Team 1: Web server

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Aims

- Provide a comprehensive, automated platform to analyze *E.coli* isolates in order to predict virulence factors
- Functionalities of the web server:
 - Identify virulence factors/microbial resistance in provided isolates
 - Allow data upload at each step of outline pipeline
 - Visualize findings in an comprehensible way
- Design
 - Intuitive usage
 - Provide only essential options

Technical notes

- Rely on Python framework **Flask**
 - Varieties of choice when developing a web application (tools, libraries and mechanics)
 - Categorized as a micro or lightweight framework with minimal or no dependencies on external libraries
 - Easy to get started with
 - Well documented
 - Popular choice as easy to integrate with other tools
 - Used by companies like Netflix and reddit in their tech stack



Genome Assembly

- Performs *de-novo* assembly with FastQ files as input
- Runs following tools by default:
 - fastp : read pre processing
 - Unicycler : Genome assembly
- Options:
 - Perform read preprocessing
 - Kmer-size
 - Spades as alternative assembly method
- The input FastQ files must be paired end reads
- Outputs FASTA file

Gene Prediction

- Gene finding in assembled isolates or provided FASTA fileTakes FastQ files as input
- Runs following tools by default:
 - CDS: Prodigal
 - tRNA: Aragorn
 - rRNA: barrnap
- Options:
 - GeneMarkS-2 as alternative tool for CDS predictions
 - tRNAscan-SE as alternative tool for tRNA predictions
 - RNAmmer as alternative tool for rRNA predictions
- Outputs *.gff file, *_cds.fna file, *_protein.faa file and *_rna.fna file

Functional Annotation

- Obtain functional information about predicted genes
- Input: FASTA file
- Cluster Tool: usearch
 - Output: centroid.fasta
- Homology Tools:
 - General annotation: InterProScan, EggNOGmapper
 - Antibiotic resistance gene: DeepARG
- Abinitio Tools:
 - Signal Peptides: SignalP 5.0
 - Transmembrane Proteins: TMHMM
 - CRISPR Sites: CRT
- Output: *.tsv file

Comparative Genomics (tentative)

- Compare genomic features with other organisms
- Input: FASTA file
- Tools used:
 - MUMmer
 - stringMLST
 - o kSNP

Demo

Next steps

- Include final pipeline
 - \circ $\;$ Add missing options to the web server $\;$
- Improve design
- Visualizations as final output