ASHG 2016 Workshop: Introduction to the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)

Instructions for downloading and launching IGV

1. Go to the download page for the IGV desktop application at

www.broadinstitute.org/igv/download

For future reference:
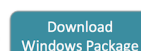If you don't remember the URL to the download page:
- Go to **www.igv.org**.
- Click on the icon for the *IGV Desktop application.*
- Click on *Downloads* in the menu.

2. Download and launch IGV

Windows:
- Click on the *Download Windows Package* button.
- Execute the self-extracting archive, and when prompted, choose a location to extract the folder.
- Open the new folder, and double-click on the *igv.bat* file to run the application. Note, the file may appear as just *igv,* depending your settings.
- Package includes Java.

MacOS:
- Click on *the Download Mac App* button.
- Depending on your browser, you may have to double-click on the downloaded .zip file to open the archive and extract the folder.
- Open the extracted folder, and double-click the IGV .app file to run the application.
- The .app file may be moved to any folder of your choice, e.g. your *Applications* folder.
- Requires Java 7 or greater. See *Installing Java* below.

Linux:
- Click on the *Download Binary Distribution* button.
- Unzip the downloaded archive in a directory of your choosing.
- Follow the instructions in *readme.txt* to launch IGV from the command prompt.
- Requires Java 7 or greater. See *Installing Java* below.

Java Web Start:
- If you are familiar with running applications with Java Web Start, you can use the *Launch* buttons.

3. Other information

- **Installing Java.** Java can be downloaded from ***www.java.com.*** Instructions for finding which Java is installed on your computer: **www.java.com/en/download/help/version_manual.xml**.
- **Contact Us.** If you have problems or questions, email us at **igv-workshops@broadinstitute.org** and include ASHG2016 in the subject line.