

Dear Laura Reid,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the Graduate Developer position at Simul8. As a student at CodeClan, the opportunity came to my attention as Simul8 appear as an employer partner with CodeClan. After researching the company, 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 the role.

As an enthusiastic individual with a passion for learning new things and taking on new and exciting challenges, the prospect of working as a member of Simul8's development team is highly appealing to me. During my time at CodeClan, I have become familiar with a number of languages, including Ruby, Java and JavaScript. I have thoroughly enjoyed immersing myself in these languages, and I would relish the opportunity to continue to broaden my knowledge base of these languages, as well as learning entirely new languages. I appreciate the fact that Simul8 strives to maintain a high level of quality in the products that they release, and I would be proud to work for a company that endeavours to offer its customers such a high level of quality. To be a part of the testing process that allows Simul8 to offer such a high standard in their products would be a goal that I could truly get behind. Ultimately, working in an environment such as this that is both fast paced and full of challenges and opportunities to learn is important to me, and my enthusiasm to take these challenges head on is one of the main reasons that I believe I would be an ideal fit for the Graduate Developer role at Simul8.

Throughout my time at CodeClan, I have worked hard to cultivate the skills necessary to be a great developer. The course teaches proficiency in technologies such as Ruby, Rails, JavaScript, Node and HTML5, and I have accumulated a good deal of knowledge in operating each of these. Additionally, the teachers place a good deal of emphasis on learning to write 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 make use of design patterns where appropriate. The course involves 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, as well as providing an opportunity to practice doing my own research without the comfort of being spoon-fed information by the instructors. It is also worth noting that I have found myself to have a preference for working in a group, using 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.

My work experience in retail and customer technical support positions with companies such as Sky, Marks & Spencer and ASDA has helped me to refine my interpersonal communication skills when interacting with colleagues and customers, and these positions often required me to rapidly adapt to challenging new environments. My work experience has often required me to work as a team player, which is an aspect of the work environment that I truly relish. Furthermore, 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 self-learner while undertaking the extensive research that was necessary in order to complete a multitude of essays, presentations and dissertations. This has offered me plenty of opportunity to practise motivating myself to learn a vast amount of new information in a relatively short space of time, a skill that has been invaluable while undertaking the course at CodeClan. Additionally, my experience of debating complex subjects with my peers during tutorials has helped dramatically with boosting my interpersonal communication skills, and I have also cultivated excellent organisational and time keeping skills in order to keep up with the demanding volume of work. 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 Simul8.

In regards to my availability, I would be able to begin immediately. I am located in Dunfermline, and would have no trouble commuting to Glasgow. 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.

Warmest wishes,
James Scott