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# Workshop Schedule

	<b>Thursday September 29, 2011</b>	<b>Friday September 30, 2011</b>
10:00	Introduction of Participants	Guest Lecture By Dr. Mukesh Jain (NIPGR)
10:15	Introduction to Genome Annotation By Dr. Dinesh Gupta (ICGEB)	
10:30		
10:45		
11:00	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break
11:15	<b>Basic Module:</b> Unix, BLAST, EMBOSS (with hands-on Session) By Dr. Dinesh Gupta (ICGEB)	<b>Module 1:</b> Artemis (with hands-on Session)  [ AR ]
11:30		
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12:00		
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12:45		
13:00	Lunch	Lunch
14:00	CLC-Workbench	<b>Module 2:</b> Mapping Sequence Data (with hands-on Session)  [ Z ]
14:15		
14:30		
14:45		
15:00	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break
15:15	CLC-Workbench continues...	<b>Module 3:</b> ACT (with hands-on Session)  [ AK ]
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16:45	Mop-up Session	
17:00		Mop-up Session

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The two-day workshop aims to give researchers with a working knowledge of computational sequence analysis, a firm grounding in the use of the latest genome analysis software (Artemis and ACT) developed at the Wellcome Trust Institute Pathogen Sequencing Unit (PSU) and an insight into in-silico Next Generation Sequence (NGS) data analysis.

[Artemis](#) is a powerful annotation tool and DNA viewer that allows the user to analyze sequence data from databases such as EMBL or Genbank. [ACT](#) is a comparative genomic tool that allows direct, and interactive, comparisons of multiple genomes/read sequences. This enables the user to exploit the growing number of genomes and NGS data from closely related organisms to look at genome architecture and evolution.

The course will be taught by members of the Bioinformatics Laboratory, Structural and Computational Biology Group and will take the form of a series of modules covering most aspects of sequence analysis and exploitation. Each module will be introduced with a short talk followed by 'hands on', to illustrate points in whole genome analysis.

# Module 1 Artemis

## (using *S. typhi*)

### Introduction

Artemis is a free DNA viewer and annotation tool written by Kim Rutherford (Rutherford *et al.*, 2000). It is routinely used by the Sanger Institute Pathogen Sequencing Unit for annotation and analysis of both prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes. The program allows the user to view simple sequence files, EMBL/Genbank entries and the results of sequence analyses in a highly interactive and intuitive graphical format. Artemis is designed to present multiple sets/types of information within a single context. This manifests itself as the ability to zoom in to inspect DNA sequence motifs and zoom out to view local gene architecture (e.g. operons), several kilobases of a genome or even an entire genome in one screen. It is also possible to perform some analyses within Artemis with the output stored for later access.

### Aims

The aim of this part of the Module is for you to become familiar with the basic functions of Artemis using a series of worked examples. These examples are designed to take you through the most immediately useful functions. However, there will be time, and encouragement, for you to explore other menus; nooks and crannies of Artemis that are not featured in the exercises in this manual. Like all the Modules in this workshop, the key is 'if you don't understand please ask'.

# Artemis Exercise 1 Part I

## 1. Starting up the Artemis software

Navigate your way into the correct directory for this module

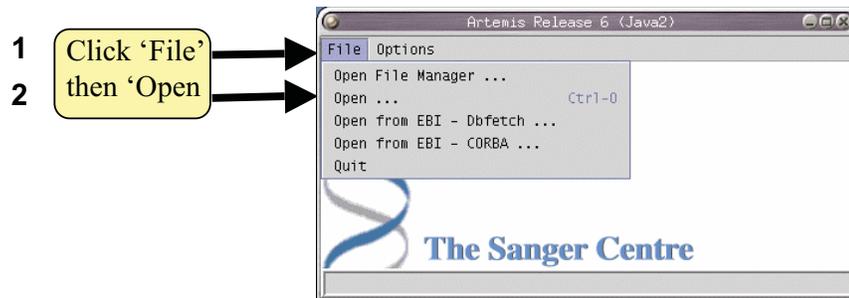
Then type:

```
art & [return]
```

A small start-up window will appear (see below).

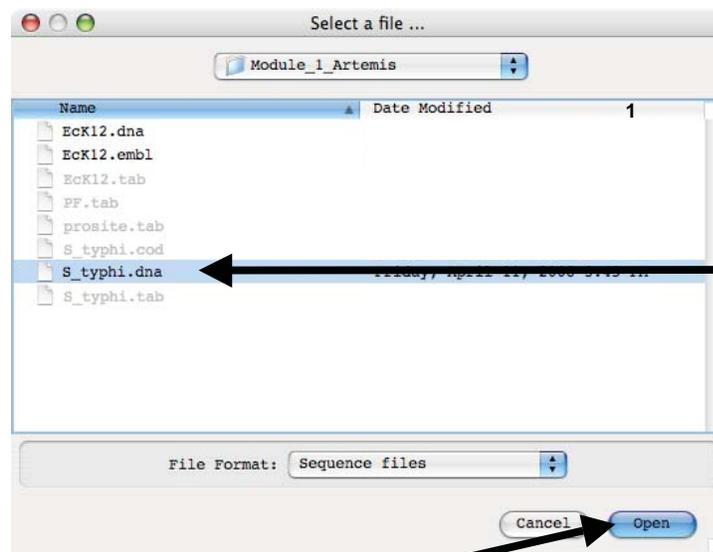
Now follow the sequence of numbers to load up the *Salmonella* Typhi chromosome sequence.

Ask a demonstrator for help if you have any problems.



For simplicity it is a good idea to open a new start up window for each Artemis session and close down any sessions once you have finished an exercise.

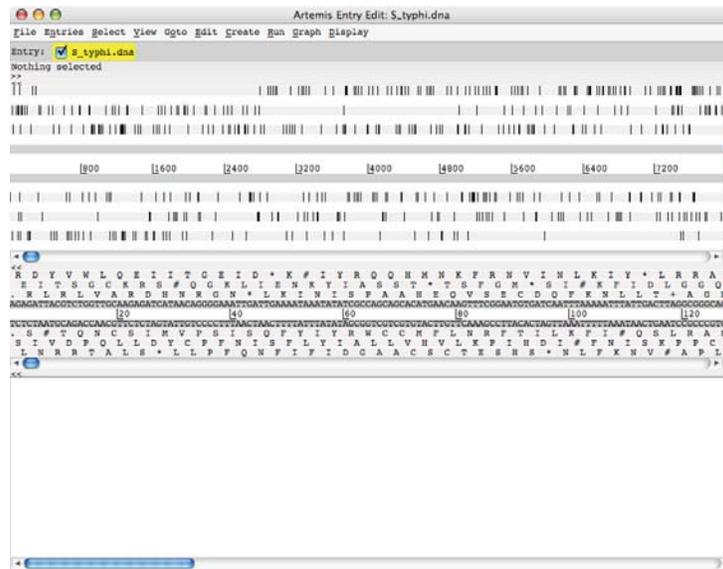
In the 'Options' menu you can switch between prokaryotic and eukaryotic mode.



DNA sequence files will have the suffix '.dna'. Annotation files end with '.tab'. Use this feature to select the type of file displayed in this panel.

## 2. Loading annotation files (entries) into Artemis

Hopefully you will now have an Artemis window like this! If not, ask a demonstrator for assistance.



Now follow the numbers to load up the annotation file for the *Salmonella* Typhi chromosome.

1

Click 'File' then 'Read an Entry'

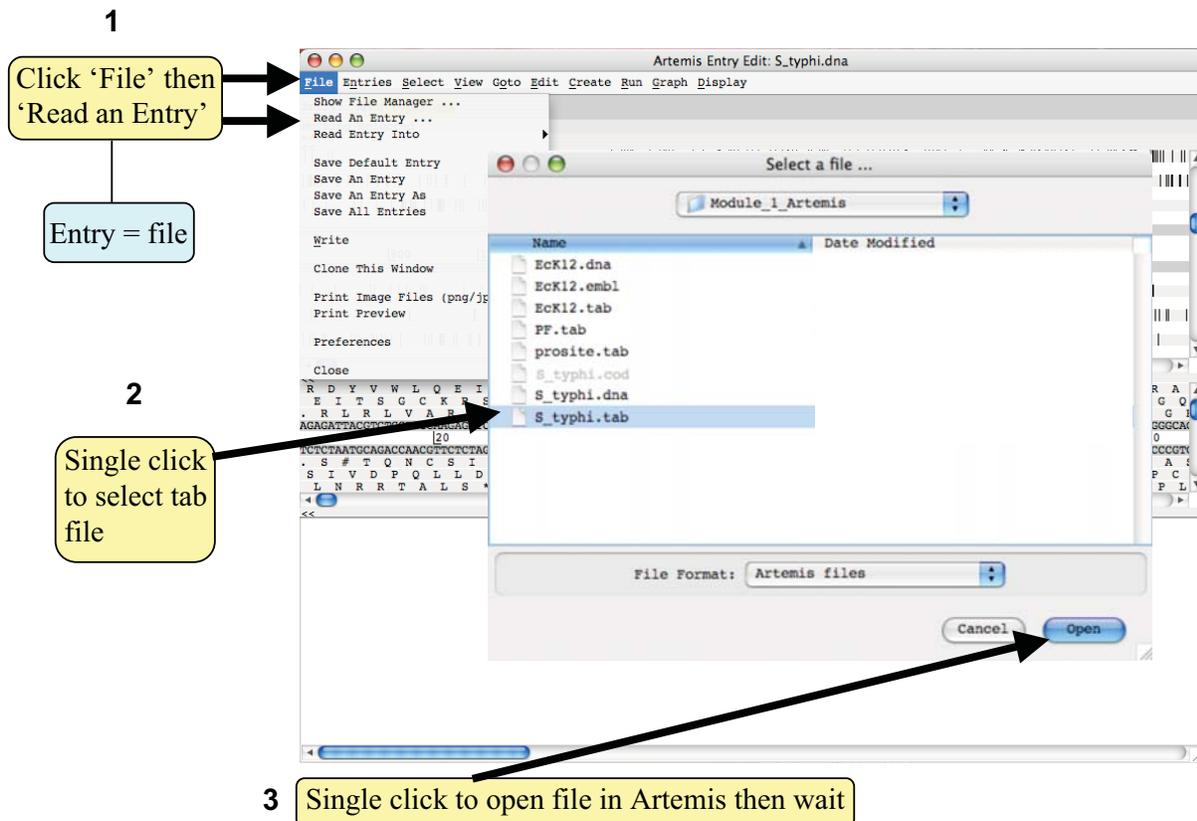
Entry = file

2

Single click to select tab file

3

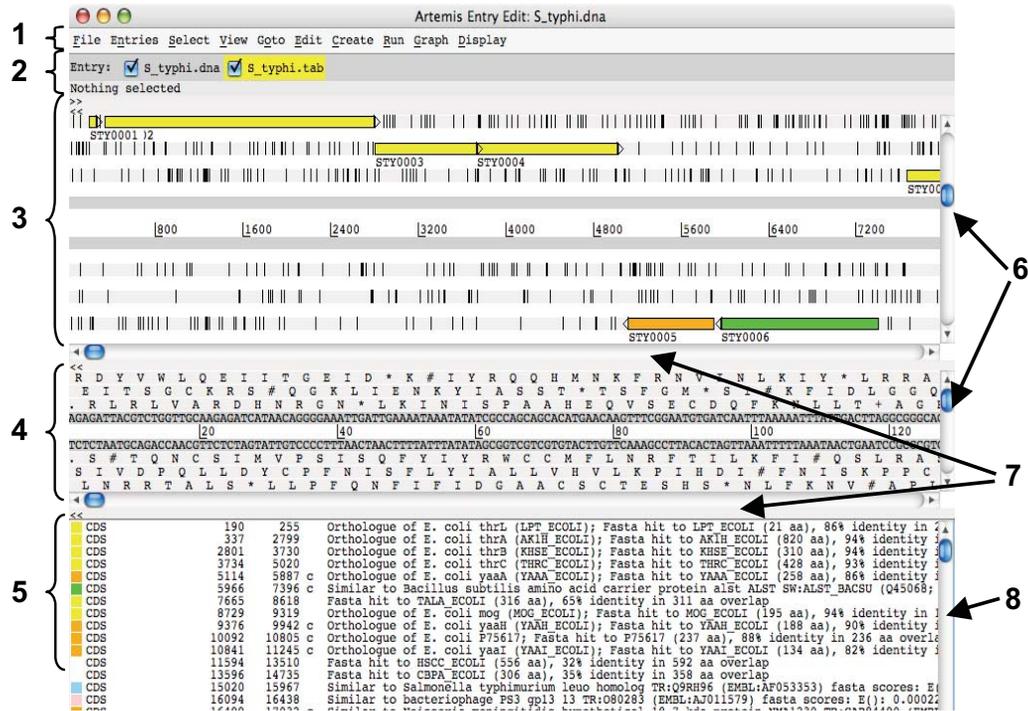
Single click to open file in Artemis then wait

A screenshot of the Artemis software interface showing the process of loading an annotation file. The window title is "Artemis Entry Edit: S\_typhi.dna". The "file" menu is open, and the "Read An Entry ..." option is selected. A "Select a file ..." dialog box is open, showing a list of files in the "Module\_1\_Artemis" directory. The files listed are: EcK12.dna, EcK12.embl, EcK12.tab, PF.tab, prosite.tab, S\_typhi.cod, S\_typhi.dna, and S\_typhi.tab. The "S\_typhi.tab" file is selected. The "File Format" is set to "Artemis files". The "Open" button is highlighted. Three numbered instructions are overlaid on the image: 1. "Click 'File' then 'Read an Entry'" with arrows pointing to the "file" menu and the "Read An Entry ..." option. 2. "Single click to select tab file" with an arrow pointing to the "S\_typhi.tab" file in the dialog box. 3. "Single click to open file in Artemis then wait" with an arrow pointing to the "Open" button in the dialog box. A text box on the left says "Entry = file".

What's an "Entry"? It's a file of DNA and/or features which can be overlaid onto the sequence information displayed in the main Artemis view panel.

### 3. The basics of Artemis

Now you have an Artemis window open let's look at what's in there.



