

Starting Cloud-Based Research on NHLBI BioData Catalyst[®] (BDC)

BDC for NDSA Workshop

Day 1: July 13 | 11 AM ET

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Agenda: Day 1

Topic	Time
Welcome! Introductions , Housekeeping, and Icebreaker	30 min
BDC's Role in Data Science + Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Present Day Data Science Challenges→ BDC's Approach→ Future of Data Science and discussion	1 hour
30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK @ 12:30 ET	
Using BDC in a Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Data Discovery and Exploration→ Analysis on BDC	> 2 hours
Closing & Recap + Working Session	40 min

Agenda: Day 2

Topic	Time
Reproducible Research	1.5 hour
30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK @ 12:40 ET	
Using BDC as a teaching platform → Use Cases and Guest Speaker with Q&A → Benefits and Challenges of Cloud Teaching with discussion	> 1.5 hour
Workflows and Cost Estimation → Sign up for \$500 in Pilot Credits	> 1 hour
Closing & Recap	40 min

Pre-Work Reminder

Step 1:
Join the BDC Community

Then, introduce yourself
on the forum and download
today's slides!
bit.ly/BDC-NDSA-Forum

Step 2:
Sign up for Seven Bridges

I have eRA Commons

Create an account using eRA Commons

Create Seven Bridges Account

I don't have eRA Commons

Follow the instructions posted in the forum

Alternative Login Instructions

Introductions



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Meet Your Instructors



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Icebreaker Activity

What inspired you to work
in the sciences?

→ Answer now on Jamboard



BDC's Role in Data Science



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Curricula of:

BDC's Role in Data Science

Learning goals

- Acknowledge the state of the data science landscape
- Assess BDC's impact on field of data science
- Consider the trajectory of where data science is going
- Discover ways to support your and your students' science data interests using BDC

Present Day Data Science Challenges



Perspective

Industry Representation

N = 4,367

Citizenship

73.3% US Citizens

Age

45.1% 25-40 years old

Top 3 areas of Employment

1. Genetic Counseling (45.7%)
2. Research (30.4%)
3. Academic (23.4%)

Employment Status

78% Permanent Positions

Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation

74.7% Women

23.3% Men

0.5% Nonbinary/Transgender

6.9% LGBTQIA

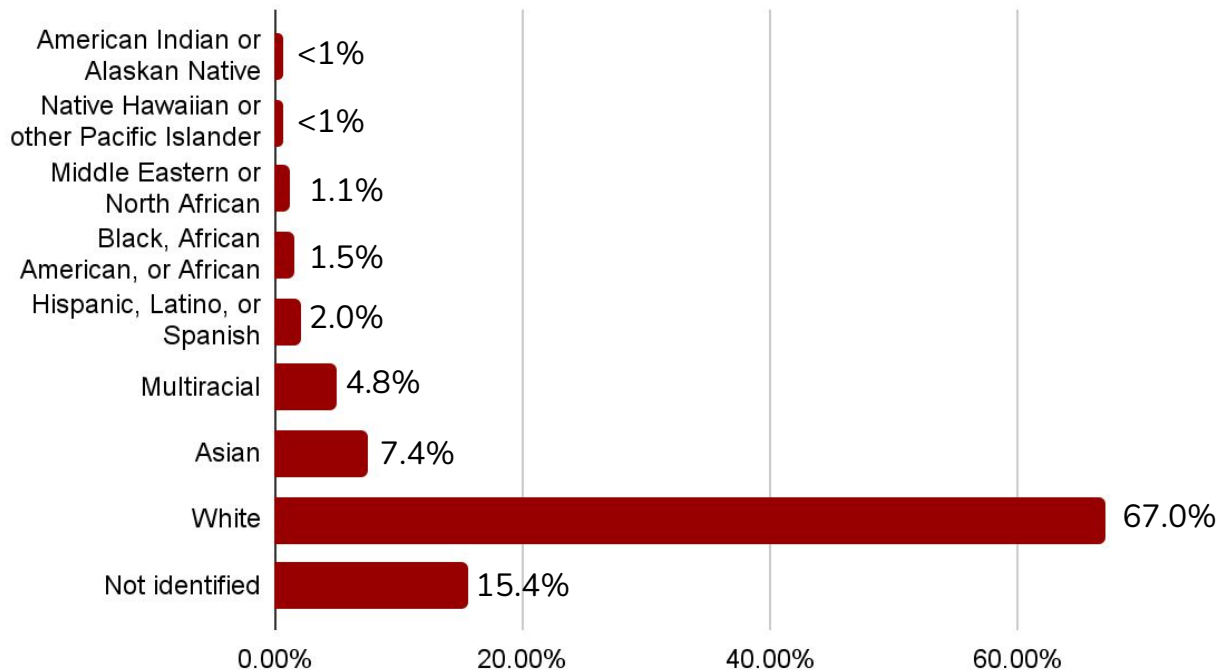
Disability Status

3.4% Reported having a disability

Industry Representation

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Race, Ethnicity, & Ancestry



Data Representation

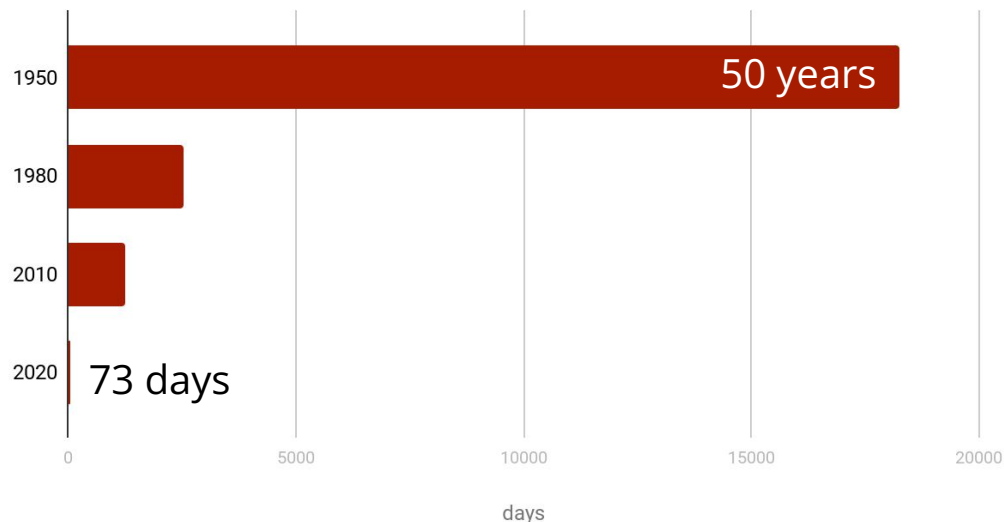


- 0.1% genomic differences come from variations among ~3 billion bases in our DNA
- Most permitted DNA samples used in research come from people with European Ancestry (78%)
- Active Initiatives: Polygenic Risk Methods in Diverse Populations Consortium, Electronic Medical Records and Genomics Network, and the Human Pangenome Reference Consortium

[Genome.gov: Diversity in Genomics Research Fact Sheet](#)

The rate of data generation is accelerating rapidly

Doubling Time of Health Knowledge



- More biomedical data will be generated this year than all previous years **combined**
- Diverse data modalities including EHR data, Survey, Sequencing, Transcriptomics, Metabolomics, Proteomics, Imaging, Sensor, E-Phys, Flow Cytometry, and so on

Scalability

- Capturing data
 - Size of raw data
 - Funding considerations
 - Saving information
- Analyzing data
 - Computing time and power
 - Comparing data sets and harmonization
- Sharing results
 - Can be slow to impact other fields

Sources - Genome.gov:

[Cost of Sequencing a Human Genome](#)
[Genomic Data Science Fact Sheet](#)



Reproducibility

- Data harmonization and documentation
- Use diverse, yet comparable datasets
- Working in silos
 - Hyper local
 - Breaking through the noise
- Study errors
 - Type I Errors - false positives and generalizability

