Allan M. French
"Background Information"

DATA ANALYST • STAFF ACCOUNTANT
▶ Numbers Crunched ● Beans Counted ● Data Wrangled ◀

With a passion for analyzing data and developing software solutions, I am pivoting from *financial accounting* and *corporate finance* into *data analytics* into *managerial (cost) accounting*.

I help my employer utilize its data and manage its money, in the most efficient manner possible:

- In various capacities, I have used at least a dozen ERP systems and G/L accounting programs.
- I have been a liaison several times, interfacing between Accounting/Finance and Legal, IT, and Marketing teams.
- I served clients in *fourteen* contract positions for *six* staffing agencies. *Four* seasonal clients/employers requested to re-engage, while *three* temp jobs were extended. You may surmise that I learn new software quickly and can easily adapt to varying corporate cultures.
- In various jobs, I received awards and commendations. Quotations from some of these appear within my résumé.
- I love the profession I have chosen; and I would like to help your analytics team to address its data analysis and financial recordkeeping challenges.

Employers, hobbies, and continuing education:

- To keep my skills up-to-date, I have taken twenty-one courses since attaining my BS degree.
- My hobby and leisure interests include visiting museums and historical sites; acoustic music (I am a beginner-level musician; I enjoy bluegrass, folk, and Celtic music); square/contra dancing; and scenic/event photography. During quiet times, or when stuck at home, I enjoy sudoku and jigsaw puzzles.
- My employers and agency clients have included American Century Investments, Applied Materials, Guidant Cardio-Vascular (now Boston Scientific), Hewlett-Packard, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Tyco Healthcare (now Medtronic), US Geological Survey, and VMware.

Beyond financial accounting, I have a passion for managerial (cost) accounting and data analysis. In other words, I am looking to *analyze vital business data* rather than *process recurring accounting transactions*:

- To facilitate this "pivot," I am enrolled in online training courses. Please click over to Microsoft Professional Program in Data Science and Microsoft Excel for the Data Analyst for a partial description of the coursework.
- During college, I learned two programming languages, while today I create *Excel* macros using *VBA* scripts. I have rudimentary knowledge of *MS Access* and was exposed to two other database programs. Early on, I learned that *SQL* was a powerful tool for data management, but only recently did I have the opportunity to learn more.
- Expanding my skills into data analytics seems like a logical career progression. I am enjoying the subject matter and am excited about what I can do with these new skills.
- While I am primarily looking to "analyze data," I could help your finance/accounting team as well, given how that is a big part of my past experience.

I may be qualified to help your team in several capacities, such as:

- Inventory management and cost accounting
- Financial forecasting and trend analysis
- Commissions analysis and payroll processing
- Cash balance optimization and bank account recons
- Website analytics and social media utilization statistics
- Other projects or special tasks that I'm unaware of

Additional professional and leisure information can be accessed from my Dropbox and GitHub accounts. Please ask to see my personal website and my YouTube channel as well.

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