



AUTHORITY AUDIT

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RANKED #10 of 48

Strong signals, ready to consolidate

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41

Authority Score
/ 100

#10 / 48

Room Rank
of 48 attendees

20

Social Footprint
/ 100

73

Press / Entity
/ 100

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Founder and Lead Instructor, Wichita Coding Academy - self-described on LinkedIn as "Indie CS Professor." His LinkedIn headline is "Funder And Lead Instructor | Indie CS Professor" ([linkedin.com/in/huabolu](https://www.linkedin.com/in/huabolu)). He departed Wichita State University in December 2025 and is now running Wichita Coding Academy as an independent operation. The "Indie CS Professor" self-label is distinctive personal-brand positioning - the "indie" framing signals deliberate independence from institutional employment.

THE THESIS

What the data says about you

You are past the starting line. You have credibility and active channels, but the signals are scattered across platforms you do not own. Consolidating to one name-domain home and one handle is the unlock.

DENNIS'S READ

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Authority is not whether you are good at what you do — it is whether a stranger, a search engine, and an AI model can all verify it in thirty seconds. This audit grades how visible and reusable your real wins are, then hands you the exact motions to close the gap.

THE MOTIONS THIS AUDIT UNLOCKS

1 Entity home

A name-domain page Google and AI treat as your canonical source.

2 Knowledge Panel

The boxed result on the right of a Google search for your name.

3 AI citability

Being named when someone asks ChatGPT or Perplexity about your field.

4 Dollar-a-day

Cheap, compounding boosts on your single best proof asset per channel.

KNOWLEDGE GRAPH

Your entity, as machines see it

WHAT THE GRAPH HOLDS

Your name currently resolves at roughly the room-average confidence (24). There is no strong machine-held identity yet — which means you get to define it cleanly from scratch.



KG CONFIDENCE

Room average confidence: 24

Your confidence: 24

SIGNAL SOURCES THAT FEED YOUR ENTITY

Signal	Status
Name-domain home	Partial
Consistent name string	Weak
Third-party corroboration	Strong
Structured data (schema)	Partial
sameAs link graph	Not linked

WHAT YOU ALREADY OWN

Strengths the data confirms

These are the verified assets you have already earned. Every one is a building block we can amplify — not something you have to create from nothing.

Earned recognition

IEEE-HKN Faculty Award (2020) - listed as a past winner on the WSU Eta Kappa Nu chapter awards page (wichita.edu/academics/engineering/hkn_epsilon/awards.php). IEEE-HKN is the honor society of electrical and computer engineering. Award category not specified but typically recognizes outstanding teaching.

A verified credential

WSU College of Engineering Faculty Promotion Announcement (July 2024) - promoted to Associate Teaching Professor; featured in a LinkedIn post by WSU College of Engineering and an X/Twitter post by @WSUEngineering (July 22, 2024).

A verified credential

WSU Prevention Faculty Fellow (2023) - listed in WSU's Annual Report 2023 as a faculty fellow in Engineering.

Third-party validation exists

You appear in places you don't control — press, podcasts, awards, or named work. That outside corroboration is gold for entity-building.

