

Day 3: Data tools and pipelines

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Course roadmap

Sun 7 May
Introduction Day



Mon 8 May
Day 1
Capacity Building



Tue 9 May
Day 2
Specimen and
Sequencing



Wed 10 May
Day 3
Data Tools and
Pipelines



Thu 11
Day 4
Frameworks,
Guidelines, and
Decision-making



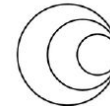
Fri 12
Day 5
Projects Review
and Action
Planing



Next steps and
Beyond



From raw sequencing output to
biological information



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Day 3 Session 1: Setting up Data Infrastructure and Processes

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Session outline

- Choice of computing hardware
- Single machines vs HPC vs Cloud
- Operating systems for bioinformatics
- Use cases for genomic analysis
- Outline the use of containers and conda environments



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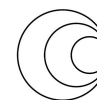
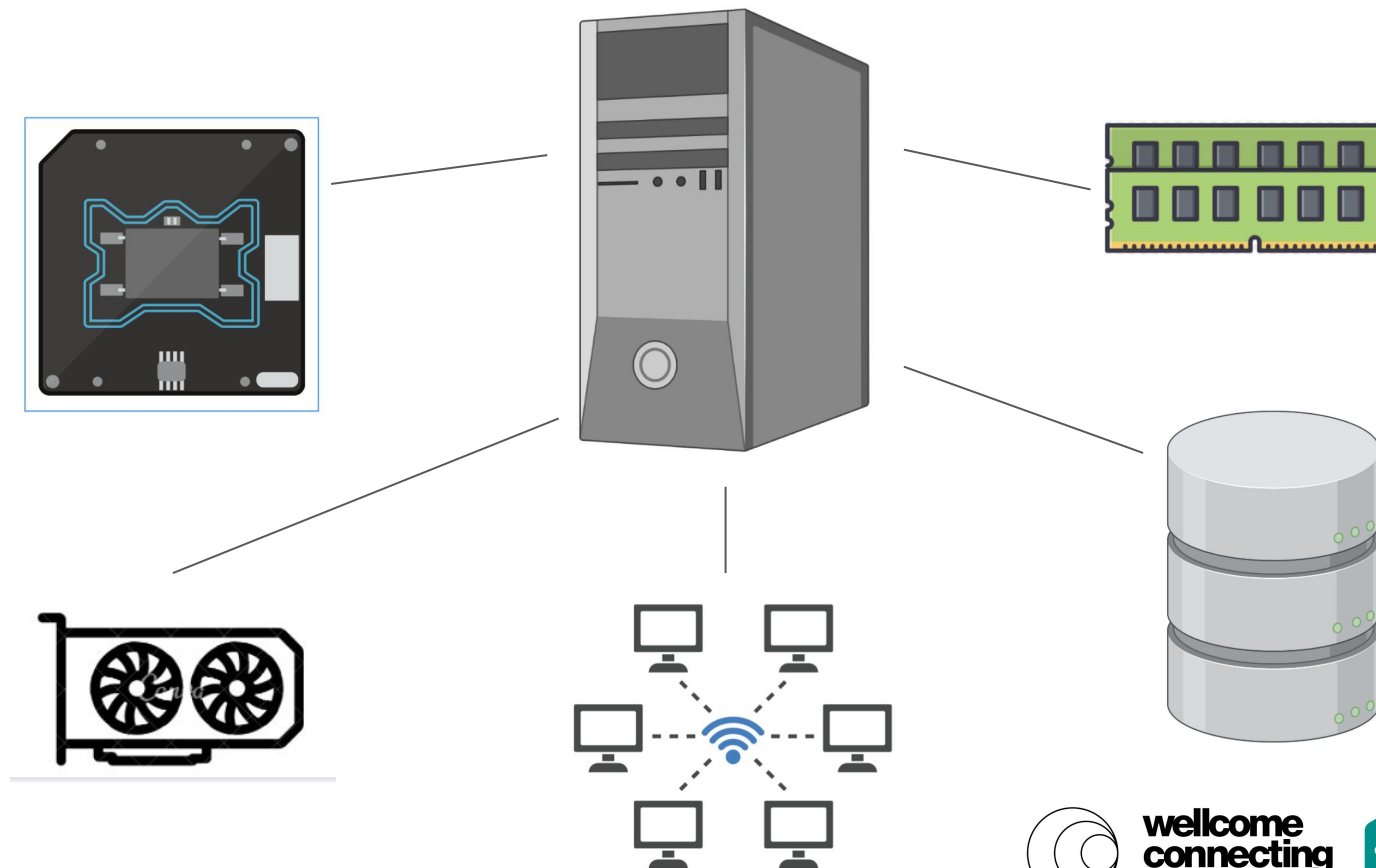
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Session outcomes