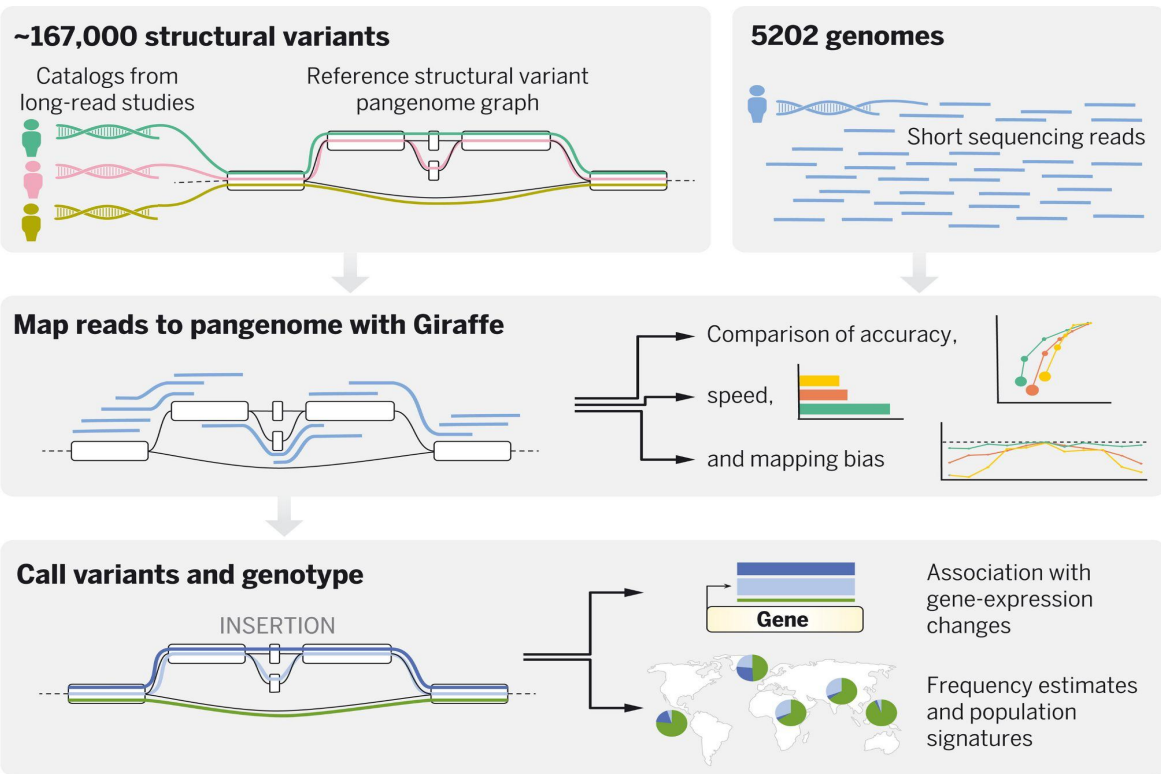
[Find the Needle in the Haystack, Then Find it Again](#)

Access

- IRB and data sharing
- Data privacy laws
 - California Privacy Law
- Special omics considerations
 - Patient De-identification
 - Secondary data scope allowance



Case Study: Giraffe

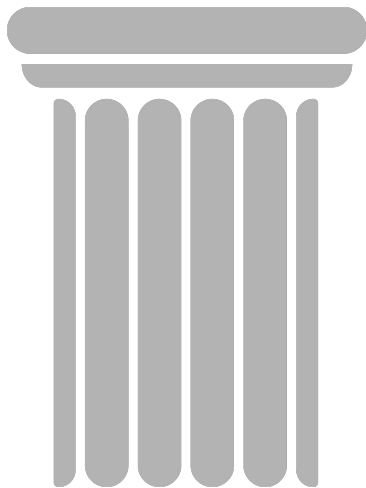


Brief Discussion

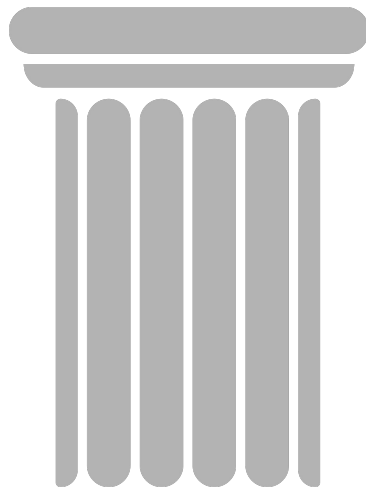
Of the challenges discussed, what resonated with you most?
What other challenges come to mind?

BDC's Approach

Mission



Vision

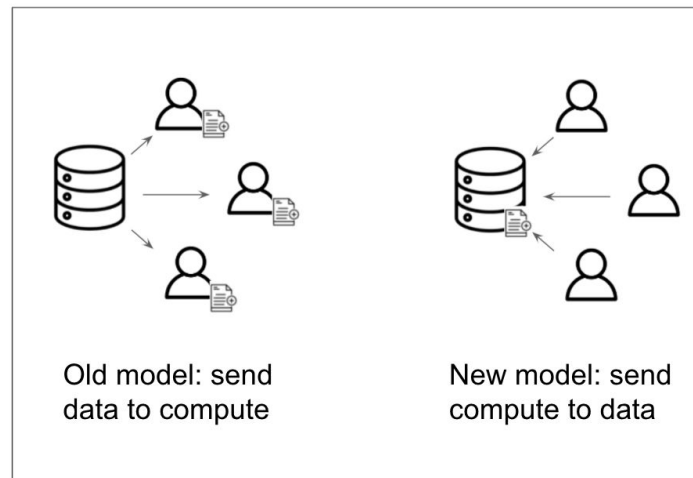


The **mission** is to develop and integrate advanced cyberinfrastructure, leading edge tools, and FAIR data to support the NHLBI research community.

The **vision** is to be a community-driven ecosystem implementing data science solutions to democratize data and computational access to advance Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep science.

Using the Cloud to store and analyze growing health data

- Immediate scaling -- no need to wait to purchase and install hardware.
- Levels the playing field -- even researchers at institutions without large compute infrastructure investments can access powerful data and compute resources.
- Many researchers can access data without needing to physically copy it.
- Data and methods in a single place streamlines reproducibility.



WHO?

WHAT?

WHERE?

SCIENCE!

WHY?



Genomics

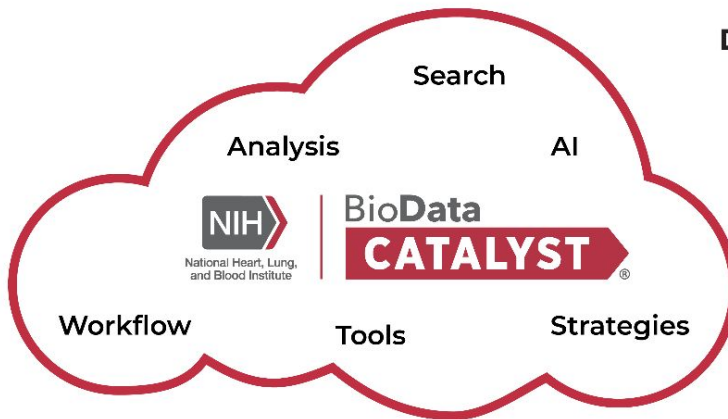


Clinical



Imaging

DATA
HARMONIZATION



- UNDERSTAND
- OPEN SCIENCE
- CROSS-LINK

- COLLABORATE
- SCALE
- SHARE
- INTEROPERATE

HOW?

Diagnostic
Tools

Therapeutic
Options



DISCOVERY

Prevention
Strategies



PATIENTS!

What BDC offers



Managing the Computing Environment

Elastic Computing



Easier Access to many High Value Datasets



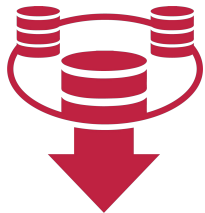
Tooling

Data Discovery
Statistical Analysis
Tools (R, SAS)
Other Specialized
Workflows



Community and Peer Interactions

The Computing Environment



No need to
download and
manage
(multiple) large
datasets



No **computer**
system to
manage



Pay **only** for what
you **use**



Help desk and
documentation

Platforms and Services

Explore Data

- PIC-SURE
- Gen3

Analyze Data

- Seven Bridges
- Terra

→ View BDC Services

What Do You Want to Do Today?

Explore Available Data

BDC-Gen3

Gen3 is a software platform that allows partner organizations and grant approved researchers to search and access harmonized datasets. Users can search over project and study-specific genomic and phenotypic data and export selected cohorts to analytical workspaces in a scalable, reproducible, and secure manner.

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Analyze Data in Cloud-based Shared Workspaces

BDC-Seven Bridges

Utilize collaborative workspaces for analyzing genomics data at scale. Access hosted datasets along with

BDC-Terra

Share and compute across large genomic and genomic-related datasets. Terra offers a stand-alone computational

Community engagement and support

*Though the primary goal of BDC is to build a data science platform, at its core, this is a people-centric endeavor. BDC is also building a **community of practice** working to collaboratively solve technical and scientific challenges.*



- User-driven, vibrant community
- Peer-to-peer mentoring
- Support available via platforms
- Community Forum
- Community Hours & Showcases

Join the community: <https://biodatacatalyst.nhlbi.nih.gov/contact/ecosystem>

Questions?

The Future of Data Science

- How do you see the field of data science **evolving** in the **next five years**?
- What are **topics** we in the profession should be paying attention to right now? Why?
- What can be done to help better **prepare** future data scientists?

