Dear SYPS Software Systems Recruiter,

After graduating last May with a BS in CS, I’ve been looking for a position in software development, such as the PHP Developer in Chesapeake, VA.

My college education has provided me with a well rounded programming curriculum. It includes web development, databases, scripting, and object oriented programming. The main programming language used throughout the curriculum was C++. I used OOP, the STL, and guidelines to create efficient code. For web development, I’ve created an internet forum from scratch using the LAMP solution stack. In contrast, I have created a web server, in Python, following RFC 2616. I’ve programmed in Linux and Windows environments. I’ve developed in Agile and waterfall-like methodologies.

The job post emphasized web development, so I’ll detail the aforementioned forum. It included: a login, statistics tracking, searching, e-mail notifications, bbcode, web feed, threaded replies, pagination, user hierarchy, and related user functions. It was exhaustive, but ended up being my favorite class. Everything was self-taught, the results were immediate, and it felt modern.

I feel that I am more than qualified for this position. The job post doesn’t mention how much experience you are looking for, but I have a year of experience in LAMP. I’m a US citizen, I live nearby, and I’ve been ready since graduation.

Detailed in my resume, you will see I have experience in other fields as well. You can view my projects and source code at <http://rahilpatel.com/portfolio.php>. I am confident that my quality solutions will prove to be an asset to your organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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This position requires involvement in the complete development process, from initial requirements gathering, documentation, development and delivery. You will work with a small team of skilled developers, designers and others to create web applications using PHP and MySQL, primarily on Linux servers. Candidates must be well-versed in both frontend HTML/CSS development and the creation of advanced web applications.   
  
Required skills:   
\* PHP   
\* MySQL   
\* HTML/CSS   
\* Javascript   
\* Familiarity with Object Oriented Programming   
  
The candidate must be comfortable working in a team environment and must be able to provide examples of both completed web projects and code samples. You may also be asked to complete one or more code exercises during the interview process, so please only apply if you are serious.