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To Whom It May Concern,

I found about your Internship opening through a friend who recently got hired at GitLab. She advised me to apply for it. I was incredibly excited, since I had heard GitLab's name consistently tied with good work environment and values. I was also quite interested to be a part of the Engineering Internship Pilot Program.

An HR friend once told me, "At the end of the day, the people you want to hire is the same you wouldn't mind sharing a coffee with on an airport during a business trip. So on interviews, that is the person they want to meet".

So who are you meeting, exactly? I am an enthusiastic web developer in love with learning and passing on my knowledge. I have a crush on Front-End, but I have been working in the MERN Stack, so React is one of the frameworks I've used. I also know Python, and I would be 100% willing to start studying Ruby. My Code of Honor involves being ethical and professional at all times.

My "origin story" is as follows: After a couple of years in Finance I wanted something that I could immediately apply and see progress. And hence came first VBA and Macros, then HTML, CSS and then Javascript. The Web Dev Bootcamp was inevitable and after that, continuous studying to become a better Teaching Assistant.

Currently as a Web Dev Teaching Assistant at Ironhack, I have been able to use my communication skills daily, helping the students either with debugging or understanding difficult concepts in a very fast-paced environment. I also use Team Leadership and Project Management skills to help them managing their own individual projects and advising on best practices. I am also currently working with Vinculo Design Estratégico as a Freelancer Web Developer, helping turning their beautiful design into beautiful code - This helps keeping my coding skills sharp.

Why me, why not? I am not my end-product yet, I am in-development, but slowly, steadily, I am getting there. I would love for GitLab to be my next experience working in the market, mostly because I believe we share similar values - Slowly evolving with steady foundations always striving to keep quality above all else. My Big Hairy Audacious Goal is to be a working as a web developer by the end of next year and to lead a team and provide mentorship in the next 5 years.

I look forward to discuss these and more theories with you, if only you give that chance.

Thank you for your consideration,

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