

1. Custom Annotations in the Browser



2. Track Hubs

```
hubDirectory  
|__hub.txt  
|__genomes.txt  
|__hg19  
|__trackDb.txt
```



3. Assembly Hubs

Loading Your Own Data

Custom Tracks

plain-text files, many formats
loads entire file: copy/paste or url

Track Hubs

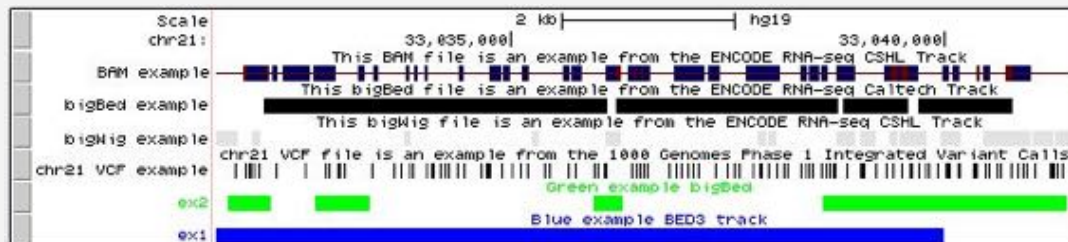
indexed binary files
must be hosted remotely
loads only what is displayed

Assembly Hubs

special case of Track Hubs
used for genomes not hosted at UCSC
requires underlying sequence file in .2bit format

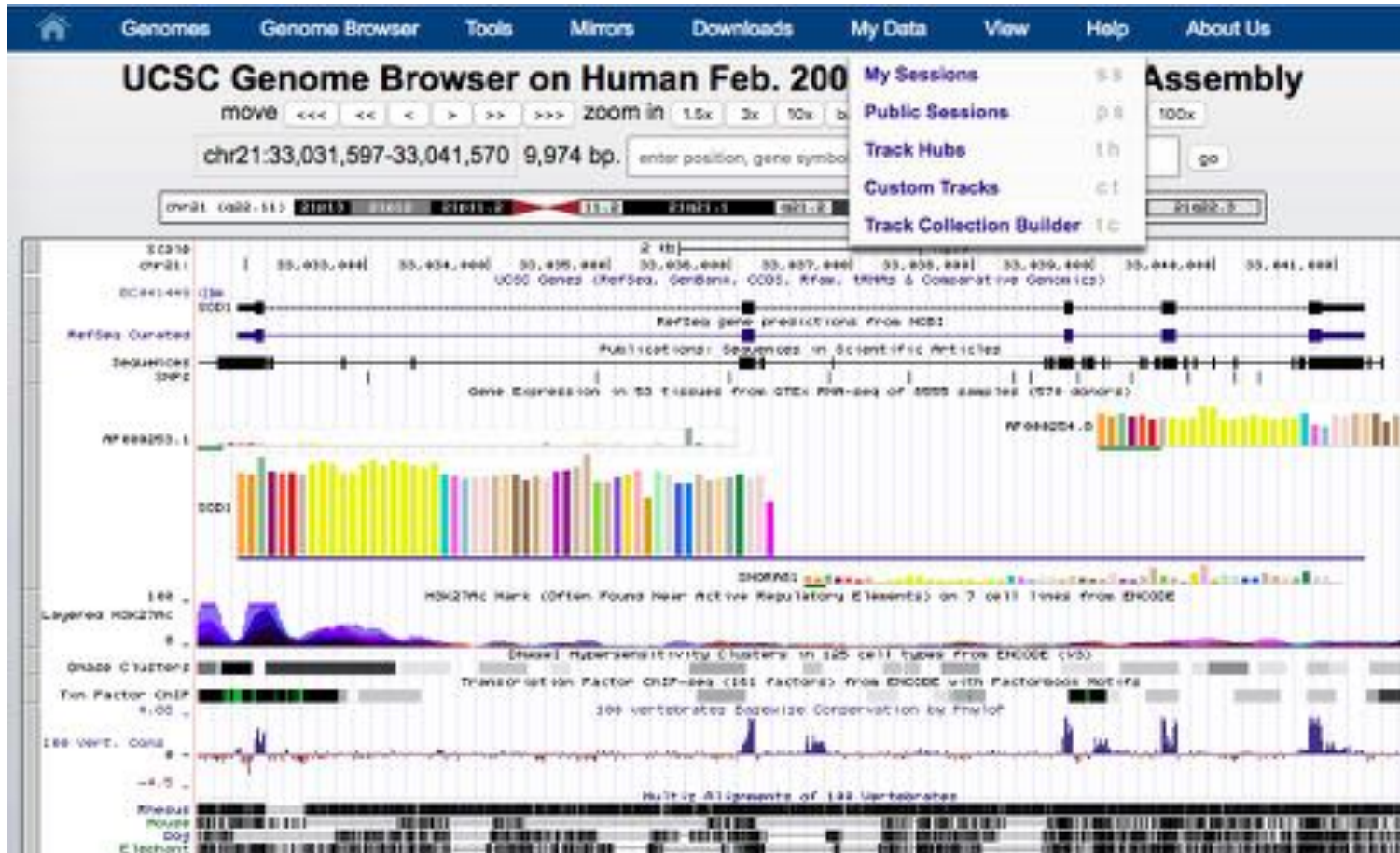
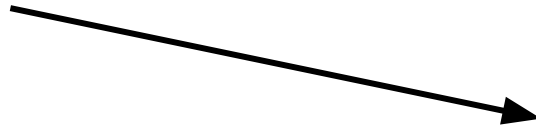
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Custom Tracks are Available on All Assemblies (Hosted by UCSC or Hosted Remotely)



UCSC Genome Browser

My Data Top Blue Bar Menu



Custom Annotations in the Browser

Custom Tracks (Text/Binary)



Line-oriented files.
Defined by a track line
Followed by data lines

Lines be pasted
Or uploaded as text

Data lines can be hosted
remotely.

Underlying Assemblies
Hosted by UCSC

Track Hubs



Track hubs are web-accessible
directories of genomic data.

Three text files define how to
display data:

hub.txt
genomes.txt
trackDb.txt

All data files must be hosted
remotely.

Assembly Hubs



Assembly Hubs are basically
advanced Track Hubs.

Tracks display on a remote
genome (2bit format).

All data files must be hosted
remotely.

Assembly Hosted Remotely

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Genomes Genome Browser Tools Mirrors Downloads My Data Help

Add Custom Tracks

clade genome assembly

Display your own data as custom annotation tracks in the browser. Data must be in [bigBed](#), [bigChain](#), [bigGenePred](#), [bigMaf](#), [bigPsl](#), [bigWig](#), [BAM](#), [VCF](#), [BED](#), [BED data](#), [BEDGraph](#), [broadPeak](#), [CRAM](#), [GFF](#), [GTF](#), [MAE](#), [narrowPeak](#), [Personal Genome SNP](#), [PSL](#), or [WIG](#) formats. To configure the display, set [track](#) and [browser](#) line attributes as described in the [User's Guide](#). Data in the [bigBed](#), [bigWig](#), [bigGenePred](#), [BAM](#) and [VCF](#) formats can be provided via only a URL or embedded in a track line in the box below. Examples are [here](#).

