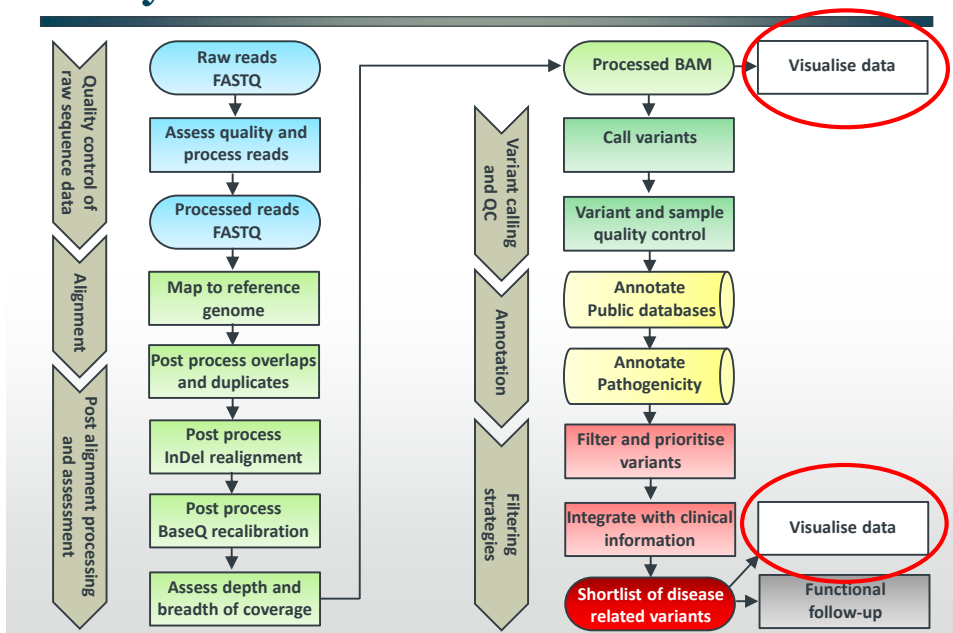


Visualisation of genomic data



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Analysis workflow



Lecture Outline

- Why visualise?
- What can you visualise?
- Visualisation tools
- Focus on Integrative Genome Viewer (IGV)

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session you should...

- Understand the importance of data visualisation and different types of visualisations
- Be aware of several available tools to view alignment/variant data
- Be familiar with the layout of the IGV software, how to upload your data and navigate to regions of interest
- Gain the information you will need in order to complete the practicals

Why visualise?

Why visualise the data?

- From initial exploration of the data...
 - “I just want to have a *look* at it”
- ...to publication of the data
 - “I need to *illustrate* a point”
- To check that an algorithm has dealt with the data as expected
- View our own data *in the context* of the information already known
- Just like in the public genome viewers showing the human reference genome eg. ensembl, UCSC
- Integrate annotation of various types, and visualise all relative to a particular genome ‘map’



‘A picture paints a thousand words’



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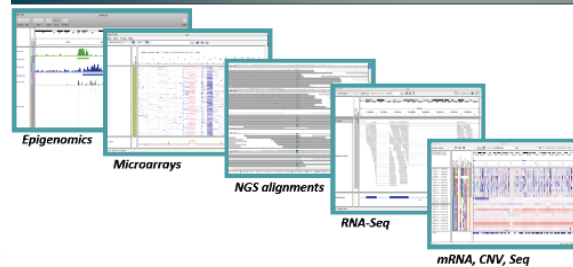
Genome Browsers

- “A graphical interface for display of information from a biological database of genomic data”
- Early days of the Human Genome Project (1999-2001) a need to visualise of genomic data, as a way of making it available to the research community in a more user friendly format than a database
- Public genome viewers showing the human reference genome
 - eg. ensembl, UCSC Genome Browser, (NCBI mapviewer/Genome data viewer)
- Many more specific to particular genomes (plants, animals...) or particular projects/datasets 1000 genomes, COSMIC, ENCODE project
- Interactive browsers, move around and investigate data
- Linear representation of genome ~3bn bp, left to right, one strand, lots of tracks below all lined up
- Customisable view; squishable, expandable, add or remove tracks, add your own tracks

Introduced to ensembl browser in Omic Techniques module (uploaded bam and vcf files to ensembl)

What kind of data can we visualise?

