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To the hiring team at GitLab,

I wish to apply for a Frontend Engineer role at GitLab. I really value your transparent, open-source ethos and am excited about the complexities of the project and the large scope of technical problems it suggests. Your remote, asynchronous working style sounds like my perfect environment and I would love to chat with you more about the value I can bring to your team.

Currently I am working as a Software Engineer at a startup called Mish Guru. At Mish I work with a team of remote developers to create a web-based marketing platform for Snapchat and Instagram using technologies such as React, Node, TypeScript, GraphQL, Docker, AWS, and Kubernetes. Based in New Zealand with my manager in Berlin, I am almost entirely self-managed in this role, coordinating with my team through web-cam meeting and Slack messages, and taking on much of the planning, delegating, QA, and other tasks required of a team lead.

My role at Mish has given me many of the qualities you are looking for at GitLab. I have experience building frontend applications and a solid understanding of CSS, HTML, core JavaScript concepts, and React. I am also used to taking ownership of projects — at Mish I often worked with the CTO and CPO to block out work, break key objectives into achievable tasks, and plan for their delivery.

I came to Mish as a self-taught programmer with little experience in software development and advanced from a junior to a senior in a little over 2 years. This is a testament to my powerful work-ethic, passion for building software, and love of new challenges. I am confident that I can master any new tech GitLab puts in front of me.

Thank you for considering me for GitLab and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Lucy-Jane Walsh