

Curriculum Vitae 2024

1 Personal Data

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2 Chronology

- In 2016 as a postdoc I wrote a shiny app to show chromosomal numbers and genome size of plant species, and also some statistical analyses such as regressions (9.2).
- Around 2019 also as a postdoc, I wrote a shiny app to plot idiograms which are representations of chromosomes (10.4).
- In 2021 I took the Data Science 'ds4a' course from CorrelationOne. See 10.2 and 15.3
- Starting 2022 I worked 16 months for Appsilon; one year of it I worked for an important pharmaceutical, adding features and resolving bugs in their shiny apps (6.1).
- The rest of the time in Appsilon, I worked in a biological app with maps of distributions of species in the project mbaza and I also refactored a Natural Language Processing app, that I had developed previously in a data science course, to use modules and to show it in the Appsilon Conference (10.2).
- During my time at Appsilon, I learnt how to use properly git and github, how to code in a team, the use of SCRUM, and I also learnt how to write modularized code (15.2).
- Recently I worked on several R personal projects, such as, ShinyInvoice (10.1) and gbif Taxon Distribution

3 Summary

I have worked as a contractor (B2B) building R-Shiny Apps for 1.5 years, including apps that generate reports from SQL data (mostly pharmaceutical - 6.1).

In addition, I have developed R-Shiny apps and packages related to biological research (Doctorate, Postdoc), including: idiogramFISH (10.4), CytoEvo (10.3) and Rmarkdown related (shinyInvoice - 10.1), more recently. Regarding Javascript, I used frequently to improve R-Shiny apps, and I took the RocketSeat course, solving the challenges (5.3).

I have designed and worked with databases (mongo, SQL), and used web-scraping of online html/json data by scripts (R, python). I have programmed in R, R-shiny, excel VBA, bash and python. I have several years of experience of data analysis during doctorate, Postdoc and more recently I took Data Science courses (15.1, 15.3).

I speak English (see TOEFL), Portuguese (lived > 10 y. in Brazil), Spanish (Native - Colombia) and some German (german highschool) (8.1, 8.2, 8.3).

4 Personal links

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Stackoverflow: [ferroao](#)

5 Skill Development Period

5.1 Python

2024

Libraries: math, itertools

Challenges: [github h_rank_challenges](#)

Platform: Hacker_Rank

Begin: 02-2024 End: present

5.2 R

2024

Libraries: dplyr, fs, ggplot2, gridExtra, gtools, jsonlite, knitr, latex, lazyeval, lubridate, magrittr, quantmod, readr, rhino, rjson, rlang, Rmarkdown, rsconnect, scales, shiny modules, shinyAce, shinyjs, stats, stringr, tibble, tidyr, tidyselect

Products: [github invoice-public](#), [gitlab dotsViolin](#), [github gbif_map_shiny](#)

Begin: 06-2024 End: present

5.3 JavaScript

2023

Libraries: express, method-override, multer, nunjucks, pg-promise, pg, gulp

Challenges: [github foodfy_rs_challenge](#), [github async_rs_challenge](#)

Platform: Rocketseat

Begin: 07-2023 End: 11-2023

6 Professional experience

6.1 B2B - Full-time Shiny Developer - Home-Office - Appsilon

2022-2023

Main roles: Shiny Interfaces and Backend

Projects: - Shiny Apps using Shiny modules

- Backend and Frontend development for production of .pdf .docx reports, from SQL queries (support/fixes and adding features)

Technologies: docker, Jenkins, SQL, sass, Quarto

Libraries: dplyr, DT, ggplot2, glue, kableExtra, knitr, latex, lubridate, modules, ODBC, officedown, purrr, R6, Rmarkdown, scales, shiny, shiny.semantic, shinyAce, shinyBS,

shinyjs, stats, stringr, testthat, tibble, tidyr, yaml
Company: B2B -> Appsilon -> Pharmaceutical
Begin: feb-2022 End: may-2023

6.2 Freelance R tutor 2020-2021

Main activity: R Teaching, Support
Platform: superprof.com.br
Begin: feb-2020 End: dec-2021

6.3 Freelance Translator 2020-2021

Main activity: Translation
Platform: proz.com
Begin: feb-2020 End: dec-2021

6.4 Post-doc 2014-2020

Main roles: Researcher; Database development and management; dashboard (R-shiny) development
Scholarship: CAPES
(5 years on scholarship + 1 year voluntary)
Projects: - Plant cytogenetics database of Cerrado
- Reconstruction of ancestral characters in the phylogeny of Fabaceae and *Callisia* -
Genome size of plants of Cerrado
Technologies: R, iqtree, revBayes, RepeatExplorer, mongodb
Libraries: badger, bib2df, bookdown, clipr, crayon, data.table, dplyr, DT, GGally, ggplot2, ggpubr, ggtree, grid, gridExtra, gtools, kableExtra, knitr, lazyeval, mongolite, network, phytools, plyr, rclipboard, Rcurl, readxl, RefManageR, rentrez, rhandsontable, rlang, Rmarkdown, rmdformats, robustHD, rvcheck, scales, shiny, shinydashboard, shinyjs, sna, stringr, tidyr, treeio
Inst. contact: +55-62-3521-1688
Begin: feb-2014 End: jan-2020

