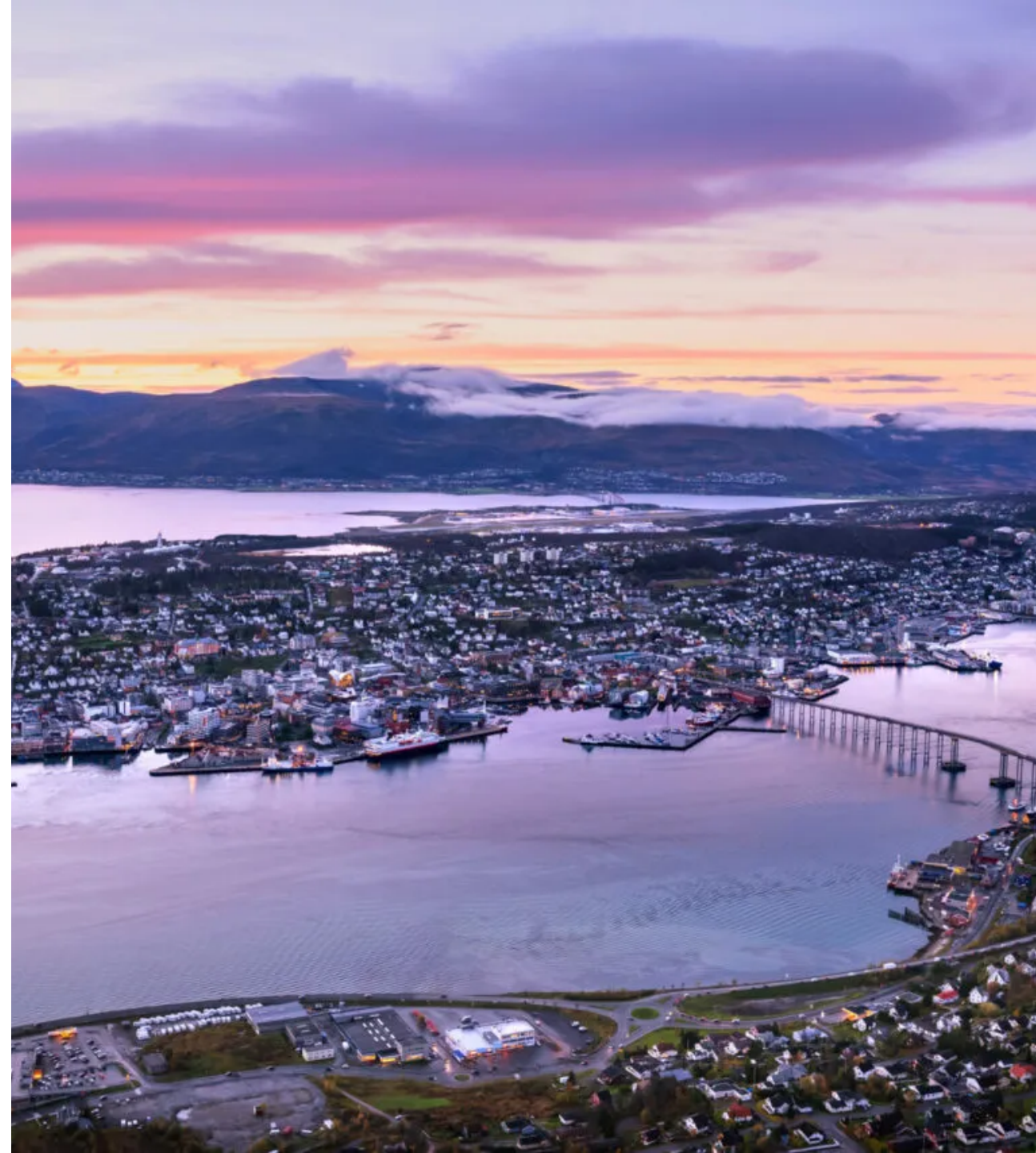


Bioinformatics session

3rd Annual workshop on
bioinformatics and variant
interpretation in InPreD

https://inpred.github.io/25-06_bioinfo_ws/bioinfo_ws



1. Unit testing

What is unit testing?

- test smallest piece of code that can be logically isolated in software application (function, subroutine, method)
- the smaller the better - more granular view of what is going on; also faster
- should not cross systems (database, filesystem, network) -> integration and functional tests

Example

```
# calculator.py
def add(x, y):
    """add numbers"""
    return x + y
```

```
# test_calculator.py
import calculator

def test_add():
    assert calculator.add(1, 2) == 3
```

Why do we need unit testing?

- early defect detection
- code quality improvement
- facilitates refactoring
- faster development cycles
- better documentation
- enables more frequent releases

How to design a unit test?

