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### My Recent Trip

I recently visited Costa Rica, a beautiful tourist destination in Central America with diverse landscapes. We enjoyed soaking in hot springs, went canyoning, experienced ziplines, and tried surfing. The beaches, volcances, and forests were absolutely mesmerizing and made our trip unforgettable.

### My Favorite Pet Names

- Erniu My own German Shepherd, she's a three-year-old girl.
  Kele (Cola) A Labrador who is one of Erniu's good friends.
  Zhenzhu (Pearl) An Alaskan Malamute who is also Erniu's good friend.



#### My Favorite Restaurant

ALTIUS is my favorite restaurant. Rated Four Diamond by AAA, Altius is one of the top restaurants in Pittsburgh. Located on Mount Washington, it's hard to imagine how wonderful it is to enjoy a date while admiring the night view. I must say their filet mignon is absolutely delicious!

#### My Favorite Food



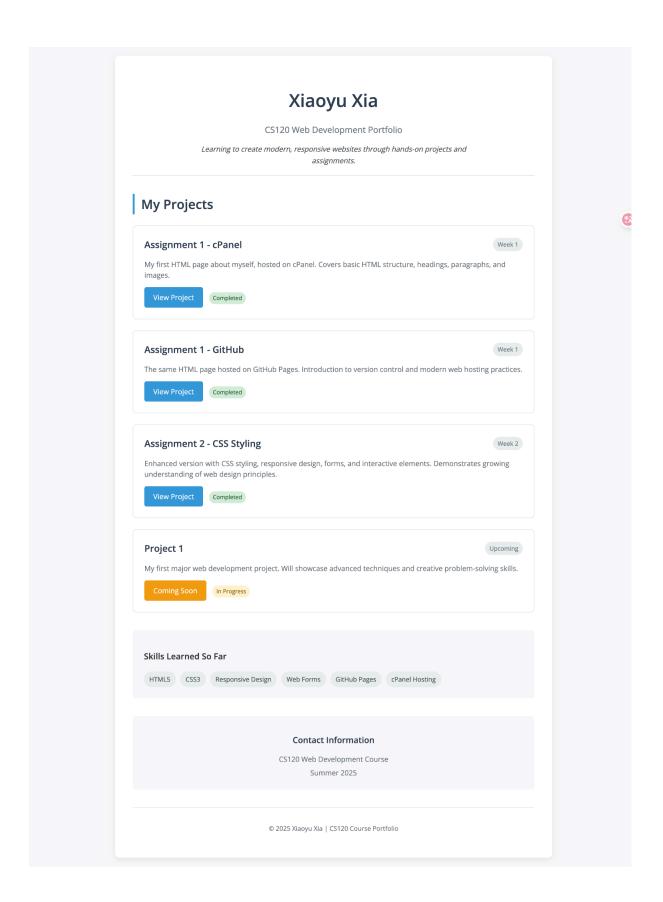
My favorite food is definitely hot pot. I can recommend a great hot pot restaurant in New York: Changing Laczao. It's a soup-based style where you can choose different flavored broths, then various ingredients including meats, seafood, and vegetables. You place them in the pot according to your preference, wait a bit for them to cook, and then enjoy. It's incredibly delicious. Hot pot is not only tasty but also a social experience – sitting around the pot with friends and family, chatting while enjoying the food is my favorite way to dine.

### My Favorite Books

Book Title	Cover	Author	Summary
The Temple of Earth and Me	Wassin	Shi Tiesheng	Shi Tiesheng's essays hit hard. He turns a quiet park into this profound space for wrestling with pain and meaning. Basically, disability writing before it was a genre.
A Room of One's Own	For the state of	Virginia Woolf	Woolf's classic, but I finally got it this read. "500 pounds and a lock on the door" isn't just about writing, it's about women being allowed to think without interruption. Still relevant, sadly.
Oyster With Shell Is the Heart of the Adult		Ni Ni	Cute drawings, heavy feels. It's like the author peeled back adulthood to show all the soft, bruised parts we pretend aren't there. Made me want to call my mom.
Lychees of Chang'an		Ma Boyong	Loved how this book made a single lychee delivery feel like a thriller – Tang Dynasty logistics were brutal. Low- key a critique of how systems grind people down, but with juicy historical details

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