1. Drop-down menus. There's lots in there so don't worry about them right now.
2. Shows what entries are currently loaded (bottom line) and gives details regarding the feature selected in the window below; in this case gene STY0003 (top line).
3. This is the main sequence view panel. The central 2 grey lines represent the forward (top) and reverse (bottom) DNA strands. Above and below those are the 3 forward and 3 reverse reading frames. Stop codons are marked as black vertical bars. Genes and other features (eg. Pfam and Prosite matches) are displayed as coloured boxes. We will refer to genes as coding sequences or CDSs from now on.
4. This panel has a similar layout to the main panel but is zoomed in to show nucleotides and amino acids. Double click on a gene in the main view to see the zoomed view of the start of that gene. Note that both this and the main panel can be scrolled left and right (7, below) zoomed in and out (6, below).
5. This panel lists the various features in the order that they occur on the DNA with the selected gene highlighted. The list can be scrolled (8, below).
6. Sliders for zooming view panels.
7. Sliders for scrolling along the DNA.
8. Slider for scrolling feature list.

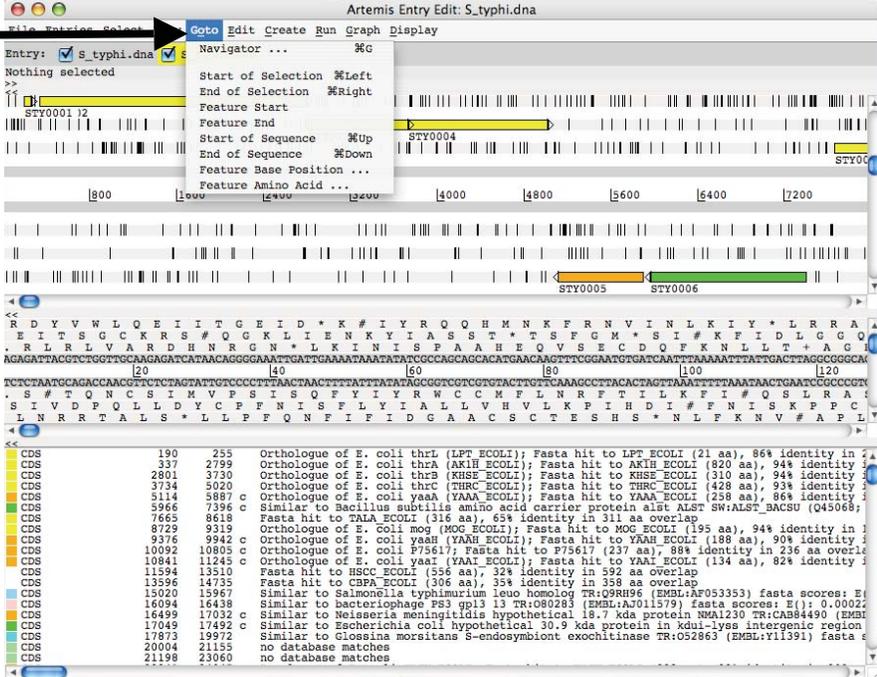
## 4. Getting around in Artemis

The 3 main ways of getting to where you want to be in Artemis are the Goto drop-down menu, the Navigator and the Feature Selector. The best method depends on what you're trying to do and knowing which one to use comes with practice.

### 4.1 The 'Goto' menu

The functions on this menu (ignore the Navigator for now) are shortcuts for getting to locations within a selected feature or for jumping to the start or end of the DNA sequence. This one's really intuitive so give it a try!

Click 'Goto'



The screenshot shows the Artemis Entry Edit window for S\_typhi.dna. The 'Goto' menu is open, showing options: Navigator..., Start of Selection, End of selection, Feature Start, Start of Sequence, End of Sequence, Feature Base Position, and Feature Amino Acid. The main window displays a DNA sequence with several features highlighted in yellow and green, including STY0001, STY0004, STY0005, and STY0006. The sequence is shown in both uppercase and lowercase letters, with a corresponding amino acid sequence below it.

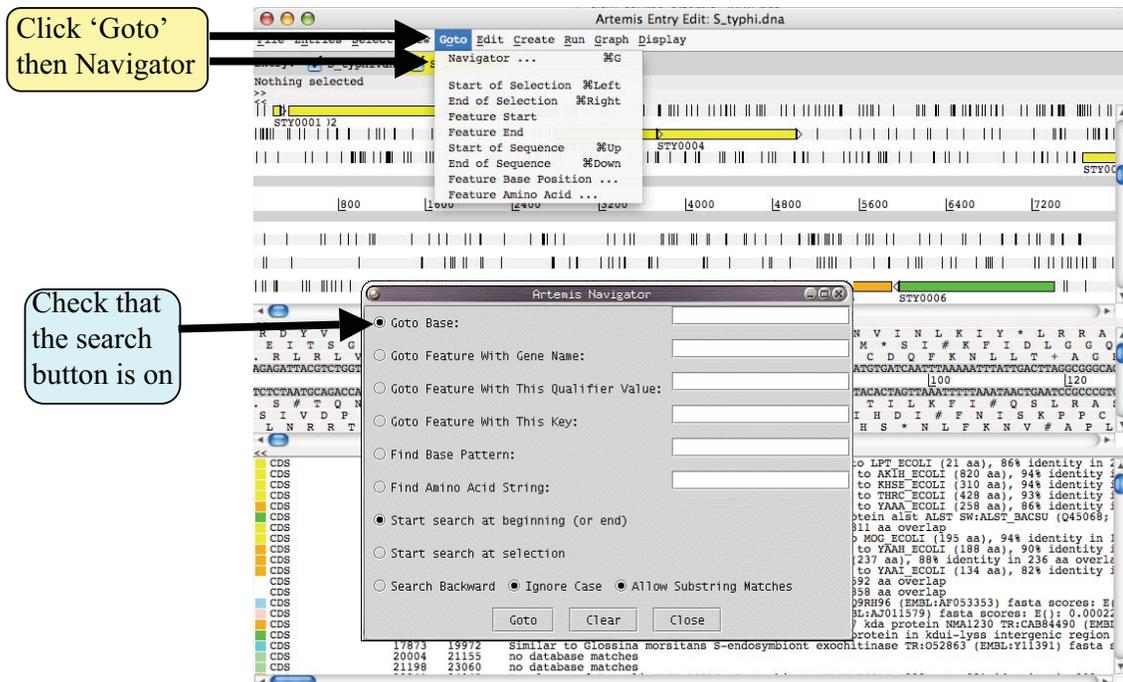
It may seem that 'Goto' 'Start of Selection' and 'Goto' 'Feature Start' do the same thing. Well they do if you have a feature selected but 'Goto' 'Start of Selection' will also work for a region which you have highlighted by click-dragging in the main window. So yes, give it a try!

#### Suggested tasks:

1. Zoom out, highlight a large region of sequence by clicking the left hand button and dragging the cursor then go to the start and end of the highlighted region.
2. Select a gene then go to the start and end.
3. Go to the start and end of the genome sequence.
4. Select a gene. Within it, go to a base (nucleotide) and/or amino acid of your choice.

## 4.2 Navigator

The Navigator panel is fairly intuitive so open it up and give it a try.



Suggestions of where to go:

1. Think of a number between 1 and 4809037 and go to that base (notice how the cursors on the horizontal sliders move with you).
2. Your favourite gene name (it may not be there so you could try 'fts').
3. Use 'Goto Feature With This Qualifier value' to search the contents of all qualifiers for a particular term. For example using the word 'pseudogene' will take you to the next feature with the word 'pseudogene' in any of its qualifiers. Note how repeated clicking of the 'Goto' button takes you through the pseudogenes as they occur on the chromosome.
4. tRNA genes. Type 'tRNA' in the 'Goto Feature With This Key'.
5. Regulator-binding DNA consensus sequence (real or made up!). Note that degenerate base values can be used (Appendix III).
6. Amino acid consensus sequences (real or made up!). You can use 'X's. Note that it searches all six reading frames regardless of whether the amino acids are encoded or not.



Once you have found this region have a look at some of the information that is available to you:-

Information to view:

### **Annotation**

If you click on a particular feature you can view the annotation attached to it: select a CDS feature (or any other feature) and click on the Edit menu and select Edit Selected Feature. A window will appear containing all the annotation that is associated with that CDS. The format for this information is constrained by that which can be submitted to the EMBL database where it is stored within 'keys' and 'Qualifiers' see Appendix II.

### **Viewing amino acid or protein sequence**

Click on the view menu and you will see various options for viewing the bases or amino acids of the feature you have selected, in two formats i.e. EMBL or FASTA. This can be very useful when using other programs that are not integrated into Artemis e.g. those available on the Web that require you to cut and paste sequence into them.

### **Plots/Graphs**

Feature plots can be displayed by selecting a CDS feature then clicking 'View' and 'Show Feature Plots'. The window which appears shows plots predicting hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity and coiled-coil regions for the protein product of the selected CDS.

### **Load additional files**

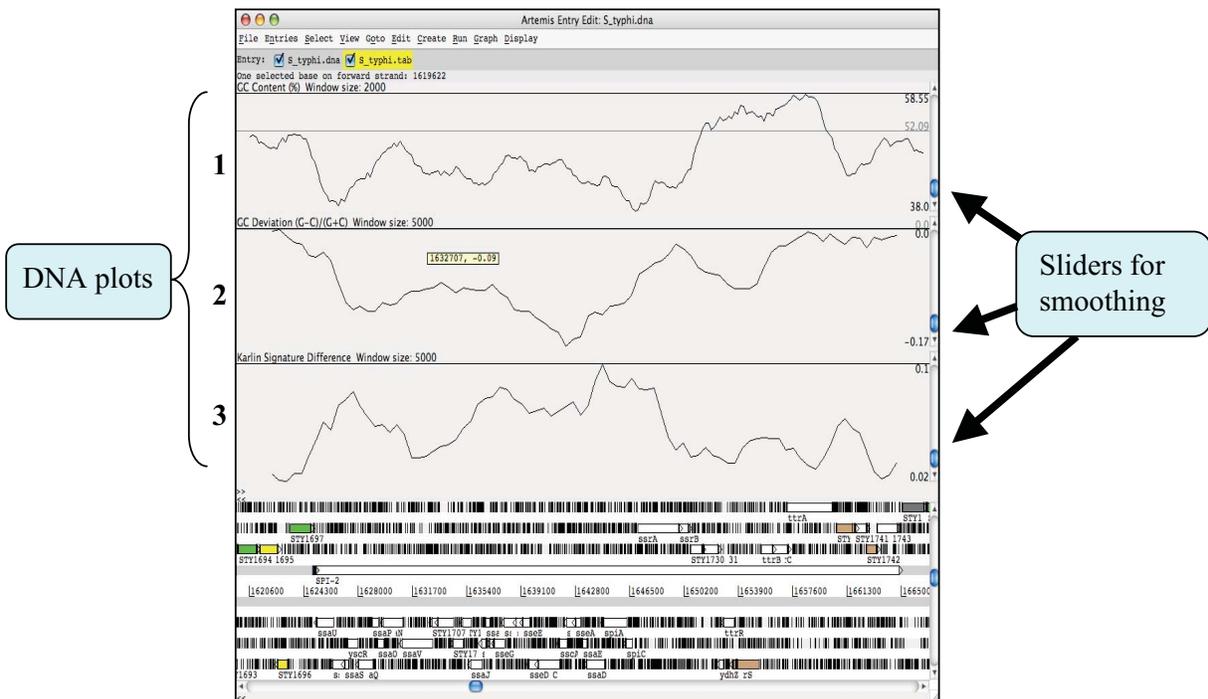
The results from Prosite searches run on the translation of each CDS should already be on display as pale-green boxes on the grey DNA lines. The results from the Pfam protein motif searches are not shown, but can be viewed by loading the appropriate file. Click on 'File' then 'Read an Entry' and select the file PF.tab. Each Pfam match will appear as a coloured blue feature in the main display panel on the grey DNA lines. To see the details click the feature then click 'View' then 'View Selection' or click 'Edit' then Edit Selected Features'. Please ask if you are unsure about Prosite and Pfam.

Further information on specific Prosite or Pfam entries can be found on the web at <http://ca.expasy.org/prosite> and <http://www.sanger.ac.uk/software/Pfam/tsearch.shtml>

In addition to looking at the fine detail of the annotated features it is also possible to look at the characteristics of the DNA covering the region displayed. This can be done by adding in to the display various plots showing different characteristics of the DNA. This information is generated dynamically by Artemis and although this is a relatively speedy exercise for a small region of DNA, on a whole genome view (we will move onto this later) this may take a little time so be patient.

### To view the graphs:

Click on the 'Graph' menu to see all those available. Perhaps some of the most useful plots are the 'GC Content (%)' (1) 'GC Deviation' (2) and 'Karlin signature plots' (3) as shown below. To adjust the smoothing of the graph you change the window size over which the points on the graph are calculated, using the sliders shown below. If you are not familiar with any of these please ask.



Notice how several of the plots show a marked deviation around the region you are currently looking at. To fully appreciate how anomalous this region is move the genome view by scrolling to the left and right of this region. Notice also that the nucleotide profile of SPI-2 appears to split the region into two segments.

As well as looking at the characteristics of small regions of the genome, it is possible to zoom out and look at the characteristics of the genome as a whole. To view the entire genome use the sliders indicated below. However, be careful zooming out quickly with all the features being displayed, as this may temporarily lock up the computer. To make this process faster, and clearer, switch off stop codons by clicking with the right mouse button in the main view panel. A menu will appear with an option to de-select stop codons (see below). If you have any problems ask a demonstrator.

To de-select the annotation click here.