Input files



- NGS data, we want to visualise the alignments (how good is the coverage?) and the variants (how good is the variant?)
- Alignments file = Bam (bai), Variants file = vcf (idx)
- Indexing:
 - Often files need to be indexed (IGVtools can do this) to speed up the navigating around
 - Can jump to specific region without reading in whole file from the beginning

- BAM
- BED
- BedGraph
- bigBed
- bigWig
- Birdsuite Files
- broadPeak
- CBS
- CN
- Custom File Formats
- Cytoband
- FASTA
- GCF
- genePred
- GFF/GTF
- GISTIC
- Goby
- GWAS
- IGV
- LOH
- MAF (Multiple Alignment Format)
- MAF (Mutation Annotation Format)
- Merged BAM File
- MUT
- narrowPeak
- PSL
- RES
- SAM
- Sample Info (Attributes) file
- SEG
- SNP
- TAB
- TDF
- Track Line
- Type Line
- VCF
- WIG
- chrom.sizes



Reference genomes

- What's in a name?
- Everything is annotated with respect to a particular reference genome
- Genome builds
 - UCSC = hg18, hg19
 - NCBI = b36
 - Genome Reference Consortium (GRC) = GRCh37
 - Merged = hg38, GRCh38
- Other variations
 - Patches; GRCh37.p1 (regional fixes do not change coordinates)
 - Sorting; ordered lexicographically/ karyotypically
 - Chr1 Vs 1
 - Zero/1-based format for specifying locations

| TP53 isoform a Chr17 | Start | End | length |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| hg18 | 7,512,445 | 7,531,588 | 19,144 |
| hg19 | 7,571,720 | 7,590,868 | 19,149 |
| hg38 | 7,668,402 | 7,687,550 | 19,149 |

| | chr1 | T | A | C | G | T | C | A |
|---------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-based | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 0-based | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

| | 1-based | 0-based |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indicate a single nucleotide | chr1:4-4 G | chr1:3-4 G |
| Indicate a range of nucleotides | chr1:2-4 ACG | chr1:1-4 ACG |
| Indicate a single nucleotide variant | chr1:5-5 T/A | chr1:4-5 T/A |

• 1-based coordinate system
 • Single nucleotides, variant positions, or ranges are specified directly by their corresponding nucleotide numbers
 • 0-based coordinate system
 • Single nucleotides, variant positions, or ranges are specified by the coordinates that flank them

<https://www.biostars.org/p/84686/>
 Tutorial: Cheat Sheet For One-Based Vs Zero-Based Coordinate Systems
 Obi Griffith

Which genome to use?

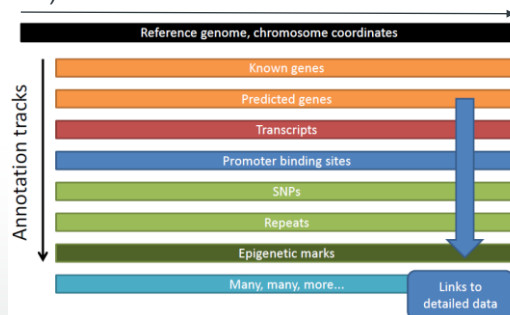
- Generally use the closest major build, hg18, hg19, hg38
- Check the meta-information/header of your files (sam, vcf)
- Currently in transition between hg19 (2009) and hg38 (2013)
- Archive versions of databases/browsers are available with previous builds
- Conversion tools – eg. UCSC liftOver tool / Assembly Converter @ensembl



When you get it wrong – hg38 bam file viewed on hg19 genome

Tracks (annotation)

- Sequence – individual nucleotides
- Gene datasets (refGene, Ensembl)
- Databases of known variants
- Sequence conservation
- Repetitive sequence, CpGs
- Phenotype (Omim, COSMIC)
- Many many others...
- Compare samples (trio)
- In context of other peoples data
- In context of other types of data (omics)



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Data visualisation tools

Tools for visualisation

■ Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)

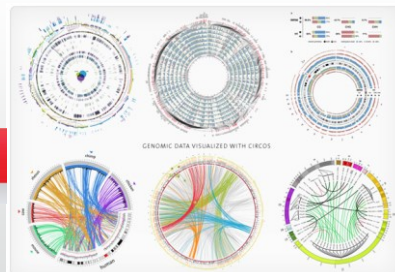
- Free
- Download to PC
- Windows, Java



Robinson, et al. Integrative Genomics Viewer. *Nature Biotechnology* 29, 24–26 (2011)
Thorvaldsdóttir, et al Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV): high-performance genomics data visualization and exploration. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* 14, 178–192 (2013).

