

# BaseSpace™ Sequence Hub

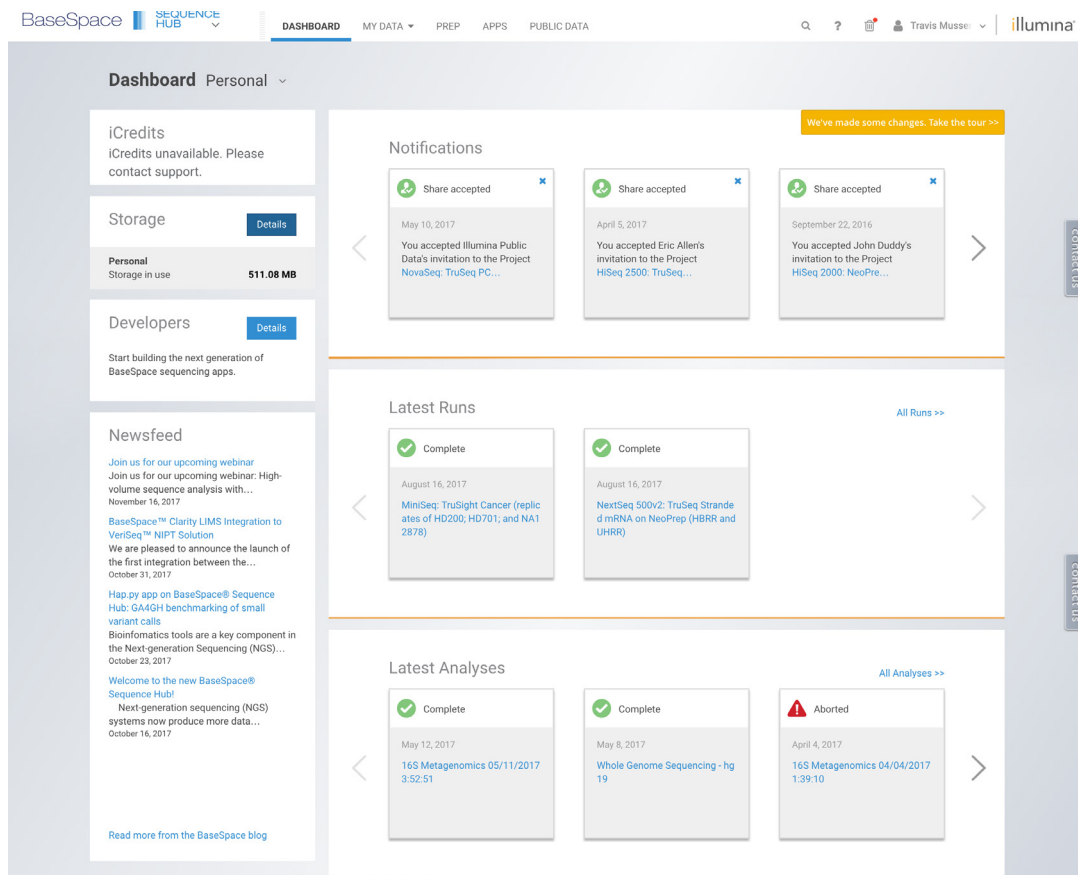
Data management and analysis that is simple enough for labs getting started and powerful enough for rapidly scaling up next-generation sequencing operations.

