



# Lab #2

**grep and sed**

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What is your name?

(I promise I will learn them all)

# Housekeeping

- Check-In
  - Last week's material
  - `grep` and `sed`
- Attendance
- Academic integrity
- Bonuses
- Lab grades
- Personal computer permission



# Terminology

## String

Sequence of characters and can contain letters, numbers, symbols and even spaces.

## Regex

Regular Expression, a pattern (or filter) that describes a set of strings that matches the pattern.

## grep

A command-line utility for searching plain-text data sets for lines that match a regular expression.

## FASTA

A text-based file format for representing either nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences.

## sed

A stream editor that can perform lots of functions on file like searching, find and replace, insertion, or deletion.





# Commands To Know

Commands are  
case  
sensitive!!



Command



Options



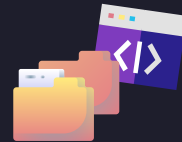
Regex



Input (like a file or folder)

Command	Meaning	Usage
rm	Remove, delete a file. Use -r to delete a directory and all of its contents.	<code>rm [file]</code> <code>rm -r [directory]</code>
clear	Clears all the text on the screen.	<code>clear</code>
grep	Finds text that matches a pattern and returns the lines containing that text.	<code>grep [options] "[regex]"</code> <code>[file]</code>
sed	Stream editor. Diverse command that can manipulate text/files.	<code>sed [options] '[regex]'</code> <code>[file]</code>
tr	Translate, change or delete characters in a file.	<code>tr [options] [old format]</code> <code>[new format]</code>





# Operators To Know

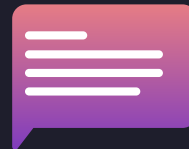
Operator	Meaning	Usage
&&	And. Use between two commands to do both commands	<code>echo "hi" &amp;&amp; echo "bye"</code>
^	Find matches that are at the beginning of a line.	<code>grep "^ATG" example.fasta</code>
\$	Find matches that are at the end of a line.	<code>grep "TAG\$" example.fasta</code>
	Pipe, or. Use between two regex matches to match both.	<code>grep "hi bye" file.txt</code>
.	Match any single character	<code>grep "wh." file.txt</code>



# Command Breakdown - grep

- **grep:** finds text that matches a pattern and returns the lines containing that text
  - Useful Options
    - -c This prints only a count of the lines that match a pattern
    - -n Display the matched lines and their line numbers.
    - -v This prints out all the lines that do not matches the pattern
    - -E Treats pattern as an extended regular expression (ERE)
    - -o Print only the matched parts of a matching line, with each such part on a separate output line.
  - Usage
    - `grep -cv "hello" file.txt file1.txt file2.txt`
    - `egrep -o "hi|bye" file.txt` OR `grep -Eo "hi|bye" file.txt`
    - `grep -n "hello" file.txt`

# Full List of grep Options



- `-c` This prints only a count of the lines that match a pattern
- `-h` Display the matched lines, but do not display the filenames.
- `-i` Ignores, case for matching
- `-l` Displays list of a filenames only.
- `-n` Display the matched lines and their line numbers.
- `-v` This prints out all the lines that do not matches the pattern
- `-e` Specifies expression with this option. Can use multiple times.
- `-f` Takes patterns from file, one per line.
- `-E` Treats pattern as an extended regular expression (ERE)
- `-w` Match whole word
- `-o` Print only the matched parts of a matching line, with each such part on a separate output line.
- `-A n` Prints searched line and n lines after the result.
- `-B n` Prints searched line and n line before the result.
- `-C n` Prints searched line and n lines after before the result.



# Command Breakdown - sed

- **sed**: stream editor. Diverse command that can manipulate text/files
  - Mac users need to use gsed
- Command Breakdown:

```
sed -i 's/hello/world/g' file.txt
```

substitute

regex match

replacement

flag(s)

```
sed '/[a-z]/d' file.txt
```

regex match

delete



# sed's Useful Options, Commands, & Flags

- **Options**

- `-i` In-place, files are edited rather than printing output to the terminal
- `-E` or `-r` Use extended regular expressions rather than basic regular expressions (similar to using `egrep`)

- **Commands**

- `s/[m]/[r]/[flags]` Substitute, match the regex (`[m]`) in a file and replace matched string with `[r]`
- `/[m]/d` Delete, delete the line containing the regex match `[m]`
- `[#]a [text]` Append, appending text after line `[#]` (use `i` for before)