The screenshot displays the Artemis genome browser interface for the S\_typhi.dna entry. The main window shows several tracks: CC Content (%), CC Deviation (C-C)/(G+C), and Karlin Signature Difference. Below these are gene annotations for SPT-2, including features like sptA, sptB, sptC, sptD, sptE, sptF, sptG, sptH, sptI, sptJ, sptK, sptL, sptM, sptN, sptO, sptP, sptQ, sptR, sptS, sptT, sptU, sptV, sptW, sptX, sptY, sptZ, spt1, spt2, spt3, spt4, spt5, spt6, spt7, spt8, spt9, spt10, spt11, spt12, spt13, spt14, spt15, spt16, spt17, spt18, spt19, spt20, spt21, spt22, spt23, spt24, spt25, spt26, spt27, spt28, spt29, spt30, spt31, spt32, spt33, spt34, spt35, spt36, spt37, spt38, spt39, spt40, spt41, spt42, spt43, spt44, spt45, spt46, spt47, spt48, spt49, spt50, spt51, spt52, spt53, spt54, spt55, spt56, spt57, spt58, spt59, spt60, spt61, spt62, spt63, spt64, spt65, spt66, spt67, spt68, spt69, spt70, spt71, spt72, spt73, spt74, spt75, spt76, spt77, spt78, spt79, spt80, spt81, spt82, spt83, spt84, spt85, spt86, spt87, spt88, spt89, spt90, spt91, spt92, spt93, spt94, spt95, spt96, spt97, spt98, spt99, spt100. A context menu is open over the SPT-2 entry, with the 'Stop Codons' option highlighted. A callout box points to this menu item with the text 'Menu item for de-selecting stop codons'. Another callout box points to the gene annotations with the text 'No stop codons shown on frame lines'. The menu options include: Smallest Features In Front, Zoom to Selection, Select Visible Range, Select Visible Features, Set Score Cutoffs, Entries, Select, Goto, View, Edit, Create, Write, Run, Feature Labels, One Line Per Entry, Forward Frame Lines, Reverse Frame Lines, Start Codons, Stop Codons, Feature Arrows, Feature Borders, All Features On Frame Lines, Show Source Features, Flip Display, and Colourise Bases.

You will also need to temporarily remove all of the annotated features from the Artemis display window. In fact if you leave them on, which you can, they would be too small to see when you zoomed out to display the entire genome. To remove the annotation click on the S\_typhi.tab entry button on the grey entry line of the Artemis window shown above.

Your Artemis window should now look similar to the one shown below.



One final tip is to adjust the scaling for each graph displayed before zooming out. This increases the maximum window size over which a single point for each plot is calculated. To adjust the scaling click with the right mouse button over a particular graph window. A menu will appear with a series of values for the maximum window size (see above), select 20000. You should do this for each graph displayed.

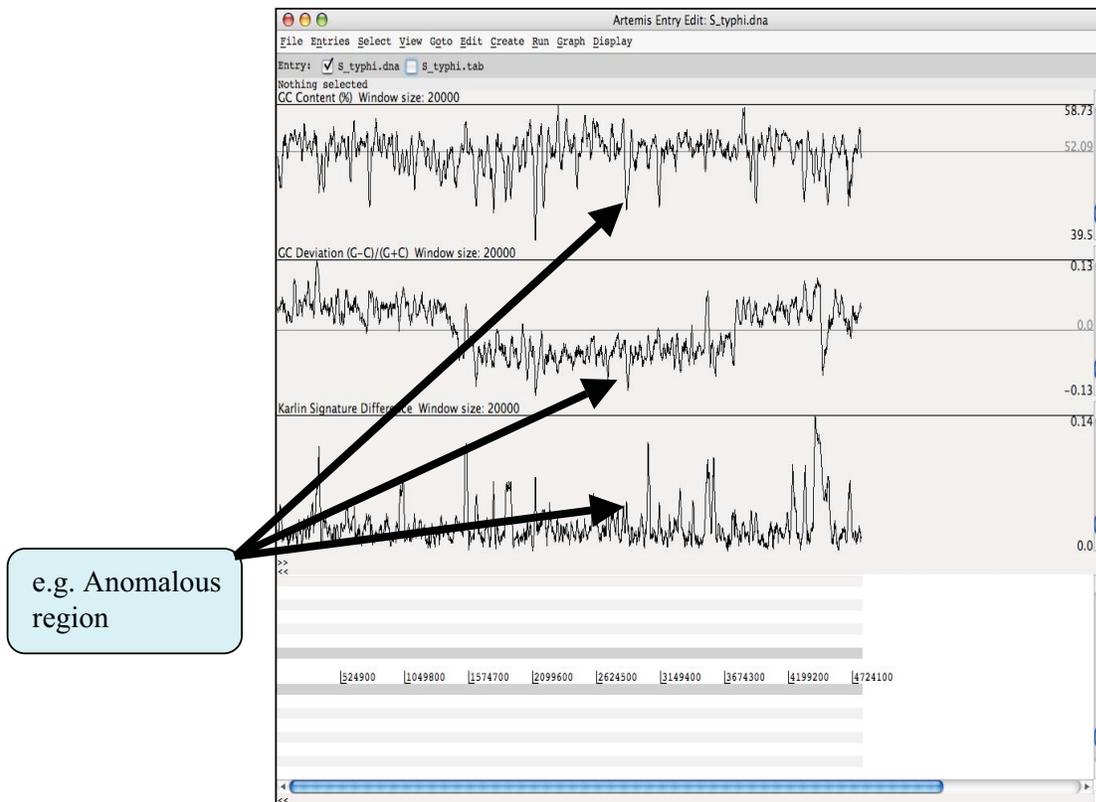
You are now ready to zoom out by dragging or clicking the slider indicated above. Once you have zoomed out fully to see the entire genome you will need to adjust the smoothing of the graphs using the vertical graph sliders as before to have a similar view to that shown below.



Click with the left mouse button in a graph window. A line and a number will appear. The number is the relative position within the genome (bps).

Click and drag to highlight a region on the main DNA line. Notice that the boundaries of this region should now be marked in the graph windows that your previously clicked in.

## Artemis Exercise 1 Part III



The graphs can be used to look at other regions within the genome that stand out by having an atypical G+C content or Karlin signature (di-nucleotide frequency). You will see from the whole genome view of *S. Typhi* that there are many other examples of anomalous regions of DNA within a genome, many of which will have been laterally acquired. Since it has been shown in many bacteria that laterally acquired DNA carries important genes for virulence and lifestyle it is worth spending a little time exploring some of these regions. You should identify a region which you feel is interesting based on the graphs and zoom into look at the genes encoded within this region (one example is shown above).

So firstly zoom back into the genome to look in more detail at the first of these three peaks. Zoom into this position by first clicking on the DNA line at approximately the correct location. If you then use the vertical side slider to zoom back in, Artemis will go to the location you selected. Remember that in order to see the CDS features lying within this region you will need to turn the annotation (*S\_typhi.tab*) entry back on.

It is also worth looking for other markers of lateral acquisition such as integrase genes and tRNA integration sites.

If you have time, and as a cautionary note, you should also go and have a look at Karlin and G+C plots for the region centred around genome position 4231500.

# Module 2

## Mapping Sequence Data

### Introduction

Improvements in DNA sequencing technology have led to new opportunities for the studying organism at the genomic and transcriptomic levels. Applications include studies of the genomic variation within species and gene identification. In this module we will be using simulated data from *E.coli* genome, although all though the techniques you will learn are applicable all the technologies (e.g., Illumina Genome Analyzer, 454 GS FLX and ABI SOLiD). A single machine can produce around 20 Gigabases of sequence data from the Illumina machine comes as relatively short stretches of 35-100 base pairs (bp) of DNA- around 300 million of them. These individual sequences are called sequencing reads. The older capillary sequencing methods produces longer reads of ~500bp, but is much slower and more expensive.

One of the greatest challenges of sequencing a genome is determining how to arrange sequencing reads into chromosomes. This process of determining how the reads fit together by looking for the overlaps between them is called **genome assembly**. Capillary sequencing reads (~500bp) are considered long enough for the genome assembly. Genome assembly using sequence reads of >100bp is not possible in many cases due to the high frequency of repeats longer than the read length. Therefore, new sequencing technologies are mostly used where a **reference genome** already exists is called **resequencing**.

When resequencing, instead of assembling the reads to produce a new genome sequence and then comparing the two genomes sequences, we map the new sequence data to the reference genome. We can then identify **Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs)**, insertions and deletions (indels) and Copy Number Variants (CNVs) between two similar organisms.

## **In this module**

The example used in this module is a set of 1000, 35bp simulated reads from throughout the *E.coli* genome and for finding SNPs is a set of simulated reads to cover 10,000 bases of the *E.coli* genome.

## **Module summary**

- A. File formats
- B. Making index files
- C. Mapping the data
- D. Converting bowtie output to BAM
- E. Visualizing the mapped reads in Artemis
- F. Identifying the Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

## A. File formats

You have the reference file of *E. coli* strain 536 (NC\_008253.fna), a strain known to cause urinary tract infections. You also have two files of sequence reads simulated from that genome (a set of 1000, 35-bp reads). Look in both the reference file and read files.

Open up a terminal and navigate to Module\_2\_MSD directory, then type:

```
$ cd reads/  
$ head NC_008253.fna
```

Compare the reference file above to the files of sequencing reads:

```
$ more e_coli_1000.fastq
```

Each sequence read is represented by four lines.

1. @r1
2. CCGAACTGGATGTCTCATGGGATAAAAATCATCCG
3. +
4. EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554

1. Sequence Header

2. The Read Sequence

3. Sequence/Quality Line Separator

4. Sequence Quality. There is one character for each nucleotide. The characters relate to a sequence quality score e.g. how likely is the nucleotide correct? '>' is higher quality than '6'. Sequence reads tend to have more error at the end than at the start.

```
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help  
@r0  
GAACGATACCCACCCAACATATCGCCATTCCAGCAT  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r1  
CCGAACTGGATGTCTCATGGGATAAAAATCATCCG  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r4  
GCAGAGCAGTTGCTAGAAANNNTTGAAGAGGTT  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r6  
GGCAGTGATGCAACTGCCCGTTATGAAAGAGGTT  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r7  
GCATATTGCCAATTTTCGCTTCGGGGATCAGGTTA  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r8  
GGTTCAGTTCAGTATACGCCTTATCCGGCTACGG  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r12  
AATCACAGGCGGTGAGCAGTAACGATAATTCGGCT  
+  
EDCCCBAAAA@@@?>===<;9:99987776554  
@r13
```

## B. Making index files

Now we will make index from the *E.coli* genome sequence for the strain 536, which is known to cause urinary tract infections using short reading mapping program Bowtie (Langmead *et al.*, 2009).

Bowtie is an ultra fast, memory efficient short read aligner for aligning large sets of short DNA sequences (reads) to large genome. Bowtie indexes the genome with a burrows-wheeler index to keep its memory footprint small.

Navigate to module 3 reference genome directory, then type:

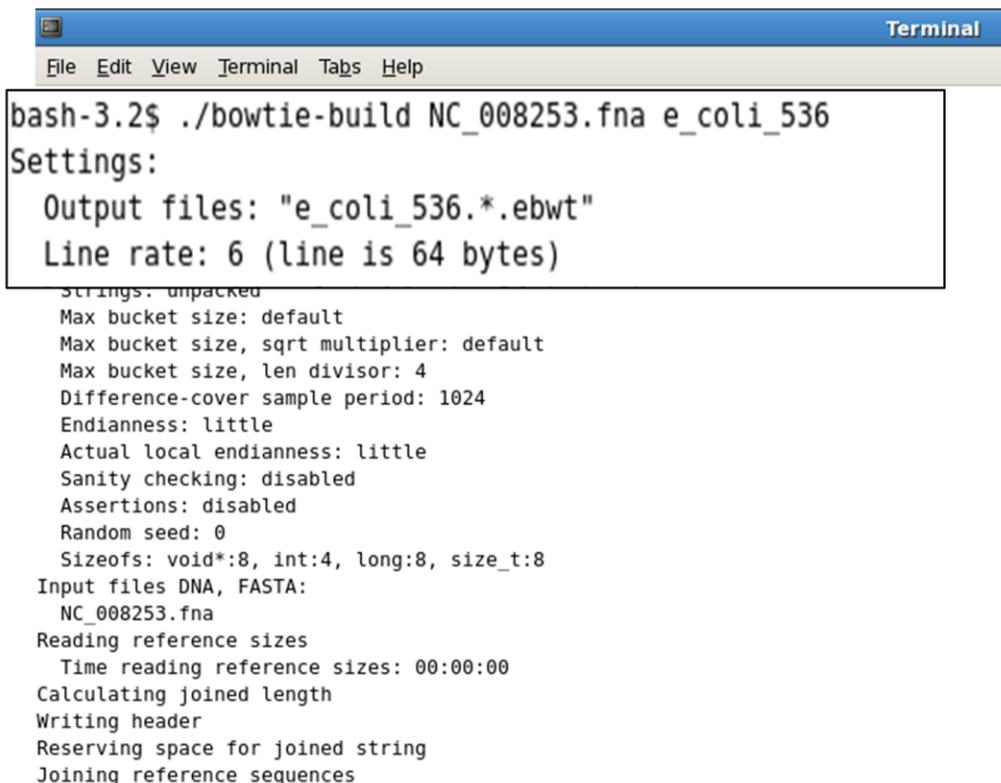
```
$/bowtie-build NC_008253.fna e_coli_536
```

The command should finish quickly, and print several lines of status messages. When command has completed, note that current directory contains 4 new files named *e\_coli\_536.1.ebwt*, *e\_coli\_536.2.ebwt*, *e\_coli\_536.3.ebwt*, *e\_coli\_536.4.ebwt*, *e\_coli\_536.1.rev.1.ebwt* and *e\_coli\_536.1.rev.2.ebwt*.

These files constitute the index. Move these files to the indexes subdirectory to install it. To test that the index is installed properly, on the terminal type:

```
$/bowtie -c e_coli_536 GCCTGAGCTATGAGAAAGCGCCACGCTTC
```

If the index is installed properly, this command should print a single alignment and then exit.



```
Terminal
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
bash-3.2$ ./bowtie-build NC_008253.fna e_coli_536
Settings:
  Output files: "e_coli_536.*.ebwt"
  Line rate: 6 (line is 64 bytes)
Strings: unpacked
Max bucket size: default
Max bucket size, sqrt multiplier: default
Max bucket size, len divisor: 4
Difference-cover sample period: 1024
Endianness: little
Actual local endianness: little
Sanity checking: disabled
Assertions: disabled
Random seed: 0
Sizeofs: void*:8, int:4, long:8, size_t:8
Input files DNA, FASTA:
  NC_008253.fna
Reading reference sizes
  Time reading reference sizes: 00:00:00
Calculating joined length
Writing header
Reserving space for joined string
Joining reference sequences
```

### C. Mapping the data

Now we will map reads to the *E.coli* reference genome using Bowtie (Langmead *et al.*, 2009).

