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COVER LETTER

Dear Hiring Manager,

For the past five years I literally donated my body to science for the purpose of getting out of debt and saving up tuition to acquire a new skill set. I crisscrossed the country countless times in pursuit of clinical trials. I navigated my way through downpours and blizzards, spin outs and wrecks, professional rejection and personal heartbreak. All-too-frequent 21+ hour drives. 250+ days per year in a controlled environment doing not-so-hard time. (Think of living in a dorm with labs attached.) Thousands of blood draws for the hope of medical breakthroughs and a sizable nest egg.

Simply, it's been a bizarre and contentious journey to even begin learning code.

But learn code I did. After 18 months of online tutorials, one-on-one mentoring and a 9-week intensive boot camp in Rio de Janeiro, I'm now at a point where I'm eager to launch my career as a full stack developer. The only problem is not knowing exactly how to proceed. The deeper I delve into web development the more I've discovered that there's a wide chasm between acquiring knowledge and applying it (let alone getting paid for it). And while there is much to be gained building personal apps and contributing to open-source projects, let's be honest: my best chance of getting ahead will require finding people who want to help me succeed on this new (and daunting) path.

So I'm seeking mentors to offer direction. I'm seeking a team to keep me from going adrift. I'm seeking secure employment and glowing references, and I'm determined to put in the due diligence to earn both. After years of struggling on my own, I intend to bridge this gap between learning and doing by giving my focus and dedication to those who will take a chance on me.

I've worked so hard just to get here. I'm looking forward to traveling farther, working smarter, living brighter - and to no longer be doing it alone.

Quo imus,
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EXPERIENCE

Full Stack Developer (OntheCodeAgain.com)

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December 2018 – Present

- Advancing skills with Ruby, Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, jQuery, React, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap and SQL

Auditor - Phase I Medical Trials

Auditor (Contract)

March 2016 – Present

- Collating and organizing paperwork for individual Phase I medical trials for facilities nationwide, ensuring accuracy and compliance per pharmaceutical drug sponsors' guidelines

Freelance Editor/Copywriter

Editor · Copywriter

Chicago, IL

May 2013 – January 2018

- Short-term and per diem assignments writing, proofreading, revising, editing and critiquing media mail, brochures, advertisements, essays, blogs and manuscripts

BMO Capital Markets

File Clerk – Trust & Operations

Chicago, IL

February 2012 – May 2013

- Reorganizing paper filing systems of Trust & Operations (T&O) division in preparation of upcoming audits
- Converting T&O paper filing systems to digital formats
- Maintaining T&O paper and digital archives regarding trusts, confirmations and statements

Inland American HOLDCO Management

Project Coordinator

Oak Brook, IL

September 2011 – November 2011

- Collating hundreds of documents into interoffice archive for corporate campus that available for lease
- Researching news articles for information on job growth programs, future public transit works, city/county/state initiatives (corporate relocation, tax incentives, etc.) and the leasing/sale of similar corporate campuses
- Prepping rent roll specs by way of VLOOKUPS (MS Excel) for upcoming company audit

The Last Temptation of Clarence Odbody (Novel)

Creative Consultant · Editor

Chicago, IL

October 2010 – August 2011

- Intensive editorial work on 223-page manuscript for Chicago novelist, musician and playwright John Pierson focusing on narration/POV, structure, plot, character development, dialogue, continuity, rhetoric and rewrites
- Acting as creative consultant for additional scenes/dialogue that help further story and strengthen underlying themes

Citadel Investment Group

Data Entry Specialist · Database Management

Chicago, IL

March 2007 – November 2009

- Editing, updating and maintaining Securitized Products Group (SPG) database
- Analyzing mortgage prospectuses and pooling and servicing agreements to extract relevant information
- Processing daily bid/offer lists and monthly remittance reports into specialized MS Excel database to be used as reference guide by global network of financial analysts
- De facto team leader regarding continuity within databases as well as discussions with programmers and supervisors on how data systems could be streamlined for easier access

Sprint Nextel

Data Entry Specialist

Reston, VA

July 2006 – October 2006

- Sorting and filing two separate directories into one integrated system for insurance division
- Transferring contact information for 10,000+ business clients from paper contracts to intranet database
- Supervisor of five employees for the purpose of ensuring continuity for both paper and digital registries

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| Clio Awards <i>Administrative Assistant · Database Editor</i> | Chicago, IL | January 2000 – June 2006 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting with data entry, filing, proofreading, stocking/ordering supplies, sorting mail and answering phones for international advertising awards show Maintaining and supervising Client and Entries databases (approx. 12,000 names and 13,000 annual submissions, respectively) Editing and revising final proofs of Shortlist and Winners books (approx. 300 pages each) Acting Supervisor of Clio Festival Registration: greeting and registering 1200+ attendees; maintaining guest lists for gala events; customer service; handling payments; sorting gift bags; arranging signage; organizing displays and supervising student volunteers throughout week-long festival in Miami | | |

SKILLS

Mac OS X, Linux and PC proficient, 70 wpm, MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Access, PowerPoint), Java, Python, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, jQuery, SQL, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
Github, Heroku, FileMaker Pro, QuarkXPress and Cubase SX

EDUCATION

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| Le Wagon <i>Intensive Coding Boot Camp</i> | Rio de Janeiro, BR | October 2018 – December 2018 |
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ENTREPRENEURIAL

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| The Penguin's Tuxedo <i>Founder · Lead Organizer</i> | Chicago, IL | August 2008 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder and lead organizer for not-for-profit event promotions platform that specializes in outings to cultural events/productions at discount rates to subscribers Networking with artists/entertainers, venues, managers and publicists to coordinate group rates and incentives | | |
| Justin Holt – Voice Over <i>Voice Over Artist</i> | Chicago, IL | February 2005 – Present |
| BFN Networks (BFNinYourEars.net) <i>Founder · Producer · Music Promoter</i> | Chicago, IL | February 2000 – June 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder and producer of BFN Networks podcasting station and host of weekly podcasts <i>Noble Efforts</i>, <i>The Sound Of You & Me</i>, <i>Secondhand Neon</i> and <i>Bring Back The DJ</i> Editing and mastering episodes, skits and interviews for web streaming/podcasting Writing copy for all episode guides and interview summaries Networking with artists, management, publicists and label reps for the purpose of discovering new music and scheduling band interviews Comprehensive web site building and maintenance (HTML) | | |

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