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Dear Prospective Employer,

In order to demonstrate my development skills, provide the most up-to-date personal/professional information, and save the planet in the process, I've created a website for my resume that you can view at <https://www.mehrazali.com>. There is no printable version of my resume -- this is a deliberate choice on my part.

My reasons for doing so are straightforward -- I object to the excessive use of paper in official environments, and prefer not to contribute to the waste. As of this writing, there are 7.4million open jobs in the United States¹. Each of these jobs, on average, will receive 250 applications². If each of those applicants had a one-page resume, it would require about 222,008 trees³ to provide enough paper to print them all. That's over 10x the amount of trees in all of Central Park.⁴

Moreover, a live website is the best way to ensure that anybody viewing my details has the latest and most accurate version of that information. Lastly, when I provide a paper version of my resume, companies tend to favor the print copy, thereby defeating the purpose of all the effort I've spent developing and maintaining my resume website.

I apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/jolts.nr0.htm>

² <https://www.inc.com/peter-economy/19-interesting-hiring-statistics-you-should-know.html>

³ <https://www.quora.com/How-many-trees-are-cut-down-for-a-single-sheet-of-paper>

⁴ <http://www.ecorazzi.com/2011/07/07/just-how-many-trees-are-there-in-central-park/>