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Objective

My primary objective from any job is to hone my skills in any field where I build something with computers. Any and all faucets of developing something with computers is something I want to learn, be it web development or optimizing hardware. I especially enjoy automating pretty much anything that I can think of, and intend to continue trying to automate my work wherever possible. With my broad field of interest, the people involved in my work is far more important than what I'm doing. Ideally I would eventually either be a project manager or be in charge of DevOps like tasks. As a start I am simply aiming to find a team that I enjoy working with.

Education

+ Junior at Charleston Southern University (CSU) for computer science
+ Notable course work

a) Data Structures in C++   b) Operating Systems
c) Algorithms   d) Applied Networking
e) Database Management   f) Systems Analysis
g) Calculus I-III

Experience

Rock Star Grill Operator | Waffle House

One of The core parts of becoming a Waffle House Rock Star is to care about the store and by extension your customers. Rock Starts knows how and does clean everything that does not require a repairman to take apart. Since each Rock Star is required to have so much knowledge on not just cleaning, but how to take orders and handle difficult customers, we are also supposed to help when our coworkers have questions on how to handle a situation or do something. I've helped trained a variety of people ranging from servers to manager trainees. I have solo trained a regular grill operator that there was talk of getting a promotion for within a month of being a certified grill operator. A key part of this for me was the mind set that I could learn something everyday by watching more experienced people, which I have attempted to instill into everyone that I train.

Server | Waffle House

As a waffle house server, I encountered a variety of people and had to learn to communicate with many different backgrounds and personalities. Most importantly I got over a lot of my nervousness with this job. As a server, I learned how to communicate my thoughts to the outside world more accurately and concisely. I also grew to understand that people I had never met usually had a higher level of understanding than I anticipated, and most customers will like you if they see that you are doing your best, even if you are making mistakes.

Skills

+ Languages that match my personal presences in no particular order:

a. C++   b. C

+ Good person to work with, people generally appreciate either me and/or my work ethic
+ Confident in Linux, especially Debian and Ubuntu
+ Confident in my use of the command line
+ Familiar with git, can preform simple merges of different branches

Activities

I have always enjoyed playing recreational sports like ultimate frisbee and disk golf especially. . I've also spent 9 years in band and 3 semesters of marching band at CSU, where I learned that communication especially with superiors must be clear and consistent. I'm also part of the ACM leadership at CSU which helps me think about what managers have to think about daily.