

# Intro to Using Galaxy — For Bioinformatics

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## Summary

- Who is NCGAS?
- Galaxy – what is it?
- Galaxy 101 – a guided tour
- Short intro to transcriptome assembly, as an example



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## Who is NCGAS?

The National Center for Genome Analysis Support is based at IU in Bloomington, but caters to a national audience with support from the NSF.

We provide computational resources and support for genomics, transcriptomics, and meta projects.



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## Our Services

NCGAS provides support in the form of long- and short-term consultation for genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, and meta projects. We are happy to answer questions about software, methods, and pipelines; basic Linux use; experimental setup; and interpretation of results.

We administer bioinformatics software installation and upgrades on the Mason cluster at IU, as well as provide access to Mason to users of XSEDE's national infrastructure. We provide support letters for NSF proposals pledging our compute resources.

Last, but not least, we install and maintain the local Galaxy instances for Indiana University: IU, NCGAS, and Rockhopper.



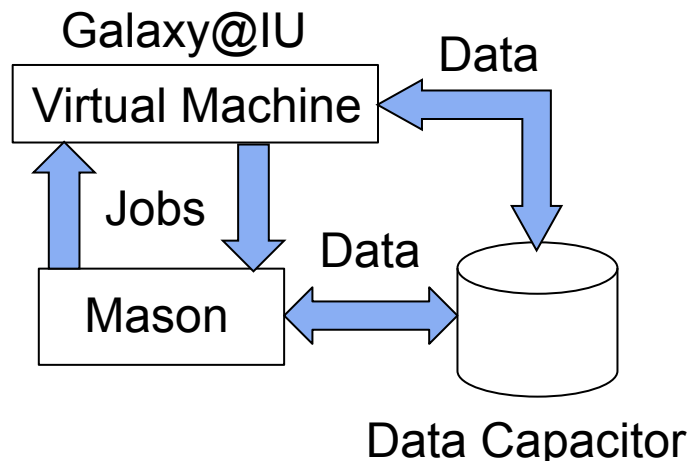


# What is Galaxy?

Galaxy is a web-based framework for running command-line utilities from a snazzy graphical user interface.

The Galaxy web server that we will be using today is hosted at Indiana University on the XSEDE virtual machines. This is a different “instance” than Galaxy Main, which is hosted at Penn State.

## Our instance at IU



## Why choose us:

- IU only – less busy!
- Large RAM jobs possible
- Custom tools on request
- On-site support

