

Tools for Automating Analysis Pipelines

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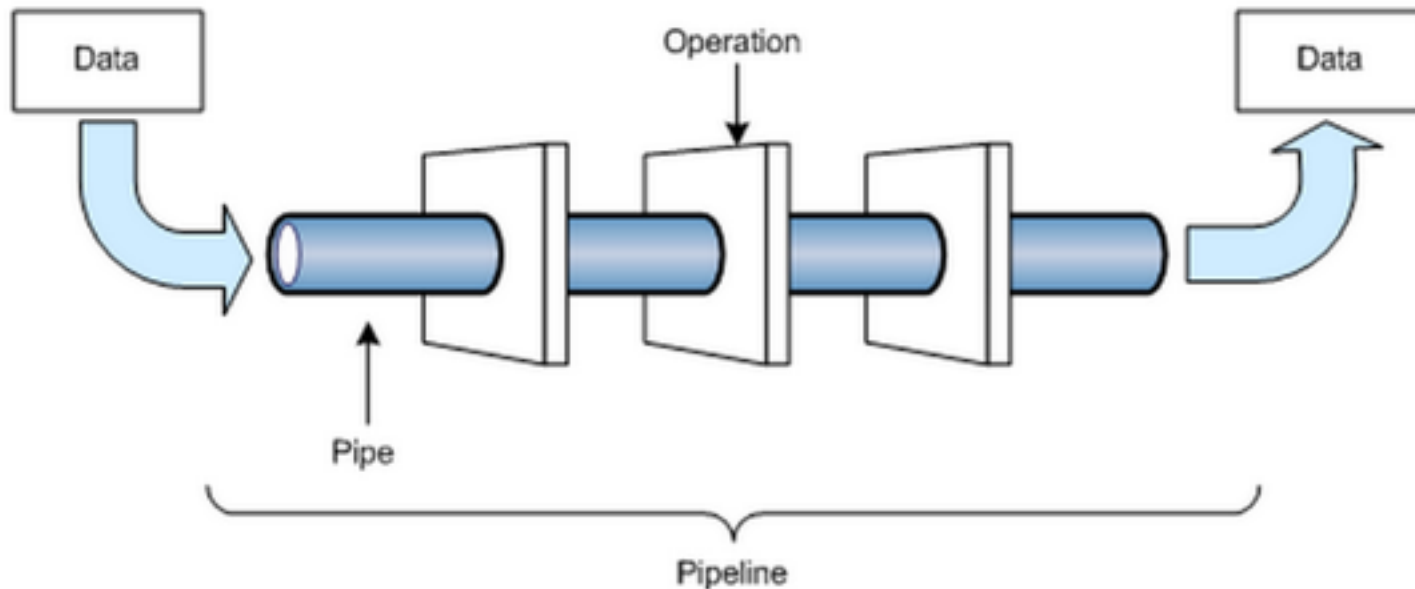


Outline

- » What is an analysis pipeline?
- » Automation vs running manually
- » Different kinds
- » How do they work?
- » Conclusion — things to consider