■ Circos

- (<http://circos.ca/>)
- Free
- Download to PC
- Perl, command-line but possible on windows



Krzywinski, M. et al. Circos: an Information Aesthetic for Comparative Genomics. *Genome Res* (2009) 19:1639–1645

Tools for visualisation

■ Genome Savant

- Free
- Download to PC
- Windows, Java
- Arc view good for visualising structural variants



■ Trackster (Circster) in Galaxy

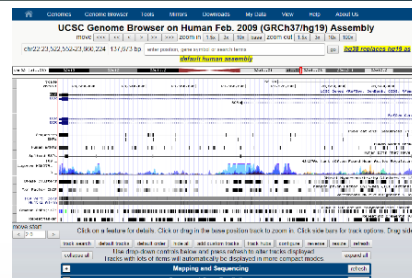
- Free
- Available via the galaxy server
- Also available UCSC, ensembl, IGV, IGB



Tools for visualisation

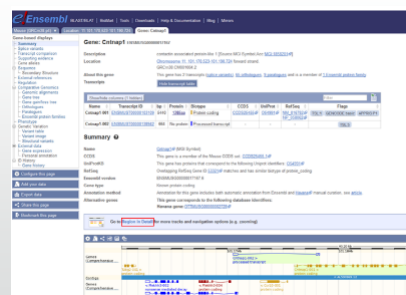
■ UCSC genome browser

- Free
- Web-based
- Upload your own data track
- Vast amount of data available through UCSC



■ Ensembl

- Free
- Web-based
- Upload your own data track
- Vast amounts of data available through ensembl



Which tool to use?

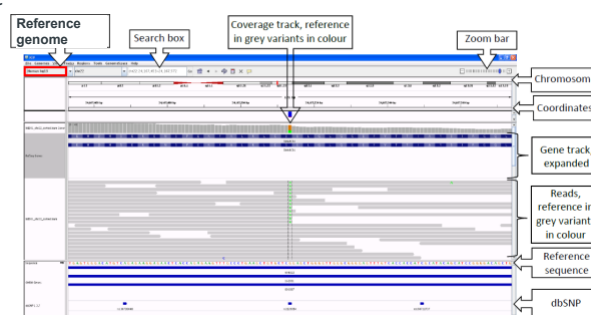
- Pros and Cons for each
 - Download loads of annotation from UCSC to view in IGV
 - Or
 - Upload loads of your own files to UCSC?
- Share with colleagues? Available online? Private data?
- How powerful is your PC? Got lots of RAM?
- Easiest to integrate with the external information you want?
- Which do you find easiest?



Getting started with IGV

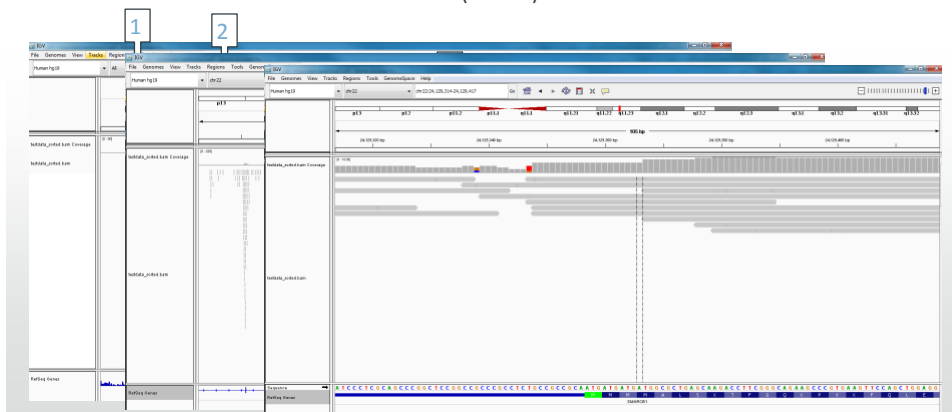
- Launching IGV
- Selecting relevant genome
 - Choose 'more...' if not present in drop down menu
- Loading your data (alignments)
 - Load from file...
- The index file must have the same file name and must reside in the same directory as the bam file
 - mysample.bam (choose this one)
 - mysample.bam.bai

Figure 6. The Integrative Genome Viewer (IGV)



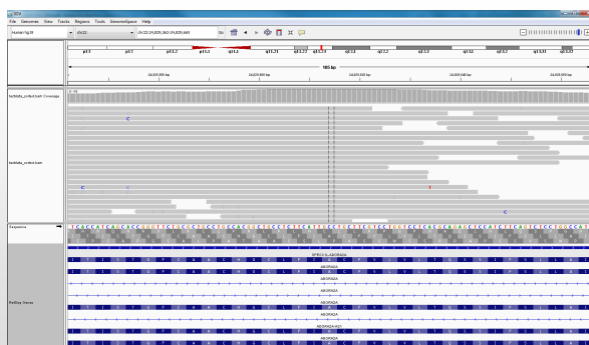
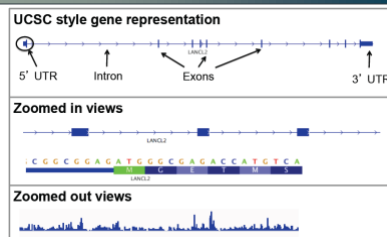
Navigating