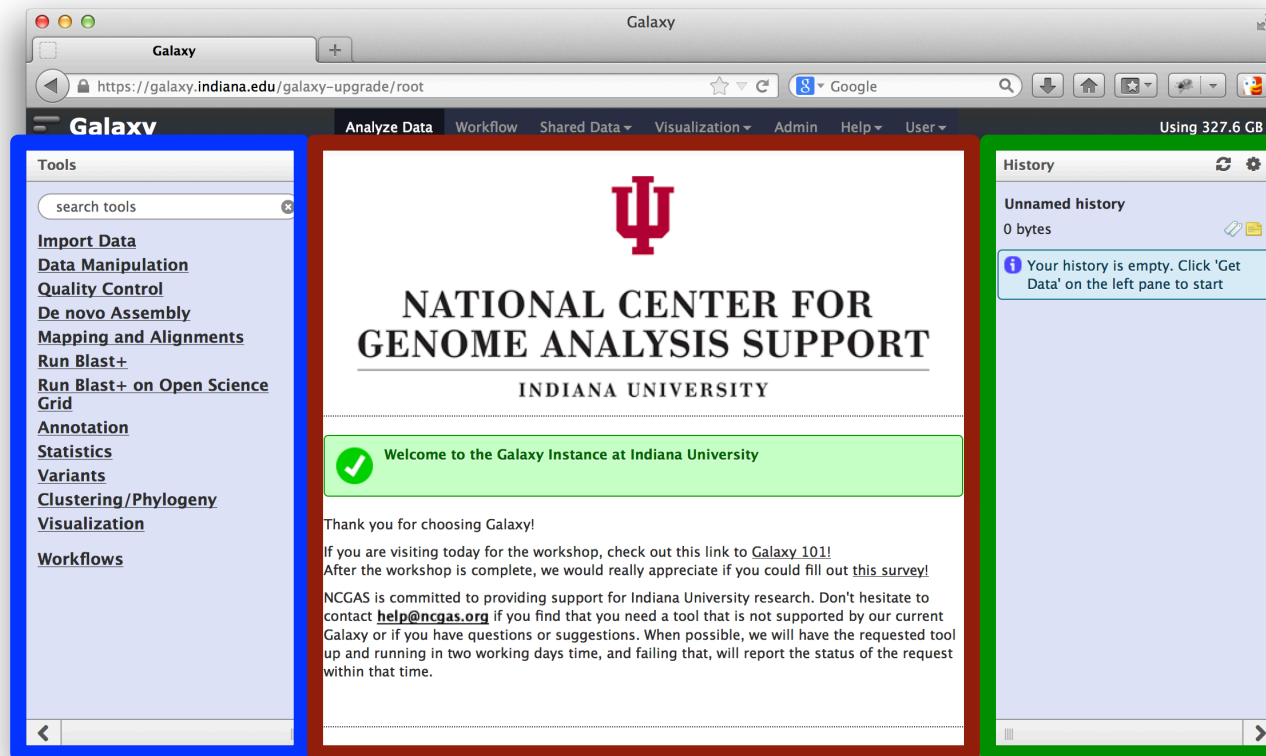
## Galaxy Main





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# Galaxy Anatomy and Physiology



Tool bar –  
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the  
available  
steps to  
apply to  
data

History –  
shows  
steps  
previously  
taken to  
manipulate  
input data  
sets

Focus pane – shows options,  
parameters, and output for current item.

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# Galaxy 101 – Quick Start

We will depart this slideshow for a short time as we go through the basics of Galaxy using the Galaxy 101 tutorial. You can find a link to it on the home page for [galaxy.indiana.edu](http://galaxy.indiana.edu).

You can choose to follow along either on IU Galaxy or on Galaxy Main – the tool layout is slightly different between the two instances.



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# Today's Menu Item



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We will be assembling the DNA Polymerase protein units from the H37Rv strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the causative agent of TB, also known as the consumption.

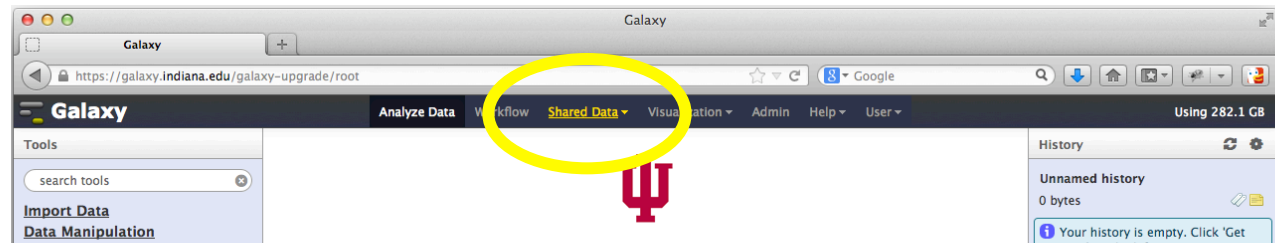
The raw reads originated from the Short Read Archive on NCBI. The accession number for the set is SRX212035.

This dataset consists of paired-end, ~75bp RNA-Seq reads.

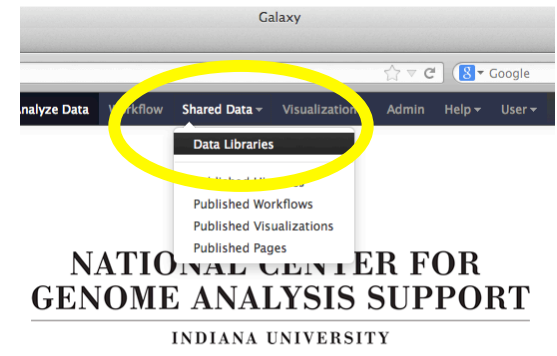


# Let's get some sequence data

Galaxy allows users to publish their data to the entire user base.



Let's start with "Shared Data" at the top.  
Then select Data Libraries from the menu.





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# Let's get some sequence data

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. The browser address bar displays <https://galaxy.indiana.edu/galaxy-upgrade/library>. The navigation bar includes links for Analyze Data, Workflow, Shared Data, Visualization, Admin, Help, and User. The 'Data Libraries' section features a search bar with the placeholder text 'search dataset name, info, message, dbkey'. Below the search bar is a table with two columns: 'Data library name ↓' and 'Data library description'. The table lists two libraries: 'User Import Library' (For moving large datasets into Galaxy) and 'Workshop Data' (Learning sets of RNA-Seq data). The 'Workshop Data' link is circled in yellow.

Data library name ↓	Data library description
User Import Library	For moving large datasets into Galaxy
<u>Workshop Data</u>	Learning sets of RNA-Seq data

Choose Workshop Data.



