Introduction about myself

My name is Yang Liu and I am a 20 year old BCIT student from Burnaby, British Columbia enrolled in the CIT program. I studied at Moscrop Secondary School throughout my high school years and went to the University of British Columbia after, for studies in Forestry. Throughout the two years that I was there for, I realized that I did not actually enjoy what I was studying and that I was much more interested in computer science and so I decided on transferring to BCIT. This turned out to be a great decision as I thoroughly enjoy what I am learning now.

My father is one of my biggest inspirations in why I decided on taking up computer science as he has been programming professionally for a multitude of years and has worked at some prestigious companies that I dream about working at.

I was originally born in China but moved to the US state of Hawaii when I was 2 years old. I grew up in Hawaii throughout my childhood years and then moved to the continental US state of California throughout my grades 5-6 years. We resided in a small suburb city south of San Francisco, called Cupertino. After the 2 years in California, my family decided to move again, this time to Vancouver, Canada during my grade 7 year in 2010 when I turned 12. This was the last big move our family had and I have been living here ever since.

I am passionate about the gym and will always try to be the stronger version of myself. I powerlift seriously with my schedule currently shifting a bit because of school but if I happen to get the time, I would be interested in competing.

One of the closest friends that I have, Jeremy Hui was the one who introduced me to the game of chess in my grade 11 year and I fell in love with it ever since. I used to play club chess back in my high school years but nowadays I don’t have the time for it anymore so it’s more so just online chess and trying to climb the leaderboards there.

In my grade 11 year of high school I started going to the gym, but it wasn’t until my senior year that I started taking it seriously. I am a powerlifter, so I focus on training for strength and what is known as the big 3: Bench, Squat, and Deadlift. I currently train 3 times a week and I hope to compete in the BCPA sometime in the future.

Super Smash Bros has always been an interest of mine but ever since the most recent game Super Smash Bros Ultimate, has come out, I have become even more enthralled in the game than ever before. I play the game competitively and have been to a couple of local tournaments hosted at UBC. The competitive esports scene of this game is amazing and it is tremendous fun meeting new people and attending events.