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# Quality Control Laboratory

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# Phred Scores (Q)

Quality Score	Probability of incorrect base call	Base call accuracy
10	1 in 10	90%
20	1 in 100	99%
30	1 in 1000	99.9%
40	1 in 10000	99.99%

# ASCII encoding of phred scores

one number : one letter

40 : @

41 : A

42 : B

43 : C

44 : D

45 : E

... : ...

90 : Z

91 : [

92 : \

93 : ]

94 : ^

95 : \_

... : ...

141 : a

142 : b

143 : c

144 : d

145 : e

146 : f

... : ...



# Quality Control

Why? Low quality reads, contamination and adaptors introduce errors into data.

Filtering and trimming these sequences may help to improve downstream analysis.

Filtering isn't always needed. Some programs take quality into account.

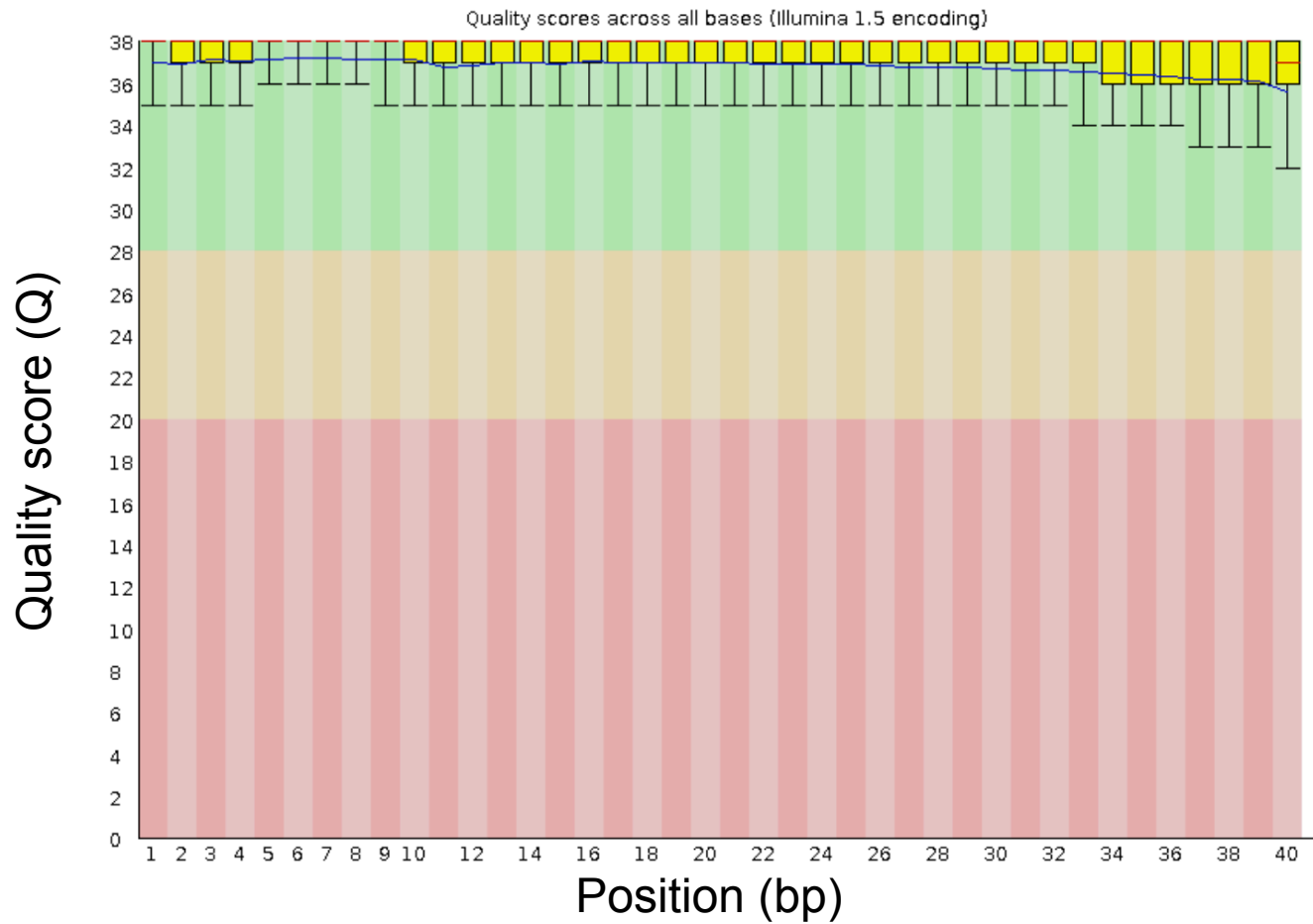
HOWEVER a visualisation of data quality should be carried out at the beginning of ANY analysis.

