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WHO

You're reading about a 19-year-old from Ireland who represented his country at the IMMAF Youth World Championships, left school, left home, and built a company run by AI agents.^[62] Born 2007^[08]. I write the code^[20], and since my co-founder left it's me and a team of AI agents^[61].

HOW I THINK

1. **I'm obsessed with data.** I don't go on a feeling when I can measure it. I built my own data warehouse and my own email verifier because I wanted to know what was true, not what a vendor told me. Every claim on my site links to its source.^[29]
2. **No verdict without evidence.** My verifier won't call an email dead without proof. I hold myself to the same rule.^[68]
3. **Do the hard thing and make it work.** Pick the thing most likely to fail and make it work, through better work or more hours. No quitting. I learned that in the cage.
4. **Automate, don't staff.** Build the operation so it runs itself instead of hiring into it. That's how one person runs Provena. Garbage in is garbage out, so the data gets fixed first.^[61]
5. **Intangibles over tangibles.** Money comes and goes. I'd rather have the people, the conversations and the experience of being in the room.

WHAT IT'S FOR

To build something bigger than me: technology that changes how work gets done. Not money. I don't need it, and it was never the point.

THE FUTURE

We're at an inflection point. There are more problems worth solving than people solving them, and the tools just got a lot better. The next generation will solve them, but they need a push, each other and traction.

HOW IT HAPPENS

By building around the most ambitious young people I can find, and learning from the ones who've done it before. That's why I'm applying. Everything I've learned, fighting and building, says you get better by being around the best.