Dear Recruiter,

After graduating last May with a BS in CS, I’ve been periodically looking for a position in software development, such as this one[[link to job post](http://norfolk.craigslist.org/sof/1589694049.html)].

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.

Although I do not have .NET framework experience, I still feel that I am qualified for this position. I believe I am able to learn any general purpose language quickly, due to my knowledge of C++. In my past, I’ve tended to use open source languages, which should be seen as substitutes for Microsoft’s solutions. PHP can replace ASP, and MySQL or Oracle can substitute SQL Server. Since this is a junior position, I do not think I am behind other job seekers with .NET experience. The knowledge of libraries is trivial, and the programming practices remain the same.

I live in Chesapeake, VA, I am a US Citizen, and I do not currently have a security clearance.

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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C# .net Developer/Tester, .net 3.5 and SQL 2005 experience required. Must live in Hampton Roads area.