Dear Hiring Professionals,

While researching on your website, I found an open position for a software internship this summer. I was incredibly excited to find this position open because I've been looking for an internship at an innovative company that will not only use my programming skills but also refine them. Daktronics seems tailor-made for my interests and skills.

I've been eyeing this job for many years. Last summer, I was unable to take this internship because I interned in the Amazon Rainforest for five weeks. This experience made me a more flexible worker, and improved my ability to work in a team of diverse individuals and communicate with others, even through a language barrier.

I also have experience working with a team to complete programming projects. Though I have completed many projects for class, my most unique accomplishment came outside the classroom. My teammates and I claimed first place in a Java competition last fall. Hosted by IBM and the Association for Computing Machinery, the International Collegiate Programming Competition is as prestigious as it is hard to pronounce. My team and I are incredibly excited to represent our country in Morocco at the world finals this May, and I hope to use the skills I learn during the training and the competition at an internship with Daktronics.

As my resume suggests, I have experience with Java, Python, and C/C++, but I enjoy learning and using new languages and technologies. Lately I've been learning HTML/CSS and trying to familiarize myself with the Linux command line.

I look forward to hearing from you! You can contact me at <u>nicholasjmerritt@gmail.com</u>, or at (605) 651-9021.

Kind Regards,

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