Dear DSI Recruiter,

I am applying for the Junior Web Developer position in Reston, VA.

After graduating last May with a BS in CS, I’ve been looking for an entry-level position.

Most of my web development experience comes from a highly functional internet forum I had to create for class. It was programmed using the LAMP solution stack (and HTML/CSS). The forum 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 also have SDLC experience. In particular, the professional workforce classes forced students to develop a prototype based on an original idea. Throughout the course my group and I had to conceive, develop, test, and present our product in front of a professional panel. We had to create arduous documentation for the requirements, product specifications, test plan, and user manual. I understand how important testing and documentation is.

I haven’t used much of the Microsoft products mentioned. I’ve only used Visual Studio C++ and Office. Many of them are just software, not programming languages, so I do not feel overwhelmed. I hope that my Oracle and MySQL skills will transfer to Microsoft SQL. Same goes for PHP for ASP. I’m a quick learner, and I will be able to adapt with ease.

Although I live in Hampton Roads, I plan to relocate near the job site. I would be willing to drive for an interview.

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 comfortable developing quality solutions, and confident that my knowledge, coding methods, and research behaviors will prove to be an asset to your organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,   
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| COMPANY PROFILE |

DSI, a leading knowledge management firm and manufacturer of web-based, e-procurement software solutions focused on enabling the Federal Government to spend your tax money wisely and well. DSI is seeking self-motivated, talented .NET developers and other technology specialists interested in joining our Agile Product Development Teams.

DSI offers a fun, casual, and collaborative working environment for individuals interested in conquering technology barriers, learning by doing and taking pride in developing clearly superior software manufactured in the USA.  Interpersonal communication, participation in all phases of the MSF life cycle, peer support and multi-team project skills are essential.

Core products include:

Visual Studio **Team System** 2008

ASP.Net 3.5

Ajax Toolkit

Ajax Script Library

Windows Communication Foundation (WCF)

MS SQL 2005 & 2008

MS Office 2007 & OpenXML

CSLA Business Objects

DotNetNuke

Microsoft CRM

Microsoft SharePoint

Microsoft Dynamics

Microsoft SQL 2008 SSRS

Microsoft SQL 2008 Analysis Services

JOB DUTIES/REQUIREMENTS

Junior Developer - Be tenacious, learn, grow, take a risk but don't mess up too badly. Do not leave a mess in other folk's code.

Mid Level Developer - Have your eye firmly on being a great senior developer and be passionate about not repeating the bad practices of you more senior peers. Want to do it better than anyone else.

Senior Developer - Mentor mid and junior developers, guide them with humor and cracking the whip, and still find the time to do you real work. You must possess strong verbal and written communication skills. You will have to write and draw those cool techno-savvy pictures for sales.

Web Developer - Ok we are not looking for a point & click, drag & drop Web Developer. Real websites are part of complex web-applications and incorporate all sorts of Microsoft and third party tools. You must make it happen with an artful eye focused on usability and become expert in many areas without a book to guide you. Eventually everyone in the company will come to you whining about what they need now.

Technical Consultant - Preferably an ex-Developer who decided that conversation is not a bad art to practice. You must be able to conduct requirements and business analysis gathering and develop solutions in Microsoft SharePoint, CRM, Excel, SQL SSRS or anything else that come into vogue. Need to be able to build strong relationships with other developers in order to successfully produce quality work and get needed answers.

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| \*     Bachelor's in Computer Science,  related field or equivalent experience            Minimum 2 years of experience using Microsoft tools required            3 or more years of software/web design and development experience            Effective written communication skills for design documents, test plans, installation guides, etc.            Knowledge of e-procurement a plus |