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Tutorial Outline

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    b. FNA vs GTF vs GFF vs GBFF

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    b. Clump finder: L,k,t clumps
    c. GC skew calculator
    d. ORI (Origin of Replication) finder

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

1. **Public bioinformatics resource** maintained by the NIH (US).
2. Provides access to a w**ide range of biological databases, analysis tools, and reference datasets**.
3. Covers **genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and biomedical literature** datasets.

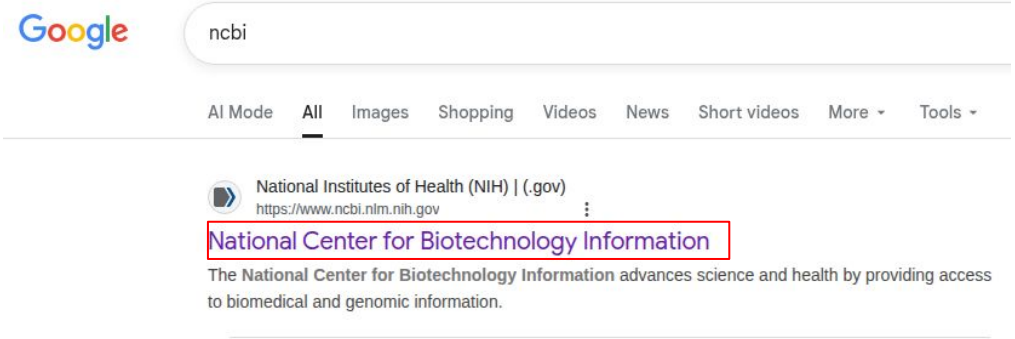
Key NCBI Databases:

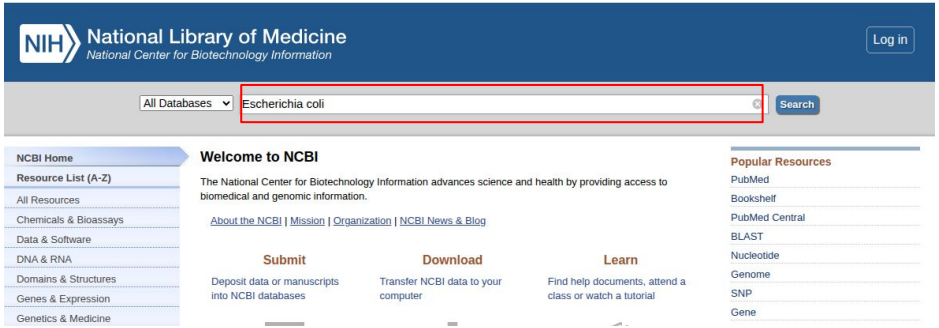
1. **GenBank**: comprehensive, public repository of sequence data
2. **RefSeq**: non-redundant, curated, and standardized reference sequence data.

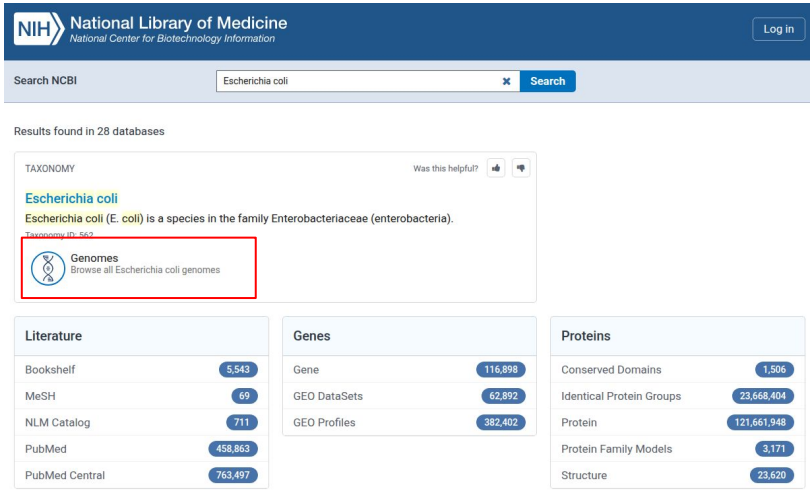
Common NCBI File Formats:

1. FASTA Nucleotide (**FNA**): Genomic Sequence
2. Gene Transfer Format (**GTF**): gene and transcript annotations
3. General Feature Format (**GFF**): genomic features such as genes, CDS, exons, etc.
4. GenBank Flat File (**GBFF**): human-readable annotated genome file

