

**FINE**

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Dear FINE,

In his last lecture, Dr. Randy Pausch said, *"The brick walls are not there to stop us. They are there to allow us to show how badly we want something."* His desire for excellence to reach new heights drove deep into my subconscious.

My name's Grady Shelton. I'm a friendly software developer with a love of jumping into projects and making cool stuff. I try to brighten the world every day, and you folks at FINE seem to be very accomplished in this small and important mission. I hope to demonstrate relentless enthusiasm to join your imagineering team, and together can continue providing brick-wall-busting value for clients.

I'm currently serving as a Project Admin/Security DevOps & QA Engineer at Fiduciary Benchmarks, an Angular and Rails shop. In the past I've also served as:

- React-Native & Redux Mobile Developer, Eyecue Lab
- Rails and UX Developer, Tomkaneart.com, an AWS eCommerce site
- Project Coordinator, Oswego Lake Watershed Council
  - Dependency and Progression Analyses
  - 11 restoration events
  - 61 unique volunteers
- Painter (mostly acrylics!)

After earning a B.S. in Environmental Sciences and working in nature, I transitioned more toward coding to increase my reach of effect and realign with my creative intuitions. I attended the Epicodus school for software development with an emphasis on:

- JavaScript (ES6, Angular, React-Native, React, Redux, D3, Node)
- Ruby (Rails, RSpec, Capybara, JSON API development, Git, Heroku)
- UX (HTML5, SASS, CSS3, Wire-framing, Storyboarding, User Stories)
- Database Management (NoSQL, SQL, Postgres, Firebase, ActiveRecord, AWS)

Now serving in a JIRA-filled hybrid role, I continue to value quality over quantity to help deliver incisive products. My integration of art, science, and data analysis with innovative programming to elicit positive user experiences has always been a point of pride.

I've become quite the polyglot as well, often independently learning other new technologies. In this vein, Tomkaneart and LunchWith have been very fulfilling projects, representing two examples where I successfully learned new technologies on the run (Rails, AWS, React-Native, and Redux).

Whether I'm the first employee for a watershed council, or developing fresh, pixel-perfect mobile apps for startups, serving as a central cog within inspired teams is my forte. The bet is my drive, interdisciplinary skill-set, and refined ability to communicate across an array of teams will engender an exciting transition in joining the fiercely innovative work of FINE.

I can't wait to discuss the notion of joining the kind of team I've always wanted to work with. Thanks for reading this letter!

Best regards,

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