- List the basic components of a data analysis system
- Define the meaning of cpu, hard disk, bandwidth, etc.
- Compare the costs of computing and analysis platforms
- List the differences between local and cloud infrastructure
- Identify the resources needed to setup and maintain computing infrastructure
- Identify operating systems used for bioinformatics analysis



Components of a Computer:



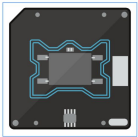
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Components of a Computer:

Central Processing Unit (**CPU**)



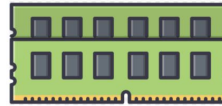
- Reduced Instruction Set Computing (RISC) CPUs

-Complex Instruction Set Computing (CISC) CPUs

Vendors

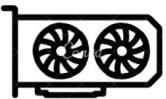
Intel, AMD, ARM, IBM, Qualcomm, Apple

Random Access Memory (**RAM**)



- Dynamic RAM (DRAM)
- Static RAM (SRAM)

Graphical Processing Unit (**GPU**)



- Integrated GPU's (laptops)
- Dedicated GPU's (HPCs)

Vendors

NVIDIA, Apple, AMD, Intel, Qualcomm, Imaging technologies

Disk Storage



- Direct Attached Storage (DAS)
-Network Attached Storage (NAS)
-Storage Area Network (SAN)
-Object Storage
-Parallel File System

File system considerations

- Lustre
- XFS
- ZFS

Vendors

HPE, DELL, NetApp, IBM, HITACHI
Vantara, Western Digital, PureStorage

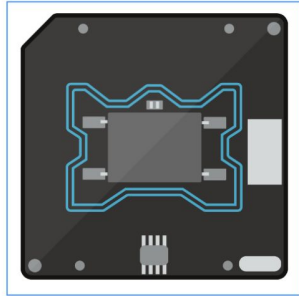


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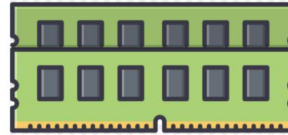
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Components of a Computer:



CPU:

- Number will determine speed of analysis
- Strength will determine complexity and speed
- “Threads” determine how many data streams can be processed at the same time



RAM:

- Fast memory used to feed into CPU from the Disk
- Size in Gigabytes ranges between 1 - 512GB
- Does not store data long term



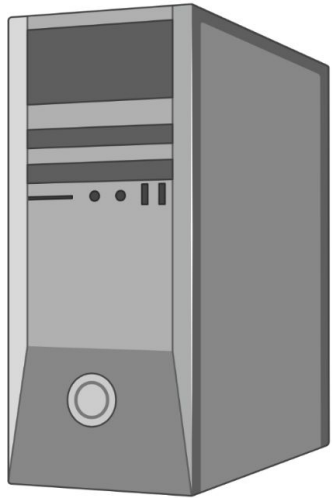
Disk Storage:

- Slow memory used to keep data for long terms
- Size in ranges between Megabytes and Terabytes
- Stores all input and output files for processing



Operating systems

The operating system manages computer hardware, software resources, and provides common services for computer programs



Commercial vs Open source OS

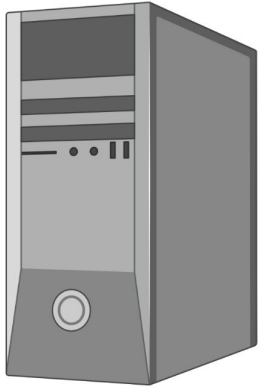
- How do I choose an OS ?
- How do I choose which Linux?