On the command line of the aligned read appears in the left, type:

```
$ ./bowtie reference_genome/indexes/e_coli_536 reads/e_coli_1000.fq
```

The first argument to bowtie is the base name of the index for the genome to be searched. Second argument is the name of FASTQ files containing the reads. You will see bowtie print many lines of output. Each line is an alignment for the read.

1. Sequence Header

2. Reference Strand  
[Forward (+)/Reverse (-)]

3. Reference Sequence ID

4. 0 – based offset into the forward reference strand.

5. Read Sequence [reverse complimented if orientation is reverse (-)]

6. ASCII encode read qualities  
[reverse if orientation is reverse (-)]

7. Instances of the read Alignment.

8. Comma separated list of mismatch descriptors.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following output (partially visible):

```

r944 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1| 233657 GTGTCGGGTA EDCCBAAAA@@@?>====; ;9:99987776554
r945 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1| 216925 ATGACGCTT AGCCBAAAA@@@?>====; ;9:99987776554
r946 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1| 4152381 AGGAGCGGGT EDCCBAAAA@@@?>====; ;9:99987776554
r947 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1| 3773404 ATCCATTACG EDCCBAAAA@@@?>====; ;9:99987776554
r948 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1| 2951363 GTAN... 45567778999:9; ;<====7@@@@AAAAABCCDE 0
r949 >N
r951 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r953 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r954 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r955 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r958 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r959 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r960 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
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r964 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
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r981 +
r982 -
r985 -
r987 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r988 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r989 + g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
r993 - g1|110640213|ref|NC_008253.1|
  
```

```

G>A, 33:G>T
# reads processed: 1000
# reads with at least one reported alignment: 699 (69.90%)
# reads that failed to align: 301 (30.10%)
Reported 699 alignments to 1 output stream(s)
  
```

### C. Mapping the data...continued...

Next, on the command line type :

```
$ ./bowtie -t reference_genome/indexes/e_coli_536 reads/e_coli_1000.fq  
e_coli.map
```

This run calculates the same alignments as the previous run, but the alignments are written to *e\_coli.map*(the final argument) rather than to screen.

-t option instructs Bowtie to the print timing statistics.

The image shows a terminal window titled "Terminal" with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Terminal, Tabs, Help). The command executed is `bash-3.2$ ./bowtie -t reference_genome/indexes/e_coli_536 reads/e_coli_1000.fq e_coli.map`. The output is as follows:

```
Time loading forward index: 00:00:00  
Time loading mirror index: 00:00:00  
Seeded quality full-index search: 00:00:00  
# reads processed: 1000  
# reads with at least one reported alignment: 699 (69.90%)  
# reads that failed to align: 301 (30.10%)  
Reported 699 alignments to 1 output stream(s)  
Time searching: 00:00:00  
Overall time: 00:00:00  
bash-3.2$ █
```

Three yellow callout boxes with arrows point to specific parts of the output:

- 1. Loading reference indexes time statistics.** Points to the first three lines of output.
- 2. Mapped reads statistics.** Points to the four lines of alignment statistics.
- 3. Alignment time statistics.** Points to the last two lines of output.

## D. Converting Bowtie output to BAM

We are going to view the map reads in Artemis using Artemis BAM view. However the mapping result is not currently in BAM format. Therefore, we will convert Bowtie output to BAM using SAMtools (Li *et al.*, 2009).

SAM tools is a suit of tools for storing, manipulating, and analyzing alignment such as those output by Bowtie. SAM understands alignment in either of the two complementary formats: the human readable SAM format, or the binary BAM format.

Bowtie can output SAM (using `-S/--sam` option), and SAM can be converted to BAM using SAMtools .

```
$ ./bowtie -S reference_genome/indexes/e_coli_536 reads/e_coli10000snp.fq
e_coli_snp.sam

$ ./samtools view -bt reference_genome/NC_008253.fna.fai e_coli_snp.sam >
e_coli_snp.bam

$ ./samtools sort e_coli_snp.bam e_coli_snp.sorted

$ ./samtools index e_coli_snp.sorted.bam
```

## E. Visualizing the mapped reads in Artemis

We will now examine the read mapping in Artemis using the BAMview feature.

Open Artemis and load NC\_008253.gbk from reference\_genome directory. This contains exactly the same sequence as NC\_008253.fna, but also has genome annotation so we can see the gene models.

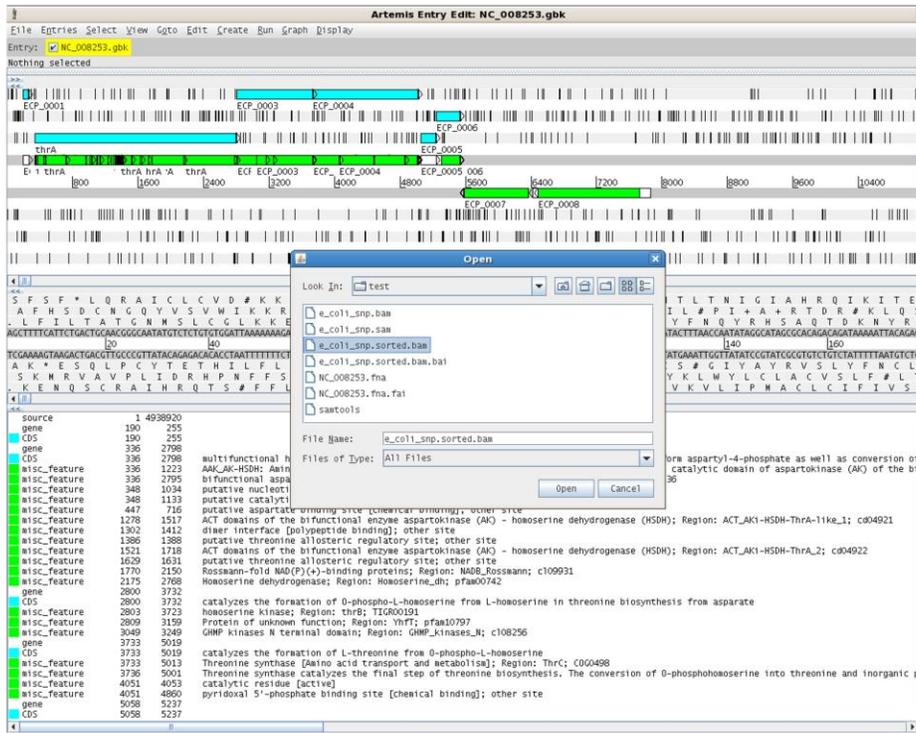
You should see the Artemis window appear as in the screenshot below.

The screenshot shows the Artemis genome browser interface for the entry NC\_008253.gbk. The top panel displays the gene map with features like thrA, ECP\_0001-0008, and thrA. The middle panel shows the DNA sequence with a scale from 800 to 10400. The bottom panel shows a detailed list of features and their descriptions.

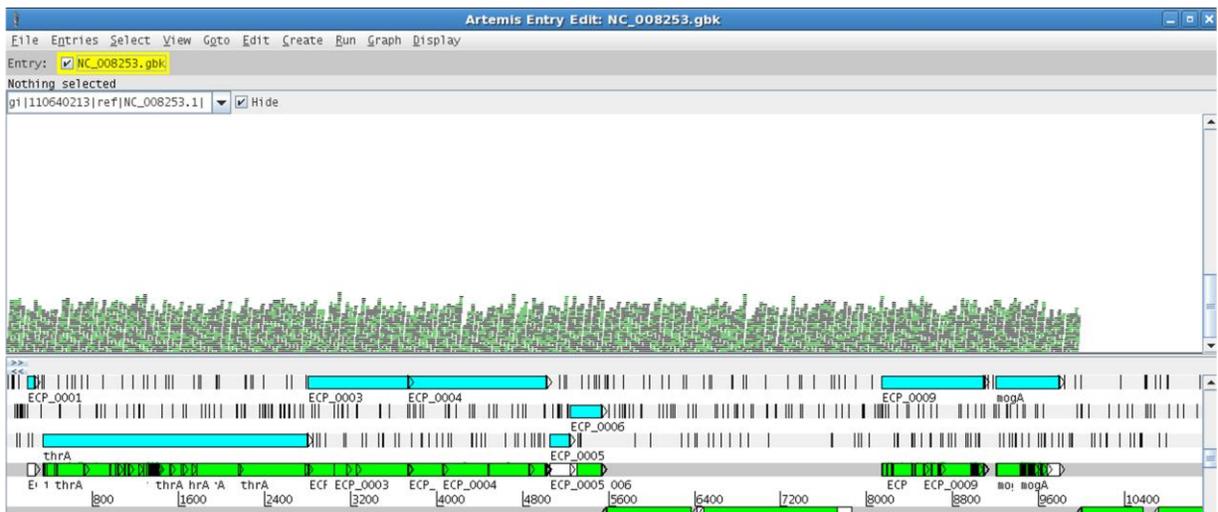
source	1	4938920
gene	190	255
CDS	190	255
gene	336	2798
CDS	336	2798
misc_feature	336	1223
misc_feature	336	2795
misc_feature	348	1034
misc_feature	348	1133
misc_feature	447	716
misc_feature	1278	1517
misc_feature	1302	1412
misc_feature	1386	1388
misc_feature	1521	1718
misc_feature	1629	1631
misc_feature	1770	2150
misc_feature	2175	2768
gene	2800	3732
CDS	2800	3732
misc_feature	2803	3723
misc_feature	2809	3159
misc_feature	3049	3249
gene	3733	5019
CDS	3733	5019
misc_feature	3733	5013
misc_feature	3736	5001
misc_feature	4051	4053
misc_feature	4051	4860
gene	5058	5237
CDS	5058	5237

## E. Visualizing the mapped reads in Artemis...continued...

From the Artemis file menu, select 'Read BAM', then locate the file *e\_coli\_snp.sorted.bam* from the module 3 data directory.

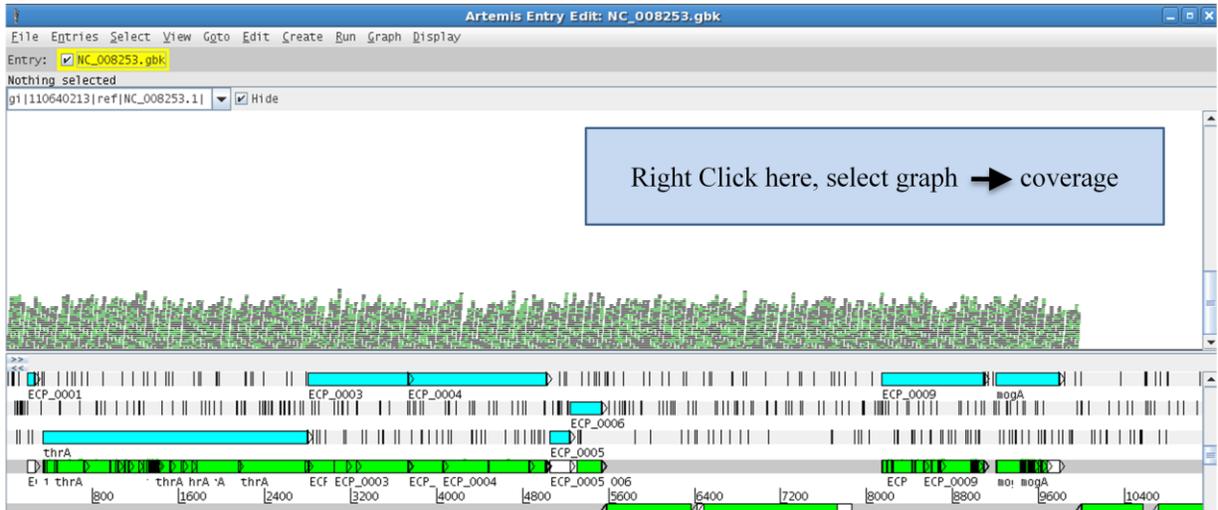


You should see the BAM window appear as in the screenshot below.

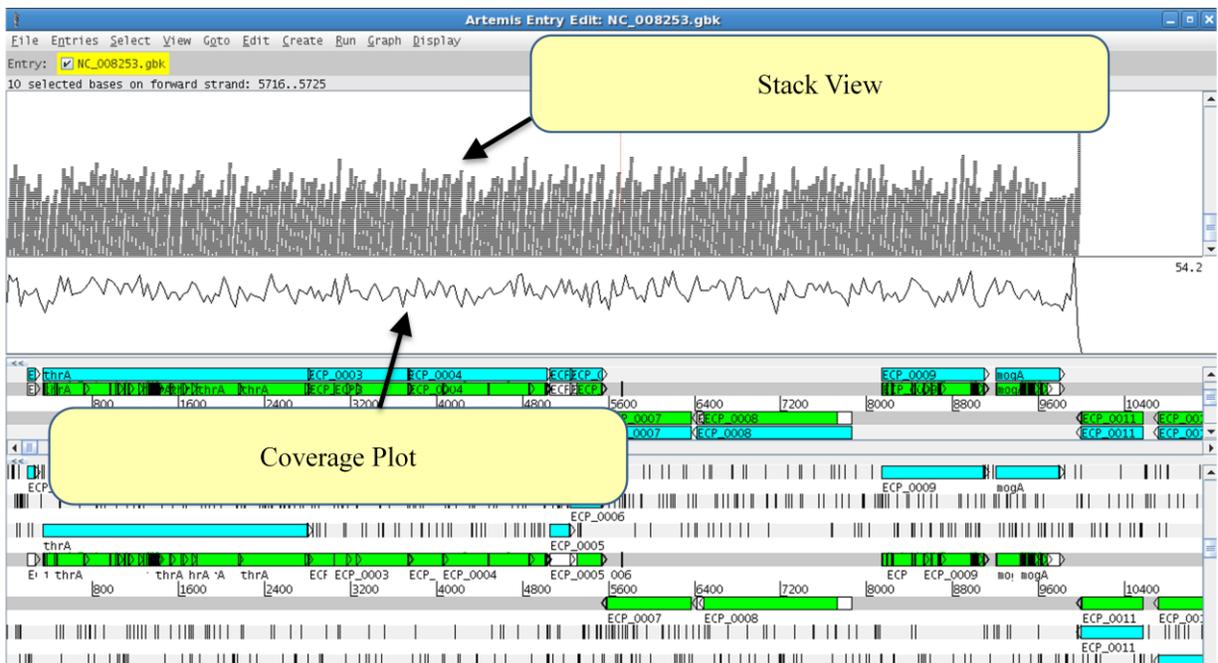


## E. Visualizing the mapped reads in Artemis...continued...

Now we want to view the coverage of the reads mapped to the reference genome.



