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Cover letter

I call myself a technomancer. I've been talking to computers my whole life, and now they talk back. That still kind of blows my mind. When I was a kid, getting a computer to do something I'd imagined felt like magic. Now I can sit down with a half-formed idea and go a lot further with it than I could on my own. I want to work on the technology that made that possible.

I also think some of the engineering work AI displaces will move into research. When it gets easier to build things, the hard part becomes knowing what's worth building, what to test, and when a result is actually good enough to trust. That feels like a really good place to put the human brain. It's the part of engineering I've always liked most anyway: pulling a system apart until I understand why it behaves the way it does.

At Front Range Internet, I handled the infrastructure problems that escalated past the NOC. I wrote tooling for the people on the front line and put recurring infrastructure changes into code so they were repeatable. At Technomancy IT, I've brought that same approach to integrating Google Workspace, Slack, and Atlassian tools and making sure only the right people can use them. That's what drew me to OpenAI's Enterprise Platforms team. I'd enjoy making the everyday work of running those systems less manual, and being the person who can trace what happened when something still goes wrong.