

MAKING REPRODUCIBLE WORKFLOWS WITH

nextflow



Differences between Snakemake and Nextflow

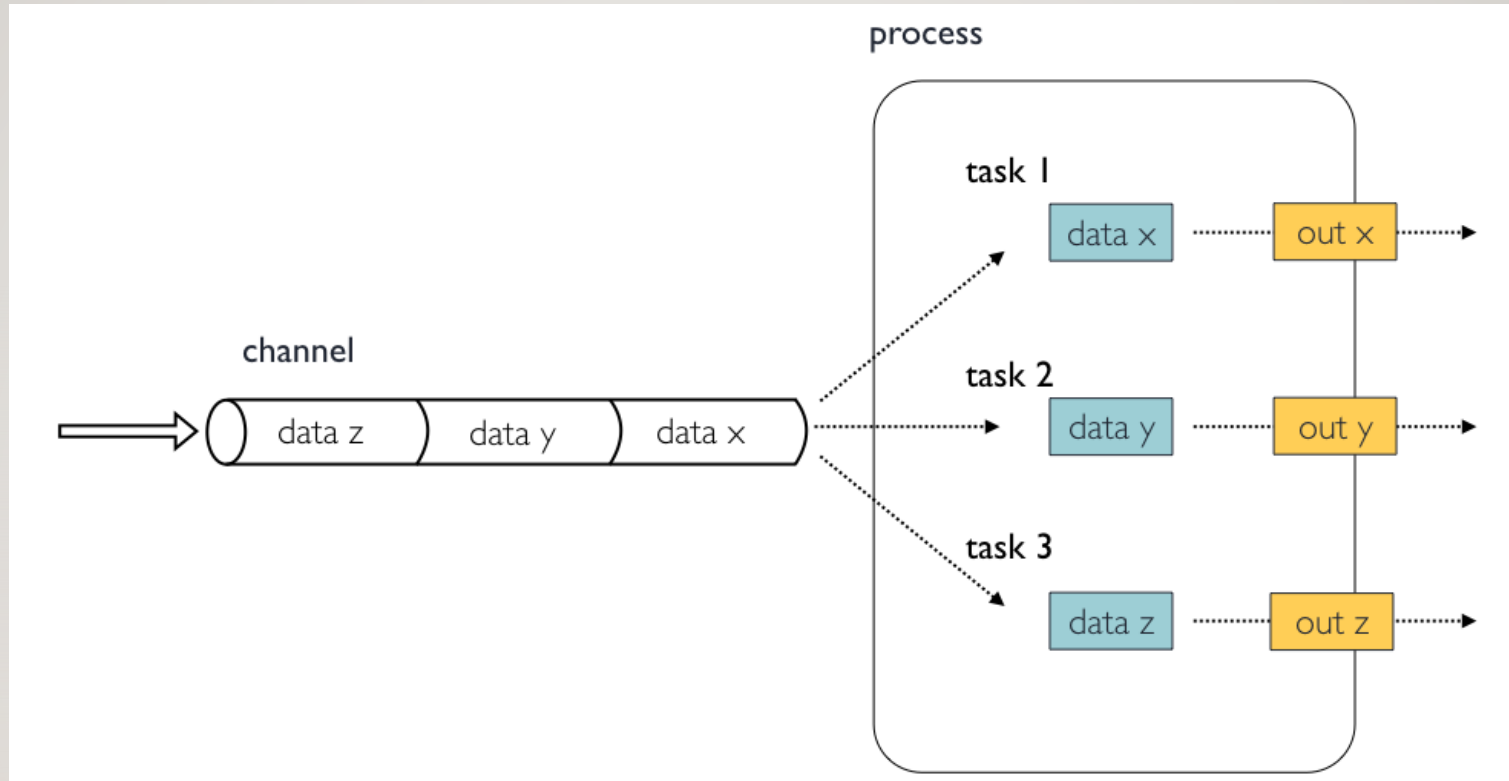
	Snakemake	Nextflow
Language	Python	Groovy
Data	Everything is a file	Can use both files and values
Execution	Working directory	Each job in its own directory
Philosophy	« Pull »	« Push »
Dry-runs	Yes	No
Track code changes	No	Yes

Question: But, which one is the best?

Answer: Both– it's mostly up to personal preference

- Generalisable
- Portable
- Scalable
- Platform-agnostic
- Based on **Groovy** and Java
- Large active community in e.g. **nf-core**

Concepts and nomenclature



- **Channels** contain data, e.g. input files
- **Processes** run some kind of code, e.g. a script or a command-line program
- **Tasks** are instances of a process, one per process input

