

# RNA-seq quantification from published data

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## Abstract

This workflow described how to download RNA-seq raw data from NCBI or EBI and to process them to quantify transcript abundance.

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## Protocol

### Step 1.

Identify RNA-seq runs of interests and get a DRR/ERR/SRR accession number.

In a bash script, assign the accession number to the \$acc\_sra variable.

#### SOFTWARE PACKAGE (LINUX)

### Prozilla, 2.0.4

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<https://github.com/totosugito/prozilla-2.0.4>

#### cmd COMMAND (LINUX)

```
if [ ${#acc_sra} -eq 9 ]; then
    proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_1.fastq.gz -
P $acc_wd

    gunzip ${acc_sra}_1.fastq.gz
    proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_2.fastq.gz -
P $acc_wd

    gunzip ${acc_sra}_2.fastq.gz
else
    if [ ${#acc_sra} -eq 10 ]; then
        proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/00${acc_sra:9:9}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_
1.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

        gunzip ${acc_sra}_1.fastq.gz
        proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/00${acc_sra:9:9}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_
2.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

        gunzip ${acc_sra}_2.fastq.gz
    else
        if [ ${#acc_sra} -eq 11 ]; then
            proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/0${acc_sra:9:10}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_
1.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

            gunzip ${acc_sra}_1.fastq.gz
            proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/0${acc_sra:9:10}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_
```

```

2.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

                                gunzip ${acc_sra}_2.fastq.gz
                                else
                                proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/${acc_sra:9:11}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_1
.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

                                gunzip ${acc_sra}_1.fastq.gz
                                proz -k=8 --force -r --no-
curses ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/fastq/${acc_sra:0:6}/${acc_sra:9:11}/${acc_sra}/${acc_sra}_2
.fastq.gz -P $acc_wd

                                gunzip ${acc_sra}_2.fastq.gz

                                fi

                                fi

                                fi

```

use Prozilla to download data from the EBI

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k option in prozilla indicates the number of CPUs

## Step 2.

Trim reads with Trimmomatic. Assign to \$adaptfile variable the appropriate file name containing primer sequences (found in the Trimmomatic folder).

### ☰ SOFTWARE PACKAGE (LINUX)

#### Trimmomatic, 0.32 [↗](#)

USADELLAB  
<http://www.usadellab.org/cms/?page=trimmomatic>

### cmd COMMAND (LINUX)

```

java -jar /home/tduge/trinity/Trimmomatic-0.32/trimmomatic-0.32.jar PE -
threads $thread_number ${acc_sra}_1.fastq ${acc_sra}_2.fastq ${acc_sra}_1P.fq ${acc_sra}_1
U.fq ${acc_sra}_2P.fq ${acc_sra}_2U.fq ILLUMINACLIP:$adaptfile:2:30:10 LEADING:3 TRAILING:
3 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15 MINLEN:36

```

Trim paired RNA-seq reads with Trimmomatic

## Step 3.

Quantify transcript abundance against a reference transcriptome assembly.

Assign the reference transcriptome to the \$sid variable (the fasta assembly may be downloaded in Ensembl for example).

### ☰ SOFTWARE PACKAGE (LINUX)

#### Salmon, 0.8.2

Rob Patro  
<https://combine-lab.github.io/salmon/>

cmd **COMMAND (LINUX)**

```
forward=${acc_sra}_1P.fq
reverse=${acc_sra}_2P.fq

salmon index -t $assembly -i ${assembly}_quasi_index --type quasi -k 31
salmon quant -i $sid -l A -p $thread_number --useVB0pt -1 $forward -2 $reverse -
o ${acc_sra}_transcripts_quant_quasi_vbo --seqBias
```

Prepare reference index and quantify transcript abundance

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assembly and quantification may be switch to the lightweight-alignment (SMEM), please read the doc @ <http://salmon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/salmon.html#quasi-mapping-based-mode-including-lightweight-alignment>