Dear Recruiter,

I am applying for the software engineer internship at VTS. I have a degree in Civil Engineering, 5 years of experience with front end development, 2 years with Ruby on Rails and just recently started teaching myself C#. I also have elementary knowledge on Swift, JavaScript and PHP. I am completely a self-taught developer and I am eager to learn more. Computer programming is where I want to go but with the lack of professional experience in the field, an internship is the way to go. I also feel like I would be a good fit because I am currently employed as an associate at a real estate investment firm.

I have been working on a side project called Thrice.io. Thrice is a peer-to-peer men’s fashion platform where guys can sell their premium clothes. I currently work at real estate company, where we are required to wear at least a shirt, tie and dress pants. I couldn’t afford nice clothes at the time, so, I shopped online for used clothes. The problem was I just could not find anything worthwhile. I looked at eBay for options but I don’t really like eBay for clothes. So, I decided to build Thrice. I developed the front-end and back-end of Thrice. I used Rails, Sidekiq/Redis for background jobs, Bootstrap on the front-end, and Heroku for hosting. The e-commerce platform was built by myself from scratch. Where is the challenge in using Spree-commerce? I also designed the UI for the website from scratch as well.

Furthermore, I went to Startup Institute in Feb 2015 to get more experience with working in a team. This was something I was lacking at the time. Startup Institute allowed me to work with Krossover to build out their employee portal. It was an excellent experience to work with an actual startup but still not enough experience to get hired as a developer. Since, Startup Institute I have been working at a real estate company as an associate learning the ropes. It has been a great experience but this is not where I want to be. I want to code and eventually become a video game developer.

I would like the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the internship opportunity at VTS. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me at [(914) 980-5339](tel:%28914%29%20980-5339). My github is [github.com/mmcdevi1](http://github.com/mmcdevi1) and LinkedIn is [linkedin.com/in/mmcdevi1](http://linkedin.com/in/mmcdevi1).

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

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