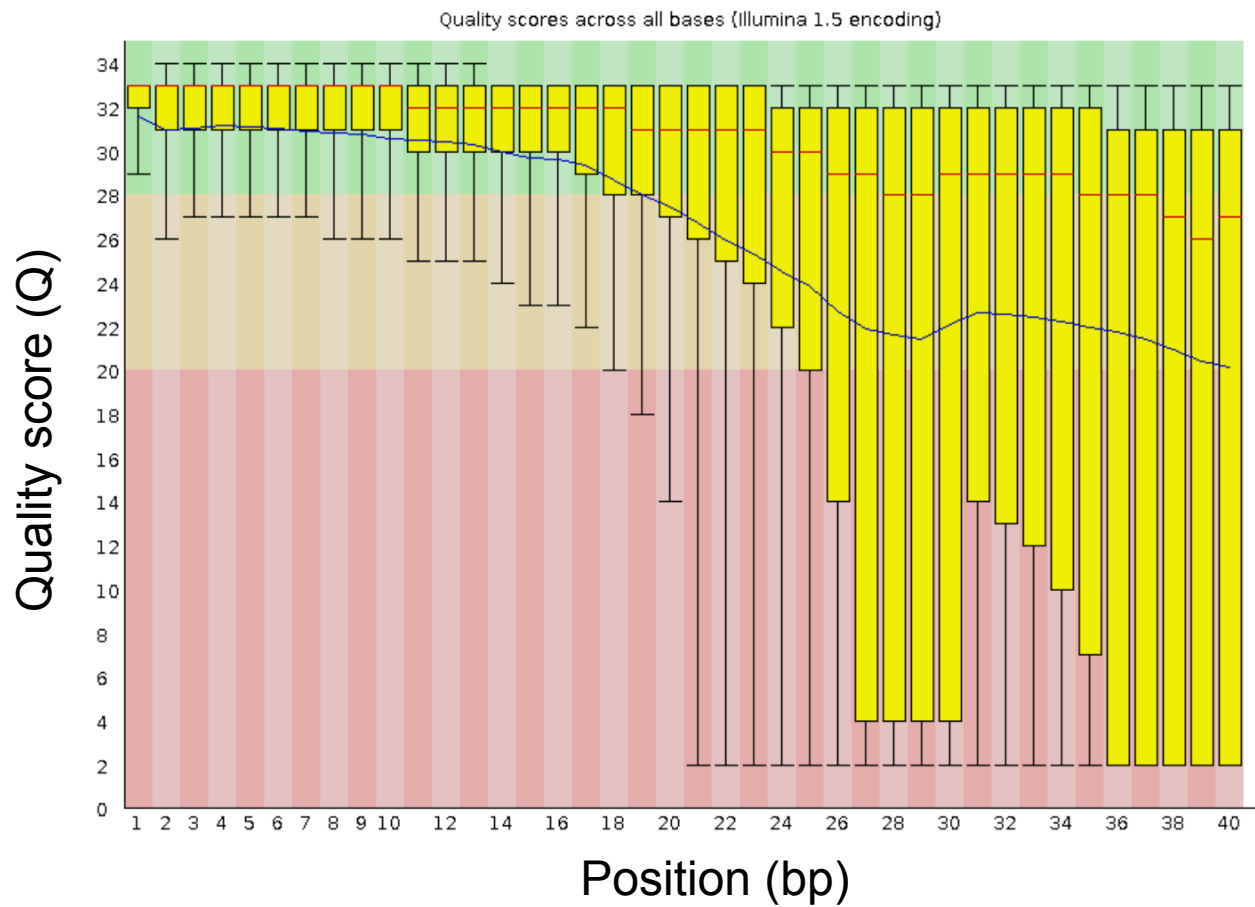
# FastQC

Do you want to manually assess the quality of each read? All 1000000?! NO!

FastQC is a software programme that analyses quality and produces a report showing key information.







# Kmer

A “string” of letters (sequence) that can be any length

For example:

ATGC

ATCGCTTGTGTGACCAGTGATTGACGATGGTCATTATGTC

# Datasets

Exercise 1: Genome sequence of the bacteria *Bartonella*

Exercise 2: Amplicon sequencing of 16S rRNA

Exercise 3: RAD Sequencing data

Exercise 4: Amplicon sequencing of COI genes

Exercise 5: microRNA sequencing

Exercise 6: PacBio data from *Arabidopsis*

# How to Run a Programme - Command Line

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$ program_name [OPTIONS] <files>
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For example:

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$ fastqc [-o output dir] [--(no)extract] [-f fastq|bam|sam]  
[-c contaminant file] <seqfile1 .. seqfileN>
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Generally,

