

File types

Learning outcomes

After having completed this chapter you will be able to:

- Describe the fasta and fastq file format
- Describe which information can be stored in a standard Illumina fastq title
- Reproduce how and why base quality is stored in a fastq file as a single ASCII character
- Lookup relevant information of an alignment in the header of a sam file
- Describe what information is stored in each column of a sam file
- Describe how information is stored in a sam flag
- Describe the bed and gtf file format
- Describe vcf file format

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File definition websites:

- [FASTQ \(wikipedia\)](#)
- [GFF \(ensembl\)](#)
- [VCF \(Wikipedia\)](#)
- SAM:
 - [Wikipedia](#)
 - [samtools](#)
 - [Zhuyi Xue](#)