



Spfy: speedy predictive genomics

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Currently:

- BAsC Software Engineering (uOttawa)
 - Focus on applied math
- Co-op @NML Lethbridge (8-months)

Previously Completed:

- BSc Neuroscience (Dalhousie)
 - Transgenic mouse models of Alzheimer's
 - Cryptography & network security

Software Background:

- Largely Python
- Linux
- Virtualization

Career Goals:

- Big-data companies

Background

BMC Microbiol. 2016 Apr 12;16:65. doi: 10.1186/s12866-016-0680-0.

SuperPhy: predictive genomics for the bacterial pathogen *Escherichia coli*.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Predictive genomics is the translation of raw genome sequence data into a phenotypic assessment of the organism. For bacterial pathogens, these phenotypes can range from environmental survivability, to the severity of human disease. Significant progress has been made in the development of generic tools for genomic analyses that are broadly applicable to all microorganisms; however, a fundamental missing component is the ability to analyze genomic data in the context of organism-specific phenotypic knowledge, which has been accumulated from decades of research and can provide a meaningful interpretation of genome sequence data.



The problem

Speed

- Predict serotype, VF, AMR within a few minutes
- More responsive user-interface

Simplicity

- Easier to upload genomes and get results
- Intuitive navigation of the website

Scalability

- Quickly integrate new analyses & results
- Ability to perform group comparisons across thousands of genomes



Challenges deep-dive

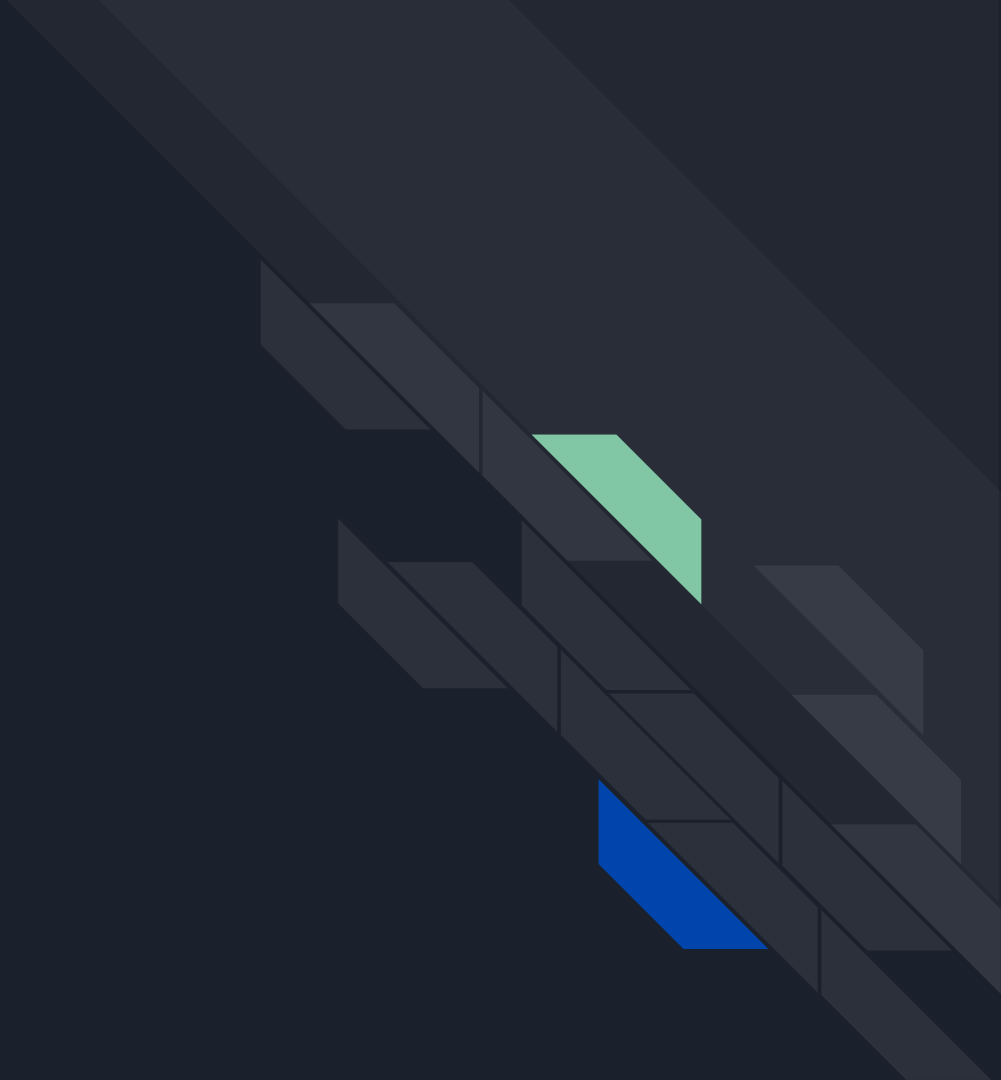
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Solution: Modernize

