# src/abi2fq

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This module provides a command-line tool for converting ABIF files to FASTQ format with optional quality trimming.

The abi2fq tool extracts sequence and quality data from ABIF files, applies quality trimming to remove low-quality regions, and outputs in the standard FASTQ format.

Command-line usage:

```
abi2fq [options] <input.ab1> [output.fq]
```

#### **Options:**

```
    -h, --help Show help message
    -w, --window=INT Window size for quality trimming (default: 10)
    -q, --quality=INT Quality threshold 0-60 (default: 20)
    -n, --no-trim Disable quality trimming
    -v, --verbose Print additional information
    -version Show version information
```

#### Examples:

```
# Convert with default quality trimming
abi2fq input.ab1 output.fastq

# Convert without quality trimming
abi2fq -n input.ab1 output.fastq

# Convert with custom quality parameters
abi2fq -w 20 -q 30 input.ab1 output.fastq
```

### 1 Imports

abif

## 2 Types

```
Config = object
inFile*: string  ## Path to the input ABIF file
outFile*: string  ## Path to the output FASTQ file (or empty for stdout)
windowSize*: int  ## Window size for quality trimming (default: 10)
qualityThreshold*: int  ## Quality threshold 0-60 (default: 20)
noTrim*: bool  ## Whether to disable quality trimming
verbose*: bool  ## Whether to show verbose output
showVersion*: bool  ## Whether to show version information
```

Configuration for the abi2fq tool. Contains command-line options and settings.

#### 3 Procs

```
proc main() {.raises: [ValueError], tags: [ReadIOEffect, WriteIOEffect].}
```

Main entry point for the abi2fq program.

Handles command-line parsing, reads the input ABIF file, performs quality trimming if enabled, and outputs the result in FASTQ format.

```
proc parseCommandLine(): Config {.raises: [ValueError], tags: [ReadIOEffect].}
```

Parses command-line arguments and returns a Config object.

This procedure:

- Initializes Config with default values
- · Processes command-line arguments
- Validates parameter values
- Handles special flags like -version and -help

**Returns:** A Config object with settings based on command-line arguments

```
proc printHelp() {.raises: [], tags: [].}
```

Displays the help message for the abi2fq tool. Exits the program after displaying the message.

Trims low-quality regions from the beginning and end of a sequence.

Uses a sliding window approach to identify regions where the average quality score is below the threshold.

**Parameters:** sequence: The DNA sequence to trim qualities: Quality scores for each base in the sequence windowSize: Size of the sliding window for quality assessment threshold: Quality threshold (bases with qualities below this are trimmed)

**Returns:** A tuple containing the trimmed sequence and its quality values

Writes sequence and quality data to a FASTQ file.

If outFile is empty, the FASTQ data is written to stdout.

**Parameters:** sequence: The DNA sequence to write qualities: Quality scores for each base in the sequence name: The sample name for the FASTQ header outFile: Path to the output file (empty string for stdout)