Bioinformatics Crash Course

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The Plan

- Monday
 - Introductions
 - Linux and Python Hands-on Training
- Tuesday
 - NGS Introduction
 - RNAseq with Sailfish (Dr. Steve Mount, CBCB)
 - RNAseq with Tuxedo package
- Wednesday
 - Genome Sequencing Introduction
 - Genome Assembly and QC
 - Metagenomics (Dr. Mihai Pop, CBCB)

- Thursday
 - Genome Annotation
 - PacBio Genome Assembly (Matt Conte)
 - Review Genome Assembly and Annotation
- Friday
 - Cloud computing and Galaxy
 - Variant Detection and RNAseq analysis
- Each day we can have a Q&A session to find out what works or doesn't work as well as try to address any topics we haven't covered.



 http://www.biology.umd.edu/ files/biology/bioinformatics/ Workshop_July_2014.pdf

UMD Bioinformatics Core



- Mission: To provide users with the bioinformatic services, support, and education necessary to advance their research program.
- The Core has partnered with the Division of IT to provide the necessary computational resources needed for these demanding analyses.

Bioinformatics Core Services

- Raw data processing
- Genome and transcriptome assembly
- RNAseq analysis
- Variant discovery

- Grant writing support
- Experimental design assistance
- Workflow and pipeline construction
- Custom analyses





The Goal

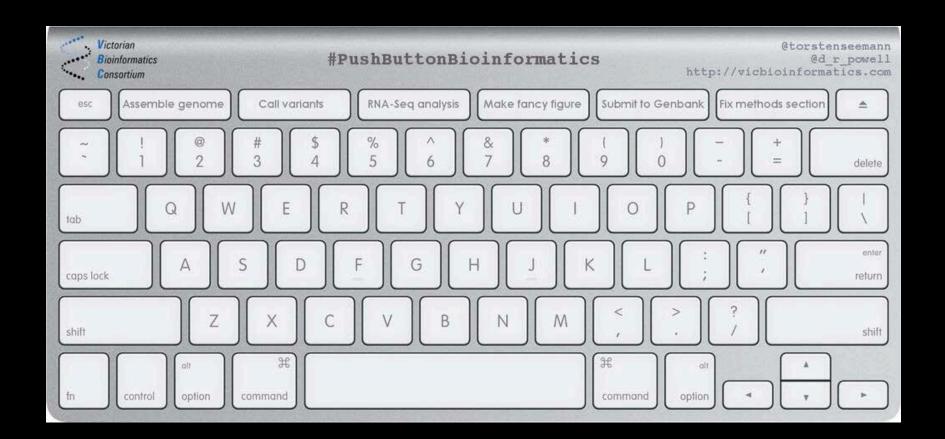
- Allow you to conduct your own analysis.
- Get you comfortable using the command line.
- Introduce programing, HPCC's, and DeepThought2.
- Learn some of the best practices with experimental design and data analysis.
- Avoid common pitfalls with data processing.

What is Bioinformatics?

- Interdisciplinary field combining:
 - Computer science
 - Statistics
 - Mathematics
 - And Biology
- Lots of different areas of expertise:
 - Biological programing
 - Software development
 - Hardware development
 - Experimental design
- Difficult for an individual to be an expert in all areas.
- HIGHLY COLLABRATIVE!



What it isn't...



