

UCSC genome browser



Browse/Select Species

POPULAR SPECIES



Human



Mouse



Rat



Zebrafish



Fruitfly



Worm

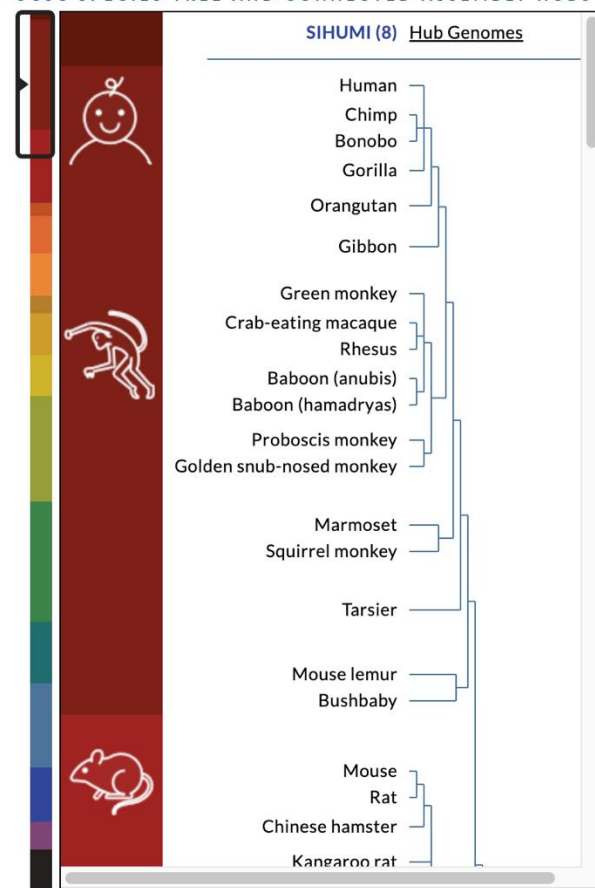


Yeast

Search through thousands of genome browsers

[Unable to find a genome? Send us a request.](#)