Paste URLs or data: Or upload: no file selected

My Sessions
Public Sessions
Track Hubs
Custom Tracks

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track name=ex1 description="Blue example BED3 track" color=0,0,255,

chr21 33030000 33040000

chr21 33050000 33060000

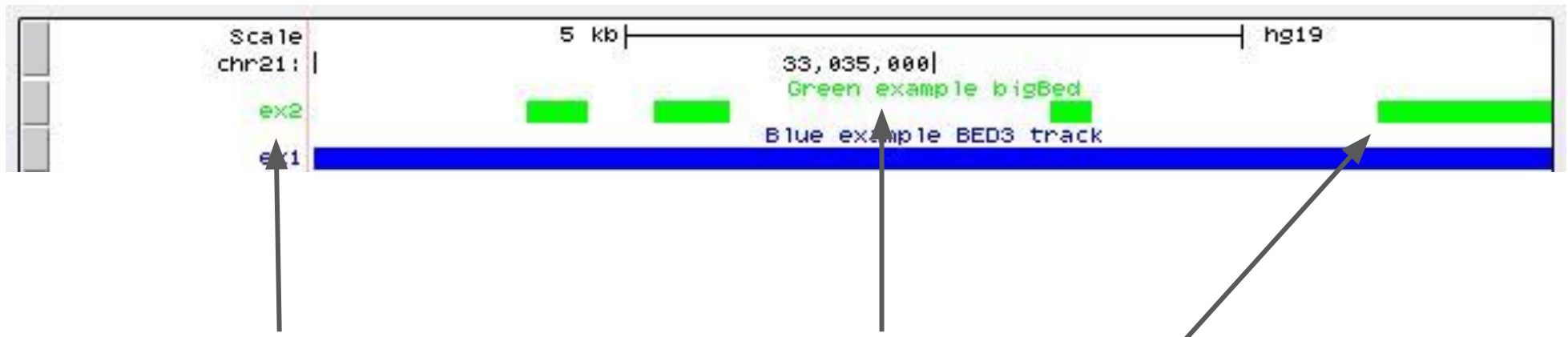
...

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track name=ex2 description="Green example bigBed" color=0,255,0, **type=bigBed**
bigDataUrl=<http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/examples/bigBedExample.bb>

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bedToBigBed in.bed chrom.sizes out.bb

```
scaffold_1 3890 3896
scaffold_1 4063 4069
scaffold_1 4236 4242
scaffold_1 4755 4761
scaffold_1 5976 5982
scaffold_1 6022 6028
scaffold_1 6023 6029
scaffold_1 6398 6404
scaffold_1 6399 6405
scaffold_1 26373 26379
scaffold_1 26374 26380
scaffold_1 29767 29773
scaffold_1 29790 29796
scaffold_1 29917 29923
scaffold_1 29918 29924
scaffold_1 30872 30878
scaffold_1 32125 32131
scaffold_1 32218 32224
scaffold_1 32219 32225
scaffold_1 32220 32226
```

```
scaffold_1 4193030
scaffold_3 3777634
scaffold_2 3740169
scaffold_4 3075709
scaffold_5 2511979
scaffold_6 2406117
scaffold_8 2335496
scaffold_7 2324446
scaffold_9 2251199
scaffold_12 2218424
```

The resulting binary file **out.bb** can be hosted at your institution:

bigDataUrl=<http://path.lab.edu/to/out.bb>

Serving files requires byte-range requests, which allows only portions of file to transfer. Some locations, like Dropbox, prevent such requests as people can then watch videos from their servers.

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bedToBigBed and other standalone command-line utilities are downloadable tools available on Linux and UNIX platforms.

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Add Custom Tracks

clade genome

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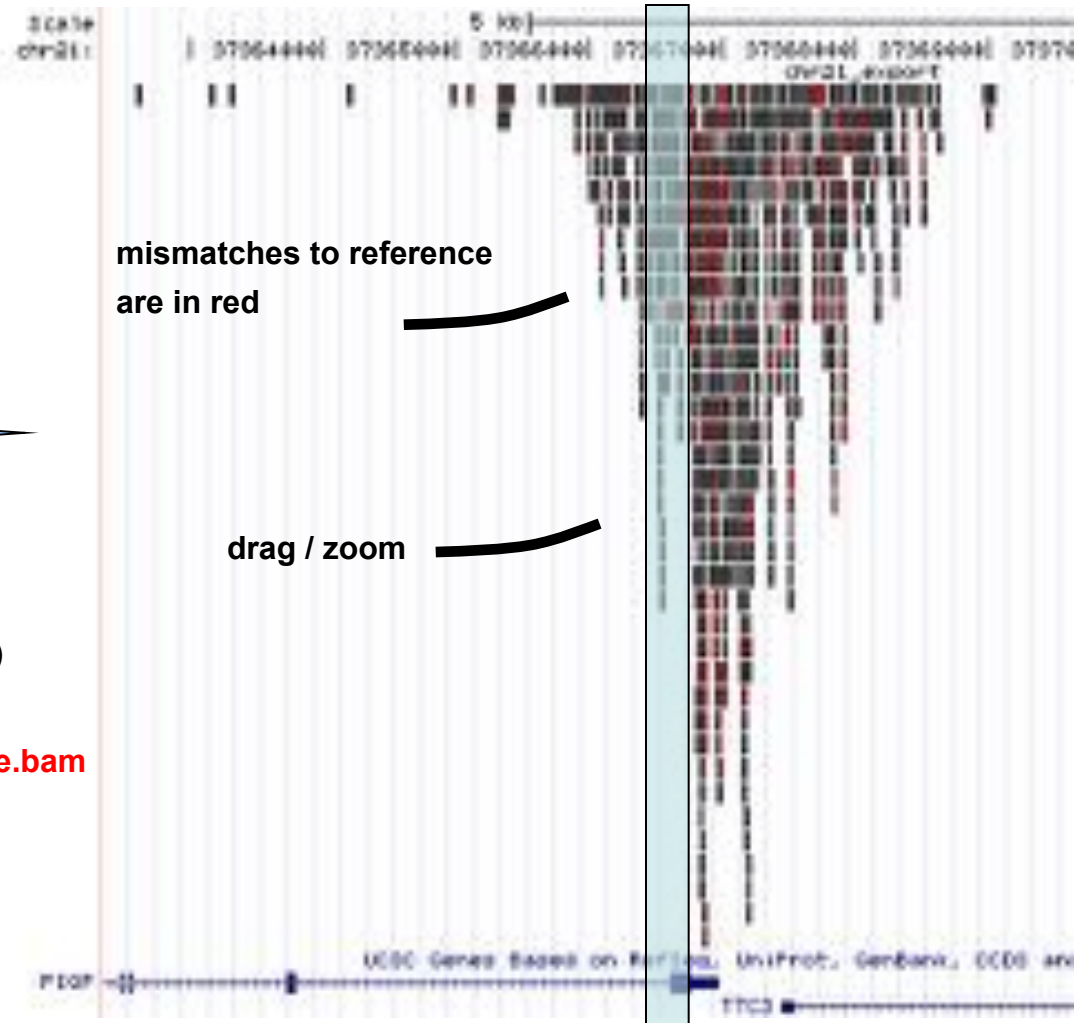
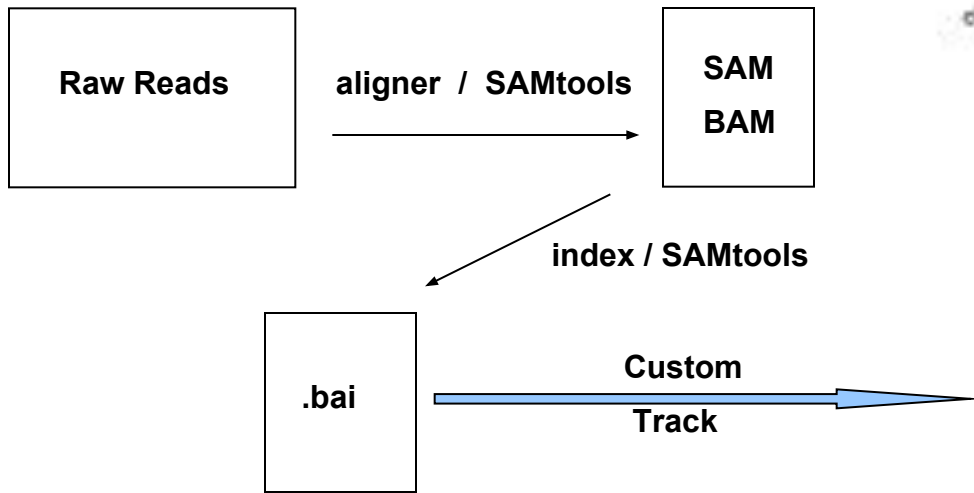
Paste URLs or data: Or upload:

