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Education

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA

AUG 2019 - MAY 2021

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

- · Thesis: The Count, a Rust-based ultrafast & memory-efficient sequence alignment software
- · Coursework: Advanced Machine Learning, Advanced Algorithms, Computational Medicine, Data Visualization, Simulation Modeling, Software Optimization

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA

AUG 2016 - MAY 2019

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE

- · Honors: magna cum laude
- · Capstone Project: A web-based platform built in PHP/Laravel and VueJS for IC Challenge learning software
 - · Served as team lead, handling regular communication between the client and our team
 - · Built role-based access control that protects students' privacy and safety
- · Coursework: Big Data Mining, Computational Biology, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Database Security Genetics & Evolution, Genomics, Machine Learning

Experience

WHEELER LAB AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA **RESEARCH ASSISTANT – Computational Genomics**

JAN 2018 - PRESENT

- · Exact-match Alignment Software: A CLI tool made to ingest a guery file and target file and output the number of times each query sequence is found in the target file
 - · Prototyped the software in Python and used it to align large numbers of short DNA/RNA sequences
 - Built a command line interface (CLI) for the software, allowing the tool to accept 2 FASTA files (~50Gb)
 - · Led the rewrite of software in Rust, working with team Senior Software Engineer as needed, decreasing alignment software analysis time ~4.5x (from 30min with legacy tools to 2min with Rust version)
- · Used established bioinformatics tools (BEDOPS, liftOver, MAFFT, & HMMER/Easel) for large-scale conservation studies with phastcons, phylop, and manually calculated percent identity
- · Updated NINJA phylogeny building software from SSE to AVX architecture for microprocessors

STUDENT AFFAIRS IT

OCT 2016 - AUG 2018

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATOR & CONSULTANT COORDINATOR

- · Supervised 10+ tier-2 IT support staff to ensure quick responses and appropriate resolutions of tickets
- · Led a team of four technicians responsible for oversight and use of Ivanti Endpoint Management system
- · Planned and spearheaded the migration and total overhaul of accumulated documentation, allowing technicians to much more easily access prior research & troubleshooting and address tickets faster

Technical Skills

Perl o Rust Git Parallel Python o Java Waterfall computing o **R** (TensorFlow, development High performance Pandas) o SQL Agile C/C++ o AWS **TDD** computing