

JBrowse

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What is GMOD?

- A set of interoperable open-source **software** components for visualizing, annotating, and managing biological data.
- An active **community** of developers and users asking diverse questions, and facing common challenges, with their biological data.

Who uses GMOD?



What are Genome Browsers good for?

- Visualizing dense data from a multitude of sources (genes from a GFF file, RNASeq data from a BAM file, variation data from a VCF file)
- Homology and gene expression support for gene models

The image displays two web-based genome browsers side-by-side. On the left is Gbrowse, showing an overview of chromosome 17 with a track for 'Entrez genes' and a list of associated studies. On the right is Ensembl, showing a detailed view of a genomic region with tracks for 'processed transcript', 'RNA gene', and 'processed pseudogene'.

GBrowse

Landmark or Region: chr17:38350227..3840022 Search
 Data Source: Welcome to eqtl.uchicago.edu
 Reports & Analysis: Download GFF File Go
 Overview: Overview of chr17
 Details: Entrez genes, Degner, Pai, Pique-Regi et al. (2012): -log10(P), LCLs, 70 Nigerian HAPMAP ids, DNase sensitivity QTLs (dsQTLs) by...
 Contigs, Genes (Comprehensive...)

Ensembl

Track height: DragSelect: Forward strand
 processed transcript, RNA gene, processed pseudogene, nonsense mediated decay, retained intron

- Many “specialty” browsers (eg, Biodalliance, Savant)

Why Install Your Own?

- You have data no one else has
- You want to be able to share it with your group, community, the world (potentially with “less savvy” users)
- You want to have control over how it looks

Why JBrowse?

- (Fairly) Easy install
- Good user experience (getting close to a browser-desktop hybrid)
- Good community support (mailing lists, tutorials, software updates)

Installation

- Only requires:
 - Web server (apache, lighttpd, nginx, etc)
 - Conveniently, Mac OS X ships with one installed.
 - Perl/make/standard unix-y tools

JBrowse Attributes

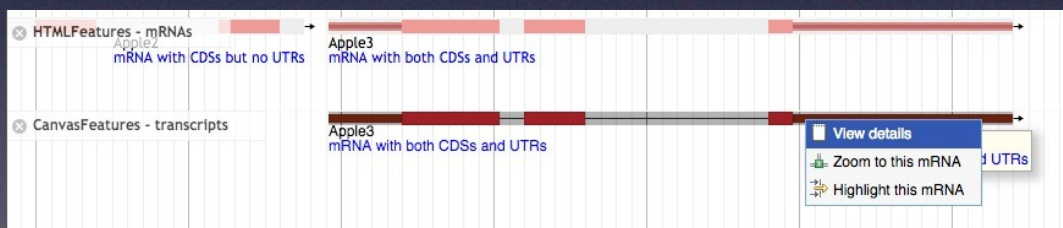
- Do everything possible on the client side, in JavaScript.
- Fast, smooth navigation.
- Supports GFF3, BED, Bio::DB::*, Chado, WIG, BAM, BigWig, VCF, and UCSC import (intron/exon structure, name lookups, quantitative plots).
- Is stably funded by NHGRI.
- Is open source, of course.
- Did I mention it's fast?

The JBrowse Project

- free and open source (license: LGPL / Artistic)
- a GMOD project
 - <http://gmod.org>
- developed using git, hosted on GitHub
 - <http://github.com/GMOD/jbrowse>
- Pls most involved: Ian Holmes, Lincoln Stein, Suzi Lewis

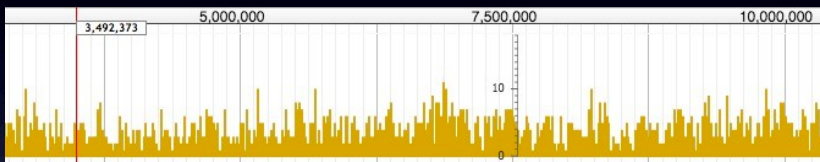
Feature Tracks

- HTMLFeatures: Rectangles (<div>s) with various fills and heights to represent the feature spans
- CanvasFeatures: Much prettier, more configurable glyphs
- Super-configurable left clicking and right-click menus.

