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SKILLS

Programming

Python (pandas, FastAPI, pytest), TypeScript, Go, SQL (sufficient to be dangerous), Bash (sufficient to be a liability)

DevOps & Cloud

AWS, Docker, Kubernetes (can spell it correctly), GitHub Actions, Terraform, on-call rotations (involuntary)

Soft Skills

Estimating (wildly optimistic, improving)
Stand-up narration
Nodding confidently in architecture meetings
Writing postmortems that assign blame to 'the system'

Languages

English (Native)
Python (Fluent)
French (Enough to order coffee and cause offence)

VALUES

- > Shipping before Friday
- > Code that future-me won't hate
- > Honest estimates (aspirational)
- > Free coffee (non-negotiable)

HOBBIES

- > Alphabetising bookmarks
- > Reading documentation (occasionally)
- > Competitive Tetris (regional finalist 2019, disputed)
- > Blaming the compiler

REFERENCES

John Doe

Full-Stack Developer | Recovering Perfectionist

Portland, Oregon, United States

software development
cloud architecture
rubber duck debugging
agile survivor

SUMMARY

Full-stack developer with 9 years of experience turning vague requirements into software that mostly works. Specialised in distributed systems, cloud infrastructure, and writing TODO comments that future colleagues will find both helpful and deeply personal. Known for asking clarifying questions early and apologising for them later.

EXPERIENCE

- Infinite Loop Technologies, Senior Software Engineer** Mar 2021 – Present
Portland, OR
Platform Engineering
 - > Architected a microservices migration that reduced deployment time by 60% and increased the number of things that could go wrong by approximately 400%
 - > Led a team of five engineers and one rubber duck; maintained a 4:1 signal-to-noise ratio in code reviews
 - > Introduced observability tooling that finally answered the question 'is it down?' with something more nuanced than 'yes'
 - > Reduced cloud spend by \$180k/year by identifying 23 forgotten staging environments, one of which had been running since 2018
- Venture Startup #4, Software Engineer** Jun 2018 – Feb 2021
San Francisco, CA
Full-Stack (all of it)
 - > Was employee #12; remained employee #12 through two pivots, one acquire attempt, and a rebrand to something with 'AI' in the name
 - > Built the core product API from scratch, then rebuilt it twice as the definition of 'core product' evolved
 - > Maintained 94% test coverage, of which roughly 60% tested the right things
 - > Turned off the lights on the way out; sent a very professional farewell Slack message
- MegaCorp Solutions, Junior Developer** Jul 2015 – May 2018
Chicago, IL
Enterprise Applications
 - > Maintained a legacy Java codebase described in the handover notes as 'mostly fine'
 - > Introduced automated testing to a team that had previously relied on manual prayer
 - > Wrote internal tooling that saved the team approximately 3 hours per week; used those hours to write more tooling

EDUCATION

- MSc in Computer Science** Sep 2013 – Jun 2015
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh, Scotland

Available upon request (they have been warned)

PUBLICATIONS

On the Thermodynamic Properties of Standups That Could Have Been Emails

[doi:10.0000/fake.2024.doe](https://doi.org/10.0000/fake.2024.doe)

- › Thesis: *Optimistic Concurrency and the Illusion of Control* — received commendation, possibly ironic
- › Graduated with distinction; celebrated responsibly

● **BSc in Philosophy**

Sep 2010 – Jun 2013

University of Bristol

Bristol, England

- › Pivoted to software engineering after realising epistemology had fewer job listings
- › Parents have mostly recovered

HONORS & AWARDS

- › Employee of the Quarter Jan 2023
Infinite Loop Technologies — awarded for fixing an outage at 2am without waking anyone else up
- › Hackathon Runner-Up May 2022
Built a working prototype in 24 hours; it became production code, which was not the intention

COURSES

- › AWS Solutions Architect — Associate Sep 2022
Amazon Web Services
- › Kubernetes for the Reluctant Nov 2021
Internal Training, Infinite Loop Technologies

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Hiring Manager
Mundane Solutions Ltd.

1 Enterprise Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98101

March 10, 2026

Re: Senior Software Engineer – Application

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing to apply for the Senior Software Engineer position at Mundane Solutions Ltd. I have nine years of experience building distributed systems, surviving legacy codebases, and writing postmortems that are equal parts honest and diplomatic. I believe I would bring considerable value to your team, and I have been told I am very easy to have in a meeting.

In my current role at Infinite Loop Technologies, I have led platform engineering efforts that meaningfully reduced deployment times and, more importantly, reduced the number of 2am pages by 40%. I am proficient across the full stack, comfortable in cloud environments, and experienced enough to know which problems are interesting and which are simply load-bearing tech debt that should be left alone. I have strong opinions about observability, loosely held opinions about tabs versus spaces, and no opinion whatsoever about the correct naming convention for environment variables (I adapt).

I am drawn to Mundane Solutions Ltd. because your engineering blog suggests a culture where reliability is taken seriously and heroics are not considered a sustainable strategy. I hold the same view. I am a thorough code reviewer, a willing on-call participant, and someone who writes documentation without needing to be asked more than twice. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute. My references are available upon request; they have been briefed.

Kind regards,

John Doe