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Dear Snips:

I am writing you to inquire about the Speech Recognition Internship at Rasa.

My name is David Pollack and I am pursuing a Master of Science in Economics with a specialization in Quantitative Methods at Humboldt Universität in Berlin. Courses I have taken include: Multivariate Statistics, Econometrics Methods, Grundlagen des Operations Research, Business Analytics and Data Science, Machine Intelligence I (supervised and reinforcement learning) + II (unsupervised learning). For my master's thesis, I working on language identification of audio using convolution and recurrent neural networks in PyTorch, a precursor to speech recognition.

I discovered Snips, when I heard Alice Coucke on a NLU panel discussion at the Chatbot Summit in Berlin. After the talk, I looked into Snips and thought this is exactly where I want to be professionally. I left the world of consulting in 2013 because I believed the future lies in computers' understanding of human communication, and I moved halfway around the world to Berlin, because less defined situations always intrigue me. Thus I started a Masters focusing on ML and decided to work on a thesis in the less well understood area of audio data classification (relative to image classification, for example). I see the opportunities at Snips as an Speech Recognition Intern (or any of the other ML internship positions) as the final step in my transition from a consultant to an engineer. Although I could still pull from my previous experience as a consultant and being a native English speaker to make myself a unique and valuable intern for Snips.

I would be delighted to discuss the position further either in a formal interview or informally over a cup of coffee (a short-haul flight in a small price to pay for what could be the perfect opportunity). Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

David Pollack