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languages

German: native

English: master

Spanish: proficient

computing

statistical and
numerical analyses

text mining and
deep learning

natural language
processing

distributed and
cloud computing

data warehousing
and engineering

software development
and operations on
(GNU) POSIX systems

C++/Python,
Java/Scala
(R, SQL, C/CUDA)

profile

Data curation, statistical modeling, and deployment of intelligent business solutions.
Development of language understanding and information extraction technology.
Operating distributed, online data processing frameworks ("DataOps").
Sectors of expertise: BioTech, FinTech, and Pharma.
Excellent communication, planning, and organization skills.

experience

2015–now	Data Catalytics, S.L. International consultant (Machine learning & NLP engineer) Deep learning and text mining solutions. Streaming and batch DataOps in the Cloud. Low-latency and high-performance analytics. Teaching. Hiring.	Madrid, Spain
2014–2015	Technical University of Madrid (UPM) Juan de la Cierva research fellow (Statistician & BioNLP researcher) Information extraction for neurobiology. Statistical data analyses. Teaching.	Madrid, Spain
2013–2014	National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO) Post-doc (Molecular biology & BioNLP researcher) Extraction of the mammalian transcriptome from scientific abstracts. Teaching.	Madrid, Spain
2006–2013	National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO) PhD student (Bioinformatician) Organizer of the BioCreative (BC) community challenges. Architect of the BC meta-server with a dozen intl. research teams. Developer of the BC web interface and team management framework. Analyses of oncological data.	Madrid, Spain
2003–2006	Institute for Molecular Pathology (IMP) MSc student (Data architect and software/web developer) Acquisition and warehousing of biological data resources. Web visualizations for protein and gene sequence data. Text and data indexing, query interface.	Vienna, Austria
2003–2003	CSO Lanifex GmbH Consultant (Systems & web developer) Contributions to a VPN network for the Austrian National Bank and the United Nations intranet.	Vienna, Austria
2002–2003	European Media Labs (EML) Application developer 3D viz. of protein annotations. Deployment of molecular simulations software.	Heidelberg, Germany
2001–2002	Novartis Research Institute Web developer and database administrator Development of a genomic sequence management and analysis framework.	Vienna, Austria
1997–2000	Pro-Design Paragliders Global sales manager Managing production and intl. sales. Development of stock mngmnt. system.	Innsbruck, Austria

education

2012	PhD Bioinformatics, with distinction Online assessment of protein interaction information extraction systems.	Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM), Spain
2006	MSc Molecular Biology, with distinction Integration of biological databases and mining for post-translational modifications.	Vienna University, Austria

accomplishments

2016	Neural Networks for Machine Learning completed with 100/100 total score + PA4	Coursera MOOC
2015	Apache Spark Big Data and Scalable Machine Learning both completed with 100/100 total scores	edX Berkeley MOOC
2014	Machine Learning completed with 100+/100 total score	Stanford/Coursera MOOC
2013	Special Award - Premio Extraordinario for my PhD thesis work	Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM)
2012	Natural Language Processing completed with 88/100 total score	Stanford/Coursera MOOC
2009	Main Conference Organizer three-day conference with nearly 100 participants	BioCreative, CNIO, Madrid
2009	Services Cup 3 rd place behind competitors from SAP and IBM	IEEE Services-I World Conference

communication skills

2015	Invited Talk The BioCreative challenges: Critical assessments of biomedical information extraction.	Jornada de Tecnología y Salud, Real Academia de Ingeniería, Madrid, Spain
2014	Invited Talk From the BioCreative challenges to transcription regulation network extraction.	Institute for Computational Linguistics (UZH), Zurich, Switzerland
2014	Progress Report Retracing transcription regulation networks.	National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO), Madrid, Spain
2013	Presentation Mining cis-regulatory transcription networks from literature.	BioLINK @ Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Berlin, Germany
2013	Panel Host Integration across genomics and medicine.	BioLINK @ Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Vienna, Austria
2011	Invited Talk Annotating scientific manuscripts and the role of text-mining.	FEBS Journal Board Meeting, Cambridge, UK
2010	Progress Report Making biological information accessible.	National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO), Madrid, Spain
2010	Presentation Comparative community assessments for applied biomedical text mining.	Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Stockholm, Sweden
2009	Presentation The BioCreative Meta-Server platform.	Semantic Mining in Biomedicine (SMBM), Turku, Finland
2008–2013	Presentations Various presentations throughout the BC II-IV workshops (see conference proceedings).	BioCreative, Madrid, Spain and Bethesda, MD, USA

publications

journal articles

Data publications correlate with citation impact

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Frontiers in Neuroscience 10.419 (2016). 2016

