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Snapchat Recruitment team

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Hello my name is Alex Norton. I am seeking an entry-level software developer position with Snapchat . I graduate this May with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and hands on experience with Ruby on Rails to create and implement web applications. Currently, I am finishing my last semester abroad in Oxford, England.

As an undergraduate teaching assistant for the past year and an Amazon SDE intern this summer. I have learned how to collaborate with a team and work outside my knowledge set.

At my internship at Amazon, my responsibilities included version control, semantic highlighting and executing runtime environments. All of the above helped me understand the collaboration process between peers that must be done in order to carry out a finely polished product. My biggest discovery was that to be successful in any field hinges on your ability to work diligently with your coworkers to constantly over achieve.

What attracted me to Snapchat is the power of sharing experiences. When you use Snapchat you are doing more than sending them a picture, you are entering their world. You can show everyone a different culture, place, and maybe emotions they have never seen before. I have used Snapchat since it first came out and it has not only brought me entertainment, but happiness.

What made me apply to this position of Software Developer is my love for programming. I have loved learning new technologies such as Hadoop for my senior design project. In that course we created a java program that would spin up a Hadoop cluster for users to run batch jobs using their unshared resources. I also aspire to be a self improver, by working on my design skills in Adobe Illustrator, and new languages such as Swift. Swift is another new technology that will be the face of iOS applications for years.

Lastly, let my state next that I truly love what I do. In my spare time I make YouTube videos of programming tips that I learn. These videos help me stay focused on what I am learning in class and help me review later on. Doing this has allowed to interact with other aspiring programmers around the world and help them learn to code. What draws me to programming is that sort of interaction. When you are on your computer you can be a superhero. You can move things around the world, make people laugh, and change society all at your fingertips.

I am very interested in working for Snapchat and would like the opportunity to discuss a position with you. My resume is attached below. I will contact you in a week to ten days to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to speaking you about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Alex 'A.J' Norton

Attached: curriculum vitæ