- **Flags**

- `/g` Global, apply the replacement to all matches, not just the first
- `/I` Case Insensitive, match the regex case insensitively
- `/[#]` Nth, only replace the Nth match of the regex



# sed Examples

- **sed -i '/hello/d' file.txt**
  - Edit file.txt so that lines with hello are deleted
- **sed -E 's/[Hh]ello/world/g' file.txt**
  - Find all occurrences of Hello and hello and replace them with world
- **sed '2a hello' file.txt**
  - Insert hello after the second line
- **sed '2i hello' file.txt**
  - Insert hello before the second line
- **sed 's/hello/world/Ig' file.txt**
  - Find all occurrences of hello, ignoring case, and replace with world
- **sed 's/hello/world/3' file.txt**
  - Find the third occurrence of hello and replace with world

# Command Breakdown - tr

- **tr**: translate, change or delete characters in a file
  - Options
    - -c Complement, apply other option to characters not in the given string
    - -d Delete character(s)
    - -s Squeeze, replace repeated characters with a single occurrence
    - -t Truncate, if set 1 is larger than set 2, the size of set 1 will be matched to the size of set 2 (unavailable on Mac)
  - Usage
    - **tr** [options] [set 1] [set 2]



# tr Examples

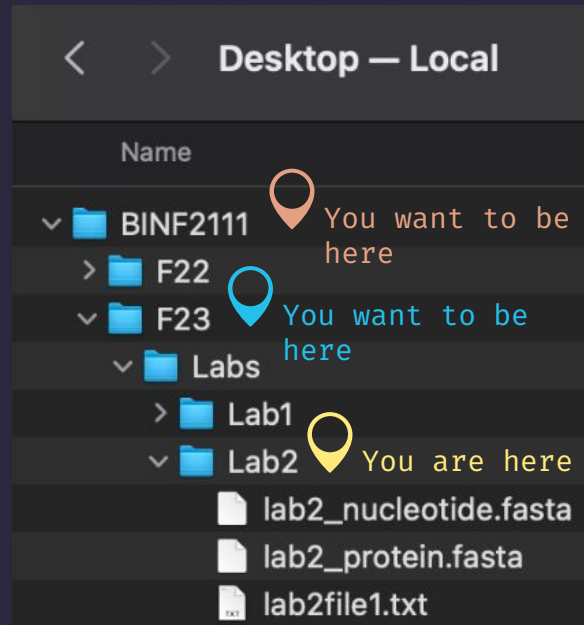


- **cat file.txt | tr "[a-z]" "[A-Z]"**
  - Turns all lowercase letters in file.txt into uppercase letters
- **tr "[:lower:]" "[:upper:]" < file.txt**
  - Turns all lowercase characters in file.txt into uppercase characters
- **echo "This Is Lab2" | tr -s " "**
  - Removes repeated spaces, output: This Is Lab2
- **tr -d T <<< "This Is Lab2"**
  - Deletes T, output: his Is Lab2
- **echo "this is course number 199384" | tr -cd "[:digit:]"**
  - Removes everything except digits, output: 199384
- **tr -t 'isef' '12' <<< "This is Lab2"**
  - Replace is with 12, ignore replacing ef, output: Th12 12 Lab2

# Navigating Your Files Easily

- If you are in Lab2, how do you get to BINF2111?  
`cd ~/Desktop/BINF2111`
- If you are in Lab2, how do you get to F23?  
`cd ../.. /`
- If you moved to F23 from Lab2, how do you get back to Lab2?  
`cd -`

- is the previous directory  
~/ is the home directory  
../ moves up one directory  
./ is the current directory



# What's A FASTA File?

- **FASTA:** A text-based file format for representing either nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences
  - Amino acids are represented by their single letter code
  - Nucleotides and amino acids cannot be in the same file
  - Files can end in **.fasta**, **.fna** (nucleotide only), or **.faa** (amino acid only)

- The Basic Format:

```
>Sequence_ID Sequence Information (organism, gene name, GC  
content, description of sequence)  
ATGTTAGCTASGTCTAAGTCGATCGAT...
```