[→ Answer now on Jamboard](#)

Data Science Community Engagement

Fellowship programs

52 BDC Fellows over three cohorts

- Hands-on, modularized training:
 - Introduction to the platform
 - Creating Your Own Tool/Workflow
 - Performing GWAS
 - Estimating Cloud Costs
- Scientific projects were executed which otherwise might not have been possible
- Retrospective interviews for user-defined development

Four Bench2Bassinet Fellows

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[Read about the BDC Fellows →](#)

Workshops & Courses

- **UW Summer Institute for Statistical Genetics**
 - >300 students over four years
- **American Thoracic Society**
 - Asynchronous “flipped” approach for 50 attendees
- **CHARGE Consortium Annual Meeting, 2022**
 - Hands-on workshop for 75+ attendees, with interactive demo
- **Howard University Data Science Collaboration**
- **AIM-AHEAD PRIME**
- **PRIDE Programs**
 - Held six sessions with 50+ students in 2022



image credit: <https://www.biostat.washington.edu/suminst/sisg>

Questions?

Break

While you wait...

If you **have an eRA Commons account** and would like to follow along with the upcoming demonstration, visit <https://picsure.biodatacatalyst.nhlbi.nih.gov/> and log into the platform.

A vibrant, abstract background featuring swirling, ethereal blue and cyan light patterns against a deep black space. The patterns resemble cosmic nebulae or energetic plasma, with bright, wispy edges and darker, more turbulent centers. Scattered throughout the scene are numerous small, white, star-like points of light, adding to the celestial and dynamic feel of the image.

BREAK

Using BDC in a Research Project



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Finding Data on BDC

Introduction to dbGaP

BDC ingests various datasets from the **Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes, or dbGaP** (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap/>)

What is dbGaP?

- Public repository for individual phenotype, exposure, genotype, and sequence data
- Main purpose is to archive and distribute the results of studies investigating the association between genotype and phenotype
- Researchers submit a Data Access Request (DAR) and are able to download the study files when authorized for research

How is data organized in dbGaP?

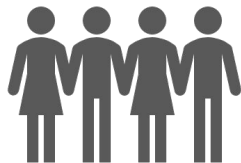
- Data is organized into **studies**
 - Each study has a specific **accession number** or unique identifier (e.g., phs000007)
- Studies have multiple **subjects**, or study participants
- Data organized by **consent groups**, based on consents given by subjects (research purposes their data can be used for)
- Studies consist of **phenotypic** and/or **genotypic** data
 - Phenotypic data is generally referred to as **variables**
 - Genotypic data is generally referred to as **samples**

Data Available in BDC

3.42
Petabytes of data



280,000+
Participants



490,000+
Data files



150,000+
Whole genomes



Data Available in BDC

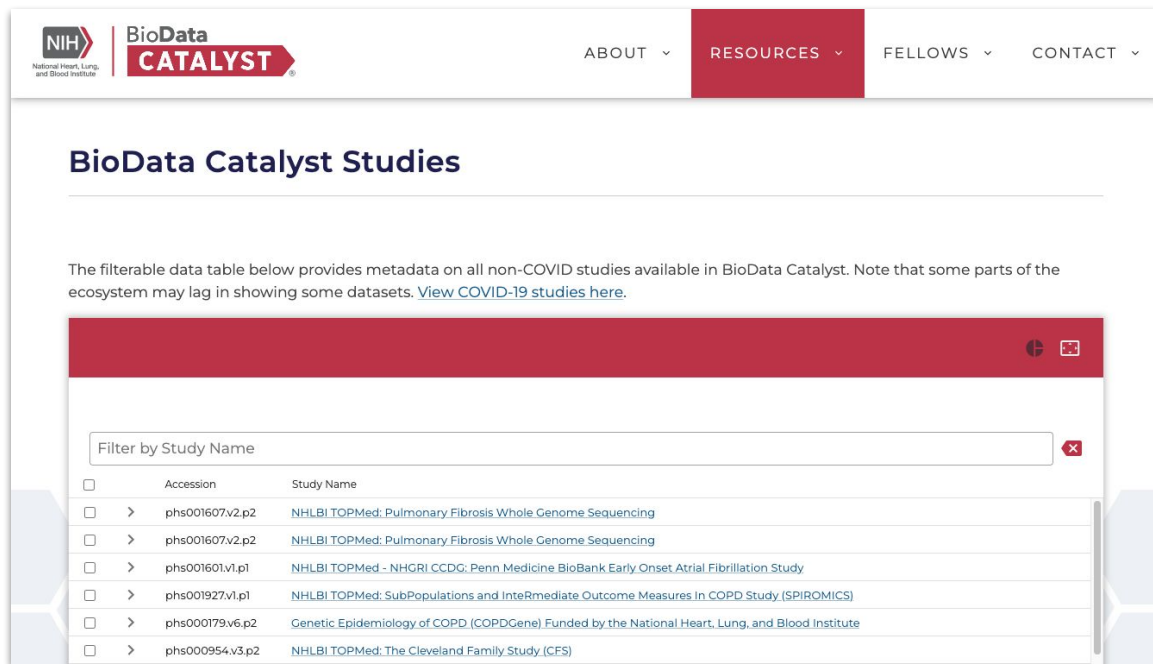
BDC is always ingesting
new data

Check BDC website for a
full list of studies available
on the ecosystem

Resources → Data

Click “Explore Studies”

EXPLORE STUDIES 🔍



The screenshot shows the BioData Catalyst website. The header includes the NIH logo, the BioData CATALYST logo, and navigation links: ABOUT, RESOURCES (highlighted), FELLOWS, and CONTACT. The main heading is "BioData Catalyst Studies". Below this, a paragraph states: "The filterable data table below provides metadata on all non-COVID studies available in BioData Catalyst. Note that some parts of the ecosystem may lag in showing some datasets. [View COVID-19 studies here.](#)". A red bar with a search icon and a close button is above a search box labeled "Filter by Study Name". Below the search box is a table with columns "Accession" and "Study Name".

<input type="checkbox"/>	Accession	Study Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs001607.v2.p2	NHLBI TOPMed: Pulmonary Fibrosis Whole Genome Sequencing
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs001607.v2.p2	NHLBI TOPMed: Pulmonary Fibrosis Whole Genome Sequencing
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs001601.v1.p1	NHLBI TOPMed - NHGRI CCDC: Penn Medicine BioBank Early Onset Atrial Fibrillation Study
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs001927.v1.p1	NHLBI TOPMed: SubPopulations and Intermediate Outcome Measures in COPD Study (SPIROMICS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs000179.v6.p2	Genetic Epidemiology of COPD (COPDGene) Funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
<input type="checkbox"/>	> phs000954.v3.p2	NHLBI TOPMed: The Cleveland Family Study (CFS)

<https://biodatacatalyst.nhlbi.nih.gov/resources/data/studies>

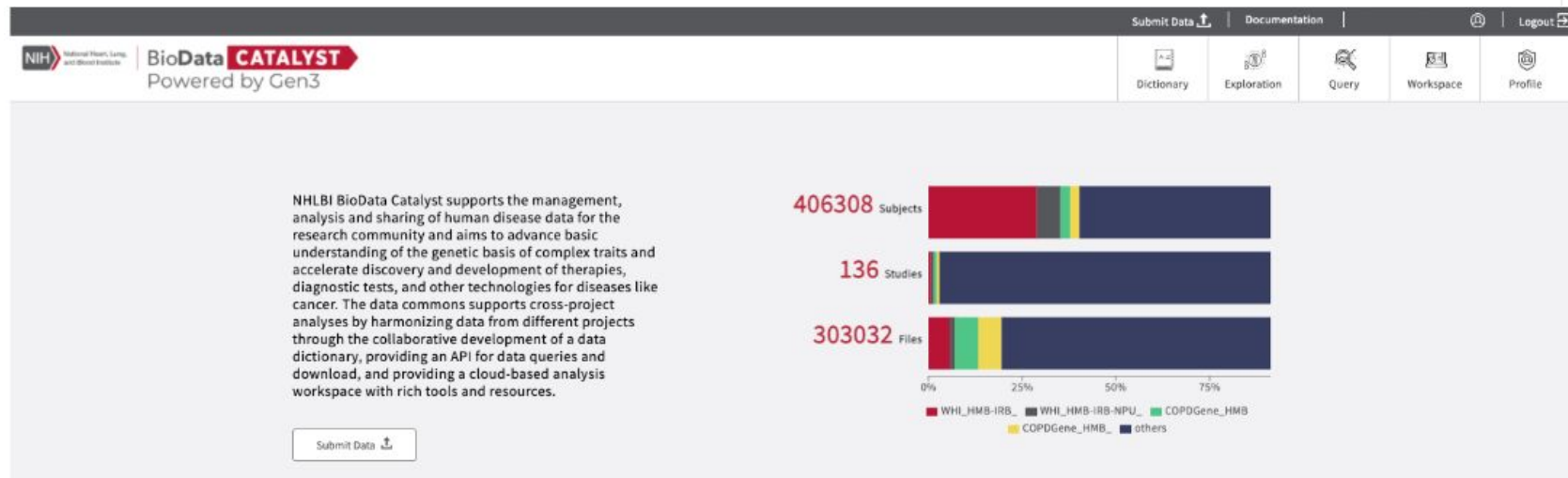
Bring-Your-Own Data

- To support **flexibility and analysis**, we allow researchers to bring their own data and workflows into the ecosystem.
- Users can upload data for which they have the appropriate approval, provided that they do not violate the terms of their Data Use Agreements, Limitations, or IRB policies and guidelines.

