# **Exercises:**Introduction to Unix

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# **Exercise 1: Connecting to a Linux Server**

- Find the server address, username and password which have been assigned to you
- Connect to the server via the web interface and check you can see your desktop

Name of server: Biomolumsa

Lista de usuarios:

:student1 ubuntu1 :student2 ubuntu2 :student3 ubunto3

### **Exercise 2: Basic Unix commands**

- Run the ls program to see what files and folders are in your home directory
- Run ls -1 to get the output in "long" format with the owner, size and file type listed
- The figlet command draws pretty graphical representations of text you supply, something like this:



- Read the man page for figlet to work out how to use it (man figlet)
- Get the program to write your name. If you put spaces in your name you'll need to put your name into quotes.
- Find the correct switch to add to the command to get your name centred in the terminal
- xcowsay is a graphical program which makes a cow say something
- Run xcowsay -t 0 "I am a graphical program"
  - Note that you can't enter more commands in the terminal until you click on the cow to make it go away
  - $\circ$  Read the man page to find out what the -t  $\,\,$  0 means
- Look at the help page for the multiqc program by running multiqc --help Note that there isn't a man page for this since it isn't a core piece of software.

# **Exercise 3: File system basics**

- Check where your working directory currently is by running pwd
- List the files folders in the directory using ls -1
- Use mkdir to create a folder called compare then run ls -1 to check that you can see it
- Use cd to move into the seqmonk\_genomes/Saccharomyces cerevisiae directory in your home directory. Make sure you use tab completion to write the folder names.
- Run ls -l to see what folders you can see. Each of these represents a different genome assembly of the worm genome.
- Using 1s list the contents of directories containing a 4 in their name (1s \*4\*)

• Use the head command to simultaneously show the first line only of all of the I.dat files in any of the subdirectories (\*/I.dat)

- o Are the chrI sequences all the same length?
- Use cd to move into the EF4 directory, then use less to look at the contents of Mito.dat
  - See if you can find the first rRNA gene (type / rRNA to search in a less session)
  - o What is its position?
- Using cp copy Mito.dat into the compare directory in your home directory
  - o It will be cp Mito.dat ~/compare/ where the ~ means your home dir
- Use cd to move back to the ~/compare/ directory
  - o Use nano to edit the Mito.dat file
  - o Change Mito to Mitochondrion in the ID and AC header lines at the top of the file
  - o Save the file with Control+o and then exit nano with Control+x
  - o Use my rename the file from Mito.dat to Mitochondrion.txt
- Using ln -s create a symlink from the original Mito.dat file to the same filename in your current directory (the compare directory). Remember to use tab completion to write the folder/file names.

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ln -s ../seqmonk genomes/Saccharomyces\ cerevisiae/EF4/Mito.dat .
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• Run diff Mitochrondrion.txt Mito.dat to see what differences it can find between the two versions of the file.

### **Exercise 4: Redirection and Bash Loops**

- Go into the FastQ Data directory and look at one of the fastq files using less
  - Less is clever enough to realise that the file needs to be decompressed so you can just pass the file to less directly
  - Now validate that one of the files can be successfully decompressed
    - Run zcat on the file, but...
    - Throw away the STDOUT output (using > /dev/null) so that you just see errors or warnings
- Calculate the signatures of all of the fastq files using the shalsum program (with a number 1 in the middle, not the letter I)
  - Start by running shalsum on one fastq file to see how it works
  - Now run it on the entire contents of FastQ\_Data using a wildcard \*fastq.gz (rather than a loop)
    - Write the results (STDOUT) to a file in your home directory using >~/signatures.txt
    - Write any errors to a different file in your home directory (2>~/errors.txt)
- Use nohup to run the fastqc program on all of the fastq.gz files (\*fastq.gz)

- o Check the nohup.out file to see that it has finished.
- Once the fastqc jobs have finished, run multiqc . (note the dot to specify it should run in the current directory) to assemble the fastqc output into a single report.

# If you have time

- Write a bash loop which will go through every .dat file in seqmonk\_genomes and will count the number of lines containing rrna (case insensitive). The process will be:
  - o Move to the segmonk genomes/Saccharomyces cerevisiae folder
  - Use a shell wildcard which will find all of the .dat files (\*/\*.dat)
  - Write a loop to iterate over these. For each one
    - Use echo to write out the name of the file plus a space (check for how to not include a newline at the end)
    - Use grep to get the lines containing "rrna" (check for case insensitive)
    - Use wc to get and print the number of lines of hit (check how to just get the line count)
    - Run the loop and save the results to a file called rrna\_count.txt
- Convert every fastq.gz file in FastQ Data into a fastq.bz2 file
  - o Read the file with zcat
  - Pipe it to bzip2 (with the option to write to stdout)
  - o Redirect the output to a new file with .bz2 on the end