# FASTA File Examples

## An .faa Example:

```
>WP_012102139.1_Clostridium_kluyveri vnfD
MPLKLFKCDETIPERKRHCYVKQPGEDTTMFLPDANINTIPGTLSEKSCFSGSKLVIGGVLKDTIQLIH
GPVGCAYNTWHTKRYPSDNDNFQKHAWSVDVKERHVVFGGEKILKQSMLEAFEPNKRMIYVTTTCAT
ALIGDDPKAVAREVQKELGDVDIFCSECAFAGVSQKGGHVFNISWMNEKVGTFEPEIKSPYINLIGD
YNIQGDSTYVLSRYLDRMGIQVIAHFTGNQTYDGLRSMHKAQLSVVNCARSAGYIANELKKTYNIPRIDID
SWGFDYTAEGLRKIGITFFGIEDKVEELISEEYAKWKPKLDWYKEKLKGGKACIWTGPPRLWHWTKSLEDD
LGVEVAMSSKFGHQEDFEKVIARGKTGAIYLDANELEFFEVLDEVKPDVIFTGPRVGLVKKLHIPYI
NGHAYHNPGYMGFEFVNLRDYNATRSPLWELAGEDIREV
>QGM97532.1_Methylocystis_parvus nitrogenase vanadium-iron protein, alpha chain
MPMVLLECDKAIPEREQHIYLVKEGEDSRDYLPIISNASTIPGTLSEKSCFAGAKLVIGGVLKDTIQMIH
GPIGCAYDTWHTKRYPTDNGHFNMYVWSDTMKESHIVFGGEKRLQSEINAEFDEMPEIKRMFYVTTCTPT
ALIGDDIKAVAKVMQERPDVDIFTCECPGAGVSQKGGHVLNIGWINEKVGTFEPEITSYTMNFIGD
FNIQGDSTYVLSRYLDRMGIQVIAHFTGNQTYDGLRSMHKAQLSVVNCARSAGYIANELKKTYNIPRIDID
SWGFSYMAEGRKIKCAFFGIEERGEKLEEEYAKWKPKLDWYKERLQGGKMAINTGPPRLWHWTKSLEDD
LGIOQVAMSSKFGHQEDFEKVIARGQNGTYIIDDGNELEFFEIIDLVKPDVIFTGPRVGLVKKLHIPYV
NGHGYHNGPYMGFEFVNLRDYNVAVHNPLKLAHDIRGDRSAKFLAEAE
>AKJ38129.1_Methanosarcina_barkeri_CM1 V-containing nitrogenase alpha subunit Vn
MPLKLFCCDECIPERQNHVYIKEEGEDTQYPLSNIEITPGSLSEKSCYCGAKLVIGGVIKDCIQMIH
GPVGCAYDTWHTKRYPSDNDNFQKHYVWSDTKEKHIVFGAEKQLKKAIEKAEFTFPKIKRMFYVTTCTPT
ALIGDDPKAVCREVEELGDVDIFVVECPGAGVSQKGGHVLNIGWNRDKIGTFEPEIKSEYINVIDG
YNIQGDSTYVLSRYLDRMGIQVIAHFTGNVYDQLRSMHKAQLSVVNCARSAGYIANELKRVDYIPRMDVD
TWGFDYIKVALRKIGAFFGLEDKAEVIADEVAKYEGKLNWYKERLKGKVCITWGPPRLWHWTKSLEDD
LGMEVAMSSKFGHQEDFEKVIARGRVGTYIIDDGNELEFFEVLNDIHADIIFTGPRVGLVKKLHIPYI
NGHAYHNPGYMGFEFVNLRDYNATRSPLWELAGEDIREV
>WP_163054699.1_Acidithiobacillus_ferrooxidans nitrogenase vanadium-iron protein
MPMILLKCDKIPEREKHIYLPKAPDEDTRDPLPIISNASTIPGTLSEKSCFAGAKLVIGGVLKDTIQMIH
```