RedHat, SUSE, UNIX,

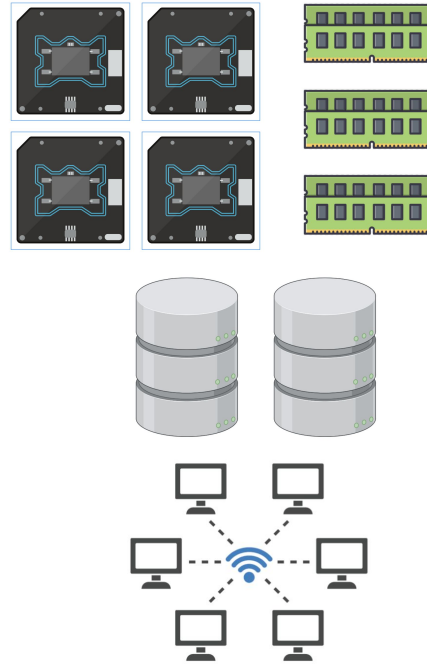
- Redhat Family - Centos, Rocky Linux, Fedora
- Debian family - Debian, Ubuntu
- OpenSUSE

Computing Environments:

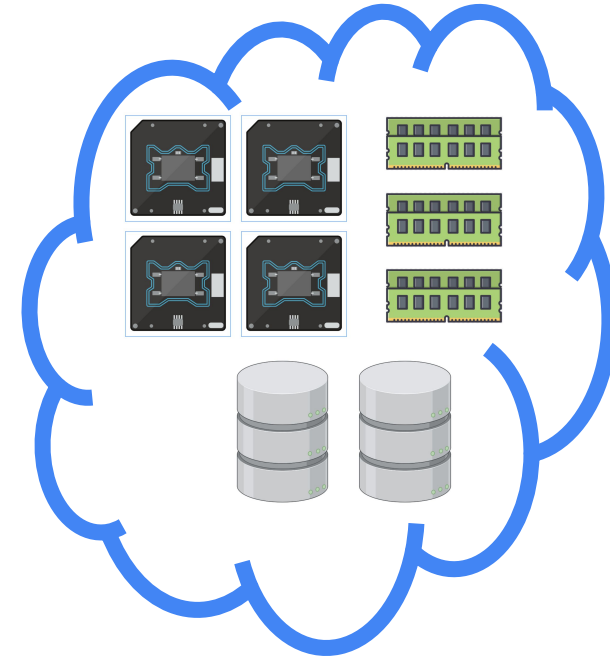
Single Desktop Computer



High Performance Computer



Cloud Computing

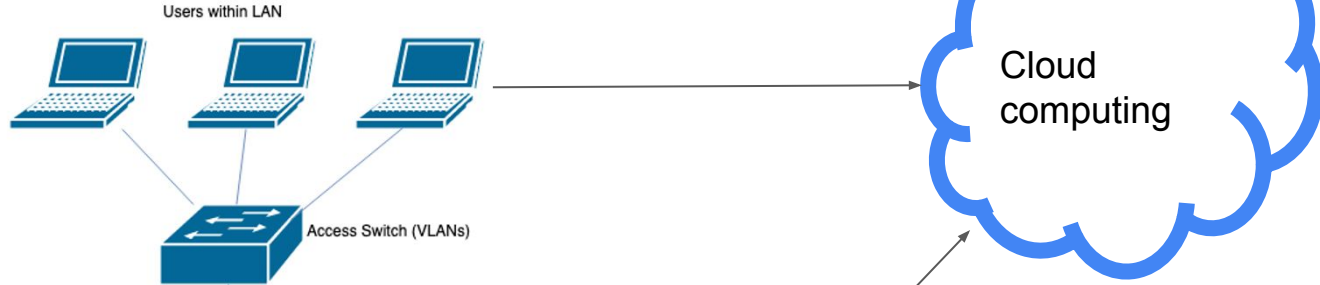


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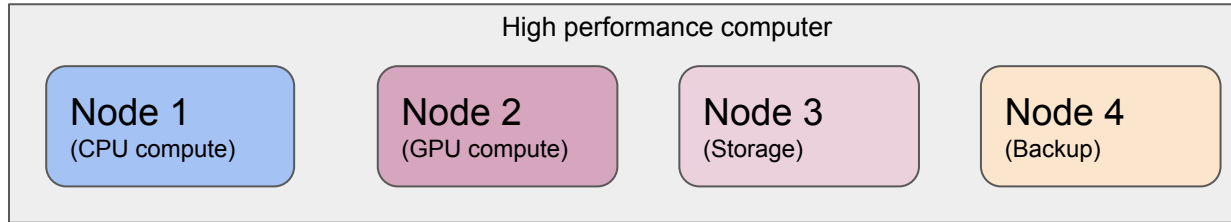


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Bioinformatics infrastructure



High throughput devices



ICT core support

- Human resources
- Security
- Data protection
- Data governance
- Procurement
- Service contracts
- Terms and conditions for cloud based infrastructure services!!

Use case 1

Single computer

Applicable workflow options

- Terra and Galaxy workflows
- Web-accessible, software as a service solutions

Minimum specs

- i7, >16Gb RAM, >1TB disk
- M2, >16Gb RAM, >1TB disk

Use case 2

High-Performance Computing (HPC)

Applicable workflow options

- Command-line workflows
- Batch processing Workflows
- Memory intensive workflows

Minimum specs

- CPU - Multicore (2.6GHz-3GHz)
- RAM >2Gb
- Storage > 1Tb per node
- Network >10Gbits/S

Use case 3

Cloud computing

Applicable workflow options

- Performance-intensive workflows e.g. machine learning algorithms, eukaryotic genome analysis