You should see the coverage plot in the BAM window appear, as in the screenshot below.



## E. Visualizing the mapped reads in Artemis...continued...

Zoom in and right click on a read. Select 'show details of ...'

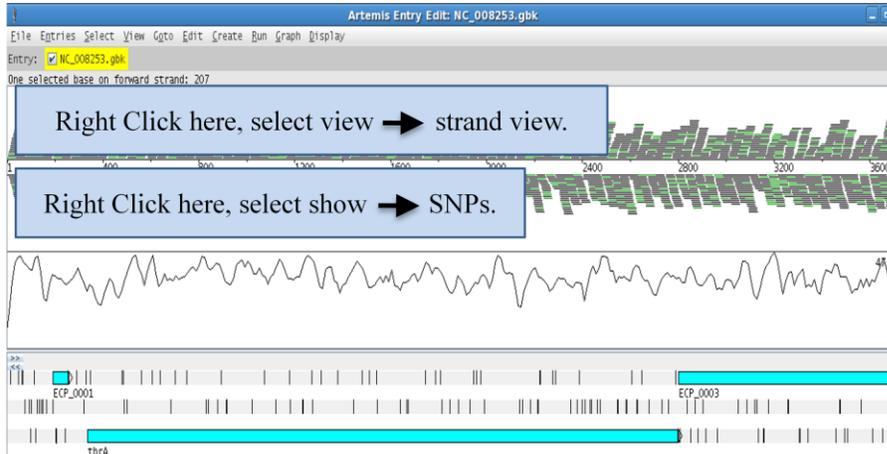
The screenshot shows the Artemis software interface with a genomic track. A read named 'r1309' is highlighted in red. A detailed information window for this read is open, showing the following data:

Field	Value
Read Name	r1309
Coordinates	3727..3761
Length	35
Reference Name	gi 110640213 ref NC_008253.1
Inferred Size	0
Mapping Quality	255
Strand (read)	+
Cigar String	35W
Flags:	
Duplicate Read	no
Read Paired	no
Read Fails Vendor	no
Quality Check	no
Read Unmapped	no
Read Bases:	AACTAAATGAAACTCTACAATCTGAAAGATCACAA

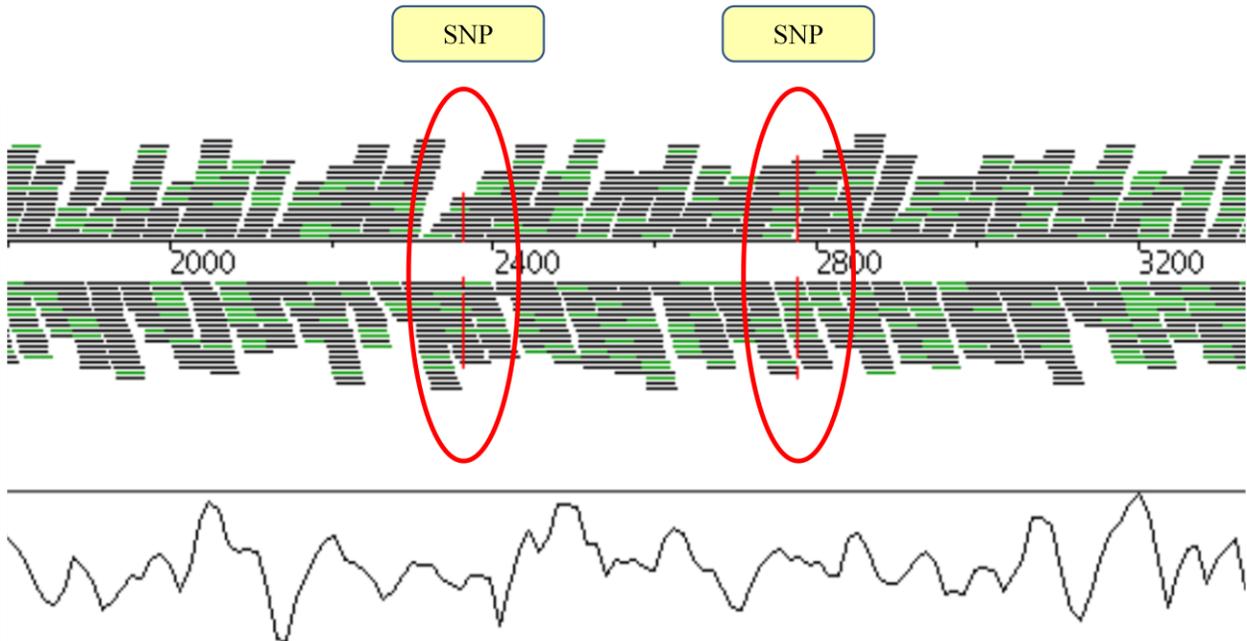
Notice the "mapping quality". The maximum value for this is 255. the mapping quality depends on the accuracy of the sequence read and the number of mismatches with the reference. A value of zero means that the read mapped equally well to atleast one other location and therefore is not reliably mapped. The flags described the reads mate pair mapping.

## F. Identifying Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

Some differences between the reference and the mapped reads are due to sequencing errors. On average, 1 in every 1000 bases in the reads is expected to be incorrect. However if reads mapping to the same location consistently have a base which is different from the reference, it is likely that this base is mutated in the other genome.

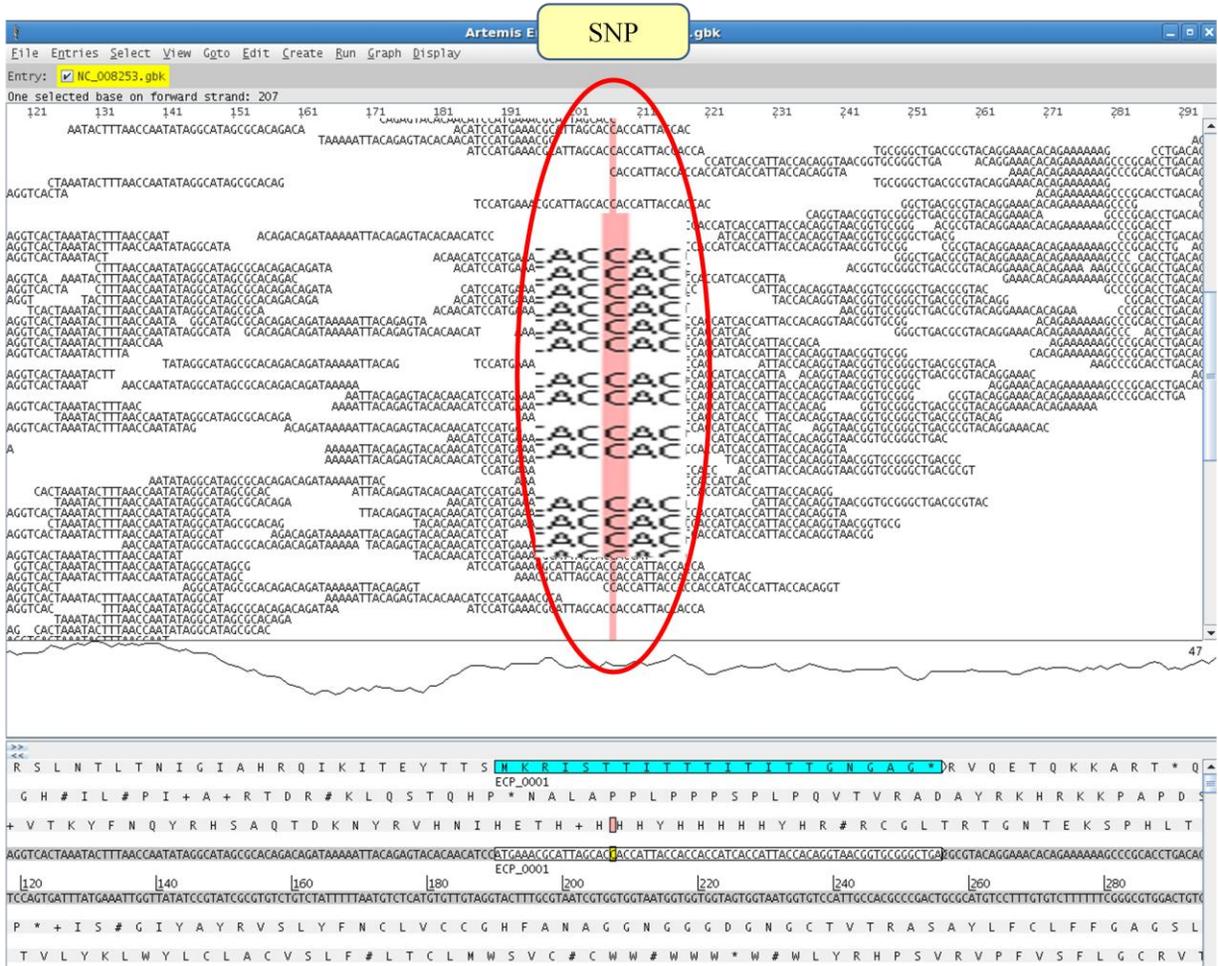


Red marks appear on the stacked reads highlighting every base in a read which does not match to the reference. If you zoom in you can distinguish SNPs as vertical red lines. Red lines, while the random sequencing errors or mismatches would be more disperse.



## F. Identifying Single Nucleotide Polymorphism..continued...

Zoom in as far as you can go to the one of the vertical red line of the mismatch. You can see that while the sequence of the reads (in black) is generally the same as the reference sequence. The vertical red lines identify the consistent difference as in the case below.



What could be the consequence of the SNPs you have identified? Many SNPs will have no effect – Why is this?

The SNP examples are quite clear with this dataset, however this is not always the case. What if the read depth is very low? If there are only two reads mapping, the reference is T and both reads are C. is this enough evidence to say that the genomes are different?

# Module 3 ACT

## (using prokaryotic example)

### Introduction

The Artemis Comparison Tool (ACT), also written by Kim Rutherford, was designed to extract the additional information that can only be gained by comparing the growing number of sequences from closely related organisms (Carver *et al.* 2005). ACT is based on Artemis, and so you will already be familiar with many of its core functions, and is essentially composed of three layers or windows. The top and bottom layers are mini Artemis windows (with their inherited functionality), showing the linear representations of the DNA sequences with their associated features. The middle window shows red and blue blocks, which span this middle layer and link conserved regions within the two sequences, in the forward and reverse orientation respectively. Consequently, if you were comparing two identical sequences in the same orientation you would see a solid red block extending over the length of the two sequences in this middle layer. If one of the sequences was reversed, and therefore present in the opposite orientation, there would be a blue 'hour glass' shape linking the two sequences. Unique regions in either of the sequences, such as insertions or deletions, would show up as breaks (white spaces) between the solid red or blue blocks.

In order to use ACT to investigate your own sequences of interest you will have to generate your own pairwise comparison files. Data used to draw the red or blue blocks that link conserved regions is generated by running pairwise BLASTN or TBLASTX comparisons of the sequences. ACT is written so that it will read the output of several different comparison file formats; these are outlined in Appendix II. Two of the formats can be generated using BLAST software freely downloadable from the NCBI, which can be loaded and run a PC or Mac. Whilst having a local copy BLAST to generate ACT comparison files can be very useful, it means that you are tied to a particular computer. Another way of generating comparison files for ACT is to use either of the WebACT web resource (Appendix V). Both of these sites allow you to cut and paste or upload your own sequences, and generate ACT readable BLASTN or TBLASTX comparison files.

### Aims

The aim of this Module is for you to become familiar with the basic functions of ACT by using a series of worked examples. Examples will touch on exercises that were used in the previous Artemis Module, this is intentional. Hopefully, as well as introducing you to the basics of ACT these examples will also show you how ACT can be used for not only looking at genome evolution. You will also be shown or use a web resource, WebACT to generate your own comparison files and view them in ACT, depending on the time available.

# 1. Starting up the ACT software

Make sure you're in the **Module\_3\_ACT** directory.

Then type

**act & [return]**

A small start up window will appear.

Now let's load up a *S. Typhi* versus *Escherichia coli* comparison.

The files you will need for this exercise are: *S\_typhi.dna*

*S\_typhi.dna\_vs\_EcK12.dna.crunch*

*EcK12.dna*

1 Click 'File' then 'Open'

2 Use the File manager to drag and drop files or see 4

3

4, 5 & 6 Click and select appropriate files

6 Click 'Apply' and wait.....

For comparing more than two genomes!

Comparison files end with '.crunch'.

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File Options

Open ... %0 Tool

Open SSH File Manager ...

Quit

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File Manager

File

Name

Module\_2\_ACT

- EcK12.dna
- EcK12.embl
- EcK12.tab
- S\_typhi.cod
- S\_typhi.dna

Artemis Files

Sequence file 1 les/Module\_2\_ACT/S\_typhi.dna Choose ...

Comparison file 1 yphi.dna\_vs\_EcK12.dna.crunch Choose ...

Sequence file 2 files/Module\_2\_ACT/EcK12.dna Choose ...

more files ...

Apply Close

Choose first sequence ...

