

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 do not 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

Choose one of the following options for downloading and launching IGV:

Option 1: MacOS only

- 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.



Option 2: Binary distribution for MacOS, Windows, or 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.



Option 3: Java Web Start

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



3. IGV requires Java

If Java is not already installed, it 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.