Sequence Data

How do you visualize your sequencing data? -- BAM file

millions of short reads

files too large to upload (timeout)



Custom Track:

Make BAM, .bai files available to the web (http:, https: or ftp:)

Upload only the *location* of the data.

track name=trackName type=bam bigDataUrl=http://path/file.bam

The Browser fetches only tiny portion of the file

<http://samtools.sourceforge.net/>

Sequence Data

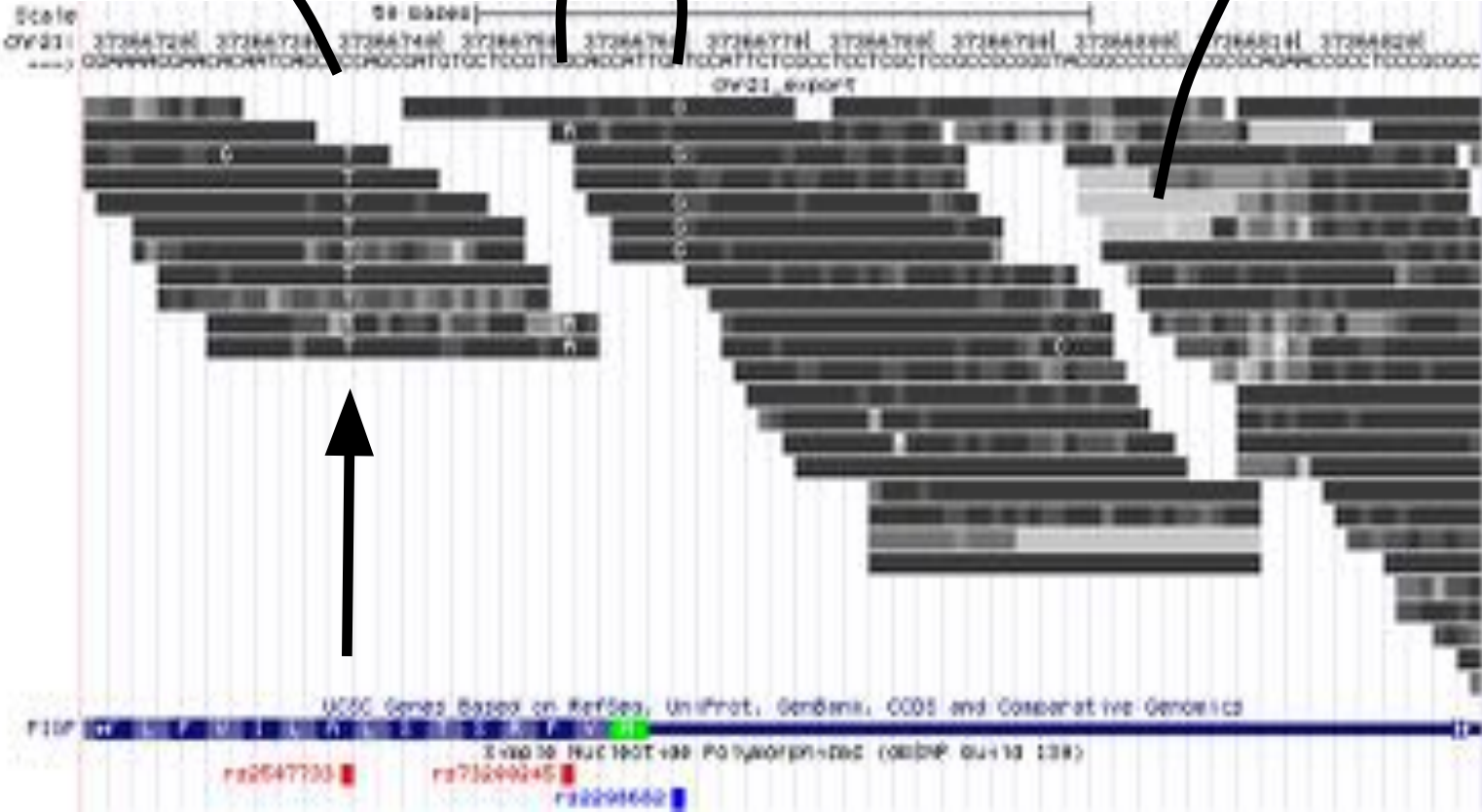
zoom to base level

view alignment details

homozygous mismatch to reference is same as a known non-synonymous SNP

possible heterozygotes

lower quality scores shown in lighter color



UCSC genes
SNP track

Sequence Data

How do you visualize your sequencing data? -- BAM file

Under “My Data” use the “Custom Tracks” selection and paste URL to fileName.bam (where there is also fileName.bam.bai)

The screenshot shows the UCSC Genome Browser interface. At the top, a purple navigation bar contains links for Genomes, Genome Browser, Tools, Mirrors, Downloads, My Data, Help, and About Us. Below this is the 'Add Custom Tracks' section. It features a search bar with 'clade' set to 'Mammal', 'genome' set to 'Human', and 'assembly' set to 'Feb. 2009'. A dropdown menu is open under 'My Data', with 'Custom Tracks' selected. The main content area contains instructions on how to add custom tracks, listing supported formats like bigGenePred, bigMaf, bigPsl, bigWig, barChart, bigBarChart, BAM, VCF, BED, BigBed, CRAM, GFF, GTF, MAF, narrowPeak, Personal Genome SNP, PSL, and Wig. A text input field contains the URL 'http://myorg.edu/mylab/my.sorted.bam'. Below the input field are buttons for 'Submit' and 'Clear'.

