



# Getting data into Galaxy



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## 🔍 Questions

- How do I get my data into Galaxy?
- How do I get public data into Galaxy?





# Getting data into Galaxy





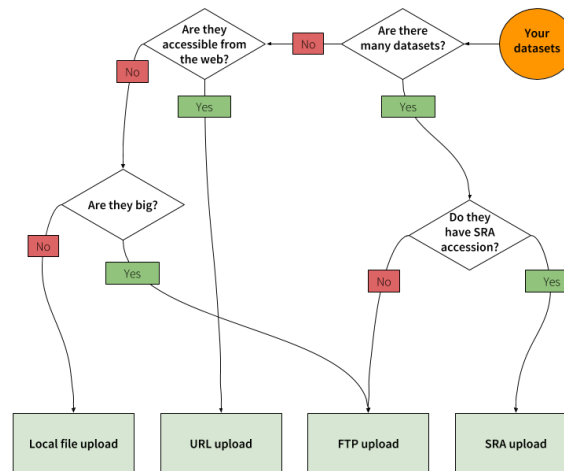
## Many ways to get data into your workspace

1. Import using **Get Data** sources e.g. UCSC, SRA
2. Import from a Galaxy **Data Library**
3. Import using **Upload File**
  - Import from your computer
  - Directly enter text
  - Import from a URL
  - Import using FTP
  - Import directly into Collection
  - Import using Rule Builder





Best method depends on where the data is, and how big it is



[Source: Galaxy Community Hub](#)



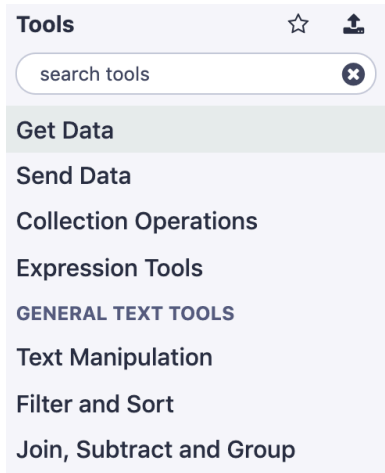


# 1. The *Get Data* toolbox section





- Click on the **Get Data** toolbox in the toolbox (the left panel)





- Expands to show data sources
  - E.g. UCSC, NCBI, Uniprot, ..
  - The specific data sources available on your Galaxy instance are determined by the server's administrator
- All of these data sources can bring datasets (files) into your Galaxy workspace (history)

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Tools interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "search tools" with a star icon and a download icon. Below the search bar, the section is titled "Get Data". The tools listed are:


- Download and Extract Reads in FASTA/Q** format from NCBI SRA
- Faster Download and Extract Reads in FASTQ** format from NCBI SRA
- Download and Extract Reads in BAM** format from NCBI SRA
- IEDB** MHC Binding prediction
- NCBI Accession Download** Download sequences from GenBank/RefSeq by accession through the NCBI ENTREZ API
- Download and Generate Pileup Format** from NCBI SRA
- UniProt** download proteome as XML or fasta
- Get species occurrences data** from GBIF, ALA, iNAT and others
- Unipept** retrieve taxonomy for peptides
- NCBI ESearch** search NCBI Databases by text query
- NCBI EQQuery** Provides the number of records retrieved in all Entrez databases by a single text query.









Two large data sources you can access through Galaxy are UCSC and SRA


**Tools** 



**Get Data**

- Faster Download and Extract Reads in FASTQ** format from NCBI SRA
- Download and Extract Reads in FASTA/Q** format from NCBI SRA
- Download and Extract Reads in BAM** format from NCBI SRA
- Download and Generate Pileup Format** from NCBI SRA
- EBI SRA ENA SRA**

**Tools** 



**Get Data**

- UCSC Main table browser**
- UCSC Archaea table browser**



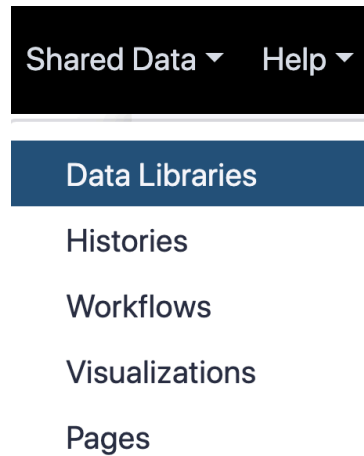


## 2. Import from Shared Data Library





- Top menu bar -> Shared Data -> Data Libraries
- Configured by a Galaxy Administrator
- Can be imported directly into your history
- Example: all GTN tutorial data





