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Profile

- Recent Ph.D. graduate looking for a career in Quantitative Analytics, Data Science, or Software Development

Education

Ph.D. Bioinformatics

University of British Columbia 2011–2015

B.Sc. Computer Science (Minor Statistics)

University of British Columbia 2006–2011

Coursework

- Machine Learning, Data Visualization, Numerical Methods, Algorithms, and Software Development

Technical Skills

- Proficient in Java, C++, R, Python, JavaScript, PHP, Go, and SQL
- Object-oriented software design
- Large-scale data processing using Hadoop, Apache Spark, and AWS
- HPC programming with Intel Phi-cards
- Data Analysis with ggplot2, dplyr, RMarkdown, NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn, and D3.js

Projects

- D3.js Visualizations.** Variety of visualizations in the D3.js framework for analysis of genomic data (<http://goo.gl/fLntUc>)
- R-Package: fastLSA.** Implementation of the fastLSA correlation method in C and Open-MP (<http://goo.gl/5QPM82>)
- De-Confusion Tables.** An interactive R shiny app. Final project. Developing Data Products. John Hopkins University Coursera Class. July 2014 (<http://goo.gl/Fl78Qh>)

Selected Publications

- Kim, Konwar, **Hanson**, et al. Koonkie: An Automated Software Tool for Processing Environmental Sequence Information using Hadoop. ASE BigData. Harvard (2014)
- Hanson** et al. Metabolic pathways for the whole community. BMC Genomics (2014)
- Hanson**, et al. MetaPathways v2.0: A master-worker model for environmental PGDB construction on grids and clouds. IEEE CIBCB, Hawaii (2014)
- Konwar, **Hanson**, et al. MetaPathways: a modular pipeline for constructing pathway/genome databases from environmental sequence information. BMC Bioinf. (2013)

Experience

Bioinformatics Ph.D. Candidate 2011–2015
Hallam Lab, University of British Columbia

- Developed MetaPathways, a Python and C++ pipeline for biological sequence data
- Implemented a Master-worker distributed algorithm to manage a large collection of HPC worker grids
- Enabled sequence-homology search in Hadoop through critical improvements to the YARN scheduler
- Analytically involved in all areas research; author on 10+ peer-reviewed publications

Teaching Assistant 2014
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA

- Conducted tutorials on biological sequence analysis for 60+ post-docs, graduate students, and professors
- Statistical topics: Predictive Models, SVMs, Hierarchical Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction
- General data-literacy topics: data preparation, analysis, visualization, and report generation using R, ggplot2, dplyr, and RMarkdown

Software Developer 2011
Microbiology and Immunology, UBC

- Developed a LAMP stack and JavaScript based web application cataloging thousands of bacterial strains
- Ensured accurate requirements via user observation and interviews
- Enhanced the user experience by implementing advanced Boolean search, user histories, and predictive search autocomplete

Bioinformatics Intern 2010
Eichler Lab, University of Washington

- Developed a genome visualization and analysis software platform for autistic human genomes
- MySQL back-end database and object-oriented Java MVC-based GUI enabled the visualization of millions of genetic variants predicted via a Hidden Markov Model
- Designed efficient visualization layout algorithms allowing the rapid display and query of genomic alterations in less than a second

Interests

- Data Analysis, Information Visualization, Machine Learning, Statistics, Software Design
- Photography, Cooking, Badminton, Triathlons