Hello,

My name is Corey Collins. I left a 10-year career in April of this year to pursue my passion: development. I spent the many years of my career as a Project Manager in multiple industries from tech and security, to excavation and digital signage. I loved these experiences, but it was not what I was passionate about. I always wanted to be a web developer. After encouragement from friends and mentorship with several senior devs in the industry, I took a leap of faith and voluntarily left my field to pursue educational material that would put me on the right track.

I am seeking my first role as a Jr Developer with a company that would like an experienced professional who is driven to grow and adapt. What I lack in technical ability, I make up for in resourcefulness and attitude. I am willing to ask questions, but also seek out answers myself. My experience as a PM has awarded me skills in time management, effective communication, and organization. I may be new to programming, but I am far from new to the business world and have extensive experience communicating between clients and management.

My past experience as a PM is great, but how does that apply to this job specifically?

I started my programming journey as early as 2012 with the basics of HTML and CSS. I expanded on that in 2020 by completing some coursework in Java. However, the bulk of my knowledge has been earned in the last 2.5 months. My areas of study are:

- HTML & CSS Review (Complete)
- Advanced CSS with Libraries (Complete)
- Intro to Advanced JavaScript (Complete)
- Intro to React & Angular (Complete)
- In depth React (Ongoing)
- NodeJS as a backend (Ongoing)
- Intro to MongoDB, PostgreSQL (Ongoing)

I am keeping detailed accounts of my progress on <u>GitHub</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and my <u>personal</u> <u>portfolio</u>. In only two short months I have gone from virtually zero coding experience, to having spent over 300 hours on educational material and active projects..

No amount of education will prepare me 100% for any role in tech. I invite you to a conversation with me to learn where we may be able to help each other. If I am not a good fit for a role with your company, I would still value any input on my progress and what you might expect if I were to apply again in the future. I have found nothing but encouragement from the tech community on my journey, and I would cherish any input you have. Regardless of your decision, I wish you the best on all of your future endeavors.

Thank you,

Corey Collins M.