# liuzhou

# Personal Info

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# **Education**

Pursuing undergraduate studies in Computer Engineering at the University of Toronto, St George Campus. Expected to

# Skills

with many hobby projects

System Administration - hosts proxy and self-made chat server, familiar with Linux and the SQL language

Problem Solver - strong problem finding / debugging skills, enjoys automating mundane tasks rather than performing

Safety Mindset - sanitizes inputs and control flows for every

Non-Dependent - capable of finding and using information available to me using technology

Technologically Adept - frequently uses tools such as Photoshop, Blender, and Stable Diffusion

# Languages

Fluent in English and Chinese

# **Hobbies**

- Programming
- Philosophy and economics
- Cutting edge open source
- Technology

# Misc. Participation

- Certificate Cutoff: Canadian Computing Competition, Senio
- Certificate Cutoff: Waterloo CEMC Euclid Competition

Hello, I am Jiuzhou Hao, a programmer and tech enthusiast pursuing undergraduate studies for Computer Engineering. I look forwards to solving both bugs and real-life problems.

# **Projects**

#### A personal censorship circumvention proxy

### Challenges

- · Creative idea generation inspired by academic research on firewall mechanisms and alternate circumvention proxies (shadowsocks)
- · Reading and implementing network protocols to maintain package header integrity thus ensuring delivery
- Optimizing proxy throughput by interfacing with low level systems and multi-level caching
- Remote server administration using AWS: ssh, neovim, linux firewalls, configuration files

#### Achievements

- Relatively fast (1.6MB/s), stable network traffic from China to firewalled domains/addresses compared to other proxies (which require avid disconnection to avoid suspicion flagging)
- Consistently used by me and family for over a year.

#### Multi-peer airdrop-like file transfer

#### Challenges

- Communication between MacOS "Airdrop" API (in Swift) and Python (my language of choice). Solved by base64 command line interface.
- "Airdrop" API documented poorly: lack of relevant information (example code had to be translated from Objective-C)
- · Major UI/UX considerations: application-like feel despite being an webapp, portability/distribution under MacOS security
- Multipeer asynchronous communication: syncing peer information after disconnection, nonblocking file IO, abstracted communication protocols with peers and API command line interface

· Was not widely adopted, but was seldom used in my classes

# **Other Hobby Projects**

- · A fairy chess engine
- A few digital games with python/pygame
- · Automatic renamer and pdf-compiler for documents taken with photo booth on MacOS during e-learning
- Imageboard crawler
- Decision tree based wordle solver
- Data denoising preprocessor and trend finder (for noisy sinusoidal data with exponentially decaying amplitude)
- Using/configuring Linux (NixOS) as a daily driver
- SMS receiver and web server for remote SIM card
- HTTP chat server with file uploading and chatrooms

# **Contributed To**

- · Adding, updating NixOS packages
- Hyprprop: xprop for Hyprland
- Budgeting app for Hackathon
- GuessTheLocation: location guessing game

# **Volunteer History**

2020-11 -2021-03;

Head of Sounds and Lights

We Will Rock You (Musical) / FAME (Musical)

2021-11 -2022-03

### Key Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Learning stage light positioning and control using manual
- Organizing microphone distribution to actors
- · Working with music and stage director to understand needs

# **Key Achievements**

- Modified stage lights at calculated angles for full, omnidirectional lighting for the musical
- Multiple creative ideas, including using TTS for a robotic announcer, making dark blue scenes more visible using specks of bright light
- · Found and used undiscovered features in the control panel, including fixture groups, automatic shapes, and keyframing

2019-11 -2023-03

### Writer/Web Developer/Server Management

Unofficial School Blog

# Key Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Developing and maintaining an unofficial online blog for my high school
- · Writing entertaining content for the blog. This involved programming skills for interactively entertaining webpages, and image editing skills for content creation

### **Key Achievements**

• Blog had 200 views per week at its peak during COVID periods