Sequence Data

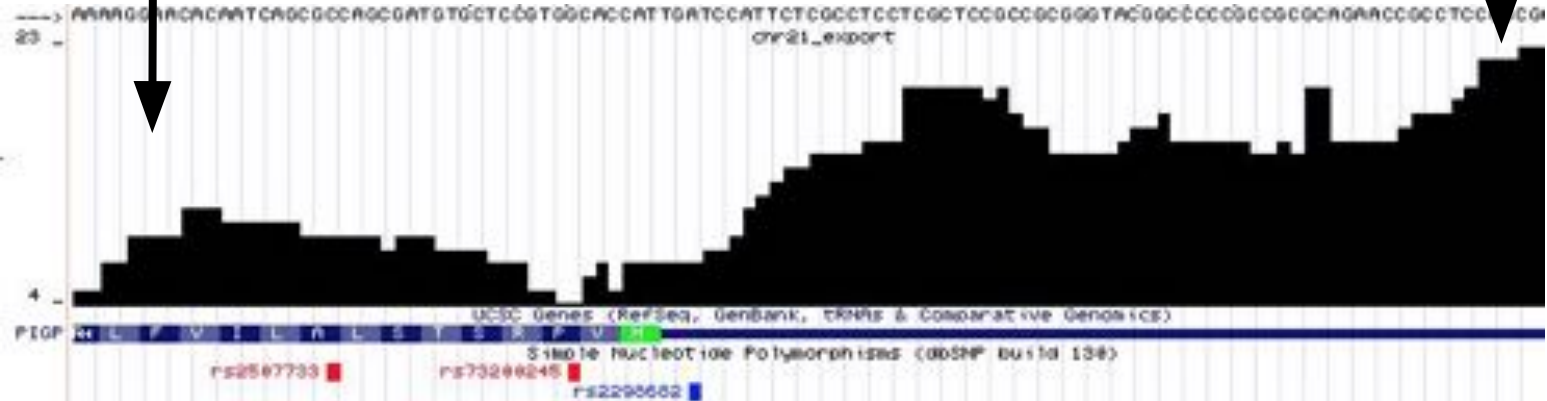
Option to “*Display data as a density graph*” (right-click, or go to track controls)

Display data as a density graph:



Display data as a “*wiggle*” by stacking overlapping reads with density graph.

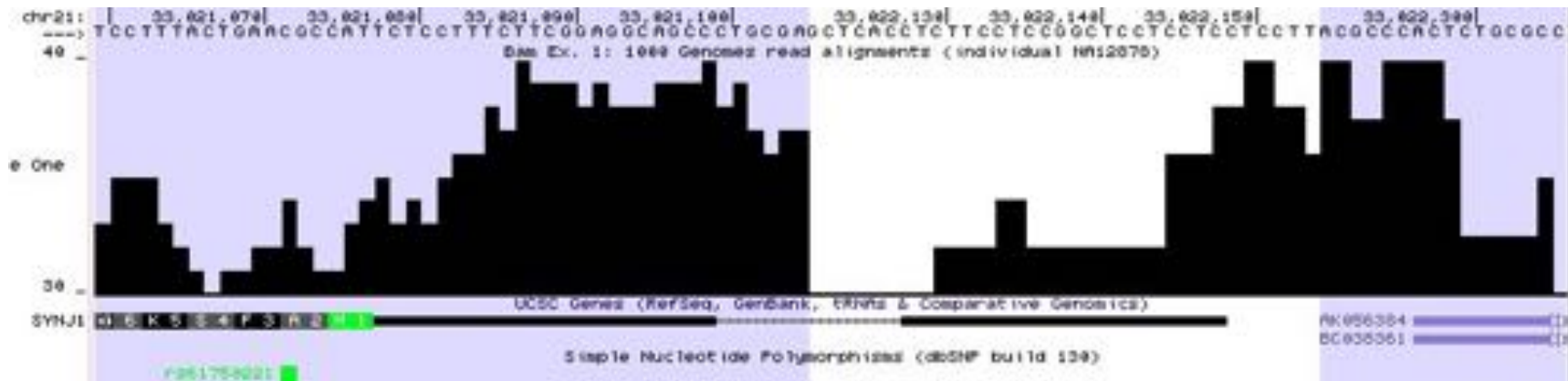
Height is proportional to the number of reads mapped to each genomic position.



Sequence Data

Option to view **exons only** (with small amount of padding) or enter user-defined custom regions.

Enter “**exon view**” with shortcut “**e v**” (then use “**d v**” to return to default view).



Or use “View” menu and select “Multi-Region” and selected desired view.

The dialog box titled "Configure Multi-Region View" contains the following options:

- Exit multi-region mode
- Show exons using UCSC Genes. Use padding of: 6 bases.
- Show genes using UCSC Genes. Use padding of: 6 bases.
- Enter Custom regions as BED, or a URL to them:

chr1 20000 300000
chrX 40000 700000
chr22 8000 123456
- Show one alternate haplotype, placed on its chromosome, using ID: chr22_h2_hap1
- Highlight alternating regions in multi-region view

Buttons: submit, Help

Optional checkbox can *highlight alternating regions* (seen in above image).

Custom Annotations in the Browser

Custom Tracks (Text/Binary)

Track Hubs

Assembly Hubs

Track hubs are web-accessible directories of genomic data.

Track Data Hubs

Track data hubs are collections of external tracks that can be imported into the UCSC Genome Browser. Track hubs show up under the hub's own blue label bar on the main browser page, as well as on the configure page. To import a public hub click its "Connect" button below.

NOTE: Because Track Hubs are created and maintained by external sources, UCSC is not responsible for their content.

Public Hubs My Hubs

URL: Add Hub

Paste in: <http://path.lab.edu/to/hubDirectory/hub.txt>

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<http://path.lab.edu/to/>

hubDirectory

|
|_hub.txt
|_genomes.txt
|_hg19
|_trackDb.txt

hub.txt can be as short as four lines, it points to genomes.txt

genomes.txt can be as short as two lines and points to trackDb.txt

The trackDb.txt file is typically much larger and shares how to display tracks and where to find data files.

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<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks?db=hg19&hubUrl=http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/examples/hubDirectory/hub.txt>

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hub.txt

```
hub MyHubsNameWithoutSpaces
shortLabel My Hub's Name
longLabel Longer label about my hub.
email myEmail@address
genomesFile genomes.txt
```

genomes.txt

```
genome hg19
trackDb hg19/trackDb.txt (URL or path)
```

```
genome assembly_database_2
trackDb assembly_2_path/trackDb.txt
```

trackDb.txt

```
track uniqueNameNoSpacesOrDots
type track_type
shortLabel label 17 chars
longLabel label up to 80 chars
bigDataUrl track_data_url (URL or relative path to file)
```

```
track bam1
type bam
shortLabel BAM example
longLabel This BAM file is an example of RNA-seq data
visibility dense
bigDataUrl http://fileserver/directory/of/files/file.bam
```

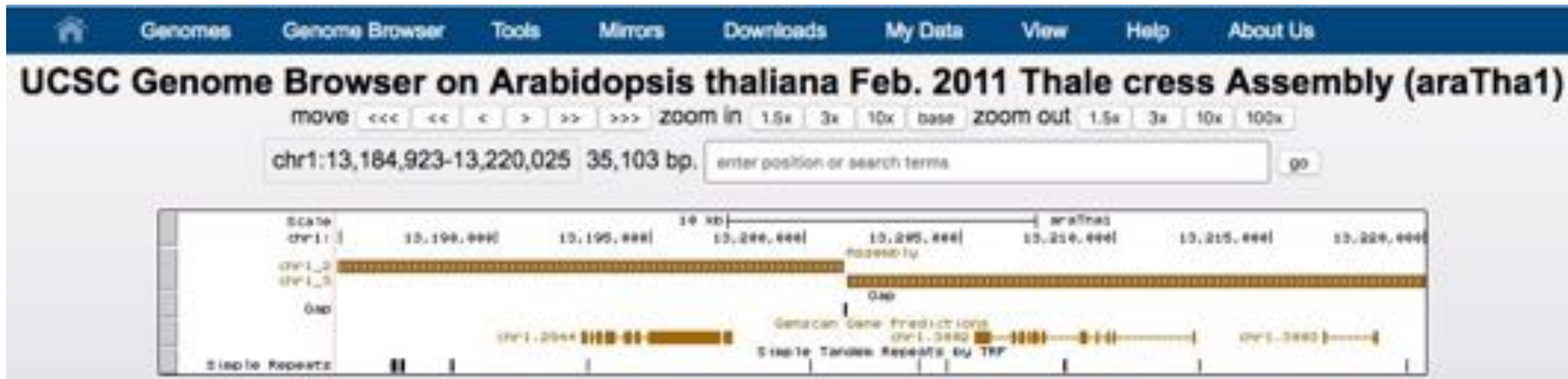
A new stanza is added for each new track.
bigDataUrl lines point to the data file (URL or path) in each stanza.
More trackDb parameters can be defined (color, ect.).