[] optional

< > mandatory, e.g. files

| OR

# Exercise One

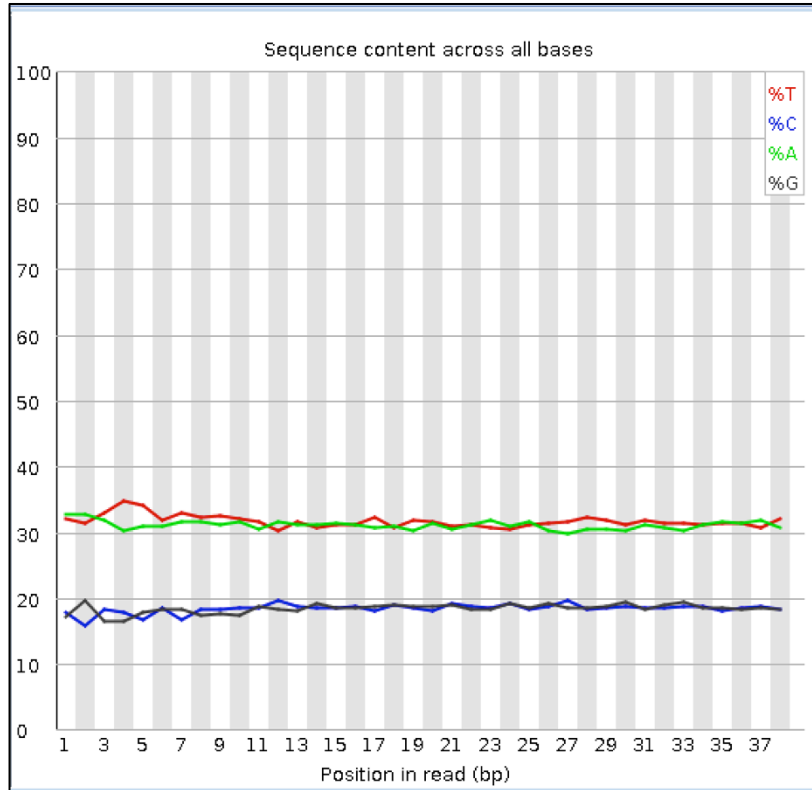
There are 10,000 sequences of 38 nucleotide length

The GC content is 37%

Quality score is  $> Q30$ , which = 1 error in 1000 so base call quality is 99.9%

Would you think this is good quality sequencing data?

# Exercise One - Are we worried about this data?



Overrepresented sequences			
Sequence	Count	Percentage	Possible Source
GATCGGAAGAGCAC...	17	0.17	TruSeq Adapter, In...

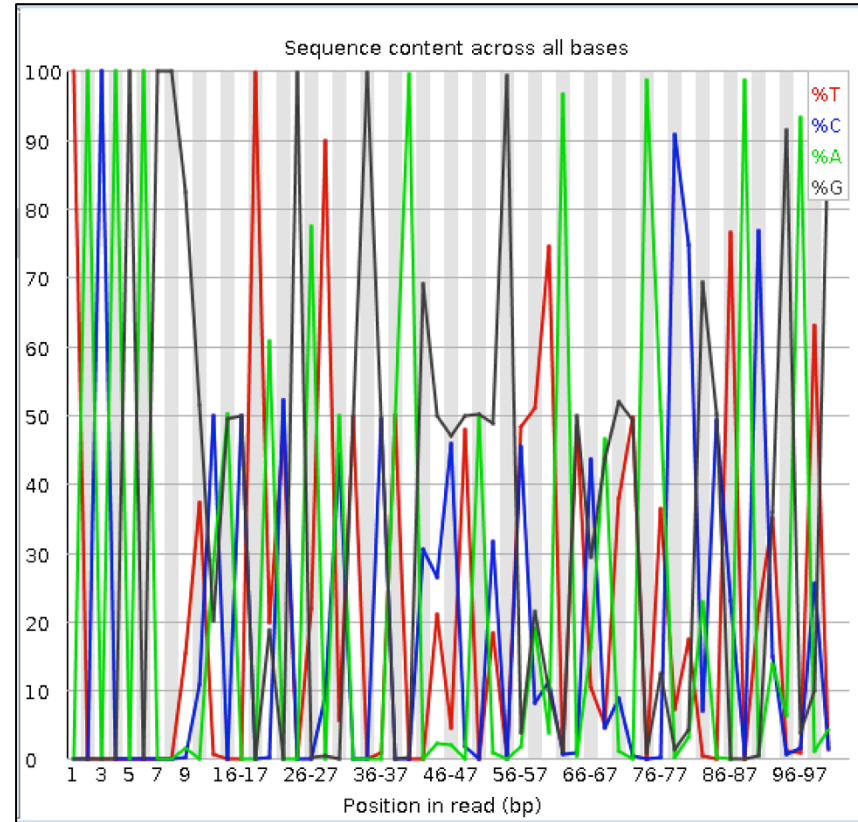
No - This shows the GC content we expect and very few adaptors

# Exercise Two - Per Base Sequence Quality

Conserved sequence at the beginning of the reads:

TACAGAGG

Lots of sequences with very similar sequence.

