

From Bench to Big Data: What's new with MultiQC and Nextflow

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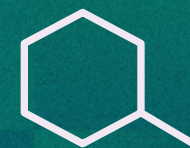
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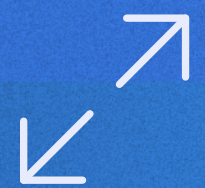
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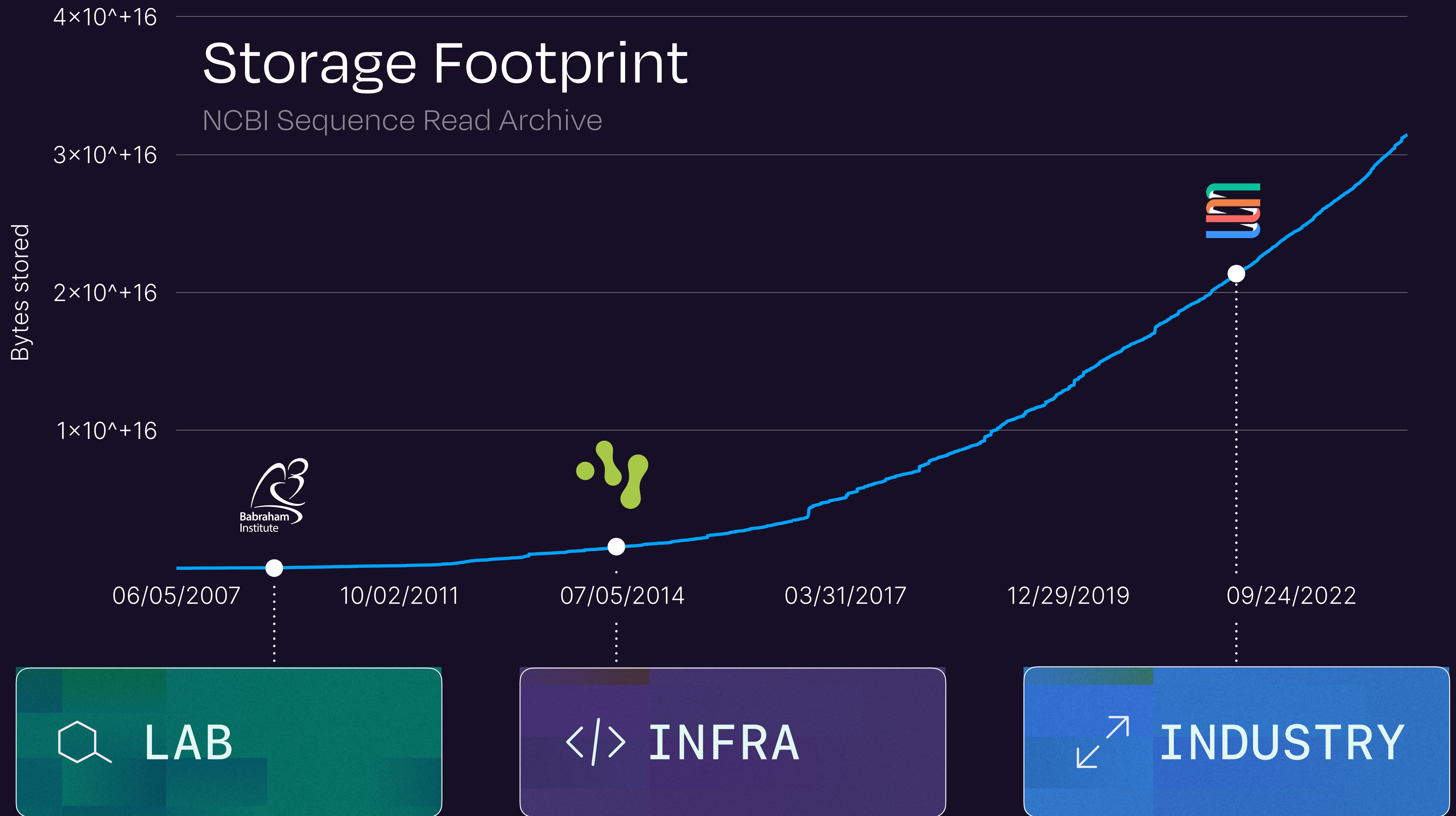
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Storage Footprint

