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Dear Sir or Madam,

Perhaps the number one purpose of a cover letter is an exchange between two parties - the employer seeks something that can characterize a great candidate, and the applicant wishes to convince the employer that he/she is the great candidate that they've been seeking. And since the resume already exists as a succinct summary of qualifications, it should be the cover letter's job to expand and fill in any gaps to be found in the resume. To that end, I find it useful to skip all the stiff formalism that conventionally surrounds cover letters, and jump straight into the desired exchange of information.

With regard to my ability to perform well in this position:

1. I have a **strong interest and enthusiasm in mathematics and problem solving**.
With high grades in my advanced level math courses, multiple accolades in a variety of competitions, and a genuine hobbyist affinity towards puzzles, I believe that my mindset will be perfectly suited for tackling the problems that an Engineering intern at Shopify will face.
2. I possess **excellent communication and leadership skills**. I've spent a lot of time performing well in various teaching and tutoring roles (i.e. tutoring and counseling work experience not listed on my resume), as well as leading and teaching my high school's computer science team to strong provincial finishes in competitions.
3. I have acquired a **modest amount of experience**. In particular, I believe that my time with full stack web development at inBay Technologies, in conjunction with my prior work in network debugging and security testing at CENX will make me an immediate strong starter in an engineering position at Shopify.

I understand that there will be a large number of applications for this position. However, it is my belief that these outlined characteristics will enable me to best integrate with the culture at Shopify, and to immediately become an asset upon starting. I hope that this letter served its purpose as a knowledge transaction, and that your consideration of my candidacy has been appropriately adjusted for it.

Thanks in advance for your time,

Simon Zeng