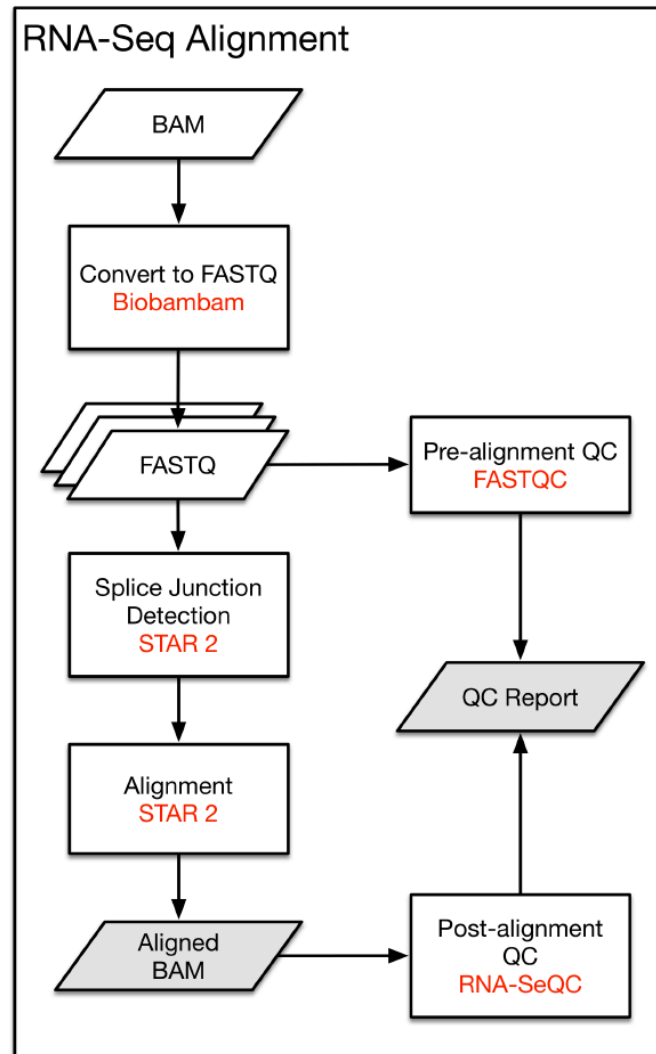


What is an analysis pipeline?

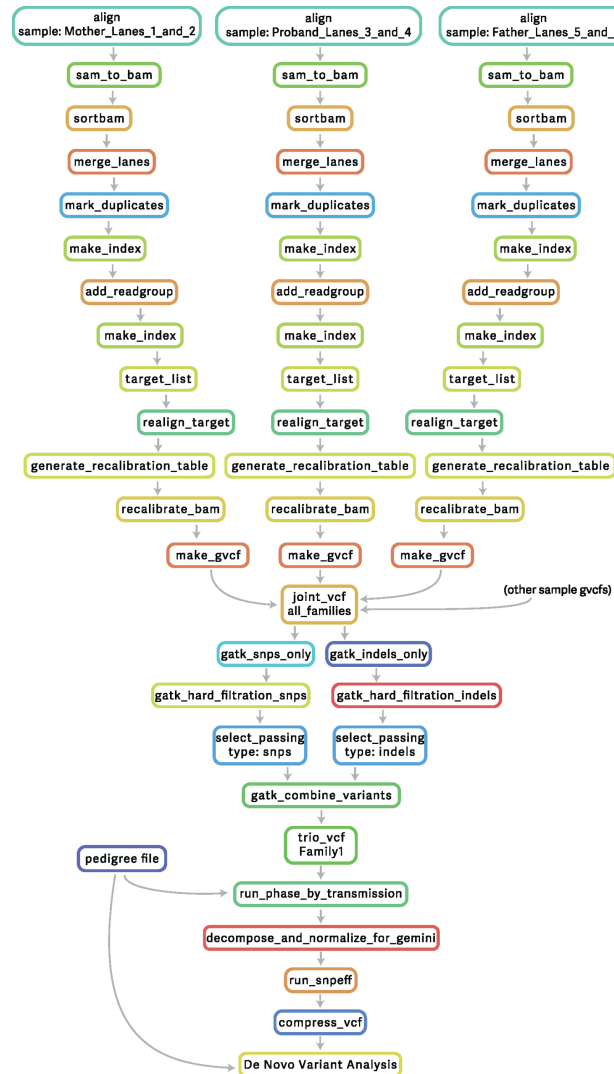


A *pipeline* has inputs go through a number of processing steps chained together in some way to produce some sort of output.

