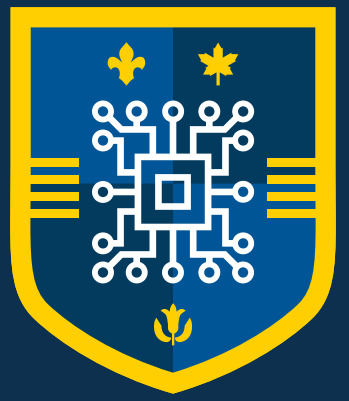

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Winter 2022 General Meeting

January 28, 2022

NOTE: This session will be recorded. By staying in the session you agree that you may be recorded

MEET THE PRESENTER

JEREMIE BORNAIS

Jeremie is the president of the Computer Science Society, and the lead organizer of WinHacks.

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AGENDA

1. Overview of the Society
2. Update – WinHacks & CSS
3. Update – CSS Financials
4. Update – Student Advocacy
5. Update – CSS Dev Team
6. Update – CSS Events
7. Discussion – CSS Satisfaction Survey
8. Q&A
9. Kahoot 👀

Overview of the Society

Who Are We?

- The Computer Science Society (CSS) is a group of elected students representing all undergraduate students enrolled in Computer Science at the University of Windsor.
- We aim to improve the university experience for all CS students by hosting **events**, **workshops**, **challenges**, **resume critiques** and more!
- We host a student only Discord server with over 1400 students and alumni! You can join it here: https://css.uwindsor.ca/discord
- Our goal is to help build a welcoming and supportive society!

Our Mission

“The objective of the society shall be to promote an interest in Computer Science and to enhance the lives of computer science students on campus.”

How do I get involved in CSS?

How to Get Involved

- The majority of positions on CSS are elected, with a few exceptions.
- Elections for most CSS positions occur once every year around March. Terms begin in the month of May.
  - Keep an eye out for upcoming CSS elections!
- If you don't have an elected position, **you can still get involved**!
  - You can put your technical skills to work as a contributor to our open-source projects! https://github.com/uwindsorcss/
  - Active members of our Discord server may also be invited to be moderators
  - Non-elected members can also help with WinHacks

Student Guide

Did you know the Computer Science Society has helped develop a student guide for all CS students?

- Not sure which courses to pick?
- Interested in learning how to get a co-op/internship?
- Looking for technical resources to start your project?

This student guide may be for you!
Check out the student guide on our website here:
https://css.uwindsor.ca/guide

Join Our Discord!

- We made a Discord server for all students in Computer Science so everyone has a means of communication with other students of the same program.
  - Over 1400 members have joined!
  - Discord is a free application that makes communicating with other students easy through the use of channels.

- Classes are organized into separate text channels so students may ask for course-specific help.
- The server also features upcoming events and opportunities to help ensure success.

css.uwindsor.ca/discord

Have any questions?

Ask away! We hope you learned something new!

Update – CSS & WinHacks

WinHacks

- As of Late 2021, WinHacks has officially joined up with CSS!
- What does this mean for WinHacks?
  - Increased legitimacy
  - Increased sustainability
  - Better changeover
- The Computer Science Society is happy to support one of the largest events in CS offered at UWindsor
- WinHacks will be held March 25-27 this year, so join today!

http://discord.winhacks.ca

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CSS Financial Report

Year of 2020-2021, and Year of 2021-2022

CSS Finances for the 2021-2022 fall semester

- CSS started the 2021-2022 year with about $21,000 in our account.
- Over the year, with the various charges we ended the year with approximately $31,000.
- We got a large lump sum from the Summer and Fall CSS fees and had a reduced number of events .

How did CSS Spend Finances in the 2021-2022 Fall Semester?

Major charges were:

- First Year T-Shirt giveaway
- CSS skyzone event

CSS also financed several small online events throughout the year, and subsidised sweater sales by a bit as well.

