

About Me

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Hi, I'm Faiz (pronounced FEZ). I'm currently a Computing major in the College of Creative Studies¹ at UC Santa Barbara.

In the field of computer science, my current interests include scalable systems, human-centered design, and the Racket programming language. In addition to internships, my projects (past and present) include DrDocx,^{2,3} a computer science education research tool,⁴ an automated tabulation system for mock trial tournaments,⁵ and various⁶ data science⁷ projects⁸ among other things. For a full list, check out the homepage of this website.

Outside of computer science, I'm also passionate about public policy and constitutional law. My recent writing in these areas includes articles on religious liberty⁹ and antitrust¹⁰ law. In addition, I've written academic analyses of climate-oriented foreign aid plans,¹¹ Fourth Amendment jurisprudence,¹² and the independent state legislature doctrine¹³. I also co-founded and lead UCSB's undergraduate moot court team, which qualified two teams to the AMCA¹⁴ national championship tournament this year.

This website is created with Pollen,¹⁵ an open-source publishing system built in Racket. As much as I'm enjoying Racket, I can't take credit for the incredible work done by Joel Dueck, whose try-pollen¹⁶ project provides the bulk of the code powering this website. A blog post describing its fuller workings is in the works.

If you have an interesting opportunity or good book recommendation, I'd love to hear from you.¹⁷

¹ <https://ccs.ucsb.edu>

² <https://DrDocx.com>

³ DrDocx is a free, open source desktop application built to streamline medical practitioners workflows' with automated report generation and intelligent analysis.

⁴ <https://github.com/project-anacapa/anacapa-github-linker>

⁵ <https://github.com/ProbablyFaiz/Mocktopia-Scripts>

⁶ <project-assets/M3-Challenge-2019-Paper.pdf>

⁷ <project-assets/GNP-Evacuation-Routes.pdf>

⁸ <https://github.com/ProbablyFaiz/RedditPoliticalSentiment>

⁹ <https://dailyxexus.com>

¹⁰ <posts/deplatforming.html>

¹¹ <project-assets/climate-change-framework.pdf>

¹² <project-assets/third-party-doctrine.pdf>

¹³ <project-assets/independent-legislature-doctrine.pdf>

¹⁴ <https://amcamootcourt.org>

¹⁵ <https://github.com/mbutterick/pollen>

¹⁶ <https://github.com/otherjoel/try-pollen>

¹⁷ <mailto:faiz.surani@gmail.com>