- Docker
- Task queues
- ReactJS

Docker





Docker

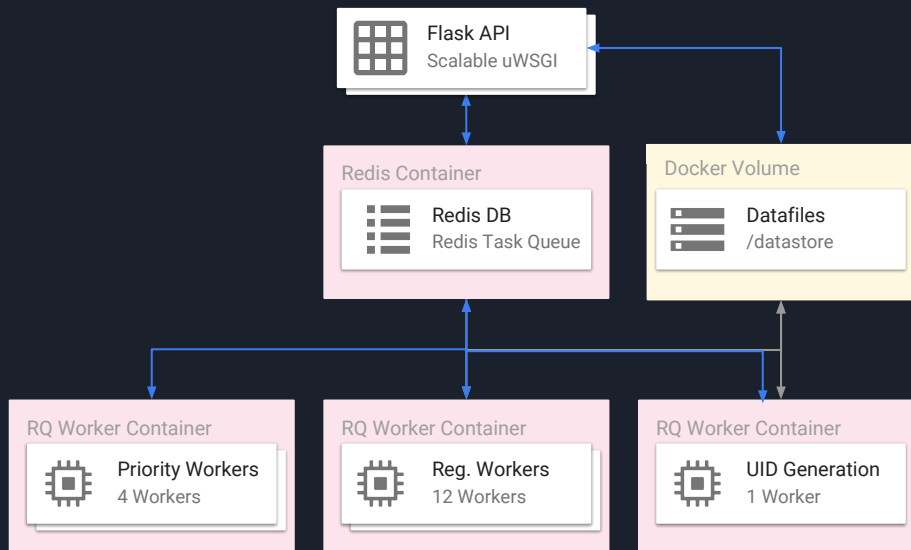
INSTALLING THE XKCD DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

1. SPIN UP A VM
2. SPIN UP A VM INSIDE THAT VM
3. CONTINUE SPINNING UP NESTED VMs
AND CONTAINERS UNTIL YOU GET FIRED

Solution

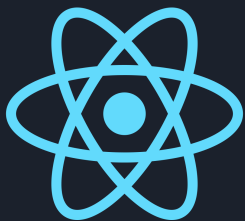


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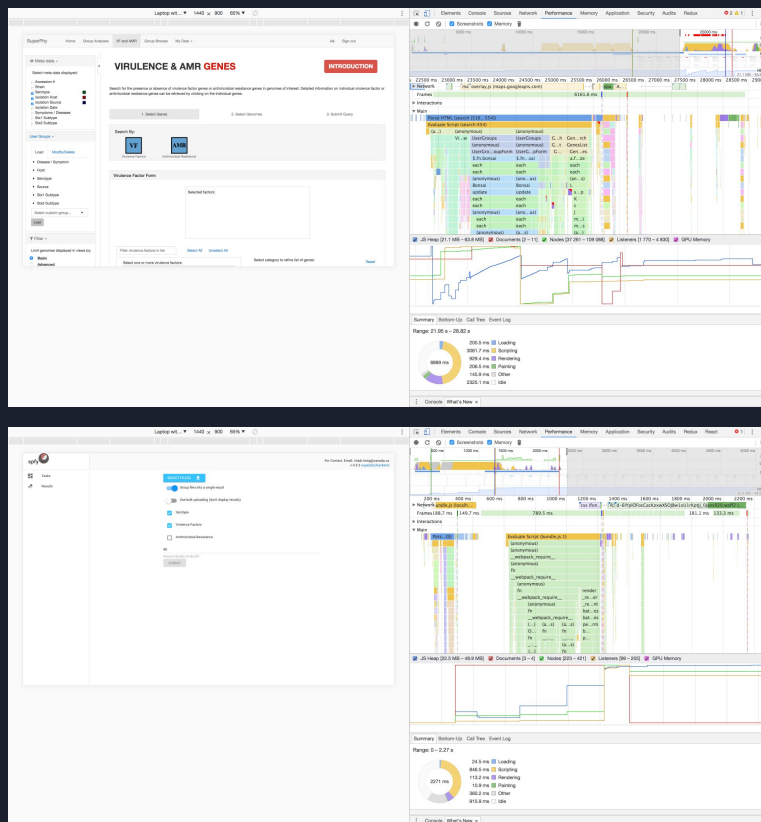