UCSC SPECIES TREE AND CONNECTED ASSEMBLY HUBS



Find Position

SIHUMI Hub Assembly

GO

Position/Search Term

Current position: U00096.3:90,001-110,000

Escherichia coli Genome Browser - ecoli assembly

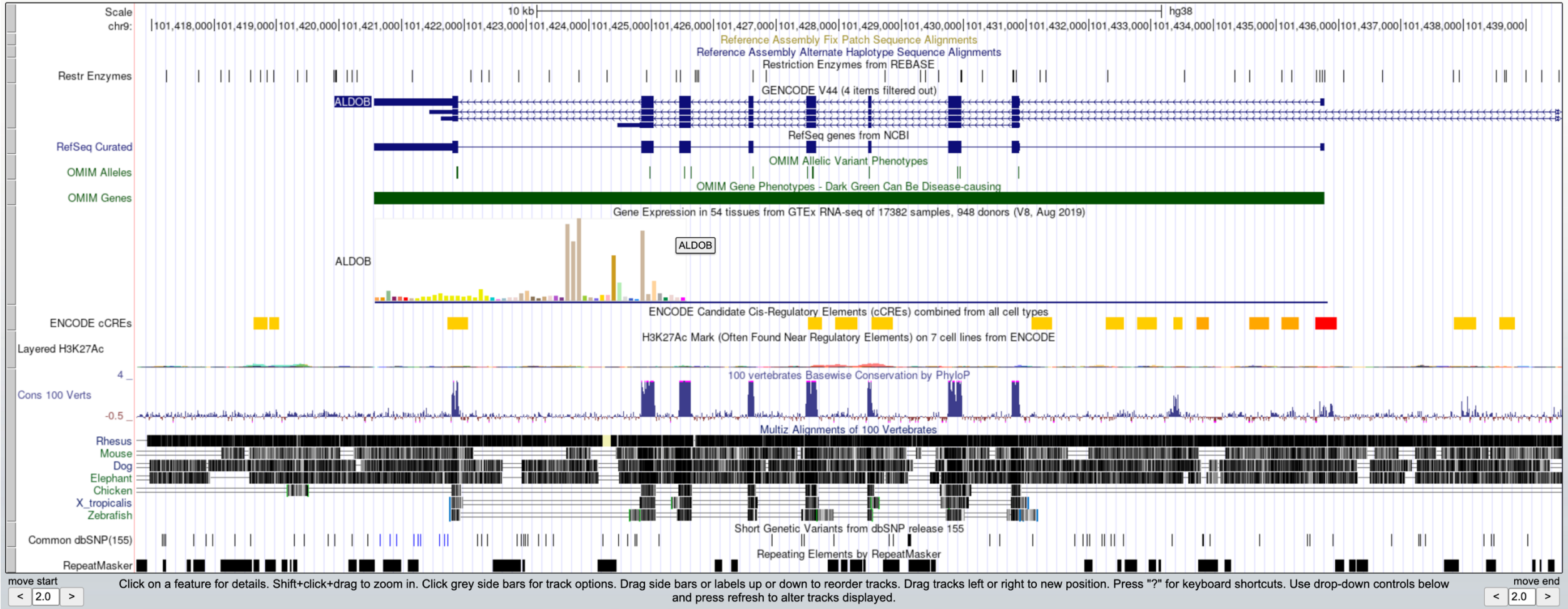
Organism name: *Escherichia coli* str. K-12 substr. MG1655 (E. coli)**Infraspecific name:** Strain: K-12 substr. MG1655**BioSample:** [SAMN02604091](#)**BioProject:** [PRJNA225](#)**Submitter:** Univ. Wisconsin**Date:** 2013/09/26**Assembly type:** na**Assembly level:** Complete Genome**Genome representation:** full**RefSeq category:** reference genome**GenBank assembly accession:** GCA_000005845.2 (latest)**RefSeq assembly accession:** GCF_000005845.2 (latest)**RefSeq assembly and GenBank assembly identical:** yes<https://genome-euro.ucsc.edu/>

UCSC Genome Browser on Human (GRCh38/hg38)

move <<< << < > >> >>> zoom in 1.5x 3x 10x base zoom out 1.5x 3x 10x 100x

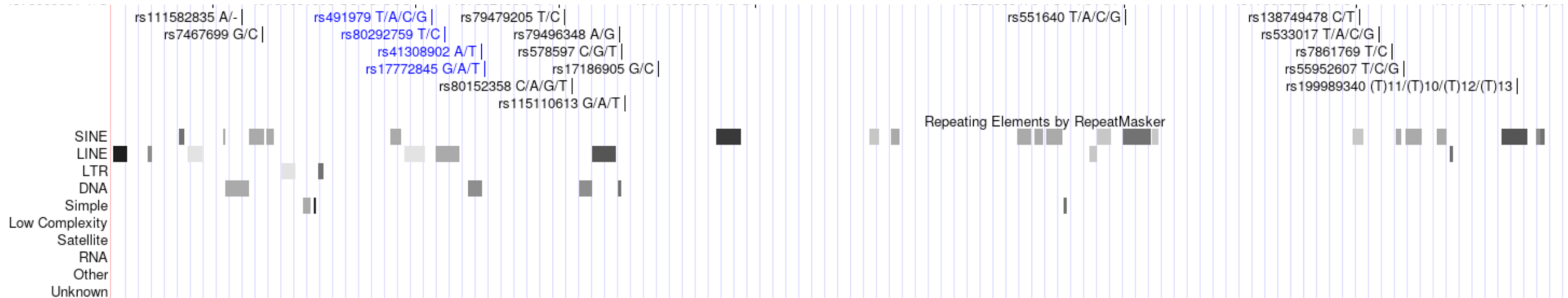
multi-region chr9:101,416,756-101,439,578 22,823 bp. gene, chromosome range, search terms, help pages, see € go [examples](#) [GB Spring Survey \(5m\)](#)

chr9 (q31.1) 9p24.1 9p23 22.3 9p21.3 21.2 9p21.1 p13.3 9q12 9q13 q21.11 9q21.13 21.33 22.33 9q31.1 q31.2 q31.3 9q32 9q33.1 q33.2 9q33.3 34.11 9q34.3



Tons of pre-loaded annotations!

