**About Me**

I’m Andrew Wilson, originally from Chicago IL. My first degree was in Economics & Japanese Literature, and I moved to Tokyo immediately after graduating in December 2012, where I currently live and work. I worked in tech recruitment for three years, first at a boutique agency then later moving internal at a consulting firm, but then changed to my current role as a market entry specialist. My job is to help overseas companies (usually medium-sized tech startups) enter the Japanese market by directly reaching out and pitching to customers, and helping design the entry strategy based on their feedback.

I decided to attend OSU because I’ve always been somewhat technically inclined (I’ve assembled computers, written basic Powershell scripts and fairly advanced spreadsheet macros for work, and set up a home automation server on a Raspberry Pi at home) and I want to transition out of a quota-carrying sales-focused role. After the program I hope to find a development role in order to get production experience, and either continue down that career path if it’s a good fit, or make a transition into technical sales or project management if not. I have very little interest in research. I’m interested in studying CS primarily because I like to code and I’m interested in new applications, but also because it is an in-demand field that is likely to grow over time and I want to ensure my future employability.

**Programming Experience**

I have little programming experience outside of what I have covered in the program thus far. I have taken 161, 162, and 271, so I am most comfortable in C++.

I’ve used VSCode of all of my development in 161/162, and dabbled with Visual Studio in 271.

I’m comfortable on basic CLI from tinkering with a Raspberry Pi.