NCBI Sequence Read Archive





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Health

First newborns join screening rare diseases



OUR WHY

'Real hope' for cancer cure as personal mRNA vaccine for melanoma trialled

Excitement among patients and researchers as custom-built jabs enter phase 3 trial



A nurse prepares to give Steve Young, one of the first patients in the trial, his first jab at UCLH in London. Photograph: Jordan Pettitt/PA



Open-source reporting and analytics





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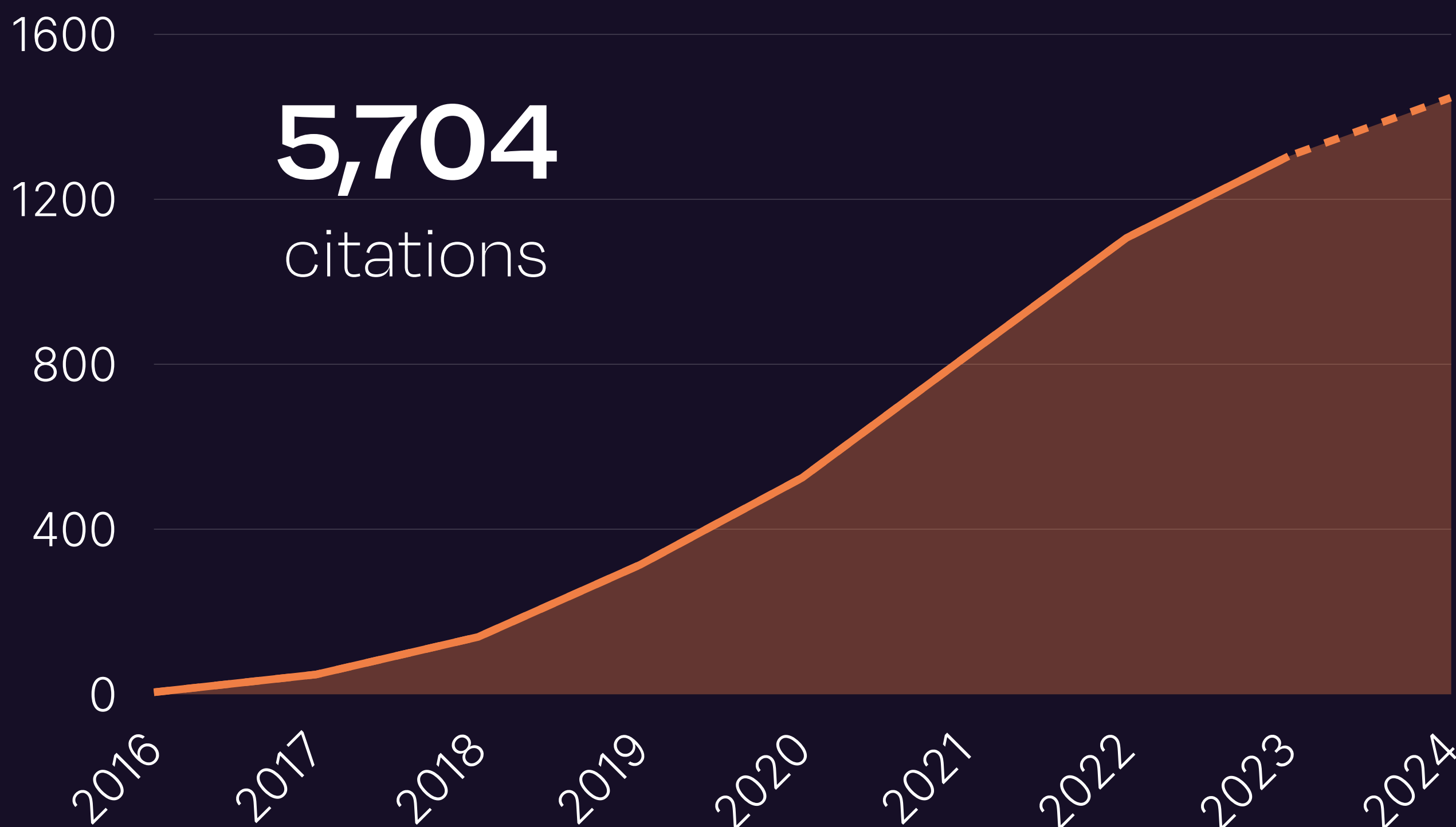
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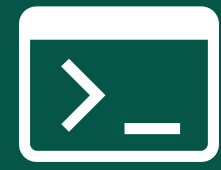


