

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am excited to apply for the Web Developer position. I have recently completed a rigorous Software Engineering bootcamp through BrainStation where I have honed my skills in HTML5, CSS with SASS, Javascript, PHP, React, Node, Express, MySQL, socket.io, REST, CMS platforms such as Strapi as well as Agile methodology. I have worked on various projects, both independently and as a team member using git repos, which have given me a deep understanding of the software development lifecycle. You can view my portfolio here: <https://austincroucher.netlify.app/>

As part of my last project for the bootcamp, I created a retro arcade gaming website fully in react using web sockets in order to re-render my entire game state so a viewer could watch a player play the game live and also chat with them as they did. Implementing web sockets went beyond the scope of my program demonstrating my ability to self teach a complex library and adapt to what the situation required. This project also incorporated the use of MySQL databases to keep track of leaderboards for multiple games as well as users registered to the website.

Before transitioning to software development, I served as a General Manager of a medium sized GTA restaurant where I led a team from diverse backgrounds and skill sets. This experience has enabled me to hone my communication and collaboration skills, which are essential for success in any team-oriented work environment.

As a passionate learner, I am always looking for ways to improve my skills and knowledge. I have a strong work ethic and a problem-solving mindset. I believe I would be an asset to your team, contributing to the development of innovative and creative solutions. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Austin Croucher