Immediate Results

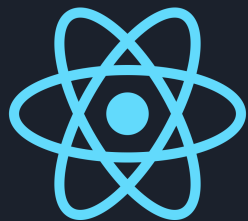
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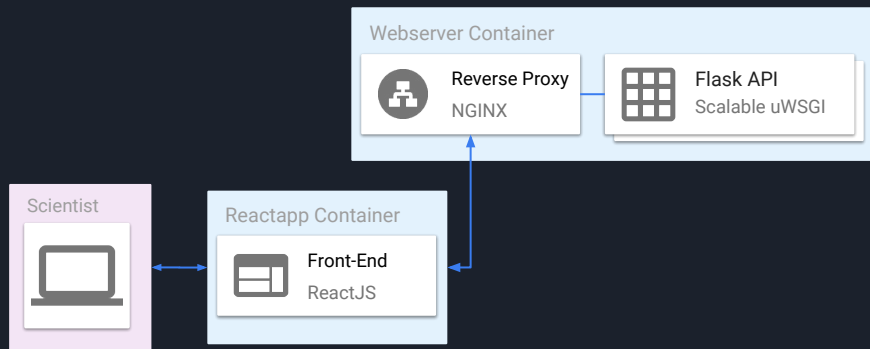
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Solution: Familiar Design

- One click results
- Material design (Google)

Solution

Simplicity: one-click results

SELECT FILE(S) 

Group files into a single result

Use bulk uploading (don't display results)

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Serotype

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Virulence Factors

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Antimicrobial Resistance

90

Percent Identity for BLAST

SUBMIT

GCA_001683595.1_NGF2_genomic.fna

GCA_001911825.1_ASM191182v1_genomic.fna

GCA_001614485.1_ASM161448v1_genomic.fna


GCA_001891695.1_ASM189169v1_genomic.fna

GCA_001891995.1_ASM189199v1_genomic.fna

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Solution

Simplicity: one-click results



Tasks

Results

Search

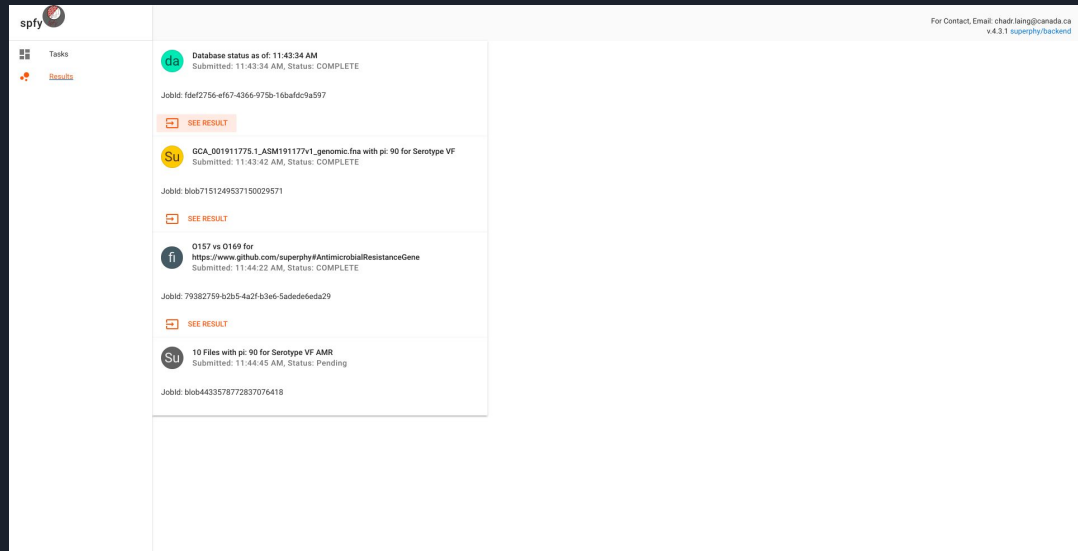
Export to CSV

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v.4.3.1 [superphy/backend](#)

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GCA_001911825.1_ASM191182v1_genomic.fna	LGMU01000001.1	Virulence F...	cheA	-	50899	50899	90
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Solution

