

# SEQUENCHER®

## Tutorial for Macintosh

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## Working with AppleScript

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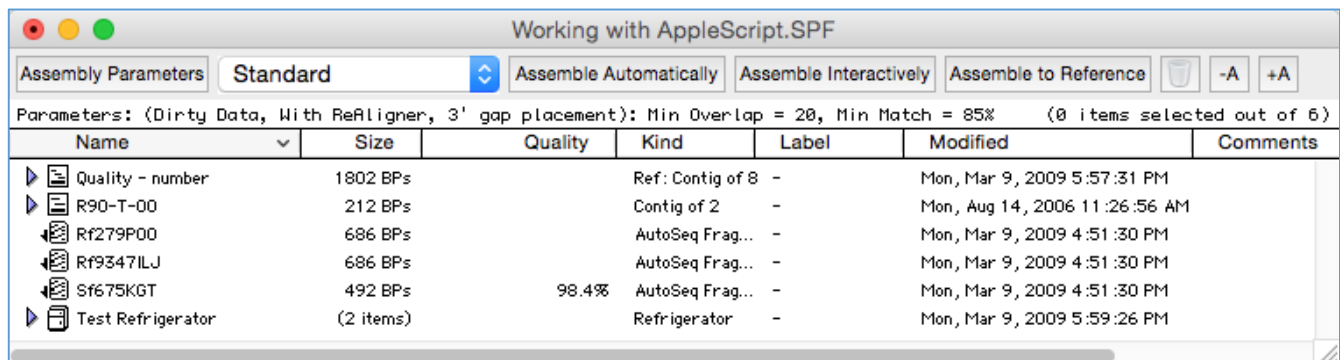
## INTRODUCTION

This tutorial will show you how to use **AppleScript** to get more from **Sequencher**. This will not be a tutorial on **AppleScript** itself, there are many excellent web sites, books, and tutorials that already do that. The tutorial will give you a glimpse into the potential of **AppleScript** and how it can help you get more from **Sequencher**. By the end of this tutorial, you will be able to open an **AppleScript** in **Sequencher**, run it, and modify it. Note that if you are working with a recent version of Mac OS such as Yosemite (Mac OS 10.10), then some of the screen shots for the **Script Editor** will look different. Don't worry, all of the functionality is still there and you can still follow this tutorial.

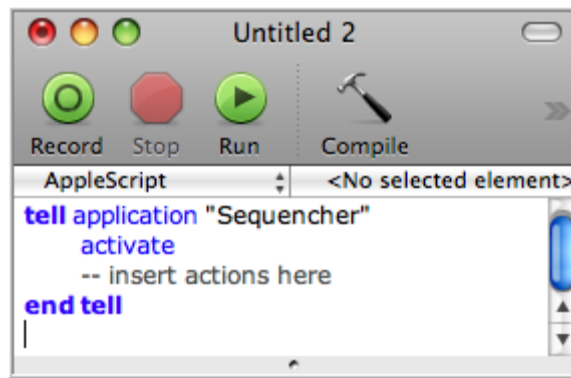
## RUNNING A SCRIPT

In order to run an **AppleScript** with **Sequencher**, you will need to have an open project and an open script.

- Launch **Sequencher**.
- From the **File** menu, choose **Open Project...** and locate the project called "**Working with AppleScript**" inside the **AppleScript** sub-folder of the **Sample Data** folder. This project contains contigs, fragments, and a refrigerator.
- Select the project and click on the **Open** button.



- Go to the **Window** menu and choose **Script Window**. The **Script Editor** opens with a window ready for you to start writing a script.



- Close this window by clicking on the red **Close** button.
- A window appears asking if you wish to save your script. Click the **Don't Save** button.

Now you need to locate the script with which you are going to work.

- From the **AppleScript Editor File** menu, choose **Open** and locate the script called "Custom Report" inside the **AppleScript** sub-folder of the **Sequencher Sample Data** folder.
- Select the script and click on the **Open** button.

The function of this script is to create a report of your project.

If you have not worked with **AppleScript** before, you will see that the script is composed of colored text and gray text. The gray text is comment; in this script, the comments will tell you what the different segments do or if there are any special requirements. The colored text is the actual script. Take a moment to scan through the script to see the different segments.

```
-- When report is done this opens the location in a new Finder window
```

```
tell application "Finder"
  activate
  open docPathAndname
  beep
end tell
```



- Click on the **Run** button to run the script.

