

RMTA v2.1

The **DE Quick Start tutorial** provides an introduction to basic DE functionality and navigation.

Please work through the documentation and add your comments on the bottom of this page, or email comments to support@cyverse.org. Thank you.

Rationale and background:

RMTA is a workflow that can rapidly process raw RNA-seq Illumina data by mapping reads using HiSat2 and then assemble transcripts using either Cufflinks or Stringtie. RMTA can process Fastq files containing paired-end or single-end reads. Alternatively, RMTA can directly process one or more sequence read archives (SRA) from NCBI using an SRA ID.

RMTA minimally requires the following input data:

1. Reference Genome (FASTA) or Hisat2 Indexed Reference Genome (in a subdirectory)
2. Reference Transcriptome (GFF3/GTF/GFF)
3. RNA-Seq reads (FASTQ) - Single end or Paired-end or NCBI SRA id or multiple NCBI SRA id's (list in a single column text file).

Pre-Requisites

1. A CyVerse account. (Register for a CyVerse account here - user.cyverse.org)
2. Mandatory arguments
 - a. **Hisat2 reference genome:** Select at least one of the below three options for the indexing of the Reference Genome
 - i. Custom Reference genome
 - ii. Select reference genome from the list
 - iii. Hisat2 Indexed folder
 - b. **Hisat2 reference annotation:** Select at least one of the below two options for using as annotation
 - i. Custom Reference annotation
 - ii. Select reference annotation from the list

Use one of the following three:

- c. **Paired-end reads**
 - i. FASTQ Files (Read 1): Input reads 1 file of paired-end data
 - ii. FASTQ Files (Read 2): Input reads 2 files of paired-end data
 - d. **Single-end reads**
 - i. single end FASTQ files
 - e. **SRA**
 - i. SRA ID: Single SRA id that you want to use
 - ii. File containing SRA id's: Multiple SRA's that you want to use
 - f. **Cufflinks/Stringtie:** Only one of the below two options needs to be checked. Cannot select both
 - i. StringTie
 - ii. Cufflinks
 - iii. Coverage cut-off threshold: Select from 0-5
 - iv. FPKM cut-off threshold: FPKM cut-off you want to use to filter the transcripts
 - g. Cuffmerge: Run Cuffmerge for Stringtie/Cufflinks gtf's (Only works with more than one sample files)
3. Advanced options
 - a. Phred quality score: encoding for quality score: Phread64 (Default is Phred 33)
 - b. Fragment Library Type: specify the format of the library either FR, RF, F, R etc.
 - c. Trim bases from 5' end of read: Trim bases from 5' (left) end of each read before alignment
 - d. Trim bases from 3' end of read: Trim bases from 3' (right) end of each read before alignment
 - e. Minimum intron length: Set minimum intron length
 - f. maximum intron length: Set maximum intron length

Test/sample data

The following test data are provided for testing RMTA in here - `/iplant/home/shared/iplantcollaborative/example_data/RMTA`

1. Reference Genome: Sorghum_bicolor.Sorbi1.20.dna.toplevel_chr8.fa
2. Reference Annotation: Sorghum_bicolor.Sorbi1.20_chr8.gtf
3. left_reads- sample_1_R1.fq.gz
4. right_reads-sample_1_R2.fq.gz
5. Stringtie
6. Fragment Library Type: FR

Leave the rest as default

Results

Successful execution of RMTA will generate two output folders

1. Index: This folder consists of the index of the genome
2. Output: This folder consists of the output from Hisat2, Stringtie and Cuffcompare (Please refer to the manual for the explanation of outputs from these individual programs)