

Running VirSorter in iPlant Discovery Environment

1. iPlant Registration

To access VirSorter on iPlant, you will first need to create a (free) account. This can be done at this address: <https://user.iplantcollaborative.org/register/> (help can be found at <https://pods.iplantcollaborative.org/wiki/display/start/Registering+for+and+Managing+your+iPlant+Account>).

2. Login to the Discovery Environment

The Discovery Environment is the section of iPlant hosting VirSorter, and can be found at <https://de.iplantcollaborative.org/de/>

3. Upload your data

In the data tab

select a directory to work into

and upload your genome(s) / metagenome(s) in fasta format

The screenshot shows the 'Discovery Environment' web interface. On the left, there are three icons: 'Data', 'Apps', and 'Analyses'. The 'Data' icon is selected. A file upload window is open, showing a directory tree on the left and a list of files on the right. The 'VirSorter' directory is highlighted. The file list includes 'Database', 'Scripts', 'Tools', '2326_whole_Sup05_only...', 'Bacteroidia.fasta', 'C_diff_genomes.fasta', and 'Group1_J03.fasta'. The 'Details' panel on the right is empty.

4. Select VirSorter parameters and launch the computation

In the app tab

select iVirus category

then select VirSorter

Select an output folder then select an input file and a database (i.e. with or without viromes)

You can also select a fasta file of additional viral sequences and select the "virome decontamination" mode, designed to identify viral sequences in datasets that are mostly viral (as opposed to the mining of viral signal in microbial genomes or metagenomes)

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5.Retrieve VirSorter results

Notifications will indicate when the job is (i) submitted, (ii) running, and (iii) completed

The screenshot shows the Discovery Environment web interface. A file browser window displays a directory structure for a VirSorter analysis. The 'Download' button is highlighted with a red box. A notification panel in the top right corner shows the status of the analysis: 'VIRSorter_1.0.2_analysis1 completed', 'VIRSorter_1.0.2_analysis1 running', and 'VIRSorter_1.0.2_analysis1 submitted'. A preview window for the file 'VIRSorter_global-phage-signal.csv' is open, showing the following content:

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VIRSorter_global-phage-signal.csv
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Save Refresh Wrap Text Line Numbers
## 1 - Complete phage contigs - category 1 (pretty sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
VIRSorter_AB_755_D02C10_21_0-circular,8,VIRSorter_AB_755_D02C1
## 2 - Complete phage contigs - category 2 (quite sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
VIRSorter_AB_750C22AB_904_13,21,VIRSorter_AB_750C22AB_904_13,2
## 3 - Complete phage contigs - category 3 (not so sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
## 4 - Prophages - category 1 (pretty sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
## 5 - Prophages - category 2 (quite sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
## 6 - Prophages - category 3 (not so sure)
## Contig_id,Nb genes contigs,Fragment,Nb genes,Category,Nb ph
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Once completed, the output directory will include the main csv output file, listing all sequences detected as viral with their associated category and metrics, alongside the other result files stored into different sub-directories.

Result files can be opened in the Discovery Environment or downloaded for further processing

See the wiki page of VirSorter for a more complete description of the result files:

<https://pods.iplantcollaborative.org/wiki/display/DEapps/VIRSorter+1.0.2>