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Domino Data Lab

Dear Domino,

TL;DR I'm qualified for and excited about this position, and am also absolutley a real human being directly typing these symbols into my computer for you to read, dear hiring manager.

I'm a hands-on engineer with a broad familiarity with many modern languages, including most of the ones in your post: Expert level at C++, Java, and Go, and familiar with Scala and Kotlin (but not C#).

I bring very good algorithm and data structure knowledge, and am truly exceptional at the optimization of existing processes, reducing resources and improving runtimes. The TopCoder link in my resume will show you how I performed on what are now called "Data Science Matches" – competitions to produce better answers to computationally intensive problems with limited CPU and memory. Examples of applying this for real production code are highlighted on my resume under the "Algorithms" and "Data Structures" bullets.

At Groupon, I developed large distributed systems that had to perform under the dreaded "Starbucks Deal" – the highest-traffic times site, preceeded by much vetting and load testing. My systems - 1. a points-based customer retention program and 2. the front page of the groupon.com website - worked without issue.

Finally, I've been at the top of the tech ladder for nine years. I will always be hands-on coding, but I also mentor engineers and shape the organizations that I work in so that we make better products.

This position seems right up my alley, and I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to something that I can believe in!

Sincerely,

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