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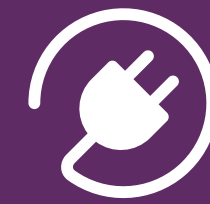
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Command Line Interface

Web interface



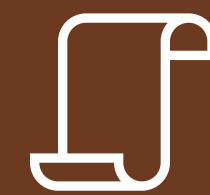
MultiQC Plugins



Custom Content



Notebooks and Scripts



Demo

<https://seqera.io/multiqc/>





> multiqc .

/// **MultiQC** 🎃 v1.26.dev0

```

file_search | Search path: .
searching | Searching for MultiQC reports
custom_content | pct_magic. found 10 general statistics columns
fastp | Found 48 reports
write_results | Data : multiqc_data
write_results | Report : multiqc_report.html
multiqc | MultiQC complete

```

plot_type: generalstats

Sample	% Magic
SAMPLE_01	57.99087052
SAMPLE_02	39.12145114
SAMPLE_03	36.14175885
SAMPLE_04	78.25359712
SAMPLE_05	35.47539651

pct_magic_mqc.tsv

📁 fastp

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```
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pct_magic_mqc.tsv

A modular tool to aggregate results from bioinformatics analyses across many samples into a single report.

Report generated on 2024-10-27, 18:15 CET based on data in: `/Users/ewels/GitHub/ewels/multiqc-demo-summit-2024/part_2`

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General Statistics

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Showing 0/48 rows and 6/8 columns.

[Export as CSV](#)

Sample Name	% Magic	% Duplication	Reads After Filtering	GC content	% PF	% Adapter
SAMPLE_01	58.0	17.2 %	1.2 M	51.9 %	57.1 %	9.0 %
SAMPLE_02	39.1	46.2 %	1.7 M	38.4 %	78.7 %	5.0 %
SAMPLE_03	36.1	48.4 %	1.7 M	39.0 %	77.2 %	5.4 %
SAMPLE_04	78.3	44.0 %	1.5 M	38.4 %	78.9 %	4.8 %
SAMPLE_05	35.5	46.0 %	1.7 M	38.5 %	78.5 %	5.0 %
SAMPLE_06	1.9	45.6 %	1.7 M	38.3 %	77.8 %	4.6 %
SAMPLE_07	53.1	48.2 %	2.0 M	38.4 %	79.2 %	5.3 %
SAMPLE_08	24.8	48.5 %	1.9 M	38.5 %	79.6 %	5.5 %
SAMPLE_09	0.2	37.6 %	1.2 M	42.4 %	66.4 %	10.5 %
SAMPLE_10	6.3	45.4 %	1.6 M	38.3 %	78.9 %	5.1 %
SAMPLE_11	40.3	49.3 %	2.1 M	38.4 %	79.4 %	5.2 %
SAMPLE_12	82.4	45.2 %	1.6 M	38.3 %	77.5 %	4.5 %
SAMPLE_13	47.3	36.9 %	0.1 M	46.0 %	62.4 %	43.7 %
SAMPLE_14	9.8	33.7 %	0.4 M	38.0 %	27.5 %	4.5 %

run_multiqc.py

```
import multiqc

# Load data
multiqc.parse_logs('./fastp')

# Write the report
multiqc.write_report()
```



