

# Chris Johnson

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## SUMMARY

Back-end web and application developer of 6-years industry experience across the full stack using **C#, .NET, MSSQL**, TFS, Windows Server and other Microsoft technologies. Creative, analytical thinker with excellent logical reasoning ability and superb written communication skills. Optimization and computational biology researcher with 2 years experience **model fitting** using **machine learning** techniques: including search algorithms, neural networks, regression, clustering and feature extraction programmed in **Matlab, Python** and **Java** (4 years experience with Java).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Utah State University** Logan, Utah January 2015 - Present

*Machine Learning and Computational Biology Researcher and Lab Manager*

- Built optimization software and successfully applied it to fitting two biological models.
- Collaborated closely with the Institute of Systems Biology on modelling research.
- Increased speed of biological simulation software (Java) over 10 fold.

**Orchid Event Solutions (Visit Salt Lake)** Salt Lake City, Utah December 2013 - August 2014

*Software Engineer*

- Reduced website creation time over 25% by automating development, build and deployment processes.
- Led a successful software migration to newer technologies including TFS and Release Management.

**Carnconnections, Inc.** Salt Lake City, Utah June 2009 - December 2013

*Co-Owner, Founder and Webmaster*

- Designed, programmed, and maintained its website, carnconnections.com
- Significantly expanded online presence using search engine optimization (SEO)

**Shipping Connections** Salt Lake City, Utah September 2007 - January 2013

*Web Developer and Software Engineer*

- Brought company into 21st century by building data-driven websites to increase sales and capture leads
- Gained formative experience across full development stack

## EDUCATION

**Utah State University** Logan, Utah July 2016

*Computer Science, M.S., GPA 3.89*

- Emphasis in **machine learning**, optimization, and computational biology
- Select courses: **Intelligent Systems, Speech and Natural Lang. Processing, Bioinformatics, Adv. Database Sys**
- Thesis: **Fitting a Multiscale Biofilm Model using a Parallelized Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm**

**University of Utah** Salt Lake City, Utah May 2012

*Psychology, B.S., GPA 3.75*

**University of Utah** Salt Lake City, Utah May 2012

*Philosophy, B.S., GPA 3.75*

Honors: Dean's List for 7 semesters, Honors At Entrance Scholarship (full-tuition)

- Addnl. courses: Calculus I, II, III; Linear Algebra; Foundations of Analysis; Discrete Structures; Symbolic Logic

**Additional Honors:** Cottonwood High Salutatorian in 2007 (2nd in graduating class of 600), Eagle Scout, National AP Scholar

## PUBLICATIONS

- Third author on *Bridging the multiscale gap: Identifying cellular parameters from multicellular data*
- Two additional publications on biofilm modelling and parameter fitting are in-progress

## SKILLS and TECHNOLOGIES

- Web and App - full stack, big data, speech and language processing, data visualization, machine learning
- C#, Java, Python, Matlab, C++, .NET, SQL, MapReduce, MVC, Powershell, Javascript, JQuery, Git, TFS

See <https://rehpotsirhc.github.io> for more information on my master's thesis, publications, and code samples