# Let's get some sequence data

Expand folder  
Check both boxes

Name	Message	Data type	Date uploaded	File size
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For selected datasets:

**TIP:** You can download individual library datasets by selecting "Download this dataset" from the context menu (triangle) next to each dataset's name.

**TIP:** Several compression options are available for downloading multiple library datasets simultaneously:

- gzip: Recommended for fast network connections
- bzip2: Recommended for slower network connections (smaller size but takes longer to compress)
- zip: Not recommended but is provided as an option for those who cannot open the above formats

Import the Data sets to current history.



# Let's get some sequence data

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Galaxy Analyze Data Workflow Shared Data Visualization Admin Help User Using 327.6 GB

### Data Library "Workshop Data"

✓ 2 datasets imported into 1 history: Unnamed history

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Data set is imported – Click on Analyze Data to return.

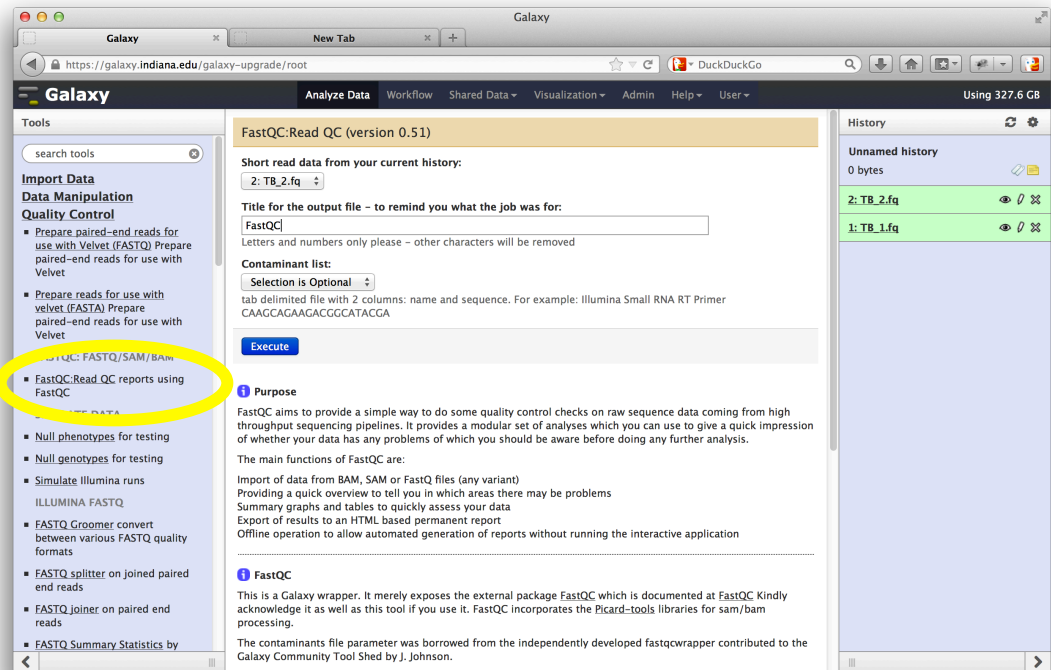




# Step 1: Assess the Quality of Inputs

We will first get an idea of the quality of our input data sets.

The FastQC tool will produce graphical output that makes it easy to gauge the characteristics of the data – quality, patterns, biases, gc content etc.



Choose either the left or right reads. Compare the results with your neighbor.

