

Profile

I am a software developer and bioinformatician. For the last 25 years I have been helping biologists to capture, analyse and interpret genomic data.

Skills and Experience

- Software development
- Database administration and maintenance
- Genome assembly, annotation and analysis
- Processing, management and analysis of next generation sequencing data
- Systems administration including software and database installation and configuration

Work experience

- June 2010 – Present **Programmer** *S. pombe genome database (PomBase)*
Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge
- Tasks*
- full stack development
 - bioinformatics support
 - system administration
- Major projects*
- [Canto](#) - a community curation tool
 - [PomBase v2](#)
 - [JaponicusDB](#)
- Secondments*
- FlyBase - 3 months customising [Canto](#) for *Drosophila* phenotypes
 - PHI-base - 6 months adapting Canto for pathogen-host interaction phenotype curation
- Sept 2012 – Dec 2016 **Scientific Officer** (part time) *Gemmell Group*
Department of Anatomy, University of Otago
- Tasks*
- bioinformatics support
 - genome and transcriptome assembly and analysis
 - bioinformatics mentoring and training
 - [tuatara](#) [genome project](#)
- Feb 2009 – June 2010 **Computer Associate** *Baulcombe Group*
Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge
- Tasks*
- bioinformatics support
 - creation of a short read analysis pipeline
- Sept 2007 – Feb 2009 **Programmer** *modENCODE Data Coordination Center*
Cambridge Systems Biology Centre
- Tasks*
- helped create the data warehouse for the modENCODE project:
[modMine](#)
- Feb 2004 – Sept 2007 **Programmer** *FlyMine/InterMine group*
Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge
- Tasks*
- Java programming for the [InterMine](#) project
- Oct 2001 – Feb 2004 **Principal Computer Programmer** *Pathogen Sequencing Unit*
The Sanger Institute
- Tasks*
- programming and bioinformatics support
- Major projects*
- [Artemis](#) - a genome analysis and annotation tool
 - [ACT](#) - a genome comparison viewer
- Apr 1999 – Oct 2001 **Senior Computer Programmer** *Pathogen Sequencing Unit*
The Sanger Institute
- Sept 1998 – Apr 1999 **Computer Programmer** *Pathogen Sequencing Unit*
The Sanger Institute

Publications

- Feb 2025 **A compendium of human gene functions derived from evolutionary modelling**
The Gene Ontology Consortium
Nature (2025) [DOI: 10.1038/s41586-025-08592-0*](#)
- Feb 2024 **PomBase: a Global Core Biodata Resource — growth, collaboration, and sustainability**
K.M. Rutherford, M. Lera-Ramírez, V. Wood
Genetics, iyae007 [DOI: 10.1093/genetics/iyae007](#)
- Oct 2023 **Revised fission yeast gene and allele nomenclature guidelines for machine readability**
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Genetics, iyad143 [DOI: 10.1093/genetics/iyad143](#)
- July 2023 **A framework for community curation of interspecies interactions literature**
A. Cuzick, J. Seager, V. Wood, M. Urban, K. Rutherford, K.E. Hammond-Kosack
eLife. [DOI: 10.7554/eLife.84658](#)
- March 2023 **The Gene Ontology knowledgebase in 2023**
The Gene Ontology Consortium
Genetics. [DOI: 10.1093/genetics/iyad031](#)
- Dec 2021 **JaponicusDB: Rapid deployment of a model organism database for an emerging model species**
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Genetics. [DOI: 10.1093/genetics/iyab223](#)
- Dec 2021 **Fission stories: Using PomBase to understand *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* biology**
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- Nov 2021 **PHI-base in 2022: a multi-species phenotype database for Pathogen-Host Interactions**
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NAR [DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkab1037](#)
- Dec 2020 **The Gene Ontology resource: enriching a GOLD mine**
The Gene Ontology Consortium
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- Dec 2020 **A genome-wide investigation of adaptive signatures in protein-coding genes related to tool behaviour in New Caledonian and Hawaiian crows**
N. Dussex *et al.*
Molecular Ecology. [DOI: 10.1111/mec.15775](#)
- Nov 2020 **Dense sampling of bird diversity increases power of comparative genomics**
S. Feng *et al.*
Nature. [DOI: 10.1038/s41586-020-2873-9](#)
- Sep 2020 **Term Matrix: A novel Gene Ontology annotation quality control system based on ontology term co-annotation patterns**
V. Wood *et al.*
Open Biology. [DOI: 10.1098/rsob.200149](#)
- Aug 2020 **The tuatara genome reveals ancient features of amniote evolution**
N. Gemmell, K. Rutherford, *et al.*
Nature. [DOI: 10.1038/s41586-020-2561-9](#)
- July 2020 **DNA from mollusc shell: a valuable and underutilised substrate for genetic analyses**
S. Ferreira, R. Ashby, G-J. Jeunen, K. Rutherford, C. Collins, E.V. Todd, N.J. Gemmell
PeerJ. [DOI: 10.7717/peerj.9420](#)
- Apr 2020 **Community curation in PomBase: enabling fission yeast experts to provide detailed, standardized, sharable annotation from research publications**
A. Lock, M. Harris, K. Rutherford, J. Hayles, V. Wood
Database. [DOI: 10.1093/database/baaa028](#)
- Nov 2019 **PHI-base: the pathogen–host interactions database**
M. Urban, A. Cuzick, J. Seager, V. Wood, K. Rutherford, S. Yagwakote Venkatesh, N. De Silva, M. Carbajo Martinez, H. Pedro, A.D. Yates, K. Hassani-Pak, K.E. Hammond-Kosack
Nucleic Acids Research. [DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkz904](#)
- July 2019 **Stress, novel sex genes and epigenetic reprogramming orchestrate socially-controlled sex change**
E.V. Todd, O. Ortega-Recalde, H. Liu, M.S. Lamm, K.M. Rutherford, H. Cross, M.A. Black, O. Kardailsky, J.A. Graves, T.A. Hore, J.R. Godwin, N.J. Gemmell
Science Advances. [DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.aaw7006](#)
- July 2019 **Molecular structure of sauropsid β -keratins from tuatara (*Sphenodon punctatus*)**
D. Parry, R. Fraser, L. Alibardi, K. Rutherford, N. Gemmell
Journal of Structural Biology. [DOI: 10.1016/j.jsb.2019.04.008](#)
- Feb 2019 **Hidden in plain sight: What remains to be discovered in the eukaryotic proteome?**
V. Wood, A. Lock, M. Harris, K. Rutherford, J. Bähler, S. Oliver
Open Biology. [DOI: 10.1098/rsob.180241](#)

