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Dear TakeEatEasy,

I am a 28 year old Linux System Engineer with more than 4 years experience in automation and configuration management (Ansible, Chef). Currently I am working at CERN Control Center, where I am responsible for support and troubleshooting of almost 3000 machines, developing Ansible playbooks and maintenance of our ELK stack cluster.

I am M.A. graduate of IT (Databases) at Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology in Warsaw, B.A. graduate of Computer Science and B.A. graduate of Business Management, both held in English, at University of Lodz. I possess RHCE and RHCSA certificates and I have been a passionate Linux user for over 13 years. Open Source movement was always important to me and I have started engaging in it early. In high school I was running a website supporting Polish community of Fedora Linux users.

DevOps is a central concept to vision of my career. I have become so fascinated by the idea of building bridges between development and operations and of treating infrastructure as a code that I have decided to use and describe this phenomenon in my M.A. thesis on Cloud Computing. It involved a Vagrant and Chef project aiming at configuring a set of services running on a "Hybrid Cloud" (Amazon Web Services+OpenStack).

My main motivation of this application is the desire of self-improvement as an Entrepreneur and a professional DevOps Engineer. I am also very excited by the prospects of working in an international environment in a young and geeky startup company. I have studied and worked in multinational, English-speaking environment for last 9 years. As an enthusiastic, sociable team player, I think that one of the greatest things in getting a new job is making new friends.

Automating processes of development, testing, configuration and deployment of software has been a subject of my professional interest since I got my second job at IMPAQ four years ago. For over two years I have been a member of Scrum-powered Java development team focused on development of Machine 2 Machine (Internet of Things), Cloud Computing and Big Data applications. This team of enthusiastic developers made me aware of the importance and significance of Agile methodologies.

At my third job (Linux Polska) I worked on design and implementation of Jenkins-based automation workflow for massive RPM packages building. The system was used by the company to create their own Scientific Linux clone adjusted to their internal needs.

For last year I have been a member of two teams at CERN: DevOps and Infrastructure. In the first team I have been working mostly on maintenance of Elasticsearch-Kibana-Logalike cluster. In the Infrastructure team along with my daily support and troubleshooting tasks, I have been involved in numerous activities in System Administration Modernisation project. My responsibilities in the project have been mostly related to the transformation of an old bash/awk/Python script-based configuration management to a modern Ansible-based solution. The servers that I have been working with are critical to the operation of CERN accelerators.

I am fascinated by modern patterns of design and implementation of efficient, secure and scalable platforms that can be easily maintained, integrated with external services and extended when new needs appear. I believe in Agile project management of self-motivating teams focused on delivering well-crafted, featureful and reliable systems. The worst possible combination of a project's organization is lack of team cooperation and micromanagement. I am in favor of empowering teams and their individual members to be proactive and independent. As a Management graduate I have learned and I have always believed that a manager is a person who builds an environment in which his team can flourish on its own. Therefore I always strive to be a self-managed team player.

Finally, as a regular Ycombinator's Hacker News reader, I have always dreamed about working in an innovative startup. Building something new in a young team of adventurous geeks is always more exciting than any best job offer in a gloomy corporation.

Thank you for your consideration,



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