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Krallinger, M, F Leitner, O Rabal, M Vazquez, J Oyarzabal, and A Valencia

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Salgado, D, M Krallinger, M Depaule, E Drula, A Tendulkar, F Leitner, A Valencia, and C Marcelle

Bioinformatics (2012) bts435. 2012

The Protein-Protein Interaction tasks of BioCreative III: ranking of articles and linking bio-ontology concepts to full text

Krallinger, Martin, Miguel Vazquez, Florian Leitner, ..., and Alfonso Valencia

BMC Bioinformatics 12.Suppl 8 (2011) S3. 2011

Text Mining for Drugs and Chemical Compounds: Methods, Tools and Applications

Vazquez, M., M Krallinger, F Leitner, and A Valencia

Molecular Informatics 30.6-7 (2011) pp. 506–519. 2011

The PPI affix dictionary (PPIAD) and BioMethod lexicon

Krallinger, M, AV Tendulkar, F Leitner, A Chatr-aryamontri, and A Valencia

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Nature Biotechnology 28.9 (2010) pp. 897–899. 2010

The FEBS Letters SDA corpus.

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FEBS Letters 584.19 (Oct. 2010) pp. 4129–4130. 2010

An Overview of BioCreative II.5.

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Evaluation of text-mining systems for biology: overview of the Second BioCreative community challenge.

Krallinger, M, A Morgan, L Smith, F Leitner, L Tanabe, J Wilbur, L Hirschman, and A Valencia

Genome Biology 9 Suppl 2 (2008) S1. 2008

Overview of the protein-protein interaction annotation extraction task of BioCreative II.

Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, Carlos Rodriguez-Penagos, and Alfonso Valencia

Genome Biology 9 Suppl 2 (2008) S4. 2008

Introducing meta-services for biomedical information extraction.

Leitner, F, M Krallinger, C Rodriguez-Penagos, J Hakenberg, ..., C Sander, and A Valencia

Genome Biology 9 Suppl 2 (2008) S6. 2008

A text-mining perspective on the requirements for electronically annotated abstracts.

Leitner, Florian and Alfonso Valencia

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ProSAT: functional annotation of protein 3D structures.

Gabdoulline, Razif R, René Hoffmann, Florian Leitner, and Rebecca C Wade

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Leitner, Florian, Martin Krallinger, and Valencia Alfonso

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Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

Methods in Molecular Biology pp. 341–382, 2010, Humana Press

Biological Knowledge Extraction

Leitner, Florian, Robert Hoffmann, and Alfonso Valencia

Bioinformatics for Systems Biology pp. 413–433, 2009, Humana Press

conference proceedings

Retrieval and Discovery of Cell Cycle Literature and Proteins by Means of Machine Learning, Text Mining and Network Analysis

Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

8th International Conference on Practical Applications of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, 2014

Overview of the chemical compound and drug name recognition (CHEMDNER) task

Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, Obdulia Rabal, Miguel Vazquez, Julen Oyarzabal, and Alfonso Valencia

BioCreative IV Challenge Evaluation Workshop, 2013

Mining cis-Regulatory Transcription Networks from Literature

Leitner, Florian, Martin Krallinger, Sushil Tripathi, Martin Kuiper, Astrid Lægreid, and Alfonso Valencia

Proceedings of the ISMB BioLINK SIG, 2013

Results of the BioCreative III Interaction Method Task

Krallinger, Martin, Miguel Vazquez, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

Proceedings of the BioCreative III Challenge Evaluation Workshop, 2010

The BioCreative II.5 challenge overview

Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

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BioCreative II.5: Evaluation and ensemble system performance

Mardis, Scott, Florian Leitner, and Lynette Hirschman

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SOA-Based Integration of Text Mining Services

Starlinger, Johann, Florian Leitner, Alfonso Valencia, and Ulf Leser

Proceedings of the 2009 World Conference on Services, 2009

Assessment of the second BioCreative PPI task: automatic extraction of protein-protein interactions

Krallinger, Martin, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

Proceedings of the second BioCreative Challenge Evaluation Workshop, 2007

Exploiting text mining of biological annotations to extract protein interactions for the Semantic web

Krallinger, Martin, Carlos Rodriguez-Penagos, Florian Leitner, and Alfonso Valencia

Seventh International Workshop on Network Tools and Applications in Biology, 2007