

Dear Nick,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the QE/DEV Engineer position at Adobe. As a student at CodeClan, the opportunity came to my attention as Adobe appears as an employer partner with CodeClan. 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 Adobe's global Businesses Platform and Services engineering 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. Further, Adobe's commitment to providing a high quality product for its customers makes it a company that I would be proud to be a part of.

During my time at CodeClan, I have learned 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. To be a part of the testing process that allows Adobe 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 fast paced, challenging, and full of opportunities to learn is important to me, 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 the role.

Throughout my time at CodeClan, I have worked hard to cultivate the skills necessary to be a great developer. The course teaches proficiency in languages such as Ruby, Java and JavaScript, alongside databases programmes such as MongoDB, PostgreSQL and SQLite. Throughout the course, the instructors have placed a great deal of emphasis on the importance of Test Driven Development, and I have become accustomed to practising this in each of the languages I have used, making use of MiniTest and Mocha. Additionally, the instructors 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 undertake 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.

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 Adobe.

In regards to my availability, I would be able to begin immediately. I am located in Dunfermline, and I am accustomed to commuting to and from Edinburgh frequently. 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