## Highlights

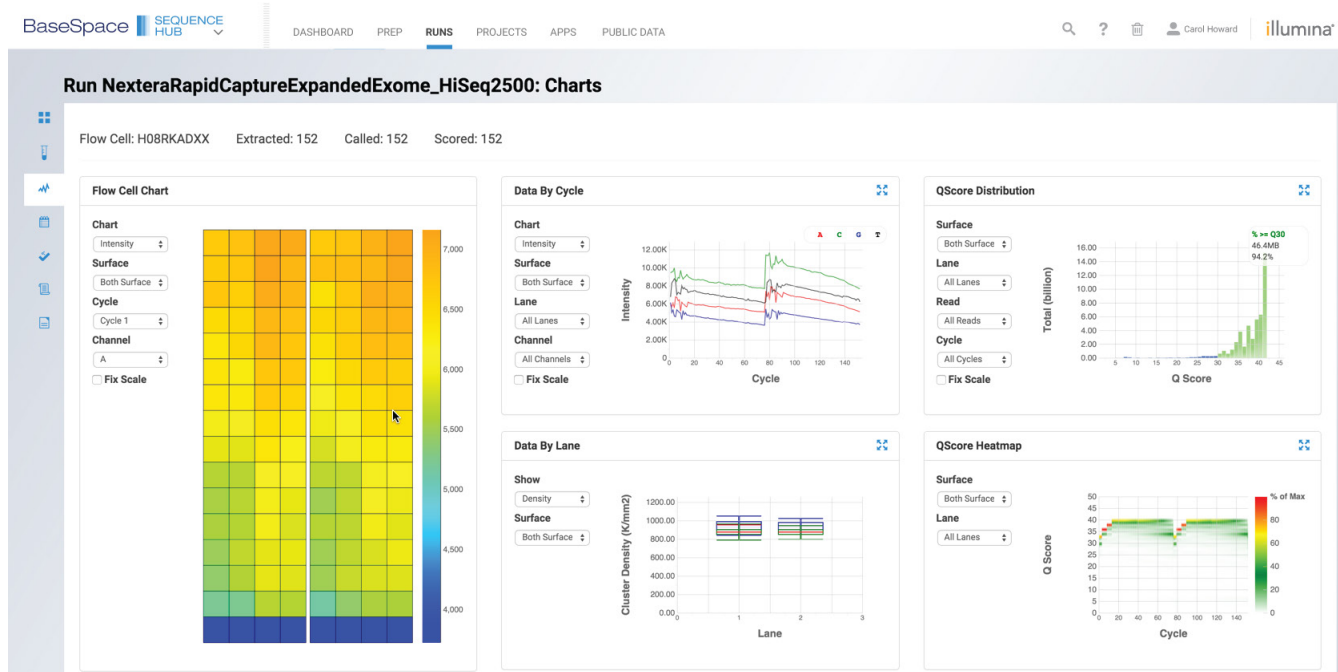
- Touchpoint-free automation**  
 Configure analysis workflows and automated quality control steps to remove touchpoints and streamline data processing
- Real-time data upload and run monitoring**  
 View run progress as data uploads to the data repository and begin analysis immediately after run completes
- One-click analysis with over 80 bioinformatics tools**  
 Access a growing collection of bioinformatics tools, including the DRAGEN™ Bio-IT Platform, easily with BaseSpace Apps
- Global collaboration and data sharing**  
 Configure options to disseminate data to peers, create working groups, or engage the scientific community

## Introduction

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) has revolutionized the way and rate at which biomedical research is conducted. As the cost of sequencing decreases, the volume of NGS data increases, creating new bottlenecks. The challenges of secure data storage and management, complex data analysis, and sharing results with collaborators can result in nonuniform methods within institutions and labs, conflicting results, and increased operational overhead. BaseSpace Sequence Hub is a genomics cloud computing platform designed to bring simplified data management and analytical sequencing tools directly to investigators in a user-friendly format (Figure 1). BaseSpace Sequence Hub provides flexibility and convenience with an array of tools, significantly expanding the possibilities of yielding meaningful results from NGS data.



**Figure 1: Intuitive BaseSpace Sequence Hub dashboard**—The Notifications panel has widgets that highlight the latest sharing, ownership transfer activities, occasional alerts on new features, bugs, etc. The Latest Runs panel has widgets that provide real-time status of the sequencing run. The Latest Analyses panel has widgets that show the status of user app sessions



**Figure 2: Monitor run data in real time**—Sequence Analysis Viewer (SAV) capabilities are built into the BaseSpace Sequence Hub user interface, allowing real-time, cycle-by-cycle monitoring. The Charts view shows data by lane and by cycle, with Q-score distribution and heat map features. Each graph can be expanded to full size.

## Scalable bioinformatics software

Traditionally, labs pursuing NGS required the services of highly trained bioinformaticians and a dedicated infrastructure to perform data management, analysis, and storage. BaseSpace Sequence Hub relieves many of these burdens by automating bioinformatic analysis using cloud-based software applications. These push-button apps were designed with the biologist in mind, enabling users to produce biologically relevant results from raw data that can be used in downstream analysis tools. All BaseSpace Sequence Hub accounts come with 1 TB of free storage, but this storage is scalable according to changing laboratory needs.