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<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks?genome=araTha1&hubUrl=http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/examples/hubExamples/hubAssembly/plantAraTha1/hub.txt>

Custom Annotations in the Browser

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The screenshot displays a genomic browser interface with the following components:

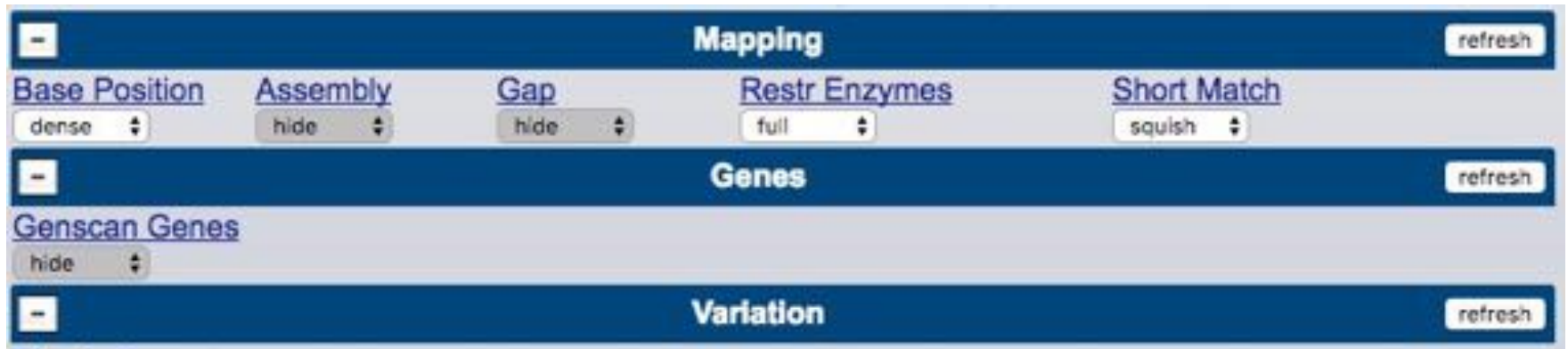
- Header:** "This Title is a Feature of the Base Track" and "Annotated with: Feb. 2013 Thale cress chr11:499,959-1,546,054 (122 kb)".
- Base Position Track:** Shows a DNA sequence with annotations for "Perfect Matches to Short Sequence (MMT)" and "RESTRICTION ENZYME SITES FROM REBASE".
- Navigation:** "move start" and "move end" buttons with a "2.0" zoom level.
- Instructions:** "Click on a feature for details. Click or drag in the base position track to zoom in. Click side bars for track options. Drag side bars or labels up or down to reorder tracks. Drag tracks left or right to new position. Press '?' for keyboard shortcuts."
- Track Management:** Buttons for "default tracks", "default order", "hide all", "add custom tracks", "track hubs", "configure", "multi-region", "reverse", "resize", "refresh", "collapse all", and "expand all".
- Mapping Track:** Includes sub-tracks for "Base Position" (dense), "Assembly" (hide), "Gap" (hide), "Restr. Enzymes" (full), and "Short Match" (squish), with a "refresh" button.
- Genes Track:** Includes "GeneScan Genes" (hide) and a "refresh" button.
- Variation Track:** Includes a "refresh" button.

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The groups.txt file defines the blue bars grouping tracks in assembly hubs.

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<http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/hubQuickStartAssembly.html>

Quick Start Guide to Assembly Hubs

Assembly Hubs allow researchers to create Track Data Hubs on assemblies that are not in the UCSC Browser. By including the underlying reference sequence in UCSC [twoBit](#) format, as well as data tracks, researchers can browse and annotate any genome. For more information please refer to the [Assembly Hub Wiki](#). Below is also a section about starting [GBIB Assembly Hubs](#).

STEP 1: In a publicly-accessible directory, copy this *Arabidopsis thaliana* plant assembly hub, which includes an araTha1.2bit file, using the following wget command:

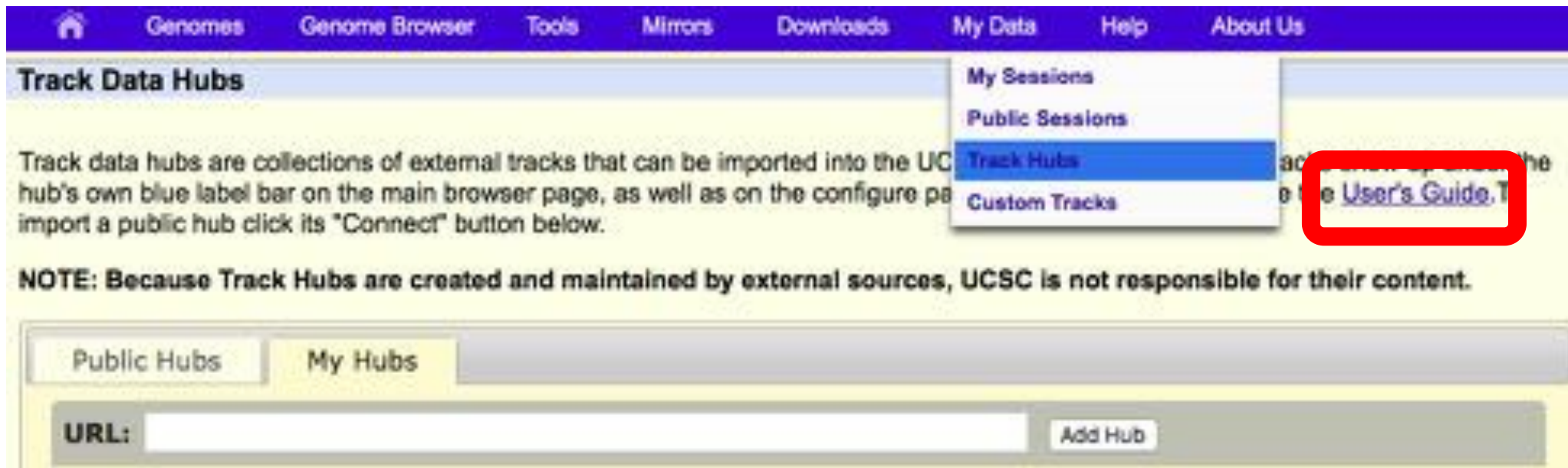
```
wget -r --no-parent --reject "index.html*" -nH --cut-dirs=3  
http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/examples/hubExamples/hubAssembly/plantAraThal/
```

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The screenshot shows the UCSC Genome Browser interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Genomes, Genome Browser, Tools, Mirrors, Downloads, My Data, Help, and About Us. Below this, the 'Track Data Hubs' section is visible. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: My Sessions, Public Sessions, Track Hubs (highlighted), and Custom Tracks. To the right of the dropdown, a link to the 'User's Guide' is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown, there is a text block explaining that track data hubs are collections of external tracks that can be imported into the UCSC Genome Browser. A note states: 'NOTE: Because Track Hubs are created and maintained by external sources, UCSC is not responsible for their content.' At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Public Hubs' and 'My Hubs', and a form with a 'URL:' label, an input field, and an 'Add Hub' button.

