

Quality Control of Reads Using Trimmomatic (Cyverse)

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Abstract

A collection of protocols designed to guide the user in processing a viral metagenome from raw sequence data to assembly, and subsequent analysis. The user uses *actual* reads from [Ocean Sampling Day \(2014\)](#) and processes them entirely within Cyverse, a NSF-supported cyberinfrastructure.

Quality trimming of reads is important!

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Guidelines

This is part of a larger protocol *Collection* that involves the end-to-end processing of raw viral metagenomic reads obtained from a sequencing facility to assembly and analysis using Apps (i.e. tools) developed by iVirus and implemented within the Cyverse cyberinfrastructure.

Before start

To run this protocol, users must first [register](#) for Cyverse account. All data (both inputs and outputs) are available within Cyverse's data store at /iplant/home/shared/iVirus/ExampleData/

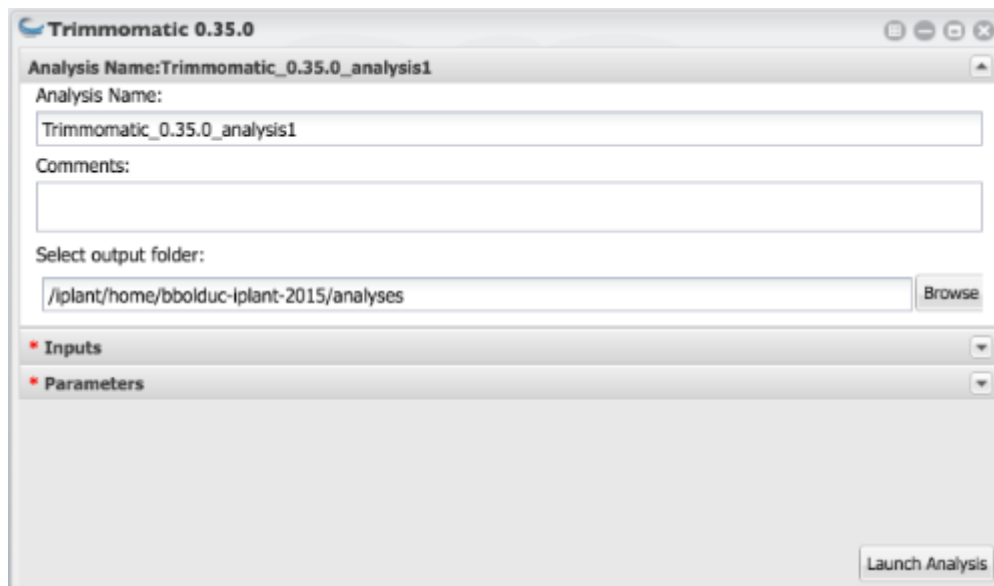
Protocol

Quality control of reads

Step 1.

Open Trimmomatic

Open Trimmomatic 0.35.0 from 'Apps'



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Step 2.

Select Inputs

Select the 'Inputs' tab.

For **Reads file (for paired or unpaired)**:

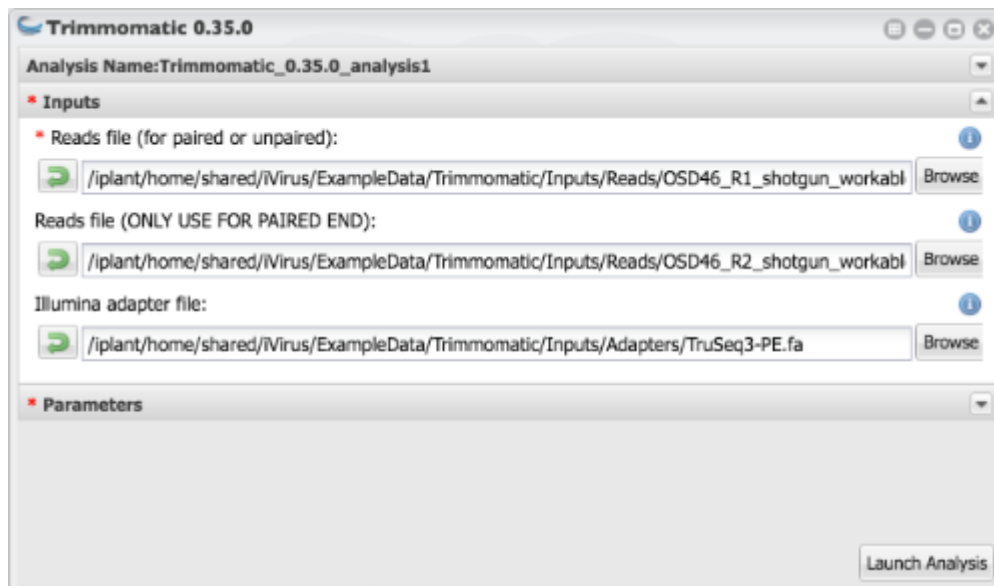
- Navigate to *Community Data --> iVirus --> ExampleData --> Trimmomatic --> Inputs --> Reads*. Select *OSD46_R1_shotgun_workable.fastq.gz* Alternatively, copy-and-paste the location: */iplant/home/shared/iVirus/ExampleData/Trimmomatic/Inputs/Reads* into the navigation bar and select the fastq.gz file.

For **Reads file (ONLY USE FOR PAIRED END)**: Only use this file if it's read pair 2. Don't try to double-up two single-end reads.

- Navigate to *Community Data --> iVirus --> ExampleData --> Trimmomatic --> Inputs --> Reads*. Select *OSD46_R2_shotgun_workable.fastq.gz* Alternatively, copy-and-paste the location: */iplant/home/shared/iVirus/ExampleData/Trimmomatic/Inputs/Reads* into the navigation bar and select the fastq.gz file.

For **Illumina adapter file**:

- Navigate to *Community Data --> iVirus --> ExampleData --> Trimmomatic --> Inputs --> Adapters*. Select *TruSeq3-PE.fa* Alternatively, copy-and-paste the location: */iplant/home/shared/iVirus/ExampleData/Trimmomatic/Inputs/Adapters* into the navigation bar and select the fasta file.



Step 3.

Select Parameters

Select the 'Parameters' tab.

The default options will suffice for this example.



Step 4.

Launch Analysis

Run the job!

Trimmomatic can take minutes to hours to complete.

Step 5.

Results

Trimmomatic will generate 5 output files. 2 paired files where both forward and reverse survived read trimming, 2 unpaired files where their pair/mate did not survive, and a log file.

Expected results can be found from the 'Outputs' directory of Trimmomatic.