## Run setup and management

BaseSpace Sequence Hub makes biosample and run management easy using the Prep Tab feature, an intuitive, graphical environment for one-stop library and run preparation.

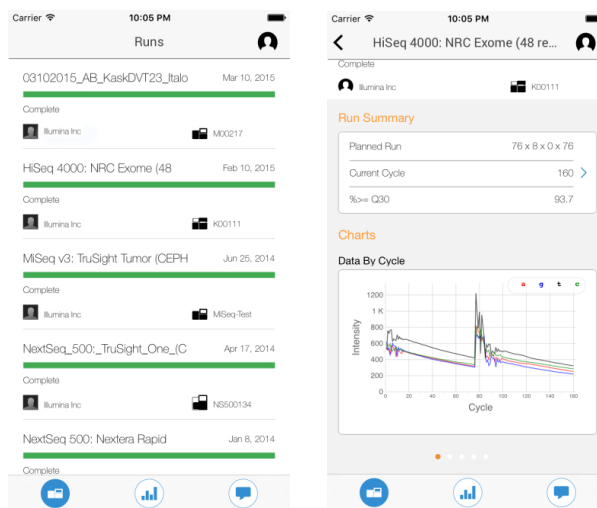
- Prepare and manage biological samples, libraries, pools, and planned sequencing runs directly in BaseSpace Sequence Hub
- Import biological samples or library information in batch mode for large experiments

The features available in Prep Tab allow for easy integration of BaseSpace Sequence Hub with library preparation and sequencing platforms. Using the Prep Tab, the entire workflow can be planned from biosample creation and library preparation to pooling and sequencing. When a run has been planned and is ready to start, no additional setup is required at the instrument.

- Prep Tab supports all Illumina library prep kits
- Prep Tab can also be used for custom library kits
- MiSeq™, NovaSeq™, and HiSeq™ instruments (including the HiSeq X System) can be set up in BaseSpace Sequence Hub using sample sheets.

## Real-time monitoring

BaseSpace Sequence Hub is the only cloud platform directly integrated with Illumina sequencing systems. With the Runs Dashboard, users can monitor data, by lane or by cycle, as data are generated in real time on the sequencer. Additionally, users can view quality performance metrics from the browsers (Figure 2) or on mobile devices using the [BaseSpace Mobile App](#) (Figure 3). Data are seamlessly pushed to BaseSpace Sequence Hub for automatic analysis and storage upon run completion, with the option of retaining data for local hosting and analysis on the instrument.



**Figure 3: View runs on the BaseSpace Mobile App**—Runs can be viewed on the BaseSpace Mobile App on any iOS-compatible device. The Mobile App also provides status updates on analysis, including push-button notifications when runs and analyses are completed. Download the Mobile App for free at the [iTunes app store](#).

## BaseSpace Apps, powerful yet simple

Analysis of complex sequencing data sets is a challenge at any scale. BaseSpace Sequence Hub provides a continuously growing list of powerful apps (analysis workflows and tools), allowing researchers to set up and perform complex data analyses. A simple interface links data sets directly to bioinformatics pipelines based on open source and commercial tools (Figure 4). [BaseSpace Apps](#) meet the diverse needs of any researcher, regardless of informatics experience, in an expansive analysis ecosystem.

## Develop custom apps to analyze data

Working with customized pipelines and tools within BaseSpace Sequence Hub simplifies bioinformatics processes by allowing the user to bring their analysis methods to the data in a flexible platform. BaseSpace Sequence Hub supports third-party software creation by providing a robust app development platform. The [BaseSpace Native App Engine](#) and extensive application program interfaces support development of apps to perform analyses and create custom reports. Customized apps can be kept private, shared between collaborators, or made publicly available to all BaseSpace Sequence Hub users.