The resultant report will be written to a text file on your Desktop called Custom report DDHHMM where DDHHMM is the time stamp representing the day of the month, hour, and minute. You can open this file in any text editor.

- Use a text editor to open the report.
- Scan through the report noting the different types of information.

You will see a comprehensive set of information including the total number of fragments assembled into contigs, the total number of edited bases, the average depth of coverage of all contigs, an example of an ABI data sheet, and more information on the contigs.

project name: Working with AppleScript.SPF  
Wednesday, 10 December 2014 18:53:21

```
----- PART 1 -----
Total Fragments: 10      with combined len: 5247 bases
Total Contigs: 2        with combined len: 2014 bases

# of fragments not incorporated into contigs: 11
Total # of edited bases in all fragments: 0
Average depth of coverage of all contigs: 2.313263041065

----- PART 2 -----
contig: Quality - number
      Quality - eight: 585 bases long, starting at 0
      2 ambiguous base calls in this sequence.
----Start an example of an ABI data sheet for fragment Quality - eight ----
Data Collection
File Name       : g1pt12.br3_k38-1512899.ab1
Sample Name     : k38-1512899
Comment        : g1pt12.br3
Lane Number     : 15
Number Of Pts  : 11060
Number Of Bases : 755
Run Started At  : Thu, Sep 16, 2004 7:57 PM
Run Stopped At  : Thu, Sep 16, 2004 8:53 PM
Gel Data File   : (not available)
Dye Set/Primer  : KB_3730_POP7_BDTv1.mob{}
Comb Name       : (not available)
```

## RUNNING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

The second script also produces a report and writes it to a file but it focuses on different items of information than the first report.

- From the **AppleScript Editor File** menu, choose **Open** and locate the script called "Report Data Attributes" inside the **Sequencher's AppleScript Sample Data** folder.
- Select the script and click on the **Open** button (you do not have to close the first script).
- Click on the green **Run** button to run the script.

The resultant report will be written to a text file on your desktop called Project\_name reportDDHHMM where Project\_name is the name of the project you are analysing and DDHHMM is the time stamp representing the day of the month, hour, and minute. You can open this file in any text editor.

This report contains information on the contigs and sequences in the project. It writes the consensus sequence of each contig to the report file. It includes information on the overall quality, orientation, length, and number of gaps and ambiguities of each fragment in the contigs. The report also contains all the information it can find for each of the unincorporated fragments including the ABI data sheet and confidence information where it exists.

```
-----
Sequence: Sf675KGT      length: 492      Original length: 666      ambigs: 0      edits: 0      unknowns: 0      gaps: 0
AGACTAAAAAGAAGTATTTTTCAAAGAATAGGAGGCCGTGCCACCAGCTAATAATATGTAAGCAAGTTACAAAGGGGAAGCAAAGCCTTCTGAATTAAGTTGTGGATTCACAGTCACTC
TGCATGACTTACAGTACTGTTCTTAAAAATGCTTGTGCTTTTTGTTCTTTTCTAGAAAATCTCTGTGCGAGGGGAAAGGATAAGAGATTATTACAAAAGCAGCAGGGCTATGCTGCTTGC
CAAACAACCAAGAAGGTGCCGATTAGAGTGCAGAGGTGGGTGTGCAGGAGGCGAGTGTGTGGACCGCTGAGGAGCAAGCGCGGAAATACTCTTTGAAATGCACTGACGGCTCCTCC
TTTGTGGACGAGGTTGAGAAAAGTGGTGAAGTGCAGGCTGTACGAGGTGTGTCTCTAAACACACTCCCGGCAGCTCTGTCTTTGAAAAGGTTGTATACTTCTTGACCATGTGGGACTAAT
GAATGCTTCATA
```

Quality Values: 8 Low, 155 Medium, 329 High Confidence

```
28 35 40 35 42 40 31 26 42 35 35 42 38 38 42 42 42 42 42 44 38 27 27 42 38 42 39 46 42 39 42 42 42 46 46 42 42 42 36
42 42 38 42 42 28 39 42 42 44 44 39 44 45 44 42 39 44 44 50 48 39 44 50 43 39 44 50 46 50 39 34 43 50 43 42 44 45 39 39
38 39 34 31 45 44 39 39 50 45 45 48 39 42 44 50 39 39 26 17 39 45 45 39 39 39 39 50 39 25 34 39 38 39 39 25 39 43 43
39 43 39 38 43 42 39 43 50 46 43 34 20 28 38 42 39 50 39 42 39 50 45 48 39 50 48 34 43 39 42 39 48 48 42 43 42 43 48 48
48 48 44 39 43 44 45 48 48 48 44 45 39 27 15 34 48 43 43 45 43 48 46 48 42 43 38 21 39 43 43 43 45 43 48 43 43 42 38 39
48 35 15 24 25 38 37 43 48 41 43 46 45 37 34 35 39 43 43 43 37 28 38 43 35 42 39 43 46 48 46 43 46 42 42 43 44 42 42 42
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50 50 42 37 44 42 42 44 35 39 35 42 40 37 42 39 43 50 42 42 42 37 44 38 42 42 36 34 43 42 44 42 37 34 40 34 42 42 32 31
35 42 37 29 30 35 42 43 38 31 34 29
```