Module\_2\_ACT

Name Date Modified

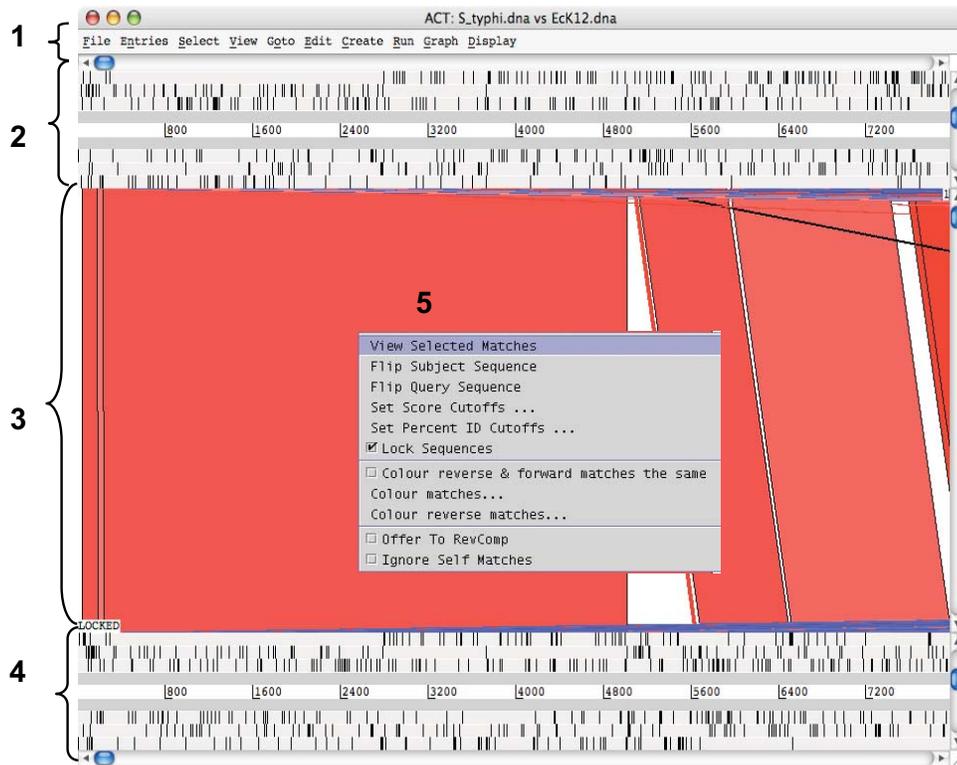
- EcK12.dna
- EcK12.embl
- EcK12.tab
- laterally.tab
- S\_typhi.cod
- S\_typhi.dna
- S\_typhi.dna\_vs\_EcK12.dna.crunch
- S\_typhi.tab

File Format: All Files

Cancel Open

## 2. The basics of ACT

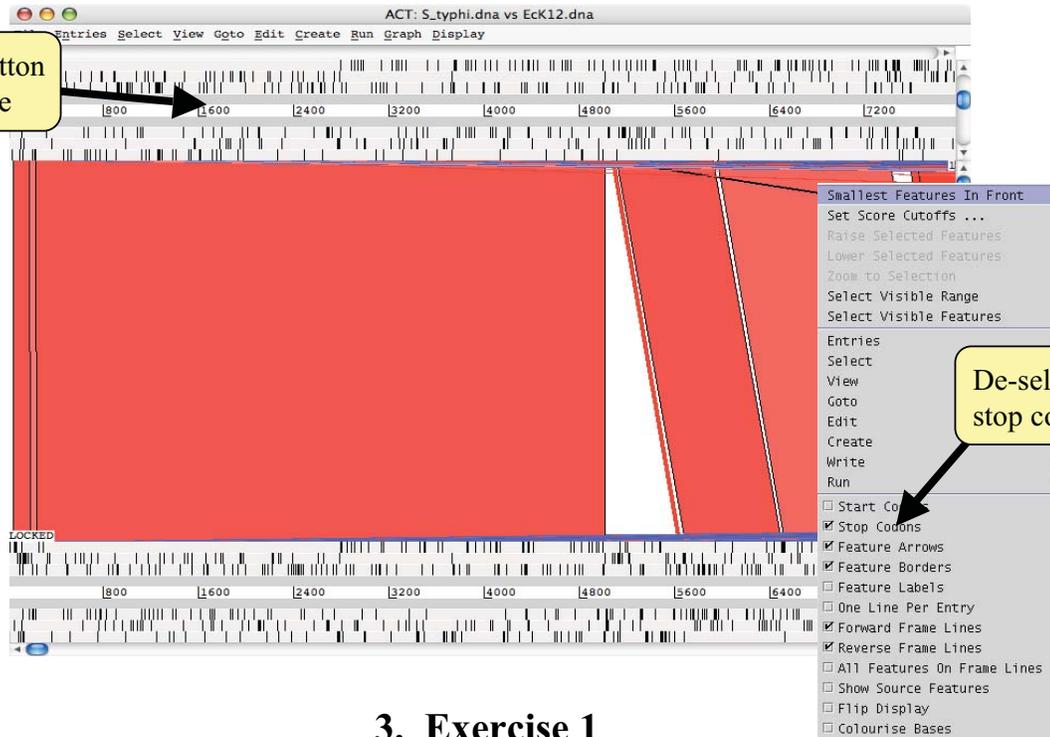
You should now have a window like this so let's see what's there.



1. Drop-down menus. These are mostly the same as in Artemis. The major difference you'll find is that after clicking on a menu header you will then need to select a DNA sequence before going to the full drop-down menu.
2. This is the Sequence view panel for 'Sequence file 1' (Subject Sequence) you selected earlier. It's a slightly compressed version of the Artemis main view panel. The panel retains the sliders for scrolling along the genome and for zooming in and out.
3. The Comparison View. This panel displays the regions of similarity between two sequences. Red blocks link similar regions of DNA with the intensity of red colour directly proportional to the level of similarity. Double clicking on a red block will centralise it. Blue blocks link regions that are inverted with respect to each other.
4. Artemis-style Sequence View panel for 'Sequence file 2' (Query Sequence).
5. Right button click in the Comparison View panel brings up this important ACT-specific menu which we will use later.

1

Right button click here



2

De-select stop codons

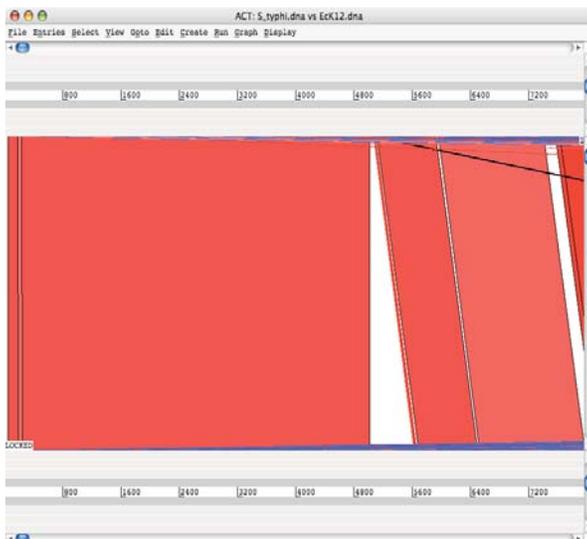
### 3. Exercise 1

#### Introduction & Aims

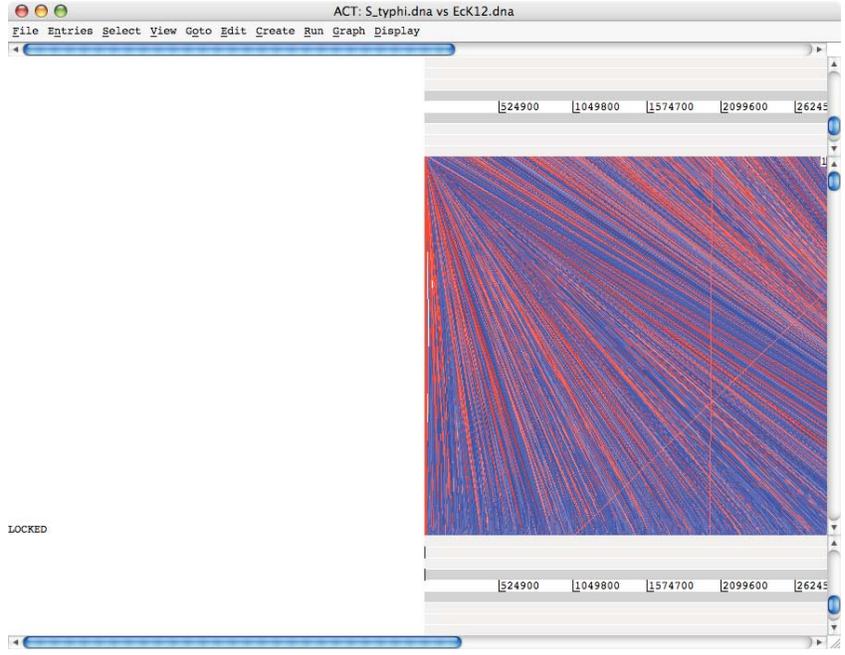
In this first exercise we are going to explore the basic features of ACT. Using the ACT session you have just opened we firstly are going to zoom outwards until we can see the entire *S. Typhi* genome compared against the entire *E. coli* K12 genome. As for the Artemis exercises we should turn off the stop codons to clear the view and speed up the process of zooming out.

The only difference between ACT and Artemis when applying changes to the sequence views is that in ACT you must click the right mouse button over the specific sequence that you wish to change, as shown above.

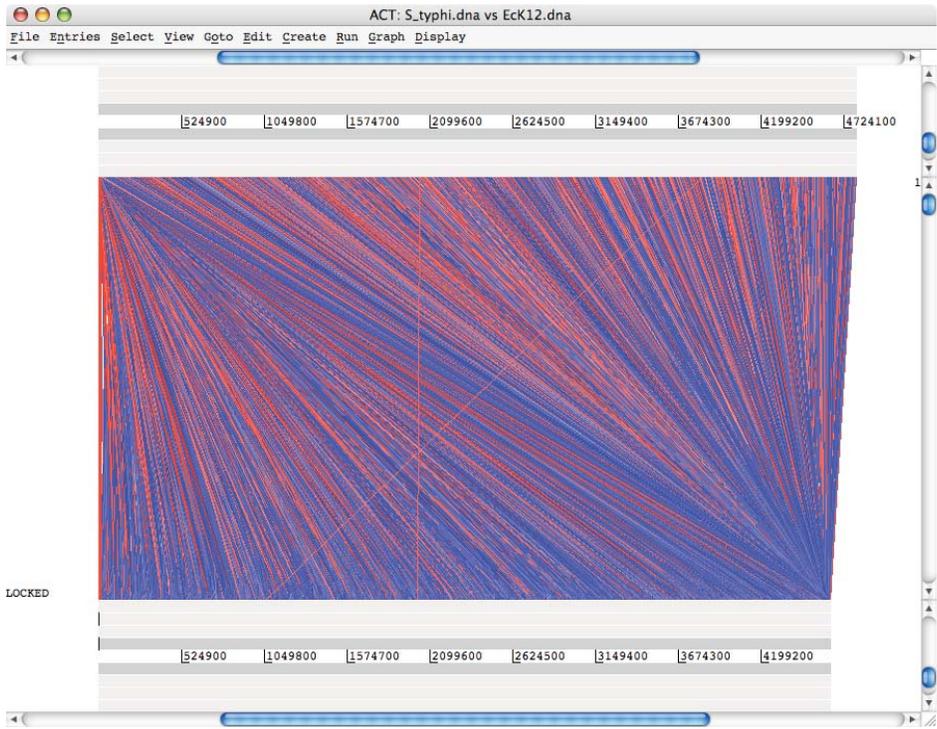
Now turn the stop codons off in the other sequence too. Your ACT window should look something like the one below:



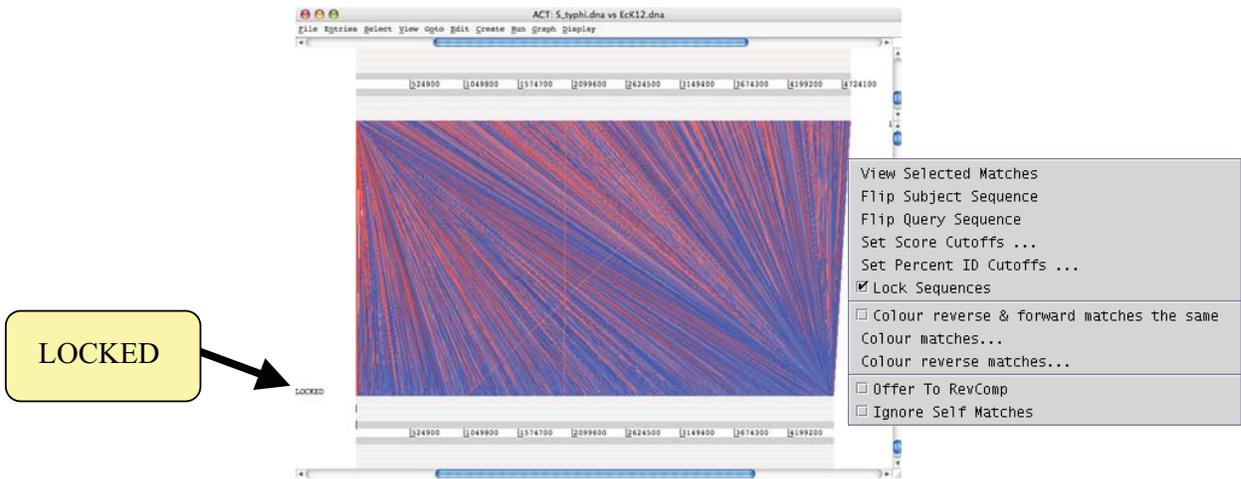
Use the vertical sliders to zoom out. Drag or click the slider downwards from one of the genomes. The other genome will stay in synch.



