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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 vanilla JavaScript.

In my own time I like to make small art programs. Lately I've been learning Artificial Intelligence fundamentals, Python, and brushing up on C (check out my basic_ai program!). I've also become interested in test driven development and formal "design patterns". Admittedly I don't have much experience with either, but I'm looking for a job that will help me change that.

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