

# Build Kraken Database Element

Build a Kraken database from a genomic library or shrink a Kraken database.

**Element type:** kraken-build

## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default value	Parameter in Workflow File	Type
<b>Mode</b>	Select "Build" to create a new database from a genomic library (--build). Select "Shrink" to shrink an existing database to have only specified number of k-mers (--shrink).	Build	<b>mode</b>	<i>string</i>
<b>Database</b>	Name of the output Kraken database (corresponds to --db that is used with --build, and to --new-db that is used with --shrink).		<b>database</b>	<i>string</i>
<b>Genomic library</b>	Genomes that should be used to build the database. The genomes should be specified in FASTA format. The sequence IDs must contain either a GI number or a taxonomy ID.		<b>genomic-library</b>	<i>url-datasets</i>
<b>K-mer length</b>	K-mer length in bp (--kmer-len).	31	<b>k-mer-length</b>	<i>number</i>
<b>Minimizer length</b>	Minimizer length in bp (--minimizer-len). The minimizers serve to keep k-mers that are adjacent in query sequences close to each other in the database, which allows Kraken to exploit the CPU cache. Changing the value of the parameter can significantly affect the speed of Kraken, and neither increasing nor decreasing of the value will guarantee faster or slower speed.	15	<b>minimizer-length</b>	<i>number</i>
<b>Maximum database size</b>	By default, a full database build is done. To shrink the database before the full build, input the size of the database in Mb (this corresponds to the --max-db-size parameter, but Mb is used instead of Gb).  The size is specified together for the database and the index.	No limit	<b>maximum-database-size</b>	<i>number</i>
<b>Clean</b>	Remove unneeded files from a built database to reduce the disk usage (--clean).	True	<b>clean</b>	<i>bool</i>
<b>Work on disk</b>	Performs most operations on disk rather than in RAM (this will slow down build in most cases).	False	<b>work-on-disk</b>	<i>bool</i>
<b>Jellyfish hash size</b>	The "kraken-build" tool uses the "jellyfish" tool. This parameter specifies the hash size for Jellyfish.  Supply a smaller hash size to Jellyfish, if you encounter problems with allocating enough memory during the build process (--jellyfish-hash-size). By default, the parameter is not used.	Skip	<b>jellyfish-hash-size</b>	<i>number</i>
<b>Number of threads</b>	Use multiple threads (--threads).	8	<b>threads</b>	<i>number</i>

## Input/Output Ports

The element has 1 *output port*:

**Name in GUI:** Output Kraken database

**Name in Workflow File:** out

**Slots:**

SlotInGUI	Slot in Workflow File	Type
Output URL	url	<i>string</i>