Web resource: [Bring Your Own Data](#)


Gen3 - Key Features

1. Source of Truth - File Object Persistence & Dataset Metadata
2. Interoperability - Standards-based integration points with other systems
3. Data Access - eRA Commons / dbGaP Authorization Inheritance
4. Data Ingestion - Robust data ingestion pipeline



Gen3 - Discovery Page

A tool for discovery of released datasets (fully open, no required approval to discovery available data).

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Dictionary

Exploration

Discovery

Workspace

Profile

[Summary Statistics](#) | [Tags](#) | [Table of Records](#) | [Pagination](#)


73
STUDIES

296,115
TOTAL SUBJECTS

[Reset Selection](#)

[Study Filters](#)

0 selected

STUDY NAME	FULL NAME	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	DBGAP ACCESSION NUMBER	RELEASED	DATA AVAILABILITY	
FHS_HMB-IRB-MDS_	Framingham Cohort	13,070	phs000007.v31.p12.c1	Yes		

See Grouping of Framingham Phenotype Datasets Startup of Framingham [Heart](#) Study. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death and serious illness in the United States. In 1948, the Framingham Heart Study (FHS) -- under the direction of the National Heart Institute (now known as the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NHLBI) -- embarked on a novel and ambitious project in health research. At the time, little was known about the general causes of heart disease and stroke, but the death rates for CVD had been increasing steadily since th...

[Parent](#) [DCC Harmonized](#) [Clinical Phenotype](#) [dbGaP](#)

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Gen3 - Exploration Page

A dynamic summary statistics display and cohort builder for export:

- Search facets leveraging harmonized variables.

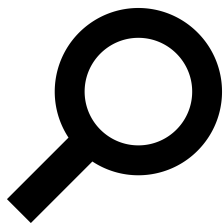
Standardized Cohort Handoff support to move cohort to analysis workspaces (e.g. Broad's Terra System, Velsera's Seven Bridges system).

The screenshot displays the BioData CATALYST Exploration page. At the top, the NIH logo and 'BioData CATALYST Powered by Gen3' are visible. A navigation bar includes 'Dictionary', 'Exploration' (selected), 'Workspace', and 'Profile'. Below this, a 'Data' and 'File' tab set is shown. The 'Data Access' section on the left has three radio buttons: 'Data with Access' (selected), 'Data without Access', and 'All Data'. To the right, four export buttons are present: 'Export All to Terra', 'Export All to Seven Bridges', 'Export to PFB', and 'Export to Workspace'. A summary table at the bottom shows 'Projects' as 4 and 'Subjects' as 10,835.

Projects	Subjects
4	10,835

Empowering researchers to access data

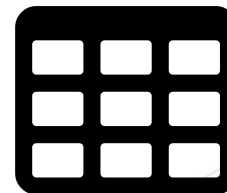
BDC Powered by PIC-SURE facilitates approachable research for all skill levels.



Search at the variable
value and genomic
variant level



Apply filters to create
a cohort



Dataframe ready for
research without
opening any files or
mapping to data
dictionaries

Live Demo: PIC-SURE Open Access



Submitting a Data Access Request (DAR)

BDC uses dbGaP infrastructure for managing access to controlled-access data

Requirements:

1. An NIH eRA Commons account (or other valid NIH login). To learn more about this, visit [Understanding eRA Commons](#).
2. User must have Principal Investigator status. Those who are not PIs can ask their PI to add them as a data downloader.

Submitting a Data Access Request (DAR)

Components of a DAR:

- Research Use Statement (2200 characters)
- Non-technical Summary (1100 characters)
- BioData Catalyst-specific Cloud Use Statement [Template language available]

For more information, step-by-step instructions, and template language, visit the [“Submitting a dbGaP Data Access Request” page of the BDC documentation.](#)

Live Demo: PIC-SURE Authorized Access

Breakout room

In your breakout rooms:

1. **Try:** exploring data in PIC-SURE. If you are not authorized to access data, explore available data in Open Access.
2. **Discuss:** How could PIC-SURE be useful in your research process?

Feel free to ask TAs any questions.

Breakout rooms - converge

Would someone like to discuss their PIC-SURE use case?
How could PIC-SURE be helpful in your research process?



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Analysis Platforms



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Workflows

Workflows (aka pipelines) are a series of steps performed by an external compute engine that are often used for automated, bulk analysis (such as aligning genomic reads)

BDC-Terra

- Can write your own in WDL
- Can access 1,500+ public workflows in our methods repository

METHOD

gatk/processing-for-variant-discovery-gatk4

SNAPSHOT
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Publicly Readable

Summary

WDL

Configurations

```
61
62   String bwa_commandline = "bwa mem -K 100000000 -p -v 3 -t 16 -Y $bash_ref_fasta"
63   Int compression_level = 5
64
65   String gatk_docker = "broadinstitute/gatk:4.1.8.1"
66   String gatk_path = "/gatk/gatk"
67   String gotc_docker = "broadinstitute/genomes-in-the-cloud:2.3.1-1512499786"
68   String gotc_path = "/usr/gatk/"
69   String python_docker = "python:2.7"
70
71   Int flowcell_small_disk = 100
72   Int flowcell_medium_disk = 200
73   Int agg_small_disk = 200
74   Int agg_medium_disk = 300
75   Int agg_large_disk = 400
76
77   Int preemptible_tries = 3
78 }
79 String base_file_name = sample_name + "." + ref_name
80
81 Array[File] flowcell_unmapped_bams = read_lines(flowcell_unmapped_bams_list)
82
83 # Get the version of BWA to include in the PG record in the header of the BAM produced
84 # by MergeBamAlignment.
85 call GetBwaVersion {
86   input:
87     docker_image = gotc_docker,
88     bwa_path = gotc_path,
89     preemptible_tries = preemptible_tries
90 }
91
92 # Align flowcell-level unmapped input bams in parallel
93 scatter (unmapped_bam in flowcell_unmapped_bams) {
94
95   # Get the basename, i.e. strip the filepath and the extension
96   String bam_basename = basename(unmapped_bam.unmapped_bam_suffix)
```

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BETA
LIBRARY

DATASETS

FEATURED WORKSPACES

CODE & WORKFLOWS

GATK4 Best Practices workflows

haplotypecaller-gvcf-gatk4

Runs HaplotypeCaller from GATK4 in GVCF mode on a single sample

mutect2-gatk4

Implements GATK4 Mutect 2 on a single tumor-normal pair

processing-for-variant-discovery-gatk4

Implements data pre-processing according to the GATK Best Practices

validate-bam

This WDL performs format validation on SAM/BAM files in a list.

paired-fastq-to-unmapped-bam

This WDL converts paired FASTQ to uBAM and adds read group information

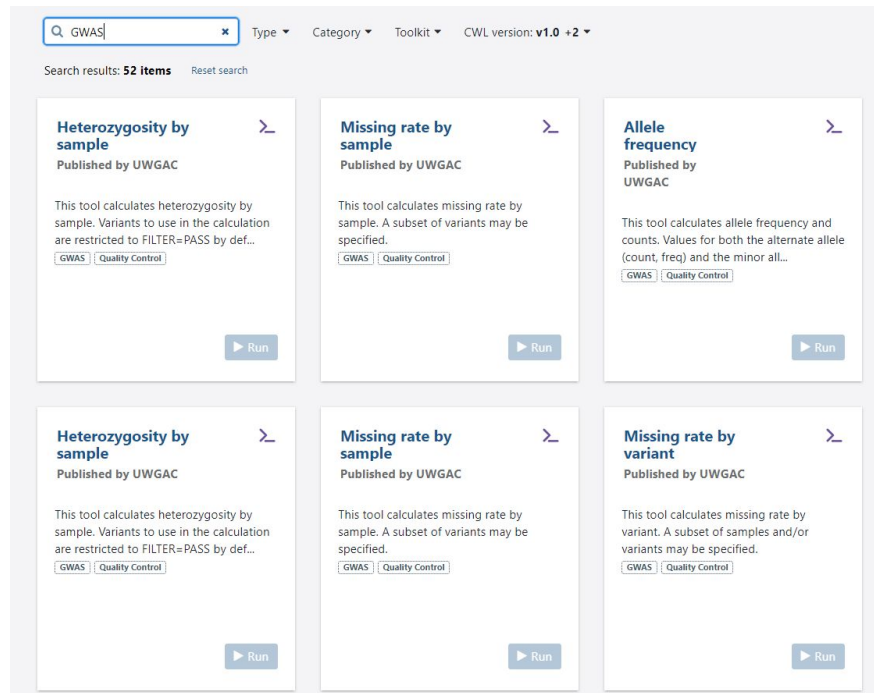
generate-sample-map

Generate a sample_map file, which can be used for JointGenotyping workflow

BDC-Seven Bridges

A curated collection of **800+** bioinformatics tools & workflows:

