October 4, 2017

14 West 14 West Mount Vernon Place Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Front-End Web Developer Search Committee:

I am very excited to apply for your Front-End Web Developer position as recently posted on Stack Overflow.

I am a CSS, JavaScript, and Node.js developer, with 4+ years in the open source community and a related professional day job. I'm experienced with front end build tools, CMSs, static site generators, ES6 and jQuery, CSS architectures and frameworks, web analytics, and git workflows. I'm active on GitHub, with accepted pull requests that highlight my attention to detail and ability to read and fix other people's code, and a collection of repos that reflects my skills and drive for learning new technologies.

I recently shipped Azellaz.com, a responsive and https-enabled ecommerce Jekyll site that includes:

- a PostCSS development pipeline that builds with npm
- an atomic CSS library with custom overrides
- JavaScript and jQuery that supports ie10+
- Google Analytics
- and other third party APIs for the shopping cart and payment gateway

The Azellaz source code is available on GitHub, and the static site is hosted on Netlify.com.

While WordPress is no longer my default choice for new projects, I have experience developing my own theme and custom post types, and customizing the theme work of others. Additional CMSs that I've experimented with include Drupal, Kirby, and Monstra.

In my current position as the Emerging Technologies Librarian at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, I teach workshops on GitHub, the command line, and R, and recently attended a day-long Google Analytics/Tag Manager workshop, as well as a NIH-sponsored hackathon. In my spare time, I enjoy learning new technologies via tutorials and podcasts, and helping less-experienced developers at the local Jr. Web Dev Meetup and in the CharmCityJS Slack group.

Enclosed please find my resume with further work examples.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brian Zelip