September 16, 2014

<company>

Attn: <Mr./Mrs. Hiring Manager>

<address\_line\_1>   
<city>, <st> <zip>

**Re: Application for <Job Role Name> - <Office City>, <ST>**

Dear <Mr./Mrs. Hiring Manager>:

Humans thrive when their passions come into a seamless resonance with their inborn nature. Realizing my own passion for programming was a long exciting path, which included a liberal arts education in physics and economics and industry work in finance and in education. Today, as I pursue a Masters in engineering from Columbia University, I continue to discover my interests for <application development>.

<company>’s reputation of identifying and defending thorough, <data driven (or approach to product)> approaches to pioneer innovative products makes it an integral part of my career ambitions. While researching on the <company>, I was attracted by <company>’s reputation to encourage and help its employees develop their ideas into projects and, in the process, create a direct impact on billions of humans worldwide. As I spoke with <someone>, <someone’s position> in <someone’s city>, and he described his contribution in <someone’s project>, it only confirmed my excitement for the job.

While being convinced about <company>’s stature as an ideal workplace, I also believe that I have the right skills and qualities to contribute to the <company>’s <workplacegrowth>.

* **Programming skills and fast learner –** I have developed, and am continuing to develop, strong programming skills in a short period of time, reflecting my natural excitement for the field. Two years ago, I taught myself Rails, which later allowed me to work at the healthcare startup 1DocWay. At Next Jump this summer, I built a personal-occasions reminder tool for CorporatePerks.com using PHP, Zend and prototype.js, technologies that were completely new to me.
* **Abstract analysis** - I possess a thorough understanding of complex quantitative tools and an aptitude for abstract analysis. I have demonstrated these skills through my training in Physics and during my projects at HBO, where I automated the fault-identification process by developing algorithms in Splunk - a big-data analysis platform.
* **Socially responsible** - My belief in personal social responsibility dovetails nicely with <company>’s philosophy of <don’t be evil>. In fact, I cherished my work for the non-profit LettuceBee Kids, where I volunteered to teach Islamabad’s street children. At <company>, I expect and hope to be provided with many such opportunities to contribute to the world.
* **Interdisciplinary thinker** - <company> wants people who are out-of-the-box thinkers and are willing to take initiatives. Having being trained academically at the intersections of disciplines, I have learnt to draw on my skills from across the fields and come up with unique perspectives to problems.

At <company>, I am sure that working on critical projects will continue to draw on my enthusiasm for programming and offer me a breadth of opportunities to make a difference in this world. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further information regarding my application. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Talha J. Ansari