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SELECTED SOFTWARE (PUBLICLY AVAILABLE) ASTRAL (https://github.com/smirarab/ASTRAL)

Coalescent-based species tree estimation from gene trees

PASTA (https://github.com/smirarab/pasta)

Multiple sequence alignment of ultra-large datasets (up to a million sequences)

SEPP, TIPP, UPP (https://github.com/smirarab/sepp)

Phylogenetic placement and taxonomic identification of metagenomic reads

TreeShrink (https://github.com/uym2/TreeShrink)

Finding and removing spuriously long branches

DiscoVista (https://github.com/esayyari/DiscoVista)

Visualizing phylogenetic discordances

FAVITES (https://github.com/niemasd/FAVITES)

Simulating HIV evolution

APPLES (https://github.com/balabanmetin/apples)

Phylogenetic placement using distances

TreeCluster (https://github.com/niemasd/TreeCluster) Clustering leaves of a phylogeny in linear time with gurantees

See http://eceweb.ucsd.edu/~smirarab/software.html for more.