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Dear Threespot 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 Developer position.

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. I’ve also experienced Python and Oracle in school.

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). Now, I’m currently self-learning Java, since I was primarily taught C++.

Although I live in Hampton Roads, I plan to live and work in DC. I’ve browsed the corporate website, and love the indie fun feel to it. 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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# Developer

Threespot Developers are responsible for the development, testing and documentation of Web-based software and technical solutions. On large- or enterprise-sized projects, they will work as a member of a development team under direction of a Senior Developer acting as technical lead. On small to mid-sized projects, the Software Engineer may work as the sole technical resource and may also be responsible for requirements gathering, application design, architecture, and specifications documentation. They will frequently work with Front-End Developers for integration of front-end templates into software applications. Likewise, they will collaborate with User Experience, Design, and Client Services staff in developing project estimates, project scope, application requirements, use cases, and test cases, and in performing user acceptance testing prior to client delivery.

## Requirements

* Must have a strong working knowledge of at least one of the following development technologies and familiarity with or entry-level knowledge of several others: PHP, Python, C#, ASP.NET, Actionscript 3 or Cold Fusion
* Must possess knowledge of database design and have strong working experience developing against at least one of the following database servers: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server, or Oracle
* Must have a strong working knowledge of application architecture, design patterns, and development methodologies/frameworks
* Must have great problem solving and troubleshooting skills
* Must be self-motivated, positive, and able to focus on delivering high-quality and timely results for projects or assignments

## Bonus Points

* Experience with HTML/CSS, and JavaScript (raw JS, jQuery, YUI, etc.) is highly recommended
* Experience with open-source frameworks/content management systems (Drupal, Django, Rails, etc)
* Experience developing for mobile or handheld platforms is a plus, such as Objective-C and Cocoa Touch
* Experience with social networking applications, APIs and mashups
* Familiarity with installation and administration of Linux and various software stacks (LAMP, nginx)

## Responsibilities

* Proposes and produces intelligent, efficient, clean, error-free and well-documented technical solutions
* Produces standards-complaint, modern markup solutions as necessary
* Acts as a development resource on large to enterprise-sized projects under a Senior Developer
* Collaborates with non-technical colleagues to define user interaction, functionality and system requirements
* Acts as a sole development resource responsible for application design and/or development on small to mid-size projects
* When necessary, interacts with the client to determine technical requirements and goals and explain technical approach

## Apply now

* Cover letter, resume, and salary history to [hr@threespot.com](mailto:hr@threespot.com). Subject line should read "Application for Developer Position"
* No phone calls, please
* No contractors, please
* All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, gender, physical capability, sexual identification/orientation, national origin, or other protected class distinctions