

Dear Adyen hiring manager,

As one of The Netherlands FinTech success stories, it has been fascinating to see how Adyen has established itself as a leader in global payments. Having traveled the world and studied abroad, I understand the need for businesses and individuals to have access to easy and accessible payment processing solutions. I would find it exciting to be part of Adyen's international team, therefore I am applying for the open position for a Junior JavaScript Developer.

Over the last 1.5 years, I have been learning how to code. Which led me to following and successfully completing the Codaisseur Academy, a full-stack web development bootcamp. At Codaisseur they teach in the philosophy of having a "growth-mindset," what you cannot do today you can learn and do tomorrow. Through countless hours of self-study and Codaisseur, I have gained proficiency in building full-stack web applications. During the academy I built several apps using technologies such as JavaScript, TypeScript, React with Redux on the frontend and Node with Express and PostgreSQL on the backend. Having worked as a professional chef, I was inspired to build a web application which could connect employers with chefs named "Chef Available." A fun and challenging little project which I built from concept to deployment in just 1.5 weeks' time. To continue growing as a developer, I believe it is important to start working on larger more complex codebases. I am aware of the challenges that lay ahead, but also excited to learn from more experienced developers than myself and becoming a valued member of the team.

I perform best in an open and social environment which inspires creativity. Adyen seems to have a great company culture which I believe would be an excellent fit with my own way of thinking and personality. In today's connected world, streamlined payment processing is important. Adyen has an impressive product which I would be excited to help develop further. Having a brother who is a manager at Deutsche Bank, I have heard many stories of outdated technological payment infrastructure which makes connecting vendors with banks a lot more challenging than it needs to be. Financial Technology is rapidly evolving and sounds like an interesting industry to be a part of.

Besides programming skills, the academy has also taught me how to translate user stories into solutions. How to look at a problem from multiple angles and creating a plan before you start coding. Now I want to turn real world problems into real world solutions. As a person I have always felt driven to be successful in whatever role I have, whether it be my studies, cooking or coding I possess over an intrinsic motivation to perform well. In my previous career as a chef, I always strived for the utmost in customer satisfaction. I work hard, learn quickly, and will get the job done. I am confident I can bring the same mindset to this new and exciting career.

I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss the position and would be happy to further explain my motivation during an interview and demonstrate my programming skills in a technical assignment. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to convincing you of what I could bring to Adyen.

Kind regards,

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