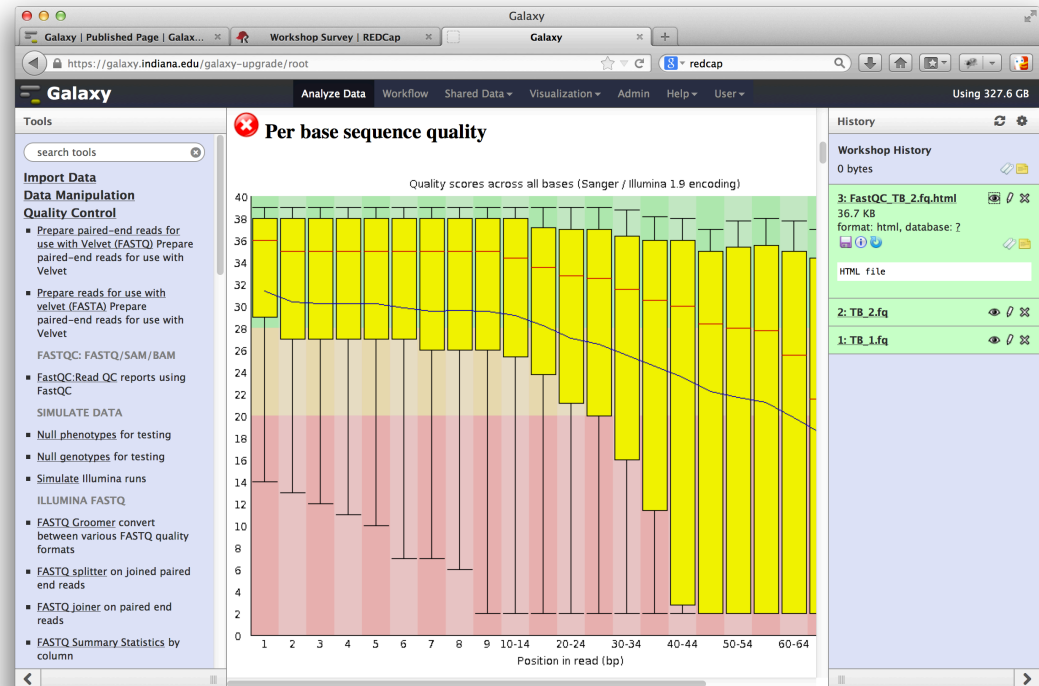


# Step 1: Assess the Quality of Inputs

The input data usually declines in quality as the reads progress.

The quality score is assigned by the sequencing machine as it reads each base. It is a rough estimate of how ambiguous the signal is.

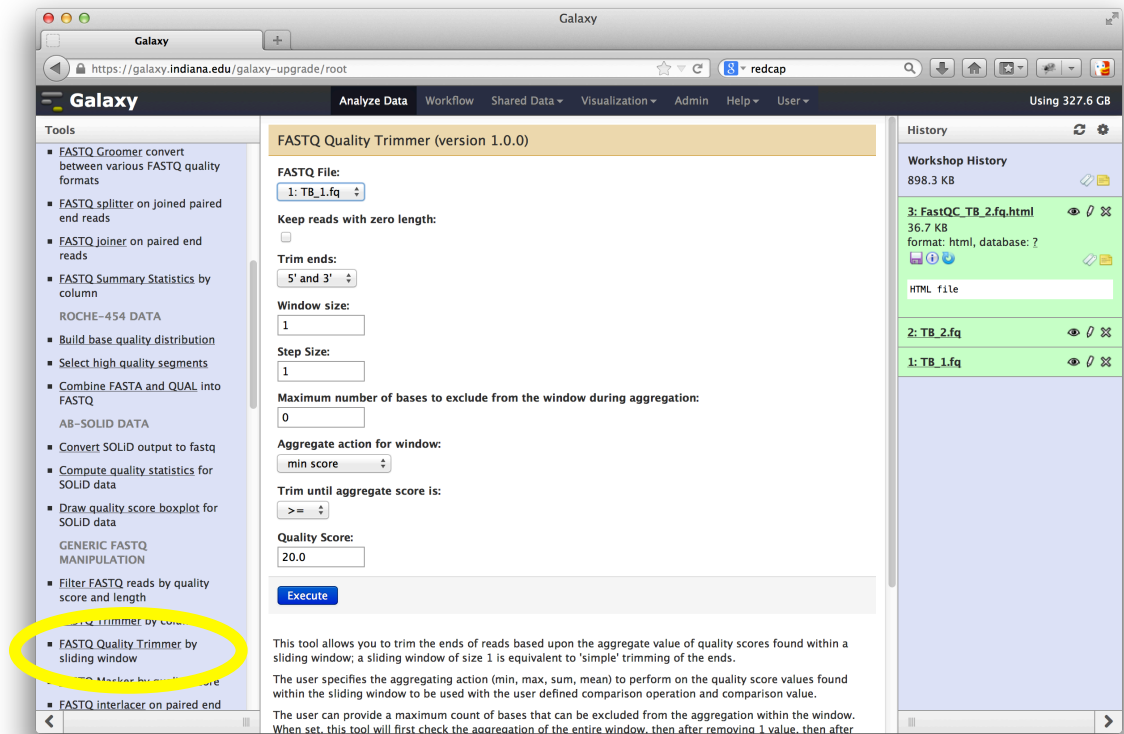
Sequence: **ATGCATG**  
Quality Score: 39 38 23 19 3 3





## Step 2: Trim Input Sequences

We've determined that the input data sets need some work before they are used in downstream processes. We'll use the FASTQ quality trimmer by sliding window to trim reads based on quality score.