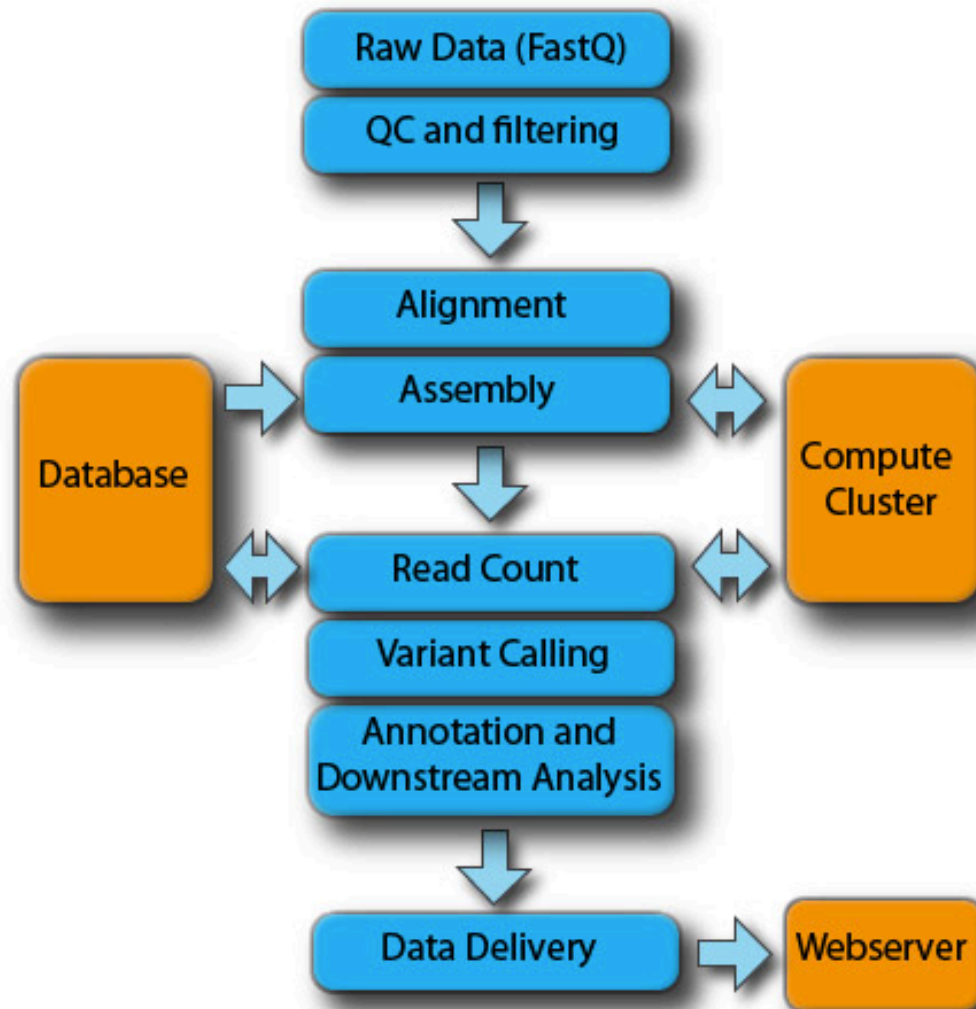
slightly more complex....



more complex still... Yipes!



Other factors...



The Problem with Running Manually

- **Efficiency**

- Potentially a lot of work — e.g. running 1000 samples
- Time wasted between tasks
- File/Error management can get complicated

- **Requires Proficiency in...**

- UNIX
- Programming languages (e.g. Python, Perl, R)
- Distributed computing

- **Reproducibility**

- What did I (or they) do?
- What software versions?
- What parameters were used?



Advantages of Automated Pipelines

These vary from tool to tool, but in general:

- Reproducibility / Global auditing and logs
- Relaunching made easy
- Portable / Sharable
- Visualization (DAG)
- User-friendliness - GUI or other code abstraction
- Community - reuse / modify existing workflows



Sometimes called Workflow Managers

There's a million of them...

- Galaxy
- GenAP
- Arvados
- Nextflow
- Ruffus (Python)
- Snakemake (Python)
- PyDoit (Python)
- GenePattern (Broad Institute)
- Kronos***
- bpipe
- Taverna
- Luigi
- ...

so which one do I use?



3 Different Kinds of Pipeline Tools

(from low- to high-level)

1. Code Based
2. Configuration File Based
3. GUI Based

1. Code Based



Python Ruffus

A Simple Example:

```
from ruffus import *  
  
def first_task():  
    print "First task"  
  
@follows(first_task)  
def second_task():  
    print "Second task"
```



Python Ruffus

A Simple Example:

Execution:

```
>>> pipeline_run([second_task])
```

Output:

```
Task = first_task  
First task  
    Job completed  
Task = second_task  
Second task  
    Job completed
```

https://pythonhosted.org/ruffus/html/simple_tutorial.html



2. Configuration File Based



Common Workflow Language (CWL)

A way to describe command line tools and connect them together to create workflows. Because CWL is a specification and not a specific piece of software, tools and workflows described using CWL are portable across a variety of platforms that support the CWL standard.

www.commonwl.org



Common Workflow Language (CWL)

```
#!/usr/bin/env cwl-runner
class: Workflow

cwlVersion: v1.0

inputs:
  genome:
    type: string
  infile:
    type: File
    doc: gzip VCF file to annotate

outputs:
  outfile:
    type: File
    outputSource: snpeff/output
  statsfile:
    type: File
    outputSource: snpeff/stats
  genesfile:
    type: File
    outputSource: snpeff/genes
```

```
steps:
  gunzip:
    run: gunzip.cwl
    in:
      gzipfile:
        source: infile
    out: [unzipped_vcf]

  snpeff:
    run: snpeff.cwl
    in:
      input_vcf: gunzip/unzipped_vcf
      genome: genome
    out: [output, stats, genes]

doc: |
  Annotate variants provided in a
  gzipped VCF using SnpEff
```

