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A Thinking Ape

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Dear hiring manager,

**Re: [SOFTWARE ENGINEER CO-OP/INTERN](https://boards.greenhouse.io/athinkingape/jobs/1118967" \l ".WtU_fKUvzOQ" \t "_blank)**

I have many Runescape accounts removed from the game due to the use of automated scripts, so I began to write my own personalized scripts trying to avoid detection.

As a result, I discovered a hobby for writing these automated scripts for the popular online role playing game, Runescape. The scripts are written in Java and implement a third party framework with a provided API. After following different tutorials and learning from other successful scripts, I created a combating script supporting different locations and enemies. The automation script is implemented similar to a state machine which performs different actions at different states. To increase user experience and robustness, a Graphic User Interface was implemented using the JFrame class to allow users choose their desired specifications. I found that this had been a very fun and interesting project, so I decided to learn more about game creation by picking up the open-sourced Godot Game Engine. Written in C++ and C# with its own scripting language, the fully integrated game development environment allowed me to create my next project, My Snake Game. I used the built-in 2D physics engine to implement collision detection with polling and event handlers to update the position of my nodes.

While working at the Thompson Summer Day Camps as a day camp leader, I gained valuable conflict resolution skills while working with children. Children often get into arguments with each other and it was my duty to resolve such issue in a safe and non-biased manner. I found that the most important rule is to remain very calm and listen to both side of the story before reaching a conclusion and deciding what to do. A compromise needs to be reached to satisfy other parties and allow future reconciliation. When stressful or unpredicted situations occur, working cooperatively as a team or seeking for help can sometimes be the most effective resolution. Tasks that may be too large or lengthy to tackle alone can be minimized when help is asked.

I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my qualifications. I can be reached through the UBC science co-op office at interviews@sciencecoop.ubc.ca or 604-822-9513. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Fan