## Streamline analysis with automated workflows

A typical bioinformatics analysis workflow includes many steps (Figure 5). From reviewing lane metrics and post-run demultiplexing to merging data from multiple runs, setting up secondary analyses, and reviewing results, the process is time-consuming and susceptible to human error. BaseSpace Sequence Hub enables users to configure customized workflows to automate the process from sequencing run

completion to secondary analysis and results review, prior to data delivery or tertiary analyses.

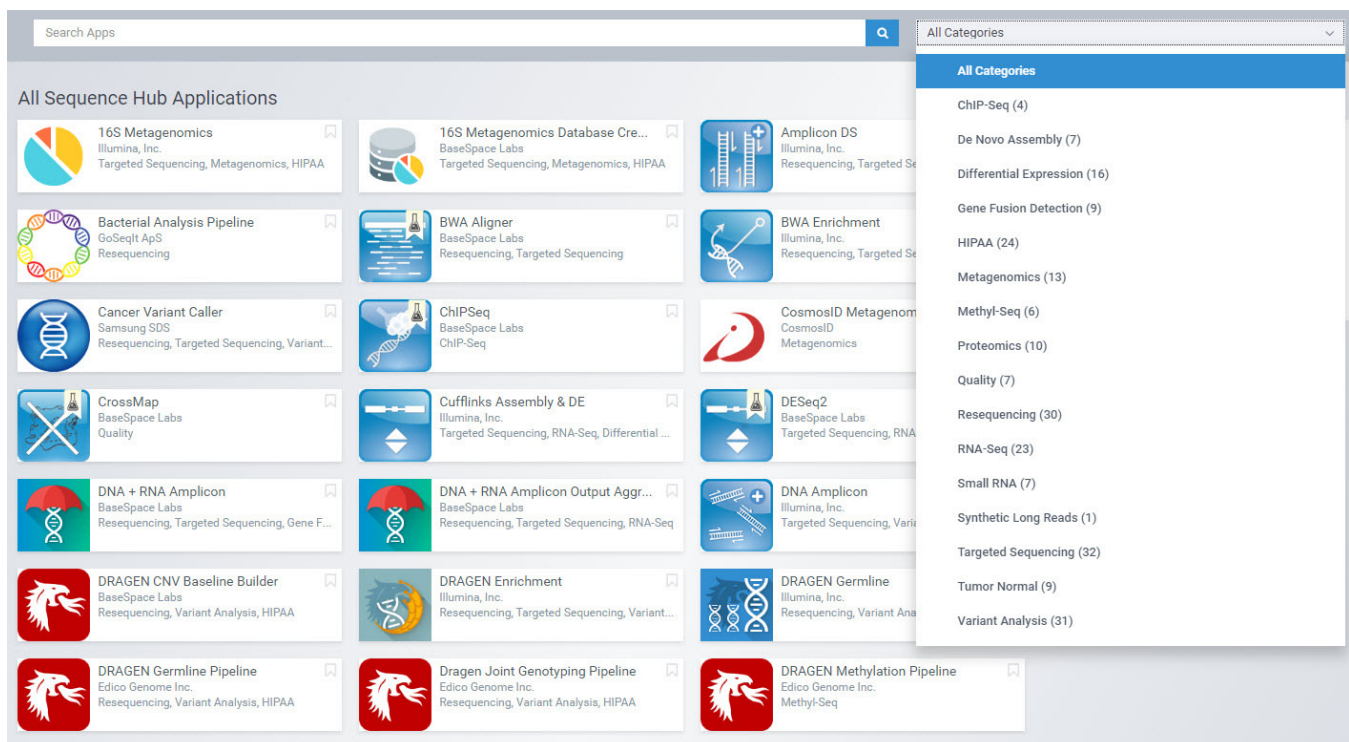
These features also enable high-volume laboratories to maximize efficiencies by tracking biosample status throughout the data analysis workflow, so users can review the progress of individual biosamples as they proceed down individual analysis paths.