- Algorithms requiring parallel computing

Minimum specs

- Similar to HPC but could be scaled depending on workflow requirements

Terra and Galaxy workflows

Examples include:

COVID-19 Galaxy Workflows

<https://covid19.galaxyproject.org/artic/>

Theiagen's Public Health Viral Genomics
WDL Workflows [Terra]

<https://dockstore.org/organizations/Theiagen/collections/PublicHealthViralGenomics>

Infrastructure and personnel
requirements/advantages/disadvantages

Web-accessible, software as a service solutions

Examples include:

Enterobase

<https://enterobase.warwick.ac.uk/>

Pathogenwatch

<https://pathogen.watch/>

Chan Zuckerberg ID
(formerly known as IDseq)

<https://czid.org/>

Infrastructure and personnel
requirements/advantages/disadvantages

Command-line interface tools

Examples include:

- Nextflow
- Nextflow workflows repositories (<https://nf-co.re/>)
- Snakemake

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Virtualization

Containerisation

- . Docker
- . Singularity (HPC)

- . Conda / Miniconda
- . Virtual env

Bioinformatics workflow managers

- . Nextflow
- . Snakemake
- . Common workflow language

Package Managers

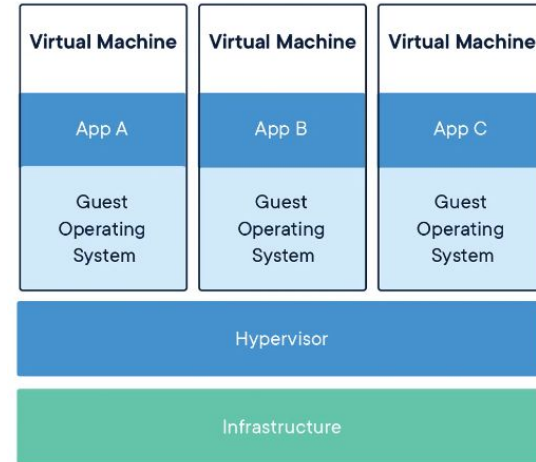
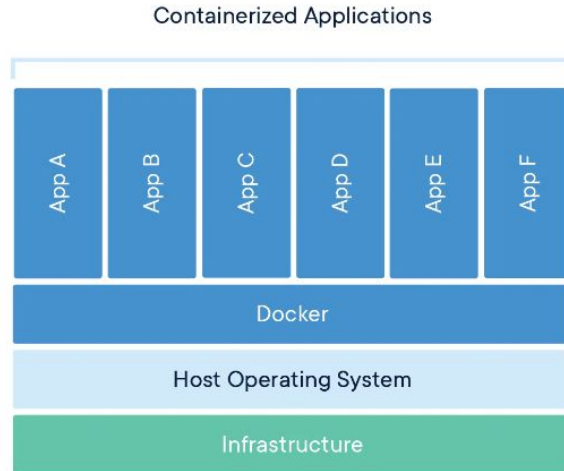
- . Mamba
- . Apt
- . Yum
- . System modules

