

Science: An Explosion Of Bioinformatics Careers

Programming

Additional critical skills are required for big data careers in industry, such as text mining, ontology, data integration, machine learning, and information architecture. A superior “quantitative ability,” as Gentleman calls it, which covers a range of statistical capabilities, is a must, as are overarching computing skills. These include core programming abilities, such as coding in C++ or Java, or scripting in PERL or Python, says Van Criekinge. It is vital to be able to navigate operating systems like UNIX and Linux as well as have knowledge of common tools such as Hadoop and NoSQL databases, adds Mohan. Experience in data visualization and building effective user interfaces, as well as familiarity with hardware, buttresses your marketability.

Assignment of Perl

- Write a program to print Fibonacci sequence. The length of output sequence is specified by the first command line parameter. (fibonacci.pl)
- Try to optimize the pos_annotate.pl as much as you can. (pos_annotateV3.pl)

Perl in Bioinformatics

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Web Scraping in Perl

LWP

The libwww-perl collection is a set of Perl modules which provides a simple and consistent application programming interface (API) to the World-Wide Web.
<https://metacpan.org/pod/LWP>

Example: lwp.pl

Files

- pubmedids.txt: A list of pubmed ids
- lwp.pl: Get publication titles of these ids from PubMed.

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Searching

www.CPAN.org

Installation

- cpan command: Linux, Mac OS and Windows(Strawberry)
- perl -MCPAN -e shell
- cpanm
- from source
- ppm: ActivePerl

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Development

see PUBMED.pm and run.pl

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Why?

- Easy the installation of your module
- Share your work with the community
- Increase your importance in the community
- Get response form the community to improve your module

How?

<http://www.cpan.org/modules/04pause.html>

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SNP Annotation

Task

Given a list of genome positions, add corresponding gene symbol to each position.

Files

- Example input file: pos.txt
- Annotation database: refGene.txt
- Example script: pos_annotate.pl
- Optimized Script: pos_annotateV2.pl

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ANNOVAR: Functional annotation of genetic variants from high-throughput sequencing data

<http://www.openbioinformatics.org/annovar/>

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Circos

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Circos is a software package for visualizing data and information. It visualizes data in a circular layout — this makes Circos ideal for exploring relationships between objects or positions.

<http://circos.ca>



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BioPerl

<http://bioperl.org>

Installation

- from source
- cpan (recommended)

Thanks!