PEAK6 SOFTWARE ENGINEER (ENTRY-LEVEL, FULL TIME)

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Accelerate your career by joining a dynamic, successful team breaking new ground in technology and trading. As a leader in the financial industry, we need incredibly talented minds to develop the next generation of sophisticated, proprietary trading technology as well as mission-critical applications supporting our other businesses – no experience in financial markets required.

In order to be considered for this position, you must apply directly to the PEAK6 website at http://grnh.se/p4en0i1. Please apply by September 22.

We’re looking for someone who:

- **Learns quickly.** You’re intellectually curious and love solving unique challenges. You ask ‘why’, and push to identify areas where we can constantly improve.
- **Loves data.** You use data to find new opportunities and come up with smart, informed ideas. You follow your instincts but support your ideas with data.
- **Is motivated.** You thrive in a dynamic environment where you see new challenges instead as new opportunities to build something awesome. You challenge yourself by setting goals, hitting them, and helping your teammates do the same.
- **Is courageous.** You’re willing to challenge the status quo. You trust your instincts and will say what you think, even if it’s controversial.
- **Operates with integrity.** You always conduct yourself with honesty and operate ethically. You say what you mean and mean what you say.

What you’ll do all day:

- **(Initially) Attend high-impact trading & options training.** No experience in financial markets? No problem. You will sit through an accelerated program that will teach you the business of options trading and get you ready to build successful low-latency, high-throughput trading software.
- **You’ll develop innovative tools.** Our technology is the lifeblood of our business. It’s your chance to leverage and hone your skills developing a variety of critical, real-world applications that support a range of PEAK6 businesses—trading and beyond.
- **Collaborate and share ideas.** The floor is always open for great ideas. We love to collaborate, get different perspectives, and develop concepts. Teamwork is a staple in PEAK6 culture – strong opinions about insightful ideas are always welcome. It’s what makes our team so successful.
- **Work with a variety of languages and technologies.** You’ll get real experience working with large distributed, high-performance systems developing in Java,
Python, Go, JavaScript/HTML, and React. You’ll also get exposure to database systems like MS SQLServer, Postgres, Redis, and MongoDB.

A few reasons why you may not like us:
  
  1. **You don’t like change.** This is not a job for someone who likes ‘predictable’. The market is dynamic, which means our work is dynamic. It’s a fast-paced environment, and you’ll need to adapt accordingly. Don’t expect to get bored.
  2. **You’re not the collaborative type.** We’re solving pretty heady challenges. We bring ideas to the table, and we work together to solve these challenges. If you’re looking to hide out and do your own thing, this might not be the right spot. We work across and communicate with different groups and businesses within the company from trading to operations to small teams digging into new ventures.

And a few reasons why you might love us:
  
  1. **You’ll get the opportunity to work across different businesses.** We have a number of other ventures beyond our core trading business. Each day you’ll have the chance to roll up your sleeves and work on complex technological challenges directly affecting our businesses.
  2. **We’re not a fly by night firm.** We’ve got an amazing track record of success and we foster ongoing innovation, whether it be enhancing our proprietary trading platform or developing new initiatives outside the trading business. You’ll get all the benefits of a stable company while enjoying a very entrepreneurial culture.
  3. **You’ll see your work in action.** We value speed-to-market, so you’ll get the chance to push your code and see your work in use and impacting our business. You’ll see your contributions making a difference quickly and benefit from a tight feedback loop.
  4. **The team is amazing.** You’ll work with people who are as energetic, smart, and driven as you are.