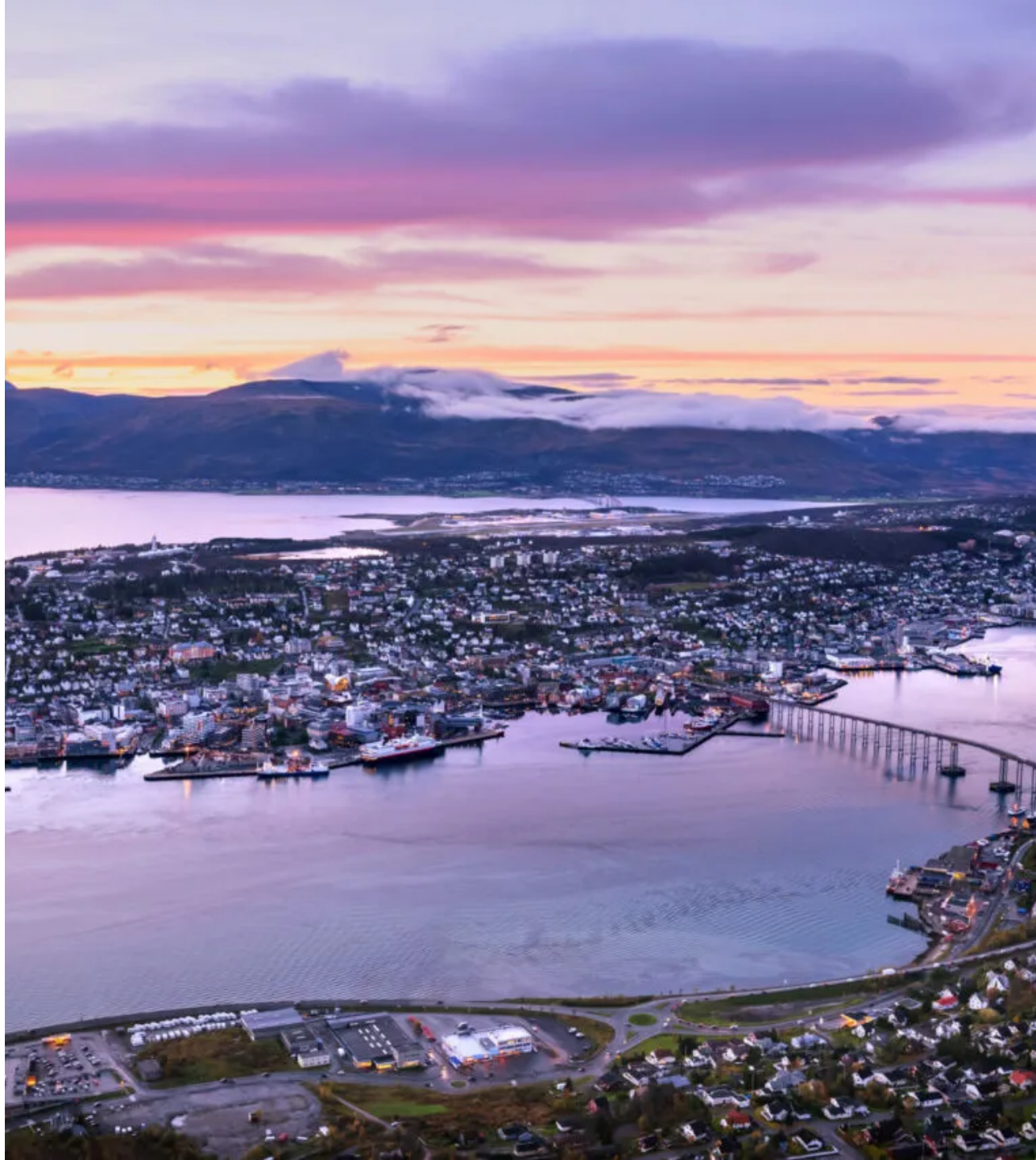
In-house development and collaboration in InPreD-Norge

3rd Annual workshop on bioinformatics and variant interpretation in InPreD

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



Overview

1. Communication channel
2. Project planning
3. Development
4. Issue and bug handling
5. New features

README

collaboration_docs 👥 💬

how to develop tools and services in collaboration with other inpred nodes

Communication channel 📫

Our current channel of communication is the email list. We should try to set up a more direct channel of communication such as slack, gather, mattermost or teams. By means of the communication channel, we should share biweekly updates on projects regarding all nodes; preferably, a list with ongoing projects and a short comment or just "none" if nothing has happened. This will ensure that everyone is up to date and knows what is going on - anything that is handled through PRs can be omitted as people get notified anyways.

Project planning 🗓️

Prior to starting a new project, a short meeting with at least one representative of each node (option to opt out) to discuss and plan the new tool or service should be held. This meeting can be referred to as the scoping meeting

This is a **private repo** at https://github.com/InPreD/collaboration_docs

1. Communication channel

Current situation

- as of today we communicate mainly via email
- some communication via Teams (most of us are "external" lacking some important features features)
- discussions on GitHub via PRs
- we have monthly meetings for updates and discussions

1. Communication channel

Future plans

- requirements for platform/service for communication between nodes:
  - open source
  - easy and safe data sharing between nodes
  - free
  - self-hosted
- include bioinformaticians from clinical genetics departments (some of us are involved in CG already)
- currently, we are testing Zulip and Rocket.Chat
- biweekly updates from all nodes

2. Project Planning

- new projects should be started with a "scoping meeting" were at least one representative of each node
- the following should be discussed and agreed upon:
  - purpose
  - language (default: python)
  - interface (e.g. command line interface, web server)
  - data flow and storage (input and output location, database/filesystem)
  - involved collaborators (which nodes have resources to contribute)
  - deployment options (e.g. baremetal, docker/apptainer)
  - integration with existing projects
  - license (default: GNU AFFERO GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE - Version 3)
  - intended timeline

2. Development

1. Code should be made available through InPreD group on github

2. Development

2. Start off by creating a repository with an empty README.md and LICENSE file, clone it to your local environment and then start developing

2. Development

3. Use the agreed branching strategy (suggested: simplified Gitflow workflow)

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2. Development

4. Commit and push changes early and often to allow others to follow along

- Follow best practices for the selected programming language. Generally recommended are unit testing (cover test cases from different nodes), keeping functions short, avoid hard-coding, sensible use of packages and libraries.
- Use git commit message conventions.
- Keep the features and PRs small (ideally one PR per feature) to have a tight feedback loop. Focus on one small problem for one feature. Include at least one representative from each node (option to opt out) and set a deadline (e.g. two weeks).
- Pair-programming should be used where it makes sense to enable knowledge and expertise transfer between the different groups.
- Use github actions to test, lint and publish or build your project.
- Provide at least a docker image (can be converted to apptainer) and push them to the inpred group at docker hub.
- Write documentation and check with others that it is understandable.
- Tag and release code that is ready for production using semantic versioning.