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Dear Joel Schlundt:  
  
Are you looking for someone who has an insatiable desire to “figure it out,” and “get things done?” Are you looking for someone who loves to learn and can do it autonomously; who’s enthusiastic towards innovative approaches and constant improvement? Are you looking for someone who believes that if you’re going to do something, you might as well do it right? If so, please consider my application for your Ruby Engineer position.

One of the first things that you may notice on my résumé is that I’ve been in the position of a Business Systems Analyst or Technical Systems Analyst for over the past three years. While this position has not placed me directly in a developer’s chair, coding throughout the day, it still has served to provide me with a new level of insight into the world of application development. I’ve had the opportunity to take on the roles and responsibilities of higher-level planning and design of application enhancements, as well leading developers and QA engineers throughout the SDLC.

While I consider this invaluable insight, I have also come to realize that my true passions are more aligned with delivering effective and quality technical solutions, as opposed to vetting out specific requirements for business stakeholders.

From a sheer technical perspective, I’ve been able to maintain my front-end development skills by continually developing interactive mockups, utilizing: CSS, HTML, and JavaScript. I’ve also stayed sharp with SQL, in that I use it on a daily basis for complex record retrieval in an enterprise-level database.   
  
I believe that the combination of my previous roles in software engineering, combined with my more recent experience as business systems analyst, primes me as a valuable asset for any software development team.

Outside of work, in preparation for transitioning back into a software development role, I’ve engaged in self-study over the past four months. I’ve utilized courses from Lynda.com, as well as a multitude of other online tutorial sources.

In regards to Ruby specifically, in addition to a course that I took a while back, I’ve also been working through: http://learnrubythehardway.org/book/. I’ve also worked through some of the initial Rails Guides on rubyonrails.org.

Admittedly, if you’re looking for a current Ruby developer who can unplug from his or her current position and company, and plug directly into Hireology, I may not be the best fit for the bill.

However, if you’re looking for someone who would be an awesome fit for your company culture, has strong motivation to learn and improve, and has some years of professional IT experience and perspective behind him, look no further than me.

My buddy Jim Kopp, has extolled the virtues of Hireology to me on several occasions, and believes that I would be a great fit. I would be remiss if I let the tremendous opportunity to apply for a position within your company pass by.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of my candidacy.   
  
Sincerely,  
  
Kyle Remp