2021-2022 Winter Semester Planned Spending

Major Charges Planned:

- More Events
- Computer Science Society Related Small Clubs Fund
- WinHacks (covered completely by sponsorships and leftover funds – this does not come out of society fees)

Computer Science Society Related Small Clubs Fund

If you are a small club with a focus on computer science, CSS can help provide funding.

The amount depends on membership size and resources needed.

If you are a small club interested, feel free to reach out to me on the CSS email: css@uwindsor.ca

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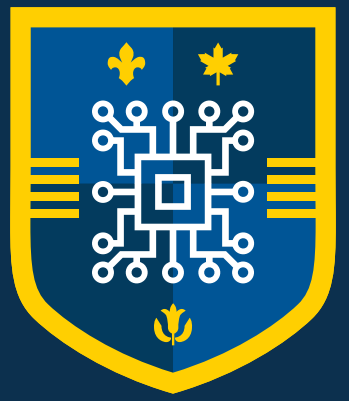

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Student Advocacy & Academics

Wahid Bawa

Who do I go to?

Who on CSS can help you with your issues?

Your Representatives

Senior Representative
Zain Raza
razaz@uwindsor.ca

2nd Year Representative
Sharjeel Mustafa
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1st Year Representatives
Kelly Owenya and Niko Jones
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The CSS Discord

https://css.uwindsor.ca/discord

Discord Spam & Phishing Links

How To Keep Yourself Safe

Double-check the links/URLs; the domain of legitimate Discord webpages should start with https://discord.com/

Change your password immediately if you think you've fallen for Discord Nitro scams. Always use strong passwords for your accounts.

Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) to better protect your account

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Developer Team Report

Growth and Expansion is the theme for the next year

What We’ve Done

Open Data

The University said rejected our proposal. Their specific reasons were:

- “Availability of University resources that would be required to support and work on this initiative are currently extremely limited given other existing projects and initiatives, planned future priorities and other operational / service support needs”

- “Requested access to several data sets identified within the proposal are currently limited to assigned full time University employees that are responsible to administer / support these systems to ensure security and privacy related restrictions”

What We’re Doing

Redoing the bot *again*

A bunch of factors broke the last bot. Switching languages and libraries will fix a majority of our issues. We're using TypeScript and Discord.JS

Wiki

We just put together a new Wiki team! We also teamed up with the Google Developer Student Club to make this happen. We look forward to working with them!

WE’RE HIRING

The developer team is hiring. We are hiring for roles of Software Developer and Software Developer Manager. YAY go team. We had 9 people apply for the Manager position and 40 people apply to the Software Developer position.

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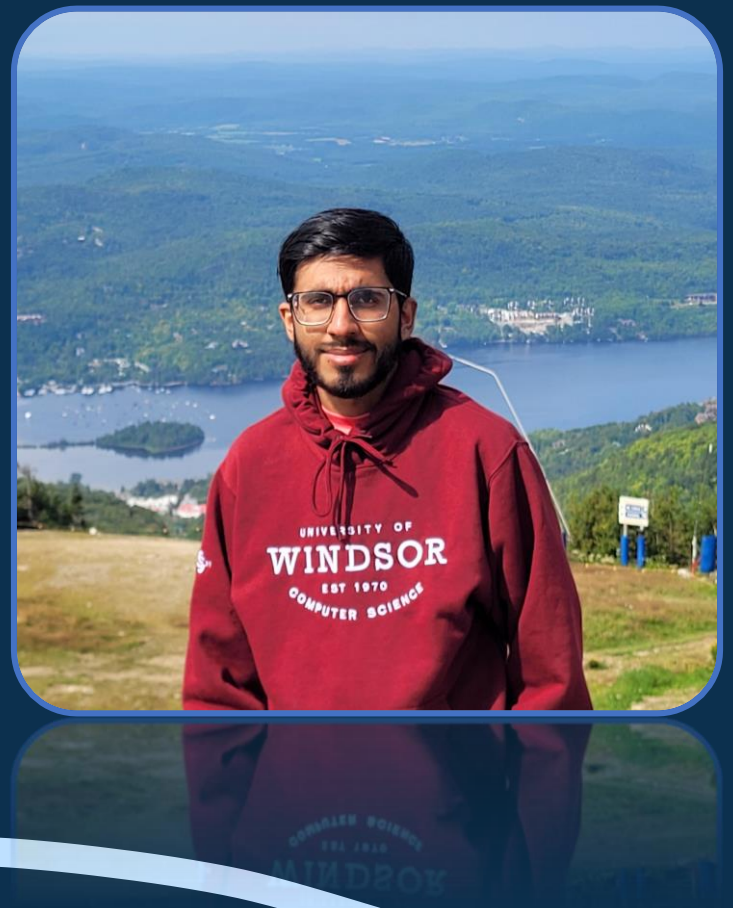
Events Team Report

