Jay Reynolds Freeman's Geek Credentials:

      "Nerds are for dorks: Geeks are forever!" -- Anonymous

I was updating my resume, and got bored, and wrote this while
taking a break. It may be more relevant than my formal resume for
most jobs for which I might be applying, particularly for
employers and recruiters who are geeky enough to find it.

o I have five college degrees in science; none of them is an A.A.

o I have written compilers for a hobby.

o I have privately released three pieces of software as shareware,
  and none of them has generated more than twenty-five dollars
  gross revenue. Nonetheless, I scrupulously maintain the
  programs and release regular updates.

o I have only one pair of socks that is not white, fuzzy, and
  cotton-polyester blend.

o I knew Steve Wozniak when he was designing the Apple I. (For
  the sake of honesty, let me add that I did not know him very
  well.)

o I know how to multiply quaternions.

o I know that tail-recursion only incidentally involves
  recursion.

o I had the honor and the privilege of taking a graduate-level
  class titled "Advanced Quantum Mechanics" from Professor
  Richard P. Feynman while I was an undergraduate at CalTech.

o I got most of the jokes in TRON.

o I have worked on an Apollo spacecraft (while it was stacked on
  a Saturn, not in flight.)

o I am used to thinking of 64 K bytes as a lot of memory.

o I am used to thinking of 64 K processors as a small number of
  processors.

o I can outsmart my cats most of the time.

o My first programming language was Fortran II. That's "Roman numeral two." I still have the manuals for it.

o I carry an IBM card that has nothing to do with the corporate descendant of Hollerith Business Machines.

o All of my flight time in a Space Shuttle simulator is on a unit created by NASA, not by Microsoft.

o I don't own a cell 'phone: What good is a cell 'phone when you don't have any friends?

o I don't own a cell 'phone: All the non-telephone applications it runs have more powerful equivalents that run on my laptop, and I take the laptop everywhere.

o I don't own a cell 'phone: A paperweight that small is no help at all with a physical desktop piled as deep as mine.

o I knew some of the folks at BCC before they moved to Xerox.

o I am a major shareholder and occasional board of directors member in the controlling corporation that provides continuity and limited-liability protection for one of the world's largest science fiction conventions.

o I once worked writing microcode for a highly parallel supercomputer. The joke was that you could find plenty of people crazy enough to write a microcode load, but no one crazy enough to do it twice. I did it twice.

o I think ballroom dancing is easy because it is a straightforward application of nested iterative algorithms.

o I think making love is easy because, ah, let's not go there ...

o A friend of mine once announced at Hackers' that his terrible secret was that he was the person who convinced Intel to use segment registers in the 8086 and 8088: He was lying, and I know what his real secret is.

o I know how to use an abacus and a slide rule.

o I never take advantage of two-for-the-price-of-one ticket deals, because I can go by myself for no additional cost.