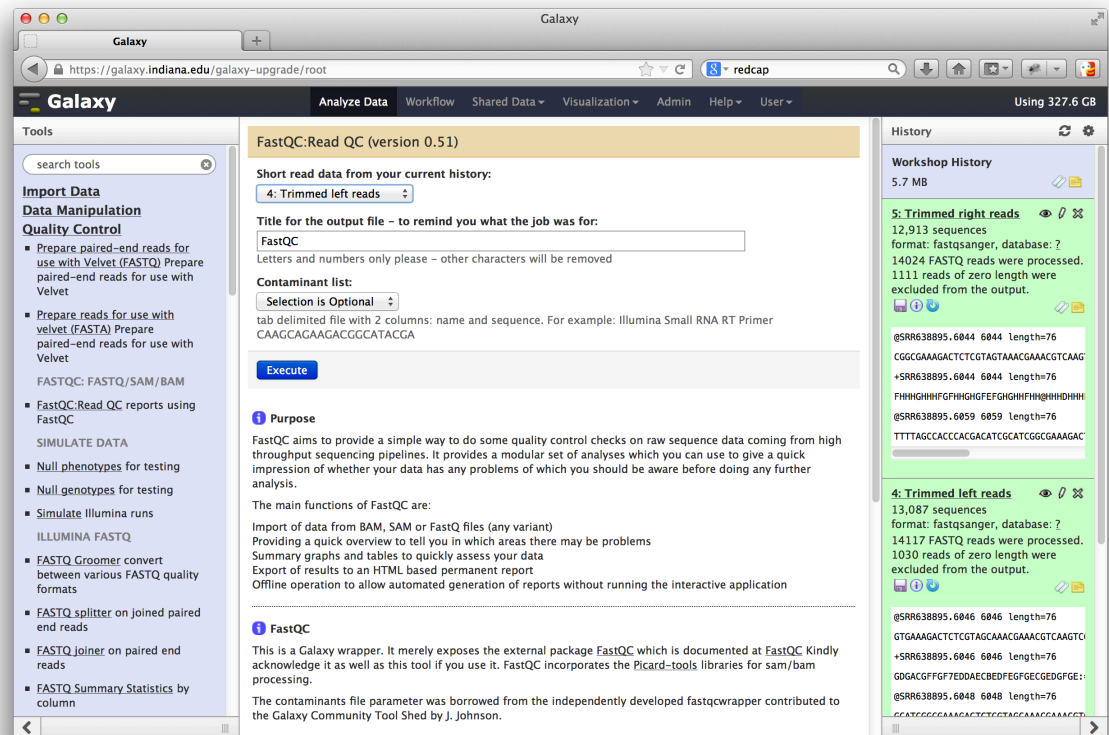


Run this tool for both input data sets.



# Step 3: Rinse, Repeat

Now that the files are trimmed, we will re-assess their quality. If necessary, keep trimming away until you are satisfied with the input files.



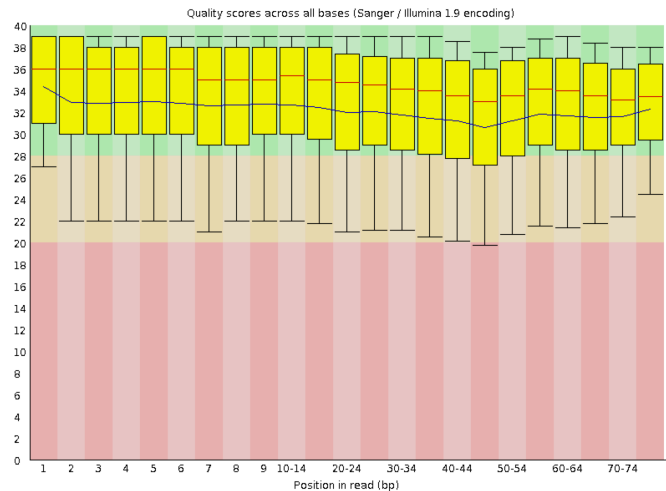
I renamed my trimmed files to help me keep them straight.