- Optimized for speed & cost in the cloud
- Fully parameterized & customizable
- Accessible via the user interface & API
- Tool descriptions and helpful hints



Open to the public @ platform.sb.biodatacatalyst.nhlbi.nih.gov/public/apps

Workspaces and Projects

Workspaces (BioData Catalyst powered by Terra) and Projects (BioData Catalyst powered by Seven Bridges) are dedicated space where you and your collaborators can access and organize the same data and tools and run analyses together.

BDC-Terra

- Dashboard

- General overview of the workspace that includes documentation on the workspace itself, cloud information, owners, and tags
- Good documentation makes your analysis easy to share (with others, as well as with your future self) and reproduce.

The screenshot shows the BDC-Terra workspace dashboard. The header includes the NIH logo, BioData CATALYST logo, and the text 'WORKSPACES'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Workspaces > fc-product-demo/Terra-Notebooks-Quickstart > Dashboard'. The main navigation bar has tabs for 'DASHBOARD', 'DATA', 'ANALYSES', 'WORKFLOWS', and 'JOB HISTORY'. A notification banner states 'Workspace is locked and read only'. The 'ABOUT THE WORKSPACE' section provides a brief overview and a 'What's in the Quickstart?' list. The right sidebar contains expandable sections for 'WORKSPACE INFORMATION', 'CLOUD INFORMATION', 'OWNERS', and 'TAGS'. A vertical panel on the far right shows the rate as '\$0.00 per hour'.

ABOUT THE WORKSPACE

Learn how to run a notebook analysis in Terra, from setting up a Cloud Environment VM to learning Jupyter basics to opening and running your first analysis.

What's in the Quickstart?

This workspace includes an interactive tour that walks through setting up a Jupyter Cloud Environment in Terra. If you aren't familiar with Jupyter notebooks, you can learn the basics by running the Jupyter Notebooks 101 tutorial. Four optional notebooks demonstrate analyzing data in a notebook, depending on where your data is stored:

1. A workspace data table
2. Workspace storage (i.e. Google bucket)
3. The Terra Data Library
4. Public data stored in BigQuery

WORKSPACE INFORMATION

Last Updated	11/21/2022
Creation Date	2/5/2020
Access Level	Reader

CLOUD INFORMATION

OWNERS

TAGS

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BDC-Terra

- Data

- Import your own data or access data that is stored in Terra
- Convenient spreadsheet formatted data tables help keep track of all project data, no matter where files are stored in the cloud.

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DASHBOARD DATA ANALYSES WORKFLOWS JOB HISTORY

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Rate: \$0.00 per hour

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subject (2504)	HG00100	46	24.3	synthetic_data_set_1
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BDC-Terra

- Analyses
 - Interrogate and visualize your data in real time using Galaxy, Jupyter Notebooks, or RStudio
 - All three apps run on virtual machines or clusters of machines in a workspace Cloud Environment.

The screenshot displays the BDC-Terra workspace interface. The top navigation bar includes the NIH logo, 'BioData CATALYST Powered by Terra', a 'BETA WORKSPACES' badge, and a breadcrumb trail: 'Workspaces > fc-product-demo/Terra-Notebooks-Quickstart > Analyses'. A notification bell icon with a '3' badge is in the top right. Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu contains 'DASHBOARD', 'DATA', 'ANALYSES' (highlighted), 'WORKFLOWS', and 'JOB HISTORY'. A status bar on the right indicates 'Workspace is locked and read only' with a lock icon. The main content area, titled 'Your Analyses', features a '+ START' button and a search bar labeled 'Search analyses'. A table lists analyses with columns for 'Application', 'Name', and 'Last Modified'. One analysis is shown: 'Jupyter' (with a Jupyter logo) and 'Jupyter-Notebooks-101.ipynb', last modified in 'Sep 2022'. A vertical sidebar on the right shows a 'Rate: \$0.00 per hour' and a lightning bolt icon.

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Your Analyses + START

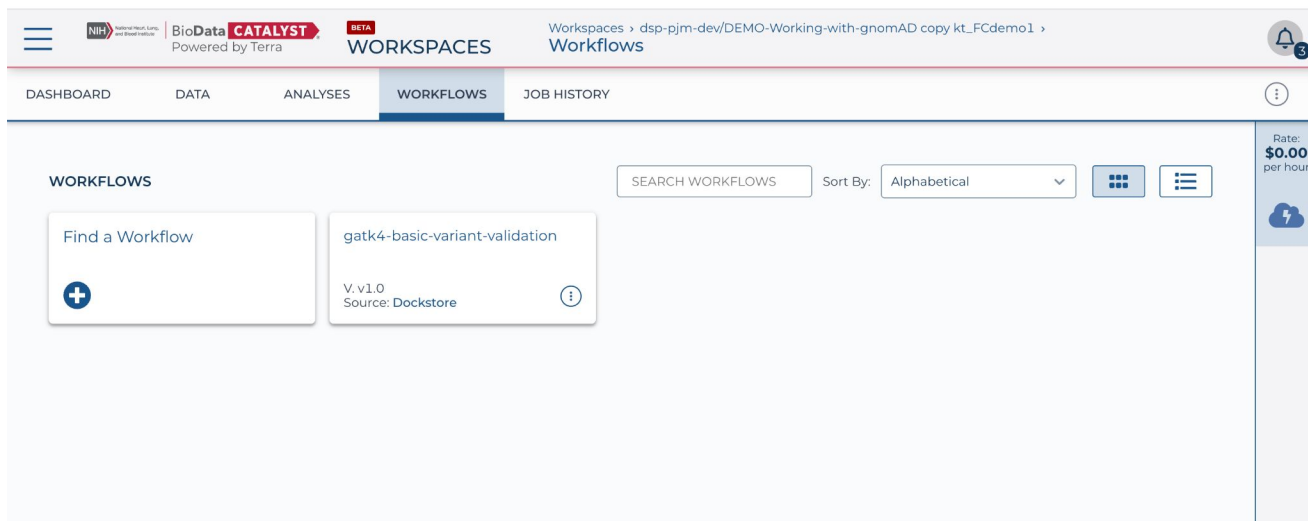
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BDC-Terra

- Workflows
 - Collect, configure (set up) and run workflows for bulk analyses



BDC-Terra

- Workflows

- Can edit WDL script directly or use UI to assign inputs and outputs

← Back to list

gatk4-basic-variant-validation

Version: v1.0

Source: github.com/gatk-workflows/gatk4-basic-variant-validation

Synopsis:

No documentation provided

☐ Run workflow with inputs defined by file paths

☒ Run workflow(s) with inputs defined by data table

Step 1

Select root entity type: chr_caliset

Step 2

SELECT DATA No data selected

☒ Use call caching **?** ☐ Delete intermediate outputs **?** ☐ Use reference disks **?** ☐ Retry with more memory **?** ☐ Ignore empty outputs **?**

