

Dear Rabea, I don't normally write cover letters, but since you mentioned it separates candidates from the swarm...Here is how I suit your full-stack developer role:

- 5 years of experience; mix of support & development (have worked across the full stack -> backend, frontend, CI/CD, unit testing, bug fixing, change request documentation, and deployment)
- Few years experience with C#/.NET/ASP.NET/Azure DevOps technologies (currently developing for HMRC's Valuation Office Agency using C#/.NET Core)

Here is some feedback I received from a senior engineer literally yesterday (28th June 2023):

I have worked with Ben for 2 months as an API developer as part of the Data access layer (DAL) ... for the Valuations Office Agency.

Ben is a friendly and incredibly technical developer. He has a great eye for detail, adept problem-solving skills and a fantastic understanding of working in a fast-paced environment.

When I first joined the DAL team, Ben helped onboard me and showed me around the code base. He was friendly and we regularly discussed the technical ins and outs of the projects as well as the wider problems of the project. This made the project feel significantly less daunting and helped me get up to speed very quickly.

One of Ben's strongest skills is his problem-solving and technical understanding. I am regularly impressed at the sheer output and quality Ben is consistently able to deliver while also making time for meetings and pull requests. During sprint plannings, Ben is able to point out irregularities in user stories as well as make informed decisions and judgements about how and when we should deliver certain features. His technical understanding balanced with his knowledge of the system makes Ben a brilliant resource for the client as they know they can regularly rely on him.

Ben has a real maturity to the way he works, as we work in a fast-paced environment, it's very easy to get frantic and try to constantly deliver all the time. Ben has a good understanding of when to focus on deliver and when to stay strict to coding standards.

What surprises me the most about Ben is that he is only a mid-level developer, I have no doubt one day Ben will be a tech lead if not a technical architect if he so pleases. I think Ben being in a more senior position or a position of responsibility would really challenge him to balance sharing his technical knowledge amongst a team whilst also delivering.

It has been a pleasure working with Ben and I would recommend him highly to any project.