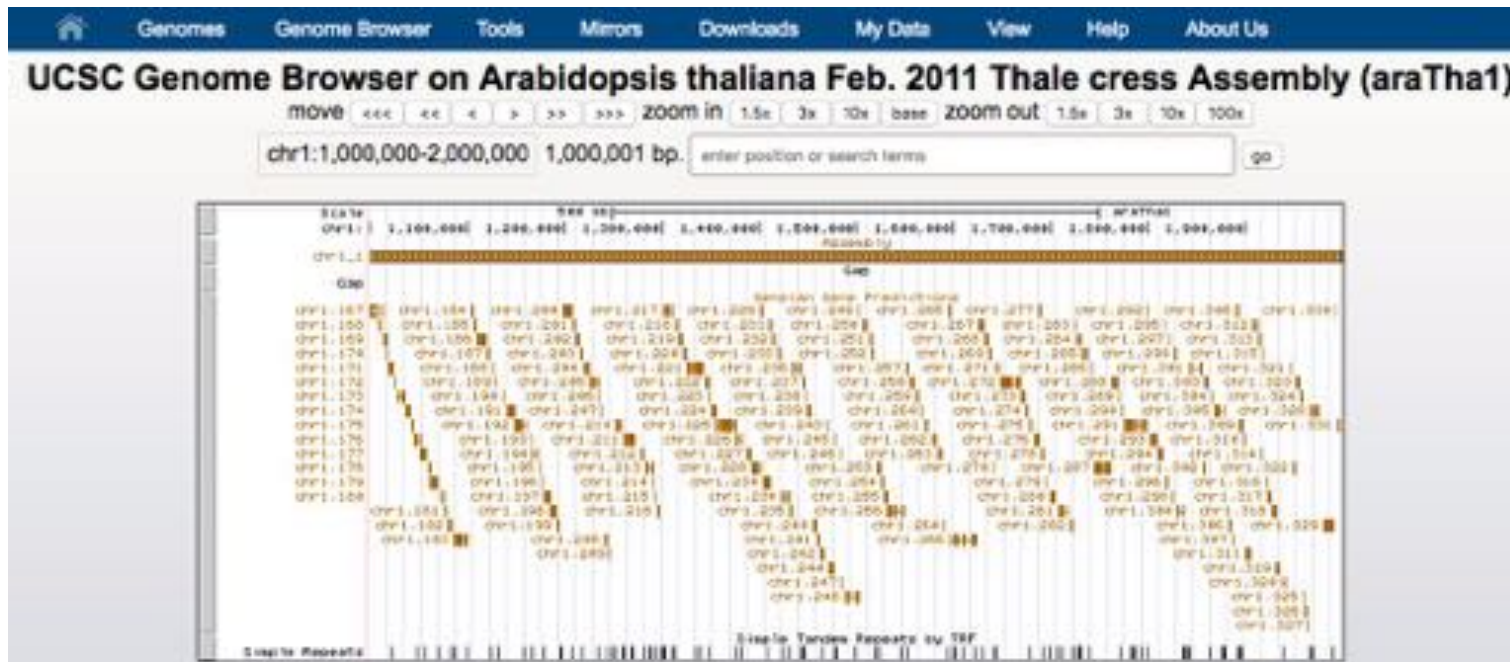
<http://your/path/to/copied/hubAssembly/plantAraTha1/hub.txt>

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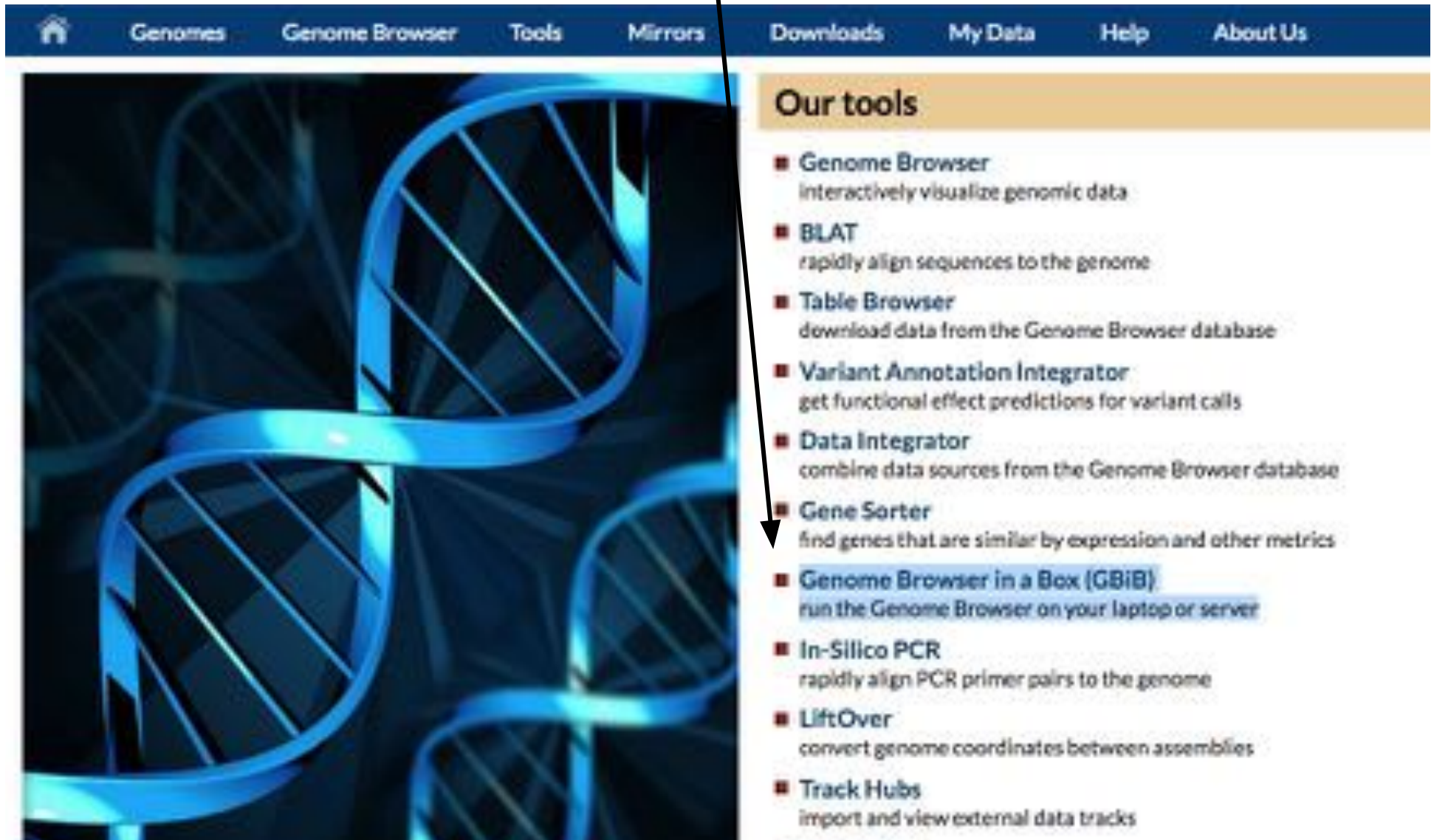
Assembly Hubs



<http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks?genome=araTha1&hubUrl=http://your/path/to/copied/hubAssembly/plantAraTha1/hub.txt>

UCSC Genome Browser

Home Page: Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB)