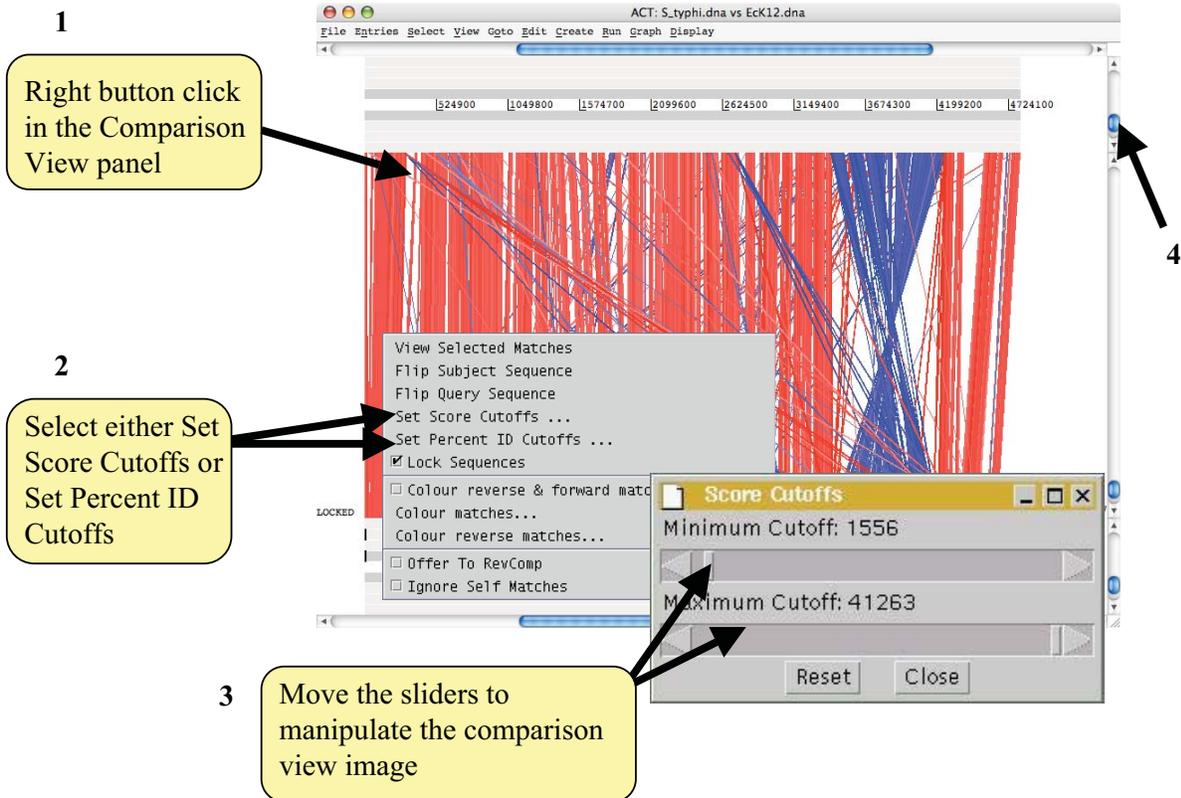
Once zoomed out your ACT window should look similar to the one shown above. If the genomes fall out of view to the right of the screen, use the horizontal sliders to scroll the image and bring the whole sequence into view, as shown below. You may have to play around with the level of zoom to get the whole genomes shown in the same screen as shown below.

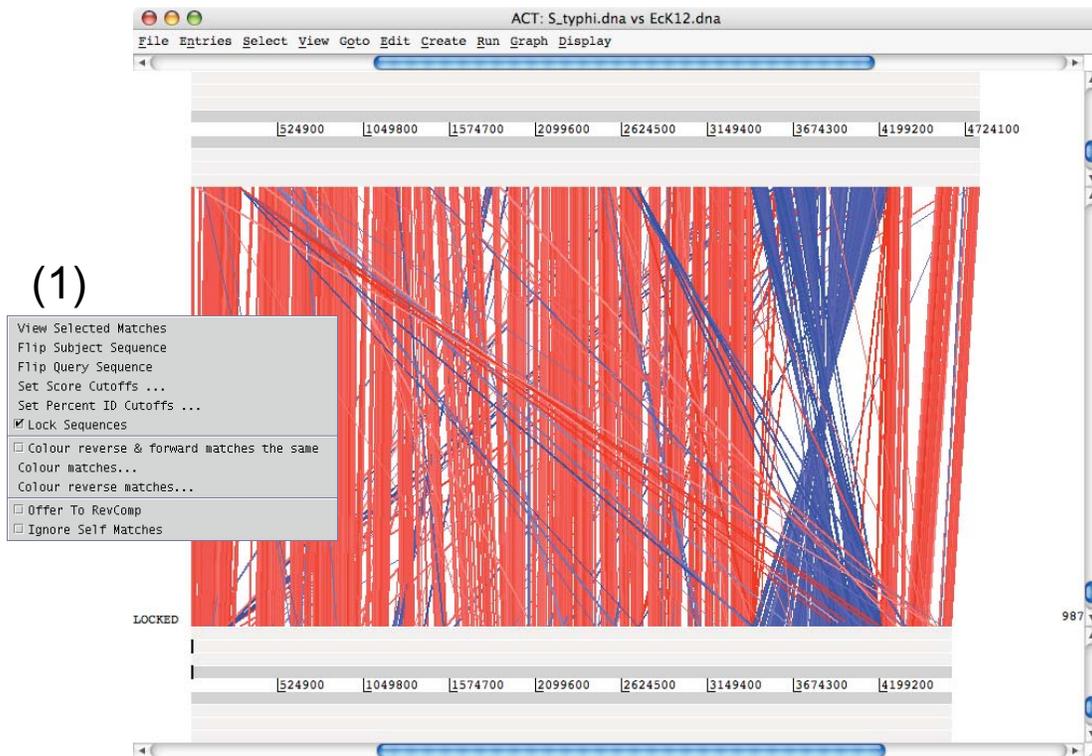


Notice that when you scroll along with either slide both genomes move together. This is because they are 'locked' together. Right click over the middle comparison view panel. A small menu will appear, select Unlock sequences and then scroll one of the horizontal sliders. Notice that 'LOCKED' has disappeared from the comparison view panel and the genomes will now move independently



You can optimise your image by either removing 'low scoring' (or percentage ID) hits from view, as shown below 1-3 or by using the slider on the the comparison view panel (4). The slider allows you to filter the regions of similarity based on the length of sequence over which the similarity occurs, sometimes described as the "footprint".





#### 4. SPI-2 in ACT

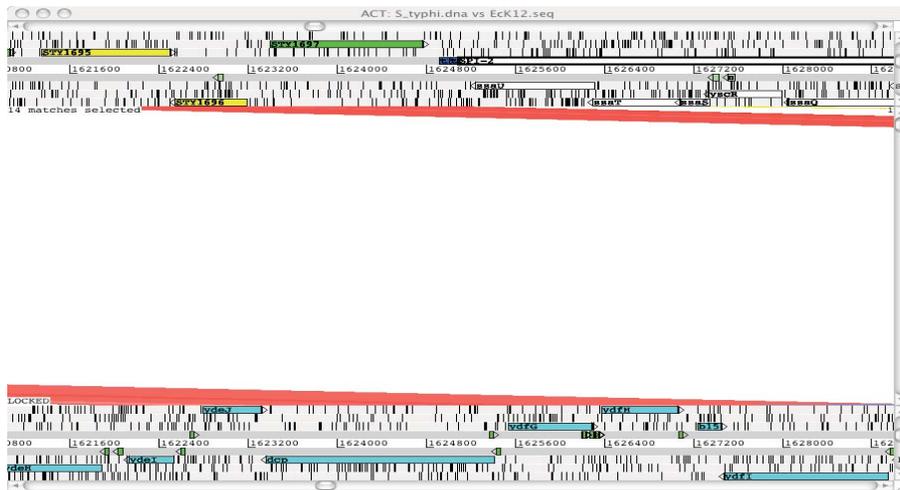
You should now be looking at an image of both the *E. coli* and *S. Typhi* genomes similar to that shown above. It is apparent that there is a backbone sequence shared with *E. coli* K12. Into this various chunks of DNA, specific the *S. Typhi* (with respect to *E. coli* K12) have been inserted.

##### •Key functions you should now try out in ACT

1. Double click (left mouse button) on the red boxes to centralise them.
2. Zoom right in to view the base pairs and amino acids of each sequence.
3. Also try using some of the other Artemis features e.g. graphs etc.
4. Find an inversion in one genome relative to the other then flip one of the sequences. To do this use the middle window menu shown above (1).

Load into the top sequence (*S. Typhi*) the annotation file 'S\_typhi.tab'. You will need to use the 'File' menu and then select the correct genome sequence ('S\_typhi.dna') before you can read in the appropriate annotation file or entry. The *E. coli* K12 annotation file (EcK12.tab) is also in the directory for this module so you can load this in too.

Now we are going to go to the region of the *S. Typhi* genome that we looked at earlier, SPI-2. Either by using the sliders or the 'navigator' find the SPI-2 region of the *S. Typhi* genome. If you are unsure of where this region is or how to get to it refer back to the earlier Artemis Module as these functions are the same in ACT.

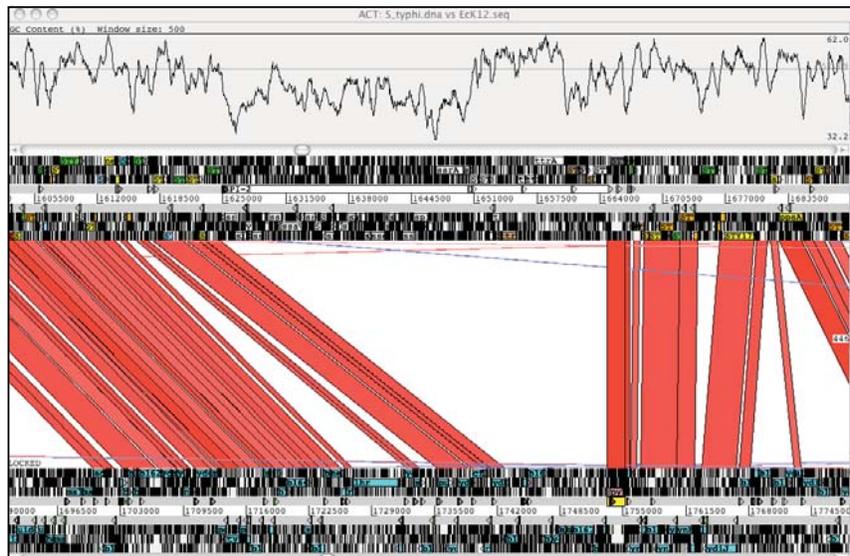


Once you have found SPI-2 in the *S. Typhi* genome double click (left mouse button) on the red boxes and use the sliders to centralise the sequences. Once you have done this it should look similar to the view below. This region is a clear insertion in the *S. Typhi* CT18 genome (see below) and has many of the characteristics of a classical pathogenicity island (PAI):

Jorg Hackers' Definition of a PAI

- Carry mobility functions e.g. integrases
- Inserted next to tRNA
- Anomalous G+C ( add G+C plots see below)
- Carry virulence genes
- High number of pseudogenes
- In pathogens absent from non-pathogens

Take this opportunity to explore this region more fully and look for some of these features.



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WebACT – an online companion for the Artemis Comparison Tool.

# Appendices

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## PROCESSES

**^c <ctrl>-c** kills (definitely stops) current job  
**^z <ctrl>-z** suspends the current job. This can either be moved to the background or resumed in the foreground by using **bg** or **fg**

**bg** moves the current process to the background  
**fg** moves a process to the foreground. (If there is more than one suspended job, use **jobs** to decide which you want to **fg**)

**fg 2** moves process number 2, as listed by **jobs**, to the foreground

**jobs** lists background and suspended processes (created with **bg** or **^z**)

**jobs -l** ("el" not one) includes the pid (process id number)

**ps** lists all your processes

**kill** stops a process (use **ps** or **jobs** to find your processes)

**kill 2986**  
kills off the process with pid 2986

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**finger** tells you who is logged on (see also **w**)

**w** shows information about logged in users

**who** produces similar result (see **finger**)

**tar** create (or extract) a tarball from (to) a list of files

```
tar -cvf tarball.tar subdir/*  
tar -xvf tarball.tar
```

the option **-z** compacts the files by **gzip**

**wc** word count

**wc long.file**  
prints the number of lines, words and characters in *long.file*. Options include **-l** to count lines only, and **-c** to count characters only

**ln** create a link or an alias for a file

```
ln -s subdir/orig.file alias.file
```

**history** displays last several commands used

**!!** re-executes the last command

**!51** executes command 51 in the history list use also **<up>** - and **<down>** - arrows to navigate in the history

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**date** displays current date and time

**passwd** invokes a password changing program

**exit** leaves the current shell (same as **^d** or **<ctrl>-d**) usually = logout

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## GRAPHIC DISPLAY

To display graphics, most Unix require the configuration of the X-Window server.

Commands on your local computer:

**xhost** set the list of allowed X-Window clients

```
xhost +
```

The "+" allows any remote computer to display on your local display

**ifconfig** gives information about the network configuration (e.g., the current IP\_address, usually similar to 123.145.167.189)

Commands on the remote computer:

```
setenv set up an environment variable (tc-shell)  
setenv DISPLAY IP_address:0.0
```

required to tell the remote computer where it should display its graphics

**xclock** starts a graphic clock (e.g., used to test the X-Window server or to get the current time... ;-)

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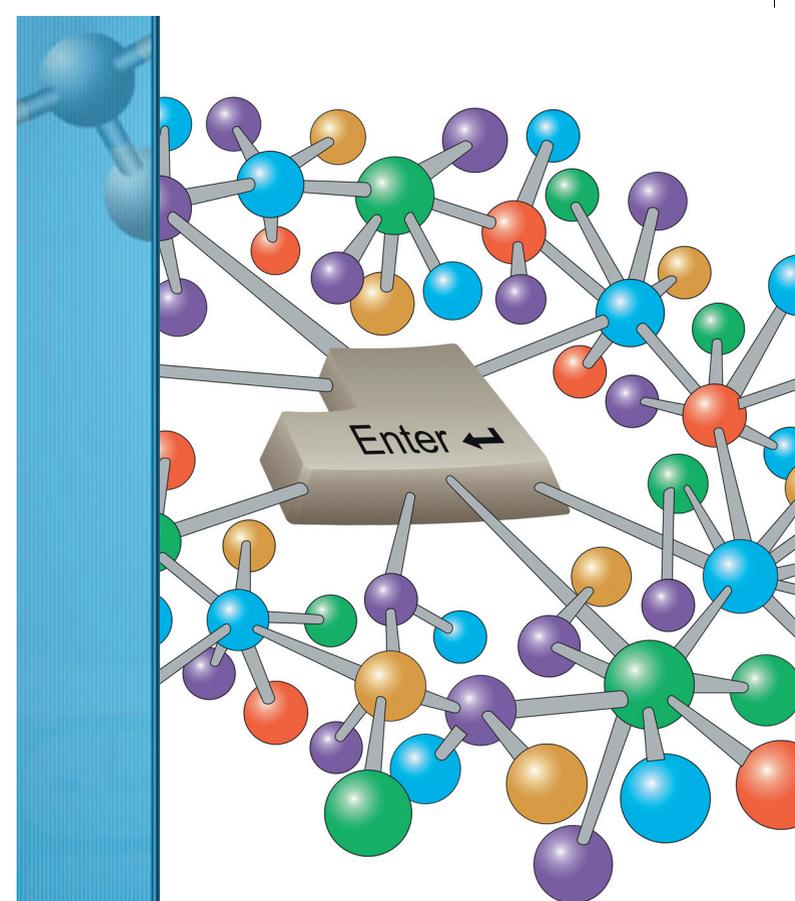
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A Quick Guide To UNIX  
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This is an introduction to the UNIX operating system. Unix may seem idiosyncratic, even impenetrable, to begin with but it has the virtue of minimising the number of keystrokes and so speeding up your access to the computer.