Anatomy of a process

```
process GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION {  
  
    input:  
        val(sample)  
  
    output:  
        path("${sample}.fastq.gz")  
  
    script:  
        """  
        fastq-dump ${sample} > ${sample}.fastq.gz  
        """  
  
}
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Anatomy of a process

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process GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION {  
  
    cpus 2  
    memory '8 GB'  
  
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        tuple val(sample), path("${sample}.fastq.gz")  
  
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        fastq-dump ${sample} > ${sample}.fastq.gz  
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Anatomy of a process

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process GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION {  
  
    cpus 2  
    memory '8 GB'  
  
    conda 'sra-tools=2.11.0'  
    container 'ncbi/sra-tools:2.11.0'  
  
    input:  
        val(sample)  
  
    output:  
        tuple val(sample), path("${sample}.fastq.gz")  
  
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        val(sample)  
  
    output:  
        tuple val(sample), path("${sample}.fastq.gz")  
  
    script:  
        """  
        fastq-dump ${sample} -X {params.depth} > ${sample}.fastq.gz  
        """  
  
}
```

Anatomy of a workflow

```
workflow {  
  
  // Define SRA input data channel  
  ch_sra_ids = Channel.fromList ( ["SRR935090", "SRR935091"] )  
  
  // Define the workflow  
  GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION ( ch_sra_ids )  
}
```

Anatomy of a workflow

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workflow {  
  
    // Define SRA input data channel  
    ch_sra_ids = Channel.fromList ( ["SRR935090", "SRR935091"] )  
  
    // Define the workflow  
    GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION ( ch_sra_ids )  
  
    RUN_FASTQC ( GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION.out )  
  
}
```

Anatomy of a workflow

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workflow {  
  
    // Define SRA input data channel  
    ch_sra_ids = Channel.fromList ( ["SRR935090", "SRR935091"] )  
  
    // Define the workflow  
    GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION ( ch_sra_ids )  
  
    RUN_FASTQC ( GET_SRA_BY_ACCESSION.out )  
  
    RUN_MULTIQC ( RUN_FASTQC.out.collect() )  
  
}
```

Executing Nextflow

```
# Execute a workflow  
$ nextflow run main.nf
```

```
# Re-run using cached results  
$ nextflow run main.nf -resume
```

```
# Executing with a specific configuration file  
$ nextflow run main.nf -c nextflow.config
```

```
# Supply a custom parameter  
$ nextflow run main.nf --my_param "my value"
```

```
# Use Docker or Singularity  
$ nextflow run main.nf -with-docker  
$ nextflow run main.nf -with-singularity
```

```
# Use a pre-defined configuration profile  
$ nextflow run main.nf -profile my_cluster_profile
```



Start of 2018 / NGI Stockholm

A community effort to collect a curated set of analysis pipelines
built using **Nextflow**.

nf-core



<https://nf-co.re>

Deploy



Stable pipelines



Centralized configs



List and update pipelines



Download for offline use

Participate



Documentation



Slack workspace



Twitter updates



Hackathons

Develop



Starter template



Code guidelines



CI code linting and tests



Helper tools

Pipelines

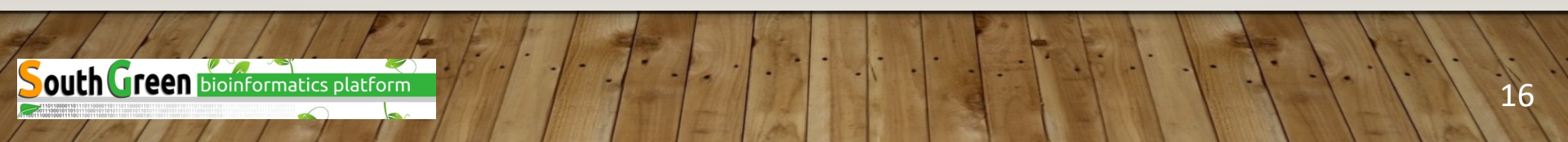
Browse the **81** pipelines that are currently available as part of nf-core.

