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If we meet in person I think you will find me to be a promising Junior Developer. I have a broad set of skills, and a penchant for learning concepts, systems, and languages quickly. I feel at home in the realm of analytical and creative thinking that programming requires. I like people and I fully love writing code.

I am a self-taught programmer. I have done my learning through online courses, books, coding groups, asking good questions, and a lot of practice. I learn every day and I am always hungry for more.

When I first began learning I knew right away that this was something I wanted to do seriously. I was so sure, in fact, that three months after starting out I decided to quit my service job in order to dedicate myself full-time to learning code.

A few months later I was hired to my first programming job as an apprentice, and a few months after that I was brought on as a full-fledged Junior Developer. My successful push from non-coder to professional developer was featured by LaunchCode.org and edX.org. (see links)

My professional experience as a programmer has been a whirlwind. I quickly showed myself to be strong in the fundamentals and able to learn the rest on the fly. So, I was thrown into the fire. I was put on numerous projects above my experience level with limited guidance and aggressive deadlines. I came out feeling like a veteran programmer with a ton of valuable experience.

I learned through successes and failures how to build and deploy a range of applications. I learned how to interact positively with team members, project managers, and clients. I learned how to manage multiple projects at a time. I found my way through various technologies including Node.js, AngularJS, native iOS, native Android, and PhoneGap. I got good at JavaScript.

Lately I've become very interested in Test Driven Development and Behavior Driven Development. I'm only learning still, but I think this is the way to push my applications to the next level. I've also been learning the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, Python, Ruby, and Ruby on Rails.

I'd like to find a company where I can steadily mature as a programmer. I'd like for my employer to foster a friendly environment and have respect for a healthy work-life balance. I'm happy to learn any technologies required for the job even if it means putting in extra hours at first. I have the skills to be helpful in any coding position right away, but with a bit of time I will be invaluable.

LINKS:

LaunchCode Website (I'm one of the featured videos at the bottom):

<http://www.launchcode.org>

My "Learner Story" on edX:

<https://www.edx.org/blog/edx-launchcode-learner-story-pablo>

President Obama talking about LaunchCode:

<http://www.c-span.org/video/?c4530637/lashana-lewis>