Weichen Qiu Cover Letter





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Dear Hiring Manager:

"I am a computer engineering co-op student" is how I usually introduce myself, however, in reality, I am a student whose learning and experiences extend beyond Python¹, C++, and Arduinos. I am in the majority when I say I have a website² and I go to hackathons, but I am among the minority to have dedicated 100+ volunteer hours to my high school theatre productions through my work as a theatre technician, of which I was nominated for in the Edmonton Journal³. While I have always been involved in school clubs and events, I also have deep roots in community volunteer work at numerous art and children's festivals, and sporting events, and I continue to volunteer with my high school as a swim coach.

Long before I was a computer engineering student, I developed a curiosity for 3D design. Even though I found my calling, I have continued to pursue my passion in design and so with the help of YouTube, I took it upon myself to learn the popular modeling software Solidworks⁴, and along the way, I developed a keen interest in animation with Autodesk Maya⁵.

And long before I was a student, I was an artist, and I continue to find joy through my sketches. What started as coloring books evolved into black and white pencil sketches⁶, and soon I took an interest in Photoshop graphic design and web design.

The power of photos to capture one moment in time has always caught my imagination. My love for photography⁷ is expressed by landscape and wildlife photos from my travels, and candid shots from school events I took as a student's union photographer. My love for photography also extends to videography and video editing. Just as I learn from YouTube videos, I also post videos8 to YouTube that I have directed, filmed, and edited for various clubs.

When it comes to sports, my philosophy has always been to try it out. Some sports I have continued with (i.e. swimming and taekwondo). Some of which I did for a time (i.e. ultimate frisbee and curling). And others that I only did once (i.e. swing dancing and snowboarding). But the experiences and memories have all been invaluable to me.

To summarize, I am a student with a wide range of different skills and passions, yet I have much to learn. Feel free to visit my website: https://w3ichen.github.io, where I showcase my work. Please contact me so we can discuss this further, I look forward to hearing from you.

All the Best.

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¹ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/code/code.html

² https://w3ichen.github.io

³ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/other/other.html ⁴https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/solidworks/solidworks.html

⁵ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/maya/maya.html

⁶ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/art/art.html

⁷ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/photo/photo.html

⁸ https://w3ichen.github.io/pages/video/video.html