

Dear [hiring manager],

My name is Casey Burhoe and I am very excited about the technology that Tailscale is developing. The principle of secure-by-design is important to critical programs and infrastructure, especially in the domain of networking where leaving security as the responsibility of an end user could have dire consequences. I believe I would bring a valuable perspective to Tailscale through a combination of my experience using security products in a business enterprise environment, my college coursework in computer privacy and security, and my familiarity with Tailscale's products as an end user.

In my current job, I work on a systems administration team providing technical support to university finance staff. Security is of the utmost importance in this environment [finish]

At home, I use Tailscale's products to connect my devices securely, and I appreciate the ease of use that allows me to seamlessly communicate between my devices. Because of this, I have begun familiarizing myself with the technology stack Tailscale is built on to be able to contribute to it further.

I also appreciate the values of open-source software and believe that it helps to uphold a relationship of trust between the developers and the end users of a technology. [possibly remove or expand]

Sincerely,
Casey Burhoe

comment from Prof: Okay so you can definitely add a full body paragraph about your IT experience and some of the technical experience and how it connects to the responsibilities of the job! Then maybe a paragraph with a story that demonstrates one or two of the soft(er) skills, like improving system efficiency, setting direction for a team, ability to work independently, etc.