

1. From the ABySS output, create a table for the unitigs, contigs, and scaffolds with the number of each, N50 for each, and predicted genome length.

Name	n	N50	Predicted Genome Length
Assembly-unitigs.fa	247	112494	5388023
Assembly-contigs.fa	134	593361	5411307
Assembly-scaffolds.fa	125	593361	5411685

2. In your own words, please summarize the function of each of the commands (e.g., abyss-pe, k, B, etc) that you included in your code.

For the command `abyss-pe name=assembly k=96 B=2G in='SRR32657023_1.fastq.gz SRR32657023_2.fastq.gz'`.

Abyss-pe organizes the genome assembly process, K refers to the k-mer length (length of short DNA sequences), B refers to the size of the Bloom filter, and in refers to the input read files used for assembly.

3. Based on this manual, can you identify how you could modify the code you used to do a hybrid assembly with nanopore reads? Please explain what a hybrid assembly is and why someone might want to do that.

You could modify the code we used to do a hybrid assembly with nanopore reads similar to this:

```
spades.py \  
-1 Lillyanna_1.fastq.gz \  
-2 Lillyanna_2.fastq.gz \  
--nanopore nanopore_reads.fastq \  
-o spades_hybrid_out
```

Hybrid assembly combines short reads with long reads in order to use strengths from both technologies. The short reads correct errors in the long reads and the long reads help span complex regions that the short reads are unable to read.

4. Include a screenshot of the QUAST assembly statistics for the ABySS and SPAdes assembly.

Spades on the left, ABySS on the right.

Spades (Left)		ABySS (Right)	
Assembly	scaffolds	Assembly	assembly-scaffolds
# contigs (>= 0 bp)	66	# contigs (>= 0 bp)	125
# contigs (>= 1000 bp)	28	# contigs (>= 1000 bp)	36
# contigs (>= 5000 bp)	21	# contigs (>= 5000 bp)	28
# contigs (>= 10000 bp)	15	# contigs (>= 10000 bp)	25
# contigs (>= 25000 bp)	15	# contigs (>= 25000 bp)	22
# contigs (>= 50000 bp)	13	# contigs (>= 50000 bp)	20
Total length (>= 0 bp)	5421719	Total length (>= 0 bp)	5427428
Total length (>= 1000 bp)	5406872	Total length (>= 1000 bp)	5404063
Total length (>= 5000 bp)	5393657	Total length (>= 5000 bp)	5373921
Total length (>= 10000 bp)	5356772	Total length (>= 10000 bp)	5353247
Total length (>= 25000 bp)	5356772	Total length (>= 25000 bp)	5306115
Total length (>= 50000 bp)	5300368	Total length (>= 50000 bp)	5242831
# contigs	36	# contigs	47
Largest contig	1436232	Largest contig	838674
Total length	5412564	Total length	5412043
GC (%)	59.30	GC (%)	59.30
N50	593370	N50	593382
N90	178019	N90	119919
anN	718964.1	anN	458436.8
L50	3	L50	4
L90	9	L90	15
# N's per 100 kbp	0.00	# N's per 100 kbp	6.61

5. Based on the statistics from your genome, which assembly do you think is best? Why? This is the assembly you can use going forward.

Spades is the better option because the n is lower and it has fewer errors. Spades has 0 errors while ABySS has 6.61. N90, L50, and L90 all have lower values as well.

6. How can we use barrnap to figure out what species we have? Why is using the 16S rRNA sequence a good, but imperfect, tool for identifying species identity?

We can use barrnap to figure out what species we have by being able to obtain the 16s rRNA sequence of the species. You can then copy this sequence and paste it into a blastn search on NCBI. This will be able to show you what species is most similar.