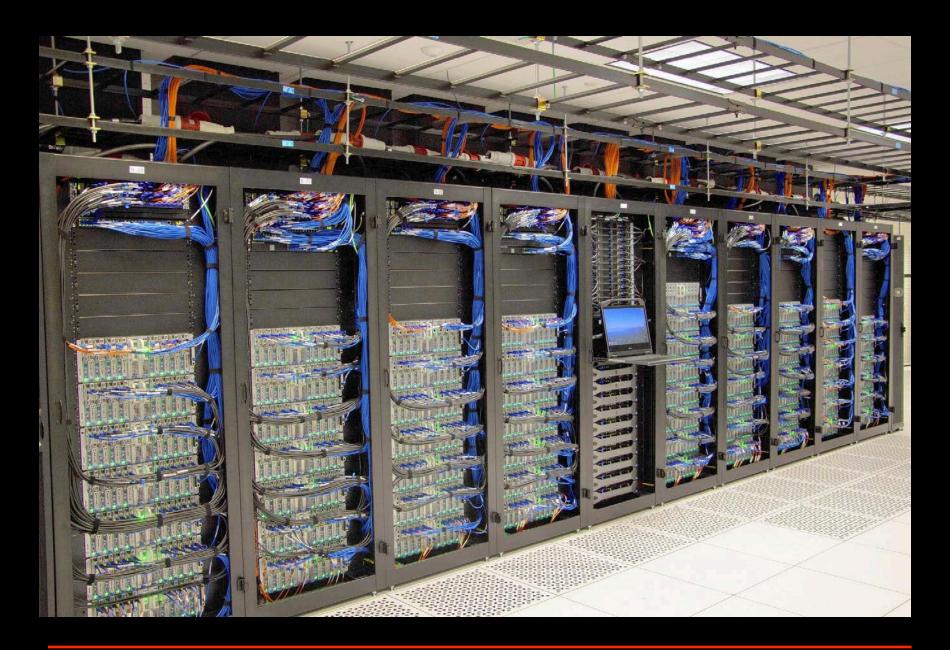
What is Bioinformatics?

- Bioinformatics is experimental.
- Tools and packages are under constant development and redesign.
- Best practices are only just starting to be determined.
- Always do your own checking ... don't assume a program is producing valid information just because there is some output.
- Garbage in ... Garbage out!



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http://www.genomicglossaries.com/images/shenemangenome.gif



Bioinformatic Platforms

- Linux Command Line
 - Python, Perl, R, bash, etc.
- iPlant, iAnimal etc
 - Grant funded, programmer support, intuitional support
- Galaxy
 - Heavy community support and funding.
- Commercial software Geneious, CLC, etc.



Basic File Formats

- FASTA
- FASTQ
- SAM
- BAM

FASTA

>My_gene|some description AGAAAATAGAGAGGCCAGACGATAGATAGAGATCAGCCC CAGACGCGCGAA

- Text based representation of DNA or protein sequence.
- First line starts with a > and is the sequence description.
- The next line is the sequence.
- No standard file extention
 - .fa .fasta .fas



FASTQ

• Fasta with quality information

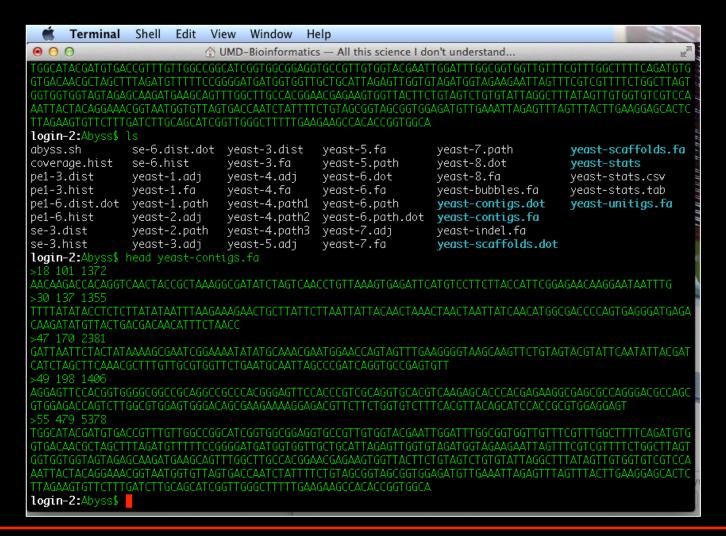
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Plan

- That covers just the basics.
- Today we are going to work on computer skills
 - Linux
 - Python

Linux





Python

http://pythonforbiologists.com/