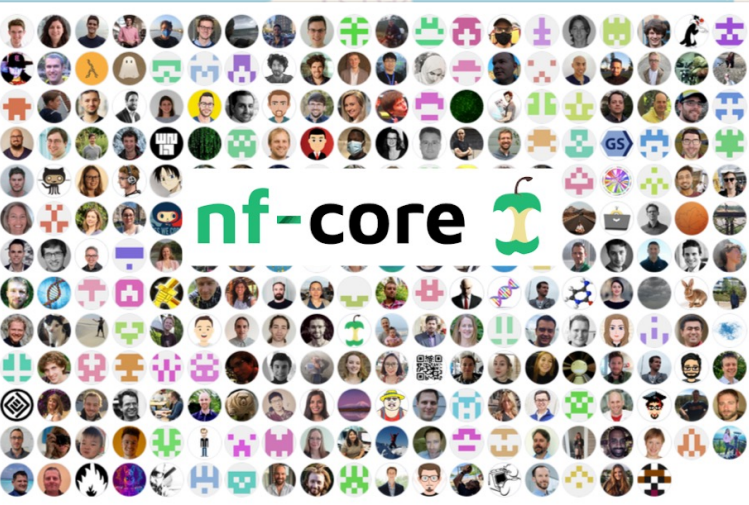
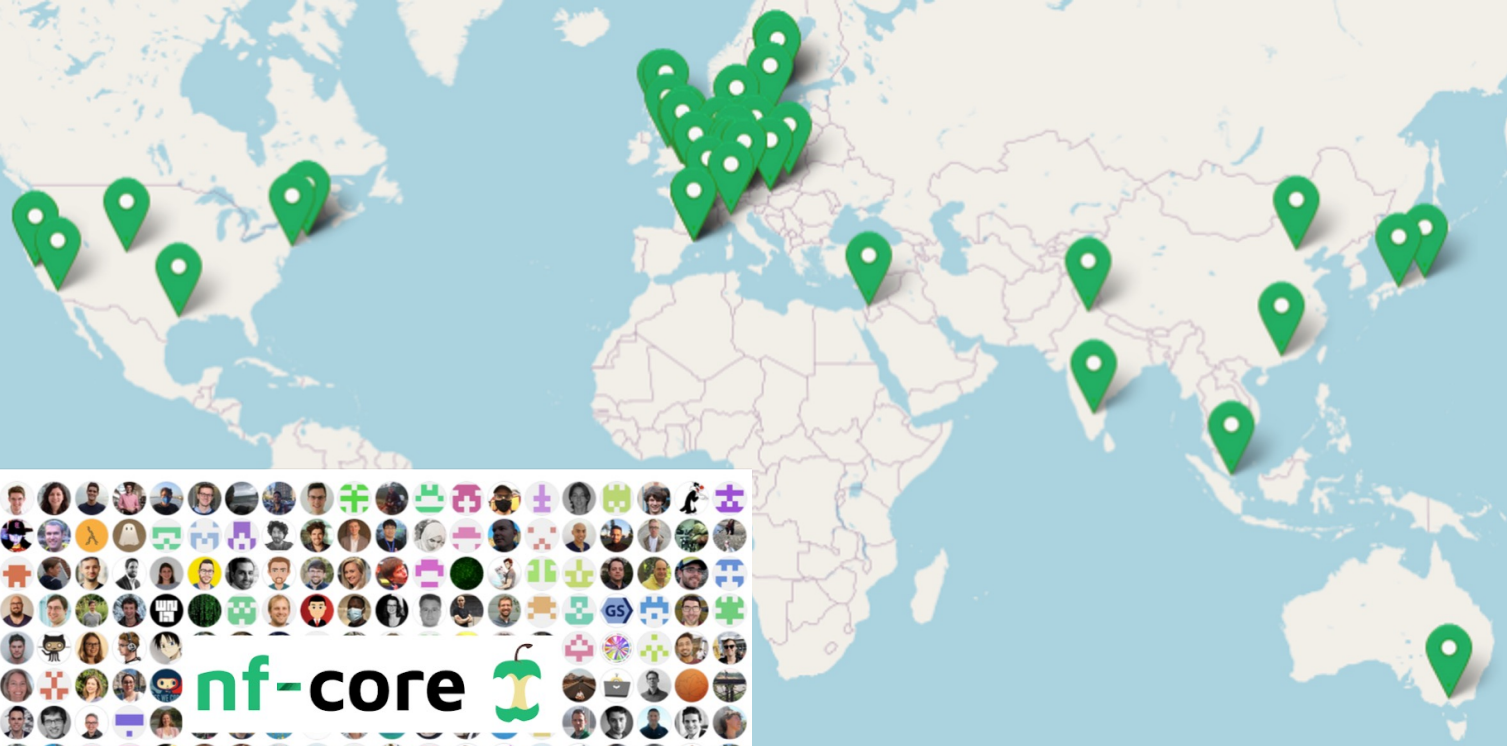
Available Pipelines

Can you think of another pipeline that would fit in well? [Let us know!](#)

Search keywords Filter: Released **49** Under development **20** Archived **12** Sort: Last Release Alphabetical Stars Display:

<p>nf-core/hic ✓ ★ 55</p> <p>chromosome-conformation-capture hi-c</p> <p>Analysis of Chromosome Conformation Capture data (Hi-C)</p> <p>Version 2.1.0 Published 2 hours ago</p>	<p>nf-core/demultiplex ✓ ★ 26</p> <p>bases2fastq bcl2fastq demultiplexing elementbiosciences illumina</p> <p>Demultiplexing pipeline for sequencing data</p> <p>Version 1.3.0 Published 22 hours ago</p>
<p>nf-core/bamtofastq ✓ ★ 9</p> <p>bamtofastq conversion cramtofastq</p> <p>Converts bam or cram files to fastq format and does quality control.</p> <p>Version 2.0.0 Published 1 day ago</p>	<p>nf-core/funcscan ✓ ★ 33</p> <p>amp amr antibiotic-resistance antimicrobial-peptides antimicrobial-resistance-genes arg assembly</p> <p>bgc biosynthetic-gene-clusters contigs function metagenomics natural-products screening</p> <p>secondary-metabolites</p> <p>(Meta-)genome screening for functional and natural product gene sequences</p> <p>Version 1.1.1 Published 1 week ago</p>





Join nf-core

Read about the different ways you can get involved with nf-core

We use a few different tools to organise the nf-core community - you are welcome to join us at any or all!



▲ All nf-core community members are expected to adhere to the nf-core [code of conduct](#)

||| If your question is about Nextflow and not directly related to nf-core, please use the [Slack community chat](#) or the [discussion forum](#) on GitHub.