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Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm writing to express my interest in joining Acme Packet. I am currently pursuing M.S. in computer science at Drexel University. I expect to graduate in June 2003.

I offer a strong background in the field of computer networking and software development (in UNIX environment). I was employed as a software engineer at Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications (LMGT) for a period of 18 months. My work experience at LMGT involved developing a real-time software system (in C/C++) to be used in a broadband communication system. This system, in addition to other subsystems, included a subsystem for network protocol stack and IP security. My work in this area has exposed me to numerous aspects of network protocols, and in addition has strengthened my software development skills. My job responsibilities also included supporting the test and integration team to review the test procedures, conducting tests and analyzing the test results for producing the test reports. My research project in school, as part of my M.S program was in the area of providing guaranteed Quality of Service (QoS) in today's networks, which is critical from the performance point of view. This includes experience in performing simulations in Java and C++ and doing the analysis.

Enclosed please find my detailed resume. I hope to learn more about your firm's plans and goals and how I might contribute to its success. In the meantime, if you have any questions I can be reached at the contact information cited above.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alpa Parekh