- Nov 2018 **RNAcentral: a hub of information for non-coding RNA sequences**
The RNAcentral Consortium
Nucleic Acids Research. [DOI: 10.1093/nar/gky1034](#)
- Oct 2018 **PomBase 2018: user-driven reimplementations of the fission yeast database provides rapid and intuitive access to diverse, interconnected information**
A. Lock, K. Rutherford, M.A. Harris, J. Hayles, S.G. Oliver, J. Bähler, V. Wood
Nucleic Acids Research. [DOI: 10.1093/nar/gky961](#)
- Oct 2018 **The Gene Ontology Resource: 20 years and still GOing strong**
The Gene Ontology Consortium
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- Aug 2018 **Evolutionary history of the podoplanin gene**
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Gene Reports. [DOI: 10.1016/j.genrep.2018.08.005](#)
- Aug 2018 **Reduced representation sequencing detects only subtle regional structure in a heavily exploited and rapidly recolonizing marine mammal species**
N. Dussex, H.R. Taylor, W.R. Stovall, K. Rutherford, K.G. Dodds, S.M. Clarke, N.J. Gemmell
Ecology and Evolution. [DOI: 10.1002/ece3.4411](#)
- Apr 2018 **Adipose Transcriptome Analysis Provides Novel Insights into Molecular Regulation of Prolonged Fasting in Northern Elephant Seal Pups**
B. Martinez, J. Khudyakov, K. Rutherford, D. Crocker, N. Gemmell, R. Ortiz
Physiological Genomics. [DOI: 10.1152/physiolgenomics.00002.2018](#)
- Apr 2018 **De novo draft assembly of the *Botryllodes leachi* genome provides further insight into tunicate evolution**
S. Blanchoud, K. Rutherford, L. Zondag, N. Gemmell, M. Wilson
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Molecular Ecology Resources. [DOI: 10.1111/1755-0998.12767](#)
- Dec 2017 **Analysis of the genome of the New Zealand giant collembolan (*Holacanthella duospinosa*) sheds light on hexapod evolution**
C. Wu, M.D. Jordan, R.D. Newcomb, N.J. Gemmell, S. Bank, K. Meusemann, P.K. Dearden, E.J. Duncan, S. Grosser, K. Rutherford, P.P. Gardner, R.N. Crowhurst, B. Steinwender, L.K. Tooman, M.I. Stevens, T.R. Buckley
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- Dec 2017 **Identification of sex differences in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) brains during early sexual differentiation and masculinisation using 17 α -methyltestosterone**
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Nucleic Acids Research. [DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkw1108](#)
- Feb 2016 **Uncovering the pathways underlying whole body regeneration in a chordate model, *Botryllodes leachi* using de novo transcriptome analysis**
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Biology of Sex Differences. [DOI: 10.1186/s13293-015-0044-8](#)
- Jan 2015

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The modENCODE Consortium
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Book Chapters

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