John Zhu

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Work History

Research Assistant | UNC | Chapel Hill, NC

2021 - 2023

- Developed a fridge inventory application. Features of the application included user authentication, CRUD operations to a MS SQL server database involving reagents, boxes and fridges. Through a user friendly UI, lab members organized all lab reagents accumulated over 6 years in one app.
- Led/presented weekly discussion/analysis on lab experiments and related scientific literature.
- Led collaborative experiments in groups of 2-4 researchers related to gene editing and fluorescent imaging, including CRISPR lines generation.

Education and Certifications

University of Minnesota	Fall 2023 - current
Master of Science in Computer Science	GPA:N/A
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC cum laude	2022
Bachelors of Science Major: Biology Minor: Computer Science and Chemistry	GPA: 3.51
AWS Certified Developer - Associate (DVA-C01)	Feb. 2023
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C01)	Nov. 2022
Global Clinical Research - The Process Start to Finish University of Chicago	Apr. 2023
Projects	

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Fridge | Laboratory Inventory Application | Full Stack

- Fridge web application built to store and organize laboratory fridge data for over 3000 reagents.
- Account creation and user credential editing functionality created using JS and MS SQL server.
- User authentication functionality built using bcrypt library for encryption.
- Search functionality based on reagent name and sequence built with SQL and javascript.
- CRUD operations for fridge, box, and reagent objects stored using SQL and javascript.
- Researcher centric and friendly UI built using HTML, CSS and JS.

Bioalgorithms | Bioinformatics using Python | UNC Chapel Hill

- Used Python to implement Burrows Wheeler transformations on DNA sequences for use in sequence alignment and genomic database compression functions.
- Resolved practical and theoretical peptide sequencing from mass spec data using Python.
- Used hidden Markov models to determine potential gene locations based on CG island presence.
- Executed a graphical approach to achieve multiple and pairwise sequence alignment and implemented divide and conquer strategies to align large genomic datasets in realistic time/memory.

Portfolio | Personal Portfolio Website

- Dynamic updating UI built using Angular.
- Contact email directly from the website interface.

Cookie Clicker | Web Application | Group Project

- Lead the backend construction in a 4 person group in 4 weeks time
- Developed a single page Cookie clicker web game including UI and memory persistence.

Skills

Python | Java | Javascript | Typescript | HTML | CSS | Angular | SQL | MS SQL Server | MySQL | Git | Node | NPM | Express | MongoDB | BASH | AWS | Object Oriented Programming | 5 years experience Languages (fluent): English | Chinese