7 Main Degrees

7.1 Doctorate 2007-2011

Title: Plant Biology Emphasis: Systematics
Diploma date: jul-02-2012 Scholarship: CNPq - Research funding agency - Brazil
Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil
Thesis: Analysis of the distribution of 5S and 45S rDNA sites in plant karyotypes
Keywords: database, ribosomal DNA, FISH, molecular cytogenetics. Supervisor: Marcelo Guerra
Language: portuguese
Grade average: 4.3 (from 0.0 to 5.0)

7.2 College 1997-2005

Title: Biology Emphasis: Genetics
Diploma date: sept-15-2005
Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Thesis: Cytogenetic analysis with 4MV X-radiation of cells of early onset Alzheimer patients and controls (Instituto de Genética Humana, PUJ) Supervisor: Gloria Osorio, Marta Lucía Bueno
 Keywords: cytogenetics, Alzheimer. Language: spanish
 Grade average: 4.0 (from 0.0 to 5.0) Distinctions: with honors, tuition payment exemption

8 Language proficiency

8.1 English

TOEFL-ITP; TOEFL 657/677; 103/120
 C1; C1 2018; 2012

8.2 Portuguese

CELPE-BRAS Higher intermediate
 B2 2011

8.3 German

Sprachdiplom II Passed
 B2-C1 1995

9 Articles

9.1 Heterochromatic patterns of Citrus revisited: a new look at species origins and karyotype evolution 2023

Montenegro, Claudio; Roa, Fernando; dos Santos Soares Filho, Walter; Barros e Silva, Ana Emília. Tree Genetics & Genomes. 19. 36

doi [10.1007/s11295-023-01610-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11295-023-01610-0)

[journal link](#)

9.2 The Cerrado (Brazil) plant cytogenetics database 2017

Roa, Fernando; Telles, Mariana Pires de Campos. Comparative Cytogenetics. 11. 285-297

doi [10.3897/CompCytogen.v11i2.11395](https://doi.org/10.3897/CompCytogen.v11i2.11395)

[journal link](#)

Repo. links: [gitlab cerradocytomu](#)

Web-page: [shinyapps.io](#)

9.3 Non-Random Distribution of 5S rDNA Sites and Its Association with 45S rDNA in Plant Chromosomes 2015

Roa, Fernando; Guerra, Marcelo. Cytogenetic and Genome Research. 146. 243-249

doi [10.1159/000440930](https://doi.org/10.1159/000440930)

[journal link](#)

9.4 Distribution of 45S rDNA sites in chromosomes of plants: structural and evolutionary implications. 2012

Roa, Fernando; Guerra, Marcelo. BMC Evolutionary Biology. 12. 225

doi [10.1186/1471-2148-12-225](https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2148-12-225)

[journal link](#)

9.5 Karyotype differentiation in three species of *Tripogandra* Raf. (Commelinaceae) with different ploidy levels 2010

Marques, André; Roa, Fernando; Guerra, Marcelo. Genetics and Molecular Biology. 33. 731-738

doi [10.1590/S1415-47572010005000085](https://doi.org/10.1590/S1415-47572010005000085)

[journal link](#)

9.6 Cytotaxonomy of diploid and polyploid *Aristolochia* (Aristolochiaceae) species based on the distribution of CMA/DAPI bands and 5S and 45S rDNA sites 2009

Berjano, Regina; Roa, Fernando; Talavera, Salvador; Guerra, Marcelo. Plant Systematics and Evolution. 280. 219-227

doi [10.1007/s00606-009-0184-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00606-009-0184-6)

[journal link](#)

10 Software: packages, scripts, pages

10.1 R package/ Shiny App: shinyInvoice: Shiny App - Generate a Pdf Invoice with 'Rmarkdown'

Repo. links: [github invoice-public](#), [CRAN shinyInvoice](#)

Web-page: shinyapps.io



10.2 Python/R code; Shiny-App: NLP for community feedback

Repo. links: [gitlab nlpfeedback](#), [github NLPShiny_rhino_mod](#)



10.3 Shiny-App: Cytogenetics characteristic evo modeling

Repo. links: [gitlab cytoevopri](#)

Web-page: shinyapps.io



10.4 R-package; Shiny-App: idiogramFISH: plot Idiograms and Karyotype indices

Repo. links: [gitlab idiogramFISH](#), [CRAN idiogramFISH](#)

Web-page: shinyapps.io

Docs: gitlab.io



10.5 Rmarkdown: Curriculum

Repo. links: [gitlab curriculumpu](#)