Downloading Data







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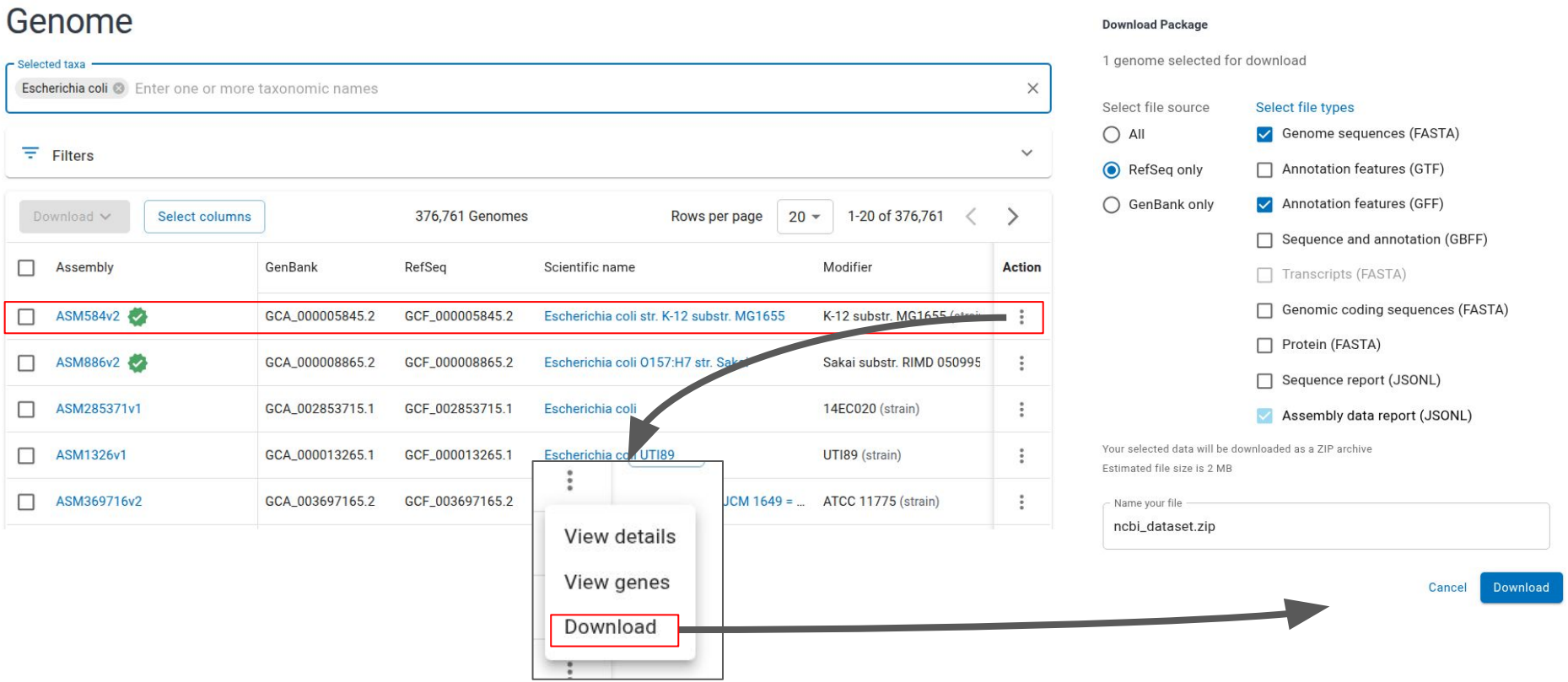


Brief introduction to k-mers

1. Substring of length k extracted from a biological sequence data.

2. Have application in genome assembly, sequence comparison and and clustering, etc.

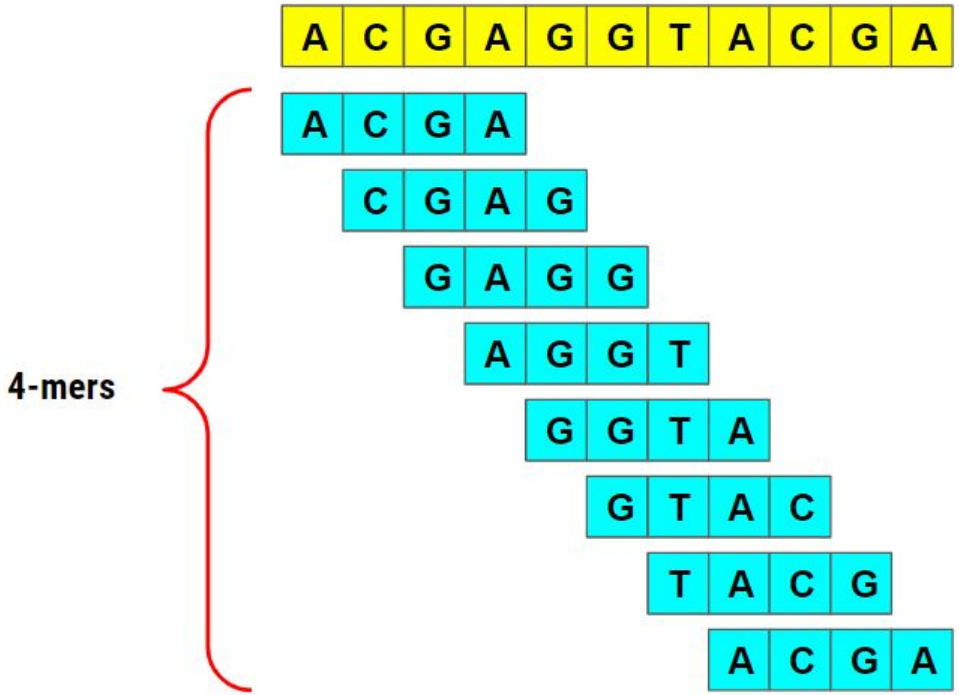


Image Source: https://medium.com/swlh/bioinformatics-1-k-mer-counting-8c1283a07e29

