

# DARREN LIU

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## Education

### University of Waterloo

*Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering*

2024 – 2029

Waterloo, ON

## Experience

### FRC Team 7902

Oct 2022 – May 2024

*Programming Lead*

Markham, ON

- Applied control systems concepts such as PID feedback loop, feedforward, odometry, command groups
- Integrated an RPi vision processing client, involved in signal wiring, crimping connections, networking
- Acted as project manager for a team of 6, managed timeline, contributing **10,000** lines of code
- Held weekly meetings teaching the fundamentals of a subsystem-command/OOP approach to coding
- Achieved finalist award at Centennial event and judges award at Durham event as the robot operator

### AliceHacks

March 2023 – Nov 2023

*Outreach Coordinator*

Markham, ON

- Engaged over **400** registrants in **30+** different countries with over **90** project submissions
- Reached out to potential sponsors, assisting in acquiring **\$1000** in funding
- Worked on logistics, scheduling, prize distribution, workshops, events, judging, and promotional videos

### Mathnasium

Aug 2022 – Aug 2024

*Math Instructor*

Markham, ON

- Helped students learn new math concepts using Socratic questioning and strategic intervention
- Working on a 4:1 ratio, teaching **60+** students per shift
- Saw a drastic improvement in confidence and achievement in students from a K to grade 12 level

### UofT

Jan 2024 – May 2024

*Pure Math Mentee*

Markham, ON

- Attend weekly 1:2 sessions learning about topology from a PhD student
- Connecting topology to fields of math such as group theory, abstract algebra, and combinatorics
- Creating a research project & presentation alongside another student regarding the composition of covering maps

## Projects

### Differential Swerve Drive | C++, ESP32, Control Systems

June 2024

- Assembled a differential swerve drive module using 3d print
- Wrote firmware on a motor & encoder, creating a PID feedback loop to control its speed and position
- Programmed a control system to allow full control of a wheel in two axes of rotation

### Smart Plant Pot | C++, Arduino

October 2023

- Meant to make owning a plant more engaging, we built a functional flower pot project that tracks its humidity/light levels, using an AI personality to communicate its needs with TTS
- Coordinated the moisture/light sensors with an LCD and LED matrix using *Arduino IDE*

### Portfolio Website | HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Github

March 2024

- Used HTML/CSS/JS to make a website displaying my projects, skills, and experience
- Utilized styling tricks such as scroll animations, fading text, and an image carousel to bring the website to life
- Mention something about domains and github

### Personal Trainer Webapp | HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Jan 2023

- Developed web app that utilized computer vision to count user's workout reps and provide encouragement
- Worked on the frontend, using tricks such as parallax and hover animations to create a simplistic UI

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python, Java, C++, HTML/CSS, JavaScript

**Technologies:** Arduino, ESP32, JFrame, Discord API, RPi, Maya