The Bioconductor Project: Current Status

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Bioconductor





Analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data.

- Started 2002
- 14736 *R* packages developed by 'us' and user-contributed.

Well-used and respected.

- 53k unique IP downloads / month.
- 21,700 PubMedCentral citations.



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Recent developments

Git!

git clone https://git.bioconductor.org/packages/limma
git clone git@git.bioconductor.org:packages/DESeq2

- Large Single Cell
 - SingleCellExperiment
 - HDF5Array
- Lessons from 100's of package reviews

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Large single-cell data

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> sce = TENxBrainData::TENxBrainData()
snapshotDate(): 2017-10-30
> sce
class: SingleCellExperiment
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Large single-cell data

- Chunk-wise iteration (often transparent to the user / developer).
- Marginal summaries in rowData, colData.
- Supporting infrastructure: *ExperimentHub*, *rhdf5*, *HDF5Array*, *DelayedMatrixStats*, *beachmat*.

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Documentation

HTML	R Script	Analyzing RNA-seq data with DESeq2
PDF		Reference Manual
Text		NEWS

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Lessons learned from package reviews I

Interoperability

- Use feature × sample SummarizedExperiment, not sample × feature matrix
- Use paradigms familiar to *Bioconductor* users
- 2 Reuse
 - Use rtracklayer::import.bed(), not custom parser
- 8 Robust code
 - Edge cases: seq_len() / seq_along(), not 1:n
 - Code complexity: vapply(), not sapply()
- Performant code
 - Vectorize rather than iterate (for, lapply(), apply() are all iterative).
 - ▶ Reuse (e.g., *matrixStats* before C / C++ implementation.

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Lessons learned from package reviews II

Tested code

- Essential: evaluated example and vignette code chunks.
- Desireable: unit tests, e.g., *testthat*.
- Time and space limits.
 - Excessive computation may represent inefficient code.
 - Challenging to identify rich but modest data for illustration.
 - Experiment data packages, work flows, F1000 papers as venues for more expensive / comprehensive reproducible analysis.
- Ambition
 - Implement essential features well
 - Avoid dependencies on packages for marginal value

Future challenges

- Large data.
- Cloud. Possible visions:
 - As now, but 'in the cloud' https://rstudio.cloud.
 - Integrated with 'third party' compute efforts, e.g., NCI, NIH in the United States.
 - Pay-as-you-play use existing *Bioconductor* AMIs or docker containers.

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