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Please let me know a little bit about you by answering the questions below. One page at most!

Why Clemson?

I really liked the size of the campus and general feel for the place. I was aware of the university's good reputation in computer science, which also drew me here. Also Clemson was the most competitive with regards to cost and scholarships and was hard to pass up.

What's your major?

BS in Computer Science.

Answer one of these:

If you're a CPSC Major, what do you think you want to do with a computer science degree?

I'm not entirely sure yet. I really think working in the areas of cryptography or cyber security could be interesting, but I also really like the data analysis aspect of working with computers. I'm hoping that more courses in computer science than what I have had will give me a better idea.

Where are you from?

I am from Greenville, SC, just one hour down the road.

What are your hobbies?

I really like playing soccer or watching pretty much all sports. I like the outdoors and go hiking and backpacking. I also like to draw and when I have the time play some video games.

Why are you interested in computers?

I am interested in computers because I think it is crazy how much can be done by, in most cases, a really small machine (a cell phone being the primary example). To me it's very cool how sequences of electrical signals can do pretty much anything. It's crazy to think how all data can be interpreted as a 1 or 0 and then those ones and zeros eventually show up as an image on a screen or a word document or anything in between.

What computer programming experience do you have?

I have around one year of programming experience in Python, which I learned during AP Computer Science Principles.

Android or Apple...and why?

I personally use Apple. For one, when I got a smartphone it was an iPhone, so it's hard to transition away from what I'm used to. However, I think what I like the most about Apple compared to Android is user interface. To me it's simple and I like how it doesn't come preloaded with a ton of extra stuff on the phone.