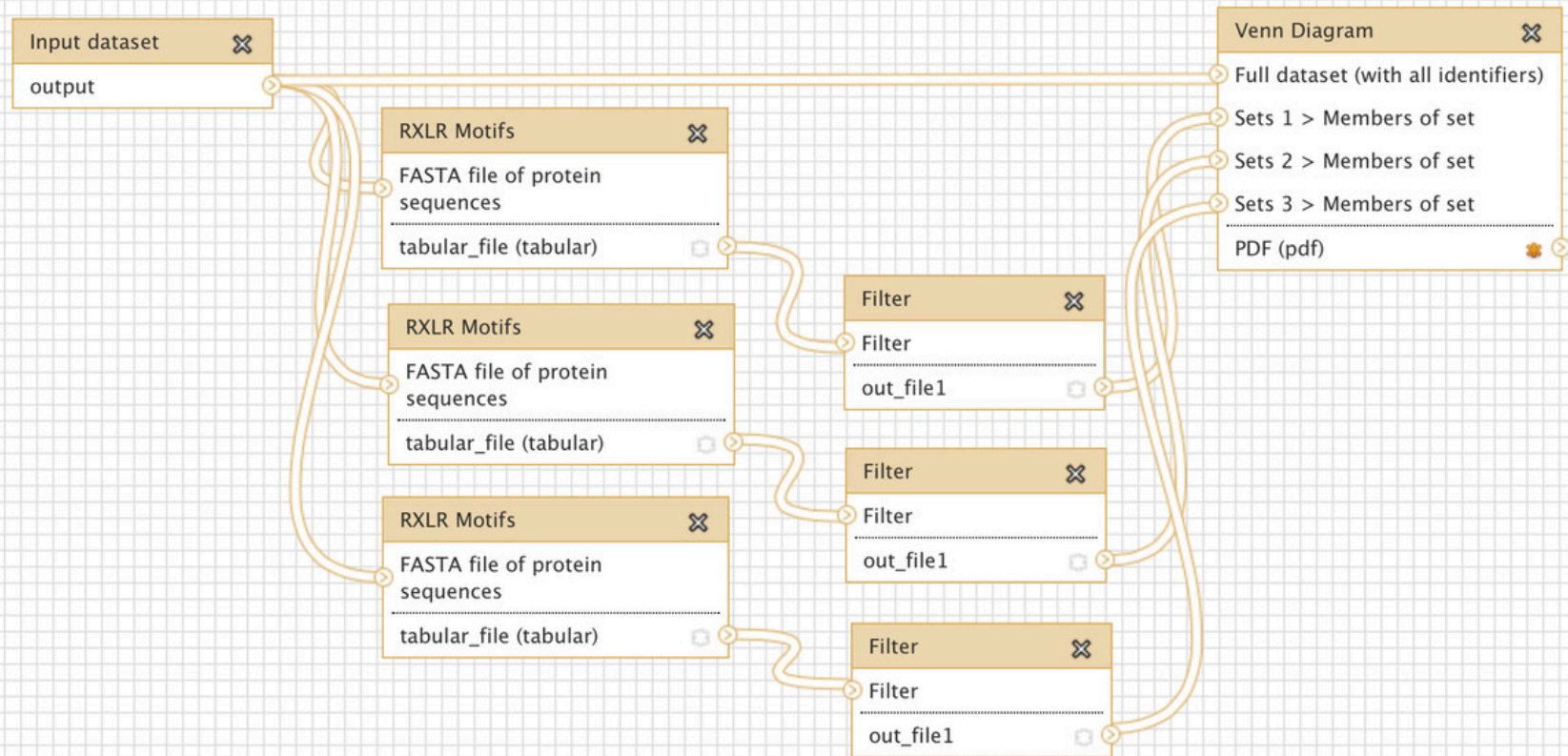


3. Gimme a GUI !!!

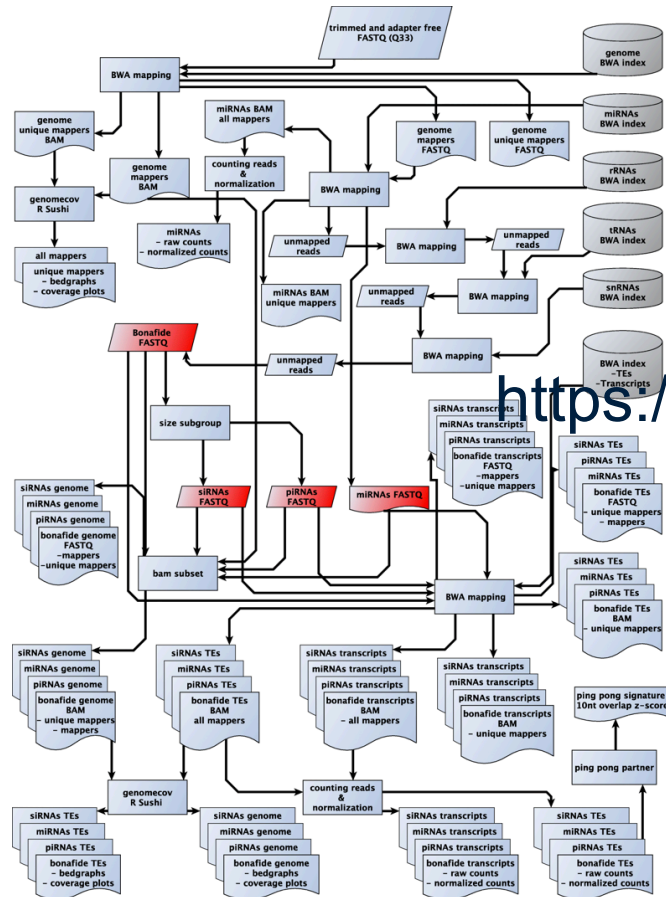


Galaxy Workflow Manager

<https://usegalaxy.org/>



Galaxy Community



sRNAPipe is freely available
<https://galaxyproject.org/> via GitHub








<https://github.com/brassetjensen/sRNAPipe>

Uploading large structured datasets...

...with rule-based uploader (see new [tutorial](#)):

Build Rules for Applying to Existing Collection

Use this form to describe rules for import datasets. At least one column should be defined to a source to fetch data from (URLs, FTP files, etc...). **Be sure to specify at least one column as a list identifier** – specify more to create nested list structures. Specify a column to serve as "collection name" to group datasets into multiple collections.

Rules 	A (List Identifier)	B (List Identifier)	C (List Identifier)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Add column for identifier0.  ◦ Add new column using (.*)_.* applied to column A  ◦ Set columns B, C, and A as List Identifier(s)  	treated_single_1	treated	single
	treated_paired_2	treated	paired
	treated_paired_3	treated	paired
	untreated_single_4	untreated	single
	untreated_single_5	untreated	single
	untreated_paired_6	untreated	paired

News

[October 2018 Galactic News](#) – New events, pubs, blog posts, servers, tools and releases (and a Galaxy song too)

Events

[Analyse RNAseq sous Galaxy](#) – bioinformatique

[Galaxy @ eResearch Australasia](#)

@galaxyproject

GenAP

<https://genap.ca>

