Jerry Li

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Jerry is a first-year student at the University of Virginia whose passion for computers began at age five. His fascination with interfaces and logic grew into an interest in UX and web design, reigniting in 2022 when he built a wiki for his high school team in the iGEM contest. After self-teaching HTML and CSS, he launched his own website and blog at jerryly, top. Since 11th grade, Jerry has pursued computer science courses, excelling in Data Structures & Algorithms I and Computer Systems & Organizations I. He has also learned JavaScript and is currently studying React, enriching his understanding of computer mechanisms and structures. Over this summer, he plans to learn more about the software development-oriented languages like Swift and server-side languages like SQL.

Education

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

August 2024 - Present

Relevant coursework: Applied Linear Algebra (A), Data Structures & Algorithms I (A), Computer Systems & Organization I

Second High School attached to Beijing Normal University

Honor Roll Student, Cumulative GPA: 4.6/4.0

Beiiing, China August 2021 - June 2024

Experience

iGEM Competition Web Design Group Leader

March 2022 - November 2022

Second High School attached to Beijing Normal University

Beijing, China

- · Self-taught HTML and CSS in a month, developed a prototype of website layout within days
- · Integrated Frozen-Flask Python packages to adapt to the iGEM repository structure
- Refined the layout and polished the contents of the site

Web Designer and Developer

October 2022 - Present

Personal Website https://jerryly.top

- Under the VS Code IDE, utilized HTML to create content, CSS to design the appearance, and JavaScript to build "welcome" and "countdown" pages and common layout injection
- · Optimized performance and user experience with responsive design and interactive elements
- Continued exploration into the backend with a separate blog subdomain powered by Flask

Graphic Design Enthusiast

2019 - Present

Gallery of works available at https://jerryly.top/gallery

- · Using tools like Figma, Sketch, Photoshop and Illustrator, designed numerous posters, infographics and user interfaces for high school major events and publications
- Progression to 3D designs with Blender enabled me to utilize glass and shading to create intriguing visuals for the posters and advertise my design

Projects

Interactive blog system

February 2023 - Present

An extension on my current web project

- Building a blog system where anyone can post anything with the help of SQL
- Learning React to make my website reduce lines of code and improve responsiveness

Honors and Awards

International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM)

March 2022 - November 2022

Gold Medal; Top 10 Global High School Team; Best Presentation; Best Wiki

High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling (HiMCM)

November 2022 - May 2023

Honorable Mention

China Thinks Big (CTB)

Sep 2021 – Feb 2022

Grand Finals Fast Track Qualifiers and Regional First

Fluent in

Programming Languages

Python, Java, HTML/CSS, C

Frameworks and Libraries

Flask, React

Developer Tools

Git/GitHub/GitLab, Stack Overflow

Artificial Intelligence Tools Claude, GitHub Copilot

Languages

Chinese (Mandarin), English, French

IDEs and Editors

IntelliJ IDEA, Nano, Visual Studio Code