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To Whom It May Concern:

I enjoy scripting. As a person who wrote a script for the sake of making this cover letter's formatting a little less time-consuming, I should. That is, in part, why I'm writing you now. I came across the opening for Software Developer Intern while searching LinkedIn for an internship that would be a fit for me. By the end of this letter, I hope to make a pretty convincing case for why I'd be a good fit for the position, as well.

The opportunity to contribute to a company doing innovative, challenging work while holding itself to high societal standards has been one of my primary concerns with searching for an internship. With its involvement in the first landing on the moon through to creating the Jeopardy-winning Watson of present day, "Big Blue" has managed to check all of these boxes off. To work with the company that holds the distinction of having started artificial intelligence research, and to still be doing that research today, is impressive. I'm also aware that IBM has been recognized for hiring the first female vice president and the first black salesman – all prior to 1950. To do any work that even indirectly supports these causes would be infinitely rewarding.

During my day-to-day, I primarily work in Unix and have had some experience with servers and retrieving information in both XML and JSON formats. I'm beginning to work with AWS, but my overall experience is limited. As a result of performing especially well in an Operating Systems course, I am now an undergraduate researcher at Jack Baskin School of Engineering's Storage Systems Research Center at UCSC, where distributed systems, deduplication, and security are active areas of research. With this internship, I hope to make substantial contributions to IBM, to determine within what area my research should fall, and, most of all, to learn.

I thank you for your consideration. At your earliest convenience, please contact me at 408-807-8277, or any of the other methods listed on my resume and website, if you would like to discuss this position further.

Sincerely,

Gerald Brown