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Sequence Read Archive (SRA) growth Searches over SRA will enable complex biological analysis What if I find a new putative disease-related transcript, and want to see if it appeared in other biological samples?

What if I discover a new fusion event in a particular cancer subtype and want to know if it is common among samples with this subtype?

What if I find an unexpected bacterial contaminant in my data; which other samples might contain this?

## A set of tools to index and search large-scale biological data







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