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Re: Senior Data Analyst Position (Remote)

To whom it may concern,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this cover letter. I have the suspicion that, in most cases, the mere act of submitting a cover letter is sufficient and the actual content of the letter is besides the point. But if you've read this far then I can only assume that you intend on reading this whole thing from start to finish. There are a few things I would like to convey here that my resume cannot.

I would describe one of my skills as *common reason*, a faculty that is common to programming, mathematics, data analysis, and philosophical thought. Though my schooling was in abstract mathematics and philosophy it was not particularly difficult to pivot to computers. After college I installed Debian on a laptop, taught myself Python, and worked through enough projects to get to the point where I feel extremely comfortable with the language. Programs are like proofs in that they're both writings based around some logical nucleus (classical logic for mathematics and whatever language you're using in programming). There's a rich set of interconnections between many fields that I can appreciate that are not immediately apparent.

Following from the above, I enjoy novelty. To fix a recovered television I purchased a soldering kit and taught myself how to replace some blown capacitors. When a router of mine seemed too hot to the touch I used a Bluetooth-based temperature sensor to verify this, installed a fan system, and then verified that it indeed worked. I once taught my cousins how to count to 35 using their hands (and when they get older, 2047). I once started a now-defunct streetwear brand between jobs. In short, I'm excited to try to solve new problems.

I'd like to give some sense of my personality. I've been told that I can be funny and, in most cases, this is meant as a compliment. I subscribe to the "Double Simulationism" theory, where I posit that the universe is a simulation but that that simulation is also in a simulation (I strongly reject Triple Simulationism but am sympathetic to Quadruple Simulationism). Given the choice between doing something for an hour every month and spending 15 hours automating the work away I will happily choose the latter, if not just for me then for the people who will follow. And I genuinely would like to be able to help people in some meaningful way, even if it's just the people directly around it.

In closing, I think that I'd be a good fit for the role of <>. According to what I've learnt about <>, the company values of <> align with my own personal values of <>.

Best regards, Best regards,

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