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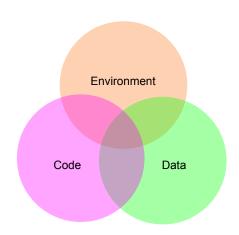
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Repeatablilty

# Ingredients of reproducibility



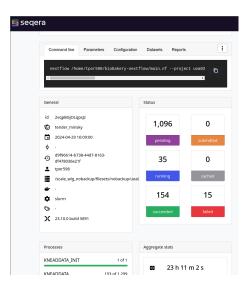
### Requirements of reproducibility

- Easy to run/use
  - Good documentation
  - Detailed methods (version control)
  - Multiple platforms/OS
  - Cheap maximises resources
  - Scaleable as datasets get bigger, this becomes more important
- Easy to understand (also makes it easier to upgrade)
  - Good tutorials
- Easy to troubleshoot/test
  - Able to resume from previous steps
  - Errors are clear
- Good data hygeine

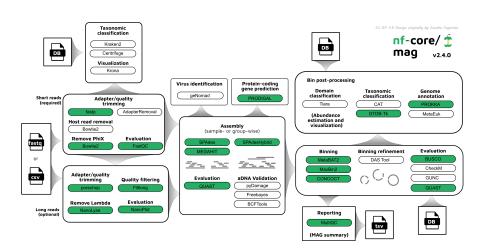
#### **Nextflow**

- Pipeline writing language
- Nf-core
- Sequera Phil Ewels
- Meets *most* of these requirements
- Containerised, version controlled, and can run on multiple platforms
- Steep learning curve

### **Nextflow**

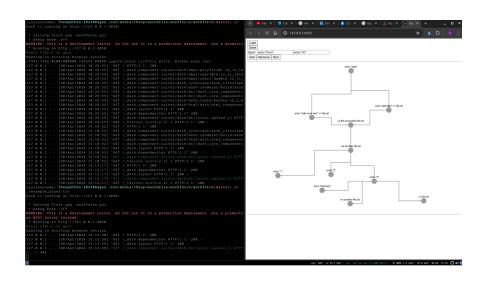


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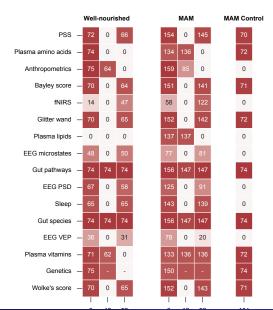
### Downstream analysis

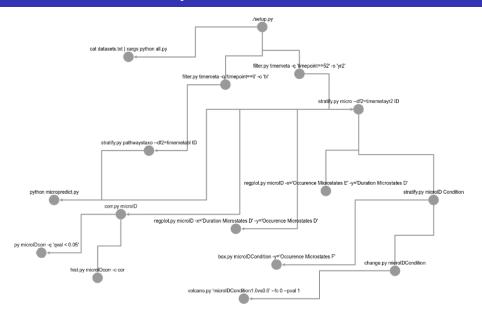
- 12,000 line R script, python file, or SPSS file
- Collection of random CUSTOM scripts released on github
- Slow
- Often difficult to install correct versions of packages
- Documentation limited to README or methods section, often split between
- Only run on one platform/OS
- ALL THE SAME REQUIREMENTS APPLY!

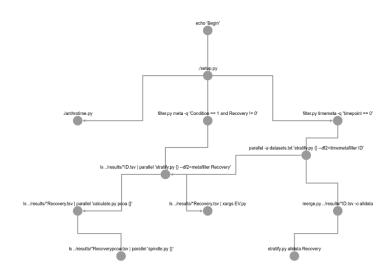


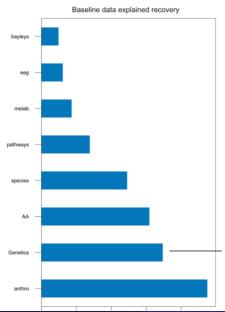
- A DCG (Directed Cyclic graph) based pipeline designer for downstream analysis
- Installed with 'pip install workforce'
- Integrates into existing tools
- Uses less code
- Process tracking
- Install with pip on any operating system
- Can run over multiple servers in parallel
- Leans on existing command line commands
- Simple interface
- Can interact with a run while it's still running
- Collaberative development

- networkx
- subprocess
- multiprocessing
- dash cytoscape









#### Future work

• Continuous workflows for data recording

### Final thoughts

- Workforce is a pipeline designer for downstream analysis
- It runs processes in parallel and across servers
- Much more testing is required!