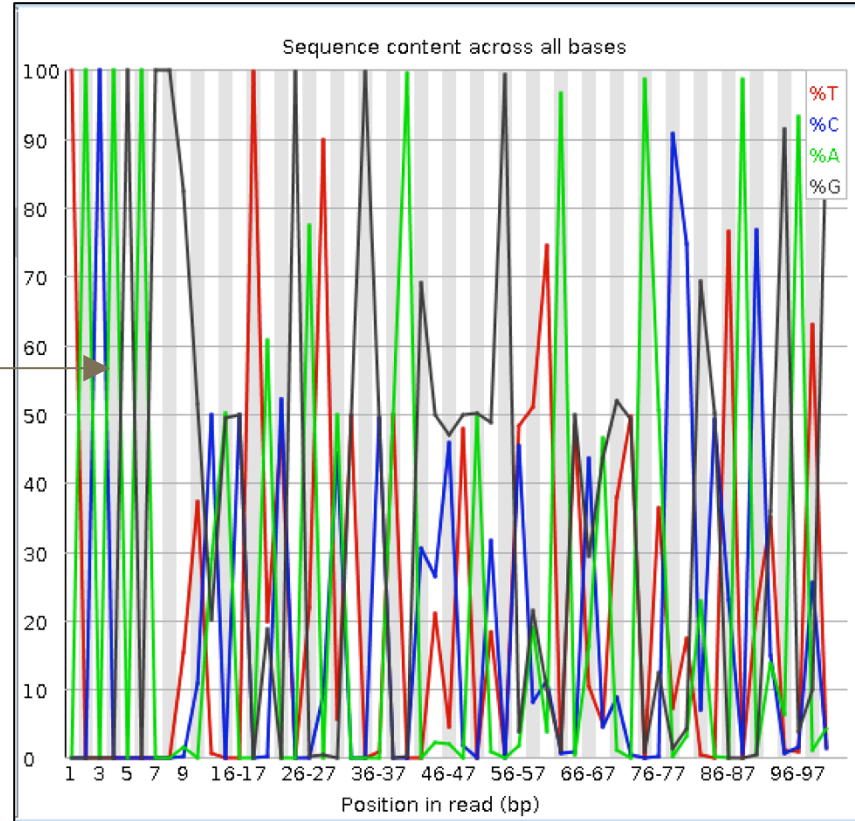




# Exercise Two - Filtering/Trimming?

Amplicon sequencing of 16S rRNA

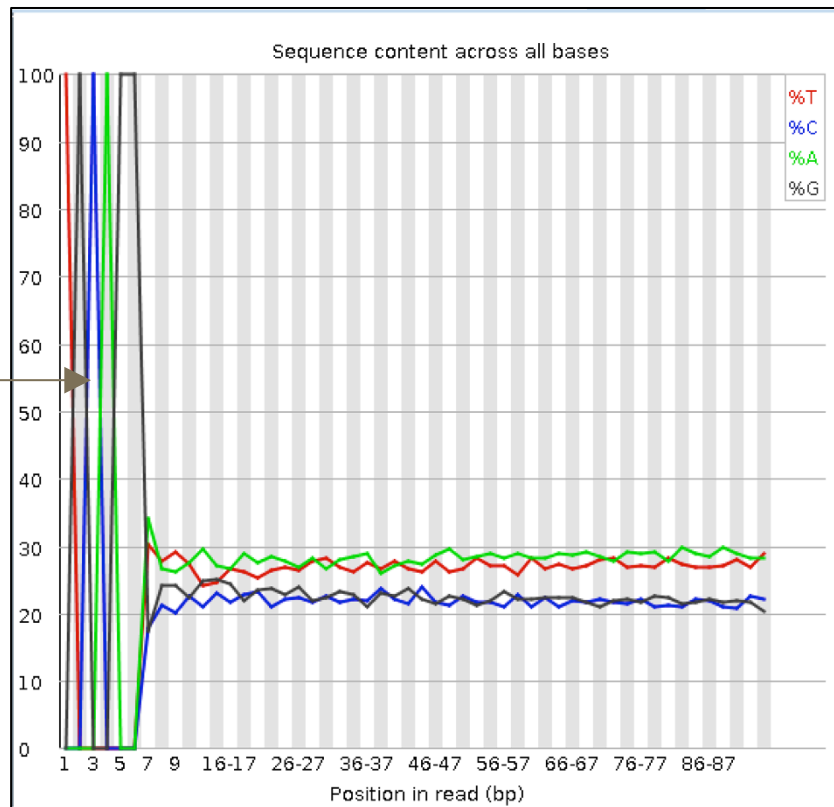
Filter Low Quality &  
Remove the Primer  
Sequence



