

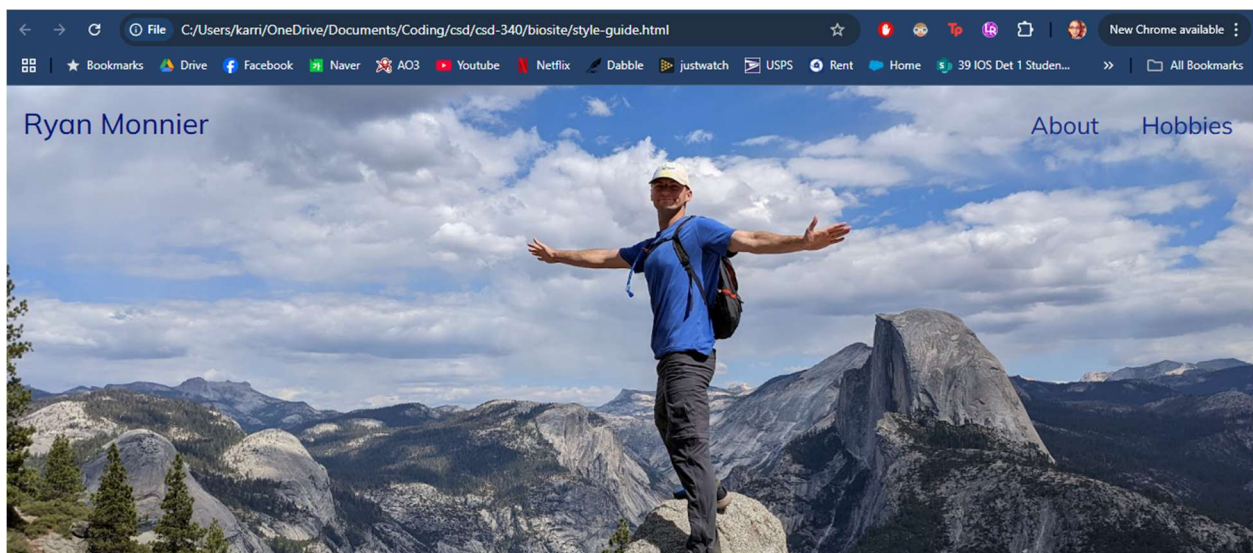
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Subject Choice:

My husband, Ryan Monnier!

Front-end Style Guide & Prototype

<https://jessmonnier.github.io/csd-340/biosite/style-guide.html>



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Interview

The interview is maybe a little light and goofy, but we've been married over six years so there wasn't much actual info I needed from him!

1. Are there any specific things you want included in your little bio?

Not really

2. Are there any specific things you want me to NOT include?

Yes, but I think just the obvious sort of personal stuff, you know.

3. If you could live in the world of any story you've ever experienced in any medium, which one would you pick and why?

I think that most of my favorite fantasy stories would not make the best long-term locations to inhabit due to the built-in problems or dangers that make them good stories. However I recently watched a not too serious show called Upload where people's consciousness could be uploaded to a digital afterlife that they had a fair amount of control over. Seems like a nifty concept!

4. On the other hand, what if you could just take a two-week vacation in any such world? Which and why?

I read a children's series called Pendragon growing up, and in that series the main character was able to jump between various worlds. That sounds like a fun little fantasy vacation!

5. What hobbies should I focus on?

I dunno, I guess I like exercise and online games and dogs and board games. It hasn't been very relevant because we keep moving due to military life, but I look forward to being able to say my hobbies include home improvement and maybe even a project car.

6. What accomplishment are you happiest/most satisfied to have achieved?

Passing the Arabic program at the Defense Language Institute was pretty challenging, so getting through that was a relief and an accomplishment. But I didn't really feel proud of my efforts with Arabic until I passed my first re-test on the language without the support of the schoolhouse. If I could do it on my own, it felt like a reason I could actually give myself a pat on the back.

7. Who was an important role model to you growing up?

My grandma. My family life wasn't always stable, but my grandma was always there for me, and always had a positive attitude and can-do spirit.

8. When you meet someone, what's a pretty solid sign you might not hate being around them?

If they have dogs! Also if they enjoy indulging in the occasional adult beverage while doing something fun and/or chill.

9. What are some of your goals for the future?

Being a homeowner. I've always felt kind of aimless, but being in the Air Force has helped provide some direction and structure to my life. So, in the short term, I'm looking forward to finishing the training program we're in and moving to a more long-term location where we can settle in a bit and buy a house.

10. Anything else?

I grew up playing basketball and have probably never really been on ice skates, but I've developed a love for the sport of ice hockey! It started in 2010-ish when my hometown team was doing well (which they very much aren't right now, sadly), and has led to other enjoyable things like having a good time watching this hockey-themed show called Shoresy (and that you even tolerate watching with me!)

Short Bio

Ryan Monnier is approaching his mid-thirties and is still (or rather, once again) in training in the Air Force. It has become something of a running joke: Can he set some sort of record for the amount of time spent in official Air Force training?

A native of the 'burbs of Chicago and a Blackhawks fan, Ryan spent his life leading up to joining the Air Force in a rather directionless trudge through school, part of an engineering degree, and working in an auto shop. At around 25, he decided he needed to pick a direction, and his father talked him down from joining the Chicago police force to joining the Air Force.

He signed up to be an Airborne Cryptologic Language Analyst and crossed his fingers that he wouldn't be assigned to learn Arabic, and so of course that is exactly what he ended up learning. The course was very challenging, but he managed to scrape a pass (much to the surprise of his teachers, class, and especially himself at the time). A year later, when he was due for his regular retest to ensure he was keeping up his language skill, he finally felt genuine pride at his efforts with Arabic because he was able to pass on his own without the support of the school environment.

