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Hello, Astraea!

My name is Erik Kimsey and I am eagerly applying for the position of *Front-end Developer*.

Astraea's culture and EarthAI product look awesome. This is the first position in weeks to which I've been excited to apply. Hopefully, I'm not too late to be considered. I am eager to build "systems with intuitive interfaces" and "data-rich visualizations" for "challenging geospatial problems" *.

As a developer, I gravitate towards UI development and interaction, where I can mate my aesthetic inclinations and training with functionality that serves the user.

Regarding my *front-end web skillset*, I wield "modern Javascript", LESS/Sass/CSS-in-JS, and React confidently. Further, I have experience working with Angular, Vue, D3, and others.

Regarding *architecture*, I think *modularization, microservices, and containerized microservices are the bee's knees*. Actually, I just read a great, vastly under-titled article "Using Containers to Build A Microservices Architecture" authored by Nate Slater of AWS Startups.

Before completing a formal computer science education, I was a self-taught, fledgling software developer at ChartIQ (JavaScript/HTML5). I then worked briefly with Raincrow Games (NodeJS) and NextLevelSh!t (Angular/D3). In between, I have had various front-end freelance jobs.

Too, I have further formal education in digital *graphic design* and *technical writing*.

Regarding machine learning, I "completed" Andrew Ng's *Machine Learning* course last summer. ...Although, mind you, my retention of the material is dubious.

Again, I'm excited to be applying to Astraea. I sense we may be a great fit. So, I look forward to hearing from, and chatting with, you!

Sincerely,

Erik Kimsey

* *I was raised by a geographer*. My childhood memories are graffitied with maps, charts, and satellite images. Phrases such as "GIS", "spatial analysis", "dispersion and density", and "who smudged my transparencies?!" were superfluous.