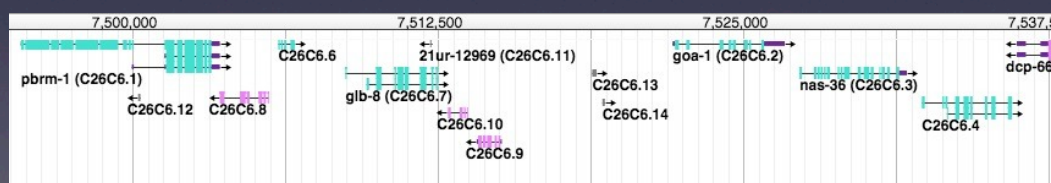


Feature Density Plots

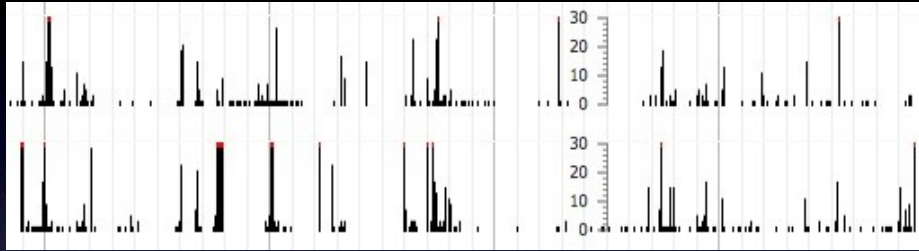
Zoomed out



Zoomed in

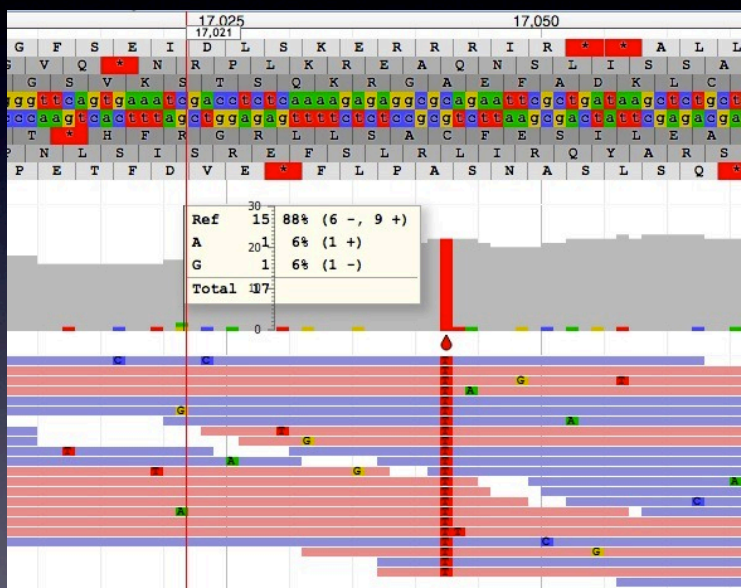


Wiggle/BigWig Tracks



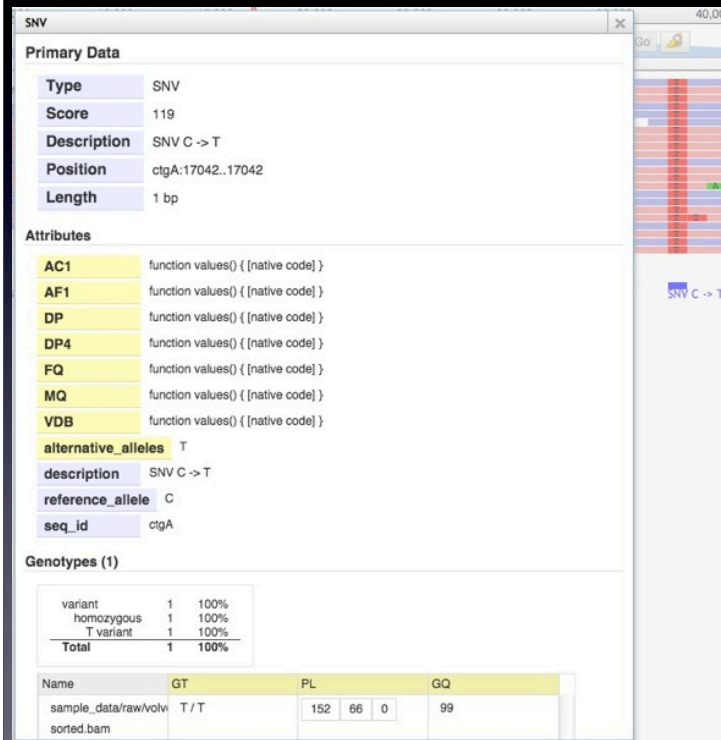
- Reads small chunks directly from BigWig file.
- Needs only a not-super-old (< 5 yrs) browser, except for Internet Explorer.
- IE requires version 10.

BAM Alignment Tracks



- Reads small chunks directly from BAM file.
- Coverage and mismatches.

VCF Tracks



- Reads directly from VCF files compressed and indexed with bgzip and tabix.
- Shows all VCF data: alleles, genotypes, quality, etc.

Particular Strengths

- Web-based, but fast and smooth easy to set up
- Compressed NGS data: direct-to-browser BAM, BigWig, and VCF
- Optional faceted track selector – efficiently search thousands of tracks
- Open local files directly on client, no data transfer required
- Highly customizable, embeddable, integratable, programmable

WebApollo

<http://gmod.org/wiki/WebApollo>

- Based on JBrowse, using plugin system
- Next generation of the popular Apollo annotation editor
- Online annotation editing and curation!



WebApollo

- Clients receive updates in real time (like Google Docs)
- Saves edits to a central Chado database
- Client side is a JBrowse plugin
- Extensive server-side Java
- Maybe a live demo (later)
- <http://genomearchitect.org/WebApolloDemo/>

JBrowse Plugins

- Extend JBrowse with your own JavaScript code
- Can do pretty much anything
 - Add your own track visualizations
 - Add your own data backends
 - Add menu items
 - Subscribe to event notifications (pub/sub system)
 - Reach deep into the guts of JBrowse and (carefully!)
 - change anything at all!
- WebApollo client is a JBrowse plugin

Coming in 2.X

- MORE: data types, sorting options, speed
- Graphical configuration
- Multiple views, linked or independent
- Logins, uploading, track sharing
- Circular genomes

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The End (on to the workshop)

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