## An .fna Example:

```
>NC_021149.1:c4961241-4959685 Azotobacter vinelandii CA, complete sequence
ATGCCGCATACGAGTTCGAGTGCAGCAAGGTATTCCCGAGCGGAAGAAGCATGCCGTTATCAAAGGTA
AAGGCGAAACGCTGGCCGACGCCCTGCCCTCAAGGGTATCTGAATACCATCCCTGGTTCATCTCCGAGCG
TGTTGTGCTACTGTGGTGCCAAAGCAGTTATCGGGAATCCCATGAAGGATGTGATTACATCAGTCAT
GGCCCGGTGGCTGCACTACGATACCTGGCAGACCAAGCGTTATATCAGCGACAACGACAACCTCCAGC
TCAAATACACCTATGCCACCGATGTGAAGGAAAGCATATCGTGTTCGGCGCCGAGAAGTTGCTGAAGCA
GAACATCATCGAAGCCTTCAAGGCGTTCCCGCAGATCAAGCGGATGACCATACACGAGCTGCCGCCG
GGCTGATCGGAGACGACATCAACGCCATCGCCGAAGAGGTATGGAAGAGATCGCGAGGTGGATATCT
TCGCTGCAACTCGCCCGGTTTCGCCGTCGAGCCAGTCCGTTGGTACCACAAGATCAACATCGCCTG
GATCAACAGAAAGTGGGTACCGTCGAGCCGAGATCACCGCGACCATGTGATCAACTATGTGGCGGAG
TACAACATTCAAGGCGACAGGAAGTATGTTGGATTACTTCAAGCGCATGGGTATCCAGGTGCTATCCA
CTTTCACCGGCAACGGTCTTACGACGCCCTGCGTGCATGACAGAGCCCATCTGAACGTAAGTGAAGT
TGCCCGCTCGCCGAGTACATCTGCAACGAACGCGTGTCCGTTACGCGATTCCGCTGTGGATATCGAC
GGTTTCGTTTCAAGCCATGCGCGATTGCTGCGTAAGATCGGTATGTTCTTCGCGCATCGAAGACCGTG
CCAAGGCATCATCGACGAGGAAGTCCGCCGTCGGAAGCCGAGTGGAGTGGTACAAGGAGCGGCTGAT
GGCAAGAAGGCTGCTGCTGGCCGGGCGGTTCCAAATCTGGCACTGGGCGCATGTGATCGAGGAAGAA
ATGGGCTCAAGGTGGTGTGGTCTATACCAAGTTCGGCCATCGAGGCGACATGGAGAAGGCAATCGCC
GTTGCGCGAAGGCACTTGGCCATCGACGACCGCAAGCAATTTGAAGGTTCTGGAAGCTCGGAGATGT
CAAGCCGACATCATCTGACCGGCAAGCGTCCGGGTGAAGTGGCCAAAGAAAGTCCGGGTCTCCACCTG
AAGCCCAAGCGCTACCAACGCGCCGTACAAAGGCTTGAAGGTTGGGTGCGTTTCGCCCGCGATATT
ACAACGCCATCTACTCGCGCATCATAGCTCTCCGGTATCGACATCACTAAAGACAATGACCCGAGTG
GGGTAAATGGTTTCGTTACTCGCCAAATGCTGTCGATGGCAACTTGAGGATGACGATGATGATGATGAT
AACTTGGCGCAGTACACCGCGGCTACGACAGCGTGAGCAAGCTGCCGCAAGCGGAATATCCGCTTTC
AGCGCAAGGTCGGCTGA
```

```
>NC_003552.1:c1443742-1442180 Methanosarcina acetivorans C2A, complete sequence
ATGCCATATCATACTTTGAATGTAGCGAATGATTATCCCGAAAGGCGATGACGCTGTTATAAAAGGTC
```



# RegEx Breakdown



- **RegEx:** regular expression, a pattern (or filter) that describes a set of strings that matches the pattern
  - Commonly Used Patterns:
    - \d or [[:digit:]] or [0-9] Any number from 0 to 9
    - \w or [[:alpha:]] or [A-Za-z] Any letter, regardless of capitalization. \w includes numbers
    - \s or [[:space:]] Any whitespace character (space, tab, newline, carriage return, form feed, and vertical tab)
    - [A-Z] or [[:upper:]] Any uppercase character
    - [a-z] or [[:lower:]] Any lowercase character
    - \n New line
    - \t Tab
    - [^match] Anything but match, [^a-z] any non-lowercase character

# RegEx Resources

- Regex101 and Quick-Start: Regex Cheat Sheet

The screenshot shows the Regex101 website interface. Annotations with arrows point to various parts of the site:

- languages** (blue box) points to the "FLAVOR" dropdown menu on the left sidebar, which lists various programming languages and their respective regex engines.
- RegEx** (pink box) points to the "REGULAR EXPRESSION" input field at the top, which contains the pattern `[A-Z]`.
- Test string** (yellow box) points to the "TEST STRING" input field, which contains the text `hELLO wORLD 123 2 4 5`.
- explanation** (orange box) points to the "EXPLANATION" section on the right, which provides a detailed breakdown of the regex pattern and its flags.
- matches** (purple box) points to the "MATCH INFORMATION" section on the right, which displays a table of matches found in the test string.

The "MATCH INFORMATION" section shows the following matches:

Match	Index	Text
Match 1	1-2	E
Match 2	3-4	L
Match 3	6-7	W
Match 4	8-9	R
Match 5	10-11	D