He worked operationally for about a year before he was offered the opportunity to go back to the Defense Language Institute to learn Korean. This would open up opportunities to move to new places with his wife, who was a Korean linguist, so he accepted.

Unfortunately at the time – but ultimately fortunately – becoming a Korean linguist was not in the cards for Ryan. This was a difficult time, but in the end it led to the opportunity for both himself and his wife to retrain into the Cyber Warfare field within the Air Force.

They made it through initial training, baffling their peers by being married and in all the same classes, and then interviewed for and were accepted into the highly selective Offensive Cyber Operations training pipeline. They are currently about a year into that two-year pipeline, which brings Ryan's total time in training in the Air Force to about 8 out of the 9 years he has served.

Ryan currently lives in San Antonio with his wife and two German Shepherds, Dizzy and Zumi. They are eagerly looking forward to getting out of the South and enjoying someplace with four seasons and nice grass. Wherever they end up next, Ryan hopes to be able to add home improvement of their very own house to his list of hobbies, which currently include board games, online games, weightlifting (and other forms of exercise, such as hiking and bouldering), and hanging out with his dogs.

Photos



Ryan with Zumi and Dizzy



Ryan with Dizzy (portrait material if I zoom in?)



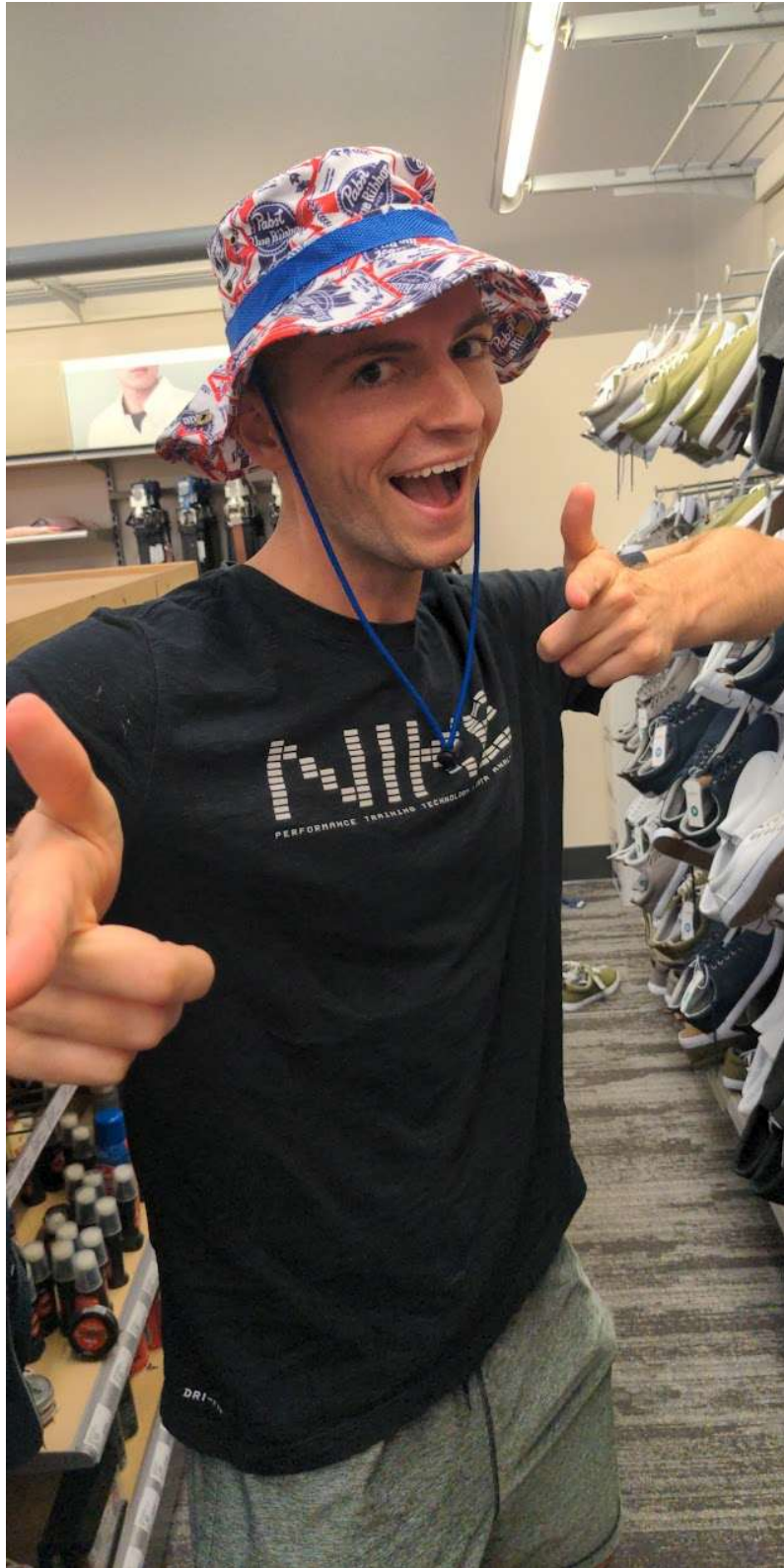
Ryan's graduation day from the Arabic program; this was also the day after we got married



Ryan and Jess at the Grand Canyon



Ryan and Jess, muddy and exhausted after hiking the Kaau Crater in Hawaii



I jokingly suggested this as his portrait but Ryan liked the idea so, here we are



Ryan snowboarding during a break between classes at Survival training



Ryan and Jess at a Blackhawks vs Dallas Stars game



Ryan after a long, steep hike at Yosemite... king of the world