Project 5 Improvement

Gene Sequence Alignment

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Purpose of Improvement

This improvement adds functionality to the user interface that was lacking in the original project. Specifically, it adds a text area on the right-hand side of the project with a "Show Alignment" button near the top which will call the Extract method and display the results of an extraction / alignment of the selected gene sequences.

Improvement Implementation

User Interface

The user interface has three important elements:

- The ability to highlight any cell in the DataGridView by double-clicking,
- 2. A "Show Alignment" button, and
- 3. A text area where the results are displayed

Implementation

Since the DataGridView is dynamically created at runtime, the double-click event must be programmatically added at runtime as well. For example:

```
public void dataView_CellDoubleClick(
     object sender, DataGridViewCellEventArgs args)
{
   DataGridViewCellStyle selectedStyle = new DataGridViewCellStyle();
   selectedStyle.BackColor = Color.Yellow;
    DataGridViewCellStyle normalStyle = new DataGridViewCellStyle();
    normalStyle.BackColor = Color.White;
   m_dataView[m_selCol, m_selRow].Style = normalStyle;
   m_selCol = args.ColumnIndex;
   m_selRow = args.RowIndex;
   m_dataView[args.ColumnIndex, args.RowIndex].Style = selectedStyle;
   m_dataView[args.ColumnIndex, args.RowIndex].Selected = false;
    Console.WriteLine("double clicked : " +
            args.ColumnIndex.ToString() + ",
            args.RowIndex.ToString());
}
public ResultTable(DataGridView dataView, int numberOfSequences)
   m_dataView = dataView;
   m_numberOfSequences = numberOfSequences;
```

In addition, the output of the Extract method must be changed from the Console object to the TextBox object now in the user interface. This is easily accomplished by passing in a TextBox object to the Extract method:

```
public void Extract(
    GeneSequence seqA,
    GeneSequence seqB,
    System.Windows.Forms.TextBox tbox)
```

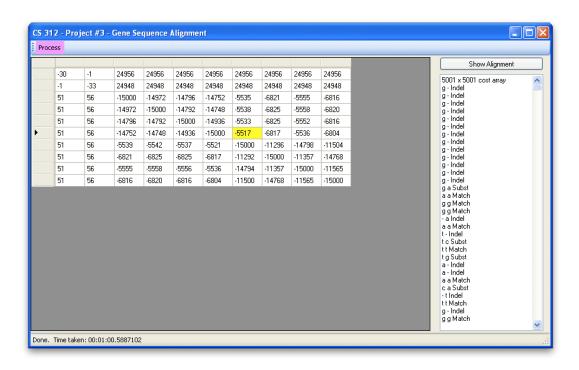
And then, after creating a temporary string, the Extract method assigns the string to the textbox Text property:

```
String content = "";
// ...
content += charA.ToString() + " " + charB.ToString();
// ...
tbox.Text = content;
```

Emperical Evidence

SCREENSHOTS

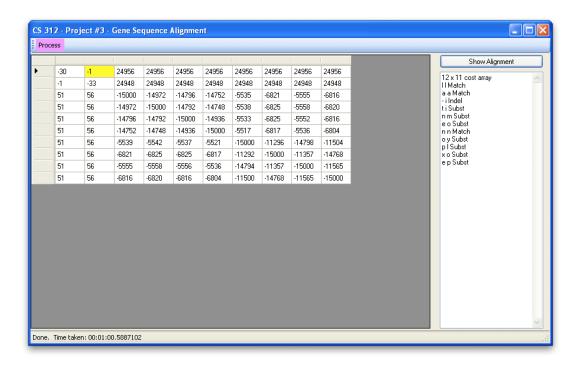
The following screenshots show the results of double-clicking on a cell (highlighted in yellow) and then clicking the "Show Alignment" button:



Alignment of Gene Sequences 6 & 7 (row 6, col 7)

Explanation

The first 5000 base-pairs of each sequence are compared and an alignment result is shown in the text box. Wherever a match is found, the word "Match" is used; wherever a substitution is required, the word "Subst" is used; and wherever the sequence required an insertion or deletion, the word "Indel" is used.



Alignment of Test Sequences 1 & 2 (row 1, col 2)

Explanation

Just as in the first example, this screenshot shows the Match / Subst / Indel alignment display in the text box. However, because this is a comparision of test data, the results are not true DNA base pairs, but letters of the alphabet ("exponential" vs. "polynomial").