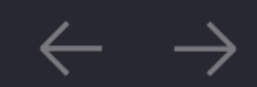
```
> python run_multiqc.py
```




```
# Fetch the custom data
reads = {}
for samp, data in multiqc.get_module_data(module='fastp').items():
    reads[samp] = {
        'Reads Before Filtering': data['summary']['before_filtering']['total_reads']
    }

# Add new column to the General Stats table
fastp_module = multiqc.report.modules[0]
fastp_module.general_stats_addcols(data_by_sample=reads)
```





part_5



EXPLORER

metadata.db

PART_5



metadata.db



fastp

SELECT * FROM metadata

Schema

Query Editor

Auto Reload

SQLite 3.46.1

Find Other Tools...



- metadata.db
- prep_db.py
- run_multiqc.py



OUTLINE

SQLITE3 EDITOR TABLES

	sample_name	input_dna	origin	+
1	SAMPLE_01	204	Spain	
2	SAMPLE_02	270	Italy	
3	SAMPLE_03	294	USA	
4	SAMPLE_04	114	Finland	
5	SAMPLE_05	166	Thailand	
6	SAMPLE_06	173	Estonia	
7	SAMPLE_07	147	Germany	
8	SAMPLE_08	220	Lithuania	
9	SAMPLE_09	185	Netherlands	
10	SAMPLE_10	260	Sweden	
11	SAMPLE_11	7	Netherlands	
12	SAMPLE_12	20	Poland	
13	SAMPLE_13	70	Spain	
14	SAMPLE_14	163	Malaysia	
15	SAMPLE_15	165	Switzerland	
16	SAMPLE_16	121	Italy	

INSERT CREATE TABLE

History



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47 records



Formatting: X



run_multiqc.py

```
# Fetch from database
metadata = {}
cx = sqlite3.connect('metadata.db')
for row in cx.cursor().execute('SELECT * FROM metadata'):
    metadata[row[0]] = {
        'Input DNA (ng)': row[1],
        'Sample Origin': row[2]
    }

# Add data to report
metadata_module = multiqc.BaseMultiqcModule()
metadata_module.general_stats_addcols(data_by_sample=metadata)
multiqc.report.modules.append(metadata_module)
```

Fetch data

Add to report



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nextflow

Open-source orchestrator for deploying workflows



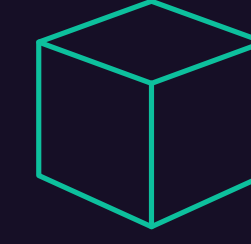
Nextflow DSL limitations



Nextflow was created as an extension of the Groovy programming language.



Missing a formal grammar and syntax parser.



Too fragile. Poor syntax error detection and reporting. Lack of tooling.

Introducing: Language server & VS Code integration for Nextflow



Roadmap

Bring new parsers into Nextflow CLI

- Better error messages
- Improve the `nextflow inspect` command
- New commands for linting, formatting

Move beyond Groovy syntax

- Type annotations
- Static type checking
- Simpler dataflow syntax

The future of code development is
AI-driven



How can we
generate code that works in
bioinformatics?



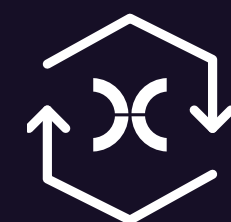
 Seqera AI



Seqera AI

Available today at

seqera.io/ask-ai



Convert any bash / language script to Nextflow



AI error debugging and code-testing



Rooted in Nextflow and best practices



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Thank you

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