

Greetings!

Please consider my application for the position of Site Reliability Engineer. I have included my resume in MS Word format, but also invite you to view [my online resume](#) which offers a bit more detail and interactivity. [My github account](#) contains plenty of code samples. I have carefully read this position's requirements and think you will agree that there is quite a bit of overlap.

I have been a Python user for 10+ years and have used Python daily as a professional programmer for about six years. I also have some proficiency in: javascript, ruby, rust, schema and others. I believe one should try to write code with the assumption that people *will read it* (so "hacks" are to be avoided) and with reusability as an underlying goal. I do however know how to strike a balance and get that high priority project out the door, postponing beautification for a later time by filing a bug, adding "TODO" comments or setting a milestone.

The goal should be to automate everything. It's also important to weigh the cost of automation against other alternatives. I have ample automation experience. My last two positions (a span of 6+ years) centered around automation of a range of hardware and software, most of which was designed without much thought to automation, so I'm familiar with implementing imperfect but GOOD automation for all kinds of things. To give an idea: any and all features of the [Cisco UCS product line](#) and much of [VMware's cloud datacenter efforts](#).

I am quite familiar with a range of networking concepts, as my career has involved not only implementing networking code in Python but also building out and owning complex networks for multiple employers as a Systems Engineer, in most cases with me being the sole architect, and administrator for businesses ranging from tens to hundreds of employees making heavy use of IT resources (e.g. [circuit design simulation](#) or network security [hardware design engineers](#)).

The first half of my career I spent with small, efficient, start-up-sized organizations. I am familiar with the pace of work and expectations for quality and commitment that come with such an environment. Not only am I familiar and comfortable with such an environment, I've found that I prefer it! Meaningful work is the key to a happy work life.

Finally, I also have a total of nearly three years of *productive* work-from-home experience, working for Cisco from my home office in Japan. I was able to effectively communicate with my peers and remain productive despite the distance and time zone difference. Cisco was pleased enough with my work to offer me a promotion and pay for my relocation back to the US, which I accepted. I continued to work for Cisco for another two years. I therefore understand the discipline and boundary-setting essential to succeed while working from home.

I believe that I am a very good candidate for this role! I have no visa requirements and am ready to start immediately. Please get in touch at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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