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Dear Hiring Manager, I am excited to apply for a position with Mechanical Orchard. I love working with legacy software. I began this when I started working at Protocase and took over their legacy CAD software. My first attempt was to simply rewrite it after I found it hard to work with. I thought I could rewrite it in a way that was easier to deal with. This was true for a while, then my nice fresh software became legacy software over time. I started reading books on legacy software and refactoring and test driven development. I began practicing these techniques and was able to run a team that continued to modify and grow this software without rewriting it. This was tremendously satisfying.

I also have worked with a lot of lower level languages like C, assembly, Ada, Pascal. I believe this would help me when translating old software to new. I am not afraid of the more technical languages.

Finally, I did a lot of customer outreach where I would try to learn what their real problems were and how I could solve them. I have always been very empathetic to others' issues and find it easy to relate.

Thank you for considering me for your role.

Sincerely, –Douglas Ronne