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To whom it may concern:

I love to program. It is where I am most comfortable and at home. However, my early career found me largely doing web development, system administration, and IT support. It is time for me to change and I want that change to make a difference by contributing to to the Mozilla family of software full-time. I've been carrying around a Firefox laptop bag for four years now and I would like to have a part in making something instead of just evangelizing.

My vocational software development experience is spotty, but I have made up for that as best I can through hobby programming—such as developing my own gift registry web application and learning Haskell—and by pursuing a masters in computer science through Stanford's SCPD program. I do not plan to ever stop learning and experimenting with new technologies, and the web is the place to do that. It isn't going to stop changing any time soon and I plan to be there keeping pace, whether that's implementing HTML5 and CSS3, or integrating that new mail protocol we've all been waiting for (and you know we need one but Wave hasn't taken off).

I want to transition my career into software engineering and development so that I can create things that people directly find useful and change user experiences for the better. I can think of no better place to do that than the Mozilla foundation, where quality software meets a set community-oriented values. I look forward to working with talented programmers making excellent software, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Andrew Haven