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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to submit my documents for the Junior Backend Engineer position at Babbel GmbH in Berlin.

I am very passionate about the idea of joining Babbel, a company whose vision and mission is to create mutual understanding through language and contribute to life-long learning and embracing diversity. I believe that I would be a great cultural fit for your company and engineering team.

Having been raised in an intercultural environment speaking two languages which early on sparked my fascination for language acquisition. Along my learning path in life, I ended up learning 3 additional languages. Currently, my wife and I are raising two trilingual children in Berlin (English, Spanish, German). As such, you might say that I embody what Babbel stands for - intercultural connection, multilingualism, and diversity.

When it comes to being a life-long learner, being open to change, experimenting with new tools and technologies, and looking for continuous improvement, I am also a great Babbel team-fit. When moving to Berlin I embarked on the journey of a lifetime by moving to a new continent, learning a new and quite challenging new language, and transitioning to a new career as a developer. I went from being a California lawyer in San Francisco to becoming a certified Full Stack Developer in Berlin over the course of 12 months, while taking my German to C1 level. By the way, I obtained my B2 German language certificate using Babbel's wonderful platform. Needless to say, I am a huge fan of Babbel!

Just like in my "human" language learning process, I fully immersed myself into the linguistic world of computers. In a way, I learned to think like them, always surprising my tutor and mentor with my creative, functional problem-solving, and thinking-outside-the-box solutions. Through my training as a Full-Stack developer, I developed new skills that make me an asset to your engineering team. I developed, tested, and improved 10 projects that helped me gain experience in responsive design, unit and integration testing, debugging, and deployment of consistent web applications. My technical skills are based on highly relevant technologies such as the MERN stack, Angular, Jenkins, AWS cloud-based infrastructure, SQL and NoSQL databases, and integrating third-party APIs into my projects. Moreover, I continue to explore new programming languages. Subsequently, I completed an immersive course where I became certified in Ruby, and am near completion of another certificate course in Golang where I anticipate building an application at the end of my course showcasing my newly acquired skills.

Given the opportunity, your team will very much enjoy having me as a team member with over 20 years of experience working with teams and a positive California "can-do" attitude. Some professional experiences from my time in the legal field already showcased my passion for technology. I am happy to share more about these in our interview, if you're interested.

In that spirit, I am looking forward to setting up some time with you to discuss further how my technical and soft skills could be a huge asset to Babbel GmbH and its users. Thank you for reviewing this letter and my updated Curriculum Vitae.

Best,

*Edgar Quezada*

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Junior Full-Stack Web Developer with a background in legal and over 20 years of experience working with teams and stakeholders. Extensive experience with electronic discovery and electronic file management teams to improve and streamline digitization of documents. Able to efficiently translate creative ideas into stable and high-performing web applications through strong analytical and creative skills. Proficient with writing clear, concise, and effective web development code using current best practices.

## WEB DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

### Front End:

- Website building using HTML, CSS, JS, & Ruby
- Code linting & accessibility testing
- Libraries (Bootstrap)/Frameworks
- Responsive design, modals, and touch interactions
- Test & Behavior Driven Development: unit testing (Jest), integration testing (Cucumber), acceptance testing, and end-to-end testing (Puppeteer)
- Continuous integration/delivery
- Functional & Object oriented programming
- Mobile Applications using React Native, Expo, PWA

### Back End:

- Node.js & Express
- APIs (JSON, RESTful, Postman)
- Hosting & Web Services (AWS, Google Firestore, Netlify, Heroku, GitHub Pages)
- Relational and non-relational databases (PostgreSQL, MongoDB)
- JWT Authentication and Authorization with Password middleware

### Other Dev Tools:

- Git (Version control)
- Chrome Dev Tools
- Android Studio
- Trello, Slack, Zoom, Meet and Skype
- Sublime, Atom, and Visual Studio Code

## EDUCATION

- **Learning Golang** - [Udemy.com](https://www.udemy.com/) (03/2024 - present)
- **Learn to Code with Ruby** - [Udemy.com](https://www.udemy.com/) (01/2024 - 03/2024)
- **Full-Stack Web Developer** - [CareerFoundry](https://www.careerfoundry.com/), Berlin (10/2022 - 11/2023)
- **Juris Doctor** - GGU School of Law, San Francisco (08/2010 -05/2013)

## LANGUAGES

- **Native:** English, Spanish
- **C1 level:** German, Italian
- **A2 level:** Catalan

## WEB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### myFlix, Web App, CareerFoundry study project — 05/2023 - 07/2023

- Created a non-relational database (MongoDB) sampling movies from personal collection and user data. Database includes movie description, director information, classification, and release date;
- Built a REST API with Node.js and Express using Mongoose to allow users to interact with the database;
- Tested API endpoints using Postman, while also writing clean and concise documentation for the app, and ultimately deploying the application via Netlify.

### ChatApp, PWA, CareerFoundry study project — 07/2023 - 09/2023

- Developed a progressive web application (responsive, cross-platform, offline available) using React to display a list/chart of events from Google calendar;
- Followed test-driven-development approach, translating user-stories into scenarios for unit and integration testing (Jest), acceptance testing (Cucumber), and end-to-end testing (Puppeteer).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Spanish Teacher, Renée Sintenis Schule, Berlin, DE— 11/2023 - Present

- Prepare and use diverse learning materials for grade levels 1-6;
- Engage as a liaison for the international community and help bridge the cultural and linguistic gap.

### Legal Advisor, ReviverMX, San Francisco, CA— 06/2013 - 06/2020

- Drafted, prepared, and filed corporate filings for tech-startup company with multiple stakeholders requiring daily updates;
- Advised founders about corporate structuring to improve internal operations and limit shareholder liability;
- Managed and negotiated early resolution of legal disputes in an expedient and favorable fashion.

### Associate Attorney, Hanna Brophy, Oakland, CA — 06/2015 - 09/2018

- Managed 150+ disputed claim files simultaneously requiring almost daily communications with clients and opposing counsel for expedient resolution of claims;
- Trained claim adjusters to provide best resolution of legal claims to mitigate liability and/or settle cases before trial stage.

### Law Clerk, Offices of M. Randle, San Francisco, CA — 06/2013 - 05/2015

- Developed an electronic file management system for 50+ cases to track communications, legal filing deadlines, and court filing deadlines for each active case;
- Analyzed legal files to prepare litigation calendar, determine legal claims and defenses, and draft legal pleadings/discovery.