Bringing students together and providing new opportunities.



MEET THE PRESENTER

Usman Farooqi

- 3rd year Computer Science student at University of Windsor
- Current Head of Events for Computer Science Society
- President of Video Game Design Club
- Currently working at NETINT Technologies as a Firmware Engineer
- Currently a TA for COMP-2140

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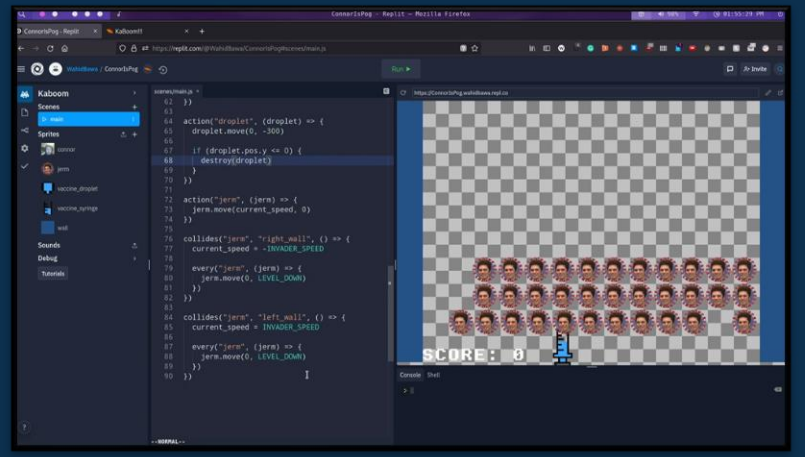
Events Team Members

- ***Usman Farooqi*** | Head of Events
- ***Shubham Mehta*** | Event Organizer
- ***Julia Sabelli*** | Event Coordinator
- ***Dhruv Bera*** | Event Coordinator
- ***Harnoor Singh Reen*** | Event Coordinator
- ***Preet Rajeshbhai Koshiya*** | Event Coordinator

Fall 2021 Events

September Events/Welcome Week

- Minecraft Spleef Competition
- Intro to Game Dev Workshop by VGDC
- Minecraft Build Competition
- Merch Giveaway



October Events

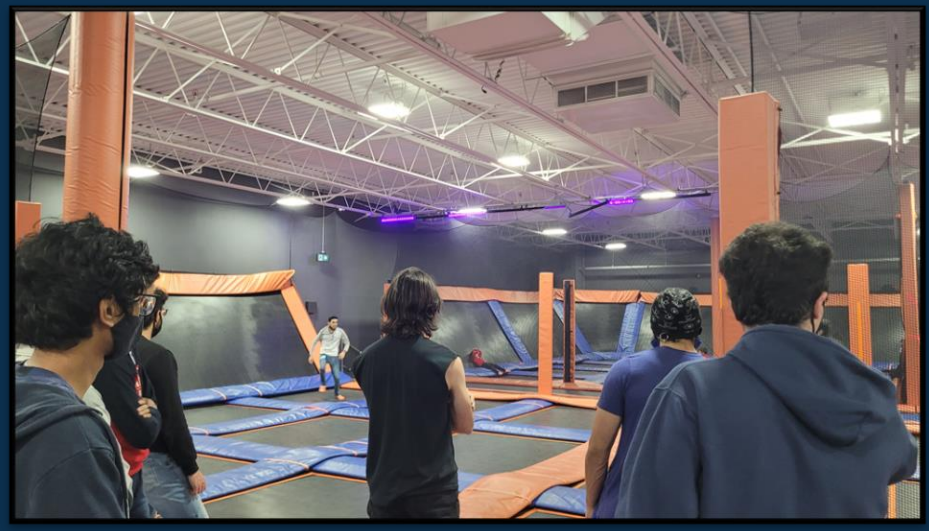
- Careers and Internships Presentation
- Intro to Open-Source Workshop

