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Cover Letter

Dear Hiring Team,

I started as a backend developer in 2007 — Java, enterprise systems — and spent the last decade moving deeper into Kubernetes, cloud infrastructure, and platform engineering. Not because it was assigned to me, but because I find it genuinely interesting. I apply software engineering discipline to infrastructure, treating platforms as products that enable development teams rather than just keeping the lights on.

At Synkzone I had the opportunity to own the whole thing. I inherited a manually deployed VPS and over five years evolved it into a Kubernetes-based setup with services across four Nordic providers — moving through Ansible, Terraform, and eventually GitOps with ArgoCD. I designed it, built it, and operated it. When something broke at 2am, that was on me. I am proud of what we built, and I learned more from taking responsibility for production than I could have in a much larger team.

That experience is what makes me ready for something bigger. I am looking for a scaled-up platform role — more developers to enable, more services to orchestrate, and real architectural mandate. I want to work on infrastructure where the problems are genuinely hard and the reliability requirements are non-negotiable.

Most recently I have been consulting through Accelerate@Iver practice, embedded with Pilotfish AB to help speed up a cloud migration under a tight timeline. Migrating a production microservices platform from IBM Cloud to AWS, replacing Docker Swarm with Kubernetes (EKS), rebuilding infrastructure with CDK, and introducing GitOps with ArgoCD. The first customer is already live. I also drove deployment cadence from two weeks to one — an organizational effort that required navigating real resistance. Getting it adopted took as much political work as technical work.

This is a familiar pattern that has repeated itself across engagements. I am regularly brought in for one thing and end up owning the platform direction. I am at my best when given ownership of a hard problem — greenfield platform builds, messy migrations, or getting an organization to actually adopt better practices.

I would be happy to talk through how my background fits what you are building.

Sincerely, Manfred Nilsson nilsson.manfred@gmail.com 0731512191