About me

I'm currently studying Software Engineering at Liberty University, but when I'm off my computer I love to play board games or be outside. Whether it's an outdoors activity such as going on a hike, backpacking, running, sailing, and rock climbing or playing sports like Tennis, Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Dominion Score Counter

A score tracking web application built to be used during a game of the popular decking building card game Dominion. With a menu to select specifics of the game, such as: number of players, user inputted names, and different cards used for a game.

Munchkin Alternate Mode

A web application built to facilitate the playing of an alternate version of rules for the card game Munchkin. The tool allows the user to select the number of players and enter custom names and select a game length range they want to play. Once the game is started a random timer is set based on chosen game length, and the user is given a level tracker to show the winner once the game is finished.

Phineas Strunk is the newest edition to the Strunk Family. Born December 2022. Immediately, after I finished the semester, my parents and I headed to visit my brother, sister-in-law, and their new baby boy. After a long wait I was finally an uncle, although way more excited were my parents, who were over the moon because they were now grandparents. Visiting Phin made me appreciate life so much as I held him and thought that at one point in my life I was just the same. A newborn brought into a loving family, yet in complete dependance of my mother. God was so gracious to give us the gift of life and the ability to have a family in which we love. While I love being at Liberty, I also cannot wait to visit my nephew once again and see my family once again.

The start of another semester means the start for another intramural ultimate frisbee campaign. Although we returned a lot of people and thought we had good new recruits, we some how fell flat the whole season and ended an impressive 3-9 record. Although our record was bad and we finished as the third worst team, I think we were better than that showing. Injuries and not trusting teammates plagued us the whole year. Even with those poor conditions, we still had a lot of close games. We lost a close 8-12 game in the second week. After that we won two in a row which improved BYE WEEK to 2-3 in the year, although from there it went downhill, fast. We fell to Disc Jockeys, which had some old teammates, 7-9 in a close and hard fought game. After that lost to the eventually champions 4-9, which doesn’t sound bad until you hear they only had 5 people verse our full 7 playing on the field. The rest of the season was a blur with a lot of losses. We ended our season in a close playoff game in which we had the disc on the last drive of the game, while down 1 point, and threw it away in the endzone to lose the game and end the season in a way no one was expecting.

Picture this: watching the sunrise as you're above the clouds. Sharp Top Mountain in Virginia offers just this. This hike was nothing new to me, I had done it once before when I was a sophomore at Liberty. Yet, it was so much more enjoyable the second time around. The only downside was waking up to leave at 4am, but once we were there and started the ascent it became all worth it. The hike took nearly and hour and we arrived at the top right as the sun was coming up. We were greeted by others who had spent the night on top of the mountain in anticipation of the sunrise. The view was at 3,375 feet is something to marvel at. The 360-degree view was full of countryside and other mountains, although not nearly as tall. Once the sun was up, we did what every college student who goes on a hike does, take way to many pictures. Once every picture combination was taken we sat in silence and took in the creation of a powerful God. The sunrise hike is truly a unique experience that I believe everyone should go on at least once, even if they don’t like hiking. It was a wonderful trip I look back on very fondly. I would do it again if given the chance. The pain of waking up so early as a college student and seeing the gas tank drop to empty is worth it for a special view.

Trying something new: Rock Climbing

Technically I have rock climbed before, but that was a long time ago when I was still in Boy Scouts. That is coming on seven years ago now, which is a shock. I remember visiting Liberty and seeing the rock wall and thinking it was so cool they had one in their gym students could use for free, I still tell people about it when they visit Liberty. Even though I came in as a freshman thinking it was cool I did not come once in my first two years. It was always in the back of my mind whenever I went to the gym, but I always backed out as I was afraid of being back and embarrassing myself in front of people who were good. I even had a friend in class that climbed, and I always told him I wanted to try it. Once I finally tried it out I realized that I was being ridiculous and all the climbers at Liberty are so friendly and encouraging. What changed that I finally went climbing? A student on my hall had climbing shoes on his floor during curfew checks and I brough them up asking how long he climbed for and told him I’d gone when I was younger but never at Liberty. This student, Ethan, told me to climb with him at least once a week for the next ten weeks. Finally, I told him I’d go, if there weren’t more than a few people there. So, we picked a normally empty time and planned to go. I was nervous and almost backed out last second, but he was moving off the hall and as his RA I did not want to cancel. Once I actually climbing an easy V0 I thought well this isn’t too bad actually. I started to enjoy myself as Ethan introduced me to one of the two others there and we got to talking about climbing and random topics. I ended the day climbing a V1 after a few more V0. I actually had a lot of fun and expressed I wish I had gone out sooner. As finals week approaches it’ll be harder to get to the wall, but I am really looking forward to my next climb and am thankful for friends like Ethan.

New Board Game: Lords of the Waterdeep

There’s no better way to start a semester than playing competitive board games. While I was not excited for a second RA lock down, it did bring a chance to hang out with my RA team and play some new board games. One of these being Lords of Waterdeep. A game I had bought at the end of Christmas break. Playing it for the first time was challenging as none of us had played a worker placement game before, but once we got into it we found it to be very enjoyable. It was competitive while also not being too mentally heavy so that we could talk about other things as we placed our agents. Lords of Waterdeep was an absolute blast every time we played it that week, although the five-player version was not quite as fun as the four-player. The only issue we had was the builder winning three out of three games it showed up in, which is made worse as we only played four games. The six points per building compared to the normal four from a quest seemed too steep of a reward. This could have been because we were all novice players and were not sure about how to block the builder’s hall consistently. Although, it always seemed the player with the Builder role also had access to play a meeple where another meeple was already almost every game. Even considering that, I am interested in searching out more worker placement games, such as Puerto Rico, and slightly more complex games. Before this Catan was probably the most complex I had played. Overall, the game was a ton of fun and had wonderful placement abilities and options. I’m still looking forward to my next session, 8/10

New Board Game: Dominion Second Edition

Reflecting on the summer brings a lot of good memories, I'll cherish playing Dominion for the first time with my brothers forever. Me and my two brothers, John and David, all grew up playing the Pokémon Trading Card Game. We have bought countless packs and cards, many we still have, in trying to build the best decks. Although David was always better than John and me. It would take both of us using different decks verse his one to come close to beating his Salamence deck. After browsing top rated board games and rediscovering Dominion, I had played it once in high school and thought it was a solid game but that was before I played board games and thought they were all as bad as Monopoly, and it being a deck builder I instantly thought my brothers would love this! Naturally, I immediately checked eBay and bought a copy that day. Now the only problem was John does not live in Kentucky anymore, so it was time for the waiting game. After a month John was finally visiting Kentucky once again and I could show them my new board game. After the first game I was reminded that David and John were so much better at deck builders than I was. See when we were younger, I mostly just took a deck John had built, but that was not this favorite. He would explain the synergies to me right before we’d play. This resulted in me losing almost every time. Dominion was different though, the random selected Kingdom allows for a novice deck builder like myself to have a closer playing field as they could not plan their moves days in advance and perfect all sixty cards. Although David still was the best with his PTCG experience. Dominion had brought me back memories of playing Pokémon with my brothers and that’s a unique experience I’ll love forever. While I am not an experienced gamer or reviewer, I will say I cannot recommend Dominion: Second Edition enough. After a week of playing multiple games every time we are still finding new strategies and ways to play the game. Because of the many different combinations there so much replay ability, which is expanded upon for every added expansion. Speaking of which, after looking into the expansions I think the first I’ll get will be Seaside: Second Edition as it just released this June. I’ll leave an update on that once I own it, but until then I’m happy with the purchase of Dominion and give it a 9/10.