Simplicity: material design



Card Based



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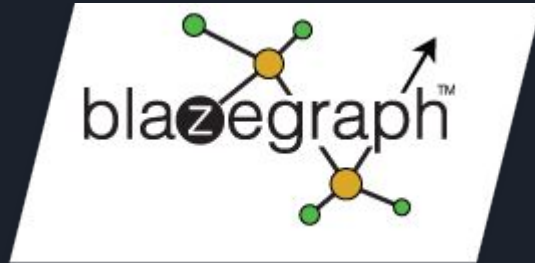
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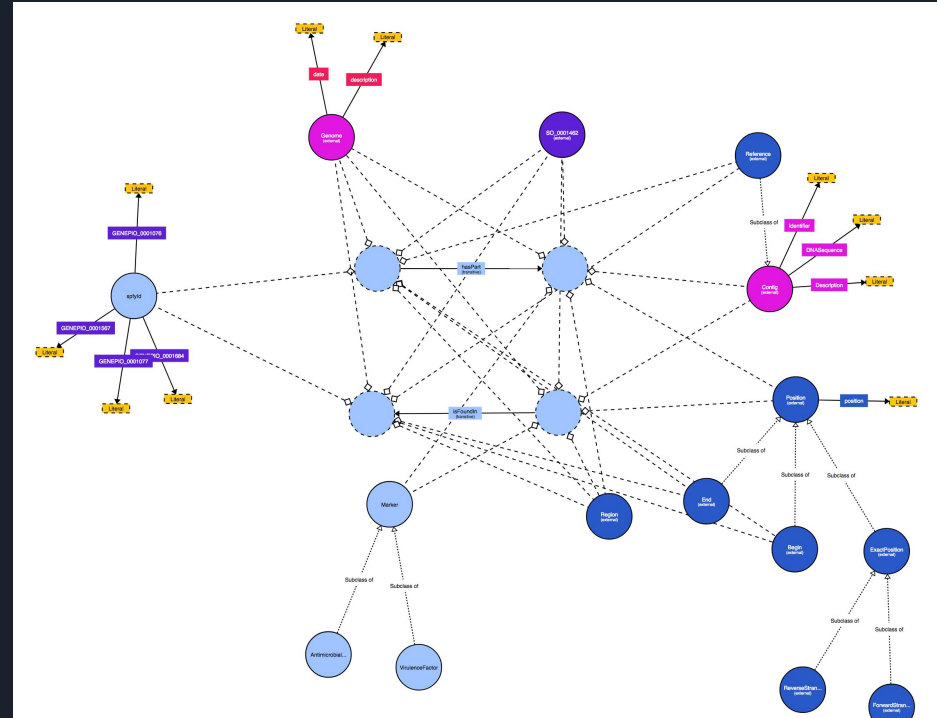
Solution: Technology

