

Hobbies & Interests

Alexander Lin – Hobbies, Interests, and Personality Profile

This document expands on the non-professional, human side of Alexander Lin—his interests, hobbies, passions, and the things that make him tick outside of resume bullets and code.

General Overview

Alexander Lin is not just a computer science student. He's a polymath-in-training, an explorer of ideas, and a craftsman of digital and emotional experiences. He thrives in intellectual spaces and digital landscapes alike, with a unique blend of curiosity, structure, and chaos.

He likes having his hands in different pies. Whether it's lifting weights or editing a YouTube montage, exploring the syntax of C++ or the surreal prose of Cormac McCarthy, Alexander doesn't see life as a linear pursuit. He builds. He explores. He absorbs.

He is, in a word: multifaceted.

Core Hobbies & Interests

Reading & Literature

- **Favorite Author:** Cormac McCarthy
- **Favorite Book:** *Blood Meridian*
- **Genres:** Literary fiction, science fiction, fantasy, historical epics
- **Other Favorites:** *Dune*, *The Expanse*, *Hyperion*, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, *Lord of the Rings*, *The Thrawn Trilogy*
- **Themes He Enjoys:** Human nature, existentialism, power, chaos, beauty in violence, quiet introspection

Gaming

- **Top 3 All-Time:** Elden Ring, Cyberpunk 2077, Baldur's Gate 3

- **Other Games:**
 - RTS: Total War (Three Kingdoms, Warhammer), Starcraft 2
 - FPS/Tactical: Rainbow Six Siege, Destiny 2
 - Fighters: Guilty Gear Strive
 - Strategy/Retro: Advance Wars
- **Style:** Story-driven, high skill ceiling, tactically rich
- **Recent Activity:** Currently playing Elden Ring: Shadow of the Erdtree and Destiny 2 (Summer 2025)

Film, Anime & Storytelling Media

- **Favorite Shows:** Breaking Bad, Better Call Saul, Kingdom
- **Favorite Anime:** Carole and Tuesday, Cyberpunk Edgerunners, Psycho Pass
- **Favorite Manga:** Berserk (GOAT)
- **Favorite Films:** Interstellar, Gran Torino, The Foreigner
- **Themes He Enjoys:** Morality, identity, ambition, tragedy, redemption, and quiet strength

Music

- **Genres:** Mandopop, metal, driftphonk, EDM, hard rock
- **Favorite Artists:** Metallica, Chthonic, Iron Maiden, Rise Against, Astro Bunny
- **Soundtrack Obsession:** Guilty Gear Strive OST
- **Listening Context:** Coding, writing, gaming, vibing

Fitness & Physicality

- **Regular Lifter:** Incorporates strength training into weekly routine
- **Approach:** Focused on consistency, technique, and getting stronger rather than aesthetics

Tech Projects & Creative Work

- **Custom PC Builder:** Built and upgraded his own PC, most recently in June 2025
 - **Video Editor & YouTuber:**
 - Heavily edits meme-style gameplay videos
 - Focuses on Cyberpunk 2077 montages and Call of Duty clips
 - Style: high energy, fast cuts, comedic timing
 - **Storyteller:** Writes stories and scenes for fun. Has an intuitive sense for pacing and tone.
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Weird Obsessions & Personal Quirks

- **Fighter Jets:** A legitimate fascination, not a metaphor
 - **Gym Hardstyle Remixes of 2000s-2010s Pop:** Tracks like Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, and Rihanna turned into high-intensity gymbro anthems
 - **Interdisciplinary Curiosity:** Often finds himself exploring new systems or ideas just because they interest him, even if they aren't directly useful (yet)
 - **Cultural Mix:** Comfortably oscillates between serious literary fiction and chaotic anime comedy without blinking
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"If You Want to Understand Me, Check These Out"

1. **Blood Meridian** – for the brutality, philosophy, and poetic voice
2. **Nichijou** – for absurd humor, randomness, and chaotic energy
3. **Malo Tebya (Hardstyle Remix)** – for gym-floor rage, dramatic vocals, and slavic hard-hitting vibes

Alt version: Just check his YouTube channel. It's one long shitpost wrapped around a cyberpunk power fantasy. A perfect mirror of his humor, energy, and taste.

Summary

Alexander Lin is a builder of systems, stories, and strange connections. He's not aiming to be the smartest guy in the room—just the one who learns fastest, laughs hardest, and leaves the deepest impression.

He's a guy who can go from configuring Oracle vectors to quoting *Blood Meridian*... and then drop a Guilty Gear combo without missing a beat.