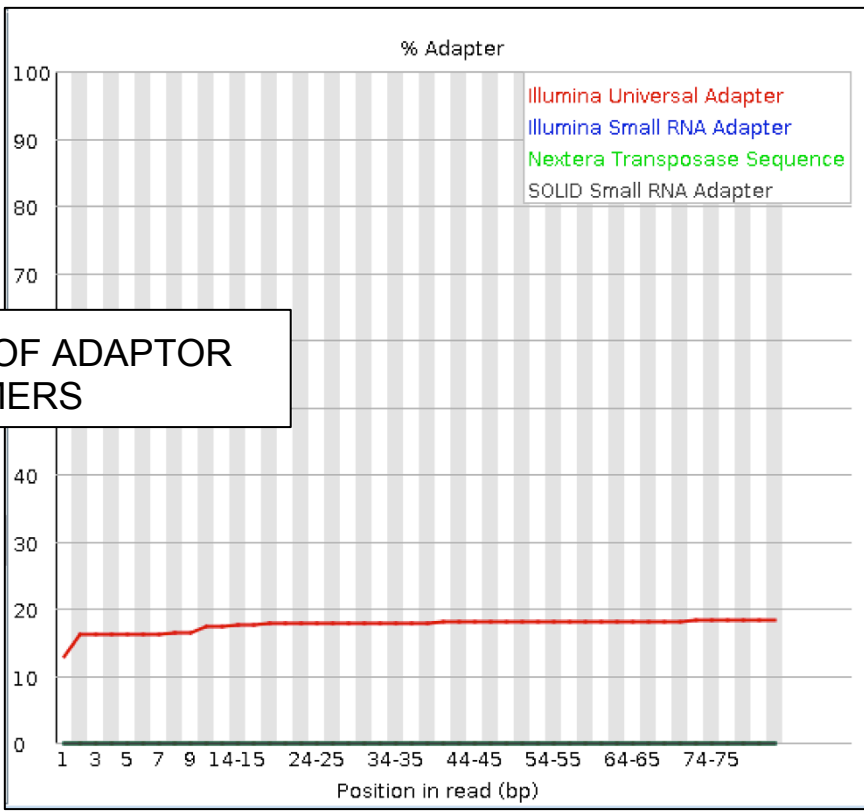
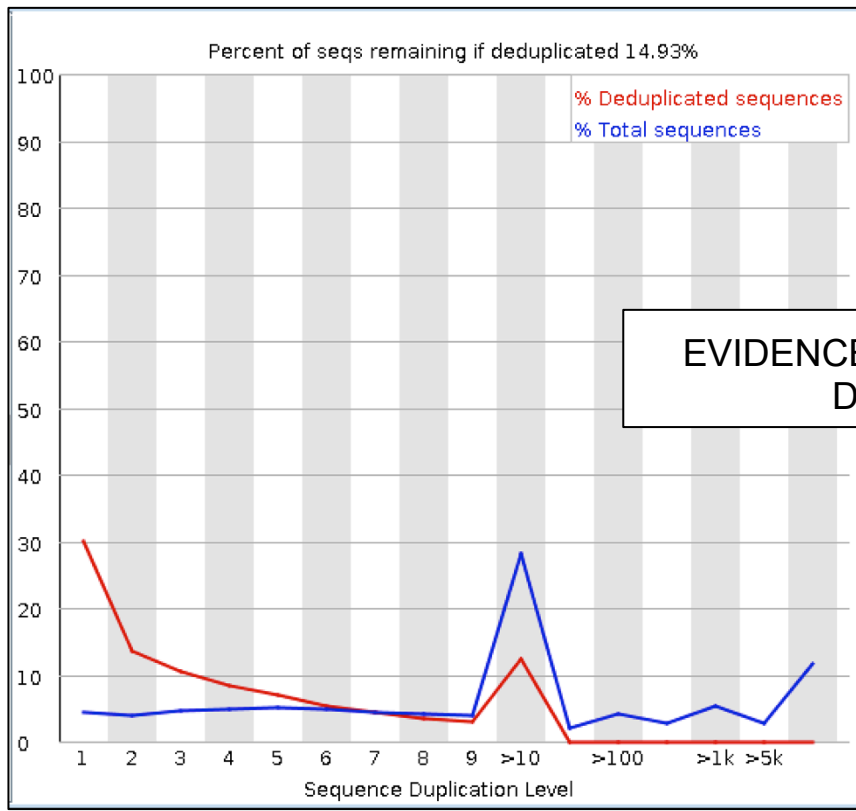
# Exercise Three - Dataset 1: The First 6 Bases



