

Class 03: What is Bioinformatics? (3)

Held: Thursday, 3 September 2009

Summary: We continue our exploration of the basics of bioinformatics by exploring available bioinformatics resources and doing a bit more programming.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.

Notes:

- Apologies for the mixup on potential homework for today. You had nothing new due.
- For the next class, read Chapter 2 of *Exploring Bioinformatics* and bring questions. (You don't need to do the chapter 2 Web exploration yet, and you certainly don't need to understand all of the code.)
- For the next class, finish (and turn in via email) the Web exploration.
- Don't forget to go see Jillian in her play this weekend!

Overview:

- Web exploration, continued.
- About algorithm design.
- Project 1.4 in Python.
- Followup lab to Project 1.4.
- Reflection.

Web Exploration, Continued

- We are seeing what we can find out about favism.
- Any questions so far?
- We'll reflect after finishing the exercise.

Algorithms and Programming

- So, what did St. Clair and Visick teach you about algorithms and programming?

Lab Exercise

- Start by reading a translation of Algorithm 1.3 into Python.
 - Go to the Exploring Bioinformatics with Python Web site.
 - Click on Projects.

- Click on Project 1.4.
- Continue with followup exercises.
 - Go to the Exploring Bioinformatics with Python Web site.
 - Click on Labs.
 - Click on Lab 1.4.

Followup

- What went well in the lab?
 - What went poorly?
 - What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the Rebelsky/Python approach vs. the St.Clair+Visick/Perl approach?
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