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Greetings,

Before I was a coder, I was a dancer. I've taught movement to a wide range of ages and skill levels, and choreographed dances performed in theaters, on street corners, and in lakes. While I've also been the one on stage, I actually gravitate towards roles behind the scenes. I've always been a tinker, tweaking and iterating movement phrasing or lesson plans until I finally get to share them with people. I believe this is why I gravitated so strongly towards programming as another career and, ultimately, a passion.

For me, programming is about this cycle of creating, sharing, and collaborating. When I decided to take the leap into a bootcamp, I was naturally worried that the skills of an artist wouldn't transfer to those of a programmer. However, what I found was an environment of constant exchange. My cohort was a group of people who had taken the same risk I had, and there was this implicit understanding that we were there for each other. I was the one who was always sharing weird, maybe unnecessary quirks I had learned about JavaScript or Ruby. My capstone project was selected to be showcased to the next cohort, which gave me an opportunity to talk about and pass on what I had learned in the program. Even post graduation I am still developing a project with some of my closest teammates.

To any team I bring my skills as an experienced collaborator along with practiced client facing capabilities. As a choreographer and a teacher, I've worked with many different types of learners and it was my job to adapt to their needs. I think of it as creating a workspace for each group, an environment that nurtures their learning experience.

Everywhere I've worked has been as part of a team, and I wouldn't want it any other way. I bring an artist's eye when it comes to concepting projects on a macro/planning level, and a teacher's ability to communicate with others when we're in the thick of coding. I've been told on many occasions that my passion can be infectious. However, equally as important as leading is knowing when and how to follow. I am as excited to share with someone as I am learning from them. From a technological standpoint, I utilize React and Ruby on Rails when creating my projects, in addition to many other libraries, such as Redux.

I make a great addition because I have a group-oriented work mindset coupled with hands-on experience as a communicator. I have a desire to work at companies that I feel are making a positive impact in the world and contribute not only my technological skills but also my teaching know-how. Please enjoy looking through my projects and other experiences.

Thank you,
Marc