

# BTW – Bioinformatics Through Windows: an easy-to-install package to analyze marker gene data

## Documentation

### Installing BTW

BTW package installation instructions can be found at <http://www.brmicrobiome.org/tutorialbtw> (steps 6 and 7).

#### Installing the BTW package

Open the installed Ubuntu on Windows.

- In the terminal, type:

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/vpylro/BTW/master/win_bmp.sh
```

- Then type:

```
sudo bash win_bmp.sh
```

Your UNIX account password will be requested. Type your password and then ENTER. The BTW package will be installed automatically. This may take several minutes, depending on your computer and internet connection speeds.

After finish installing, close the Ubuntu and open it again. The BMP recommended pipeline for 16S rRNA data analyses is available at <http://www.brmicrobiome.org/win16s>

### 16S profiling analysis pipeline (Windows)

BMP advisory board recommend the use of this pipeline as a standard for 16S rRNA data analysis.

We are now working in order to improve this workflow besides making it easier for end-users.

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**Please, cite our efforts when using this pipeline:** Data analysis for 16S microbial profiling from different benchtop sequencing platforms. *J Microbiol Methods*. 2014. doi: [10.1016/j.mimet.2014.08.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mimet.2014.08.018).

**Please, cite our efforts when using the BTW package:** BTW – Bioinformatics Through Windows: an easy-to-install package to analyze marker gene data. (*Submitted*)

*Also, remember to cite all other programs applied here.*

**VSEARCH (version 2.8.0)** <https://github.com/torognes/vsearch>

Rognes T, Flouri T, Nichols B, Quince C, Mahé F. (2016) VSEARCH: a versatile open source tool for metagenomics. *PeerJ* 4:e2584. doi: 10.7717/peerj.2584

**QIIME (version 1.9.1)** <http://www.qiime.org>

Caporaso J G, et al. (2010) QIIME allows analysis of high-throughput community sequencing data. *Nature Methods*, doi:10.1038/nmeth.f.303

**FastX Toolkit (version 0.0.14)** [http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\\_toolkit/](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/)

**fastq-join (version 1.3.1)** <https://github.com/brwnj/fastq-join>

Aronesty E. (2013). *TOBioJ: Comparison of Sequencing Utility Programs*. DOI:10.2174/1875036201307010001

**FLASH (version 1.2.11)** <https://ccb.jhu.edu/software/FLASH/>

Magoc T, Salzberg S. (2011) FLASH: Fast length adjustment of short reads to improve genome assemblies. *Bioinformatics* 27:21, 2957-2963.

**ClustalW (version 2.1)**

**RDP Classifier (version 2.2)** <http://qiime.org/install/alternative.html#rdp-install>

Here, we provide the recommended pipeline for 16S profiling analysis using the Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

What you need: **only the BTW package!!** [Click here](#)

Installing the Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL): [Click here](#)

This example assumes reads in **FASTQ** format.

This page gives a complete pipeline to analyze 16S rRNA gene data. Of course, you should edit as needed for your reads and file locations (represented here as \$PWD/).

**From Illumina paired-end reads:** this pipeline assumes that you have an input folder of paired-up files (by filename, with the default `_R1_` and `_R2_` containing the forward and reverse reads filenames, respectively):

1 - Take forward and reverse Illumina reads (R1.fastq and R2.fastq files) and join them using the method `fastq-join` <<<USING QIIME 1.9>>>

```
multiple_join_paired_ends.py -i input_files -o merged/
```

1.1 - Alternatively, FLASH can be applied to perform the same task (this must be done for each sample, separately)

```
flash -m 20 -M 250 -x 0.25 -p 33 R1.fastq R2.fastq -o merged/
```

2 - Quality filtering, length truncate, and convert to FASTA each joined sample <<<USING VSEARCH>>>

```
vsearch --fastx_filter $PWD/fastqjoin.join.fastq --fastq_maxee 1.0 --fastq_trunclen 220 --fastaout samplex.fa
```

Obs: the `--fastq_trunclen` parameter will depend on the length of you joined reads. You can use [FASTQC](#) to taking this decision.

3 - Change sequence header to make file compatible with further steps <<<USING BMP PERL SCRIPT>>>. This script will generate your converted FASTA file. *Sample's name should not contain any special characters, symbols or spaces. We strongly recommend keeping samples's name as simple as possible.*

```
bmp_demultiplexed.pl -i samplex.fa -o samplename -b samplename
```

4 - Make a single file containing all your samples

```
cat sample1 sample2 sample3 sample4 ... > reads.fa
```

5 - Dereplication <<<USING VSEARCH>>>

```
vsearch --derep_fulllength $PWD/reads.fa --output derep.fa --sizeout
```

6 - Abundance sort and discard singletons <<<USING VSEARCH>>>

```
vsearch --sortbysize $PWD/derep.fa --output sorted.fa --minsize 2
```

7 - OTU clustering using UPARSE method <<<USING VSEARCH>>>

```
vsearch --cluster_size $PWD/sorted.fa --consout otus1.fa --id 0.97
```

8 - Fasta Formatter <<<FASTX TOOLKIT SCRIPT>>>

```
fasta_formatter -i otus1.fa -o formatted_otus1.fa
```

9 - Renamer <<<BMP SCRIPT>>>

```
bmp-otuName.pl -i formatted_otus1.fa -o otus.fa
```

10 - Map reads back to OTU database <<<VSEARCH>>>

```
vsearch --usearch_global $PWD/reads.fa --db otus.fa --strand plus --id 0.97 --uc map.txt
```

11 - Assign taxonomy to OTUS using the RDP Classifier on **QIIME** (use the file "otus.fa" as input file)

```
assign_taxonomy.py -i $PWD/otus.fa -m rdp -o taxonomy
```

12 - Align sequences on **QIIME**, using the ClustalW method (use the file "otus.fa" as input file)

```
align_seqs.py -i $PWD/otus.fa -m clustalw -o rep_set_align
```

13 - Filter alignments on **QIIME**

```
filter_alignment.py -i $PWD/otus_aligned.fasta -o filtered_alignment
```

14 - Make the reference tree on **QIIME**

```
make_phylogeny.py -i $PWD/otus_aligned_pfiltered.fasta -o rep_set.tre
```

15 - Convert UC to otu-table.txt <<< BMP SCRIPT>>>

```
bmp-map2qiime.py map.uc > otu_table.txt
```

16 - Convert otu\_table.txt to otu-table.biom <<< QIIME SCRIPT>>>

```
make_otu_table.py -i otu_table.txt -t otus_tax_assignments.txt -o otu_table.biom
```

17 - Check OTU Table on **QIIME**.

```
biom summarize-table -i $PWD/otu_table.biom -o results_biom_table
```

18 - Run diversity analyses on **QIIME** (or any other analysis of your choice). The parameter "-e" is the sequencing depth to use for even sub-sampling and maximum rarefaction depth. You should review the output of the 'biom summarize-table' (step 18) command to decide on this value.

```
core_diversity_analyses.py -i $PWD/otu_table.biom -m $PWD/mapping_file.txt -t $PWD/rep_set.tre -e xxxx -o $PWD/core_output
```

The generated .biom OTU table is also fully compatible with the MicrobiomeAnalyst, a user-friendly web-based platform for microbiome data analyses and visualizations, including taxonomy plots and estimates of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -diversity (<http://www.microbiomeanalyst.ca>).

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