To whom it may concern,

What excites me most about working for Cloudera as a Sales Engineer is that it incorporates one of my greatest strengths, customer satisfaction. I am a team player who goes above and beyond for my customers, as well as, my colleagues. I know that not only will customers remember that you found them the best solution, but, more importantly, they will remember how you made them feel.

For the past decade, I’ve worked in customer facing roles, including a seven-year stint bartending. I loved bartending because I love people and I love to serve. My next position, working for President Obama’s reelection campaign, was where the seed of my desire to code was planted. Also, the campaign worked like a startup with reported metrics, shifting priorities and, eventually, one hundred hour weeks. During my most recent position at Verizon Wireless, I took a front-end course at Thinkful.com. Alas, working forty-five to fifty hour weeks didn’t leave me with much energy to code. This is what led me to leave Santa Monica for Portland and learn to code full time.

I’m not gonna lie, Epicodus has not been easy. I am learning so much that, at times, it feels like drinking from the fire hose. But, I love it. My favorite part of coding so far is testing. Perhaps my excitement threshold is low, but I get such a thrill when I see the green letters from a passing test in RSpec. It’s the little things in life.

Epicodus has been educational. But, now, I want to use my education to work in a customer-facing role, because at the end of the day, I am a people person. And if it helps, I’d be happy to mix drinks after work, if you need.

Thank you,

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