The commands listed here are common to different operating systems and shells. They include some of the most useful and frequently used commands in UNIX. The power and utility of most UNIX commands can be enhanced with switches or options preceded by a “-” sign.

More information on the options, the effects and how to use the commands is available by using the **man** command:

**man** gives manual information on a topic  
**man grep**  
displays the manual page about grep  
**apropos** lists all the man(ual) entries relating to a topic (same as **man -k**)  
**apropos print**

Another useful source of information is the on-line EMBnet tutorial which includes a page on UNIX

<http://www.dk.embnet.org/Embnetut/Universl/unixcmds.html>  
or equally  
<http://www.uk.embnet.org/Embnetut/Universl/unixcmds.html>

The general format of this document is that anything in **bold** is a command you can enter. Anything in *italic* is a fake file or directory name you must change according to yours. Anything preceded by a hyphen “-” is an option which will modify the effects of a command. A general description of each command is followed by one or several examples of its use.

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## FILES

**ls** lists files in a directory  
**ls -alF**  
lists **-a** all files in **-l** long format **-F** identifies directories **/**, executable files **\***, and symbolic links **@**, in the current directory  
**cat** concatenates and displays files  
**cat my.file**  
displays *my.file* on the screen

**chmod** modifies the read (**r**), write and delete (**w**), and execute (**x**) permissions of specified files and the search permissions of specified directories. The permission can be set for user (**u**), group (**g**) or other (**o**)  
**chmod go-w my.file**  
stops (-) anyone else (**go**) changing or deleting (**w**) *my.file*  
**chmod g+rxw my.file**  
allows (+) anyone of my group (**g**) reading, changing, deleting or executing (**rxw**) *my.file*

**cp** copies files  
**cp orig.file copy.file**  
**cp orig.file subdir/new.file**  
copies *orig.file* to *new.file* in *subdir* directory  
**cp subdir/orig.file .**  
copies *orig.file* from *subdir* to the current directory (.) without changing its name

**mv** moves/renames a file (or directory)  
**mv oldname newname**  
**mv my.file subdir/my.file**  
a move (**mv**) is equivalent to a copy (**cp**) followed by a remove (**rm**)

**rm** removes/deletes a file.  
**rm oldfile**  
**rm -i \*.file**  
option **-i** (interactive) advised if wildcards (**\***) in use

**diff** compares two files and prints how they differ  
**diff file1 file2**  
prints differences to screen options include **-b** to ignore differences in blank space, and **-i** to ignore case

**find** searches the directory tree for a file  
**find . -name lostfile -print**  
will search your current directory (.) (and any subdirectories) for *lostfile*

**grep** searches a file for a string  
**grep word my.file**  
**grep "two words" my.file**  
options include **-i** to ignore case and **-n** to print line numbers

**vi** simple screen oriented text editor

**pico** simple display oriented text editor  
**pico myfile.txt**

**head** prints the first few (default = 10) lines of a file  
**head oddfile**  
**head -20 oddfile**  
displays first twenty lines of *oddfile*

**tail** displays last few lines of a file (see head)

**more** displays a file one screenful at a time  
**more longfile**  
hit <spacebar> to see the next screen  
Note: some people prefer **less**

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## OUTPUT REDIRECTION

**>** redirects output of a command to a file  
**diff file1 file2 > new.file**  
puts differences into *new.file*  
**cat one.file two.file > both.file**  
writes the output of the cat command into *both.file* (overwrites *both.file*)

**>>** appends a file to the bottom of another  
**cat three.file >> both.file**  
appends *three.file* to the bottom of *both.file*

**|** “pipe” - uses the output of the first command as the input of the second  
**grep string my.file | wc -l**  
finds how many lines on which “*string*” occurs (see **grep** and **wc**)

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## DIRECTORIES

**cd** changes current directory  
**cd /etc**  
go to */etc* directory  
**cd ..**  
go up one level in directory tree  
**cd ../subdir2**  
go “sideways” to *subdir2*

**mkdir** creates a new subdirectory  
**mkdir subdir**

**rmdir** removes a directory - you must delete all the files in it first  
**rmdir subdir**

**pwd** print working directory, tells your current location (path)

# EMBOSS

## A Quick Guide

European Molecular Biology Open Software Suite

### History

Since 1988, the sequence analysis package EGCG has provided extensions to the market leading commercial sequence analysis package GCG. EGCG development was a collaboration of groups within EMBnet and elsewhere.

That project has reached the limits of what we can achieve using the GCG package. Specifically, it is no longer possible to distribute academic software source code which uses the GCG libraries and has become difficult even to distribute binaries.

As a result, the former EGCG developers have been designing a totally new generation of academic sequence analysis software. This has resulted in the present EMBOSS project.

EMBOSS is a new suite of freely available programs and libraries for sequence analysis. It incorporates and integrates a range of currently available public packages and tools into a general, publicly available, suite specially developed for the needs of the Sanger Centre and the EMBnet user community.

### Licensing

The EMBOSS core application suite is licensed under the General Public License (GPL) allowing free copying, modification and distribution of the package.

The EMBOSS Libraries are licensed under the the Library General Public License.

Associated packages may be licensed under different terms, all of which permit free redistribution of the software.

### Obtaining EMBOSS

EMBOSS and the associated packages can be obtained via FTP from the Sanger Centre, UK at <ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/EMBOSS>

### EMBOSS home page

<http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Software/EMBOSS>

### Running EMBOSS

All EMBOSS programs are designed to be run from the command line. Each program has a specific description file (ACD file) that describes the input and output parameters. All the parameters can be specified on the command line, allowing modular integration into graphical interfaces.

To run an EMBOSS program, just type its name. Your system administrator should ensure that the programs are available in your \$PATH.

### The Uniform Sequence Address (USA)

The USA is a method of specifying the location of a sequence and its format. The general form is:

*Format::database:sequencename*

eg. *embl::em:scact*

EMBOSS is normally very good at identifying sequence *formats* automatically but occasionally needs a hint. *Database* will be one of the databases already set up at your site. The command `% showdb`

lists the databases available on your system.

The *sequencename* can be either its name, accession number, the filename in which the sequence is found, or the sequence itself if *asis::* format is specified. If you are taking one sequence from a multiple sequence file, put the sequence number in braces after the filename, eg:

*allmysegs.fasta{32}*

### EMBOSS programs

You can obtain a list of EMBOSS programs with the command *wosname*. Useful qualifiers for *wosname* are :

<b>-alphabet</b>	List all programs in alphabetical order
<b>-auto</b>	List all programs without asking for a keyword.

`% wosname -alphabet -auto`

will list all the available emboss programs with a short description of the function of each program

EMBOSS will by default only prompt you for the minimal input it needs to run the program. The default behaviour can be changed using command line qualifiers.

### Important qualifiers

The behaviour of EMBOSS programs can be modified by using a large number of qualifiers. This is a list of the more useful ones.

<b>-help</b>	Prints a summary of the options the program can take. With <b>-verbose</b> it gives a more detailed list.
<b>-options</b>	Prompt the user for the optional parameters
<b>-auto</b>	Accept all the default settings and run without prompting the user.
<b>-sask</b>	Ask for the start, end and reverse of the sequence input
<b>-stdout</b>	Print output to <code>stdout</code> (the screen) instead of to a file.
<b>-filter</b>	Take input from <code>stdin</code> (keyboard) and output to <code>stdout</code>

### What -help tells you

The **-help** option lists the inputs to the program along with the input type (sequence, integer etc). There are additional qualifiers associated with many types. **-verbose** will list all the additional qualifiers related to the input types for the program.

The qualifiers are listed in three sections:

<b>Mandatory Qualifiers</b>	These are the minimum inputs the program needs to run. Some of these have default values which can be selected using <b>-auto</b>
<b>Optional Qualifiers</b>	These are qualifiers for which you will be prompted if you use the <b>-option</b> qualifier. All these qualifiers have default values.
<b>Advanced Qualifiers</b>	You will never be prompted for these. If you wish to use them you must specify them on the command line.

### EMBOSS parameter types

Type	Allowed values
<b>bool</b>	yes: <b>-param</b> no: <b>-noparam</b>
<b>integer</b>	Whole numbers <b>-param=5</b>
<b>float</b>	decimal numbers <b>-param=23.9</b>
<b>range</b>	sequence ranges. eg. <b>-param=1-12,35-99</b>
<b>regex</b>	a regular expression pattern
<b>string</b>	ordinary text. <b>-param='text with *'</b>
<b>infile</b>	path of a file
<b>matrix</b>	integer scoring matrix for alignments
<b>matrixf</b>	floating point scoring matrix
<b>codon</b>	codon usage table
<b>sequence</b>	Uniform sequence address (USA) for the sequence or set of sequences.
<b>segset</b>	
<b>segall</b>	
<b>features</b>	Feature table
<b>list</b>	list of options
<b>selection</b>	selection list of options
<b>outfile</b>	path to a file for nonsequence output
<b>seqout</b>	output sequence USA
<b>seqoutset</b>	multiple sequence file for output
<b>seqoutall</b>	multiple or single sequence output files
<b>featout</b>	output feature table
<b>graph</b>	output device for graphics images
<b>xygraph</b>	output device for XY graphs

See the descriptions below for many of these.

**Associated qualifiers:** *sequence, seqset, seqall*

**-sbegin** integer first base used [start]  
**-send** integer last base used [end]  
**-sreverse** bool reverse sequence [N]  
**-sask** bool prompt for begin/end/reverse [N]  
**-snucleotide** bool Sequence is nucleotide [N]  
**-sprotein** bool Sequence is protein [N]  
**-slower** bool Make sequence lowercase[N]  
**-supper** bool Make sequence uppercase[N]  
**-sformat** string input sequence format  
**-sopenfile** string input filename  
**-sdbname** string database name  
**-sentry** string entry name/accession number  
**-ufo** string Feature table (UFO)  
**-fformat** string features format

**Associated qualifiers:** *seqout, seqoutset, seqoutall*

**-osformat** string output sequence format  
**-osextension** string filename extension  
**-osname** string base filename  
**-osdbname** string database name to add  
**-ossingle** bool separate file for each entry[N]  
**-oufo** string features UFO  
**-offormat** string features format  
**-ofname** string features filename

**Associated qualifiers:** *features*

**-fformat** string features format  
**-fopenfile** string features filename  
**-fask** bool prompt for **fbegin**, **fend**, and **freverse**  
**-fbegin** integer features starting position  
**-fend** integer features end position  
**-freverse** bool features on the reverse strand [N]

**Associated qualifiers:** *featout*

**-offormat** string feature format  
**-ofopenfile** string output filename  
**-ofextension** string filename extension  
**-ofname** string filename  
**-ofsingl** bool write one feature per file

**Associated qualifiers:** *graph, xygraph*

**-gprompt** bool graph prompting  
**-gtitle** string graph title  
**-gsubtitle** string graph subtitle  
**-gxtitle** string x axis title  
**-gytitle** string y axis title  
**-grtitle** string right axis (y2) title  
**-gpages** integer number of pages  
**-goutfile** string output filename

## EMBOSS and Graphics

EMBOSS can support a number of different graphics output types depending on the features available on your system. It will prompt for a graphics device:

**Graphics device [x11]:**

Typing rubbish here then pressing return will give a lengthy list of devices, many of which are equivalent.

The main graphics options are:

[X] **x11** Output to an X-window  
**postscript** Output to a postscript file (good for printing on a laser printer)  
**cps** Output to a colour postscript file  
**text** Output to a text file  
**data** Output XY data points to a file. (good for importing into a graphing package)  
[P] **png** Output to a PNG image file (good for web pages)  
[X] **Tek** Output to tektronics terminal  
[X] **xterm** Output to an Xterm window  
[X]- requires X-windows [P] – requires PNG support  
The default filename is *prog.format* eg. **octanol.ps**

## Some useful programs

### General

**wosname** lists all EMBOSS programs  
**showdb** Shows the available databases

### Sequence retrieval

**segret** retrieves and/or changes format of a sequence  
**segretset** retrieve and or change formats of a number of sequences at once  
**transeq** translate a DNA sequence to protein  
**backtranseq** translate a protein sequence to DNA  
**extractseq** extract regions from a sequence  
**cutseq** remove a region from a sequence  
**pasteseq** inserts a sequence into another sequence  
**infoseq** display information about a sequence  
**splitter** split a sequence into smaller sequences

### Sequence comparison

**needle** Needleman-Wunsch sequence alignment  
**water** Smith-Waterman sequence alignment  
**stretcher** Myers and Miller global alignment  
**matcher** Huang and Miller local alignment  
**dotmap** dotplot comparisons of two sequences.  
**dotmatcher**  
**prettyplot** plots multiple sequence alignments  
**polydot** dotplot comparisons of multiple sequences.  
**supermatcher**

## Sequence parameters

**cusp** generates a codon usage table  
**syco** synonymous codon usage plot  
**dan** calculates DNA/RNA melting temperature  
**compseq** sequence composition tables

## DNA Sequence features

**renap** restriction map of the sequence  
**cpplot** CpG island detection  
**cpreport**  
**etandem** finds tandem and inverted repeats  
**einverted**  
**plotorf** plots potential ORFs  
**showorf** pretty display of potential ORFs  
**fuzznuc** DNA pattern search  
**tfscan** scans sequence for TF binding sites

## Protein Sequence features

**ief** Isoelectric point calculation  
**antigenic** Finds potential antigenic sites  
**digest** protein digestion map  
**findkm** Vmax and Km calculations  
**fuzzpro** protein pattern search  
**garnier** protein 2D structure prediction  
**helixturnhelix** finds nucleic acid binding motifs  
**octanol** displays protein hydrophathy  
**pepwindow**  
**patmatdb** searching with motifs vs protein sequences  
**patmatmotifs**  
**pepcoil** predicts coiled coil regions  
**pepinfo** Protein information  
**pepstats**  
**pepwheel** shows protein sequences as a helix.

## File formats supported by EMBOSS

**IntelliGenetics, Genbank, NBRF, EMBL, GCG, DNASTrider, Fitch, FASTA, Phylip, PIR, MSF, ASN.1, PAUP, ClustalW**

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