SCRIPT ****** **INPUTS** ****** **OUTPUTS** ****** **RUN ANALYSIS**

```
2 ## Copyright Broad Institute, 2020
3 ##
4 ## This WDL performs format validation on a VCF file (incl. GVCF)
5 ##
6 ##
7 ## Requirements/expectations
8 ## - One VCF file to validate (GVCF ok with "-gvcf" flag set to true) and its index
9 ## - A list of intervals to process (for parallelization)
10 ## - Genomic resources: reference genome in FASTA format (.fasta) and its accessory files (.fasta.fai and .dict)
11 ##
12 ## Optional inputs
13 ## - Resourcing and environment parameters including memory, disk space and container are all customizable
14 ##
15 ##
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Hide optional inputs [Download json](#) | [Drag or click to upload json](#) | [Clear inputs](#)

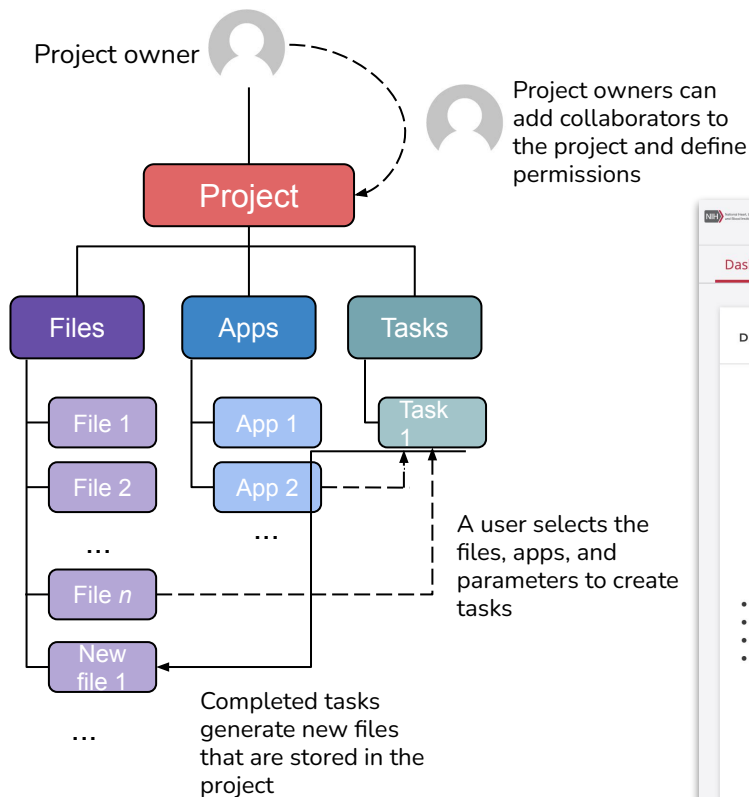
Task name ↓	Variable	Type	Attribute
BasicVariantValidation	input_vcf	File	<input type="text" value="this.sites_vcf"/> [-]
BasicVariantValidation	input_vcf_index	File	<input type="text" value="this.sites_vcf_index"/> [-]
BasicVariantValidation	interval_list	File	<input type="text" value="this.intervals"/> [-]
BasicVariantValidation	ref_dict	File	<input type="text" value="workspace.referenceData_hg38_ref_dict"/> [-]

BDC-Terra

- Useful Workspaces
 - [Working with GnomAD data](#)
 - [Whole Genome Analysis Pipeline](#)
 - [Workflows Tutorial](#)
- Useful Workflows
 - [Processing for Variant Discovery](#)
 - [CRAM to BAM](#)
 - [Generate Sample Map](#)
 - [HaploType Caller](#)



Seven Bridges - Projects organize files, methods, and results



Also known as *workspaces* or *sandboxes*

Easily manage collaborators and permissions

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Projects | Data | Public Gallery | Public projects | Automations | Developer | Staff | alisonleaf

Dashboard | Files | Apps | Tasks

Alison_test_GWAS | Interactive Analysis | Settings | Notes

DESCRIPTION

Welcome to your new project!

Projects are the core building blocks of the NHLBI BioData Catalyst powered by Seven Bridges Platform. Each project corresponds to a distinct scientific investigation, serving as a container for its data, analysis pipelines, and results. Projects are shared only by designated project members.

Within your project, you can:

- Start exploring public datasets straight away
- Install your tools on the platform and create workflows
- Upload your own private data and analyze it along with public datasets
- Collaborate securely with other researchers

Please record the details of your project here, such as its aims, experimental context, and any other ideas that you'd like to share with your project members. Remember that details of each pipeline execution you run on the platform are logged on the task page. This notepad is just for your own notes.

You can also use markdown here to add formatting to your notes.

Good luck with your research! If you get stuck, take a look at the [Knowledge Center](#)

MEMBERS

Email notifications

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Write, Copy, Execute

milan.domazet
Write, Copy, Execute

boris_majic
Write, Copy, Execute

Manage members

ANALYSES

Search

Tasks | Data Cruncher

COMPLETED GENESIS Null Model run - 01-17-20 17:44:24
Submitted by alisonleaf · Jan. 17, 2020 12:51

COMPLETED GENESIS VCF to GDS run - 01-17-20 17:39:50
Submitted by alisonleaf · Jan. 17, 2020 12:43

User friendly workflow editor enables reproducibility by default

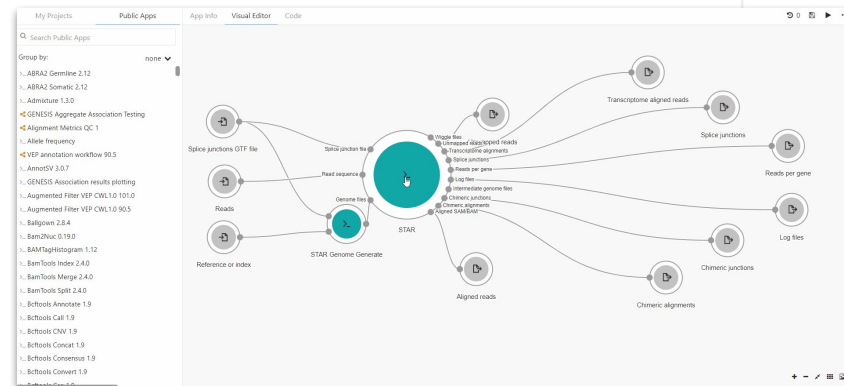
Common Workflow Language enables **portability**, **reproducibility**, and **scalability**

Use or combine 800+ optimized tools and workflows to construct your analysis

Seamlessly import workflows from external public repos

Create your own tools with our CWL Tool Editor

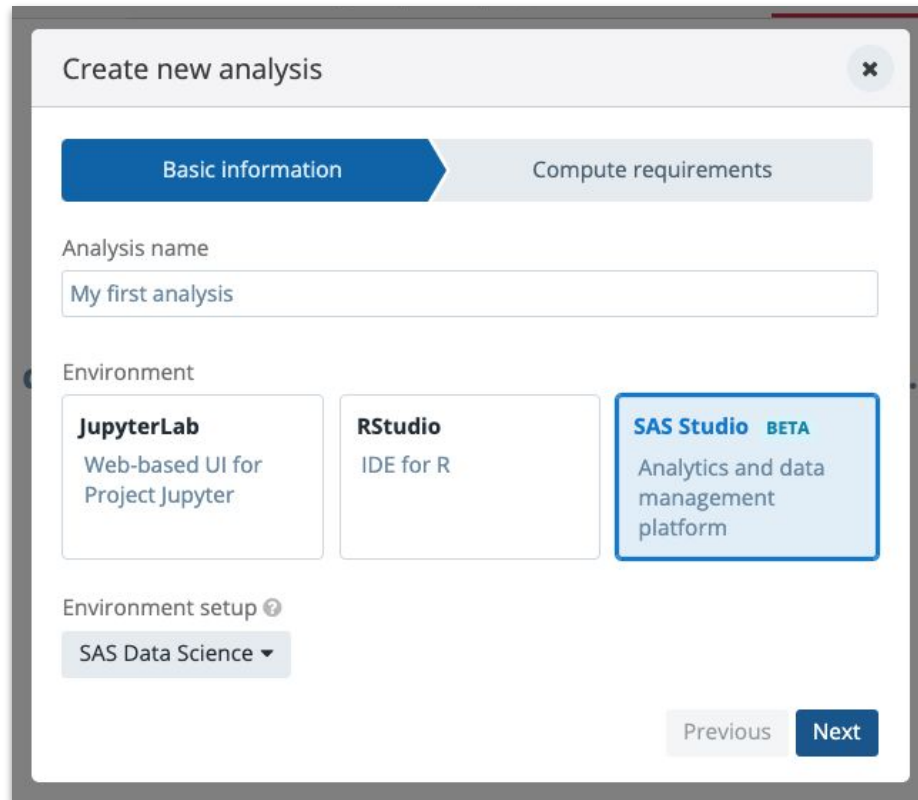
Expose or lock parameters appropriately



Interactive analysis

Fast prototyping and implementation of custom tertiary analysis tools using interactive Java, Python and R in the JupyterLab environment as well as RStudio.

All project files available within JupyterLab, RStudio, and SAS. Over 50 instances to select from.



The screenshot shows a 'Create new analysis' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It features two tabs: 'Basic information' (active) and 'Compute requirements'. Under 'Basic information', there is a text input field for 'Analysis name' containing 'My first analysis'. Below this is the 'Environment' section, which displays three selectable options: 'JupyterLab' (described as 'Web-based UI for Project Jupyter'), 'RStudio' (described as 'IDE for R'), and 'SAS Studio BETA' (described as 'Analytics and data management platform'). The 'SAS Studio BETA' option is highlighted with a blue border. At the bottom of the dialog, there is an 'Environment setup' section with a dropdown menu currently set to 'SAS Data Science'. Navigation buttons 'Previous' and 'Next' are located at the bottom right.

Scale to 100's and 1000's of tasks in parallel using batching

Only one input per task can be selected for batching.

- Turn on the batching option on the draft task page, and select batch criteria: by File, or File metadata (e.g. Sample ID, Library ID).
- For each batch criteria match, a task will be created.

BATCH 260 Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics) run - 03-22-19 13:2... [Get support](#) [Discard](#) [Run](#)

Last update by shan.yeuz_demo on Mar. 22, 2019 13:25
App: Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics) - Revision: 4

Task Inputs Execution Settings

Inputs

Batching ☒ On [Change selection](#)

Batch by: File

This will create one task for each selected item.

- 0.cram (1 item) x
- 1.cram (1 item) x
- 10.cram (1 item) x
- 100.cram (1 item) x
- 101.cram (1 item) x
- 102.cram (1 item) x
- 103.cram (1 item) x
- 104.cram (1 item) x
- 105.cram (1 item) x