Web-page: gitlab.io



10.6 R Scripts: Reading databases

Repo. links: [gitlab getdatabase](#)



10.7 Python/R scripts: linkScraping: Creating a .bib library from journal html pages

Repo. links: [gitlab linkscraping](#)



11 Courses taught

11.1 Cytogenetics 40h
 Level: Graduate 2015.I
 Universidade Federal de Goiás. Language: portuguese

11.2 Cytogenetics 64h
 Level: College 2014.I
 Universidade Federal de Goiás. Language: portuguese

12 Mentoring

12.1 Undergraduate research
 Student: Daniella Rezende 01-08-2014 - 31-07-2015
 Institution: Universidade Federal de Goiás

13 Talks in Events

13.1 Poliploidy and genome duplication Brazilian legumes 25-10-2019
 70 Congresso Nacional de Botânica. Language: portuguese
 Technologies: R, iqtree, revBayes, MAFFT, StableTraits
 Maceió, Alagoas, Brazil

13.2 Cytogenetics for resolving evolutionary questions 27-04-2018
 Encontro da liga acadêmica de genética. Language: portuguese
 Technologies: R, iqtree, MAFFT
 UFG. Goiânia, Brasil

13.3 Reconstruction of ancestral states of cytogenetic characters in Leguminosae 20-10-2017
 Reunião de citogenética do Brasil Central. Language: portuguese
 Technologies: R, iqtree, revBayes, MAFFT, StableTraits
 UCG. Goiânia, Brasil

13.4 Database of Plant Cytogenetics. Current situation of the field 08-12-2016
 Reunião de citogenética do Brasil Central. Language: portuguese
 Technologies: R, mongoDB
 UCG. Goiânia, Brasil

13.5 Distribution of 5S and 45S rDNA sites and implications 28-05-2012
 II Simposio de Genética. Language: spanish
 Technologies: R
 Universidad del Quindío. Armenia, Colombia

13.6 Trends on the distribution of the 45S ribosomal DNA in plants 02-07-2010
 Society for Experimental Biology Main Meeting
 Technologies: R
 Prague, Czech Republic

13.7 Cytogenetics and Molecular cytotaxonomy of species of genus *Callisia* Loeft.
(Commelinaceae) 17-08-2007
Il simposio Latinoamericano de citogenética y evolución. Language: spanish
UN, Palmira, Colombia

14 Abstracts in Annals

14.1 Splitting is the answer. Cytogenetics and systematics analyses of *Callisia* Loeft.
(Commelinaceae) Poster
Roa F, Pellegrini MOO, Vaio M, Guerra M 21-24 05/2019
VI Reunião Brasileira de Citogenética e Citogenômica. Goiânia
Technologies: R, mongoDB, MAFFT, iqtree, revBayes, StableTraits, FISH

14.2 The Cerrado Plant cytogenetics database Poster
ROA, F; Telles, MPC 08-11/11/2016
IV Congresso Brasileiro de Recursos Genéticos. Curitiba
Technologies: R, mongoDB, cytometry
Anais do IV Congresso Brasileiro de Recursos Genéticos. Language: portuguese

14.3 Distribution of 5S and 45S rDNA sites in plant chromosomes Talk
Guerra M, Roa F 23-25 04/2012
Gatersleben Research Conference. IPK Gatersleben, Germany
Technologies: R
Annals of the Gatersleben Research Conference. Page: 53

14.4 Trends on the distribution of the 45S ribosomal DNA in plants Talk
Roa F, Guerra M 30-03 07/2010
Society for Experimental Biology Main Meeting. Prague, Czech Republic
Technologies: R
Annals of the SEB Meeting. Page: 262

15 Taken Courses and Workshops

15.1 Mathematics for Data Science and Machine Learning using R 10h
udemy - Eduonix 05 2024
Theoretical and Practical Course

15.2 Git and Github Bootcamp 17h
udemy 05 2023
Theoretical and Practical Course

15.3 Data Science for All (ds4a) 375h
Correlation One 20/05-10/09 2021
Focused on python libraries, and also using Jupyter notebooks, making data visualizations for
exploratory data analysis and database management. The course also included the use of AI,

natural language processing, Decision Trees, k-nearest neighbors and convolutional neural networks among others. My certificate was honorific and my group's project involved NLP and was among the 10 best (from 90 groups).

Theoretical and Practical Course

15.4 Linux Course

Geek University <https://geek-university.com>

23/01-24/02 2020

Theoretical Course

15.5 Introducing python

80h

Universidade Federal de Goiás, Goiânia, Brasil

28/07-09/08 2019

Theoretical and Practical Course. Language: Portuguese

16 Personal references

16.1 Oriol Senan

Workplace: Appsiilon

16.2 Michal Parkola

Workplace: Appsiilon (previously)