# **Hardison Wang**

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#### **OBJECTIVE**

Software Development, Full Stack Developer, Network Security, Network Engineering

#### **EDUCATION**

## Computer science (Master's degree)

Dalhousie University • Halifax, Nova Scotia

Expected Graduation: May 2025

- Conducting research on network security within the Network Information Management and Security (NIMS) Laboratory
- Leading a cutting-edge project aimed at revolutionizing network defence strategies by employing Machine Learning within a simulation environment using Python
- Innovating the development of using Evolutionary Strategy to bolster cybersecurity defences against evolving threats

# Computer science (Bachelor's degree)

Dalhousie University • Halifax, Nova Scotia

Sep 2020 - Jul 2023

- Completed Certificate in Web and Mobile Development
- · Completed Certificate in Communication Technologies and Cyber Security

## Computer science (Bachelor's degree)

Acadia University • Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Sep 2019 - Apr 2020

# **SKILLS**

- Technical Proficiency: Proficient in Python for cybersecurity applications and research; Intermediate knowledge of networking and cybersecurity principles, including basic configurations, security best practices, and threat mitigation. Proficient in JavaScript, PHP, React, and SQL for full-stack development. Comfortable with Java and C, and rapidly acquired C# for Unity development. AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner. Use Git for code management. Proficient in using generative AI tools. Proficient in Wordpress.
- Analytical Abilities: Applied critical thinking and problem-solving skills to both academic research and competitive scenarios, achieving significant results
- Team Leadership: Demonstrated strong leadership capabilities, guiding diverse teams in high-stress academic and competitive environments. Cultivated effective communication channels between team members, faculty, and students
- Agile learner: Exhibited an exceptional ability to assimilate new skills swiftly, adapting to new technologies and concepts as evidenced by learning C# for game development competition within 7 days
- Work Ethic & Time Management: Able to work under pressure, meet deadlines, and effectively prioritize tasks to ensure project completion.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Software Developer (Remote)**

Oct 2024 - Present

Creative Minds Studio • Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- Developed and maintained full-stack web solutions using WordPress, JavaScript, PHP, HTML, and CSS.
- Customized WordPress beyond built-in tools to meet specific requirements.
- Ensured responsive design, optimized performance, and provided ongoing website maintenance.

# Teaching assistant, university

Sep 2020 - Mar 2025

Dalhousie University • Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Head Teaching Assistant, led 5 TAs from different culture backgrounds in delivering weekly lab sessions on JavaScript, React, HTML and PHP.
- Developed teaching materials to make challenging web development concepts more accessible for all students.
- Trained other TAs to make the team work well together and support student learning.
- Helped students during office hours, marked assignments and provided helpful feedback.

#### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

## **Brackeys Game Jam**

2023

- Co-developed 'Dreamscape-Dive', a 2D platformer game, during a challenging 7-day game jam, collaborating effectively with a six-member team from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Contributed to game design and development, learning and applying Unity and C# swiftly, while integrating designs using Adobe Photoshop
- Game Introduction: https://itch.io/jam/brackeys-10/rate/2236545
- Game Page: https://cryintomato.itch.io/dreamscape-dive
- GitHub Repo: https://github com/yunflow/dreamscape-dive.git

## CyberSci - Canada's Cyber Security Challenge

2023

- Played a key role in team 'Meltdown', which secured second place at a national cybersecurity challenge representing Dalhousie University
- Collaborated with a five-member team from various cultural backgrounds
- Solved complex challenges on Web Applications, Steganography and GPT Jail-break

## **Dalhousie Graduate Scholarship**

2023

Honoured with scholarship in recognition of academic performance and research potential. Fully covered graduate study.

# **WORK-LIFE BALANCE**

Practicing Kendo (Japanese Fencing) every week.