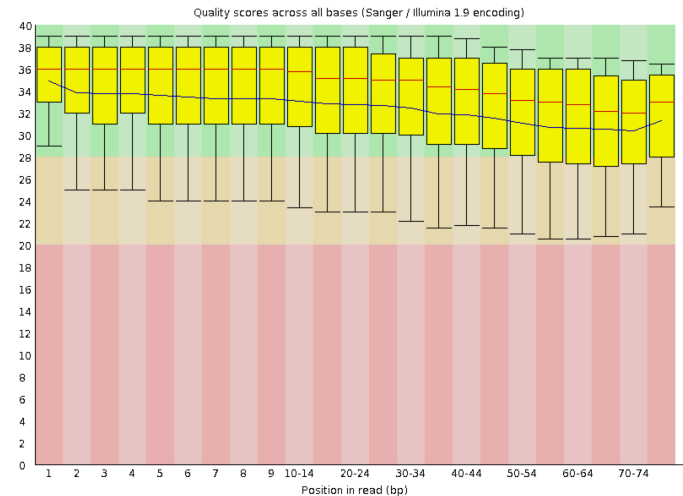
## Step 3: Rinse, Repeat

Pictured are the left and right reads after trimming is complete.  
These will do!

### ✓ Per base sequence quality



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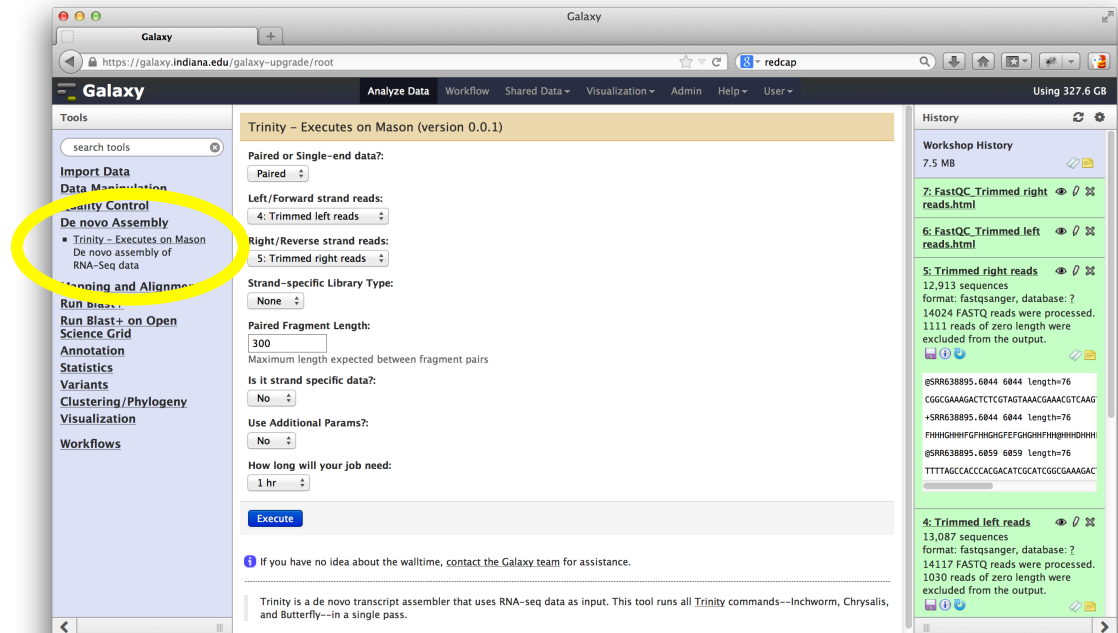




## Step 4: Assembly

Next we will put the reads together to create a complete picture of the actively transcribed genes of the sample organism.

Trinity is a *de novo* assembler that has been optimized for use on Mason. We will use it to assemble our reads.





## It finished! We're done, right?

An assembler solves a computer problem of putting together a puzzle from tiny pieces. The output of the assembler is a guess – but we don't know how accurate it is. We could look at:

- Basic stats of the assembly – “Contigs”
  - Number of “Contigs” vs. Expected Number
  - N50 – a weighted average
  - Average Length
  - Max Length
- Check contigs against known genes with Blast (large or rare transcripts)

