

00 Pre-class setup

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In this chapter you will learn how to setup your environment either on the remote server or locally.

Learning objectives

1. Creating a directory
2. Cloning a git repo with class material
3. Setting up a conda environment
4. Download data

1 Setup working directory

1.1 Login to AUTH cluster (Remote coding only)

Before setting up, there are some necessary steps specific for remote coding which are specific to Windows users. If you are a Linux or MacOS user skip to section

1.1.1 Install VSCode or MobaXTerm (Windows Users Only)

In order to use SSH (remote host access) to the AUTH computer cluster you will either need to have Windows Subprocesses for Linux ([WSL](#)) installed and enabled or use an IDE such as [VSCode](#) (preferable) or [MobaXTerm](#)

1.1.2 Connect to AUTH cluster

If you are not logged in an AUTH network (e.g. working from home), make sure you have eduVPN enabled. More info [here](#)

Then open a terminal window or your IDE and type the following:

```
ssh [username]@aristotle.it.auth.gr
```

1.2 Clone the git repo with the course material

```
git clone https://github.com/ggeorgol/ATACseq_course  
cd ATACseq_course
```

2 Creating a conda environment

There is an established set of tools required for analyzing high throughput sequencing data, and ATAC-seq in particular. For this reason we will create a virtual environment using the ANACONDA/miniconda ([conda](#) for short) package manager.

Specifically, we are going to need the following tools:

- [htslib](#) See SAMtools
- [SAMtools](#) The holy grail of HTS data processing. Your trusty hammer. An all-in-one kit for manipulating alignment files (BAM)
- [picard](#) Next to SAMtools there is Picard. A set of Java command line tools for manipulating high-throughput sequencing (HTS) data and formats.
- [deepTools](#) A suite of tools for exploring HTS data. Great for QC and visualization.
- [bedTools](#) a swiss-army knife of tools for a wide-range of genomics analysis tasks and genome arithmetic
- [bedops](#) Similar to bedTools, BEDOPS is a fast, highly scalable and easily-parallelizable genome analysis toolkit

- [subread](#) A suite of software programs for processing next-gen sequencing read data with `featureCounts` being one of the most popular read counters.

The following snippet will take a few minutes to complete

```
module load gcc miniconda3
source $CONDA_PROFILE/conda.sh

conda config --add channels defaults
conda config --add channels bioconda
conda config --add channels conda-forge
conda config --set channel_priority strict

conda create -n atac python=3.10 htlib samtools picard deeptools bedtools bedops subread
```

To activate the environment type the following:

```
conda activate atac
```

3 Data download

In this course we are going to work with ATAC-seq data generated by the [ENCODE project](#). We will work with naïve and activated T-cells from a female adult with the following accession numbers: [ENCSR977LVI](#), and [ENCSR558ZSN](#). We will use the alignment (BAM) files and the already generated peaks.

If you work on the AUTH cluster, the data should be stored in your personal scratch space `$$SCRATCH`. Keep in mind that data in `$$SCRATCH` will be stored for 30 days only before the scratch space is cleaned up.

If you work on the cluster, type:

```
DATADIR=${SCRATCH}/ATACseq_course/data
ln -s $DATADIR data # Make a data shortcut to your working directory
```

If you work locally, type:

```
DATADIR=data
```

Continue

```

mkdir -p ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR977LVI,ENCSR558ZSN}

# Download ENCSR558ZSN dataset
# BAM files
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF287DFF/@@download/EN
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF2180SF/@@download/EN

# Peaks
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF002MKC/@@download/EN
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF235RAD/@@download/EN

# Download ENCSR558ZSN dataset
# BAM files
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF287DFF/@@download/EN
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF2180SF/@@download/EN

# Peaks
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF235RAD/@@download/EN
wget -P ${DATADIR}/${ENCSR558ZSN} https://www.encodeproject.org/files/ENCFF002MKC/@@download/EN

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