Version Control

- . Git
- . Mercurial



Containers vs Virtual Machines

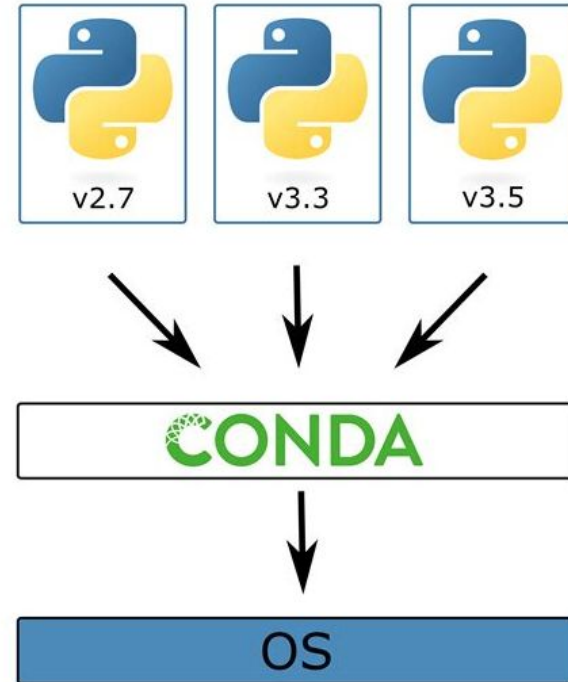


<https://www.docker.com/resources/what-container/>
https://docs.docker.com/get-started/docker_cheatsheet.pdf



Environment Managers

- Allows running multiple versions of the same software
- Resolve dependency issues between softwares



<https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/>

<https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/cheatsheet.html>



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Relevant resources

PHA4GE Bioinformatics Solutions for SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Analysis:

<https://github.com/pha4ge/pipeline-resources/blob/main/docs/bioinfo-solutions.md>

Module 1

SARS-CoV-2 Bioinformatics Training, October-November 2021

Peter van Heusden & George Githinji

https://uct-cbio.github.io/ngs-academy/uploads/sars-cov_analysis_workflows.pdf



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Human Resources for Data Analysis:

- Bioinformaticians
- Data Scientists
- Systems Administrators
- Data Administrators
- Server managers
- Support Teams
- Programming teams
- Network Administrators



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Activity: Manage computer infrastructure for analysis

You are the **Lead Data Manager** for your analysis team:

You have been given a defined dataset of sequencing data to analyse

1. Purchasing equipment and setup is instant in this scenario!
1. Process as many samples in a 24hr day as possible
1. Create a system to process the data so your team can begin analysis!



