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Graduate student at University College London studying Software Systems Engineering, with a background in synthetic biology and financial technologies. Proficient in backend and data engineering, MLOps, and Linux systems, with publications and talks at multiple conferences.

# Experience

# Software Engineer (Backend) Creative Juice

May 2021 – Apr 2023

- Developed and deployed a backend banking-as-a-service platform (Spring Boot, Unit Finance, Plaid) that supported over 200 funded bank accounts and \$2MM+ in deposits.
- Automated loan repayment collection from Google AdSense payments via Pub/Sub messaging and Java microservices, freeing up 10+ hours per week previously spent on manual collection.

# Undergraduate Research Assistant Genetic Logic Lab

University of Utah Sep 2019 – May 2022

- Advisor: Dr. Chris Myers
- Integrated a genetic sequence search tool into SynBioHub, an open-source repository for synthetic biology designs, allowing users to perform sequence-based searches via file upload.
- Maintained and enhanced SBOLExplorer, a distributed genetic part search tool which uses Elasticsearch and OpenLink Virtuoso to build an inverted index for faster queries.

## **EDUCATION**

## **University College London**

## M.S. Software Systems Engineering

Sep 2024 – Sep 2025

- Industry Project (Cisco): A Visual Inspection Tool
- Courses: Validation & Verification, Requirements Engineering & Software Architecture, Engineering Ethics, MLOps

#### University of Utah

### **B.S. Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics**

Aug 2019 – May 2022

- 3.85 GPA
- Dissertation: SynBioHub 3 An Improved Synthetic Biology Repository
- Advisor: Dr. Chris Myers

#### Skills

**Programming** C/C++, Bash, Python, Java, SQL

Tools Git, Spring/Spring Boot, Docker, Kubernetes, Ansible, Terraform, Dagster, Languages English, Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese

#### **TALKS**

- 1. SynBioHub2 Providing an Intuitive and Maintainable Genetic Design Repository, *The Thirteenth International Workshop on Bio-Design Automation*, Virtual, Sep. 2021.
- 2. SynBioHub3: A Redesigned Parts Repository, *Hackathons on Resources for Modeling in Biology* 2021, Virtual, Mar. 2021.
- 3. Sequence-based Searching For SynBioHub Using VSEARCH, *The Twelfth International Workshop on Bio-Design Automation*, Virtual, Aug. 2020.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. **Yu, E.**, Mante, J., and Myers, C. J. (2022) Sequence-Based Searching for SynBioHub Using VSEARCH. ACS Synthetic Biology 11, 990–995.
- 2. Mante, J., Hao, Y., Jett, J., Joshi, U., Keating, K., Lu, X., Nakum, G., Rodriguez, N. E., Tang, J., Terry, L., Wu, X., **Yu, E.** et al. (2021) Synthetic Biology Knowledge System. ACS Synthetic Biology 10, 2276–2285.

#### **AWARDS**

• Best Startup Project, HackTheU

2019