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Thread: [I'm desperate. Web Developer; Please Advise](#)

AnarchistOwl - February 13, 2024, 12:08 pm

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Hmm.. thats bizarre.

My simple advice would be, keep trying.

You will succeed if you try hard enough, you seem like a friendly and experienced guy.

.eXe - February 13, 2024, 3:57 pm

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Giga - February 13, 2024, 4:13 pm

Don't give up dude! Just keep being proactive about it. It's a really competitive and saturated market now unfortunately. If you received online certificates through Coursera or something in that vein, I wouldn't include them on your resume if they aren't specific to the job. I don't think employers will care too much about those and it may even hurt you (unless they are more specific to the job you are applying for).

Example: Job requires proficiency with a framework like Angular, then include your certificate for a course that specifically covers Angular at an intermediate level.

I would stay away from general certificates such as "front-end web development".

Remember, make sure to really cater your resume to be specific to the job qualifications and expectations. Don't try to overcomplicate with too many certificates without a bachelor degree. I would say focus on discussing relevant finished projects in your CV instead. If you don't have any that are applicable then you better get to work. Good luck!

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I'm currently based in the United States and am open to relocating anywhere within the country, or even internationally, for the right opportunity in my field. My goal is to settle down in one location and dedicate myself fully to my work. My experience as an alarm technician has been challenging, not only due to the physical demands of the job but also because of the ongoing verbal mistreatment from a colleague over the past six years. Despite these difficulties, I've remained committed and have consistently delivered my best effort.

My passion really lies in creating and building. I have several projects, including constructing metal and plastic Iron Man suits, 3D printing a violin, and designing an Arduino Christmas light controller, that showcase my love for engineering and problem-solving. Unfortunately, the demands of my current job have limited my ability to pursue these interests further. The nature of alarm installation work, often requiring me to work in less-than-ideal conditions (crawling thru insulation, in the blistering heat, or under buildings thru fowl stench you can only dream about,) and stay in shared accommodations while on the job, has significantly impacted my personal life and professional growth. I haven't had a girlfriend in 10 years because I never stay in one place long enough.

While the company I work for rewards its office staff with luxurious vacations, they over look the hard work and dedication of the field techs, who have shown unwavering loyalty without a single day off. After a decade without any significant opportunities for advancement or a raise, despite my contributions and sacrifices, I find myself seeking a change.

I've received an offer that guarantees a steady income, along with paid housing and vehicle rental, though it still requires me to cover some expenses upfront. While this would have been an attractive proposition a decade ago, the lack of progression in my current role has prompted me to reconsider my career path and look for opportunities that align more closely with my interests in building and problem-solving.

In short, I'm looking for a change that offers not just financial stability but also the respect and professional growth I've been striving for, along with the chance to settle down and enjoy a more balanced life.

InspectorGadget - February 13, 2024, 7:28 pm

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I spent 6 months going thru a coding internship thru technical school. Basically a bootcamp on steroids. I spent 8 hours a day coding and the rest of the day working. Before you tell me no company is hiring people like me; I am the only person from my class who hasn't been picked up and my buddy who finished before me is making \$102,000.00 as a Level 2 automation engineer.

He has the same education I do. I am more inclined to think I am advertising myself incorrectly or doing something wrong. I don't think its my lack of experience, else how do you explain the 250+ grads before and after me that all have jobs?

I have been putting stuff on github since June of 2022. I have 25 repos and 3 major projects that are public. (Several Private ones as well.)

One of my favorite repos is a dog dating app that makes fun of [BRAND NAME REMOVED]. (I have had terrible luck on [BRAND NAME REMOVED] so I thought it would be a fun little jab)

For all intents and purposes it is [BRAND NAME REMOVED] with every stereotype you can imagine in puppy form.

"All-in-one dog friend finding platform built in two consecutive week-long sprints. Users can log in and interact with their pawfile, edit the details about their pawfile and upload pictures that will then display on their page. In addition, to viewing their own profile, a dog owner can visit the swipe page where they are presented with a random dog to either like, or dislike depending attributes like interests. They can also undo a like. A user will not be able to see a match unless the corresponding profile also likes them. It uses a React front-end with a C#/.NET API and Cloudinary for image uploading."

Zher0 - February 13, 2024, 8:11 pm

You may have to start in tech support or a position a couple of steps below a developer. Or create a Github with scripts/projects you've worked on.

Jamika - February 14, 2024, 12:30 am

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That's why I busted my ass to be a coder and yet can't get into the industry.

KingXorn - February 14, 2024, 11:49 am

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Yeah, I'm struggling with something similar currently.

anoncrab - February 15, 2024, 3:31 am

Don't give up man! Keep trying, eventually you will get a job offer that will be so worth it you will be grateful that you didn't give up.

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You said exactly what I was going to say really.

I'm very curious about that 1500 number - that's an insane amount, like the amount I'd expect from somebody who is trying to get any company to employ them so they can get a visa and live / work in the country of the company.

OP - that number is everything, it's telling you "THIS IS WRONG" - I'd suggest asking recruiters (or your local employment office) to review your CV and supporting documents - you may need to pay somebody to write you a better one. You're either massively overestimating your skills, or something on your documents is triggering instant denials.

(I see this often in my work, people we have to deny instantly due to them not having the right to work in my country)

Apologies if you've answered this already OP but I'm in a rush, of the 1500 applications, how many interviews have you had from them? What sort of feedback did you get from those interviews?