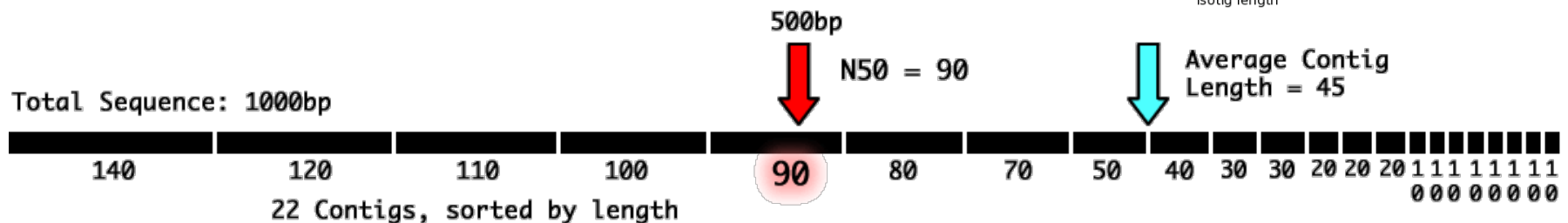
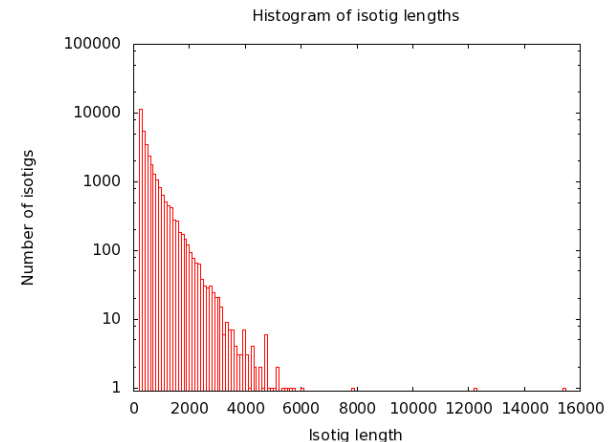


# Step 5: Assessing Quality of Assembly

Important statistics for assembly quality:

## Contig Length Distribution

Assemblies will typically produce a number of complete contigs representing whole transcripts, and a large number of partial transcripts. This biases the average contig length toward the low end. The N50 is a measure weighted by total sequence length in the assembly.

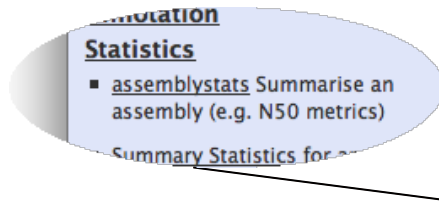






# Step 5: Assessing Quality of Assembly

Getting these stats in Galaxy:



Run assemblystats to get a summary and histograms of your contig length distribution.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Galaxy', 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Admin', 'Help', and 'User'. The main content area is titled 'assemblystats (version 1.0.1)'. It includes a 'Tools' sidebar on the left with a search bar and a list of tools. The 'Statistics' tool is highlighted. The main panel shows the 'assemblystats' tool configuration with fields for 'Type of read' (Isotig), 'Output histogram with bin sizes=1', and 'Source file in FASTA format' (84: Trinity on data 20 and data 21: Assembled Transcripts). An 'Execute' button is visible. The right sidebar shows the 'History' panel with two entries: '240: Sorted contigs' and '239: Assembly statistics'. The '239: Assembly statistics' entry is expanded, showing a table of statistics for isotig lengths.

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Statistics for isotig lengths:	
Min isotig length:	
Max isotig length:	
Mean isotig length:	
Standard deviation of isotig leng	
Median isotig length:	



## Step 6: Check Against Database

For this last step, we'll check to see how well our assembled transcripts compare to what we already know.

Use this step to give a rough annotation of genes, to make sure that your transcripts are from nuclear genes, or to gauge how complete your sequence is.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. In the left-hand 'Tools' panel, the tool 'Filter sequences by length' is highlighted with a yellow circle. The main panel displays the tool's configuration: 'Fasta file' is set to '9: Trinity - Executes on Mason on data 4 and data 5: Assemble', 'Minimal length' is 0, and 'Maximum length' is 555. A tip explains that setting minimal length to 0 returns all sequences longer than the maximum length. The 'Execute' button is visible. The right-hand 'History' panel shows a list of previous jobs, including '15: Cumulative sum of contig size data', '14: Histogram data', '13: Cumulative sum of contig sizes', '12: Histogram of contig sizes', '11: Sorted contigs', '10: Assembly statistics', and '9: Trinity - Executes on Mason on data 4 and data 5: Assembled Transcripts'.