- 106.cram (1 item) x
- 107.cram (1 item) x
- 108.cram (1 item) x
- 109.cram (1 item) x
- 11.cram (1 item) x

App Settings

[Edit parameters](#) [Show editable](#)

GATK HaplotypeCaller (RGATK_HaplotypeCaller)

Memory Per Job

GATK BaseRecalibrator (RGATK_BaseRecalibrator)

Intervals String

SAMtools Index (FSAMtools_Index)

Number of threads

Picard MarkDuplicates (RPicard_MarkDuplicates)

Memory per job

BWA MEM Bundle 0.7.17

(BWA_MEM_Bundle_0_7_17)

Outputs

BAM

Indexed CRAM

Realigned CRAM md5sum

VCF

VCF md5sum

gVCF md5sum

metrics

multiqc_report

BATCH 260 Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics) run - 11-29-18 03:15:04 [Get support](#) [Edit and rerun](#)

Executed on Nov. 29, 2018 03:26 by nevenameu Batch by: File

Spot Instances: On ☐ Memoization: Off ☐ Price: \$2392.30 ☐

App: Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics) - Revision: 2

Search task names Status: All

Task Name	Submitted by	Submitted on	App	Duration	Status	Actions
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<input type="checkbox"/> Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics) run - 11-29-18 03:15:04: file: 6.cram	nevenameu	Nov. 29, 2018 03:26	Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA + GATK 4.0 (with Metrics)	17 hours, 24 minutes	COMPLETED	C
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Detailed documentation and tutorials

Comprehensive tips for reliable and efficient analysis set-up

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Objective

Helpful terms to know

User Accounts & Billing Groups

Further reading

Tips for Running Tools/Workflows

Start with the descriptions

Test the workflow

Specify computational resources

Learn about Instance Profiles

Scale up with Batch Analysis

Parallelize with Scatter

Configuring default computational resources

Further analysis and interpretation of your Results

Getting started

JupyterLab environment

Accessing the files

Saving the created files

OBJECTIVE

We have prepared this guide to help you with your first set of projects on BioData Catalyst powered by Seven Bridges. Each section has specific examples and instructions to demonstrate how to accomplish each step. We also highlight potential stumbling blocks so you can avoid them as you get set up. If you need more information on a particular subject, our [Knowledge Center](#) has additional information on all of the platform features. Additionally, our [support team](#) is available 24/7 to help!

HELPFUL TERMS TO KNOW

Tool refers to a stand-alone bioinformatics tool or its Common Workflow Language (CWL) wrapper that is created or already available on the platform.

Workflow / Pipeline (interchangeably used) – denotes a number of tools connected together in order to perform multiple analysis steps in one run.

App stands for a CWL wrapper of a tool or a workflow that is created or already available on the platform.

Task – represents an execution of a particular tool or workflow on the platform. Depending on what is being executed (tool or workflow), a single task can consist of only one tool execution (tool case) or multiple executions (one or more per each tool in the workflow).

Job – this refers to the “execution” part from the “Task” definition (see above). It represents a single run of a single tool found within

Troubleshooting Failed Tasks

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Helpful terms to know

Getting started

Examples: Quick & Unambiguous

[Task 1: Docker image not found](#)

[Task 2: Insufficient disk space](#)

[Task 3: Scatter over a non-list input](#)

[Task 4: Automatic allocation of the required instance is not possible](#)

[Task 5: JavaScript evaluation error due to lack of metadata](#)

[Task 6: Invalid JavaScript indexing](#)

[Task 7: Insufficient memory for Java process](#)

Examples: File compatibility challenges

[Task 8: STAR reports incompatible chromosome names](#)

[Task 9: RSEM reports incompatible chromosome names](#)

[Task 10: Incompatible alignment coordinates](#)

Examples: When error messages are not enough

[Task 11: Invalid command line](#)

Tasks and examples described in this guide are available as a public project on the Platform.

Often the first step to a user becoming comfortable using BioData Catalyst powered by Seven Bridges is their gaining confidence in resolving issues they encounter on their own. This confidence usually comes with experience – the experience with bioinformatics tools and Linux environment in general, but also the experience with the platform features.

However, one of the reasons for developing the platform in the first place is to enable an additional level of abstraction between the users and low-level command line work in the terminal. Even though there are a number of platform features that help with tracking down the issues, the less-experienced users can still face challenges with troubleshooting because the whole process might assume familiarity digging through the tool and system messages.

Fortunately, there is a set of steps that most often brings us to the solution. Based on internal knowledge and experience, the Seven Bridges team has come up with the [Troubleshooting Cheat Sheet](#) (Figure 1) which should help you navigate through the process of resolving the failed tasks.

Troubleshooting CHEAT SHEET

SevenBridges



Visit the Knowledge Center

Getting Help - Contacting Support from the platform

24/7 Help Desk can help you with failed analyses, login issues, or any other platform issue.

