# Niels Hanson

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## **Profile**

 Recent Ph.D. graduate looking for a career in Quantitative Analytics, Data Science, or Software Development

#### Education

Ph.D. Bioinformatics

University of British Columbia 2011–2015

B.Sc. Computer Science (Minor Statistics)
University of British Columbia 2006–2011

#### Coursework

 Machine Learning, Data Visualization, Numerical Methods, Algorithms, and Software Development

## Technical Skills

- Proficient in Java, C++, R, Python, JavaScript, PHP, Go, and SQL
- Object-oriented software design
- Large-scale data processing using Hadoop, Apache Spark, and AWS
- · HPC programming with Intel Phi-cards
- Data Analysis with ggplot2, dplyr, RMarkdown, NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn, and D3.js

#### **Projects**

- D3.js Visualizations. Variety of visualizations in the D3.js framework for analysis of genomic data (http://goo.gl/fLntUc)
- R-Package: fastLSA. Implementation of the fastLSA correlation method in C and Open-MP (http://goo.gl/5QPM82)
- De-Confusion Tables. An interactive R shiny app. Final project. Developing Data Products. John Hopkins University Coursera Class. July 2014 (http://goo.gl/FI78Qh)

## Selected Publications

- Kim, Konwar, Hanson, et al. Koonkie: An Automated Software Tool for Processing Environmental Sequence Information using Hadoop. ASE BigData. Harvard (2014)
- Hanson et al. Metabolic pathways for the whole community. BMC Genomics (2014)
- Hanson, et al. MetaPathways v2.0: A master-worker model for environmental PGDB construction on grids and clouds. IEEE CIBCB, Hawaii (2014)
- Konwar, Hanson, et al. MetaPathways: a modular pipeline for constructing pathway/genome databases from environmental sequence information. BMC Bioinf. (2013)

## Experience

Bioinformatics Ph.D. Candidate 2011–2015 Hallam Lab, University of British Columbia

- Developed MetaPathways, a Python and C++ pipeline for biological sequencing data
- Implemented a Master-worker distributed algorithm to manage a large collection of HPC worker grids
- Enabled sequence-homology search in Hadoop through critical improvements to the YARN scheduler
- Analytically involved in all areas research; author on 10+ peer-reviewed publications

## Teaching Assistant

2014

Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA

- Conducted tutorials on biological sequence analysis for 60+ post-docs, graduate students, and professors
- Statistical topics: Predictive Models, SVMs, Hierarchical Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction
- General data-literacy topics: data preparation, analysis, visualization, and report generation using R, ggplot2, dplyr, and RMarkdown

#### Software Developer

2011

Microbiology and Immunology, UBC

- Developed a LAMP stack and JavaScript based web application cataloging thousands of bacterial strains
- Ensured accurate requirements via user observation and interviews
- Enhanced the user experience by implementing advanced Boolean search, user histories, and search autocomplete

## **Bioinformatics Intern**

2010

Eichler Lab, University of Washington

- Developed a genome visualization and analysis software platform for autistic human genomes
- MySQL back-end database and object-oriented Java MVC-based GUI enabled the visualization of millions of genetic variants predicted via a Hidden Markov Model
- Efficient visualization layout algorithms enabled the rapid analysis of thousands of important genomic alterations

## Interests

- Data Analysis, Information Visualization, Machine Learning, Statistics, Software Design
- Photography, Cooking, Badminton, Triathlons