## Collaborate better with workgroups

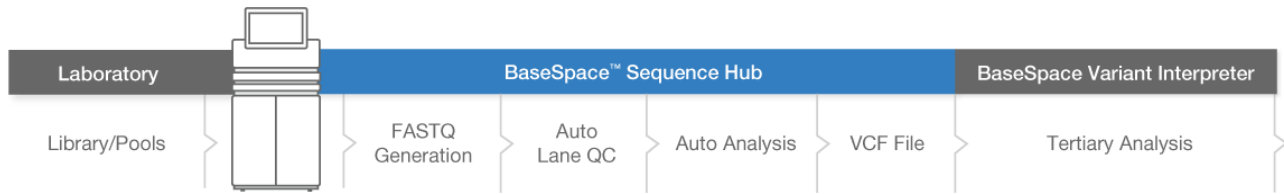
The ability to form a team through the Workgroup feature is available with an upgrade to a BaseSpace Professional subscription or BaseSpace Enterprise subscription. Each BaseSpace Professional subscription is provided with a single workgroup, while BaseSpace Enterprise tier customers can create any number of workgroups for better management of access to data. This feature enables simplified collaboration on a global scale (Figure 6):

- The team administrator (subscriber) can invite other users to the Workgroup
- All team members will have access with individual login
- Team members can switch between individual and Workgroup spaces
- In Workgroup context, team members can access all runs, analyses, and storage usage that belongs to the Workgroup

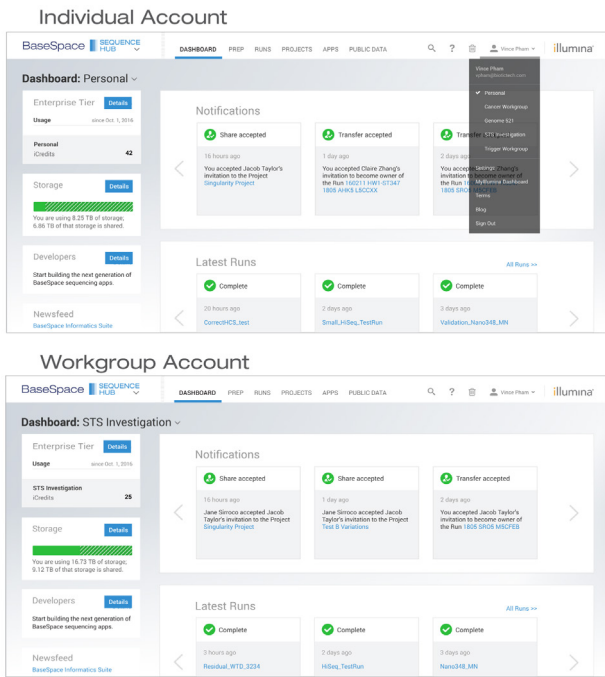
In large labs with multiple users, accounts and passwords are often shared between technicians, bioinformaticians, lab managers, etc. The Workgroup feature enables each invited individual to log in with individual passwords. This also mitigates issues that may arise when any user leaves the lab.



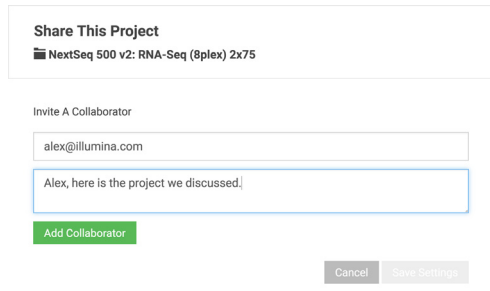
**Figure 4: Launch analytical tools on demand**—Browse and explore a growing list of apps from the bioinformatics community in the [BaseSpace Apps Store](#), and launch selected apps with a single click, directly from the data set.



**Figure 5: Automated workflow in BaseSpace Sequence Hub**—BaseSpace Sequence Hub enables users to configure customized analysis workflows that include automatic FASTQ generation, automatic sample aggregation (when applicable), automatic Lane QC, automatic launching of analyses with BaseSpace Apps, and automated secondary analysis QC.



**Figure 6: Workgroup feature**—With Workgroup, users can log in with personal credentials, then switch context between individual accounts and Workgroup accounts. In Workgroup context, users can view all runs and analyses common to the Workgroup, as well as use the storage and computation hours purchased by the Workgroup, as shown in the different dashboards.



**Figure 7: Global accessibility**—Flexible collaboration tools simplify data sharing, expand collaboration circles, and keep track of who shares data.

