1. Introduction
   1. I was first exposed to Java in an intro course I took in 2010; however, I did not feel like I had learned it very well.
   2. The first “high-level” language I learned was Pascal, which I had learned in high school.
   3. The second high-level language I learned was C, in 1998.
   4. I officially first entered the bioinformatics field in 2001, and the main language being used by bioinformaticians was Perl.
      1. Bioinformatics was an interest of mine, so I learned Perl before joining the bioinformatics department.
      2. I was initially struck by how messy the code could get, but came to like it because of the speed programs could be written.
      3. Perl was used in bioinformatics because it is very good in working with regular expressions.
   5. I need to get better with Java, because the bioinformatics field has been transitioning more into an engineering discipline.
2. Positive reactions
   1. Unlike Perl, I can more easily understand code written by others.
3. Negative reactions
   1. Unlike Perl, it takes longer to write programs.

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