

# José Hiram Soltren

---

1201 West Park Street, Cedar Park, TX 78613-2801  
✉ jsoltren@alum.mit.edu ☎ +1 (347) 503-9558  
🌐 <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jsoltren>

February 6, 2016

Hiring Managers  
Cloudera Inc.  
1001 Page Mill Road, Building 3  
Palo Alto, CA 94304-1009

Dear Hiring Managers:

Cloudera is at the forefront of distributed systems work in the cloud age. It seems like a great place to be.

At present, I am a System Software Engineer at NVIDIA. I work on the Linux Graphics Driver with an emphasis on video decoding and post processing. My work is very close to the hardware. I work closely with hardware teams and architects as well as end users to ensure a great experience.

On the surface, there would seem to be little crossover between driver work and work on Apache Hadoop. I conjecture that there is very good alignment between the two. Both problem spaces concern themselves with parallelism, scheduling, determinism, scalability, and even power. Both rely on locking, atomicity, and concurrency to dispatch work. Both benefit from many layers of knowledge, down to the hardware. I believe that the lessons that I have learned from GPU driver work and elsewhere would be an excellent contribution to Cloudera's strategy.

I am sending this cover letter and résumé because I believe that growth, and particularly kaizen (continuous improvement) are important. For Cloudera, this means hiring strong engineers from a variety of disciplines who can frame problems in novel ways leading to novel solutions. Personally, this means pursuing growth in new directions. The timing is good for me to consider my next move after nearly five years at NVIDIA.

Michal Ostrowski is a friend who encouraged me to submit this application. He should be considered a referrer. I've also been in contact with Philip Langdale through my work on the VDPAU stack at NVIDIA. Philip and Michal, as it happens, have worked together for some time. Both have encouraged me to submit this application.

If there is a potential for a good fit, I hope to speak with you further. At present, I am located in the Austin, TX region and am unable to relocate. (Though, an occasional visit to Palo Alto is welcome.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

José Hiram Soltren

encl: Current résumé