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## FULL STACK DEVELOPER

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This past weekend, one of my best friends put an offer down on a house. We got into a discussion about the logistics of it all. We talked realtors, inspections, and mortgages, and eventually I asked him how he navigated all of these opaque aspects of the experience. He responded with a meek shrug and, "I don't know, I kind of just did what they told me."

There are so many aspects of life that are unnecessarily confusing and require far more time and energy than most people have. Enter: Jellyvision. The company's dedication to demystifying and guiding people through these important life decisions (most notably the ALEX platform) is inspiring and truly helpful to a huge portion of the public.

This is when it clicked. After seeing the Junior DevOps Engineer position open, the thought of working within a company that genuinely helped people through some of the most frustrating portions of their lives got me to squee a little out loud.

The opportunity to work as a DevOps engineer would put all of my best attributes into play. I thrive as a jack of all trades, working through the tough problems and fixing the the things that may have been overlooked or undiscovered. There isn't much that's more satisfying than fixing something that's broken (or maybe just not working quite the way you want it to). Checking off tasks from a list is my bread and butter, and there's something about getting down to the nitty gritty of a project that gives my core a sense of satisfaction.

Working within an environment full of motivated, creative people sounds like a dream. I feed off of other people's energy and desire to improve, and love to be able to contribute to that vibe. Being a part of a team that can gain and maintain a positive momentum is something so fulfilling and valuable, and can really be the extra factor that pushes projects into the next echelon of success. Jellyvision's dedication to this environment inspires me to want to be a part of it as well.

The opportunity to explore new technologies and languages is such a beneficial process, and the DevOps position is the perfect place to learn while contributing to the team in a very meaningful way. I place a great importance on constantly growing, both personally and professionally, because there is always so much to learn, and continuously bettering myself has never been something I've regretted. Applying the rotating carousel of new knowledge to current projects is a blast, and seeing the projects improve because of it makes it all worthwhile.

An ethos of simple, functional code has always seemed more effective than superfluous flourishes or extravagant showboating. It seems like something that works and works well is much more valuable than something that can perform some nifty tricks without really getting the job done. I'd love to take my skills in SQL, Ruby, Rails, and Javascript and see how I can apply them to any of the tasks at hand, all while absorbing the fresh new concepts that come my way. I want to help solve people's problems and better myself and those around me in the process.

I'm excited to share my skills and experience through the DevOps position at Jellyvision and look forward to speaking with you soon. There's always more work to do, more room to grow, and more paths to walk, and Jellyvision is the perfect place to continue that journey.