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Dear Recruiter:

I am writing to express my interest in your posting for a co-op student, as well as to explain how my skills might be of use. Please note I am only available for a 4-month position.

I feel that it is a risk to offer a position to an applicant. However, I would be grateful for the chance to learn and work together.

A position in this line of work requires certain skills which I believe I possess. I enjoy learning new things and solving problems in a comprehensive manner. Furthermore, I understand the importance of communication in a team and how to work together to achieve goals. I am flexible and I adapt to new situations quickly and effectively. Finally, I am highly organized and I approach challenges with a systematic calmness and preciseness, so as to minimize mistakes.

In addition, I have a strong software-related background. I have been coding for five years in various applications and independent/team settings while always reflecting on the efficiency, clarity, and design of the programs. I am experienced in object-oriented, procedural, and modular programming, as well as scripting, having used languages such as C++, Java, VB, and Python. I am familiar with many software concepts such as algorithms, dynamic programming, and recursion. I am also familiar with many data structures, such as trees, hash tables, and graphs.

Although I've programmed in a variety of applications, my specialty is a front-end web developer. I built a web-site from scratch with the standard HTML, CSS, JS/JQuery combination and used it to test out web technologies such as animations, web APIs (eg Google's embedded book viewer), and modals. I also joined a start-up as their front-end developer and worked with the latest frameworks and technologies to produce a commercial-grade website. I used Angular2 and learnt about many modern techniques such as promises, observables, and injectables, as well as tools such as node.js, socket.io, and SQL.

Thank you for your time,

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Summary of Qualifications

familiar with a strong variety of programming languages and styles
experience with working in a software development team
quick and open-minded learner
resourceful problem-solver with an analytical mindset
organized and communicates well

Relevant Experience

Front-end Developer, MetalTrading Inc., Remote — **May-Aug 2016**
　　built a sophisticated web app with Angular2 and socket.io
Computer Programmer, AAFC, Harrow, Ontario — **May-Aug 2016**
　　created a VB program to automate Excel and also updated a scientific model
Applied Innovation Intern, RBC, Toronto, Ontario — **Aug 2014**
　　maintained, showcased, and researched potentially useful technologies

Other Projects

Personal Website — **2016-Present**
　　yifanm.github.io (meant to be a playground, not a professional website)
Rainmeter — **2016**
　　created and styled desktop components for time, date, calendar, weather, and music
Doodlejump — **2015**
　　on a Tiva Launchpad using the bitmap OLED
Employee Database — **2014**
　　pseudo-database in Java to practise hash tables

Education

Candidate for Bachelor of Software Engineering, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON — **Sep 2015-Present**
　　term averages of 85+%
Ontario Secondary School Diploma, The Woodlands School, Mississauga, ON — **Sep 2011-Jun 2015**

Interests

Android Application Development — **2016-Present**
　　in early stages; planning to be a small game
HackerRank — **2015-Present**
　　frequent practise for algorithms and problem solving
Woodlands Varsity Badminton Team Player — **2014-15**
Woodlands Computer Science Club — **2012-15**

Awards

Honour Standings in Math/Programming Contests — **Varied**
　　such as CCC, ECOO, Pascal, Fermat
COIN 4th Place, CPA Ontario — **2015**
Computer Science and Canadian Law Subject Awards, The Woodlands School — **2014**
3rd Place DECA ICDC, DECA International — **2014**