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Dear Hiring Manager(s) and PHP Development Team,

Breakpoint. Send all other git repo Hacker Applications to the recycle bin; this is the last application you will need to pull. My name is Noah Duncan; I am an electrical engineer by education, but a web designer and developer at heart.

Hold on a minute, did you just read that I have a degree in engineering, not in PHP or computer science? It is true; but less formal schooling is a strong point to my favor. The things I know haven't been stuffed into my brain by university faculty during the years of exploration of independence. I have chosen, carefully and consciously, to learn how to program, what languages to program in, and how to implement best practices into my coding. When it comes to web design, I am self-taught and self-motivated. My aptitude for web programming is second to none.

Why me? What sets me apart from the rest? Simple, I am not the rest. I do not belong to a mindset, a structure, or a class. I do not fit into a box, a vector, or a matrix. I am neither Mac nor Windows, IPA nor stout, nor freezing nor boiling. I reside in between. I am Linux; I am amber ale; I am the moderate temperature that allowed life to form in a pool of lukewarm water. Here is why: I am logical; programming and engineering minds require logic. I am musical; I started playing music when I was 3 years old and still play today. I am active; martial arts, rock climbing, Nordic skiing are all passions. I am meditative; I think a lot about what I am doing and how to break things into simpler parts. I am experienced; I started writing my first c code in 6th grade, 14 years ago; my first web site 10 years ago. I am a fledgling; I push to learn new languages, new styles, and new approaches to problems. I am plastic enough to be molded to any task, but stout enough to make a stand for my ideas.

When you peruse my resume, you will find that in each job I have held, I have done some work in web development. I have created scripts, web sites, and applications in PHP each with the notion that the end users are of all skill sets. That means that the design has to be intuitive, clean, and easy to navigate. I achieve this by implementing different languages and technologies: primarily PHP, Ruby, MySQL, AJAX, Javascript, CSS, and HTML.

Why Sparkfun? I believe that I can prove to be an asset at Sparkfun in many ways. While I am looking to find a job where I have the opportunity to do more coding than I do now, my education means that I could be tasked to PHP and to electrical engineering projects. At companies like Sparkfun, where dynamic, flexible employees on staff are necessary; someone who can work on both electronics and web design would be a great addition. I am that.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,  
Noah Duncan