Restriction Enzyme  
Digestion Site



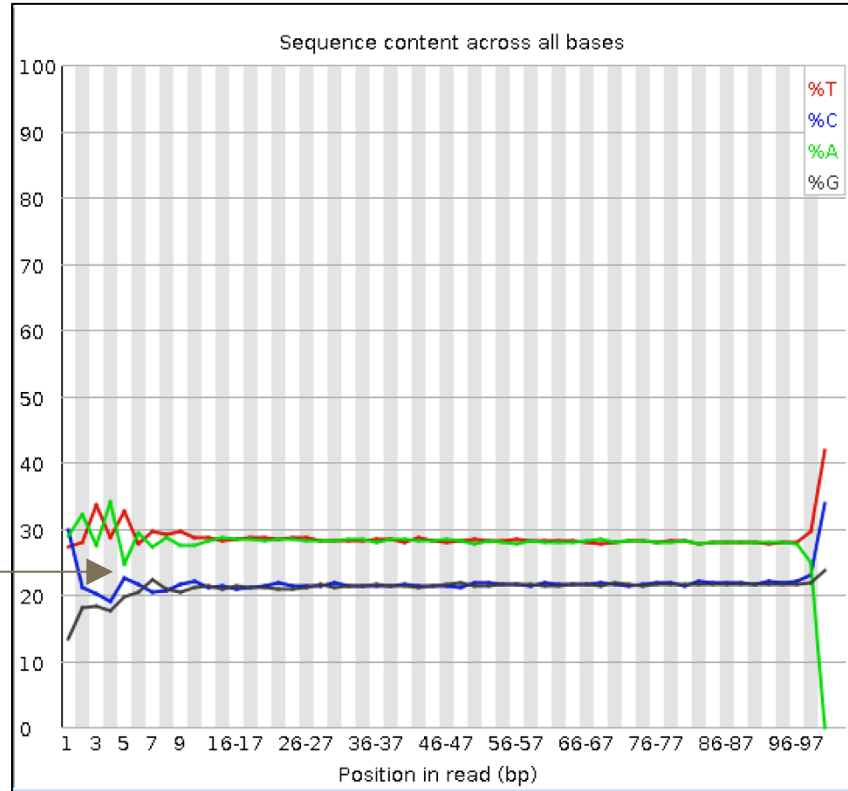
# Exercise Three - Dataset 2: Read 1



EVIDENCE OF ADAPTOR DIMERS

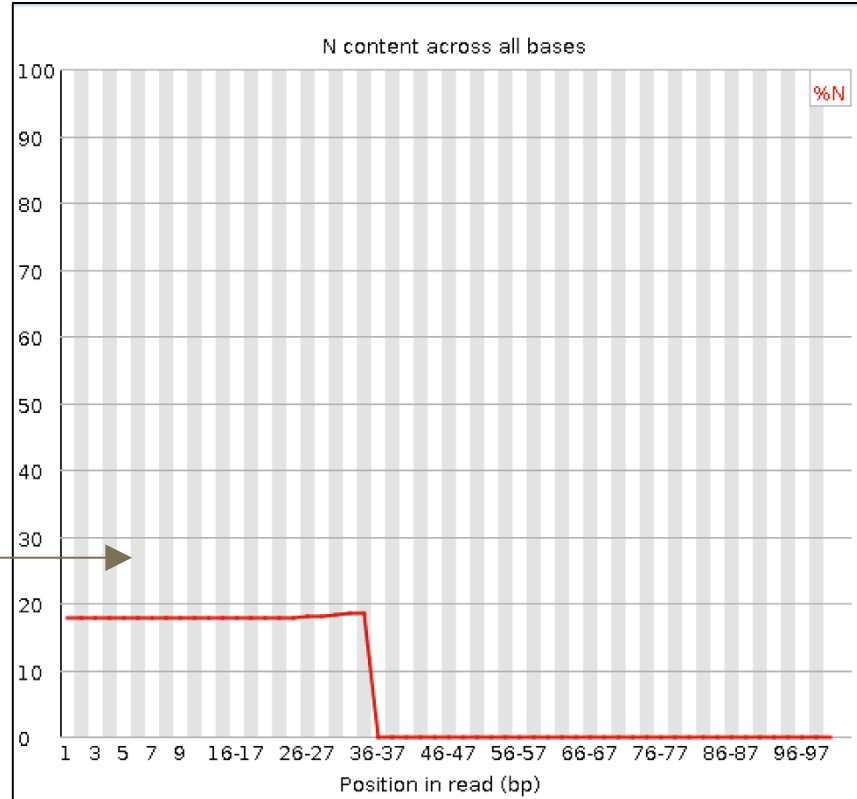
# Exercise Three - Dataset 2: Read 2

No restriction enzyme digestion site, therefore not double digested

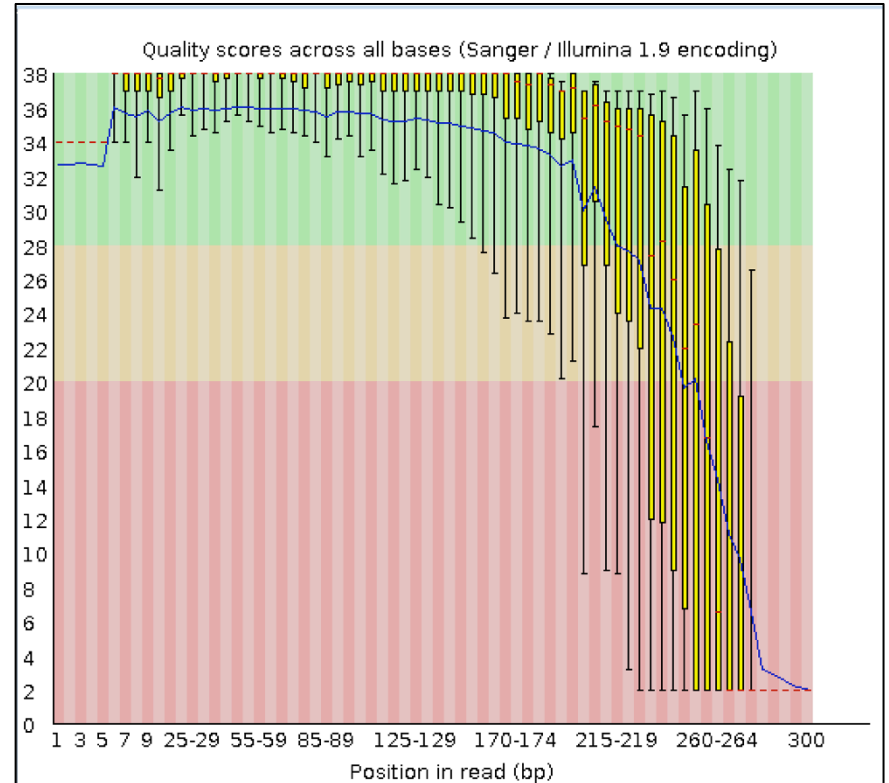
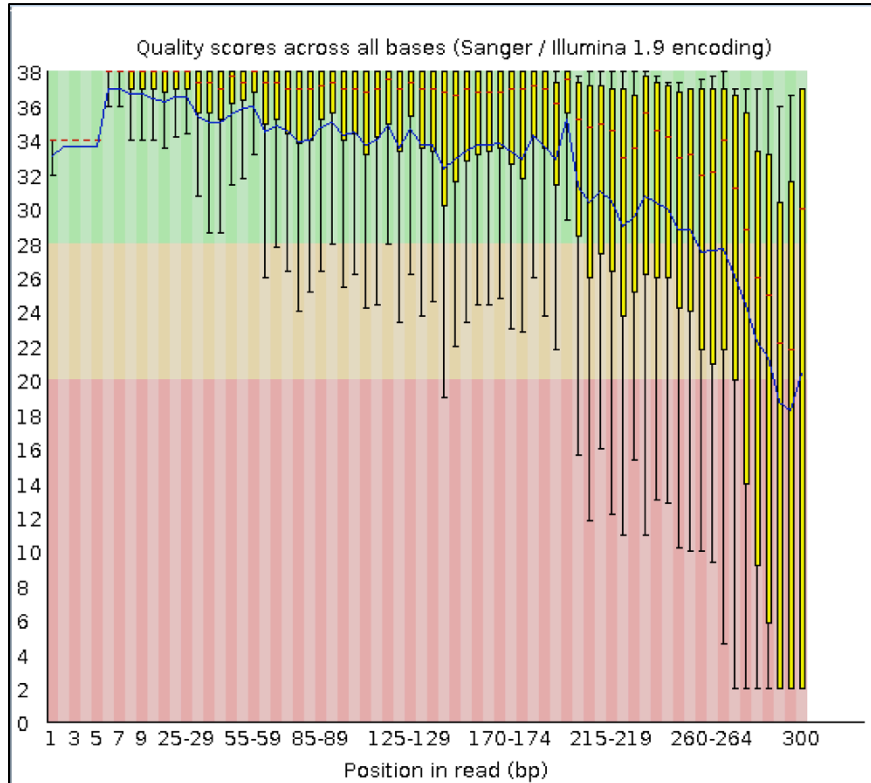


# Exercise Three - Dataset 2: Read 2

Lots of Ns at the beginning of sequence



# Exercise Four - Why is read 2 poorer quality?



# Exercise Four - When would you be less strict?

Quality vs. Quantity - Do you have enough data after filtering?

SOME alignments - RNA sequencing vs. SNP calling

Does your downstream software handle quality scores and filtering? E.G. QIIME and Stacks

# Exercise Five - Adaptor Contamination

What is the source of the overrepresented sequences?

Overrepresented sequences			