You can select the files you want and send to History as datasets or collection

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing files. At the top, there is a search bar and several action buttons: "Export to History", "Download", "Delete", and "Details". Below these is a breadcrumb trail: "Libraries / GTN - Material". A context menu is open over a file, with options "as Datasets" and "as a Collection". The main area displays a table of files, each with a checkbox and a URL. The first file is selected, and its name is highlighted as "Name 1?".

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### **3. Upload from your computer**






# Galaxy


## Tools

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 Upload Data

Download from web or upload from disk

Regular Composite Collection Rule-based

 Drop files here

Type (set all):  Q Genome (set all):





# Choose files

Download from web or upload from disk

Regular Composite Collection Rule-based

Drop files here

Type (set all): Auto-detect Genome (set all): ----- Additional...

Choose local file Choose FTP file Paste/Fetch data Pause Reset Start Close





## Set Metadata

- **Datatype** (e.g. FastQ, VCF, BAM, tabular, ..)
  - Galaxy will autodetect by default (sometimes guesses wrong)
- **Genome Build** (e.g. hg19, mm9, ..)
  - must be set manually (can be done later as well)







- Can be set for all files at once:





- Or per file:





## Start upload process:

- Once everything is ready, click the **Start** button





You can then close the form





All the items will appear in your history

and are ready to use when green.





Directly enter text





- Sometimes it's useful to file content directly.
  - only works if your dataset is tiny
  - choose **Paste/Fetch data**





Enter the data by typing (or pasting) it in the input box:

You can also set the datatype and build. *Click* **Start**, and then **Close**, and the new item shows up as **Pasted Entry** in your history.







## Import using URL





The data might already be available on a web server somewhere. To avoid downloading data to your computer and uploading to Galaxy in two steps, you can instruct Galaxy to directly fetch the data from a given URL.

Select **Paste/Fetch data**





Enter the URLs (one per line) into the input box:

Click **Start**, and then **Close**, and the new items show up in your history with the URL as their name.





# Import using FTP





- Why use FTP?
  - Older Galaxies did not support uploading files larger than 2GB in size
  - Many people are very comfortable using FTP to upload large datasets and you can sometimes resume interrupted uploads.
- How to use FTP
  - The Galaxy server's administrator must have [enabled FTP](#) on the server
  - You will need to create an account on that Galaxy Server
  - You will need to install FTP software, or to run FTP from the shell
  - See <https://galaxyproject.org/ftp-upload/>





## Make sure you have an FTP client installed

- [FileZilla](#) is a free FTP client that is available on [Windows](#), [MacOS](#), and [Linux](#)
- There are many other options
- If you don't already have an FTP client, download and install FileZilla.





## Establish FTP connection to your Galaxy server

- Provide
  - the instance's FTP server name (e.g. usegalaxy.org, ftp.usegalaxy.eu)
  - your full **username** (usually an email address) and **password**





Successfully connected







Right click on the files and upload them.





FTP Transfer in progress...





... and transfer complete.





## Where did my files go?

- File Upload menu -> **Choose FTP files**





- Select files to import into your history
- Click **Start**





## Import directly into Collection





- Select **Collection** tab at top of upload menu
- Add files as before (upload from computer, paste/fetch, FTP)





- Choose collection type (at bottom)
- Set metadata (file type, genome build)
- Click "Build"







- Name your collection
- Click **Create** button





- Collection is now imported in your history
- Click on it to expand it and view all files in collection





# Import using Rule Based uploader





- When you want to import many files from URLs or Accession IDs directly into collection(s)
- Supports advanced "rules" for creating collections from sample sheets
- Click **Rule-based** tab at top of file upload window





# Import using Rule Based uploader

Learn how to use it in the dedicated [Rule Based Uploader tutorial](#)





# Thank You!

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