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Dear[name],

My passion for computers started when I was 12. My aunt decided to open an internet cafe. I would go there just to see bright screens and characters moving inside video games. As I grew up, I never turned this curiosity into passion until recently. My interest in software engineering started when a friend during a road trip last year asked me to guess what the next number is in fibonacci Sequence. After I analyzed the given numbers and was able to point out the pattern, he encouraged me to try Software Engineering because Fibonacci Sequence is well known in the industry and pointed out that I have the ability to think logically. I was just happy that I got the number right because I love numbers and patterns.

While I wanted to see whether I am truly interested, I decided to take an online course on coursera about coding and I was hooked since then. I really enjoy the satisfaction after I solve one of the problems using JavaScript and next thing I know I am looking online about bootcamp for Software Engineers. I decided to take the next step from working with code as a trial and move into coding as a career. I delved completely into a programming curriculum in which I deepened my knowledge of Python, Javascript, React, Flask, and PostSql among other technologies. I applied these acquired skills into three projects with two being solo efforts which let me explore my own capabilities and understanding of the languages implemented, and the other being group efforts which taught me the value of proper git flow and scrum board management for efficient collaboration. I found a deep appreciation for React/Redux as I constantly found myself thinking of all the small details and how they would compound upon each other until they reached the big picture reminiscent of my earlier experiences with software development. I really like that you can always fix something in store if you can no longer change the backend but can still get the result you need within the React/Redux store. I am honestly really proud of my last project, Homielist, where I tried to clone Facebook to be as close as possible. I know that I can continue to improve it to look closer to Facebook and am excited to work on those features.

I see that at [company name] you value ethics, culture and citizenship. These values resonate with me as a first-generation immigrant that was raised with differing cultures and loves to see progression with diversity as well as staying true to myself as honesty and integrity begin with a solid foundation with your own identity and sense of self. I'd like to provide your teams with my passion and drive for learning in this position as well as integrate myself into your teams as someone reliable technically as well as interpersonally.

Sincerely,

Simon Tan