- Graph database
- Pandas, SciPy

Solution



Scalability: graph database

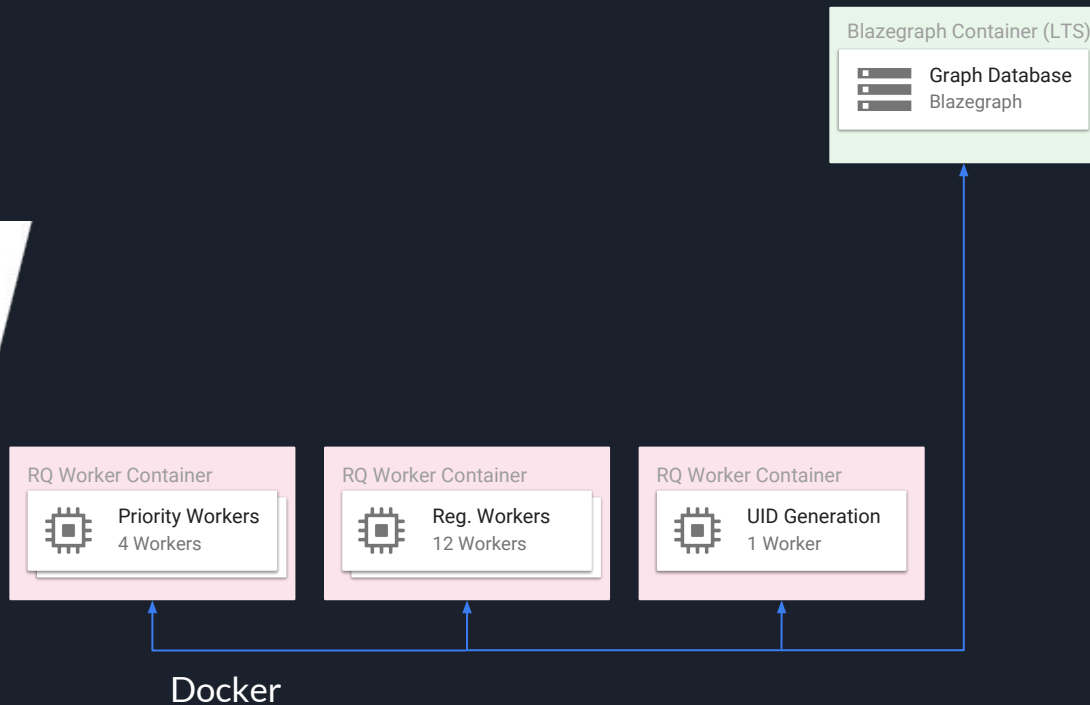


Semantic Web

Solution



Scalability: graph database

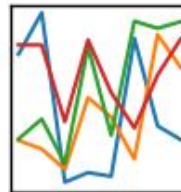




Solution

pandas

$$y_{it} = \beta' x_{it} + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it}$$



Scalability: pandas, scipy



SciPy.org



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Timeline



- Wrapper for serotype, VF, AMR
- Upload to graph database
- Docker
- QC / CI
- Initial Deployment



- Task queues
- API (Flask)
- Basic website (AngularJS)

- Graph traversals
- Group comparisons: backend code (Flask)

- Implemented subtyping in React
- Read the Docs

- Paper writing

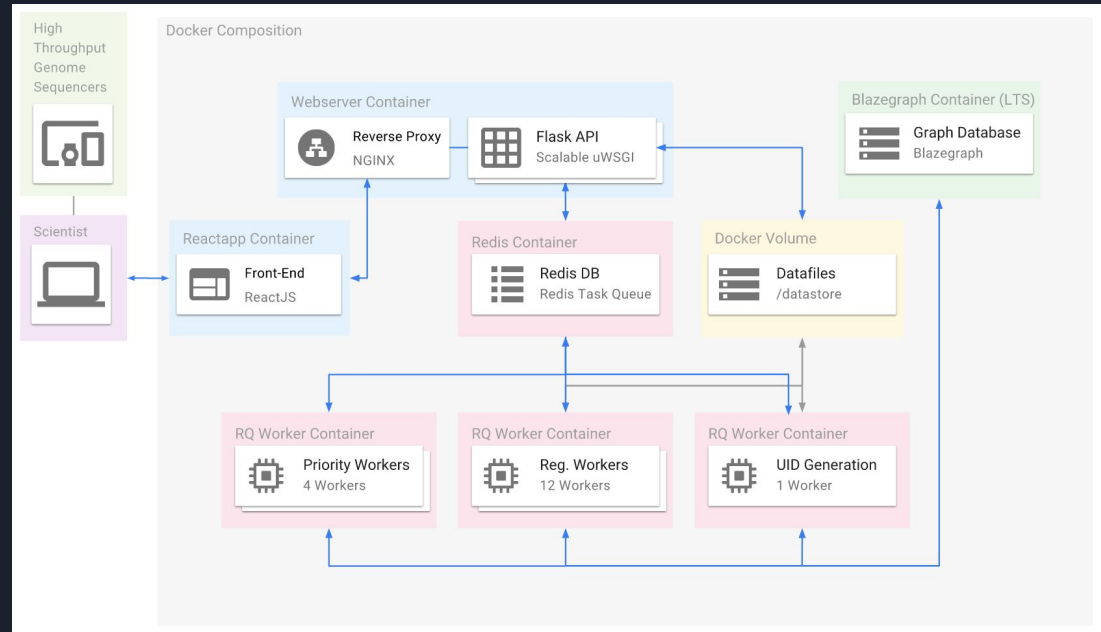


- Group comparisons: frontend code (ReactJS)
- 2nd deployment

- Refactor backend
- Additional features
- 3rd deployment

End Result

Platform Architecture



Live Demo





End Result:

- Real-time serotype, VF, AMR prediction
- Within 2-3 minutes
- Storage and retrieval of genomes & results in a Graph Database
- Test set: 5353 GenBank genomes
- Live group comparisons of database entries within seconds
- Ex. O157 vs O53 for all known VFs