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Our tools

- **Genome Browser**
interactively visualize genomic data
- **BLAT**
rapidly align sequences to the genome
- **Table Browser**
download data from the Genome Browser database
- **Variant Annotation Integrator**
get functional effect predictions for variant calls
- **Data Integrator**
combine data sources from the Genome Browser database
- **Gene Sorter**
find genes that are similar by expression and other metrics
- **Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB)**
run the Genome Browser on your laptop or server
- **In-Silico PCR**
rapidly align PCR primer pairs to the genome
- **LiftOver**
convert genome coordinates between assemblies
- **Track Hubs**
import and view external data tracks

Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB)

<http://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenpath/help/gbib.html>

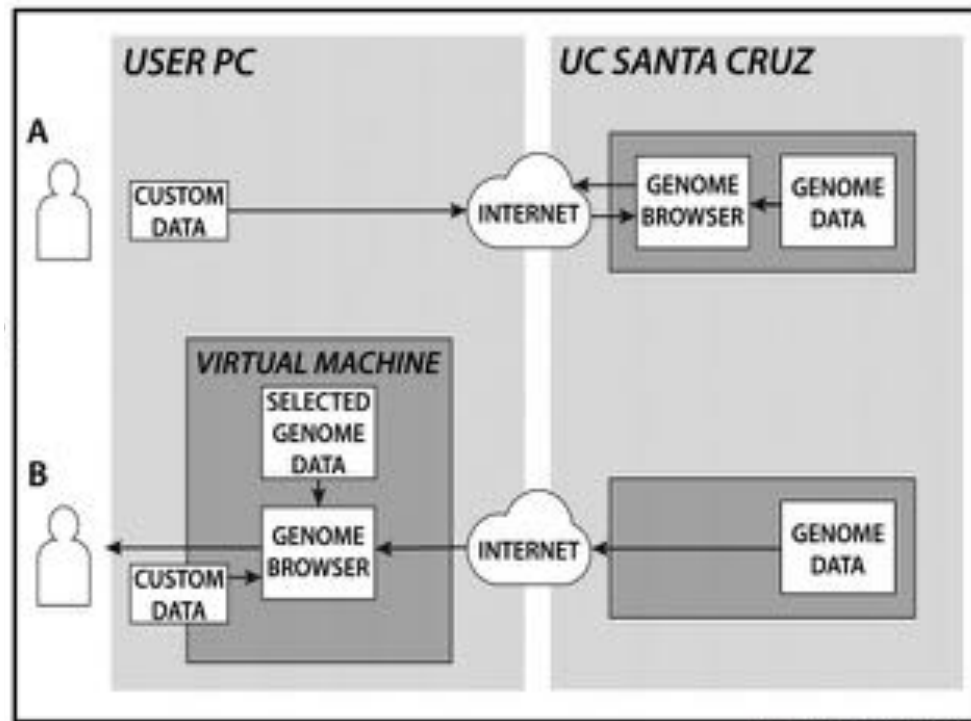


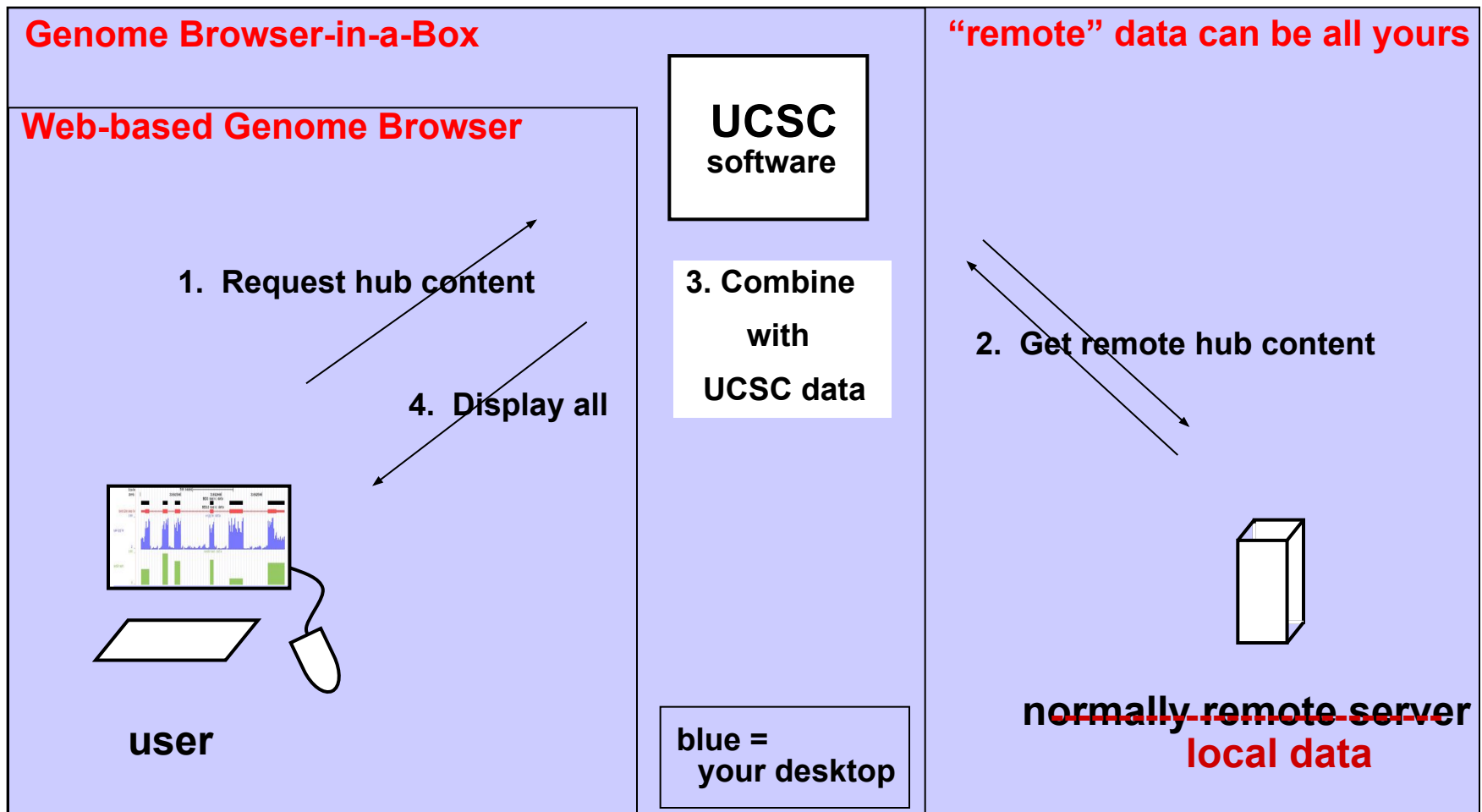
Image Credit: Casey Callow

Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB) is a Virtual Machine of Browser Code at your location.