- You will not see your reads when you first load up your data
- Zoom in to your region of interest
 1. Select Chr from drop down menu
 2. Type in location (chr1 or Chr1:100,000-200,000) or locus (gene symbol)
 3. Highlight regions on genomic ruler
 4. Scroll left and right by dragging with the mouse (Home/End, left/right arrows)
- Different views at different resolutions (zooms)

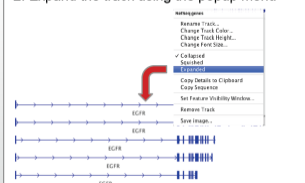


Genes and sequence

- Sequence
 - Click to get 3 frame translation
 - Click arrow to reverse the strand
- Genes
 - Multiple transcripts – click to expand
 - Positive/negative strand

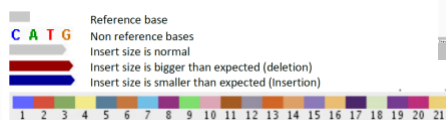


- Features are drawn in a single row, by default
- Expand the track using the popup menu

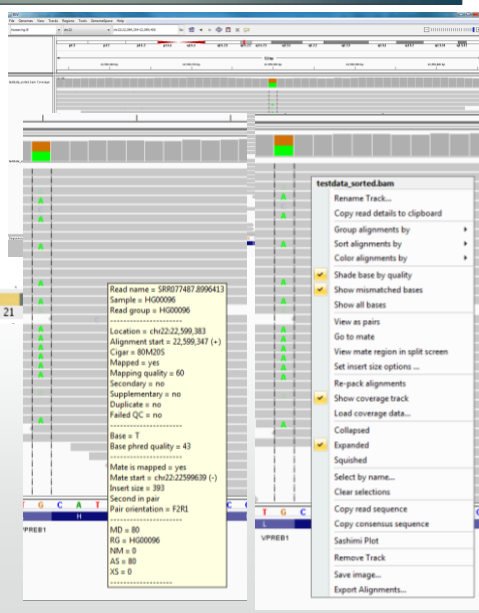


Viewing alignments

- Zoom in to see grey bars (arrow end shows direction)

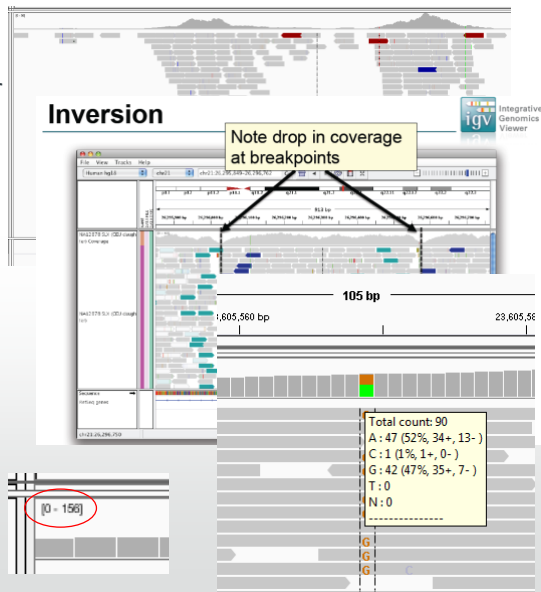


- Low quality bases are 'faded'
- Many of the thresholds can be altered in preferences
- Hover for more information, right click to get more viewing options



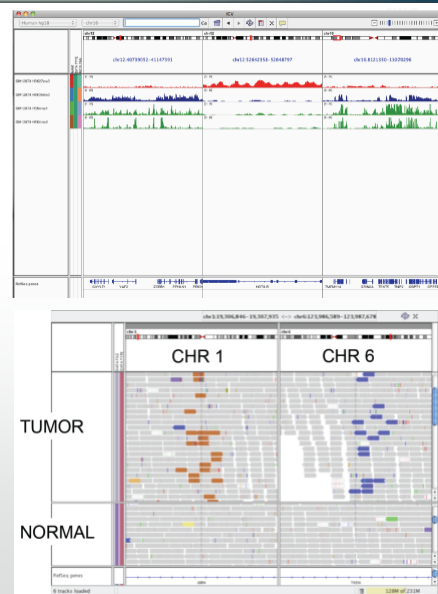
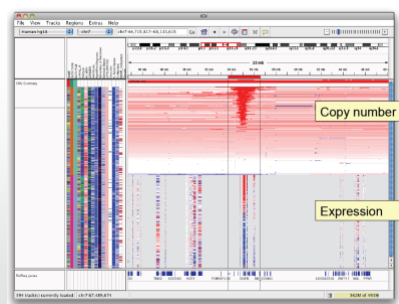
Coverage track