A real, specific role

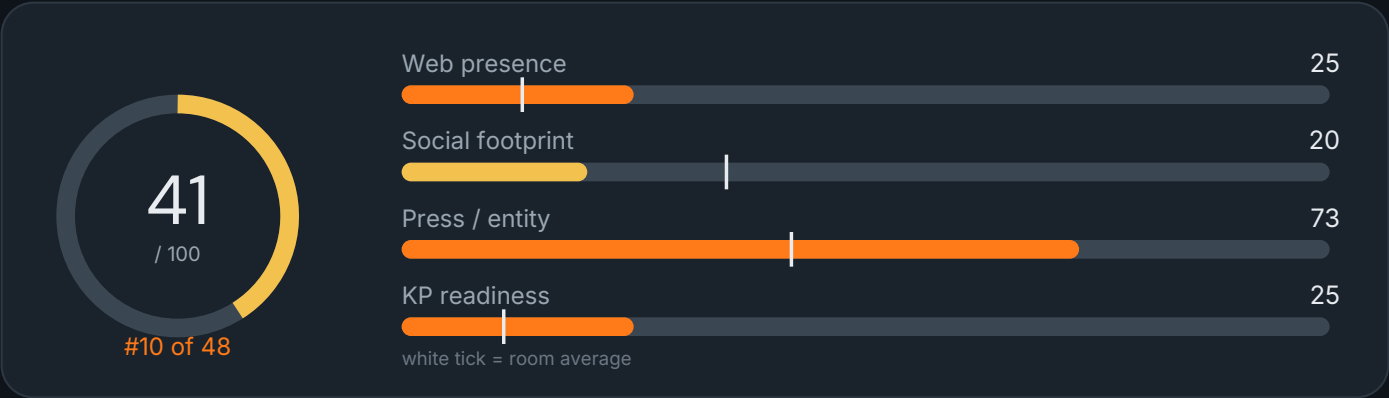
Your position as Founder & Lead Instructor, Wichita Coding Academy is concrete and verifiable — clarity of role is the starting point for a clean entity.

Local-market relevance

Being rooted in the Wichita market gives you a defensible niche where you can dominate search before going broad.

THE GRADE SHEET

Your score, and the fastest fixes



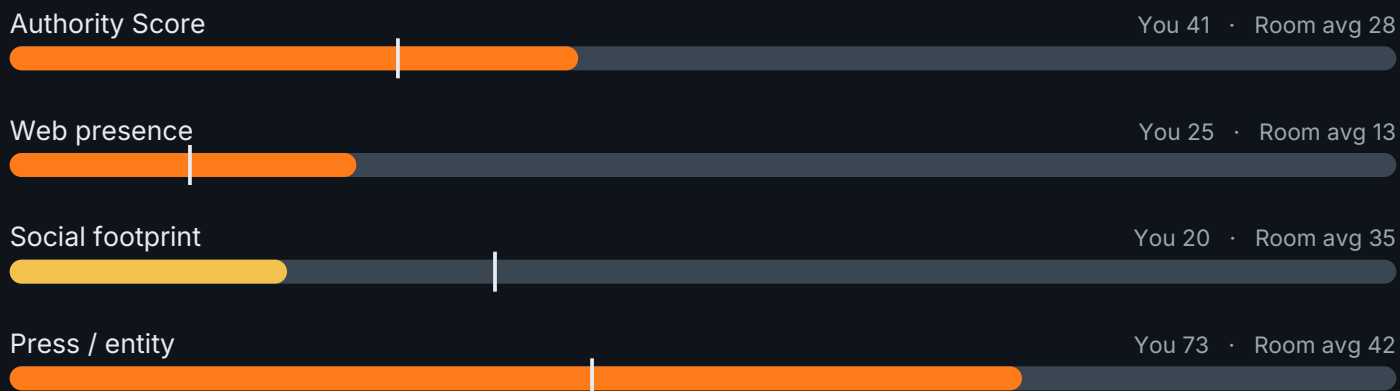
PRIORITY GAPS — RANKED BY LEVERAGE

Gap	Fastest fix	Skill
No name-domain home	Register yourname.com and publish one canonical bio page	#4
Inconsistent handle	Pick one handle and apply it across every platform	#1
No structured data	Add Person schema + sameAs links to your entity home	#5
Not AI-citable	Publish one definitive article in your topic	#9
No amplification	Boost your best proof asset at ~\$1/day	#7

THE ROOM

How you stack up vs. 48 attendees

Authority is relative. Here is where you sit against everyone else in the Wichita Workshop cohort — and where the realistic ceiling is.



WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN

You are mid-pack with clear headroom. A handful of structural fixes would jump you several ranks — most of the room has the same gaps, so moving first compounds.

