Some people are lucky enough to find their passion in life. I am one of those people. I started with my own 'website' on the 'Internet' before it was called the Internet. I was writing 3D games at the same time as Carmack. I've worked with the CEO who replaced Musk at Zip2. I've patented technology for giant server farms and I've made a living on my own real-life farm, building my own e-commerce business to go with it. Programming always has been and always will be a big part of my life.

Yesterday I was reminiscing with a friend about how we used to make fun of JavaScript because 'real coders' used C/C++ and assembly. We were so wrong. Today I consider myself a JavaScript expert, though experience tells me to watch out for anyone who thinks they're an expert. Technology advances so quickly, there is always more to learn. A lot more.

Yes, I'm an expert with C++, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, REST, CSS, WebGL… No, I might not have experience with the exact tech stack you're using. However, I suspect I could learn it about as easily as a Ford mechanic could learn to work on a Dodge.

Speaking of mechanics, as a 'farmer' I had to become a decent mechanic myself. I had no one else to help yet I still succeeded. I did everything from marketing and sales to crew manager and political lobbyist. I've changed the governor's mind when none of the other executives could. I've managed large teams and I've worked alone. I've been part of tremendously successful startups and some tremendously miserable failures. While my passion is heads-down coding, that is not my only skill set.

After selling my e-commerce business, I'm lucky enough that I can be picky about what I do next. I'm looking for something that is both fascinating and rewarding. I'm looking for a challenge. I want to combine my frontend, full-stack, 3D, and consumer product experience to do something awesome. A friend convinced me to look at Tesla.

The Tesla job listings are somewhat vague. That's either a sign of disorganization or a sign that Tesla is trying to hire excellent people who can work outside the box. That second thing, that's what I want. I want to work with talented people on a challenging project with big potential. I want to help move the world forward. I'm not looking for just a paycheck, I want something more.

Resume: https://gstrawn.dev/resume.pdf