- Histogram across the top
- Coverage profile different for Exome/genome
- Does my gene have good coverage/depth?
- Evidence for depth changes associated with structural changes?
- Coloured to reflect alleles – hover for more information
- **Note:** scale changes to maximise view



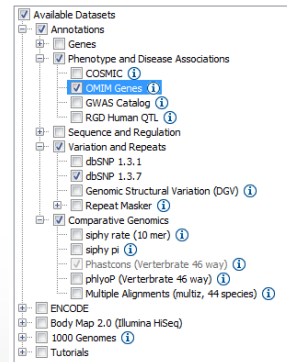
More complex visualisation

- View sample attributes
- View multiple samples/regions/tissues



Adding and moving tracks

- Add your own called variants (.vcf)
- Several datasets available (Load from server...)
- Or download your own



- Eg. OMIM genes, or dbSNP 1.3.7
- Can move tracks around to make comparison easier eg. Move dbSNP track to next to vcf track

Saving your work

- You can save the entire session (.xml), when you restore it, it will be exactly as you left it
 - Saves all your viewing preferences, tracks, location, level of zoom etc.
- Can also save image (.png) of your current view, export visible alignments (.sam), or copy the consensus sequence
- chr22:23915314-23915365
TCTGGTTGACAAAGAGGGTATTTATTKAGGGTTTACTGGGTACAGGGAGAAG

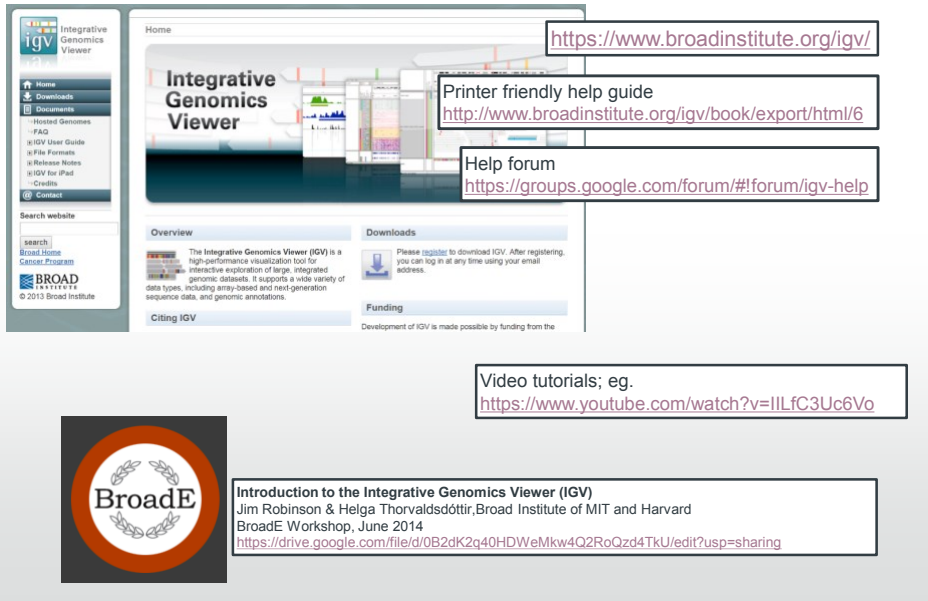
To save a session:

1. Click **File>Save Session**.
2. In the Save Session window, select a directory and session file name and click **OK**.

To restore a saved session:

1. Click **File>Open Session**.
2. In the Open Session window, select a session file and click **OK**. IGV ends the current session and restores the saved session.

More info/help



The screenshot shows the IGV website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with links like Home, Downloads, and Help. The main content area has a header 'Integrative Genomics Viewer' and a large image of the software interface. Below this are sections for Overview, Downloads, and Funding. Several callout boxes are overlaid on the image, providing links to external resources:

- <https://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/>
- Printer friendly help guide
<http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/book/export/html/6>
- Help forum
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/igv-help>
- Video tutorials; eg.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IILfC3Uc6Vo>

At the bottom left is the BroadE logo, and at the bottom right is a box titled 'Introduction to the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)' by Jim Robinson & Helga Thorvaldsdóttir, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, BroadE Workshop, June 2014, with a link to a Google Drive file.

Next...

Practical 1: Introduction to Galaxy