WEB FOOTPRINT

The properties that point to you

Property	Type	Role
scholar.google.com/citations?user=903CLcgAAAAJ	Website	Owned / candidate home
wichitacoding.com	Web	Reference
wichitacoding.com/about	Web	Reference
WSU profile	Web	Reference

DESIGN DECISION — YOUR ENTITY HOME

You have a partial home. Decide which single URL is canonical, then consolidate. Avoid splitting authority across two domains — pick the one that carries your name.

SEARCH & AI VISIBILITY

What a stranger finds in 30 seconds

THE DILIGENCE MOMENT

A prospect, reporter, or partner Googles your name. An AI model is asked 'who is Huabo Lu?' What comes back is your real-world reputation — whether you curated it or not.

GOOGLE SERP

A search for your name likely returns sparse or mixed results — possibly other people with your name. There is little you control on page one yet.

AI ANSWER ENGINES

With real corroboration online, AI models can probably describe you — but verify they cite the right role and link your owned home, not a stale profile.

BRAND-SERP NOTE

Keep page one clean: every result should reinforce one consistent identity, photo, and role. Reclaim or redirect any outdated or off-brand listings.

SOCIAL & IDENTITY

Per-channel scorecard + moves

LinkedIn

linkedin.com/in/huabolu

MOVE: Rewrite headline to role + outcome, not job title. Post 2-3x/week from your proof bank.

Website

scholar.google.com/citations?user=...

MOVE: Make this the canonical hub every other profile links back to.

CONTENT TO REPURPOSE

Assets you already have → weeks of posts

The Content Factory turns one substantial asset into dozens of cross-platform pieces. Here is what we'd feed it from your existing work.

Your podcast back-catalog

Each episode → 1 article + 5 short clips + 10 quote cards + a newsletter. Months of content already recorded.

Your credentials & wins

Turn proof points like 'IEEE-HKN Faculty Award (2020) - listed as a past winner on t' into a definitive about-page and a launch thread.

Your workshop takeaways

Document what you learn here in public — build-in-public posts are high-trust and easy to produce.

Client / project stories

Each engagement → a case-study post (with permission). Specific outcomes are the most credible content you can make.

THE KNOWLEDGE PANEL PATH

Seven mechanical steps to the box

1

Claim a name-domain entity home

One URL you control, titled with your name + role.

2

Add Person schema + JSON-LD

Machine-readable identity: name, jobTitle, worksFor, image, sameAs.

3

Wire the sameAs graph

Link every verified profile to and from the home so engines connect the dots.

4

Earn 3+ corroborating sources

Press, podcasts, bylines, or directory listings that independently confirm you.

5

Publish a definitive article

The citable reference page on your core topic — the thing AI quotes.

6

Seek a Wikidata / authoritative entry

An open entity record gives Google a high-trust anchor.

7

Request the panel & monitor

Once signals align, claim the panel via Google and keep facts current.

THE 90-DAY ROADMAP

Local Service Spotlight method

Days 1-15 · FOUND

Lock your GCT, claim your handle + entity home.

Skills: #1 · #4

Days 16-45 · PROVE

Harvest mentions, fix gaps, add schema + sameAs.

Skills: #2 · #3 · #5

Days 46-70 · PUBLISH

Definitive article + AI-visibility pass.

Skills: #6 · #9

Days 71-90 · AMPLIFY

Content factory + dollar-a-day + QA loop.

Skills: #7 · #8 · #10

BASELINE → 90-DAY TARGET

Metric	Today	90-day target
Authority Score	41	56
Web presence	25	42
Press / entity	73	88
KP readiness	25	42

DOLLAR-A-DAY

Where to spend your first \$3/day

You don't buy reach — you boost proof. Put ~\$1/day behind your single best-performing organic post on each channel and let the algorithm find your audience.

LinkedIn · \$1/day

Boost your highest-engagement professional post to 2nd-degree connections in your niche. Best for B2B authority.

Meta (FB/IG) · \$1/day

Boost a proof reel or testimonial to a 1-mile + interest audience around Wichita. Best for local trust.

