

Matt Ralston

blend of bioinformatics and biochemistry

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bioinformatics

Bowtie2
RNAseq/WGS/WES
BAM/VCF
Samtools/Picard

data-science

Linear Regression
ANOVA/f-test, t-test
PCA, R/bioconductor

programming

♥ Python, R, Rust
Javascript, CSS/HTML
AWS/Docker, bash
MySQL, PostgreSQL
Linux, ♥ Emacs/vi
Matlab, \LaTeX , NodeJS
Perl, ♥ Ruby, Julia

laboratory

Human cell culture
UV-Vis spectrometry
GLP, BSL2
RNA-seq, qRT-PCR
Northern & Western
IF/IHC, HPLC
Microscopy, FACS
GC-MS, LC-MS
Organic synthesis

open-source

kmerdb
KmerJS
NGS-CI
GitHub

summary

Combines experiences in pharmaceutical discovery, biofuel engineering, and translational cancer research to diverse biochemical problems including Illumina sequencing and analysis. Offers interdisciplinary expertise for teams of scientists, engineers, and analysts.

experience

- 2021-Current **Terra Informatics** Newark, DE
Founder and P.I.
- Data-science, HPC, kubernetes/Docker, and research informatics.
- 2020 **Bayer Crop Sciences** St. Louis, MO
Genomics Research Scientist
- Used AWS to prototype a metagenomics pipeline of 24 steps
- 2015-2020 **BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB** Lawrenceville, NJ
Research Scientist II
- Developed a large dataset version-control system.
 - Early-stage antibody-discovery sequencing informatics.
- 2012-2015 **DELAWARE BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE** Newark, DE
Graduate Research Assistant
- Culture and RNAseq of *C. aceto* 8244. Diff. exp. analysis
- 2010-2012 **HELEN F. GRAHAM CANCER RESEARCH CENTER** Newark, DE
Undergraduate Research Fellow

education

- 2012-2014 **M.S.** Bioinformatics and Computational Biology **3.97** University of Delaware
- 2008-2012 **B.S.** Biochemistry University of Delaware
Minor in Biochemical Engineering; Research Fellowship; Merit Scholarships

publications

- "Assembling improved gene annotations in *Clostridium acetobutylicum* with RNA sequencing", Masters thesis. University of Delaware.
- "RNAseq based transcriptome assembly of *C. acetobutylicum* for functional genome annotation and discovery.", First author. *AIChE Journal* 64.12 (2018): 4271-4280.
- "Complex and extensive post-transcriptional regulation revealed by integrative proteomic and transcriptomic analysis of metabolite stress response in *Clostridium acetobutylicum*", contributing author. *Biotechnology for biofuels*. 8.1 (2015): 81.
- "Overexpression of the *L. plantarum* peptidoglycan biosynthesis *murA2* gene increases the tolerance of *E. coli* to alcohols and enhances ethanol production", contributing author. *Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology* 98.19 (2014): 8399-8411.
- "The *Clostridium* small RNome that responds to stress: the paradigm and importance of toxic metabolite stress in *C. acetobutylicum*", contributing author. *BMC Genomics*. 14.1 (2013): 849.