GenAP is a computing platform for life sciences researchers that leverages both the CANARIE high-speed network and Compute Canada's High Performance Computing (HPC) resources to give researchers access to modern and specialized Web services closely integrated to HPC resources. Being fully connected to the Compute Canada's users database, you can start using GenAP as soon as you have a [Compute Canada account](#).



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GenAP offers:

- ✓ Private instances of the Galaxy Web application
- ✓ Solutions to share and publish your research data
- ✓ A collection of bioinformatics data analysis pipelines
- ✓ A bioinformatics software and library distribution service
- ✓ Fast and easy access to public datasets
- ✓ A UCSC Genome Browser Mirror

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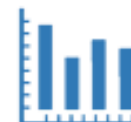
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GenAP Hosts



Help



Recently accessed applications



Jamie's Datahub

Project : Lab Project

Host : UdeS (Mammouth)

STARTED



Galaxy Jamie Test

Project : Lab Project

Host : UdeS (Mammouth)

STOPPED



So which one should I use?

- **Need a GUI?**
 - Galaxy / GenAP
 - Taverna
- **Have some programming chops?**
 - Python (Snakemake, Ruffus, PyDoit)
- **Other things to consider...**
 - CWL is the future, but still in its infancy
 - Can it run on a cluster?
 - Is it available on my system?
 - Cross-platform? Portable?
- **Don't take my word for it... research!!!**



- **That's it!**
- **Thanks!**
- **Questions?**

