Hi, my name is Michael Coupland, and I'm trying to persuade you to hire me.

I've been writing software for about 20 years. As a programmer, my job is to work with people and solve problems. My primary area of expertise is C#, .NET, and Transact-SQL, but I'm very proficient with the entire alphabet soup of tools and languages. I have delivered software of all types including applications, embedded systems, APIs, and services, as well as some simple Android apps.

When I need to step away from the keyboard and recharge, I try to find something useful to keep me busy. Sometimes that means volunteering. Other times it's something closer to home like finding something to build, going camping, or going to concerts with my sister. I like animals, tinkering in my garage, and discovering new (or new to me) bands. I write noir fiction. I also write code. For fun. Lately I have been working on some RaspberryPi, robotic, and home automation projects.

My pet project – the one I rewrite every time I learn something new – is Alpaca, a multi-media management tool. Alpaca started as an automotive application - a custom interface to stereo head units, but it's morphed into a desktop application over the years. Version 1.0 will ship once there are no new tools or techniques for me to learn.

I can't remember why I named it "Alpaca."

I sincerely hope you haven't filled this position and that you have time to look at my resume. I'm excited for the opportunity to chat about what you are doing and how I might be able to contribute. My schedule is cleared for you 7 days a week at any time. I lived in Alaska for 3 years, so I am well aware of the time zone difference. Call me when it's convenient for you.

Thank you,

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