- Genes annotations
- Conservation scores
- Alignments with other species
- SNPs
- Expression profile across tissues for genes
- And many more



move start Click on a feature for details. Shift+click+drag to zoom in. Click grey 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 and press refresh to alter tracks displayed.

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collapse all track groups

collapse all

track search

highlight

hide all

add custom tracks

configure

reverse

resize

expand all

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Mapping and Sequencing

refresh

Base Position

dense

hide

18 FISH Clones

hide

LRG Regions

hide

STS Markers

hide

P14 Fix Patches

pack

hide

Gap

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Mappability

hide

P14 Alt Haplotypes

pack

hide

GC Percent

hide

Problematic Regions

show

Assembly

hide

GRC Contigs

hide

Recomb Rate

hide

Centromeres

hide

GRC Incident

hide

RefSeq Acc

hide

Chromosome Band

hide

Hg19 Diff

hide

Restr Enzymes

hide

Clone Ends

hide

INSDC

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Scaffolds

hide

Exome Probesets

hide

LiftOver & ReMap

hide

Short Match

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Genes and Gene Predictions

refresh

GENCODE V44

pack

NCBI RefSeq

pack

CCDS

hide

CRISPR Targets

hide

Updated

GENCODE Versi

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hide

HGNC

hide

19 IKMC Genes Mapped

hide

LRG Transcripts

hide

Add Custom Tracks

clade Mammal genome Human assembly Dec. 2013 (GRCh38/hg38)

Display your own data as custom annotation tracks in the browser. Data must be formatted in [bigBed](#), [bigBarChart](#), [bigChain](#), [bigGenePred](#), [bigInteract](#), [bigLolly](#), [bigMaf](#), [bigPsl](#), [bigWig](#), [BAM](#), [barChart](#), [VCF](#), [BED](#), [BED detail](#), [bedGraph](#), [broadPeak](#), [CRAM](#), [GFF](#), [GTF](#), [hic](#), [interact](#), [MAF](#), [narrowPeak](#), [Personal Genome SNP](#), [PSL](#), or [WIG](#) formats.

- You can paste just the URL to the file, without a "track" line, for bigBed, bigWig, bigGenePred, CRAM, BAM and VCF.
- To configure the display, set [track](#) and [browser](#) line attributes as described in the [User's Guide](#).
Examples are [here](#). If you do not have web-accessible data storage available, please see the [Hosting](#) section of the Track Hub Help documentation.

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: Choose file No file chosen Submit

Clear

Optional track documentation: Or upload: Choose file No file chosen

Clear

Click [here](#) for an HTML document template that may be used for Genome Browser track descriptions.

Add the HCC1143 bam file

- Just paste the amazon link in the input field (it also needs a bai index file, in this case it will find it as it exists in the same online repository)
- Then go to chr21:19,000,000-20,000,000
- Explore the reads alignment
- A cleaner way to do it is to add metadata, such as
track type=bam name="HCC1143 normal" bigDataUrl=https://ngs-introduction-training.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/HCC1143.normal.21.19M-20M.bam

Add the HCC1143 bam file (2)

- Check if dbSNP is displayed, then find rs3827160
- It's also possible to visualize the LTR and the deletion region as in the GenomeBrowser exercise (chr21:19,800,320-19,818,162)

Bed files are a simple way to specify coordinates

- A basic bed file contains chromosome, start, end
- They are often used as output of an analysis, eg methylation regions
- As a test, try manual input of the deletion: chr21:19,326,851-19,329,106

The syntax for a bed file in the UCSC genome browser is

track name=Deletion description="Deletion, manual input" useScore=1

chr21 19326851 19329106

- Reference a bed file
 - <https://github.com/fburdet/UCSC/raw/refs/heads/main/test.bed>

Other formats commonly used

- bigBed: compressed bed files
- bigWig: coordinates with specific intensities, indexed
- vcf: used for variants data