Brief introduction to GC

1. Refers to the percentage of guanine (G) and cytosine (C) nucleotides in a DNA sequences.

2. GC content affects gene density, replication and transcription efficiency, etc.

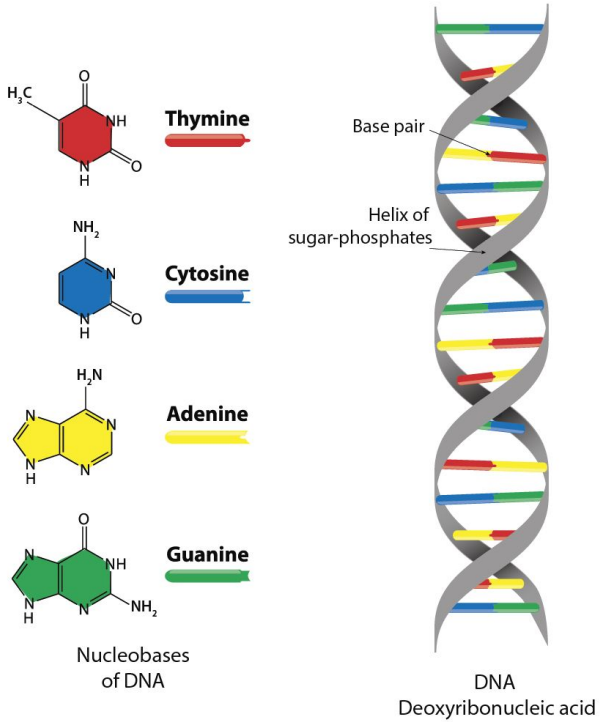


Image Source:
https://www.technologynetworks.com/genomics/articles/what-are-the-key-differences-between-dna-and-rna-296719

Brief introduction to (L, k, t)-Clumps

1. Identify locally frequent k-mers within a DNA sequence.

2. A k-mer is said to form an (L, k, t)-clump if it appears at least t times within any window of length L in the genome

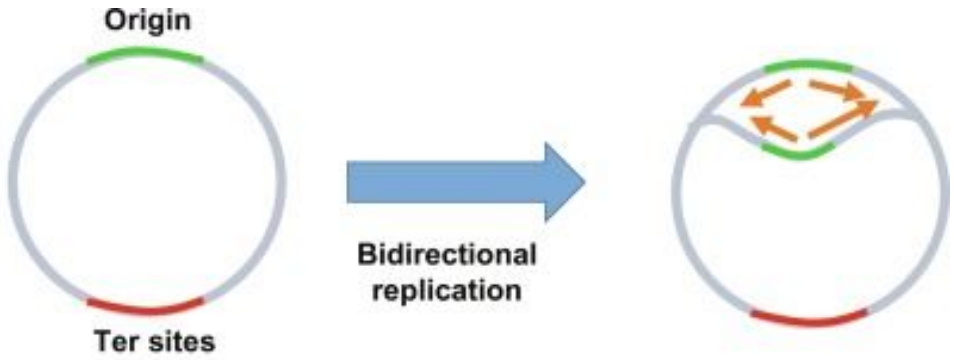
3. Given:
   - k → length of the k-mer
   - L → length of the sliding window
   - t → minimum number of occurrences

Brief introduction to Origin (ORI)

1. Origin of Replication (ORI) is a specific genomic region where DNA replication begins.

2. Often AT-rich, making strand separation easier

3. Usually single ORI in bacteria and multiple ORIs in eukaryotes



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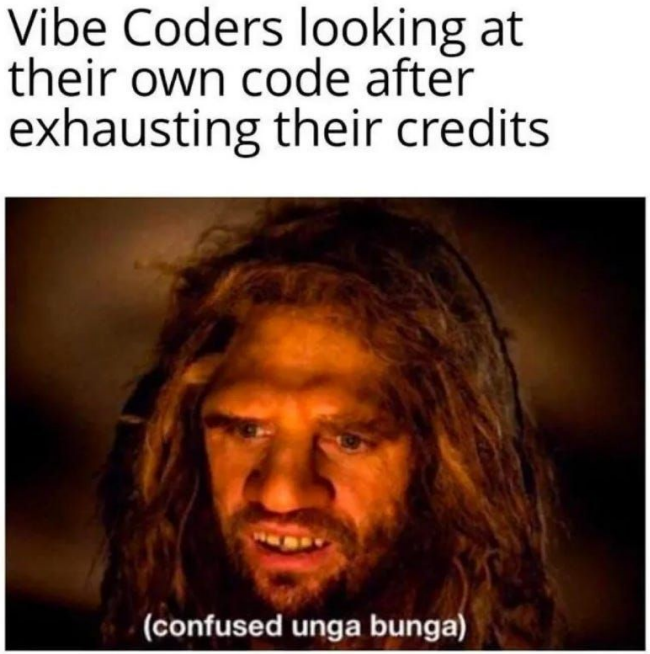

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