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Dear Sir/Madam

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10 October 2020

RE: Placement Java Engineer at WANDisco,

I am a second-year Computer Science student at Sheffield Hallam University.

When browsing the university's placement partners ahead of applying for my sandwich year position, the opportunity at WANDisco caught my eye as it seemed like an interesting company offering a very technologically impressive service.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn about the dynamic and modern work environment at WANDisco as I think this kind of habitat encourages programmers to produce their best work, and I'd be excited to get the opportunity to work in it, especially on such an exciting technology.

In the past I have worked as a warehouse-based repair technician at Team Knowhow and in front-line support at St Barnabas Hospice, and I think this range of experience has prepared me for working professionally in a modern and agile company such as WANDisco.

As an aspiring and talented computer scientist I believe this placement would give me a chance to take on board industry knowledge and learn about unique technologies whilst contributing to the ongoing projects at WANDisco and I would greatly appreciate you considering me for this role.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully,

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Personal Profile

I am an undergraduate Computer Science student at Sheffield Hallam University, applying my strong affinity for mathematics and logic, demonstrated by my A in maths and B in further maths, to find solutions when using programming to solve problems. I can communicate well with peers thanks to my experience with Customer Support and Communications at Team Knowhow and First Line Support at St Barnabas Hospice.

Education

2019 – Current

Sheffield Hallam University

BSc Computer Science – BCS Accredited Qualification including:

- Procedural & Object-Oriented **Programming** in C++, Java, and JavaScript
- **Mathematics**, Algorithms and Data Structures
- **Computer Architecture**, Systems & **Database Modelling**
- Group Project Development
- **Software Engineering** Concepts and Methods

2017 – 2019

Lincoln College

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing; Achieved Grade DM

2014 – 2016

Lincoln UTC

10 GCSEs A-C including A in Computer Science and Maths, B in Further Maths

Experience

Sept 2019 - St Barnabas Hospice – IT Administrator and Technician

Assisted in general administration of the IMT department and maintenance of company networks, helped configure and deploy new and reused company laptop and desktop computers.

Worked alongside second-line support technician to troubleshoot and provide quick responses and solutions to IT related issues throughout the organisation, across numerous sites.

Researched, developed, tested and documented a formal process for efficiently imaging and reimaging machines whilst providing first line support to company employees and contractors.

Nov 2018 – Jun 2019 - Team Knowhow – Laptop Repair Admin at Newark Repair Centre

Worked under loose supervision to diagnose and remedy hardware and software faults with customer laptops.

Communicated with customers to ascertain further details regarding the fault if necessary, providing coherent and respectful explanations to the customer about any perceived (but not actual) faults.

Ensuring the safety of any devices returned to the customer whether in a repaired or unrepaired state (notably charging devices or laptops with charging/power related faults).

References

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Proof of Application

Thank you for your application to WANDisco > Jobs x



WANDisco <no-reply@hire.lever.co>
to me ▾

Thu, 15 Oct, 17:55



Hi Joe,

Thank you for your interest in WANDisco! We wanted to let you know we received your application for Placement Java Engineer, and we are delighted that you would consider joining our team.

Our team will review your application and will be in touch if your qualifications match our needs for the role. If you are not selected for this position, keep an eye on our jobs page as we're growing and adding openings.

Best,
The WANDisco Team

Proof of Invitation to Next Stage

WANDisco HackerRank assessment > Jobs x



Amanda Hutt <amanda.hutt@wandisco.com>
to me ▾

Wed, 28 Oct, 11:18



Dear Joe,

Thank you for your application for the role of Placement Java Engineer at WANDisco International Ltd in Sheffield.

As part of the application process we would like to invite you to complete a short technical assessment via Hackerrank. This test should be completed by noon on Wednesday 4th November.

If you do not wish to complete the assessment, have any concerns or experience any difficulties please do let me know.

Once the test has been completed, we will be in further contact.

Kind regards
Amanda



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