

Dear Daniel,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the Junior Software Developer position at Quirkos. As a recent graduate from CodeClan, I came across this position as Quirkos appears as an employer partner of CodeClan. I am an enthusiastic individual with a passion for learning new things and taking on new and exciting challenges. As such, the prospect of working as a member of Quirkos' development team is highly appealing to me. After researching the company and role, it is my view that my skills and attributes learned both on and off of the CodeClan course would make me an ideal match for this position. The opportunity to be part of the production of such an exciting, useful and high quality product is something which I would feel proud to be a part of, and I would relish the opportunity to work as part of a company that offers a product that meets these high standards. Furthermore, the potential for development within the company is highly attractive to my ambitious personality.

During my time at CodeClan I have learned a number of languages, including JavaScript, Java and Ruby. I have thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself in these languages, and I would relish the opportunity to continue to broaden my knowledge base of programming languages, in addition to other new technologies. Working in an environment that is fast paced, challenging, and full of opportunities to learn is integral to my work satisfaction, and my enthusiasm to take these challenges head on is one of the foremost reasons that I believe I would be an ideal fit for this role. Throughout my time at CodeClan, I have worked hard to cultivate the skills necessary to be a part of a development team that produces high quality software. Alongside object oriented programming in Ruby, Java and JavaScript, the course also teaches proficiency in a wide range of supporting technologies. This includes databases such as MongoDB, PostgreSQL and SQLite, as well as various frameworks, such as Express, Sinatra and Rails. The instructors have placed a great deal of emphasis on the importance of Test Driven Development, and as such I have become accustomed to utilising this approach in each of the languages I have used, making use of MiniTest and Mocha to do so. Additionally, there has been an emphasis upon the importance of writing code in a manner that not only works, but is efficient and easy for others to read. In this regard, I have become familiar with practices such as writing code that is DRY and RESTful, and making use of design patterns where appropriate.

The course has involved four week-long projects that are comprised of a mix of solo and group work. Undertaking these projects has taught me the importance of carefully planning substantial pieces of work, making use of wireframes and Trello boards to achieve this, as well as providing an opportunity for me to undertake my own research without the comfort of being spoon-fed information by the instructors. Through these projects, I have found myself to prefer working in a group environment, utilising paired programming and an agile approach in order to boost overall productivity and efficiency at the task in hand. I have provided links to my GitHub on my CV, demonstrating some examples from my portfolio.

I come from a strong academic background, and have recently completed my Masters in English Literary Studies at the University of Aberdeen. During my time at university, I became a proficient autodidact through the extensive research necessary in order to complete a multitude of essays, presentations and dissertations. Additionally, my experience of debating complex subjects with my peers during tutorials has helped dramatically with boosting my interpersonal communication skills, and I have cultivated excellent organisational and time keeping skills in order to keep up with the demanding volume of work. My work experience in retail and customer service positions with companies such as Sky, Marks and Spencer and ASDA has further reinforced my ability to appropriately interact with colleagues and customers, and these positions often required me to rapidly adapt to challenging new environments. Overall, my academic and work experience has

served to shape me into an individual that would be ideal for the fast paced team oriented environment at Quirkos.

In regards to my availability, I would be able to begin immediately. I am currently located in Dunfermline, and would have no problem commuting to Edinburgh. Please find my CV attached for a further breakdown of my skills and experience.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
James Scott