Sequence	Count	Percentage	Possible Source
AGCAGCATTGTACA...	3398	3.398	No Hit
TACAGTCCGACGAT...	1814	1.814	Illumina PCR Prime...
TCTACAGTCCGACG...	1570	1.57	RNA PCR Primer, In...
TATTGCACTTGTCCC...	1421	1.421	No Hit
TTCTACAGTCCGAC...	1181	1.181	RNA PCR Primer, In...
CTACAGTCCGACGA...	1168	1.168	Illumina PCR Prime...
CATTGCACTTGTCTC...	839	0.839	No Hit
ACAGTCCGACGATC...	835	0.835	RNA PCR Primer, In...
AGTTCTACAGTCCG...	648	0.648	Illumina PCR Prime...
AAAGTGCTGCGACA...	491	0.491	No Hit
TCGTATGCCGTCTT...	465	0.465	Illumina Single En...
CAGTCCGACGATCT...	436	0.436	Illumina PCR Prime...
TNNNNNNNNNNNNN...	392	0.392	No Hit
TAGCTTATCAGACT...	388	0.388	No Hit
TATTGCACTCGTCC...	366	0.366	TruSeq Adapter, l...
ACCGGGCGGAAAC...	357	0.357	No Hit
ANNNNNNNNNNNNN...	355	0.355	No Hit
GTTCTACAGTCCGA...	353	0.353	Illumina PCR Prime...
AAGTGCTGCGACAT	341	0.341	No Hit



# Exercise Five

Are we happy with the final data?

