

# Hello 

Thanks for taking a moment to look here.

I'm currently applying for a software engineering role at Apple, with a focus on systems, tooling, and testing infrastructure. This repository exists simply to provide a bit of additional context alongside my resume.

I've spent most of my career building reliable, testable systems – often in environments where correctness, determinism, and long-term maintainability mattered more than short-term velocity. That mindset is what draws me to Apple's engineering culture.

I've worked professionally across all major operating systems:

- macOS and iOS
- Linux (server and containerized environments)
- Windows

That cross-platform experience has shaped how I think about tooling, abstractions, and developer experience – especially when building systems meant to be trusted by other engineers.

I care deeply about clear interfaces, thoughtful constraints, and software that behaves predictably under real-world conditions. I'm excited about the possibility of contributing to Apple's frameworks and internal tools, and learning from the people who build them.

Thanks for reading,  
\*\*Travis\*\*

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## ## Engineering Notes

A few principles that have guided how I approach systems, tooling, and testing over the years:

- **Correctness before cleverness**  
I prefer simple, explicit designs that make invalid states hard or impossible to represent. When systems fail, they should fail loudly and predictably.
- **Testability is a design concern, not a phase**  
I've found that systems designed with clear boundaries and stable interfaces tend to be naturally testable, and require fewer brittle or overly-mocked tests.
- **Determinism builds trust**  
Whether generating documents, synchronizing state, or validating

data, I try to design systems that produce the same results given the same inputs. This makes failures easier to reason about and tools easier to trust.

– **\*\*Tooling should respect the developer\*\***

Internal tools and frameworks are successful when they reduce cognitive load, surface the right information at the right time, and stay out of the way when things are working.

– **\*\*Good abstractions age well\*\***

I value APIs and frameworks that are boring in the best way – stable, predictable, and resistant to accidental misuse.

These ideas have been shaped by working across backend systems, real-time applications, and multiple operating systems, and they continue to influence how I evaluate and build software today.