

# Larry Hengl

Senior Software Engineer | Richmond, CA

Experienced fullstack developer, database architect and pipeline engineer in bioinformatics, expanding into quantum computing. Specializing in scientific web applications, data architecture and workflow tools for processing, analyzing and visualizing research data.

## EXPERIENCE

**BioMarin Pharmaceutical**, San Rafael, CA      APR 2015 — MAY 2024 {9yr}  
Principal Engineer, Bioinformatics | Genomics

- Architected bioinformatics databases and applications for analysis of genetic variants in rare diseases. These systems included variant and transcriptomic repositories and viewers, genetic and proteomic profilers, a metabolite viewer, as well as UKBiobank phenotype catalog and analysis results DBs and web UIs.
- Managed large and small external and internally sourced datasets, which included sequence, assay, phenotype, EHR, and custom annotation datatypes used to prioritize top lists of disease and gene target candidates. Designed a storage standard for datasets in AWS S3, including a cataloging method in Benchling, defined lifecycle policies, and scripted HPC data migration methods.
- Lead engineering teams of 15+ remote contractors in the construction of two gene therapy sequencing pipelines using custom HPC SLURM jobs and DNAnexus workflows, integrated with Benchling for upstream run configurations, stored midstream results in Postgres, queried via GraphQL APIs, and explored downstream results in Spotfire dashboards and custom web UIs built in ReactJS.
- Built systems to enhance scientific workflows, including:
  - An oligo designer web tool in SvelteJS for ASO tiling and chemistry modifications, including a sequence patent application export feature that saved upwards of 3 months and \$20,000 of outsourcing time and costs per filing.
  - A Python web app for bulk uploading assay results into Benchling, which fed a data warehouse and downstream Spotfire reporting dashboard, turning days of manual data wrangling for lab scientists into a few hours of configuring and fine tuning.
- Co-produced platforms for best practices in app source code management and automated app deployment: GitLab with CI/CD, RConnect for Shiny, Jupyter and RStudio for data exploration, and Quarto and Markdoc for generating and sharing app docs. Also lead informal presentations and training sessions on the use of those systems.

**Novartis / Chiron**, Emeryville, CA      DEC 2000 — APR 2015 {15yr}  
Programmer Analyst IV, NIBR IT&AS | 2005 — 2015  
Database Specialist, Bioinformatics | 2000 — 2005

- Built informatics and IT systems to support cancer and infectious disease research.
- Architected Oracle databases in bioinformatics and performed DBA role.

full work history at [larryhengl.github.io](https://larryhengl.github.io)

*Building research tools and databases to help advance technologies and fight diseases.*

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## SKILLS

### Languages

Javascript, Python, R, SQL

### Frameworks

JS - Svelte/SvelteKit, React, Vue, jQuery  
Python/R - Dash, Streamlit, Shiny  
CSS - Tailwind, Flowbite, UIKit, Bootstrap  
Viz - Spotfire, Plotly, ChartJS, Highcharts, D3, Crossfilter

### Databases

DuckDB, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Oracle, Neo4j, CouchDB, MongoDB, Elasticsearch

### Services

Node.js, Express, Hapi, Flask

### Cloud/HPC

AWS RDS/S3, Cromwell, SLURM

### Platforms & Tools

DNAnexus, Benchling, git, GitLab, GitHub, CI/CD, Jira, Confluence, Docker, RStudio, RConnect, Jupyter, Excalidraw, Monday.com

### Testing

NPM, Tape, Mocha, Chai/Sinon, Selenium, PhantomJS, Postman

### Docs

Quarto, Markdoc, Dox, Markdown

### MS

PowerBI, PowerAutomate, PowerQuery, Sharepoint, Teams

## Open Source Author

GitHub – myvariantjs  
<https://github.com/larryhengl/myvariantjs>  
myvariantjs-demo  
<https://larryhengl.github.io/myvariantjs-demo/>

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Statistics  
UC Santa Barbara (UCSB), 1992