- identify the unit (function, method)
- what is its functionality?
- what is the input (correct and incorrect)?
- how to handle incorrect input? (edge cases, invalid data)
- what does it return?
- positive and negative results should be tested

Set up unit testing for your functions

- install pytest

```
$ pip install pytest
```

- add your function to a module at `my_module/my_module.py`
- add your unit test at `my_module/tests/my_module_test.py`
- in the test file import your module `from my_module.my_module import my_function`

First exercise

- go to https://github.com/InPreD/25-06_bioinfo_ws_unit_testing

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository **25-06_bioinfo_ws_unit_testing**, which is public. At the top, there are buttons for 'Edit Pins', 'Watch' (1), 'Fork' (0), and 'Star' (0). Below the repository name, it shows 'main' branch, '1 Branch', and '0 Tags'. A search bar 'Go to file' and an 'Add file' button are present. A green 'Code' button is also visible. The repository description is 'codespace template for unit testing workshop'. The file list on the left includes '.devcontainer' (fix: rm proxy), 'LICENSE' (Initial commit), and 'README.md' (Initial commit). The 'About' section on the right lists 'Readme', 'AGPL-3.0 license', 'Activity', 'Custom properties', '0 stars', '1 watching', and '0 forks'. The 'Releases' section states 'No releases published' with a link to 'Create a new release'. The 'Packages' section states 'No packages published' with a link to 'Publish your first package'. The 'Languages' section shows a bar chart with 'Dockerfile' at 100.0%. The 'Suggested workflows' section is based on the tech stack. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Code' button, showing 'Local' and 'Codespaces' tabs. The 'Codespaces' tab is active, displaying 'Your workspaces in the cloud' with a '+ ...' button. A tooltip 'Create a codespace on main' is shown over the '+ ...' button. Below this, it says 'On current branch' and 'shiny space eureka' with a '3d' icon. A 'main' branch is listed with 'No changes'. At the bottom of the dropdown, it says 'Codespace usage for this repository is paid for by marrip.'

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codespace template for unit testing workshop

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First exercise

- pytest was already installed in the codespace
- the suggested layout was already applied
- create a branch for your work:

```
$ git checkout -b unit-tests-<your name>
```

- start with the first exercise in `first/tests/first_test.py`
- whenever you are done, commit your changes (use [commit message conventions](#)):

```
$ git add first/tests/first_test.py  
$ git commit -m "test: <your commit message>"
```

- and we push them to GitHub:

```
$ git push --set-upstream origin unit-tests-<your name>
```

Handle exceptions in unit tests

- functions can raise exceptions and we would like to test for those
- import `pytest` to have access to `raises()`
- add `with` -block to handle the exception:

```
import calculator
import pytest

def test_add_exception():
    with pytest.raises(TypeError):
        assert add("one", "two") == None
```

Second exercise

- continue with the second exercise in `second/tests/second_test.py`
- whenever you are done, commit your changes (use [commit message conventions](#)):

```
$ git add second/tests/second_test.py  
$ git commit -m "test: <your commit message>"
```

- and we push them to GitHub:

```
$ git push
```

Make unit tests table-driven by using parametrize

- having more than one test case results in repeating a lot of code (one function per test case)
- to condense this as much as possible (ideally one unit test per function), we can use the `pytest` decorator `parametrize`
- again, import `pytest` to gain access to the decorator
- add the decorator `@pytest.mark.parametrize` as a header to your function
- define the required variables (input, exception, output)
- add your test cases as a list of tuples (one tuple per case)
- also use `nullcontext` from the module `contextlib` to account for cases without exceptions

```
import calculator
import pytest

from contextlib import nullcontext

@pytest.mark.parametrize(
    "x, y, exception, want",
    [
        (1, 2, nullcontext(), 3),
        ("one", "two", pytest.raises(TypeError), None)
    ]
)
def test_add(x, y, exception, want):
    with exception:
        assert add(x, y) == want
```

Third exercise

- continue with the third exercise in `third/tests/third_test.py`
- whenever you are done, commit your changes (use [commit message conventions](#)):

```
$ git add third/tests/third_test.py  
$ git commit -m "test: <your commit message>"
```

- and we push them to GitHub:

```
$ git push
```

Use github action to automatically run tests on push

- add `.github/workflows/main.yml` :

```
name: Python test
on: push

jobs:
  test:
    name: Run unit tests
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      -
        name: Check out the repo
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
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        name: Set up Python 3.12.8
        uses: actions/setup-python@v4
        with:
          python-version: 3.12.8
      -
        name: Install dependencies
        run: pip install -r requirements.txt
      -
        name: Unit testing
        uses: pavelzw/pytest-action@v2
        with:
          verbose: true
          emoji: true
          job-summary: true
          custom-arguments: -q
          click-to-expand: true
          report-title: 'Bioinfo workshop unit testing'
```


2. Nextflow