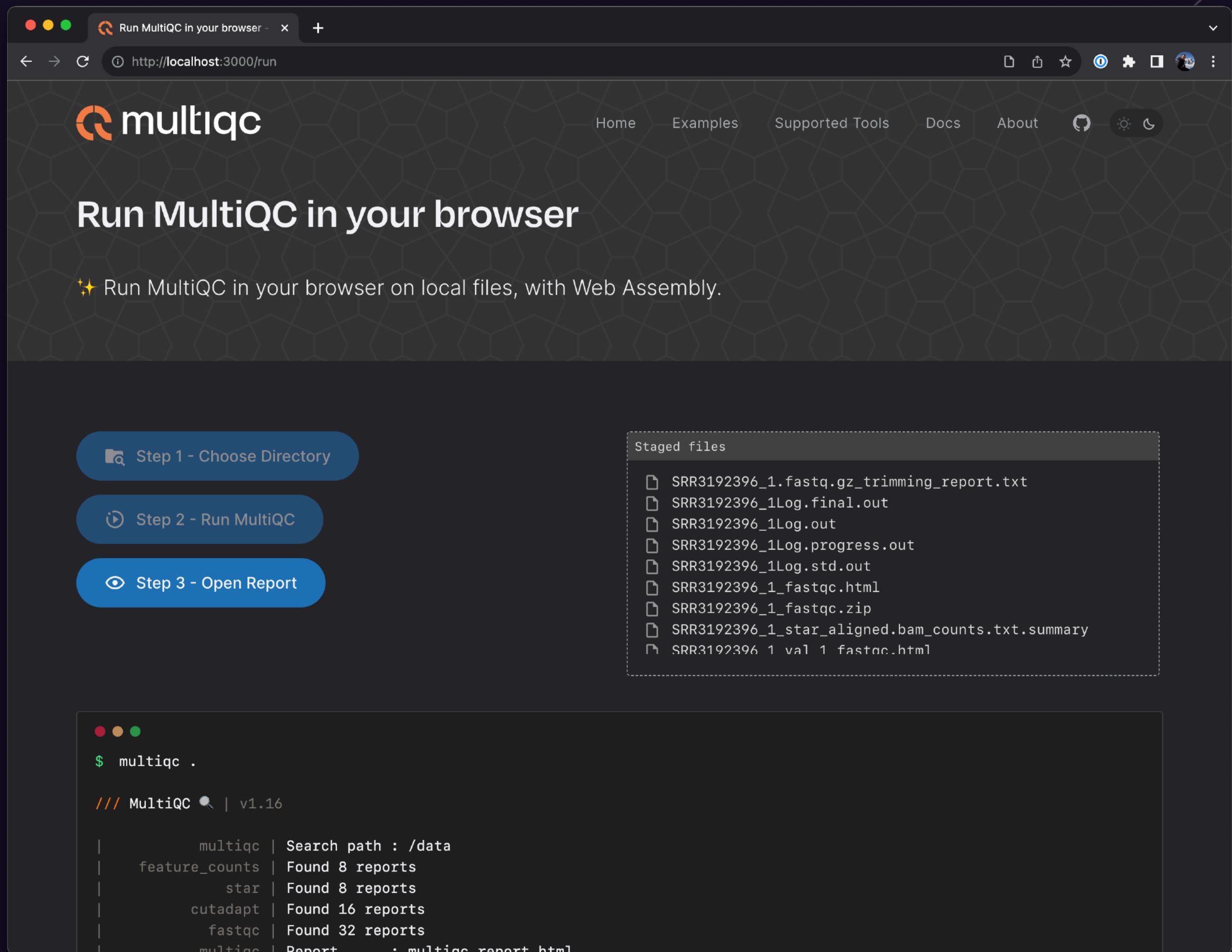
MultiQC as a foundation to build upon

- Separate out the process of parsing input data and report generation
- Adopt a new standard for intermediate data, building upon Pydantic's support of formats such as Apache Parquet
- Make "Custom Content" a better supported and more mainstream feature
- Position MultiQC as a building block for larger analytics platforms



Parquet

Generate reports in your browser



multiqc.info/run >

- Generate reports in your browser, no installations necessary
- Point and click, doesn't use the terminal
- Uses WebAssembly

Thank you



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