Save and share session

The image shows a screenshot of the UCSC Genome Browser interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Genomes, Genome Browser, Tools, Mirrors, Downloads, My Data, View, Help, and About Us. The 'My Data' menu is open, showing options: Custom Tracks (c t), My Sessions (s s), Track Hubs (t h), Track Collection Builder (t c), and Public Sessions (p s). The 'My Sessions' option is highlighted with a yellow background. Below the menu, the main content area displays a genomic track for chromosome 9, with a scale bar at the bottom showing coordinates from 101,418,000 to 101,427,000. The track includes labels for 'chr9 (q31.1)', '9p24.1', '9p23', '22.3', '9p21.3', '21.2', and '9p'. A 'multi-region' button and a 'chr9:10' input field are also visible.

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multi-region chr9:10

chr9 (q31.1) 9p24.1 9p23 22.3 9p21.3 21.2 9p

Scale chr9: | 101,418,000 | 101,419,000 | 101,420,000 | 101,421,000 | 101,422,000 | 101,423,000 | 101,424,000 | 101,425,000 | 101,426,000 | 101,427,000

Welcome fburdet

Your Account Information

Username: fburdet

[Change password](#)

[Sign out](#)

Session Management

See the [Sessions User's Guide](#) for more information about this tool. See the [Session Gallery](#) for example sessions.

[Click here to reset](#) the browser user interface settings to their defaults.

My Sessions

Show 10 entries

Search:

session name (click to load)	created on	assembly	view/edit details	delete this session	share with others?	post in public listing?	send to mail
mm10_Miki_OCT2015_edited	2015-10-12	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_Miki_OCT2015	2015-10-12	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_3_datasets_merged_candidates	2015-09-24	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_3_datasets_merged	2015-09-17	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_Miki_ROSE_2rep	2015-09-08	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_Miki_ROSE	2015-08-27	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_Miki_TE_SE_normalized_size	2015-08-10	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_Miki_TE_SE	2015-08-07	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_merge_SE	2015-08-03	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email
mm10_miki_chippart_clean_3TP	2015-07-21	mm10	view/edit	delete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email

Showing 1 to 10 of 33 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 Next

Save Settings

Save current settings as named session:

name: ☒ allow this session to be loaded by others

[submit](#)

Save current settings to a local file:

file: file type returned: ☒ plain text ☐ gzip compressed (ignored if output file is blank)

[submit](#)

(leave file blank to get output in browser window)

Next step:
hubs!

IGV vs UCSC genome browser

IGV

- Suitable for any genome
- Need to install it on each computer
- Files on local computer can be very big (mammal bam files)
- Not easy to share sessions
- No need for a file server
- Less available annotations

UCSC

- Genome must exist
- No local install or space needed
- Easy to share sessions with link and sessions
- Easier to manage if you have several custom annotations
- Need a file server for own tracks
- Tons of pre-loaded annotations

Bonus slides

Example: get bed & bigBed for 1 gene

```
wget https://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_45/gencode.v45.annotation.gff3.gz
```

```
gzip -d gencode.v45.annotation.gff3.gz
```

```
grep ENST00000647789 gencode.v45.annotation.gff3 | grep exon | cut -f1,4,5 > ALDOB.bed
```

```
./fetchChromSizes hg38 > hg38.chromSize
```

```
sort -k1,1 -k2,2n ALDOB.bed > ALDOB.sorted.bed
```

```
./bedToBigBed ALDOB.sorted.bed hg38.chromSize ALDOB.bb
```


Example: bam to bigWig

```
samtools view -H DP003.merged.bam > DP003.T2D.ALDOB.sam
```

```
samtools view DP003.merged.bam "chr9:101420000-101437000" >> DP003.T2D.ALDOB.sam
```

```
samtools view -bS DP003.T2D.ALDOB.sam > DP003.T2D.ALDOB.bam
```

```
samtools index DP003.T2D.ALDOB.bam
```

```
bamCoverage -b DP003.T2D.ALDOB.bam -o DP003.T2D.ALDOB.bw
```