CS261 Homework 0: Introduce Yourself

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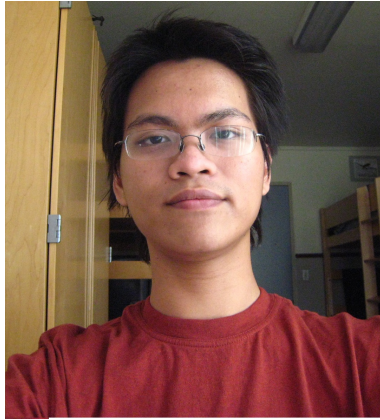
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1   Introduction

Figure 1: Rattanai Sawaspanich

Hello World. My name is Rattanai Sawaspanich but usually go by "Bear[1]". I am a freshman at OSU studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. I am Thai. I have a total of three siblings: me, the oldest son, my younger sister, 16, and my younger brother, 10. Our family owns an automobile garage; my dad is a head-mechanic as well as the owner of the business and my mom helps my dad manage the business' finances.

The motivation that drew me to the U.S. was that I would like to expand my perspective of the world. I applied and was accepted to be a participant in the AFS exchange program while I was a junior in high school.Through the AFS program, I spent that year studying in the US. I have learned so many things from this different perspective, and I like it here, so I decided to continue my education in the US. I applied to colleges and got into OSU as an Electical and Computer Engineering major. My career goal is to work in the field of Quantum Computing. I want to be working in this field because its concepts are very bizzare, intriguing, and contain the potential to be very useful to mankind. I can see myself as a researcher in Quantum Computing ten years from now.

2   Programming Experience

- Visual Basic - I first started programming in Visual Basic 6 about four years ago but I have not looked into it much in the last two years because I was busy learning English and adjusting to the culture difference. I would say my programming in VB is capable.

- HTML - I spent a summer creating a webpage for my friend with HTML so I think my HTML skill is in between novice and capable.

- C++/C - I recently began learning C/C++ in CS161, fall term, taught by Prof. Jennifer. Then, I learned more in CS162 last term. Compared with the potential of what C/C++ can do, I consider myself a novice.

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[1]I picked my name as "Bear" because my *nickname* in Thai is หมี which means "Bear" so I translated it to English.