November Events

- CSS Dinner Night
- CSS Movie Night
- Easy-MASM Workshop
- Setting up VSCode Workshop
- Customizing VSCode & Setting up Remote SSH

December Events

- Intro to Advent of Code Workshop
- CSS Sky Zone Trampoline Park



Winter 2022 Events

- Hash Code Workshop
- Winter AGM
- Internship Event
- Chess Tournament
- Wikipedia Races
- Google Hash Code

- WinHacks
- Pokémon Tournament
- SciSoc-CSS Trivia Night
- VGDC Game Design Workshop
- Game Nights
- Workshops

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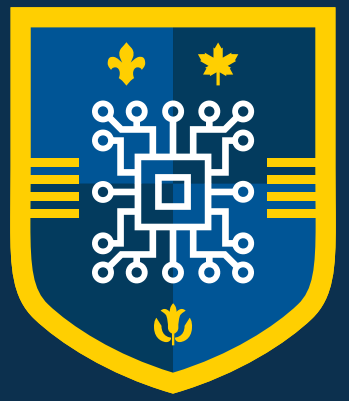

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CSS Satisfaction Survey

How have we done this past semester? How can we improve?

Overview – The Numbers

1. What is your current satisfaction with the way CSS is handling changes due to COVID-19

More Details

6.92 Average Rating

3. What is your current satisfaction with the amount of CSS events per month?

More Details

7.32 Average Rating

4. What is your current satisfaction with the quality of CSS events?

More Details

7.37 Average Rating

6. What is your current satisfaction with the quality of the Discord server?

More Details

7.92 Average Rating

Some Notable Student Responses: How We Can Improve

- People want more events in general
- Promote more on Instagram – not just Discord
- More workshops tailored to upper-year students, not just lower-year
- More fun events and game nights
- Let students host events
- Minecraft Bedrock events, not just Java

Some Notable Student Responses: How We Can Improve

- More coding competitions, code jams, hackathons, pair programming
- Egoism on CSS and on the Discord
- Academic misconduct happening on Discord
- Students feeling inadequate & imposter syndrome
- How to combat imposter syndrome
- More inclusive to all students across all skill levels

Moving Forward

- We appreciate everyone's feedback and are committed to improving!
- For suggestions on new events and ways to improve the Events Team, contact css@uwindsor.ca or farooqiu@uwindsor.ca
- For suggestions on the Discord server, reach out to css@uwindsor.ca
- For help with academic or student advocacy concerns, reach out to your respective student rep! (http://css.uwindsor.ca/about)

We Want Your Ideas!

- We've created an anonymous feedback survey where you can give ideas, share concerns, or pretty much anything!
- We value your input, and take every suggestion into consideration when making decisions
- Your response is completely anonymous, so don't be afraid to be critical!
  - We want to know when we mess up!

http://feedback.uwindsorcss.ca

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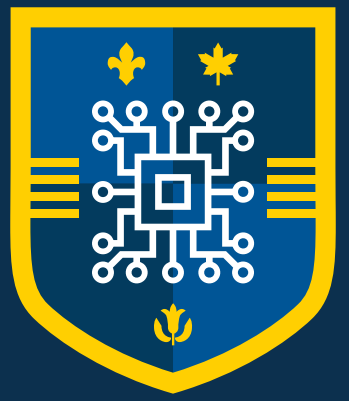

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THANK YOU

FOR JOINING US!

Make sure to tune in next time!