

Cao Xizhen

Q: What's bigger than a tuna?
A: a threena.

EDUCATION

2025-2026

Hwa Chong Institution
Infocomm & Robotics
Society (Cybersecurity)
Art Elective Programme

2021-2024

Nanyang Girls' High School
Infocomm Club
Art Elective Programme

SKILLS

Computer Science

- Python, C++
- Javascript/HTML/CSS
- Cryptography
- Binary Exploitation
- Algorithm design
- Quantum computing
- Game development

Software/tools

- MS office suite
- Adobe CC
- Figma
- Blender
- Ghidra

CONTACTS

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ABOUT ME

JC Year 1 student. Team Player. Deeply passionate about Mathematical Cryptography, Science Research, and Computer Science. Dabbles in Graphic Design and Visual Learning.

EXPERIENCES

RESEARCH PROJECT INTERN | On-site | A*STAR IMRE Oct-Dec 2025

Project title: Implementation of quantum logic gates with solid-state qubits interfaced with an optical metasurface

Mentored by: Emmanuel Lassalle

- Worked on numerical simulations for iSWAP gate in a superconducting transmon system
- Report: in progress

PRESIDENT | On-site | Project Small Bytes, HCI 2025-2026

Founded a community service learning project. We teach Primary 5 level students basic Python programming and Pygame development.

Partner: Choa Chu Kang Primary School

- Curriculum design, teaching, administration

STUDENT RESEARCHER | Part-time | NUS, CQT 2025-2026

Project title: Finite-Key Security Proofs and Key Rate Analysis of Entanglement-Based Quantum Key Distribution with Alternate Measurement Bases

Mentored by: Kwek Leong Chuan

- Numerical simulations for Ekert-91 protocol under different conditions for computation of key rates and security thresholds (Bell Parameters)

OTHERS

SieberraSecCTF 2025

Core Organising team

Served as Publicity Head, Ceremonies IC, Challenge setter, etc.

Sentinel Programme

2022-2023

Awarded Certificate of Achievement

FUTURE RE:WIRED

Student Coordinator

Facilitated event and operations at an event organised by Wavesparks, as part of SWITCH 2025.

Art Elective Programme

2021-2026