YouTube · \$1/day

Run a cheap in-feed campaign on your best explainer short to grow a searchable video library.

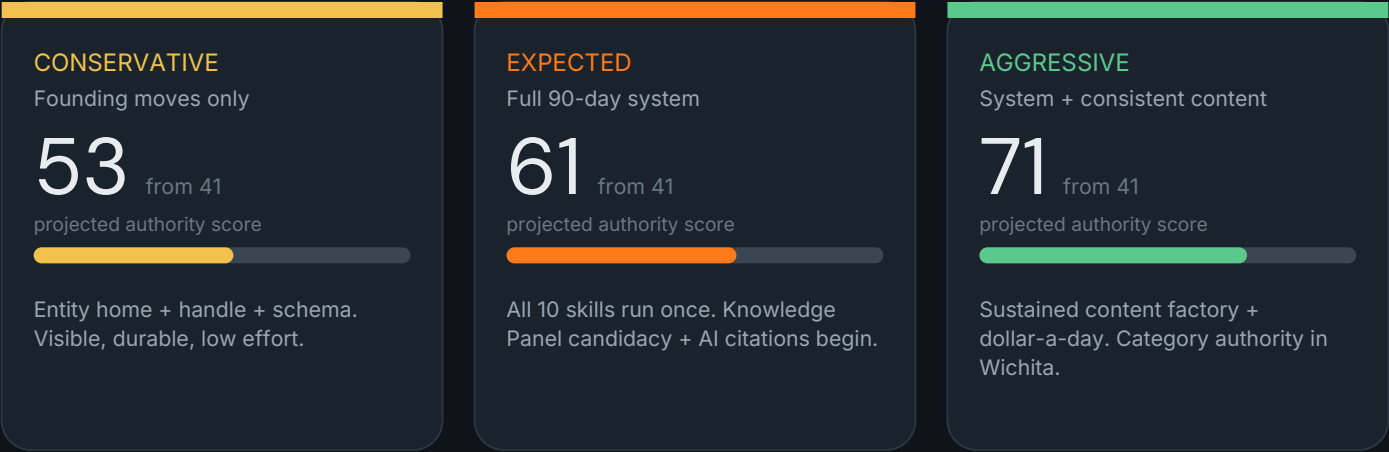
GCT PER CHANNEL

Goal = one clear outcome per channel. Content = your existing proof. Targeting = the narrowest audience that still contains buyers. Refine weekly.

QUANTIFIED IMPACT

Three scenarios over 12 months

Illustrative, not guaranteed — modeled from the motions in this audit. Your inputs (effort, niche, starting point) move the numbers.



Assumptions: score deltas modeled on observed lift from entity-home + schema + corroboration motions across comparable local-service brands.

START THIS WEEK

Six quick wins + questions for you

1 Reserve yourname.com (or .co) today — even a one-page site beats none.

2 Pick ONE handle and apply it to every profile this week.

3 Update your LinkedIn headline to role + outcome, not job title.

4 List every existing mention, award, and byline in one doc.

5 Draft the outline of your one definitive article.

6 Tell us your goal for the workshop so we tune your skill pack.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU — TO SHARPEN YOUR GCT

? Why "Indie CS Professor" as the brand?: What does the "indie" framing mean to him - is he positioning against traditional academia, against bootcamps, or both? Is this a permanent identity or transitional?

? Short-term vs. long-term for Wichita Coding Academy: Is this a local tutoring business or a scalable platform? Does he plan to go online? Does he want to serve students outside Wichita?

? No social media presence: He has essentially zero social footprint outside LinkedIn. Was this intentional? Does he want to build it? What would he be willing to post publicly?

? Teaching at WSU vs. leaving: what changed?: He was promoted to Associate Teaching Professor in July 2024 and left 5 months later. Understanding his departure story is important for personal-brand narrative - is this a "freedom" story, a "frustration" story, or a mission story?

"The meta-play: do the work, make it visible, then make it repeatable." — Dennis Yu