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## Languages

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| English  | Native / bilingual |
| Japanese | Native / bilingual |
| French   | Professional       |
| Chinese  | Limited working    |
| Korean   | Limited working    |
| Hindi    | Limited working    |
| Finnish  | Elementary         |

## Certifications

### JPPT Level N1

Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, highest level

### TEF C1

Test d'évaluation de français

### Defense Language Proficiency Test

Certified in Chinese, Korean and Japanese

### Air Force Certified Trainer

## Technical

JavaScript React Next.js

HTML / CSS Tailwind

Prisma RESTful APIs Java

Spring Git

Google Analytics Vercel

## Laboratory

Cell culture CRISPR/Cas-9

PCR DNA cloning

Genotyping Microscopy

Gel electrophoresis FACS

Immunostaining

Protein synthesis

# Tai Arima

## Web Developer

Seattle, Washington, United States

## Summary

Hi, I'm Tai. I created Nail Japanese (nailjapanese.com). I'm the guy who writes the code and creates the content. Nail Japanese is an awesome site for people learning Japanese. It has apps to practice and improve your Japanese skills, articles about Japanese language, culture, and society, plus a lot of other fun stuff for people interested in Japanese.

I like language learning, programming, and forests.

## Experience

### Nail Japanese

Aug 2025 – Present

#### Web Developer

Seattle, WA

- I make the code, write the content, and do all the web stuff for NailJapanese.com.
- I also designed and created all the apps and interfaces.

### TDCX

Oct 2024 – Aug 2025

#### Web Developer

Kuala Lumpur

Worked with clients who needed help setting up event snippets for conversion tracking. Helped clients set up Google Analytics, optimize their analytics metrics, and troubleshoot site tagging.

### Saya Web Solutions, LLC

Oct 2022 – Oct 2024

#### Web Developer

Seattle, WA

Made custom websites from scratch for small businesses, artists, and solopreneurs.

### Helsinki Institute of Life Science (HiLIFE)

Nov 2021 – Oct 2022

#### Research Assistant

Helsinki, Finland

Developed a process for synthesizing proteins for a novel probing system used to track endocytic cargoes. Completed a proof-of-principle set of experiments for the system and optimized the protein synthesis procedure to increase yield and decrease production time. Duties included giving formal presentations, mentoring, and editing scientific manuscripts for publication.

### Olwin Laboratory, University of Colorado Boulder

May 2017 – May 2018

#### Undergraduate Researcher

Boulder, CO

Main focus was a research project tracking the lineage of transplanted muscle stem cells in mice. The results were published in my bachelor's thesis, which was awarded highest honors.

### University of Colorado Boulder

Sep 2016 – May 2017

#### Foreign Language Instructor

Boulder, CO

Taught Japanese and Korean courses to learners of all levels, from beginners to advanced students. Personally designed the curricula and course materials for every class taught, and received 100% positive feedback from student evaluations.

### Self-employed

Dec 2013 – Jun 2016

#### Private Language Instructor

Boulder, CO

Taught Japanese one-on-one and in small groups to students ranging from absolute beginners to fourth-year college level. Designed personalized curriculums in accordance with the level and interest of students. Developed language learning materials for both elementary and intermediate level students.

## Gengo

Jan 2014 – Dec 2014

### Translator

Boulder, CO

As a professionally certified Japanese to English translator, achieved 100% customer satisfaction and multiple positive evaluations from senior translation staff. Completed all assignments ahead of deadlines and was chosen as preferred translator by multiple clients.

## United States Air Force

Dec 2009 – Nov 2013

### Cryptologic Intelligence Analyst

United States

Worked as a cryptologic analyst both on the ground and airborne as a member of a reconnaissance aircraft. Certified in the Defense Language Proficiency Test for Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. Gained certification as an Air Force Certified Trainer, making use of teaching skills to assist in on-the-job training and lead foreign language maintenance classes.

## University of Washington School of Law

Jan 2008 – Apr 2008

### Proofreader and Bilingual Coordinator

Seattle, WA

Provided interpretation and translation services for English and Japanese scholars. Edited English language legal documents for use by Japanese scholars. Assisted Japanese guest scholars in communicating with English-speaking colleagues. Improved efficiency of work distribution, helping accomplish the project one month ahead of schedule.

## Education

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### University of Helsinki

MSc, Genetics and Molecular Biosciences

Awarded a €50,000 scholarship

June 2022

### University of Colorado Boulder

BA, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology — **summa cum laude**

Bachelor's thesis on lineage tracking of transplanted muscle stem cells, awarded highest honors

Aug 2014 – May 2018

### University of Washington

BA, Linguistics

2009

## Selected projects

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**Nail Japanese** — Comprehensive Japanese learning site: practice apps, articles on language, culture and society. Code, content and interfaces all my own.

**TALK TALK — Type and Learn Korean** — Typing practice that teaches the Korean keyboard layout and builds proficiency at the same time.

**Hanzi Driller** — Speed-and-repetition drills for Chinese character reading and writing.

**Finnish Grammar Practice** — Finds the exact grammar points a learner is getting wrong and drills them until they stick.

**German Grammar Genie** — Grammar drilling with vocabulary matched to the learner's own level.