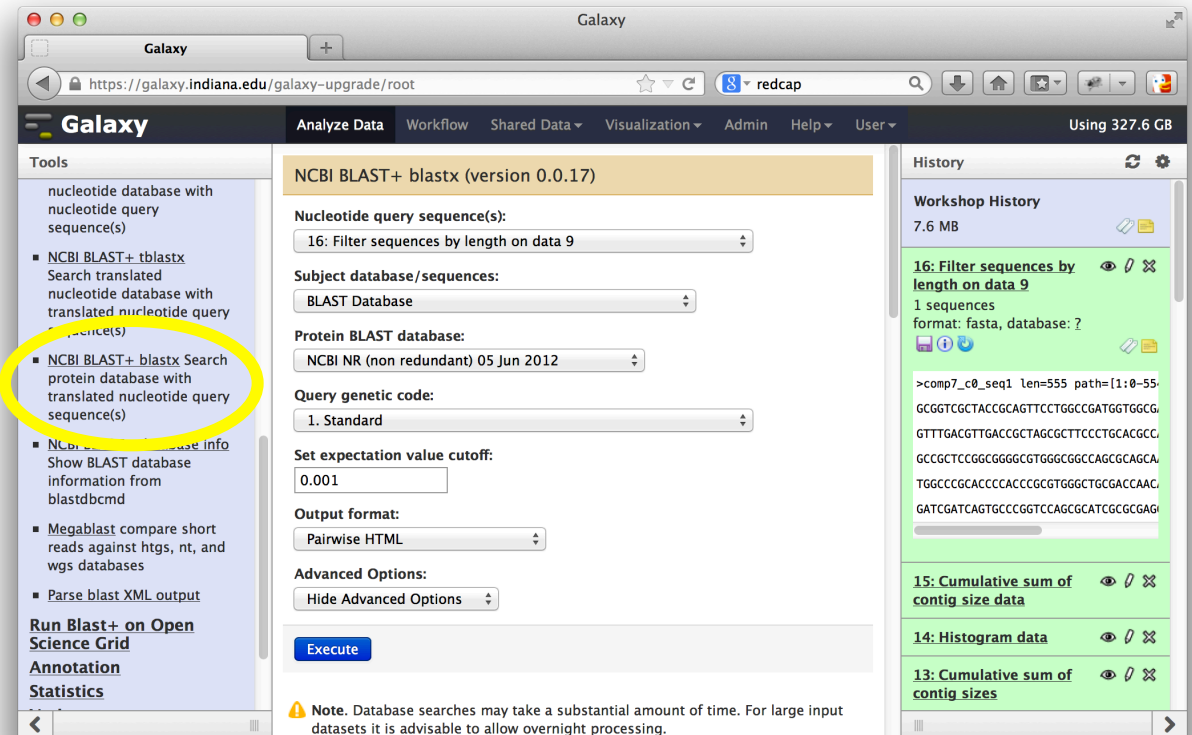
For sake of time, we'll just Blast one gene. Filter out to get the smallest.



# Step 6: Check Against Database

We will use Blastx to search the NR database for our gene.

Use default search settings for this test set.



Make sure to choose Pairwise HTML output for readability.



# Step 6: Check Against Database

We see the expected genes as the top hits!

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**Tools**

- nucleotide database with nucleotide query sequence(s)
- NCBI BLAST+ tblastx Search translated nucleotide database with translated nucleotide query sequence(s)
- NCBI BLAST+ blastx Search protein database with translated nucleotide query sequence(s)
- NCBI BLAST+ database info Show BLAST database information from blastdbcmd
- Megablast compare short reads against htgs, nt, and wgs databases
- Parse blast XML output

**History**

- Workshop History 8.1 MB
- 17: blastx on db 484.1 KB format: html, database: ? HTML file
- 16: Filter sequences by length on data 9 1 sequences format: fasta, database: ?

**BLAST Search Results**

Query: >ref|WP\_003907097.1| DNA polymerase III subunit delta, partial [Mycobacterium tuberculosis H37Rv]  
Sbjct: gb|EF075343.1| DNA polymerase III subunit delta [Mycobacterium tuberculosis H37Rv]  
Length=354

Score = 246 bits (627), Expect = 3e-77  
Identities = 181/181 (100%), Positives = 181/181 (100%), Gaps = 0/181  
Frame = -3

Query	Sbjct
553 TDPQARQRRERALGLARDAATPSRAYAAAEELVAGAEAEALTAQRIEAEETEELRTA	174 TDPQARQRRERALGLARDAATPSRAYAAAEELVAGAEAEALTAQRIEAEETEELRTA
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193 GVRANHPDMADRVAAALAAHAPPERLLRCIEAVLACREALAVNVKPKFAVDAMVATIGC	294 GVRANHPDMADRVAAALAAHAPPERLLRCIEAVLACREALAVNVKPKFAVDAMVATIGC
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We could limit the number of hits depending on output desired.



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## Step 7..?

RNA-Seq is a very versatile technology. You can use the data for:

- Gene discovery based on transcripts
- Genome evidence – introns, exons, junction
- Gene expression patterns
- SNP calling/other variants
- Protein divergence between samples

We have gotten to the assembly step, but there is a lot to learn about the data now that it is put together. A foundation in the use of Galaxy coupled with Indiana University resources will enable you to reach these goals.



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Thanks for watching!  
Questions and comments:  
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