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Dear recruiter, I am writing to express my interest in the position that you have open.

My name is Devin, I am a digital artist utilizing video, audio, photo, and code. From a young age I was always fascinated by computers; with the gift of a Visual Basic game programming book around age 8 I was plunged into a world of creating multimedia experiences. For me, the line between analytical and creative thinking is blurred- I prefer to operate in between the two. For this reason I believe I can mesh right in with your team and provide a wide variety of skills and knowledge.

As a soon to be graduate of UNC Asheville's New Media program I am ready and excited to work with a team of highly skilled digital creators. My education at UNCA was concentrated on video and motion media. As a student I refined my ability to visually storytell, work in a group, as well as with actors on tight schedules. I also honed my skills with cameras, color correcting and stabilizing raw video, and rotoscoping, keying, and also Mocha AE and Cinema 4D.

In addition to the Adobe Creative Suite I am also skilled with Java, Python, the basic web programming languages as well as libraries/preprocessors such as Sassy CSS, JQuery, and Liquid HTML. I also have experience with NodeJS and Flask to create web apps.

Some of the projects I have created over the years are quite relevant to the work you have listed as part of this position, including:

- A research project utilizing the Python library "Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)" in order to analyze Pitchfork- a prominent music review magazine- articles and make guesses on the gender of a musical act based on the pronouns used in the article and then keep note of the average score and pronouns used for feminine vs masculine acts. This is all viewable through a Flask web app.
- A newsboard built to be fed data from scientists utilizing FCAV- the GIS platform maintained by UNC Asheville's NEMAC Center- in order to allow them more efficient and media rich communication.
- Various video projects in which all footage and audio was recorded, edited, and compiled by myself. These utilize After Effects, Max MSP, Jitter and Ableton Live among others in order to create visuals and mix audio.
- Maintaining my own linux server in order to host my portfolio, various personal projects, and my email. This includes utilizing a CMS, formatting media files for the web, DNS and firewall settings, Apache and NGINX, SSL, etc.

Thank you for your consideration, I believe that working with you would allow me to continue combining many different aspects of digital content creation while also being provided with an environment in which I can continue to develop.

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