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Why Spotify?

- As a longtime musician and singer, I actively record, perform, and take lessons
- As a CS major and musician, I am building a full-stack web-based musician's feedback service
- I love Spotify and have been an avid daily user for many years

Education

Rice University 2017 - present Houston, TX

Computer Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.21

2013 - 2017

GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), National Merit Scholar, Graduated May 2017

Austin, TX

Conference Presentations

Westwood High School

PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author Dec 2016 more

Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / 2016 Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session)

Colorado

Projects

Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service Independent Project Summer 2018 - present repo demo

- Design and implement web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML, React, GraphQL, Postgres)
- Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from others

Physics Sunset Independent Project Summer 2017 repo demo

Design and implement browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML)

Disease Transmission Analysis

Design and implement rooted-directed minimal spanning tree algorithm (Python)

Spring 2018

- Analyze genetic + epidemiological data from 2011 disease outbreak to infer the disease transmission tree

DNA Sequence Alignment Design and implement DP solutions to two DNA sequence alignment problems (Python)

Spring 2018

- Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene

Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees

Spring 2018

Infer evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for leaf taxa and plausible mutations (Python)

Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging

Spring 2018

- Implement statistical learning of HMM using training corpus of pre-tagged sentences (Python)
- Implement Viterbi algorithm to assign part-of-speech tags to new sentences using trained HMM

Chef Arduino Independent Project repo

2010 - 2011

Conceive, design, build, and program an Arduino-based robot to test properties of food samples

Software Development Skills

Software Design

Programming Languages & Frameworks

2013 - present

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- Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React
- Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy, Hasura's Postgres + GraphQL

Systematic Program Design - Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2

Basics of functional programming with types

Software Testing 2017 - present

- Test-driven development, unit-tests, property-based tests
- Python testing using Pytest, Java testing using JUnit 5 & QuickTheories

Work Experience

UT Austin Summer Research Academy - College of Natural Sciences Summer Intern

2015, 2016 Austin, TX

- DNA extraction, splicing, and recombineering of the DHX35 gene using E. coli
- Worked with Dr. Al Mackrell in the Vertebrate Interactome Mapping Lab
- Conducted computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Organizations and Activities

CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University CS Club Rice University	2017 - present
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Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University	2017 - present
SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University	2017 - present
Club Tennis, Rice University	2017 - present
• Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons <u>soundcloud</u> <u>youtube</u>	2007 - present
PyLadies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming, presentations	2015 - 2017