Features: None

ABI Metadata:

Data Collection

```
File Name      : L16_15830_0045E1SNP88F_P1.ab1
Sample Name    : 15830_0045E1SNP88F_P1
Comment       :
Lane Number    : 54
Number Of Pts : 8112
Number Of Bases : 666
```

- Close both scripts by clicking on the red **Close** button.

## EDITING A SCRIPT

You can use **AppleScript** to control **Sequencher's** commands and automate the application itself as well as running reports. The next script has a very simple function but shows how a single script can be flexible. When you have followed all the instructions the script will set some of the Assembly Parameters in your project, select any fragments not in a config and then assemble them. You are going to edit the script so that all the commands run and so you can change settings to suit your own preferences.

- Click on the **Assembly Parameters** button in **Sequencher's** button bar.
- Make a note of the **Assembly Algorithm** set as default, the **Minimum Match Percentage** and the **Minimum Overlap**. You will need these values later.
- From the **AppleScript Editor File** menu, choose **Open** and locate the script called "Edit this Script" inside the **Sample Data's AppleScript** folder.
- Select the script and click on the **Open** button.

```

tell application "Sequencher"
  activate

  set projName to Name of Project 1
  get projName
  --set Assembly method of Project projName to Clean Data
  set Min match percentage of Project projName to 80
  set Min overlap of Project projName to 20
  get Min overlap of Project projName
  --select all unincorporated fragments
  --assemble all

end tell

```

Whenever you see a line in an **AppleScript** that starts with two dashes (- -), that line has been commented out. That is to say that **AppleScript** will ignore any commands or text on that line. You will see that lines of text which contain explanations about your script start in the same way. Comment lines are always in a gray font. The next step will show how easy it is to edit a script to do something more.

- Scroll down until you find the following line: `get projName`

The next line is the one you want to edit: `--set Assembly method of Project projName to Clean Data`

- Remove the `--` comment marks by simply deleting them.

This line will now set the Assembly Algorithm to the Clean Data method. The next two edits you are going to make in the script will set two Assembly Parameters.

- Change the value of the Min match percentage from **80** to **70**.
- Change the value of the Min overlap from **20** to **15**.
- Finally, remove the `--` comment marks from the two lines of the script near the bottom of the script.
- Save your edited script. It should now look like this.

```

tell application "Sequencher"
  activate

  set projName to Name of Project 1
  get projName
  set Assembly method of Project projName to Clean Data
  set Min match percentage of Project projName to 70
  set Min overlap of Project projName to 15
  get Min overlap of Project projName
  select all unincorporated fragments
  assemble all

end tell

```

- Compile your script changes by clicking on the **Compile** icon.
- Now run the script by clicking on the **Run** button.

The script now assembles most of the fragments into a single contig, two fragments do not assemble but that is expected. To confirm that the script did indeed change the Assembly Parameters as well, follow these steps.

- Click on the **Assembly Parameters** button on **Sequencher's** button bar.

- Compare the parameters with the changes you made to your script.
- If you don't intend to use these parameters in another assembly, then change them back to the settings you noted earlier in this tutorial.
- Close the **Assembly Parameters** dialog.

If you want to experiment with the script further, you can edit it again and try it on the project data once you have dissolved the config or configs you want to re-assemble.

This last **AppleScript** example is a very simple sample of the type of script that can control **Sequencher**. All the scripts you have looked at in this tutorial illustrate how you can use **AppleScript** to get more out of **Sequencher**, whether you use it to generate reports or whether you use it to automate aspects of your assembly process.

- Quit out of **AppleScript** and **Sequencher** if desired.

For more information on **AppleScript**, the Apple website is a good place to start: [www.macosxautomation.com/applescript](http://www.macosxautomation.com/applescript). For more information on **Sequencher**, visit [www.genecodes.com](http://www.genecodes.com).