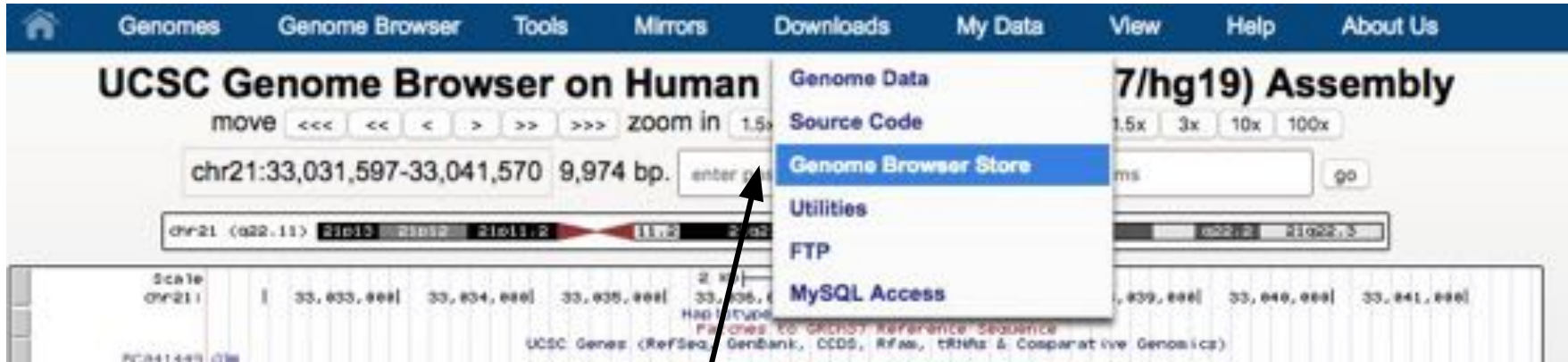
Track data hubs

Require no intervention by UCSC

Can be hosted and viewed locally on a **Genome Browser-in-a-Box (GBiB)**



UCSC Genome Browser



Downloads in Top Blue Bar Menu: Genome Browser Store links to Genome Browser in a Box (GBiB) and Genome Browser in a Cloud (GBiC) tools free for noncommercial use.

Also on the bottom of Document Pages: STORE link goes to the same location.



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<https://de.cyverse.org/> Discovery Environment (NSF funded: **FREE!**)

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Minimum screen resolution supported: 1024 x 768

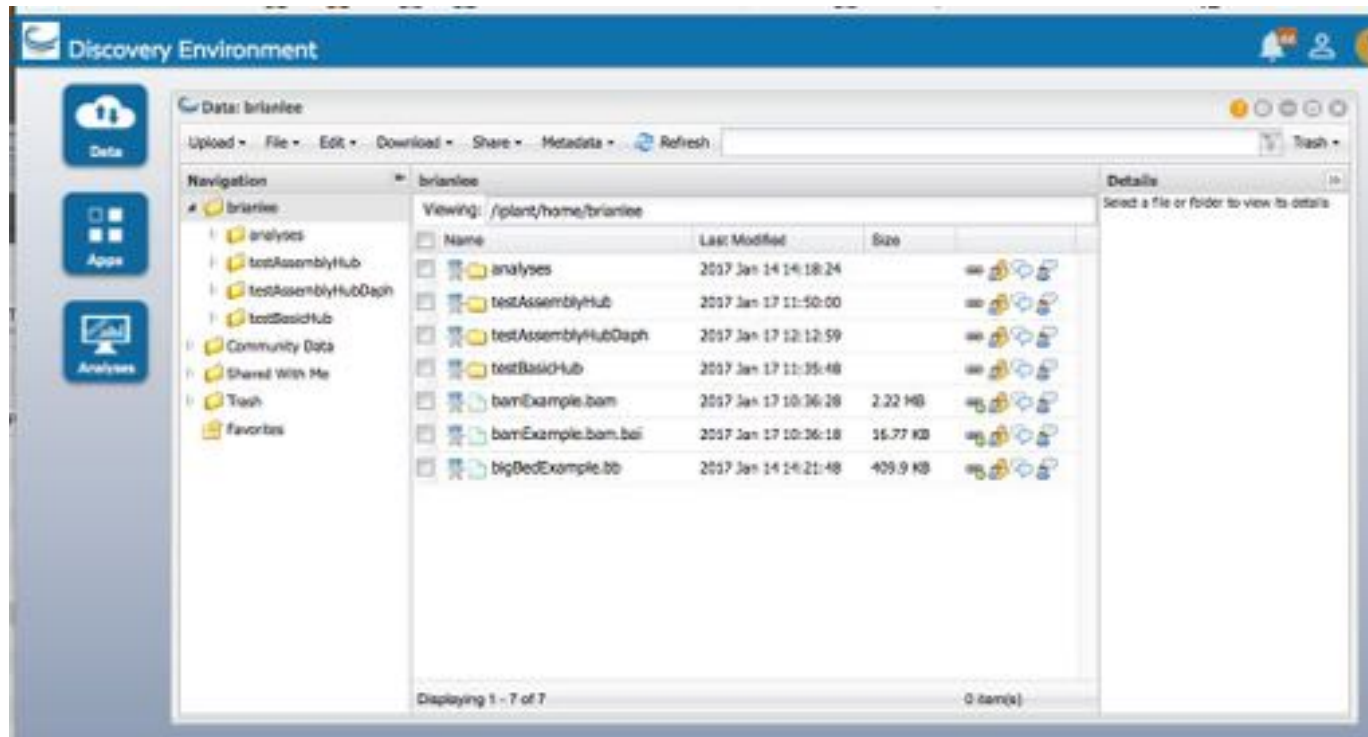
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Creating a Link that Accepts Byte-Ranges: “Send to Genome Browser”

Share
Menu:

*Send to
Genome
Browser*



Info-Type:
bam

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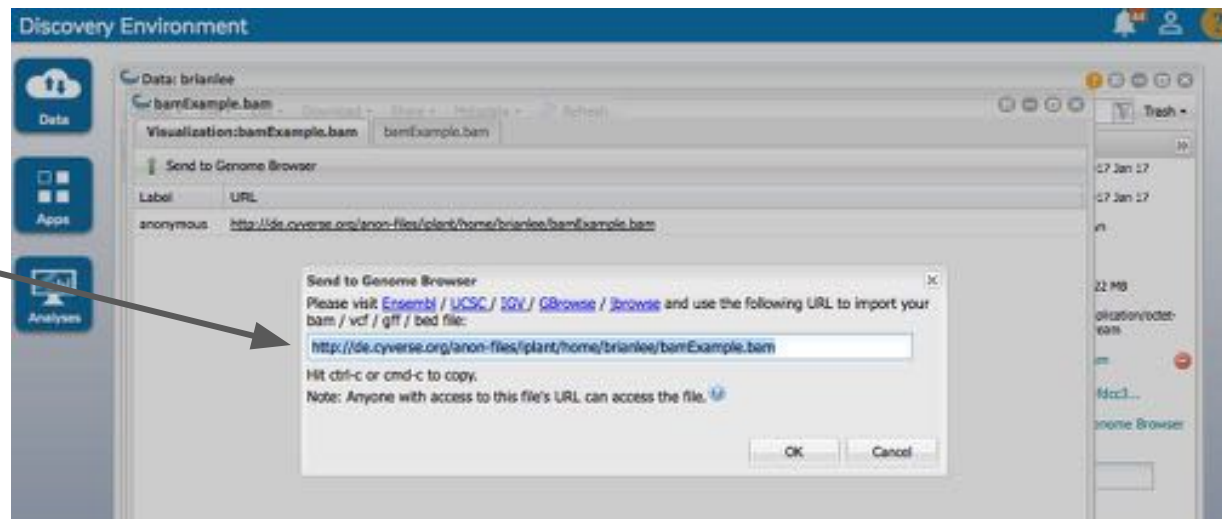
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Creating a Link that Accepts Byte-Ranges: “Send to Genome Browser”

Results in a link you can use in your *bigDataUrl*



<http://de.cyverse.org/anon-files/iplant/home/brianlee/bamExample.bam>

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Please note a much more efficient way to load data is to use [Track Hubs](#), which are loaded from the [Track Hubs Portal](#) found in the menu under My Data.

Paste URLs or data: Or upload: No file chosen

live demo:

[http:// genome.ucsc.edu](http://genome.ucsc.edu)

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