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Dear Pertemps ERP,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the Junior Ruby on Rails position, as advertised. I am actively engaged in coding with Ruby on Rails, leveraging associated libraries and plug-ins to develop robust and scalable web applications. My experience includes hands-on work on various projects, contributing to the entire development lifecycle.

To further my commitment to personal and professional growth, I completed a rigorous 6-month boot camp in web development through Le Wagon. For the final project, I was part of a team of 4 who were tasked with building a website called WaterPro - an app to empower users to check on the water quality, air quality and the weather at various bathing sites across the UK. WaterPro hinged on its ability to draw information from various APIs and I completed the API crosswalks from meteorological and government data sources. Leveraging Ruby's inherent DRY principle, we established a robust and highly scalable foundation. I demonstrated proficiency in database design and implementation, utilising MySQL for efficient data management and Active Record for migrations. On the front end, my work involved extensive use of HTML, CSS/SCSS for universal formatting and JavaScript to enhance interactivity. Pull requests, merges, and version control were handled collaboratively on GitHub (the link to my GitHub profile is included on my CV). Undertaking this boot camp required not only dedication and hard work but also a considerable amount of courage. Stepping out of one's comfort zone to embrace the challenges of learning new technologies and developing complex projects is no small feat. It was a journey that demanded courage, determination, and resilience, and I am proud to have faced and overcome these challenges.

I am currently volunteering my time to lead the development of a website for a London-based entrepreneur. This project aims to address challenges faced by ethnic minorities in accessing cultural food items. In my role as the lead developer, I ensure the website aligns seamlessly with the UI/UX design, and I am responsible for writing clear and scalable code.

Before embarking on my boot camp journey, I held a managerial position at Riverside Studios. Riverside Studios is renowned for its diverse cultural programs, encompassing TV, theatre, film, visual arts, and more. In this role, I successfully managed a large, diverse team through challenging events. Additionally, I held responsibilities that made me accountable to the board, underscoring my experience, diligence and maturity as an employee. The experience I have built up over the past 10+ years, coupled with my recent career change into web development, stand me in good stead to hit the ground running to ensure work is completed to schedule, budget, quality standards and to customer satisfaction.

I am eager to bring my dedication, technical skills, and passion for learning to this role. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best regards,

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