## Collaboration on a global scale

Researchers frequently need to collaborate and share access to sequencing data and results. BaseSpace Sequence Hub enables users to share raw sequencing data and analysis results, easily and securely, with collaborators across the globe. Shareable links can be easily created and emailed to partners, allowing instantaneous access to shared data and results. Also, data delivery is simplified with the ability to transfer runs and projects effortlessly to collaborators or customers. BaseSpace Sequence Hub makes big data portable and accessible to the people who need it most (Figure 7).

## Enhanced Security

Security is of paramount importance when making the decision to move genomic data to cloud-based analysis and storage. In BaseSpace Sequence Hub, data are protected through various physical, electronic, and administrative measures. Data for upload are encrypted using the AES256 standard and protected by transfer layer security (TLS). Data within BaseSpace Sequence Hub are hosted on Amazon Web Services (AWS), which is compliant with a wide variety

of industry-accepted security standards.<sup>1</sup> Enterprise subscriptions offer an additional level of security. Enterprise customers are provided their own domain and the ability to use their own SAML 2.0 supported authentication service to manage users and passwords. BaseSpace Sequence Hub also supports Enterprise customers in a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-regulated environment with a Business Associate Agreement (BAA). For more information about security features, read the BaseSpace Sequence Hub Security and Privacy white paper.<sup>2</sup>

## Flexible billing plans


BaseSpace Sequence Hub offers customers the option to use only what they need, providing both a monthly billing feature for the use of paid apps and storage, and a prepaid option that allows customers to pay for storage and apps as they are used. All BaseSpace Sequence Hub accounts come with 1 TB of free data storage, access to instrument run monitoring capabilities, and free demultiplexing for runs streamed into a customer’s account. Log in to BaseSpace Sequence Hub and visit the app page for more information about apps and pricing. Customers can purchase subscriptions for specified storage amounts and use the pay-as-you-go and prepaid features for any additional storage and paid apps. Billing features vary with the type of subscription (Table 1). Analysis costs vary based on the input sample type, parameters selected, and app used. For more information, read the [BaseSpace Apps Quick Guide Handout](#).

The monthly billing feature in BaseSpace Sequence Hub uses iCredits to track the use of paid apps and storage. For paid apps, the iCredits system tracks central processing unit (CPU) cycles used, and app license fees for a limited number of third-party apps (Figure 8). Each paid app using CPU cycles is priced in iCredits per node hour, and is tracked in per-minute billing increments. Third-party app license fees are listed in iCredits and are tracked upon app launch. Any storage use above baseline is priced at 0.03 iCredits/GB per month, and is tracked in per-day billing increments. A bill is sent each month for usage of paid apps and additional storage.

**Table 1: Billing features for BaseSpace Sequence Hub subscriptions**

Feature	Basic	Professional	Enterprise
Included storage	1 TB	1 TB	1 TB
Complementary iCredits	250	500	500
Run setup and monitoring	X	X	X
FASTQ generation	Free	Free	Free
Data egress	Free	Free	Free
Data sharing	X	X	X
Advanced security and compliance (encryption, ISO27001, ISO13485)	X	X	X
API and command-line access	X	X	X
Number of users	One	Unlimited	Unlimited
Workgroups		One	Unlimited
Premier security (private domain, single sign-on <sup>a</sup> , audit trail, access control)			X
HIPAA BAA (US only)			X
Service level agreement			X

a. Available for systems with control software that support Universal Copy Service. Not available for all legacy systems.



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**Figure 8: Paid app pricing**—Individual apps can be purchased with iCredits on a price-per-node hour basis, single-use fee, or annual subscription fee.

### Learn more

For more details on BaseSpace Sequence Hub, or to sign up for a free BaseSpace account, visit [www.illumina.com/basespace](http://www.illumina.com/basespace)

### Ordering information

Product	Catalog no.
Illumina Analytics - 1 iCredit	20042038
Illumina Analytics Starter Package - 1000 iCredits	20042039
Illumina Analytics - 5000 iCredits	20042040
Illumina Analytics - 50,000 iCredits	20042041
Illumina Analytics - 100,000 iCredits	20042042
BaseSpace Sequence Hub Professional Annual Subscription	20041109
BaseSpace Sequence Hub Enterprise Annual Subscription	15066411
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