# liuzhou

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#### **Education**

Year 2, pursuing Bachelor's Degree: Computer Engineering, University of Toronto (St George). Graduating 2027.

# Skills



#### Interests



### **Participation**

- Certificate Cutoff: Canadian Computing Competition,
- Certificate Cutoff: Waterloo CEMC Euclid Competition
- Advent of Code 2021-2024
- Hack the Valley 8

### **Projects**

#### A personal censorship circumvention proxy

#### **Key Achievements**

- Researched academic papers on firewall mechanisms and alternate circumvention proxies to inspire
- · Implemented and modified implementation of network protocols to hide network traffic
- · Optimized proxy throughput by interfacing with low level systems and multi-level caching
- Administrated remote AWS server maintaining security against randomized attacks

#### Results

- 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 over a year without connection loss

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

#### **Key Achievements**

- Used base64 stdio to interface my language of choice (Python) with the Multipeer-connectivity API
- Researched badly-documented and niche multipeer API
- Maintained application-like user experience on a web-based app despite Apple's trust constraints using hidden-window workarounds
- Synchronized state between asynchronously joining and leaving peers using nonblocking file IO, abstracted communication protocols, and API command line interfaces

• 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-
- 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
- Code for this resume template

#### **Contributed To**

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

# **Work History**

#### 2020-11 -**Head of Sounds and Lights**

2021-03;

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 -Writer/Web Developer/Server Management

2023-03

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

#### 2024-06 -Software Developer

2024-09

A5 Project: Developing a Python Interpreter in Rust

# Key Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Communicated effectively with already-established project group to find out areas of potential contribution
- $\bullet \ \ Researched \ Python \ interpreter \ control \ flow \ using \ knowledge \ in \ the \ language, \ and \ finding \ correlations$ with code in Rust to understand available functions
- Wrote several interal object representation files and added to functionality of several others
- Wrote tests for my contributions as well as test cases for milestone

# **Key Achievements**

• Several previously unrunnable programs are able to run