## Setting up a portable metagenome assembly pipeline for CBIO - Support #38

## How to download SRA files to hex

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## Description

How to download input files (testdata) from SRA to hex:

Use sra-tools installed on hex (activate by doing 'load module software/sra-tools')

NB: when using the commands: fastq-dump or prefetch the .sra files are automatically downloaded to your home directory (/home/kviljoen/ncbi/public...) which we don't want. We want to store data in fhgfs. So to change this we need to point our \$HOME elsewhere by e.g. 'export HOME=/researchdata/fhgfs/cbio/cbio/project08/team/katie/ncbi\_PRJNA290380\_metagenomics\_testset' (you will have to set this for every session).

- Files downloaded with the following command (for a given sample/run), which splits the reads into two files one for F reads, one for R reads (see <a href="https://edwards.sdsu.edu/research/fastq-dump/">https://edwards.sdsu.edu/research/fastq-dump/</a>) fastq-dump --gzip --skip-technical --readids --read-filter pass --dumpbase --split-files --clip SRR4408075 Output: SRR4408075\_pass\_1.fastq.gz SRR4408075\_pass\_2.fastq.gz
- The file integrity can be validated with the vdb-validate command: vdb-validate SRR4408075 NB: if you just do fastq-dump without prefetch it will still get the .sra file but I don't think it does the .cache file which you seem to need to do the vdb-validate check
- Loop command to download multiple files: for j in \$(<sra\_list); do echo \$j; echo fastq-dump --readids --read-filter pass --dumpbase --split-files -clip \$j; done The -clip flag is to remove Illumina-specific sequences sra\_list is just a file with sampleIDs (one per line)
- Loop command to validate multiple files: for j in \$(> vdb\_validate\_results; done Note the >> vdb\_validate\_results didn't work to output results to file (also tried | tee -a but didn't work) But all files were validated as output to screen
- Input files were downloaded to /researchdata/fhqfs/cbio/cbio/project08/team/katie/ncbi PRJNA290380 metagenomics testset/

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