The screenshot displays the BioData CATALYST platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Projects, Data, Public Gallery, Public projects, Developer, and Staff. Below this is a sub-navigation bar with Dashboard, Files, Apps, and Tasks. The main content area is titled 'Genesis tutorial' and includes sections for DESCRIPTION and MEMBERS. A modal window titled 'Need help?' is open, providing links to documentation and project management options. In the bottom right corner, a 'Help and support' button is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it. The button is located next to a search bar and a list of recent activities.

Need help?
Learn from the documentation below.

- Create a project
- Manage the project dashboard
- Add notes to your project
- Leave a project
- Delete a project

Add a collaborator to a project
Set permissions
Interactive analysis
Modify project settings

Not finding what you need? Visit our [Knowledge Center](#)

Contact our support

Describe your issue or share your ideas

Send

Help and support

Whole person: integrating social, environmental, and genetic factors



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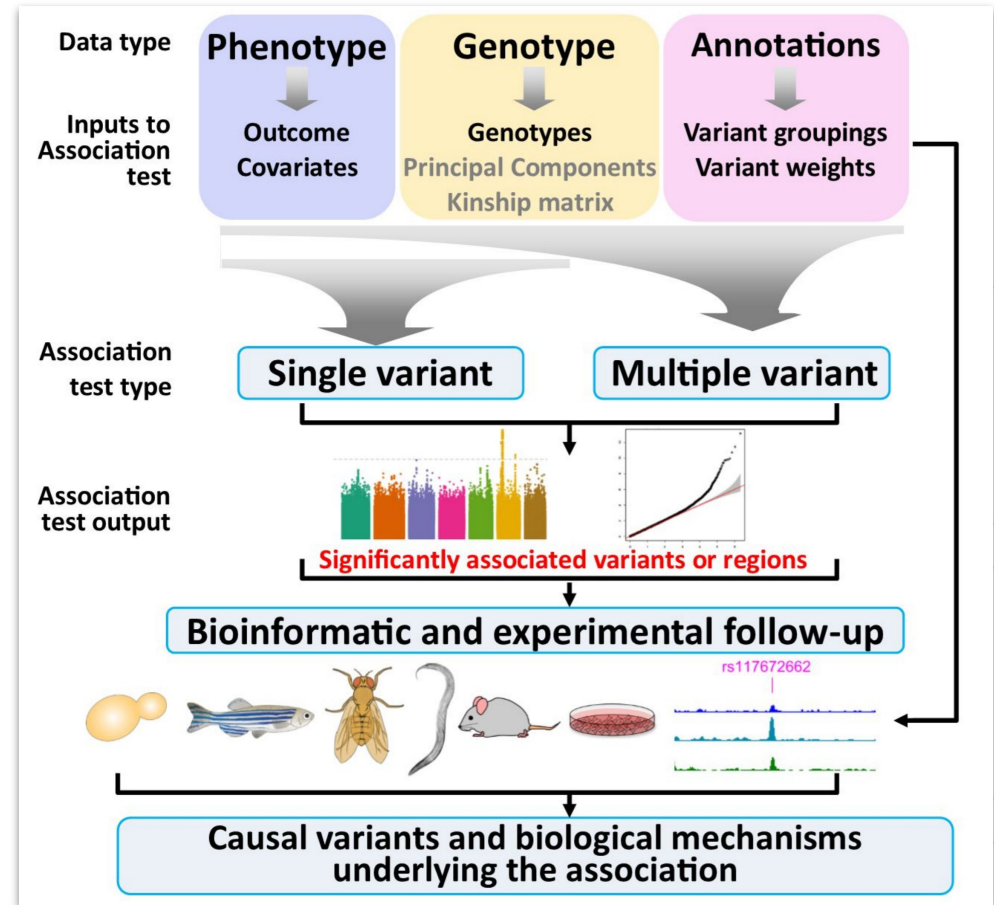
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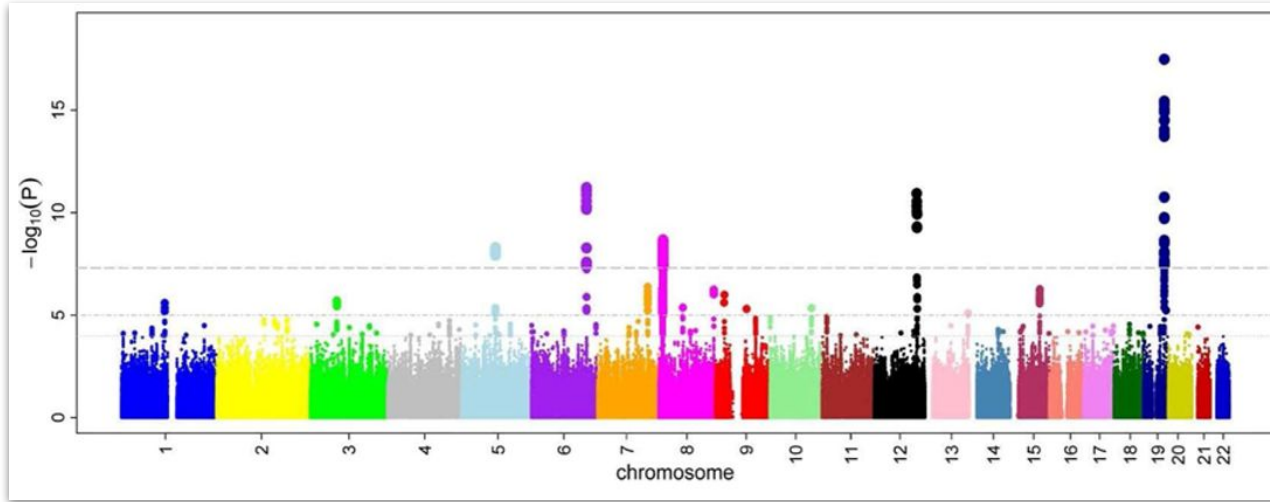
GWAS is a great place to start

Genome wide association study

- Method that helps scientists identify genes associated with a particular disease or trait
- Used frequently on BDC
- Identifies signals of significance but further experimental follow up required to understand the functional biology



Manhattan plot is a main GWAS output



P-value gets
smaller as
“height”
increases

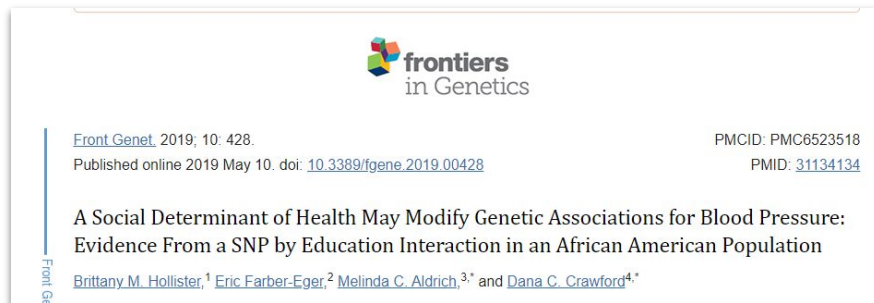
—
SNP
Significance
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increases



Interactions between Genetics and SDoH

- **Social determinants of health**

- Income and social protection
- Education
- Unemployment and job insecurity
- Working life conditions
- Food insecurity
- Housing, basic amenities and the environment
- Early childhood development
- Social inclusion and non-discrimination
- Structural conflict
- Access to affordable health services of decent quality



[Link to pubmed entry](#)

SDoH can be used as
covariates in GWAS?

Run association pipelines out of the box

- GENESIS
- Plink
- EPACTS
- STAAR

No login required!

Publish your apps to
share with the world!

The screenshot shows the 'Public apps for your data analysis' page on the BioData Catalyst platform. At the top, it says 'We offer publicly available Common Workflow Language workflows and tools to enable reproducible bioinformatics.' and 'Browse 848 apps'. The main feature is a workflow card for 'RNA-seq alignment - STAR 2.5.4b'. This card includes a 'Toolkit version: STAR 2.5.4b', a description of the workflow, and a 'BUILD A PIPELINE' button. Below this, there are three more workflow cards: 'Whole Exome Sequencing - BWA +...', 'Fusion Transcript Detection -...', and 'Whole Genome Sequencing - BWA +...'. Each card also shows its toolkit version. At the bottom right of the main card, there are 'Copy' and 'Run' buttons.

<https://platform.sb.biodatacatalyst.nhlbi.nih.gov/public/apps>

GWAS Additional Features

- Annotation Explorer
 - Use for prep for Aggregate test
 - Post GWAS annotations
- Aggregate and Sliding window association test apps
- Data Overview feature
 - Explore variant frequency across TOPMed Freeze8 studies on GRCh38
- Study Variable Explorer
 - Search for annotated variables across studies and manually annotate and compare

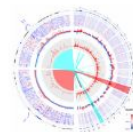
GENESIS Model Explorer App

The GENESIS Model Explorer App is a Shiny application developed by the Genetic Analysis Center at the University of Washington in collaboration with Seven Bridges Genomics. [Learn more](#)

[Open](#)

LocusZoom Shiny App

LocusZoom Shiny App allows users to visualize and interactively explore the results of a single variant association test.

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OmicCircos App

OmicCircos App is R Shiny application created around OmicCircos R package for more effective generation of high-quality circular plots for visualizing variations in

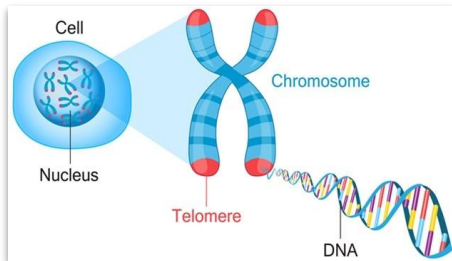
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Researcher Spotlight: Dr. Jamie Murkey

Primary question: *What role do social factors play in influencing the pathophysiology of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and racial/ethnic disparities in CVD events?*

Aim 1: Perform a comparative assessment between two bioinformatics tools to develop and test a cloud-based telomere length estimation workflow.

He developed **TeleGen**, a bioinformatics workflow that generated telomere length data for 100% of TOPMed MESA Participants



Researcher Spotlight



Investigating the impact of social and environmental drivers of cardiometabolic health outcome disparities

Dr. Jamie Murkey is an Intramural Social and Environmental Epidemiology Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

Why BDC?

"The BDC ecosystem enabled me to develop a cloud-based telomere estimation workflow, which was essential for completing my dissertation research. Members of the BDC community were supportive and available throughout that process. I believe that the BDC ecosystem serves as an important resource for genomic and non-genomic researchers alike, which can remove historical barriers for advancing science."

[Linkedin Profile](#)

Live Demo: Seven Bridges



Breakout room

In your breakout rooms:

1. **Try:** Create your own project/sandbox on BDC-Seven Bridges
 - a. Name project in this format - **NDSA_First_Last**
 - b. Add your TA to the project
 - c. Copy files, apps and JupyterLab from the main NDSA Workshop project
2. **Discuss:** What apps or software environments would you like to run on Seven Bridges for your **research** or to help with **teaching**

Feel free to ask TAs any questions.

Breakout rooms - converge

- What was the experience like getting your sandbox project setup?
- What software would you need for your particular use cases?

