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Dear Hudson Recruiter,

Hope this letter finds you well. I would like to start by introducing myself. I’m a Virginia born citizen and a recent graduate in computer science, with a background in motels. I am applying for the Junior PHP developer position in Durham, NC.

Most of my web programming experience comes from a highly functional ~2000 line internet forum I had to create for class. It was programmed in a LAMP environment (including HTML/CSS). The forum included: a login, statistics tracking, searching, e-mail notifications, bbcode, a 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.

Since then, I’ve created a personal portfolio website. You can check the code out at <http://rahilpatel.com/source_code.php> (a5.zip under PHP). Hopefully by the time you read this cover letter, the forum will be live on my website (was on professor’s server).

Although I live in Hampton Roads, I am willing to drive down for an interview. As for “hired by next week”, I would need time to find an apartment. I would be proud of working for a well developed business and love living in the booming RTP area.

My slight perfectionism behavior should fit in well with maintenance work. I would love to optimize existing code, debug it, or add new features. In fact, I’m very glad it is maintenance work. As a junior developer, this is comforting. At the same time, I do feel I would be able to accomplish any given task. 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.

Detailed in my resume, you will see I have experience in other fields as well. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding my resume, please feel free to contact me anytime via e-mail or phone. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Junior Developer with PHP experience.   
6 month contract to permanent position.   
Location: Durham NC  
  
This company is a 40+ person company looking for a core skillset including PHP, CSS, HTML and SQL. The role this person would fulfill is providing maintenance programming on existing applications for clients within the clinical and medical community. This is a six month contract to permanent opportunity. This person will also get a chance to work with Joomla, as well as other cutting edge web technologies.  
  
Doing maintenance with very little new development.   
  
Client is willing to flex on not having a college degree for a really good programmer. Client would like to do phone screens this Thursday (All morning), Friday (All morning) and Monday (All day). They will interview 3 of our candidates by phone and bring 1-2 in for in person interviews. They would like this person interviewed and hired by next week. Candidates must be okay with doing maintenance with very little new development.   
  
Responsibilities  
Provide PHP coding and support on existing websites within the scientific and medical community. This person will be providing more maintenance/support. Very little new development.  
  
Must Have Skills  
PHP development experience (Junior experience) HTML, CSS and SQL  
  
Nice to Have  
JOOMLA (A PHP based content management system) and Ruby on Rails (ROR)  
  
  
  
  
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