

## Calculation of Q-scores from Command Line

First, download and install UCSF Chimera and the MapQ plugin:

<https://github.com/gregdp/mapq>

Then, Q-scores can be calculated from the command line using a command which varies slightly by platform, and whether to use multiprocessing:

### **Using only a single processor:**

#### **Mac Command:**

```
[path to Chimera]/Contents/MacOS/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus [path to map] [path to model] [path to Chimera]/Contents/Resources/share/mapq/mapq_run.py
```

#### **Mac Example:**

```
~/Desktop/Chimera.app/Contents/MacOS/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus  
~/_data/mmetrics/emd_20026/emd_20026.map ~/_data/mmetrics/emd_20026/3ajo.pdb  
~/Desktop/Chimera.app/Contents/Resources/share/mapq/mapq_run.py
```

#### **Unix Command:**

```
[path to Chimera]/bin/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus [path to map] [path to model]  
[path to Chimera]/share/mapq/mapq_run.py
```

#### **Unix Example:**

```
~/_mol/Chimera/bin/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus  
~/Dropbox/_data/Ferritin/k175/k175_fi.mrc ~/Dropbox/_data/Ferritin/k175/3ajo_f.pdb  
~/_mol/Chimera/share/mapq/mapq_run.py
```

### **Using multi-processing:**

#### **Mac Command:**

```
[path to Chimera]/Contents/MacOS/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus [path to map] [path to model] [path to Chimera]/Contents/Resources/share/mapq/mapq_run_MP.py [number of processors]
```

#### **Mac Example:**

```
~/Desktop/Chimera.app/Contents/MacOS/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus  
~/_data/mmetrics/emd_20026/emd_20026.map ~/_data/mmetrics/emd_20026/3ajo.pdb  
~/Desktop/Chimera.app/Contents/Resources/share/mapq/mapq_run_MP.py 6
```

#### **Unix Command:**

```
[path to Chimera]/bin/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus [path to map] [path to model]  
[path to Chimera]/share/mapq/mapq_run_MP.py [number of processors]
```

#### **Unix Example:**

```
~/_mol/Chimera/bin/chimera --nogui --silent --nostatus  
~/Dropbox/_data/Ferritin/k175/k175_fi.mrc ~/Dropbox/_data/Ferritin/k175/3ajo_f.pdb  
~/_mol/Chimera/share/mapq/mapq_run_MP.py 6
```

- Please note that [path to model] is required when using the multi-processing script, and should be an absolute path, even if the script is run from the directory where the model is located. This is so that per-atom Q-scores can be written to a PDB file in the same folder (see below).
- Multiple models can be specified on the command line; the script will iterate over all of them. Just one map should be specified however.

The output should be something like this (will vary slightly depending on whether multi-processing was used or not):

```
Q Scores:
- map: emd_20026.map
- mol: 3ajo.pdb, chain: _all_
- sigma: 0.50
- mind: -0.061, maxd: 0.109
- atoms to do: 1714
- path: /Users/greg/Desktop/Chimera.app/Contents/Resources/share/mapqp.py
- on mac

[...]

- done, time: 70.172916
- done, time: 1 min, 10.2 sec
Saving pdb with Q-scores: /Users/greg/_data/mmetrics/emd_20026/3ajo__Q__emd_20026.pdb

Q for 413 res...
Model Q-score: 0.776

Chain  Avg.Q-score  Est.Res.(A)
chain A (hoh) 0.506  3.45
chain A (mg)  0.510  3.42
chain A (protein) 0.820  1.69

Type  Avg.Q-score  Est.Res.(A)
Protein  0.820  1.69
MG  0.510  3.42
HOH  0.506  3.45

Map: emd_20026.map, Model: 3ajo.pdb
--> avg. Q score: 0.776
```

- The score for the entire model is on the last line (0.776).
- The other few last lines summarize the scores by atom type: protein, nucleic acids, and other, e.g. Mg, Hoh (water atoms).
- Per-atom Q-scores are stored in the pdb file [model name]\_\_Q\_\_[map name] in the **Occupancy** column.
- When using multiprocessing, there will be an 'error' output at the end, e.g. "Error processing 6: ...". Chimera is complaining that it did not know what to do with the parameter which specifies the number of processors, even though it was used by the script as intended; otherwise the script should have completed successfully.