

QAA notebook

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FastQC - A high throughput sequence QC analysis tool

SYNOPSIS

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fastqc seqfile1 seqfile2 .. seqfileN
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fastqc [-o output dir] [--(no)extract] [-f fastq|bam|sam]  
      [-c contaminant file] seqfile1 .. seqfileN
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DESCRIPTION

FastQC reads a set of sequence files and produces from each one a quality control report consisting of a number of different modules, each one of which will help to identify a different potential type of problem in your data.

If no files to process are specified on the command line then the program will start as an interactive graphical application. If files are provided on the command line then the program will run with no user interaction required. In this mode it is suitable for inclusion into a standardised analysis pipeline.

The options for the program are as follows:

-h --help Print this help file and exit

-v --version Print the version of the program and exit

-o --outdir Create all output files in the specified output directory.
 Please note that this directory must exist as the program
 will not create it. If this option is not set then the
 output file for each sequence file is created in the same

directory as the sequence file which was processed.

- `--casava` Files come from raw casava output. Files in the same sample group (differing only by the group number) will be analysed as a set rather than individually. Sequences with the filter flag set in the header will be excluded from the analysis. Files must have the same names given to them by casava (including being gzipped and ending with .gz) otherwise they won't be grouped together correctly.
- `--nano` Files come from nanopore sequences and are in fast5 format. In this mode you can pass in directories to process and the program will take in all fast5 files within those directories and produce a single output file from the sequences found in all files.
- `--nofilter` If running with `--casava` then don't remove read flagged by casava as poor quality when performing the QC analysis.
- `--extract` If set then the zipped output file will be uncompressed in the same directory after it has been created. If `--delete` is also specified then the zip file will be removed after the contents are unzipped.
- `-j --java` Provides the full path to the java binary you want to use to launch fastqc. If not supplied then java is assumed to be in your path.
- `--noextract` Do not uncompress the output file after creating it. You should set this option if you do not wish to uncompress the output when running in non-interactive mode.
- `--nogroup` Disable grouping of bases for reads >50bp. All reports will show data for every base in the read. WARNING: Using this option will cause fastqc to crash and burn if you use it on really long reads, and your plots may end up a ridiculous size. You have been warned!
- `--min_length` Sets an artificial lower limit on the length of the sequence

to be shown in the report. As long as you set this to a value greater or equal to your longest read length then this will be the sequence length used to create your read groups. This can be useful for making directly comparable statistics from datasets with somewhat variable read lengths.

`--dup_length` Sets a length to which the sequences will be truncated when defining them to be duplicates, affecting the duplication and overrepresented sequences plot. This can be useful if you have long reads with higher levels of miscalls, or contamination with adapter dimers containing UMI sequences.

`-f --format` Bypasses the normal sequence file format detection and forces the program to use the specified format. Valid formats are bam,sam,bam_mapped,sam_mapped and fastq

`--memory` Sets the base amount of memory, in Megabytes, used to process each file. Defaults to 512MB. You may need to increase this if you have a file with very long sequences in it.

`--svg` Save the graphs in the report in SVG format.

`-t --threads` Specifies the number of files which can be processed simultaneously. Each thread will be allocated 250MB of memory so you shouldn't run more threads than your available memory will cope with, and not more than 6 threads on a 32 bit machine

`-c` Specifies a non-default file which contains the list of contaminants to screen overrepresented sequences against. The file must contain sets of named contaminants in the form name[tab]sequence. Lines prefixed with a hash will be ignored.

`-a` Specifies a non-default file which contains the list of adapter sequences which will be explicitly searched against the library. The file must contain sets of named adapters

the header, the file must contain sets of named adapters in the form name[tab]sequence. Lines prefixed with a hash will be ignored.

- l Specifies a non-default file which contains a set of criteria
- limits which will be used to determine the warn/error limits for the various modules. This file can also be used to selectively remove some modules from the output all together. The format needs to mirror the default limits.txt file found in the Configuration folder.
- k --kmers Specifies the length of Kmer to look for in the Kmer content module. Specified Kmer length must be between 2 and 10. Default length is 7 if not specified.
- q --quiet Suppress all progress messages on stdout and only report errors.
- d --dir Selects a directory to be used for temporary files written when generating report images. Defaults to system temp directory if not specified.