7. What species do you have? Include a screenshot of your top NCBI results.

[Serratia marcescens isolate 0 genome assembly, chromosome: main](#)

Sequences producing significant alignments

Description	Scientific Name	Max Score	Total Score	Query Cover	E value	Per. Ident	Acc. Len	Accession
Serratia marcescens isolate 0 genome assembly, chromosome, main	Serratia marcescens isolate 0 genome assembly, chromosome, main	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5187671	OW967830.1
Serratia marcescens strain WVU-007 chromosome, complete genome	Serratia marcescens strain WVU-007 chromosome, complete genome	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5325027	CP041130.1
Yersinia pestis subsp. pestis bv. Medievalis strain SCPM-Q-B-6530 chromosome, complete genome	Yersinia pestis subsp. pestis bv. Medievalis strain SCPM-Q-B-6530 chromosome, complete genome	206	1571	100%	6e-49	100.00%	4596548	CP045158.1
Yersinia pseudotuberculosis Ypse1 DNA, complete genome	Yersinia pseudotuberculosis Ypse1 DNA, complete genome	206	1571	100%	6e-49	100.00%	4497756	AP028968.1
Serratia sp. BNK-12 chromosome, complete genome	Serratia sp. BNK-12 chromosome, complete genome	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5336784	CP179896.1
Yersinia frederiksenii strain FDAARGOS_417 chromosome, complete genome	Yersinia frederiksenii strain FDAARGOS_417 chromosome, complete genome	206	1571	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5000678	CP023962.1
Serratia entomophila strain A1 chromosome, complete genome	Serratia entomophila strain A1 chromosome, complete genome	206	1643	100%	6e-49	100.00%	4993994	CP082787.1
Serratia ureilytica strain W051 chromosome, complete genome	Serratia ureilytica strain W051 chromosome, complete genome	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5070448	CP090028.1
Yersinia pestis strain 52005 chromosome, complete genome	Yersinia pestis strain 52005 chromosome, complete genome	206	1571	100%	6e-49	100.00%	4635518	CP177998.1
Serratia marcescens isolate SERG genome assembly, chromosome:1	Serratia marcescens isolate SERG genome assembly, chromosome:1	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5201097	OY970410.1
Serratia marcescens strain FDAARGOS_65 chromosome, complete genome	Serratia marcescens strain FDAARGOS_65 chromosome, complete genome	206	1648	100%	6e-49	100.00%	5248423	CP026050.1

8. What is genome annotation? Why is it important to do that?

Genome annotation identifies genes and other important aspects of the genome sequence. It also helps identify ORFs, promoters, operons, exons, introns, and other RNAs. For functional purposes, it is helpful in assigning functions which are often based on sequence homology.

9. Perform a genome annotation using two different programs. Find 3 of the 5 genes/features in your results file and create a table of those results: *recA*, *gyrA*, 16S rRNA, *rpsB*, *dnaA*. What is the location of the genes you chose? What does each program tell you about the gene? How are the outputs different between the two programs.

Prokka	Location	Function
recA	Reverse(minus) strand: 144,849-145,910	Homologous recombination, activates SOS response, genome stability.

gyrA	Forward(positive) strand: 374,133-376,769	Function: introducing negative supercoils into DNA
dnaA	Forward(positive) strand: 669-52,069	Initiation of DNA replication

dfast	Location	Function
recA	Reverse(minus) strand: 45,561-46,625	DNA repair and homologous recombination
gyrA	Forward(positive) strand: 66,669-66,725	encodes the DNA topoisomerase (ATP-hydrolyzing) subunit A
dnaA	Forward (positive) strand: 50,999-52,324	Initiation of DNA replication

10. Create a table for your ANI results. How do you interpret these results? What do each of the columns represent?

Query Genome	Reference Genome	ANI (%)	Fragments Used	Total Fragments
spadesout/scaffolds.fasta	neighbors/typhimurium.fasta	98.9482	1,483	1,610
spadesout/scaffolds.fasta	neighbors/bongori.fasta	90.0417	1,241	1,610

- The query genomes represent the assembled genomes
- The reference genomes represent the comparison between the strains
- The ANI % represents the average nucleotide identity percentage between the strains and shows the genetic similarity between the respective genomes
- The fragments used include the number of conserved DNA fragments aligned for ANI calculation
- The total fragments represent the total sampled fragments from the query genome
- Result interpretation: The genome was identified and supported with a 98.95% ANI match, which confirms species-level identity. In contrast the 90.04% ANI demonstrates the expected genus-level divergence between the species.