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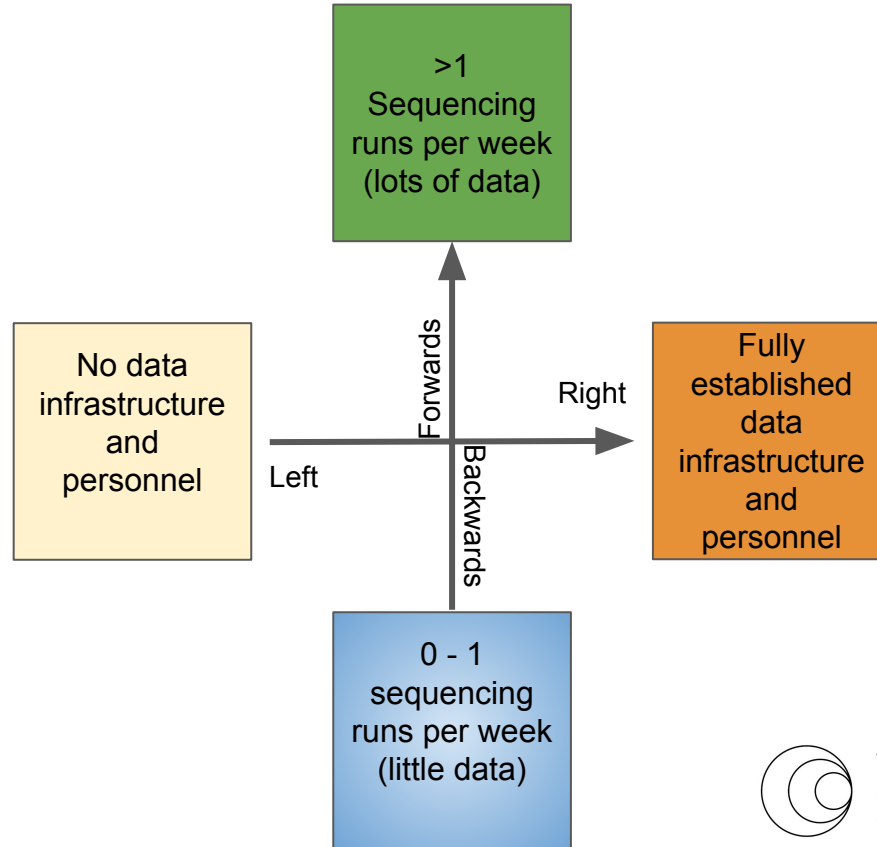
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Activity: Data Analysis Needs Assessment

Move around the room based on your needs and environment:

Form
5 groups

Based on who
are closest
together!



Group Tasks - 15 minutes

Group 1:
Budget =
\$500

Number of
Samples:
24

Condition:
All data must
be backed up
once

Group 2:
Budget =
\$750

Number of
Samples:
48

Condition:
Input files
must be
deleted

Group 3:
Budget =
\$1200

Number of
Samples:
72

Condition:
Power cuts
12hrs per day

Group 4:
Budget =
\$2000

Number of
Samples:
100

Condition:
The data is
sovereign

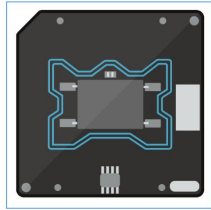
Group 5:
Budget =
\$400

Number of
Samples:
10

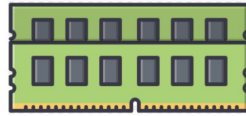
Condition:
Outputs must
be backed up
once



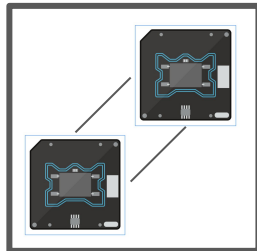
Costs and Performance Sheet:



Single CPU:
1 Sample per
hour
Costs \$200



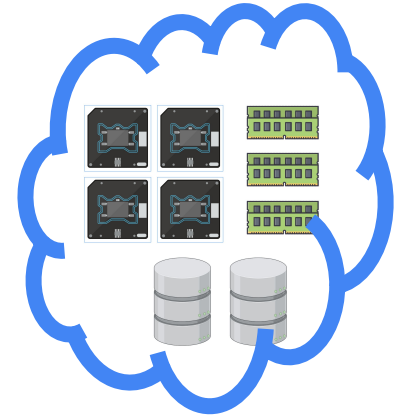
RAM:
Each sample running
through the workflow
requires 4GB of RAM
Cost: \$50 for 8GB
RAM



Dual core CPU:
2 samples per
hour
Costs \$300



Storage:
Each sample is
10GB in sizes
The output of each
analysis is 5GB in
size
Cost: \$50 for
500GB storage



Rent Cloud Computing:
The cloud can process 3
samples per hour
Costs: \$50 per hour for
running
Costs: \$20 per 1000GB of
data stored
The cloud is hosted in USA



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