

## Saul Lara

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### Education

**University of Texas at Arlington**, Arlington, TX

May 2026

*B.S. in Computer Science*

**Honors and Awards:** UTA Academic Scholarship, Freshmen Honor Role (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

**Relevant Coursework:** Intermediate Programming, Object-Oriented Programming, Discrete Math

### Experience

**Web Development Freelance | TheBarbersLounge.com**

*1718 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76013 |*

Oct 2023 - Current

- **Team Collaboration:** Collaborated effectively within a team to understand project goals and ensure a cohesive website development process.
- **HTML, CSS, and JavaScript Skills:** Applied strong coding skills in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to create a responsive and visually appealing website.
- **Version Control with Git:** Managed the codebase efficiently using Git for version control, facilitating seamless collaboration and conflict resolution within the team.
- **User Experience Enhancement:** Implemented design principles and responsive techniques to enhance the website's user interface, ensuring optimal user experience across various devices.

### Development Experience

**Health Sync. Personal Health Assistant App (HackUTA 2023)**

*Flutter, Dart, Firebase, GitHub*

- Developed cross-platform Flutter apps for iOS, Android, and Web using Dart and BLoC pattern.
- Managed development in Visual Studio Code and Android Studio with Git for version control.
- Integrated Firebase for secure user authentication and real-time data synchronization.
- Implemented cation reminders, appointment scheduling and pill refill notification.
- Presented the project at HackUTA 2023, demonstrating the usefulness of the implementation of a system that allows the user to schedule, refill and remind for medications.

**Capital One Budgeting App Challenge (HackUTD IX)**

*Dart, Flutter, Flutter Flow, Google Firebase*

- Developed cross-platform Flutter apps for iOS, Android, and Web using Dart and BLoC pattern.
- Managed development in Visual Studio Code and Android Studio with Git for version control.
- Integrated Firebase for secure user authentication and real-time data synchronization.
- Designed custom UI features and conducted user testing for iterative improvements.
- Presented the project at HackUTD IX, showcasing its impact on personal finance management.

**Pennywise - Comprehensive Finance Tracking (HackUTD X)**

*SwiftUI, CloudKit, CoreData*

- Developed Pennywise, a finance management app for Apple Watch, using SwiftUI and Core Data for a seamless and elegant user experience.
- Achieved reliable data synchronization between iPhone, Apple Watch, and Mac through CloudKit, ensuring up-to-date financial information on all devices.
- Future plans for Pennywise include implementing AI-driven insights, custom spending alerts, and real-time transaction updates through partnerships with financial institutions, enhancing its features and accessibility.

### Leadership and Involvement

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (OLG)**

May 2018 – Current

- Served as both an altar server and a minister in the church, demonstrating unwavering commitment to supporting the church community and advancing its spiritual mission.
- Transitioned from an altar server to a minister, highlighting personal spiritual growth and a genuine desire to deepen understanding of faith.
- Assisted the priest in the administration of Holy Communion, ensuring a seamless and reverent experience for congregants.

### Skills

**Languages:** JavaScript, C, Java, Python, HTML, CSS, Flutter

**Frameworks:** Git, Firebase, Cypress, Selenium, Bootstrap, WordPress