BUGS

Any bugs in fastqc should be reported either to simon.andrews@babraham.ac.uk or in www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/bugzilla/

Both R1 time info:

Command being timed: "fastqc /projects/bgmp/shared/2017
_sequencing/demultiplexed/34_4H_both_S24_L008_R1_
001.fastq.gz --outdir /projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623"

User time (seconds): 47.37

System time (seconds): 2.13

Percent of CPU this job got: 92%

Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 0:53.49

Average shared text size (kbytes): 0

Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0
Average stack size (kbytes): 0
Average total size (kbytes): 0
Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 189324
Average resident set size (kbytes): 0
Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 320
Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 136219
Voluntary context switches: 5612
Involuntary context switches: 1964
Swaps: 0
File system inputs: 62456
File system outputs: 2520
Socket messages sent: 0
Socket messages received: 0
Signals delivered: 0
Page size (bytes): 4096
Exit status: 0

Both R2 time info:

Command being timed: "fastqc /projects/bgmp/shared/2017
_sequencing/demultiplexed/34_4H_both_S24_L008_R2_001.fastq.gz --
outdir /projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623/fastqc_output"

User time (seconds): 46.84

System time (seconds): 2.24

Percent of CPU this job got: 87%

Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 0:56.25

Average shared text size (kbytes): 0

Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0

Average stack size (kbytes): 0

Average total size (kbytes): 0

Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 183148

Average resident set size (kbytes): 0

Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 0

Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 133501

Voluntary context switches: 4701

Involuntary context switches: 1726

Involuntary context switches: 1720

Swaps: 0

File system inputs: 0

File system outputs: 2560

Socket messages sent: 0

Socket messages received: 0

Signals delivered: 0

Page size (bytes): 4096

Exit status: 0

Mbnl R1 time info:

Command being timed: "fastqc /projects/bgmp/shared/2017
_sequencing/demultiplexed/6_2D_mbnl_S5_L008_R1_001.fastq.gz --
outdir /projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623/fastqc_output"

User time (seconds): 57.35

System time (seconds): 2.52

Percent of CPU this job got: 98%

Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 1:00.63

Average shared text size (kbytes): 0

Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0

Average stack size (kbytes): 0

Average total size (kbytes): 0

Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 196184

Average resident set size (kbytes): 0

Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 1

Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 119115

Voluntary context switches: 5571

Involuntary context switches: 2278

Swaps: 0

File system inputs: 24

File system outputs: 2544

Socket messages sent: 0

Socket messages received: 0

Signals delivered: 0

Page size (bytes): 4096

Exit status: 0

Mbnl R2 time info:

Command being timed: "fastqc /projects/bgmp/shared/2017
_sequencing/demultiplexed/6_2D_mbnl_S5_L008_R2_001.fastq.gz --
outdir /projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623/fastqc_output"

User time (seconds): 56.89

System time (seconds): 2.86

Percent of CPU this job got: 98%

Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 1:00.72

Average shared text size (kbytes): 0

Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0

Average stack size (kbytes): 0

Average total size (kbytes): 0

Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 165744

Average resident set size (kbytes): 0

Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 0

Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 106143

Voluntary context switches: 5315

Involuntary context switches: 2005

Swaps: 0

File system inputs: 0

File system outputs: 2528

Socket messages sent: 0

Socket messages received: 0

Signals delivered: 0

Page size (bytes): 4096

Exit status: 0

Command being timed: "./Demultiplex_quality_score_plotting -f
/projects/bgmp/shared/2017_sequencing/demultiplexed/34_
4H_both_S24_L008_R1_001.fastq.gz -l 102 -o
/projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623/both_R1_plotting_output"

User time (seconds): 177.96

System time (seconds): 0.22

Percent of CPU this job got: 98%

Percent of CPU this job got: 25%
Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 11:33.67
Average shared text size (kbytes): 0
Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0
Average stack size (kbytes): 0
Average total size (kbytes): 0
Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 58320
Average resident set size (kbytes): 0
Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 0
Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 14462
Voluntary context switches: 479
Involuntary context switches: 16492
Swaps: 0
File system inputs: 0
File system outputs: 0
Socket messages sent: 0
Socket messages received: 0
Signals delivered: 0
Page size (bytes): 4096
Exit status: 0

Command being timed: "./Demultiplex_quality_score_plotting -f
/projects/bgmp/shared/2017_sequencing/demultiplexed/34_
4H_both_S24_L008_R2_001.fastq.gz -l 102 -o
/projects/bgmp/leylacuf/bioinfo/Bi623/both_R2_plotting_output"

User time (seconds): 184.07

System time (seconds): 0.23
Percent of CPU this job got: 26%
Elapsed (wall clock) time (h:mm:ss or m:ss): 11:34.58
Average shared text size (kbytes): 0
Average unshared data size (kbytes): 0
Average stack size (kbytes): 0
Average total size (kbytes): 0
Maximum resident set size (kbytes): 58504
Average resident set size (kbytes): 0
Major (requiring I/O) page faults: 0
Minor (reclaiming a frame) page faults: 14464
Voluntary context switches: 488
Involuntary context switches: 16806
Swaps: 0