

Introduction to Scientific Computing: A Crash Course



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Who are we?

- Doctoral Candidates at the University of California, Merced
 - Quantitative and Systems Biology Graduate Program



Who are we?

- Travis J Lawrence evolutionary biologist with interests in developing methods to resolve deep branching phylogenetic relationships
- Dana L Carper environmental microbiologist with interests in symbiotic relationships between plants and their microbiomes

Learn More about our Individual Research

Travis J Lawrence

Title: tRNA Interaction Network
Sheds Light on the Origin of
Chloroplast

Abstract ID: 50

Date: 6/27/17

Time: 1:45 pm

Location: Fort Worth Ballroom
4/Omni Hotel



Learn More about our Individual Research

Dana L Carper

Title: The effect of climate change and site on the above- and belowground bacterial endophytic communities of subalpine conifer seedlings

Abstract ID: 264

Date: 6/27/17

Time: 11:00am

Location: Fort Worth Ballroom
5/Omni Hotel



Why command line?

- Scientific data often comes as text files (or Flat files)
 - easily manipulated using command line
- Newer techniques are producing larger amounts of data
 - Harder to work with in conventional ways
- Issues have been found with software that is commonly used

What to expect from this course

- At the end of this Course:
 - An understanding of using and the uses of a terminal
 - Familiarity with installing programs from source code
 - Ability to manipulate text files using command line
 - Have an understanding of sequence file structure and how to work with these files
 - A basic introduction to computer programming logic
 - Develop fundamental skills for writing scripts in python

Don't worry if this seems hard!

- Like any skill it takes time to develop
- Practice makes it easier

- Please navigate to the following web address:
- <https://tlawrence3.github.io/Introduction-to-Scientific-Computing/>
- Click on the link that says download
- Double click on the zip file to get a folder containing all slides, worksheets and data needed for this workshop