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## ABOUT ME

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I am passionate about learning and developing new technologies as well as tinkering with complex systems—especially software infrastructure and automation. After 7 years of bioinformatics and computing work in academia, I am seeking junior-level roles in DevOps, infrastructure, and data engineering. I am an extremely fast learner and given the opportunity, I can rapidly become an expert in any technology. For example, this resume is a mini DevOps project, auto-built using CircleCI.

- **Relevant Interests:** Distributed computing, containers, automation, object-oriented and functional programming, data science, bioinformatics, genetics/genomics, DNA editing

## EXPERIENCE

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- **Circle Computer Resources, Inc.** Cedar Rapids, IA  
*Remote IT Procurement Specialist* November 2018 – Present
  - **IT Procurement:** Temporary full-time contract job. Secure reliable internet services for small businesses in hard-to-reach areas. Specialize in WISPs providing service to regions with poor cable, DSL or fiber coverage. Negotiate with ISPs for service to meet our clients' needs.
- **Girihlet, Inc., Oakland Genomics Center** Oakland, CA  
*Data Analyst* Aug 2018 – Sep 2018
  - **Bioinformatics:** Provide a quality control dashboard for Illumina short read data. General Bash, Python, and Perl scripting to automate mitochondrial genome variant calling.
  - **Information Technology:** Upgrade and maintain the Oakland Genomics Center wireless and LAN networks. Maintain two on-premises CentOS servers for data processing.
- **The McDonnell Genome Institute, Washington University** St Louis, MO  
*Graduate Research Scientist, Ira Hall Lab, Computational Genetics* Feb 2015 – Present
  - **Distributed Computing, Bioinformatics:** Process and analyze population-level genome sequencing data to improve our understanding of the causes and consequences of structural variation in human genomes. Most work is done in a Linux environment with custom Bash pipelines, distributed across a Dockerized computing cluster. Pipelines often use bioinformatics tools combining Bayesian statistics and machine learning approaches, packaged in isolated Docker containers.
  - **Single-cell Sequencing:** Develop novel computational and molecular biology methods to sequence the genomes of single mammalian neurons, in collaboration with the Scripps Research Institute at University of California, San Diego. Typically process up to 10 TB of raw Illumina sequencing data within a 36 hour period.
  - **Teaching Assistant:** Advise students in characterizing the genome sequences of unknown bacteriophages. Hands-on computer lab course using a series of bioinformatics tools to identify genes and predict their function, as well as classifying novel phages into existing phylogenetic groups.
- **University of Iowa** Iowa City, IA  
*Undergraduate Research Fellow, Adam Dupuy Lab, Cancer Genetics* Aug 2010 – May 2014
  - **Genome Editing:** Designed methods for viral genetic engineering in mouse models of human cancers and a sequencing method for detecting resulting transgene insertions.
  - **Bioinformatics:** Processed high-throughput genome sequencing data using Linux bioinformatics tools followed by ad-hoc statistical analyses and data visualization in Python and R.

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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- **Languages:** Bash, Python, R (ggplot), awk, SQL, C++, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Mathematica
- **Technologies:** Linux/Unix, AWS, sed, git, Docker, Kubernetes, CircleCI, IBM Platform LSF, Oracle Grid Engine

## EDUCATION

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- **Washington University** St Louis, MO  
*MA, Molecular Genetics and Genomics* Aug. 2014 – May 2018
- **University of Iowa** Iowa City, IA  
*BS, Microbiology and Informatics; GPA: 3.7* Aug. 2009 – May 2014
  - **Relevant Coursework:** Intro to Computer Science, Programming for Informatics, Biostatistics, Programming with C++, Bioinformatics Techniques, Networking and Security, Human Computer Interaction, Database Management, Strategic Management of Technology, Informatics Capstone Project