What about the adaptor sequences that remain?

- Could be real adaptors that are too small to match based on software parameter OR could be real sequence

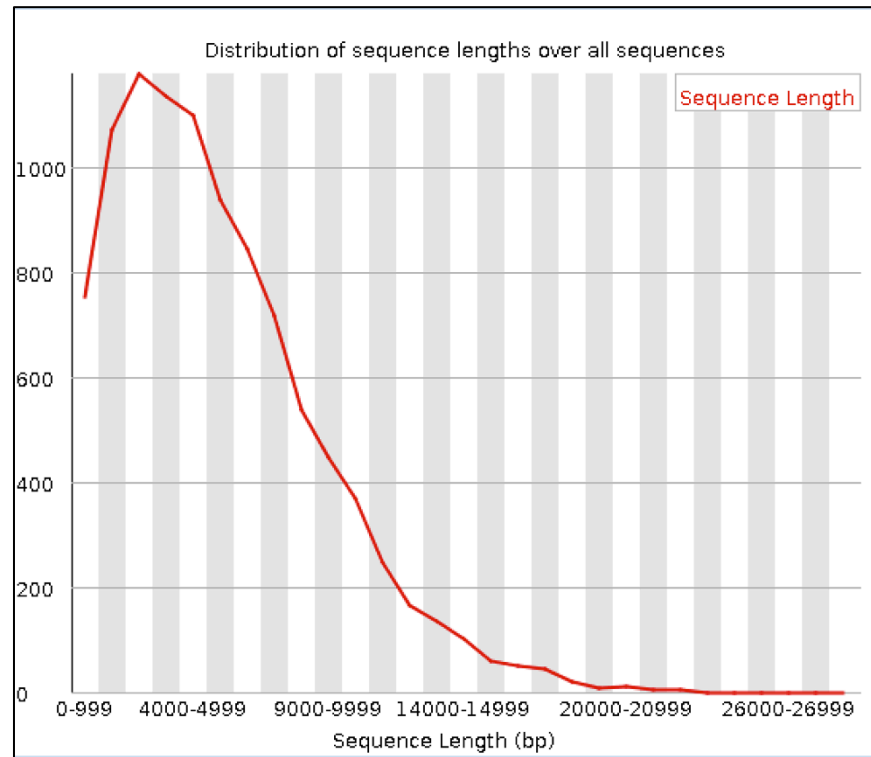
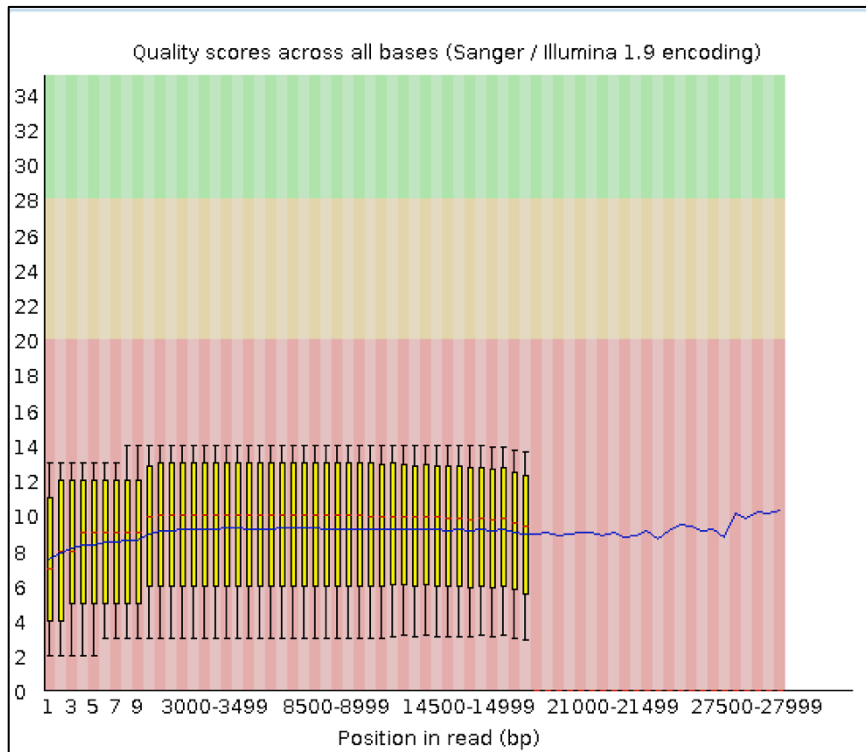
What about the quality trimming?

- Trimmers work with a sliding window and calculates the average Q score in that window, if it's higher on average than the cut off, it stays.



# Exercise Six

PacBio data



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Why can't we filter PacBio data based on quality?

# Take Home Message...

It is essential to QC your data before beginning analysis.

What are you expecting? Think about your experimental design, your species etc...

No two datasets are the same!